



# Promoting Well-Being for Our Youngest New Yorkers

A conversation about important steps underway in New York City to meet the needs of young children in the earliest years of life.

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# New York City has the Largest Child Population in the United States

**1,795,949 Children in New York City**

**564,082**

Children Under 5



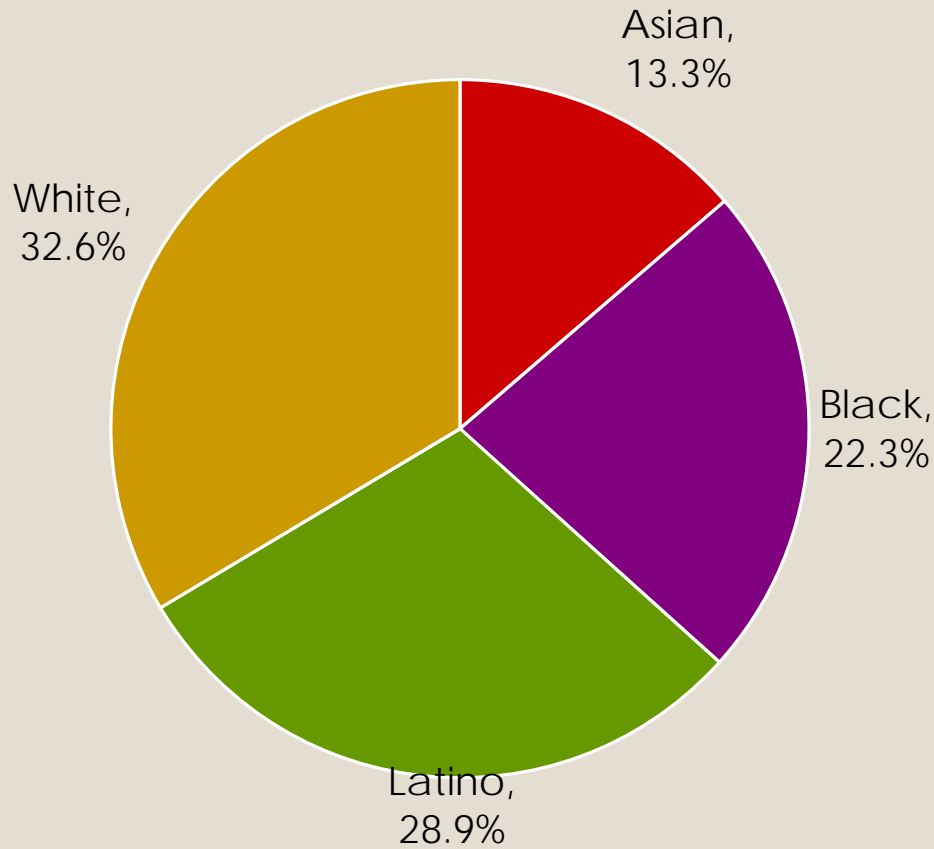
**330,890**

Children Under 3

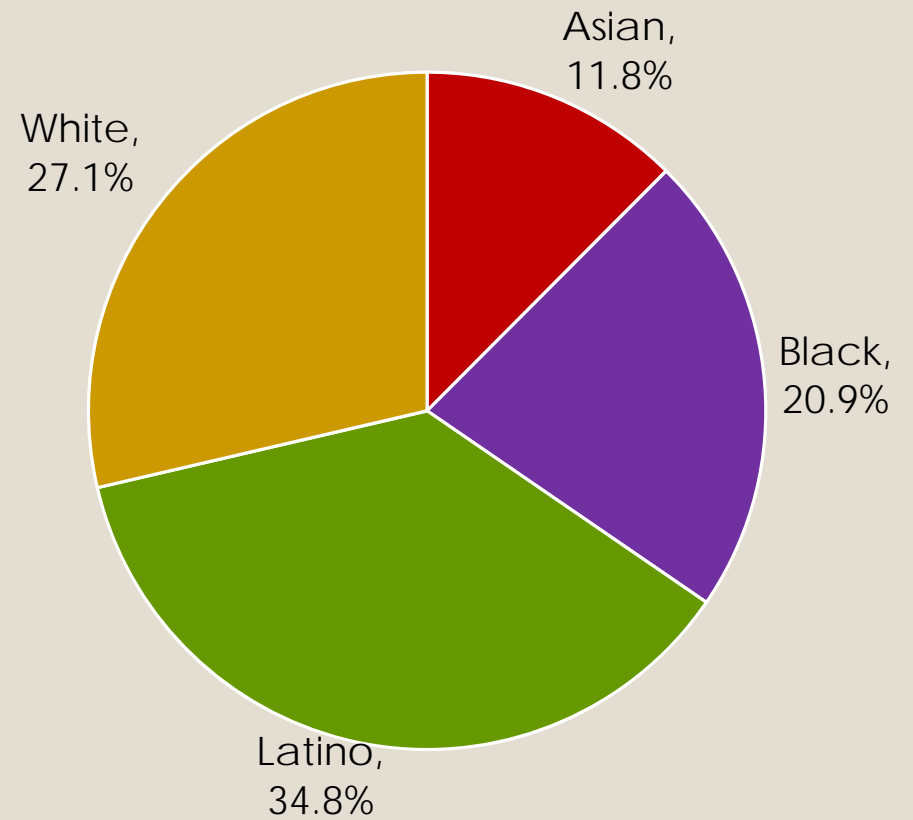


# Racial/ Ethnic Breakdown

## Adult Population



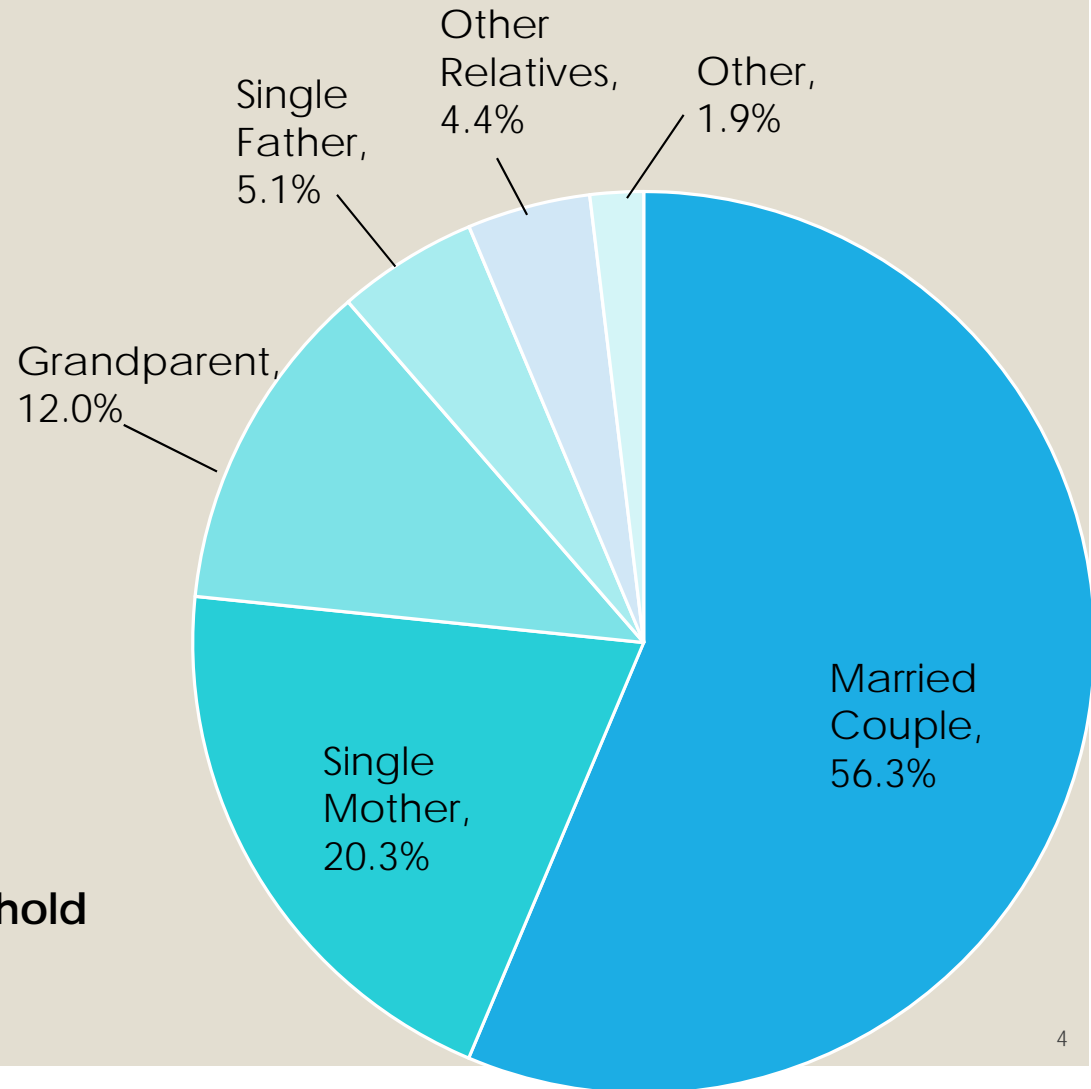
