

State of New York's Children



POVERTY:

Almost **1 in 5** children in New York, **20 percent**, live in poverty, with an annual income below \$17,600 for a family of three. New York has the 15th highest child poverty rate in the nation.

Race/Ethnicity	Total Children	Poor Children	Percentage of Poor Children
All Children	4,431,380	888,344	20
White Children	2,368,540	269,581	11.4
Black Children	812,064	259,728	32
Latino Children	892,560	299,317	33.5
Asian Children	277,751	54,982	19.8

HEALTH CARE:

Disadvantages in health care increase the risk that poor children and particularly poor children of color will experience health care inequities.

- An estimated **384,000** children are uninsured in New York.
- New York's infant mortality rate is 6 deaths per 1,000 births as compared to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 births, nationally. The infant mortality rate for Black children is almost double, at 11.1 deaths per 1,000 births. The infant mortality rate is 5.5 for Hispanic babies, 11.3 for Native American babies, 3.7 for Asian babies, and 4.8 for White babies.
- **8.3** percent of New York babies were born at low-birth weight, slightly higher than the national rate of 8.2 percent. **13.2** percent of Black babies are born low birth weight; **7.8** percent of Hispanic babies; and **7** percent of White babies.
- New York has **16.5** percent of 2 year olds were not receiving recommended immunizations, compared to the national average of 20 percent.

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

- In the 2004-2005 school year, **15.3** percent of 3 year olds and **48.2** percent of 4 year olds were enrolled in state-funded preschool programs in New York.
- In 2005, **49,127** children were enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start in New York. Of these:
 - 28.6 percent were Black, non Latino;
 - 34.8 percent were Latino; and
 - 33.3 percent were White, non-Latino.

CHILD WELFARE:

- In 2005, there were **70,878 victims** of child maltreatment in New York (includes neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse and medical neglect).

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EDUCATION:

In 2007, a disproportionate number of Black and Latino fourth graders were reading below Basic grade level in New York:

- 48 percent of Black; non-Latino;
- 49 percent of Latino;
- 21 percent Asian; and
- 19 percent White

Students who are suspended or expelled are more likely than their peers to drop out of school altogether. In New York:

- For every 100 Black students enrolled; there were 5.3 suspensions.
- For every 100 Latino students enrolled; there were 2.6 suspensions.
- For every 100 White students enrolled; there were 3.1 suspensions.
- For every 100 American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled, there were 3.0 suspensions.
- For every 100 Asian students enrolled, there were 1.0 suspensions.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND INCARCERATION:

- In New York there were **48,377** arrests in 2005.
- Of the estimated 4,307 youth in residential placement in New York in 2003:
 - 2,181 (50.6 percent) were Black, non-Latino;
 - 804 (18.7 percent) were Latino;
 - 1,200 (27.9 percent) were White, non-Latino
- There were **1,739** youth under age 18 incarcerated in adult correctional facilities in New York
- New York spends 2.3 times as much per prisoner as per public school pupil.

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE:

- In 2004, **89** children and teenagers in New York died of firearm injuries, including: 69 homicides, 16 suicides, and 4 unintentional shootings.
- In 2005, **32.1** percent of New York's high school students were involved in a physical fight.
- In 2005, **7.2** percent of New York's high school students were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property.
- **14.3** percent of New York's high school students carried a weapon 2 or more times in the preceding month.