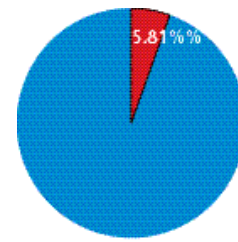


Keeping Track of Children in Staten Island



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

Children in other boroughs age 18 and under

118,905 children in Staten Island age 18 and under
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Economic Conditions

The median household income fell from \$56,925 in 1989 to \$55,039 in 1999. (Fig. 18)

39% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2000, an indication of poverty. (Fig. 144)

The percentage of children below poverty level increased from 12% in 1989 to 14% in 1999. (Fig. 28)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance was cut almost in half from 11% in 1990 to 6% in 2001. (Fig. 35)

An estimated 62.8% of families were capable of meeting the daily cost of living without public or private aid in 1999. (Appendix pg. 195)

In May 2002, the unemployment rate reached 6.3% (Fig. 21)

Housing & Community Life

Nearly all children live in the lowest risk neighborhoods based on the low number of felony reports. Additionally, these same children are most likely to live in neighborhoods with clean streets. (Fig. 10)

On average, there were 7 library books per child in 2000. (Appendix pg. 205)

2% of immigrants to New York City settled in Staten Island between 1990-2000. (Fig. 5)

21.5% of households spent one half or more of their income on rent in 1999. (Appendix pg. 199)

In 2000, there were 15.5 reported felonies per 1,000 residents. (Appendix pg. 201)

Child Care

There were 2 accredited child care programs in 2002. (Fig. 124)

1,723 children under age 6 needed subsidized child care in 2002. (Appendix pg. 223)

Health

7.2% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 1999. (Appendix pg. 207)

9.2% of babies were born at low birthweight in 1999 (Appendix pg. 207)

The infant mortality rate was 7.6 per 1,000 live births. (Appendix pg. 207)

Education

2000-2001:

56% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig.138)

47% of students met state and city math standards. (Fig.138)

59% of the class of 2001 taking Regent exams passed english and 63% passed math. (Fig. 152)

66% of the class of 2001 graduated from high school (includes 16 high schools in Brooklyn) [Appendix pg. 254]

Youth At Risk

6% of births in Staten Island were to teens age 19 and under in 1999. (Appendix pg. 211)

9% of the class of 2001 dropped out of school. (Appendix pg. 254)

2.9% of youth age 16 to 19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2000. (Appendix pg. 213)

In 2000, there were 37.2 youth felony arrests per 1,000 youth age 16 to 20. (Appendix pg. 211)

Child Welfare

In 2000, there were 6.5 children in foster care per 1,000 children under age 18. (Appendix pg. 215)

Reports of abuse and neglect per 1,000 children under 18 declined slightly from 24 per 1,000 children in 1990 to 21 per 1,000 children in 2000. (Fig. 206)

Highest Risk