## Children Under Age 5



# Our Youngest New Yorkers:

## Children Under 5 Years by Household Structure

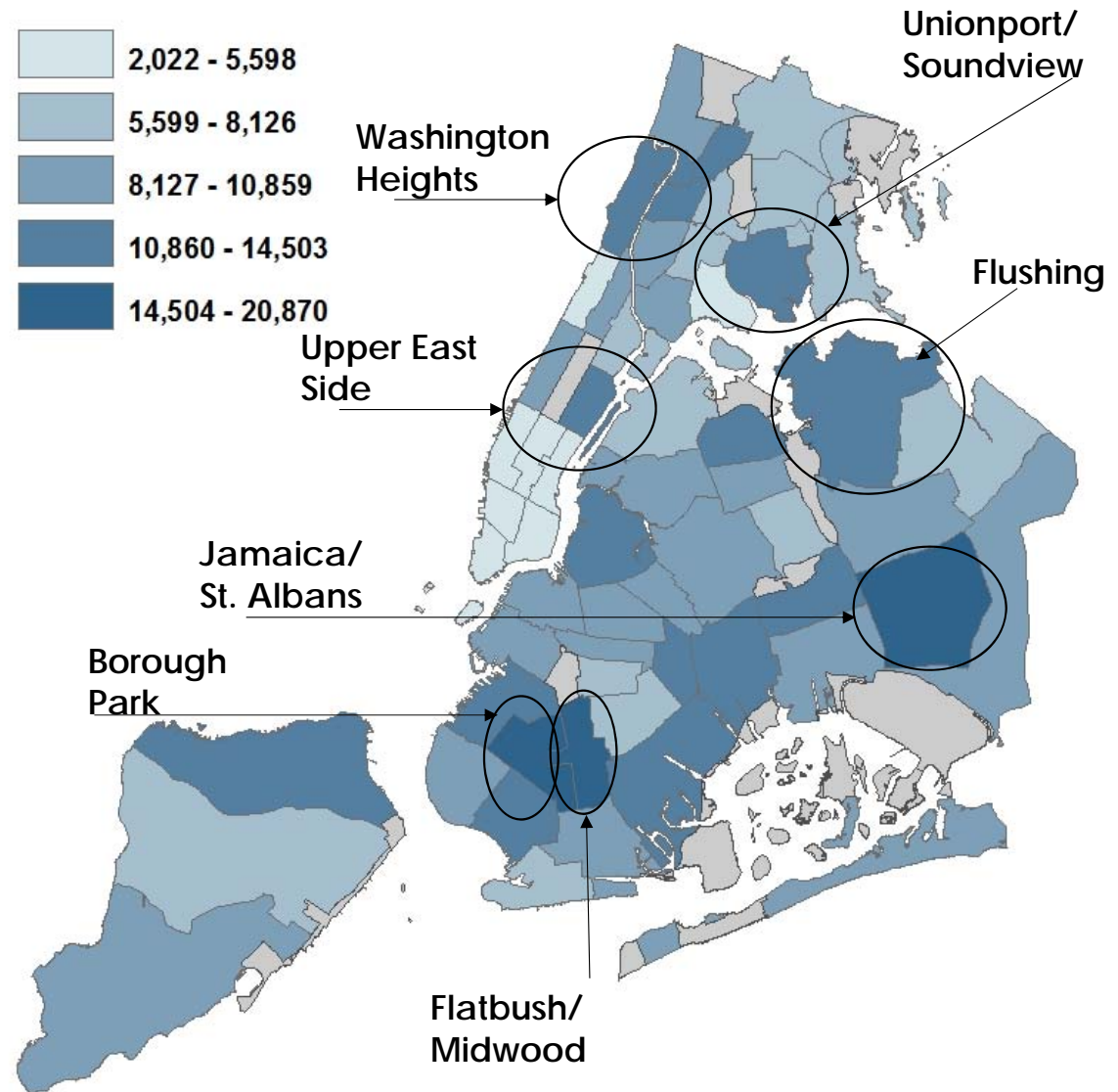
- 1 in 2 live in married couple households
- 1 in 4 with a single parent
- 1 in 5 live with a single mother
- 1 in 8 with grandparent as head of household



