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Children in New York

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4,313,756 children live in New York:

2,195,740 are White, non-Hispanic 761,694 are Black 974,224 are Hispanic 292,904 are Asian/Pacific Islander 16,616 are American Indian/Alaska Native 199,339 are two or more races 1,163,580 are under the age of 5 2,107,959 are ages 5 to 13 1,014,469 are ages 14 to 17 3,122,428 are ages 5 to 17

In New York:

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

New York Ranks:*

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

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

13th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

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)	950,921 (22.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	433,319 (10.3%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary	
Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	207,499
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$788

Child Health in New York

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	283,746 (6.6%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	552,068
CHIP eligibility: 400 percent of federal poverty (\$94,200 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	2,124,322
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	34.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	90.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	14.6%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	34.9%

Child Hunger in New York

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	1,123,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	76%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	1,795,560
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	368,574
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Progra	am
for Women, Infants, and Children)	524,148

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	66,647
Average monthly number of children served by the	
Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	129,700
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$11,585
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special	
education programs	15.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special	
education programs	60.1%
Education in New York	
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$18,167
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 (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school	
and have not graduated from high school	51,299 (4.7%)
Child Welfare in New York	
Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	72,625
Number of children in foster care	24,962
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,214
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	133,137
Youth at Risk in New York	
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	24.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	31,515
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	3,157
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.1
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	116

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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