

# Keeping Track of Risks to Child Well-Being

Risks to child well-being: NYC, NYS, US—1999 (fig. 6)

Indicator	New York City	New York State	United States
Infants at Low Birthweight	8.5%	7.8%	7.6%
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000)	6.9	6.4	7.1
Child Death Rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14)	23	20	24
Immunization Rates (2 years and under)	78.3%	81.0%	78.4%
Teen Birthrate (Per 1,000, teens aged 15-19)	44.8	36.0	49.6
Children Reported Abused and Neglected (Per 1,000 Children)	31.0	31.1	42.0
Four Year Graduation Rate	50.1%	59.2%	67.2%
Teens Violent Death Rate (Ages 15-19, murder, accident, suicide per 100,000)	32	38	53
Children Below Poverty	30.3%	20.0%	16.6%

Changes in NYC child well-being (Figure 1)

Indicator	Year		% Change from 1990 to 2000
	1990	2000	
Children Below Poverty	30.1%	30.3%	0.7%
Children Born into Poor Families	44.0%	50.7%	15%
Children Receiving Public Assistance	30%	17.6%	-41%
Fair to Poor Condition of Rental Housing	40%	25.4%	-37%
Homeless Children	6,450	9,021	40%
Violent Felonies Per 1,000 Children (0-17 years)	89	31.3	-65%
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	11.6	6.7	-42%
Infants at Low Birthweight	9.3%	8.3%	-11%
Mothers with Late or No Prenatal Care	14.8%	6.3%	-57%
Children Receiving Mental Health Services	11,165	15,722	41%
Math Scores at or Above Grade Level	63%	49.0%*	-22%
Reading Scores at or Above Grade Level	50%	49.1%*	-2%
Four Year Class Graduating Rate	37.6%	49.9%	33%
Youth Arrests for Felonies/ Misdemeanors (16-20 years)	53,407	69,297	30%
Juvenile Arrests for Felonies/Misdemeanors (< 16 years)	12,581	10,185	-19%
Violent Death Rate Per 10,000 (15-19 years)	8.2	1.6	-80%
Births to Teen Mothers (% of total births)	10.1%	8.6%	-15%
Abuse and Neglect Reports Per 1,000 Children (0-17 years)	30.8	25.8	-16%
Average Hazardous Incidents Per Community District	15	26.2	75%

Note: \*This figure is for school year 1998-1999.