# Our Youngest New Yorkers By Community District

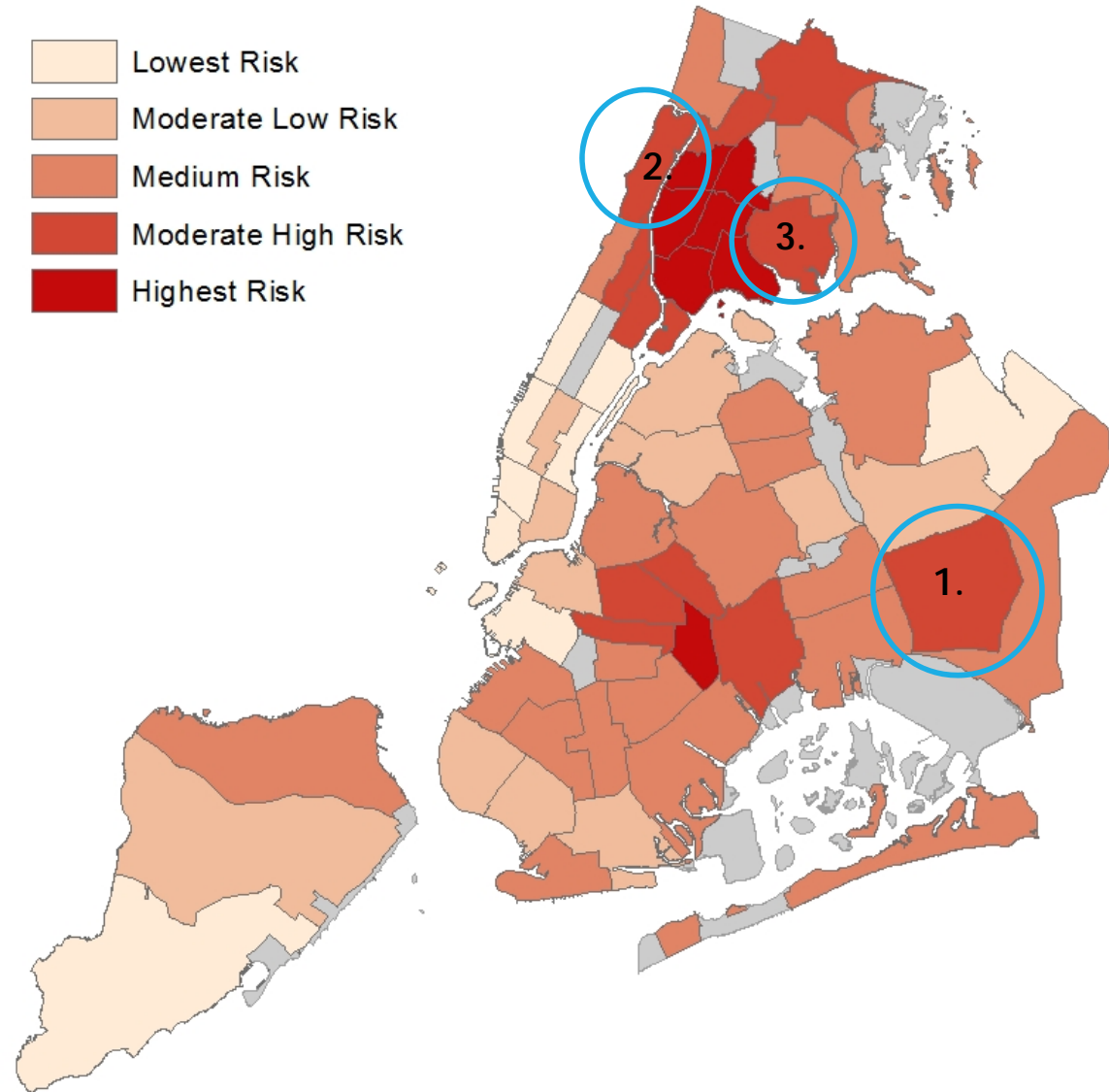
## Communities with Highest Number of Children Under Age Five

