

NEW YORK'S CHILDREN 2003

State Population (2001)¹

19,011,378*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

4,690,107*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

12%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

19.5%

State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)⁵

19%

*Estimated

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 140,446 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in New York, a rate of 29.9 per 1,000 children—a 34% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 74,065 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in New York, a rate of 15.8 per 1,000 children—a 16% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 14.1 were neglected, 2.2 were physically abused, and 0.7 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 79 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 47,208 children in New York lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 52,672 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 28.5% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 17.2% were 16 or older.⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in New York declined from 443,344 in December 2001 to 363,344 in June 2002, a decrease of 18.0%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 156,032, a 13.8% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in New York was 25% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, New York spent \$3,498,190,032 in TANF funds, including 52.4% on cash assistance, 3.7% on child care, and 44.0% on a range of other services.¹²
- In 2000, 133,914 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New York was \$948 per month, or 115.0% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.¹⁴

CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 164,200 New York children were in subsidized child care—19% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 48,952 New York children were served by Head Start, a 4.4% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 82.5% of high school seniors graduated in New York, compared with 81.5% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 1,621,869 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—46.3% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, New York had 872,949 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 11.9% increase from 2000, when 769,457 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 32 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 147,065 adults and adolescents, as well as 2276 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in New York.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 285,054 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in New York.²²

P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N

- Of the 20,243 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 63.4% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 47,208 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 21.5% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 4,979 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New York.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 140,645 New York grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.²⁶

For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.

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