NEW YORK'S CHILDREN

New York's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	19,465,197	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵ 22.6%
Population, Children Under 1	8^3 4,279,622	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶ 21.3%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	16.0%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷ 24.8%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, 72,625 children were victims of abuse or neglect in New York, a rate of 16.9 per 1,000 children, representing a 22.3% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 107.3% were neglected, 11.0% were physically abused, and 3.3% were sexually abused.⁸
- The number of child victims has decreased 13.0% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.
- New York responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. 12,963 reports were responded to in this way in 2011. 10
- In 2011, 83 children in New York died as a result of abuse or neglect. 11
- In 2011, 24,962 children in New York lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 26,783 children in 2010. In 2011, 7,601 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 6,016 were 16 or older. 12
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 17.0% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007. 13
- Of New York children in out-of-home care in 2011, 18.3% were white, 42.6% black, 18.8% Hispanic, 0.3% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.5% Asian or Pacific Islander and 3.3% of more than one race or ethnicity. 14

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 12,382 children exiting out-of-home care in New York in 2011, 54.4% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 2,214 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New York, a 0.4% increase from 2,205 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 24,962 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 6,514 or 26.1% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 133,137 New York grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren. ¹⁸
- Of the 24,962 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 5,029 were living with relatives while in care. 19
- Of all New York children in kinship care in 2010, 2.0% were white, 9.2% black, 3.9% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 9.2% of more than one race or ethnicity. 20

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in New York increased from 270,903 in 2010 to 278,139 in 2011, an increase of 2.7%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 123,203, a 1.6% increase from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 New York families living in poverty, only 34 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$4,954,204,982 was spent in New York on TANF assistance, including 29% on basic assistance, 2% on child



care, 0% on transportation, and 63% on nonassistance.²³

- In 2011, 352,016,670 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in New York, serving 512,490 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, New York distributed \$1,705,428,336 in child support funds, a 4.8% increase from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in New York, 928,989 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 30% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, New York had a monthly average of 129,700 children served by subsidized child care; 120,700 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 116,400 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in New York, a family of three could make no more than \$37,060, which is equivalent to 53% of the state's median income. ²⁸
- As of early 2012, New York had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 51,496 New York children, a 7.3% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 1,757,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in New York—36% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, New York had 552,068 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 2.3% increase from 2010, when 539,614 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, New York had 284,000 uninsured children, representing 7% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 20,049 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in New York.³⁴
- In 2010, 1,249 infants under age 1 died in New York. 35
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in New York was 11 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 39. This reflects a total rate of 23 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19. 36
- Cumulative through 2011, 202,741 adults and adolescents, as well as 2,457 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in New York.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 117,000 children ages 12–17 and 1,381,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in New York.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 1,442 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in New York. 39
- In 2011, 89,000 New York teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.
- In 2011, 309,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 61,000 children ages 12–17 in New York needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 71,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.
- In 2010, 70 New York children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.43 per 100,000 children.



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 116 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New York, a 18% increase from 98 in 2009.
- In 2011, 31,515 children younger than 18 were arrested in New York, a 19.0% decrease from 38,765 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 1,667 were for violent crimes. 46
- In 2010, 2,637 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New York.

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children. 49
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵⁰
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR NEW YORK'S CHILDREN

- Out of 24,962 children in out-of-home care in New York in 2011, only 9,964, or 40%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, New York spent \$3,678,962,596 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$1,608,996,335 was from federal funds, \$1,111,488,222 from state funds, and \$958,478,039 from local funds. ⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$1,608,996,335 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$653,804,263 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$33,620,466 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$33,904,415 was from Medicaid, \$329,013,309 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$554,257,295 was from TANF, and \$4,396,587 came from other federal sources. 54
- New York received \$417,696,526 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$201,436,509 for maintenance payments, \$125,531,339 for administration and child placement, \$6,400,822 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$9,618,208 for training.⁵⁵
- New York received \$200,158,048 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$195,874,514 for assistance payments, \$3,609,464 for administration and child placement, and \$551,370 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶



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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional child support, pre-placement, and demonstration funds for this state.

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⁴⁶ Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2012). Crime in the United States 2011: Table 69: Arrests by State, 2011. Retrieved February 27, 2013 from http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2011/crime-in-the-u.s.-2011/tables/table 69 arrest by state 2011.xls. Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2011). Crime in the United States 2010: Arrests by States, 2010. Retrieved February 27, 2013 from . http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10tbl69.xls.

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⁴⁸ Note: The dearth in current state-by-state workforce data makes clear the need for critical data on compensation, working conditions including safety issues, academic degrees held, education and training received, and factors contributing to turnover. To address this, CWLA is calling for Congress to authorize the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an updated study on the child welfare workforce. It would make recommendations regarding caseloads and workloads, education levels, and training requirements. In addition, the study would examine data reporting and collection and make recommendations on how states might improve these efforts.