

# Keeping Track of Children in The Bronx

## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The median household income (adjusted for inflation) rose to \$29,228 in 2005 from \$25,856 in 2002, a 13% increase. (Fig. 35)

86.5% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2006, an indication of poverty. (Fig. 188)

41.4% of children under 18 were living below the poverty level in 2006, nearly unchanged from 41.7% in 2000. (Fig. 46)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance fell slightly, to 20.8% in 2006 from 21.6% in 2002. (Fig. 54)

Only 46.1% of families were able to meet the daily cost of living without public or private aid in 2005. (Table 1, p. 232)

In 2006, the unemployment rate was 6.5%, its lowest in years. (Fig. 39)

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY LIFE

There were 327.7 lead paint violations per 1,000 children ages 0 to 4 in the Bronx in 2005. (Table 1, p. 240)

There were 3.1 library books per child on average in 2005, a rate that is significantly lower than those of the other boroughs. (Table 1, p. 246)

In 2006, 40.7% of residents were foreign born. (Fig. 5)

In 2005, 34.8% of renters spent one-half or more of their income on rent, the highest rate of any borough. This figure increased from 28.9% in 2002. (Fig. 67)

The number of reported felonies per 1,000 residents fell to 23.1 in 2006, down from 29.5 in 2001. (Table 1, p. 242).

## CHILD CARE

The Bronx had 28 accredited child care programs in 2007, up from 19 in 2004. (Fig. 164)

20,272 children age 6 and under needed subsidized child care in 2006 and did not receive it. (Table 1, p. 256)

98,161 school-age children needed out of school time programs in 2007 and didn't receive them. (Fig. 159)

## HEALTH

6.2% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 2005, down from 7.5% in 2001. (Fig. 98)

10.4% of babies were born at low birthweight in 2005. (Table 1, p. 250)

The infant mortality rate was 6.2 per 1,000 live births in 2005. (Table 1, p. 250)

## EDUCATION

In 2006-2007:

39.1% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig. 182)

53.5% of students met state and city math standards. (Fig. 182)

54.7% of the class of 2006 taking Regents exams passed the English Regents and 56.1% passed the math A Regents. (Fig. 194)

48.2% of the class of 2006 graduated from high school. (Table 3, p. 295)

## YOUTH AT RISK

11.8% of births in the Bronx were to teens aged 19 and under in 2005, by far the highest percentage in any borough. (Table 1, p. 262)

14.0% of the class of 2006 dropped out of high school. (Table 3, p. 296)

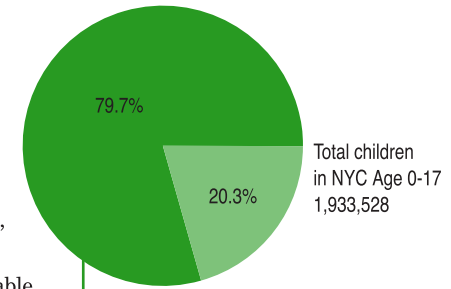
10.2% of youth aged 16-19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2006. (Fig. 204)

The number of youth felony arrests decreased to 5,211 in 2006, down from 5,414 in 2001. (Table 1, p. 264)

## CHILD WELFARE

The rate of children in foster care decreased to 6.5 per 1,000 children in 2006, down from 15.7 per 1,000 children in 2003. (Table 1, p. 264)

There were 45.6 consolidated investigations of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children in 2006, the highest rate of any borough. (Fig. 253)



Children in other boroughs age 0-17  
392,965 children in the Bronx age 0-17

## Highest Risk

- Mott Haven
- Hunts Point
- Morrisania
- University Heights
- East Tremont
- Concourse/Highbridge
- Fordham

- Unionport/Soundview
- Williamsbridge
- Pelham Parkway

- Riverdale
- Throgs Neck

- Lowest Risk

## Lowest Risk