

# Keeping Track of Teenagers in New York City

The number of children between 15 and 19 years old has decreased by 14% over the last 25 years, from 563,852 in 1980 to 483,722 in 2005. (Fig. 8)

## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

13,053 teenagers (age 15-19) received Supplemental Security Income for their disabilities in 2006. (Fig. 60)

## HEALTH

In 2005, homicide accounted for the most deaths, at 36 deaths, among children age 12-18. The next most common cause of death was accidents and poisoning. (Fig. 106)

The number of children ages 13 to 19 who are living with AIDS has increased in recent years to 1,476 in 2005, up from 1,299 in 2003. (Fig. 108).

The number of tuberculosis cases among teenagers (15-19) has decreased to 31 in 2006, down from 50 in 2000. (Fig. 109)

3,331 teenagers aged 15-19 were hospitalized for preventable illnesses in 2005. This included 791 hospitalizations for asthma. (Fig. 114)

42.5% of the children who received licensed mental health services in 2005 were teenagers (13-17 years old). (Fig. 121)

## EDUCATION

High schools in five of the six high school districts (The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and the Alternative district) are overcrowded, meaning they are operating above their maximum seating capacity. (Table 3, p. 293)

In the class of 2006, 59.7% of students graduated, 14.6% dropped out of school, and 25.6% were still enrolled after four years of high school. (Fig. 191)

An average of \$11,233 was spent per public high school student in school year 2004-2005. (Table 3, p. 294)

## CHILD WELFARE

18.2% of indicated consolidated investigations of child abuse and neglect concerned children ages 15 and over in 2006. (Fig. 252)

In 2006, 37.0% of children in foster care were ages 14 and over. (Fig. 266)

47.2% of foster children 14-17 years old stay in foster care for less than one year. 25.7% stay in foster care for over 3 years. (Fig. 267)

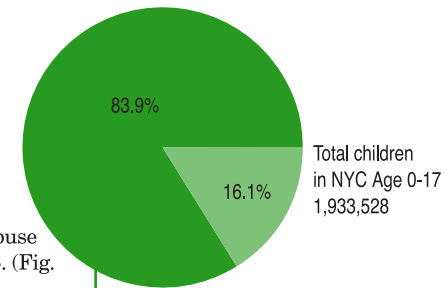
## YOUTH AT RISK

The number of teen births has continued to decrease, dropping to 8,427 in 2005, and comprising 7.5% of all births. (Fig. 200)

In 2006, there were 49,169 misdemeanor arrests and 24,830 felony arrests of youth ages 15-20. (Fig. 226)

5,792, or 97% of all youth admitted to Department of Juvenile Justice detention in 2006 were 13 and older. (Fig. 228)

1,258 youth ages 13 and over were admitted to OCFS detention in 2005, making up 98.4% of admissions for that year. (Fig. 240)



Other children age 0-17  
310,597 children age 15-17