

# Keeping Track of Children in Staten Island

## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The median household income (adjusted for inflation) rose to \$63,023 in 2005, from \$59,620 in 2002, a 6% increase. (Fig. 35)

50.5% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2006, an indication of poverty. (Fig. 188)

12.8% of families with children under 18 were living below the poverty level in 2006, down from 13.5% in 2000. (Fig. 46)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance rose slightly to 6.4% in 2006, from 5.3% in 2002. (Fig. 54)

An estimated 72.4% of families were capable of meeting the daily cost of living without public or private aid in 2005. This was the highest percentage of any borough. (Table 1, p. 233)

In 2006, the unemployment rate was 4.4%, its lowest in years (Fig. 39)

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY LIFE

There were 9.7 lead paint violations per 1,000 children ages 0 to 4 in 2005. (Table 1, p. 241)

There were 8.9 library books per child on average in FY 2006. (Table 1, p. 247)

In 2006, 23.8% of residents were foreign born (Fig. 5).

In 2005, 23.3% of renters spent one-half or more of their income on rent, down from 26.4% in 2002. Staten Island was the only borough to experience a decrease in this figure. (Fig. 67)

The number of reported felonies per 1,000 residents decreased to 11.9 in 2006, down from 13.3 in 2001. (Table 1, p. 243)

## CHILD CARE

Staten Island had 4 accredited child care programs in 2007, up from 3 in 2004. (Fig. 164)

2,546 children age 6 and under needed subsidized child care in 2006 and did not receive it. (Table 1, p. 257)

19,918 school-age children needed out of school time programs in 2007 and did not receive them. (Fig. 159)

## HEALTH

2.9% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 2005, down from 3.9% in 2001. (Fig. 98)

8.5% of babies were born at low birthweight in 2005. (Table 1, p. 251)

The infant mortality rate was 5.2 per 1,000 live births in 2005. (Table 1, p. 251)

## EDUCATION

In 2006-2007:

57.3% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig. 182)

73.1% of students met state and city math standards. (Fig. 182)

74.6% of the class of 2006 taking Regents exams passed the English Regents and 70.9% passed the math A Regents. (Fig. 194)

67.8% of the class of 2006 graduated from high school. (Table 3, p. 295)

## YOUTH AT RISK

5.7% of births in Staten Island were to teens aged 19 and under in 2005. (Table 1, p. 263)

8.4% of the class of 2006 dropped out of high school. (Table 3, p. 296)

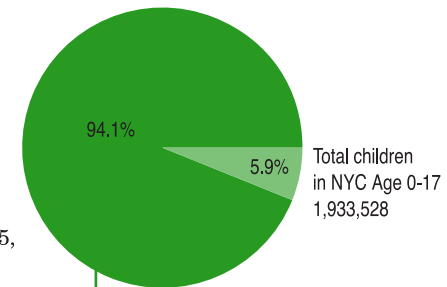
4.9% of youth aged 16-19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2006. (Fig. 204)

The number of youth felony arrests rose to 895 in 2006, from 790 in 2001. (Table 1, p. 265)

## CHILD WELFARE

The rate of children in foster care increased to 6.0 per 1,000 children in 2006, up from 5.5 per 1,000 children in 2003. Staten Island was the only borough to experience an increase. (Table 1, p. 265)

There were 27.7 consolidated investigations of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children in 2006. (Fig. 253)



Children in other boroughs age 0-17  
113,675 children in Staten Island age 0-17

## Highest Risk



## Lowest Risk