

Keeping Track of White Children in New York City

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The percent of white children born into poor families increased to 22.9% in 2005, up from 21.0% in 2002. By comparison, 72.6% of Latino, 62.7% of African-American, and 53.4% of Asian children were born poor in 2005. (Fig. 45)**

Household Income

The median income for white households was \$53,938 in 2005, compared with \$48,229 for Asian, \$35,641 for African-American, and \$30,005 for Latino households in 2005. (Fig. 36)*

9.7% of white households had incomes below \$10,000 in 2005. By comparison, 10.8% of Asian households, 20.2% of Latino households and 17.4% of African-American households had incomes below \$10,000 in 2005. (Fig. 44)*

Unemployment

6.6% of whites were unemployed in 2005. Comparatively, 11.2% of African-Americans, 10.6% of Latinos, and 6.5% of Asians were unemployed in the same year. (Fig. 41)*

HEALTH

Prenatal Care

3.1% of white mothers received late or no prenatal care in 2005, the lowest rate for all of the large racial/ethnic groups. By comparison, 7.1% of Latina, 8.6% of African-American, and 5.8% of Asian mothers received late or no prenatal care in 2005. (Fig. 97)**

Birthweight

6.9% of white babies were born at low birthweight in 2005, up slightly from 6.8% in 2002. 13.0% of African-American, 7.9% of Latino, and 7.8% of Asian babies were also born at low birthweight in 2005. (Fig. 99)**

Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate for white babies increased to 4.9 (per 1,000 white live births) in 2005, from 4.1 in 2002. The infant mortality rates for other groups were 9.1 for African-American, 3.9 for Latino, and 2.6 for Asian babies. (Fig. 101)**

Mental Health Services

12.3% of all children receiving licensed mental health services in 2005 were white, compared to 35.7% who were African-American, 45.2% who were Latino, and 2.3% who were Asian. (Fig. 120)**

EDUCATION

Whites were underrepresented in public schools in 2004-5, making up just 14.3% of the total enrollment. They were the only group to be underrepresented. 38.9% of students were Latino, 33.4% were African-American, and 13.3% were Asian. (Fig. 167)**

Math and Reading Standards

In 2005, white children met state and city reading and math standards at rates of 60.5% and 64.6%, respectively. (Fig. 178)**

Rate of Dropouts

The dropout rate for white children decreased to 9.3% for the class of 2006, down from 11.9% for the class of 2001. Comparatively, 8.8% of Asian, 19.1% of Latino, and 15.0% of African-American students in the same class dropped out of high school. (Fig. 192)**

YOUTH

Teen Mothers

7.5% of all teenage mothers in 2005 were white, compared with 55.9% who were Latina, 33.8% who were African-American, and 2.3% who were Asian. (Fig. 201)**

Not in School and Not Graduated

4.1% of white youth aged 16-19 were not in school and had not graduated from high school in 2006. Comparatively, 14.0% of Latino, 6.1% of African-American, and 3.5% of Asian youth were not in school nor had graduated. (Fig. 207)**

Youth in Placement

2.4% of all children in state juvenile detention facilities in 2005 were white, compared to 33.3% who were Latino, 60.0% who were African-American, and 4.3% who were Asian. (Fig. 241)**

Detention

The percentage of youth placed in city detention who were white increased slightly to 5.3% in FY 2006, up from 5.1% in FY 2004. By comparison, 63.8% of youth placed in detention were African-American, 28.5% were Latino, and 1.1% were Asian. (Fig. 229)**

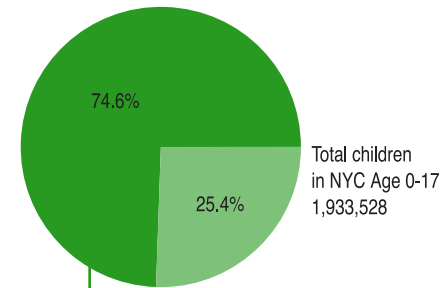
SAFETY

Abuse and Neglect

21.1% of all children abused or neglected in 2006 were white. (Fig. 252)*

Foster Care

36.8% of children admitted into foster care in 2005 were white. (Fig. 3)*



74.6% Children of other races age 0-17
25.4% 491,528 White children age 0-17**

PROFILE – IN NEW YORK CITY:

- 25.4% of all children (0-17) are white (Fig. 4)**
- 22.9% of white children are born into poor families (Fig. 45)**
- 15.6% of white children (0-17) live below poverty (Fig. 3)**
- 3.1% of white mothers receive late or no prenatal care (Fig. 97)**
- 6.9% of white babies are born at low birthweight (Fig. 99)**
- 4.9 of white infants die (per 1,000 white live births) before their first birthday (Fig. 101)**
- 9.3% of white students drop out of high school (Fig. 192)**
- 7.5% of all teens giving birth are white (Fig. 201)**
- 36.8% of children admitted into foster care are white (Fig. 3)*
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