

Representation in Children's Books - Data Sets

Data Set 1: Children's books published in 2024, analyzed by CCBC

- 3,622 total books analyzed
- 459 written by at least one Black or African creator
- 572 books written with a Black or African main character or nonfiction person
- 102 written by at least one Indigenous creator
- 104 books written with an Indigenous main character or nonfiction person
- 681 written by at least one Asian creator
- 473 books written with an Asian main character or nonfiction person
- 404 written by at least one Latine creator
- 284 books written with a Latine main character or nonfiction person
- 12 written by at least one Pacific Islander creator
- 7 books written with a Pacific Islander main character or nonfiction person
- 41 written by at least one Arab creator
- 34 books written with an Arab main character or nonfiction person
- 2,463 books written by at least one white creator
- 1,014 books written with a white main character or nonfiction person
- 361 books written about an "unspecified" BIPOC character (e.g. brown-skinned)
- 261 books written about a LGBTQ+ character or nonfiction person
- 219 books written about a character practicing a minority (non-Christian) religion
- 250 books written about a character or nonfiction person with a disability

Data Set 2: Identity demographics of children, 2020-2024 (CDC, Census, NCES)

- 47.9% of children under 18 were identified as white (non-Hispanic)
- 12.7% of children under 18 were identified as Black / African American
- 25.8% of children under 18 were identified as Latine / Hispanic
- 8.2% of children under 18 were identified as Asian
- 1.9% of children under 18 were identified as Pacific Islander
- 1.5% of children under 18 were identified as American Indian / Alaska Native
- *0.6% of the population identified as Arab / Middle Eastern or North African (MENA)
- *9.5% of youth 13-17 identified as LGBTQ+
- *8.6% of children between ages 3-17 have a disability
- *7% of families in the US identify with a minority (non-Christian) religion

*Note that the last four statistics were not readily available for the entire population of children ages 0-17. Other percentages were included to represent populations that could then be extended to the identity demographics of children.