**Child Maltreatment**

In 2018, New York had 165,311 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All were referred for investigation.¹

There were 68,784 child victims of abuse or neglect in New York in 2018, at a rate of 16.9 children per 1,000. This translates to a 5.8% increase since 2013.²

Of the 68,784 children, 41,116 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 6,635 of the 68,784 cases.⁴

- 84% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents on the child. 16% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁵
- 50% of New York’s child victims in 2017 were female while 50% were male.⁶

**Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2018**

**Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018**

- Neglect Only
- Physical Abuse Only
- Sexual Abuse Only
- Multiple Maltreatment Types

**Plans of Safe Care**

- In 2018, New York did not report the number of infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.⁷
- New York reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.⁸
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **23,717** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- **16,385** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- **8,055** children entered care during the 2018 FY while **4,724** exited during the same year.
- **1,790** of New York’s children were adopted while **4,239** were waiting to be adopted.\(^\text{xv}\)

There was a **4.8%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased **0.3%** from 2017.\(^\text{xvi}\)

**1,078** children in New York aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from **442** in 2016 and represents a **143.9%** increase.\(^\text{xvii}\)

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of **29.5** months in care. \(^\text{xviii}\)
- The average length of stay in New York for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in **48.7** months.\(^\text{xix}\)
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was **7.7** years old.\(^\text{xx}\)
- The average age of adopted children was **6.8** years old.\(^\text{xxi}\)
Data from 2017 shows that 7,324 children in foster care within New York were living with non-relatives while 3,410 stayed with a relative.

- 2,929 children were staying in group homes while 549 children were classified as runaways.
- 4% of households in New York in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.
- The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 12.7 months.

**Child Poverty**

New York had 1,236,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 30% of all children.

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**Child Poverty Over Time**

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40% of New York’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 244,480 in 2017 to 207,781 in 2019. This represents a 15% decrease.

The state spent $238,109,404 on WIC in 2019, serving 379,946 people. This represents an 8.9% decrease in total participants and a 9.2% decrease in spending.

2,261,250 people in New York were food insecure in 2017, including 732,300 children who struggled with hunger.

30% of households in New York with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.
Health
New York had 18,543 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.1% of infants born in New York in 2017.xxxi

New York had a total of 20,281 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 7.6% of all white babies were born premature while 12.8% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 9%.xxxii

There were 7,480 births to mothers aged 15-19 in New York in 2017, representing a rate of 22 in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxiii

1,047 infants under 1 died in New York in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 4.6 per 1,000. xxxiv

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- 2.5% of New York’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 107,000 children. New York is a Medicaid expansion state.xxxvi
- 2,167,369 children in New York were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 2.3% decrease from 2017. xxxvii
- 768,259 children in New York were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents a .7% increase from 2017. xxxviii
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 14,424 total arrests for children under 18 in New York in 2018.
- 393 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 3,468 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 2,643 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.xxxix
- 870 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New York in 2018. This is a decrease from 1,386 kids in 2015, representing a 37.2% decline.xi

Teens & Youth
- 57,000 (6%) of New York’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.xli
- In 2017, there were 18 reports of children in New York aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 79 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xlii
- 61 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New York in 2017.xliii

Child Welfare Services Funding
- New York spent $2,252,174,528 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $807,539,339 were allocated from the federal government and $1,444,635,189 came from state and local funds.xliv

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $807,539,339 in federal funding received in New York in 2016:
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  - $167,333,962 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $158,604,962 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program xlvi
  - New York’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $94,938,695 xlvii


xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


x  Ibid.

xxi Ibid.


xxiii Ibid.


xxvi Ibid.


xxx Ibid.


