

Children's Defense Fund

Children in New York

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4,345,622 children live in New York:
2,235,749 are White, non-Hispanic
775,276 are Black
963,841 are Hispanic
293,624 are Asian/Pacific Islander
17,458 are American Indian/Alaska Native
183,066 are two or more races

In New York:

A child is abused or neglected every 7 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 6 hours.

New York Ranks:*

24th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

10th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia

2nd among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in New York

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	900,626 (21.2%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	426,713 (10.1%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	279,210
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$753

Child Health in New York

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	351,888 (8.1%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	539,614
CHIP eligibility: 400 percent of federal poverty (\$92,200 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	2,080,412
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	35.6%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	90.4%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	14.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	38.4%

Child Hunger in New York

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	1,134,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	68%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,811,558
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	378,213
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	512,603

Early Childhood Development in New York

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.3%
Number of children served by Head Start	62,833
Average monthly 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	\$10,550
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	59.4%

Education in New York

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$17,746
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	65.0%
unable to do math at grade level	64.1%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	64.9%
unable to do math at grade level	70.0%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	58,479

Child Welfare in New York

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	77,011
Number of children in foster care	26,783
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,205
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	131,108

Youth at Risk in New York

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.3%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	73.5%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	25.1%
Number of juvenile arrests	38,765
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	3,157
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.48
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	80
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	17

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For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrensdefense.org/cits.**

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