

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in New York



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4,424,083 children live in New York:  
 28,052 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
 137,077 are two or more races  
 323,362 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
 898,042 are Black  
 960,678 are Hispanic  
 2,289,156 are White, non-Hispanic

### In New York:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 minutes.  
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 hours.  
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

### New York Ranks:\*

2<sup>nd</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
 10<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia  
 25<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi  
 [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in New York

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| Number of poor children (and percent poor)  | 868,354 (20.0%) |
| Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)                               | 418,433 (9.6%)  |
| Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | 386,303         |
| Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three  | \$691           |

### Child Health in New York

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| Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)              | 382,000 (8.1%) |
| Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*   | 532,635**      |
| CHIP eligibility: 400 percent of federal poverty (\$88,200 for a family of four) |                |
| Number of children enrolled in Medicaid  | 1,797,053**    |
| Medicaid and CHIP participation rate   | 89.4%          |
| Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment                               | 37.1%          |
| Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures    | 14.2%          |
| Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized                                     | 30.9%          |

\*States may have a different name for CHIP

\*\*The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day

### **Child Hunger in New York**

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| Number of children who receive food stamps   | 779,428   |
| Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps  | 61%       |
| Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)                                 | 1,144,225 |
| Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program  | 441,500   |
| Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) | 497,327   |

### **Early Childhood Development in New York**

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| Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force                       | 61.9%    |
| Number of children served by Head Start   | 56,368   |
| Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG                        | 120,700  |
| Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center                         | \$10,541 |
| Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 14.7%    |
| Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs | 56.6%    |

### **Education in New York**

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| Annual expenditure per prisoner                                | \$31,968 |
| Annual expenditure per public school pupil                     | \$14,615 |
| Percent of public school fourth graders:                       |          |
| unable to read at grade level                                  | 64%      |
| unable to do math at grade level                               | 60%      |
| Percent of public school eighth graders:                       |          |
| unable to read at grade level                                  | 67%      |
| unable to do math at grade level                               | 66%      |
| Number of high school students who drop out of school annually | 61,388   |

### **Child Welfare in New York**

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| Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect | 90,031  |
| Number of children in foster care                       | 27,992  |
| Number of children adopted from foster care             | 2,398   |
| Number of grandparents raising grandchildren            | 129,522 |

### **Youth at Risk in New York**

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| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates                           | 5.5%   |
| Averaged freshman high school graduation rate   | 70.8%  |
| Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed   | 26.7%  |
| Number of juvenile arrests  | 41,671 |
| Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities   | 3,612  |
| Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil  | 2.2    |
| Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 107<br>93 homicides; 13 suicides; 1 accident; and 0 undetermined |        |

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit [www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits)

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