- Borough Park, Brooklyn
- Jamaica/St Albans, Queens
- Flatbush/Midwood, Brooklyn
- Washington Heights, Manhattan
- Upper East Side, Manhattan
- Flushing, Queens
- Canarsie, Brooklyn
- Williamsburg/Greenpoint, Brooklyn
- Unionport/Soundview, Bronx
- Sunset Park, Brooklyn



## Our Youngest New Yorkers Living in High Risk Communities

1. Jamaica/St Albans, Queens
  - 19,000 Children Under Five
    - 44<sup>th</sup> in CCC Risk Ranking
2. Washington Heights, Manhattan
  - 14,500 Children Under Five
    - 45<sup>th</sup> in CCC Risk Ranking
3. Unionport/Soundview, Bronx
  - 13,300 Children Under Five
    - 49<sup>th</sup> in CCC Risk Ranking



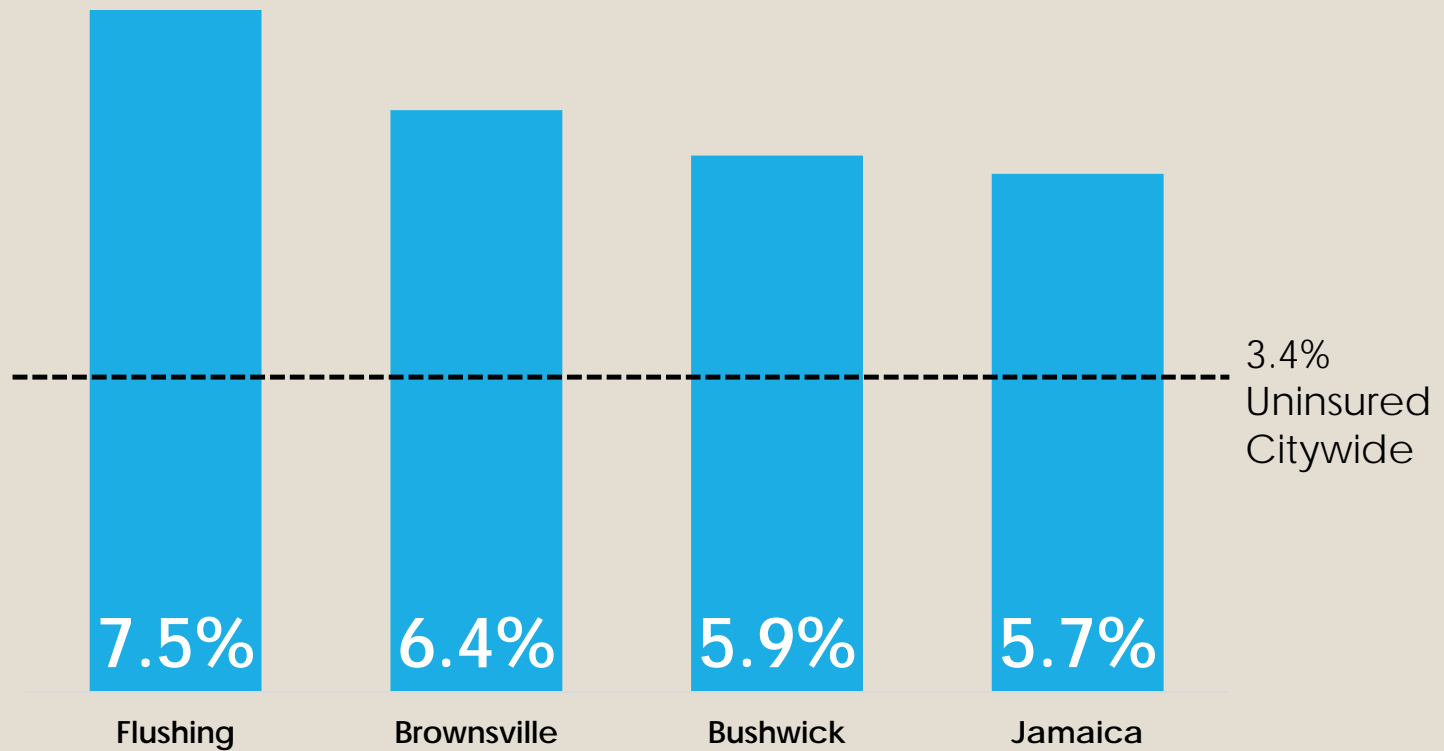
