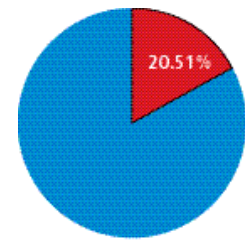


# Keeping Track of Children in The Bronx



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

Children in other boroughs age 18 and under  
419,396 children in the Bronx age 18 and under  
(Appendix A pg. 188)

## Economic Conditions

The median household income fell from \$28,480 in 1989 to \$27,611 in 1999. (Fig. 18)

85% of elementary and middle school students received free lunch in 2000, an indication of poverty. (Fig.144)

The percentage of children below poverty level fell slightly from 43% in 1989 to 42% in 1999. (Fig. 28)

The percentage of children receiving public assistance was cut in half from 47% in 1990 to 23% in 2001.(Fig. 35)

An estimated 31.8% 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 9.2%. (Fig. 21)

## Housing & Community Life

Except for Riverdale, Throgs Neck and Pelham Parkway, most children live in communities with many felonies. They are also more likely to live in neighborhoods with dirty streets. (Fig. 10)

There were less than 3 (2.5) library books on average per child in 2000. (Appendix pg. 204)

13% of immigrants to New York City settled in the Bronx between 1990-2000. (Fig. 5)

University Heights had the greatest number of children per square mile than any other community in New York City in 2000. (Fig. 9)

27.2% of households spent one half or more of their income on rent in 1999. (Appendix pg. 198)

In 2000, there were 32.5 reported felonies per 1,000 residents. (Appendix pg. 200)

## Child Care

There were 10 accredited child care programs in 2002. (Fig. 124)

17,664 children under age 6 needed subsidized child care in 2002. (Appendix pg. 222)

## Health

12.6% of mothers received late or no prenatal care in 1999. (Appendix pg. 206)

9.4% of babies were born at low birthweight in 1999. (Appendix pg. 206)

The infant mortality rate was 6.6 per 1,000 live births in 1999. (Appendix pg. 206)

## Education

2000-2001:

29% of students met state and city reading standards. (Fig.138)

23% of students met state and city math standards. (Fig.138)

46% of the class of 2001 taking Regents Exams passed English and 51% passed math. (Fig.152)

Only 48% of the class of 2001 graduated from high school. (Appendix pg. 254)

## Youth At Risk

14% of births in the Bronx were to teens age 19 and under in 1999. (Appendix pg. 210)

18% of the class of 2001 dropped out of school. (Appendix pg. 254)

7.8% of youth age 16 to 19 were neither in school nor in the labor force in 2000. (Appendix pg. 212)

In 2000, there were 61.2 youth felony arrests per 1,000 youth age 16 to 20. (Appendix pg. 210)

## Child Welfare

In 2001, there were 20.0 children in foster care per 1,000 children under age 18. (Appendix pg. 214)

Reports of abuse and neglect declined slightly from 40 per 1,000 children under age 18 in 1990 to 33 per 1,000 children in 2000, but were still higher than the city average of 26 per 1,000 children. (Fig. 206)

## Highest Risk

Mott Haven  
Hunts Point  
Morrisania

Concourse/Highbridge  
University Heights  
East Tremont  
Fordham  
Unionport/Soundview

Pelham Parkway  
Williamsbridge

Riverdale  
Throgs Neck

## Lowest Risk

