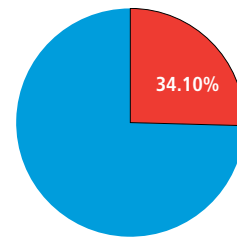


Keeping Track of Children in Brooklyn



Children in NYC age 18 and under 2,045,080

Children in other boroughs age 18 and under
697,445 children in Brooklyn age 18 and under (Appendix A pg. 188)

Economic Conditions

The median household income fell from \$33,334 in 1989 to \$32,135 in 1999. (Fig. 18)

79% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2000, an indication of poverty. (Fig. 144)

The percentage of children below poverty level remained essentially the same from 33.7% in 1989 to 34.2% in 1999. (Fig 28)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance was cut by more than half from 31% in 1990 to 14% in 2001. (Fig. 35)

An estimated 36.8% of families were capable of meeting the daily cost of living without public or private aid in 1999. (Appendix pg. 194)

In May 2002, the unemployment rate reached 8.3%. (Fig. 21)

Housing & Community Life

Except for Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst, most children live in a high risk communities with many felonies. They are also more likely to live in neighborhoods with dirty streets. (Fig 10)

There were 6 library books per child in 2000. (Appendix pg. 204)

More than one third or 36% of immigrants to New York City settled in Brooklyn between 1990-2000. (Fig. 5)

26.5% of households spent one half or more of their income on rent in 1999. (Appendix pg. 198)

In 2000, there were 28.8 reported felonies per 1,000 residents. (Appendix pg. 200)

Child Care

There were 5 accredited child care programs in 2002. (Fig. 124)

29,091 children under age 6 needed subsidized child care in 2002. (Appendix pg. 222)

Health

13.1% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 1999. (Appendix pg. 206)

8.5% of babies were born at low birthweight in 1999. (Appendix pg. 206)

The infant mortality rate was 6.8 per 1,000 live births in 1999.

Education

2000-2001:

41% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig. 138)

34% of students met state and city math standards. (Fig. 138)

59% of the class of 2001 taking Regents Exams passed English and 62% passed math. (Fig. 152)

60% of the class of 2001 graduated from high school (also see Staten Island) [Appendix pg. 254]

Youth At Risk

10% of births in Brooklyn were to teens age 19 and under in 1999. (Appendix pg. 210)

12% of the class of 2001 dropped out of school. (Appendix pg. 254)

5.9% of youth age 16 to 19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2000. (Appendix pg. 212)

In 2000, there were 40.8 youth felony arrests per 1,000 youth age 16 to 20. (Appendix pg. 210)

Child Welfare

In 2001, there were 11.3 children in foster care per 1,000 children under age 18. (Appendix pg. 214)

Reports of abuse and neglect fell slightly from 29 per 1,000 children under age 18 in 1990 to 25 per 1,000 children in 2000. (Fig. 206)

Highest Risk

Bedford
Stuyvesant

Fort Greene/Brooklyn Heights
Bushwick
East New York
Crown Heights North
Crown Heights South
Brownsville

Williamsburg/
Greenpoint
Park Slope
Sunset Park
Coney Island
Flatbush/Midwood
East Flatbush

Bay Ridge
Bensonhurst
Borough Park
Sheepshead Bay
Canarsie

Lowest Risk

