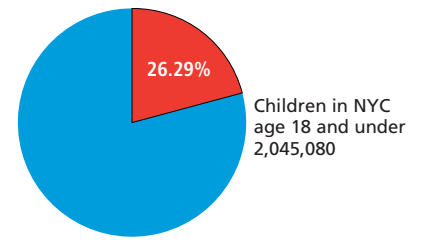


# Keeping Track of Children in Queens



## Economic Conditions

The median household income fell from \$44,369 in 1989 to \$42,439 in 1999. (Fig. 18)

63% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2000, an indication of poverty. (Fig. 144)

The percentage of children below poverty level rose from 15% in 1989 to 19% in 1999. (Fig. 28)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance was cut by more than half from 14% in 1990 to 6% in 2001. (Fig. 35)

An estimated 47.8% 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 6.4%. (Fig. 21)

## Housing & Community Life

Most children live in moderate to low risk areas based on the number of felony reports per 1,000 residents. They are also most likely to live in neighborhoods with clean streets. (Fig. 10)

There were 10 library books per child on average in 2000. (Appendix pg. 205)

31% of immigrants to New York City settled in Queens between 1990–2000. (Fig. 5)

22.0% of households spent one half or more of their income on rent in 1999. (Appendix pg. 199)

In 2000, there were 22.9 reported felonies per 1,000 residents. (Appendix pg. 201)

## Child Care

Of the 28 accredited child care programs city wide, only one was in Queens in 2002. (Fig. 124)

11,457 children under age 6 needed subsidized child care in 2002. (Appendix pg. 223)

## Health

9.9% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 1999. (Appendix pg. 207)

8.2% of babies were born at low birthweight in 1999. (Appendix pg. 207)

The infant mortality rate was 6.7 per 1,000 live births in 1999. (Appendix pg. 207)

## Education

2000-2001:

48% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig. 138)

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

59% of the class of 2001 taking Regents Exams passed English and 61% passed math. (Fig. 152)

Only 59% of the class of 2001 graduated from high school. (Appendix pg. 254)

## Youth At Risk

8% of births in Queens were to teens age 19 and under in 1999. (Appendix pg. 211)

13% of the class of 2001 dropped out of school. (Appendix pg. 254)

4.8% of youth age 16 to 19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2000. (Appendix pg. 213)

In 2000, there were 29.2 youth felony arrests per 1,000 youth age 16 to 20. (Appendix pg. 215)

## Child Welfare

In 2001, there were 7.7 children in foster care per 1,000 children age 18 and under. (Appendix pg. 215)

Reports of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under age 18 remained nearly the same at 22 per 1,000 children in 1990 compared to 21 per 1,000 children in 2000. (Fig. 206)

Children in other boroughs age 18 and under

537,609 children in Queens age 18 and under (Appendix A pg. 189)

## Highest Risk



## Lowest Risk

