The latest Census data provide sobering evidence that, four years after the economic recovery began nationally, New York City’s children and families continue to be profoundly impacted by the effects of the Great Recession.

**POVERTY**

- 1 in 3 NYC children, 
- 1 in 4 NYC families with children, & 
- 1 in 5 New Yorkers lived in poverty in 2012.

At 31.4%, New York City’s child poverty rate is at its highest in over a decade. Well over half a million children lived in poverty in 2012. The poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children is $23,283 annually (before taxes).

**INCOME**

In 2012, the average family with children made $6,203 less than the average family with children in 2008.

While median incomes for all households began to stabilize in 2012, median incomes for families with children continued to decline. Since 2008, the median income for families with children declined 11.5% to $47,536 in 2012.

**HUNGER**

1/3 of families with children received SNAP (food stamps).

Citywide, more than 1.8 million people receive SNAP. The share of families with children receiving SNAP has risen from one-fifth in 2008 to one-third in 2012. In some neighborhoods in the Bronx, half of families with children relied on food stamps to feed their families.

**HEALTH**

96% of NYC children had health insurance.

A positive trend in this year’s data is the continued improvement in health insurance coverage rates for children and all New Yorkers. Still, more than 71,000 children remained uninsured in 2012, and certain populations - such as those living in poverty or those whose parents were unemployed - were more likely to lack health insurance coverage.

Explore more data on NYC’s children and families at [Keeping Track Online!](http://data.cccnewyork.org)
### NYC CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN 2012

**STATISTICS FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU’S 2012 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY**

#### NEW YORK CITY

**BY BOROUGH**

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<th>POPULATION DATA</th>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>1,408,473</td>
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<td>Children (&lt;18)</td>
<td>368,423</td>
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<td>Teens (15-19)</td>
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<td>156,574</td>
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<td>Youths (18-24)</td>
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#### CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN

by Gender

- % Male: 51.0% (-0.1%)
- % Female: 49.0% (0.1%)

by Race/Ethnicity

- % Asian: 11.3% (3.0%)
- % Black: 27.1% (-2.1%)
- % Latino: 35.4% (0.1%)
- % White: 25.2% (-0.4%)
- % Foreign Born: 7.9% (-5.6%)
- % living with 2 Parents: 57.3% (0.9%)
- % living with Single Father: 7.2% (1.4%)
- % living with Single Mother: 34.6% (-1.0%)
- % living with Grandparent(s): 8.6% (-6.4%)
- % covered by Health Insurance: 96.0% (0.4%)
- % covered by Medicaid: 53.2% (1.7%)

#### ECONOMIC AND HOUSING CONDITIONS

- Total Poverty Rate: 21.2% (1.6%)
- Child Poverty Rate: 31.4% (5.3%)
- % of Households with Children receiving SNAP: 32.2% (2.4%)
- Total Unemployment Rate: 10.6% (-5.4%)
- Teen Unemployment Rate: 39.0% (-8.9%)
- Youth Unemployment Rate: 20.4% (-1.9%)
- Median Household Income: $50,895 (0.9%)
- Median Household Income for Families with Children: $47,536 (-0.8%)
- Median Contract Rent: $1,094 (0.9%)
- Median Rent Burden: 32.2% (-0.9%)
- % of Households with >50% Rent Burden: 28.5% (-2.1%)
- Homeownership Rate: 31.0% (-0.9%)
- Homeownership Rate for Families with Children: 31.7% (2.3%)

**Sources & Notes:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2011 and 2012; Citizens’ Committee for Children, 2013. All dollar amounts are presented in 2012 dollars, and any year-to-year comparisons of dollar amounts use constant 2012 dollars. Previous years’ dollar amounts were adjusted to constant 2012 dollars using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers, all goods, for New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA. Race/Ethnicity category definitions: White = non-Hispanic white alone; Black = black or African American alone; Asian = asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander alone. The categories of Black and Asian are not disaggregated by Hispanic ethnicity and so double-counting may occur. For unemployment rates, teens are defined as ages 16-19; youths are defined as ages 20-24.