## Our Youngest New Yorkers

### Developmental Needs (Community Health Survey- 2009)

- **14,000 children between ages 2 and 5** were reported to have been diagnosed with at least one of five common mental health disorders. (90% of these children were living in poverty.)
- **46,000 children ages 0 to 5-years-old** were reported to have a developmental problem requiring treatment or counseling, according to their parents.
- **63,000 children ages 4 months to 5-years-old** were reported to have had a professional express concern with the child's behavior, development, or growth.

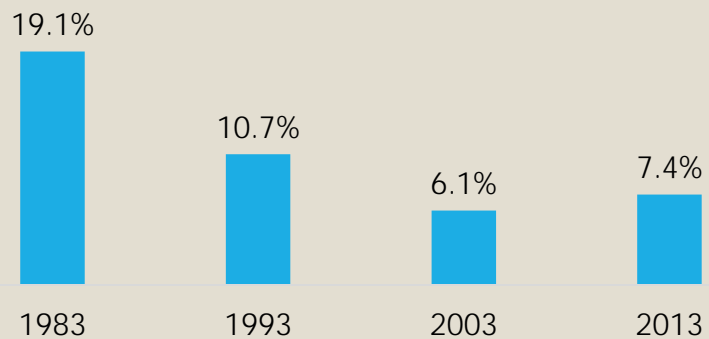
# 1,734,919 Children Have Health Insurance

Uninsured Children (age < 18) - 2014

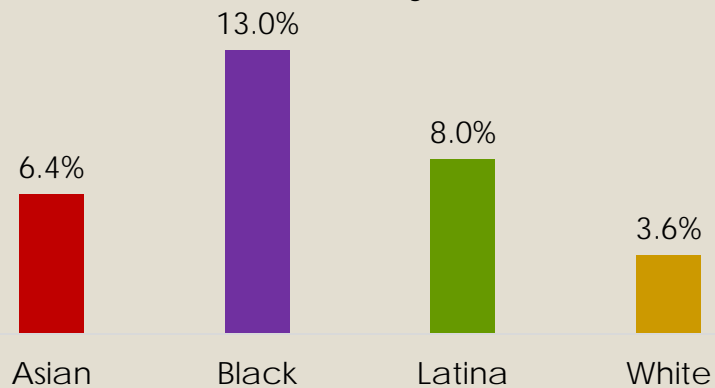




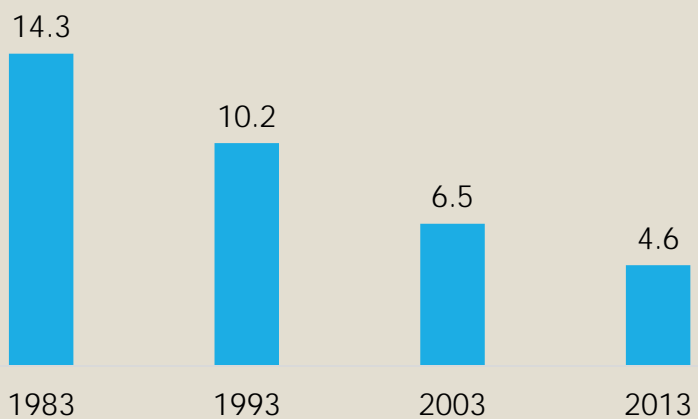
**Mothers Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care - Citywide**



