**Child Maltreatment**

In 2020, New York had 145,129 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. All were referred for investigation.¹

There were 59,126 child victims of abuse or neglect in New York in 2020, at a rate of 14.8 children per 1,000. This translates to a 9.2% decrease since 2016.²

Of the 59,126 children, 34,462 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 6,005 of the 59,126 cases.⁴

- 83% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents on the child. 17% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁵
- 50% of New York’s child victims in 2020 were female while 50% were male.⁶

**Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020**

- Medical Neglect 25.73%
- Neglect 19%
- Other 52.87%
- Physical Abuse 0.54%
- Psychological Maltreatment 2.03%
- Sexual Abuse 0.01%
- Sex Trafficking 0.00%
- Unknown 3.08%

**Plans of Safe Care**

- In 2020, New York reported 755 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.⁷
- New York reported 629 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.⁸
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **21,975** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **15,497** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **6,576** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **6,478** exited during the same year.
- **974** of New York’s children were adopted while **3,605** were waiting to be adopted.\(^{xv}\)

There was a **3.6%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **40.8%** from 2019.\(^{xvi}\)

**1,306** children in New York aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **112** in 2018 and represents a **1066%** increase.\(^{xvii}\)

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **26.7** months in care.\(^{xviii}\)
- The average length of stay in New York for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **49.2** months.\(^{xix}\)
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.9** years old.\(^{xx}\)
- The average age of adopted children was **6.4** years old.\(^{xxi}\)
Data from 2019 shows that 7,146 children in foster care within New York were living with non-relatives while 4,282 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart). xxii

2,208 children were staying in group homes while 264 children were classified as runaways. xxiii

4% of households in New York in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. xxiv

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 14.7 months. xxv

Child Poverty
New York had 1,142,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 28% of all children. xxvi

37% of New York’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF decreased from 189,415 in 2019 to 182,918 in 2020. This represents a 3.4% decrease. xxviii

The state spent $219,012,689 on WIC in 2021, serving 368,266 people. This represents a 1.4% decrease in total participants and a 2.7% decrease in spending. xxix

2,090,550 people in New York were food insecure in 2019, including 626,450 children who struggled with hunger. xxx

32.4% of households receiving SNAP benefits in New York in 2019 had children. xxxi
Health

New York had 17,821 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.1% of infants born in New York in 2019.xxiv

New York had a total of 20,312 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 7.6% of all white babies were born premature while 13.2% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 9.1%.xxxv

There was 6,606 births to mothers aged 15-19 in New York in 2019, representing a rate of 11 in every 1,000 teen girls.xxxvi

955 infants under one died in New York in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 4.3 per 1,000.xxxvii

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

6% of New York’s children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 101,000 children. New York is a Medicaid expansion state.xxxix

2,044,688 children in New York were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 1.5% decrease from 2019.xi

751,094 children in New York were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 5.0% increase from 2020.xli
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 11,606 total arrests for children under 18 in New York in 2019.
- 257 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 3,263 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,510 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 837 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in New York in 2019. This is a decrease from 870 kids in 2017, representing a 3.7% decline.

Teens & Youth
- 58,000 (6%) of New York’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, there were 12 reports of children in New York aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 54 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 82 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in New York in 2020.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- New York spent $2,256,127,759 on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $800,249,473 were allocated from the federal government and $1,455,878,285 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- Social Services Block Grant
- Title IV-E
- Title IV-B
- Medicaid
- TANF
- Other Sources

The breakdown of the $800,249,473 in federal funding received in New York in 2018 (see Pie Chart):
- $152,165,659 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $160,601,134 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- New York’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $303,278,931.


Based on Calculations from the CWLA


Ibid.

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