

Snapshot of New York's Youngest Children (Ages 0-5)

There are approximately **1.4 million** children aged 5 and younger living in New York. ⁽¹⁾

Economic Security



- **About one in four** children ages five and younger (25%) is living in poverty. ⁽²⁾
- An additional **24%** of young children ages five and younger live in low-income working families. ⁽²⁾
- **About one in nine** (11%) children ages five and younger has no parent in the labor force. ⁽³⁾

For a family of four:

• **poverty \$22,350/year** • **low-income \$44,700/year**

Health & Safety



- **About three in four** (73.2%) babies are born to women who received early prenatal care. ⁽⁴⁾
- **93%** of young children, ages birth to five, have health insurance. ⁽⁵⁾
- **8.2% of babies** are born at low-birth weight. ⁽⁴⁾
- **About two in three** (64.4%) children age 2 are fully immunized ⁽⁶⁾
- **Five infants die** without having celebrated their first birthday for every 1,000 infants born ⁽⁴⁾
- **4.6%** of children ages birth to five have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay. ⁽⁷⁾
- **About one in three** children confirmed by Child Protective Services as victims of maltreatment are between the ages of birth to 4 years old. ⁽⁸⁾
- It is estimated that **1.2%** of children ages birth to five are homeless. ⁽⁹⁾ This represents 31 children per mile on the NY Thruway.

Early Childhood Education



- **55%** of all children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool ⁽¹⁰⁾;
46% of low-income children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool. ⁽¹¹⁾
- **86%** of children ages 1 to 5 have family members who read to them 3 or more days per week. ⁽¹⁰⁾
- **New York State** has 18,904 regulated providers (child care centers, family day care and group family child care homes) with the capacity to serve 452,588 children. ⁽¹²⁾
- **New York State** has 186 Head Start programs (including 2 Tribal and 1 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs) and 61 Early Head Start programs with the capacity to serve 57,948 children. ⁽¹³⁾
- **444 of 677** school districts are funded to provide Universal Prekindergarten (UPK). There are 2,698 UPK sites with 5,628 classrooms serving 98,616 children. ⁽¹⁴⁾

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