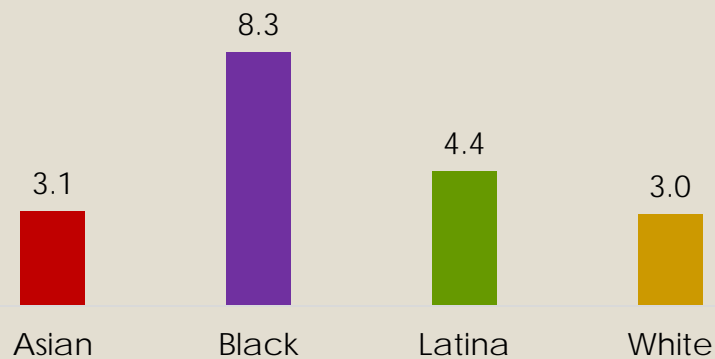
**Late/ or No Prenatal Care by Mother's Race/ Ethnicity (2013)**



**Infant Mortality Rate - Citywide**

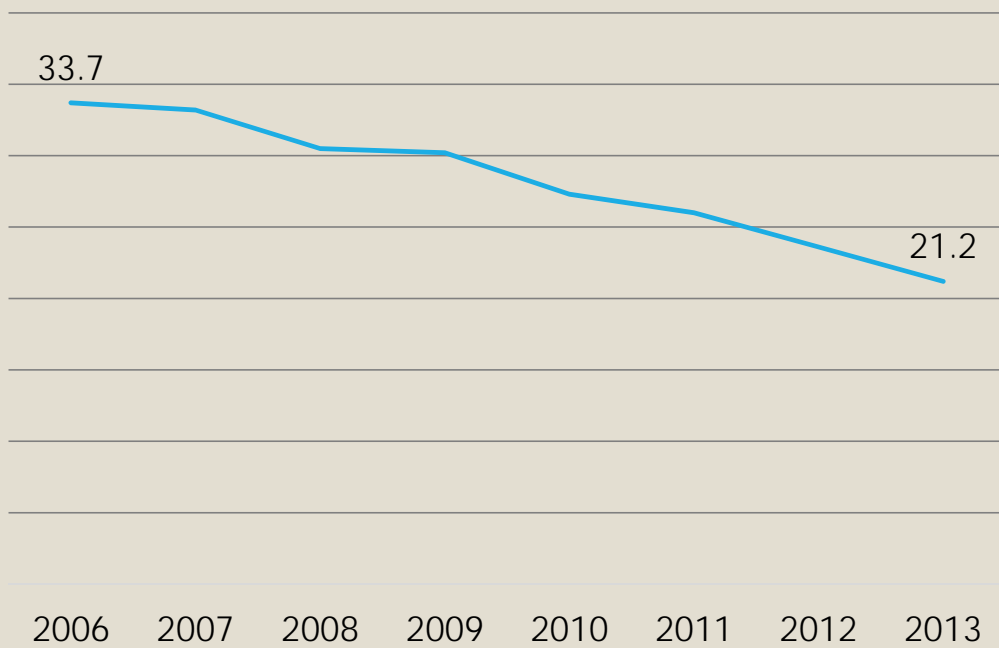


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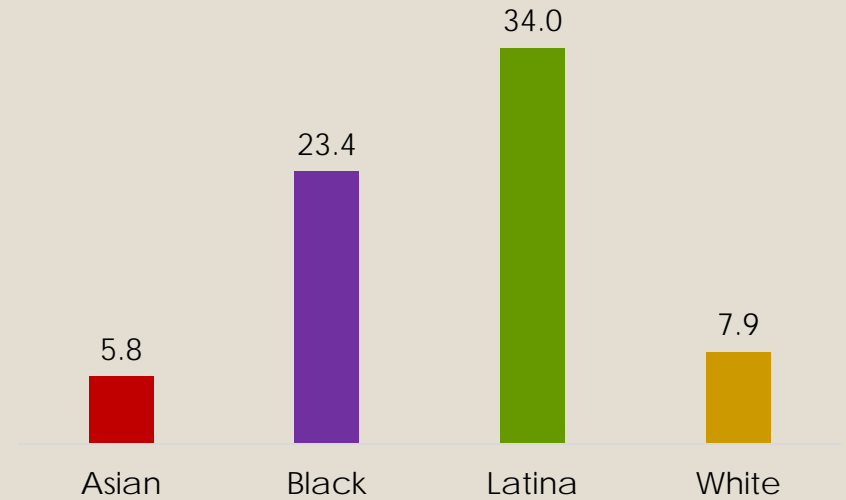


# The Teen Birth Rate Has Declined

## Teenage Birth Rate - Citywide

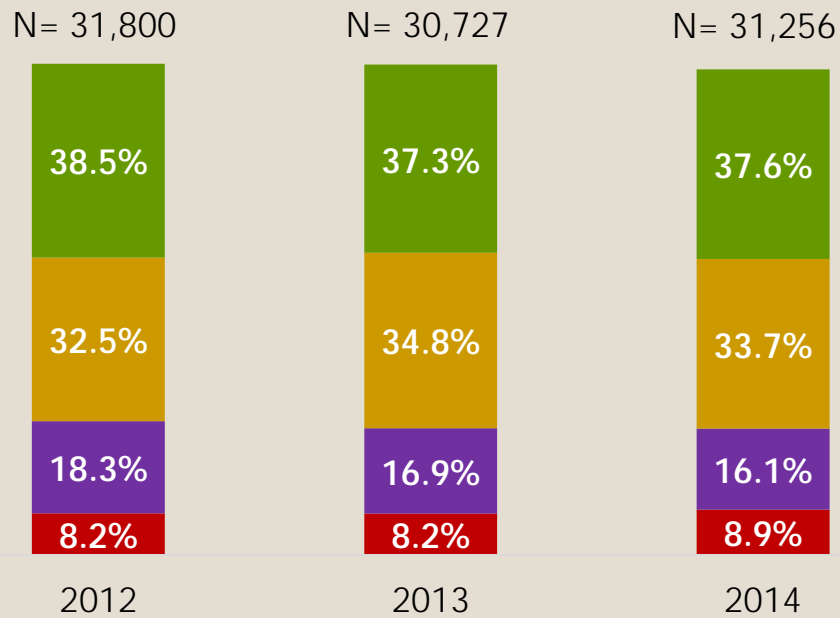


## Teen Birth Rate by Race/ Ethnicity (2013)






## Early Intervention Referrals

■ Asian ■ Black ■ Latino ■ White



## Early Childhood Education

- **65,000** Children in Pre-K (Age 4)  

- **70,000** Children in Subsidized Early Education (Age 0-4)  

- **130,000** Income Eligible **Infants and Toddlers Unserved**  


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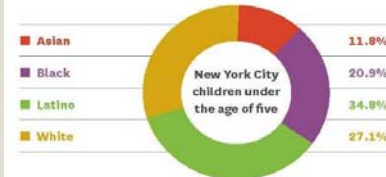
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There are over **560,000** children under five in New York City. **Half of them live in or near poverty.\***

\* Under 200% Federal Poverty Level

#### RACIAL/ETHNIC BREAKDOWN



1 in 2 children who slept in a homeless shelter last year was under age five.

Over 60,000 children ages four months to five years old were reported to have had a professional express concern with the child's behavior, development, or growth.

90% of children ages two to five who were reported to have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder live in poverty.

Research shows that the first five years of a child's life are critically important to long-term health and development. Important steps have been taken over the past two decades to improve conditions for our youngest New Yorkers and their families, however there is still more to be done.

#### INFANT MORTALITY

The rate of infant deaths in New York City has been reduced by half.



Despite this progress, a black child is more than twice as likely to die before his first birthday than a white or Asian child.



\*Deaths per Thousand Live Births in 2013

#### EARLY INTERVENTION REFERRALS

Over 30,000 referrals are made each year to Early Intervention services for children under three with developmental delays.



#### EARLY EDUCATION

65,000 four-year-olds are enrolled in NYC's Pre-K for All program.

70,000 children under age five can be served by the subsidized early education system, including 22,700 children under three.

130,000 income eligible infants and toddlers remain unserved. \*Under 200% Federal Poverty Level