There are 1.7 million children living in New York City, representing more than 20% of the total population

Age breakdown of NYC children

- 535,000 children under 5 years old
- 453,000 children 5–9 years old
- 484,000 children 10–14 years old
- 267,000 children 15–17 years old

Race/ethnicity of children under 18

- Latino: 35.6%
- White: 25.9%
- Black: 21.6%
- Asian: 11.6%
- Other: 5.4%

Nearly 1 in 4 NYC children live in poverty, that's over 400,000 children

Healthy

955,000 children receive health insurance through Medicaid or other public programs.

29% of children citywide do not receive Early Intervention services in the required time frame.

11% of NYC high school students reported in 2017 that they had attempted suicide.

Educated

Child care subsidies only reach 25% of eligible NYC children under 5.

1.1 million children are enrolled in an NYC public school.

1 out of 10 NYC public school students experienced homelessness last year.

Housed

Over 20,000 NYC children are sleeping in homeless shelters every night.

27% of city households are considered severely rent burdened (spending 50 percent or more of their income on rent).

68% of households living in poverty are severely rent burdened.

Safe

44,500 NYC children receive child welfare preventive services annually.

8,400 children are in foster care in NYC.

80% of 16-year-olds arraigned in a Youth Part, were removed to Family Court during Year 1 of RTA.

Visit CCC’s Keeping Track database at data.cccnewyork.org to explore hundreds of indicators of child and family well-being in New York City.
Healthy

Improve outcomes for young children with disabilities and developmental delays: Raise reimbursement rates for all service providers, therapists, and evaluators in Early Intervention by 10%; Require private health insurance companies to contribute their fair share to the cost of EI, including through a “Covered Lives” assessment.

Increase access to children’s behavioral health services: Place a moratorium on cuts to children’s behavioral health services and restore previous cuts, including to Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS); Fulfill the State’s commitment to fully fund and implement the Children’s Medicaid Redesign Plan.

Protect vulnerable New York children and families: Fully restore the State’s Article 6 General Public Health Work program reimbursement rate for NYC to previous level of 36%, preventing an estimated $65 million cut to NYC community and public health programs.

Improve maternal, infant and child outcomes: Increase state investments for evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting programs.

Protect children from lead exposure: Increase funding to ensure local health departments have adequate resources to implement initiatives to reduce childhood exposure to lead.

Housed

Prevent shelter entry and eviction: Pass A01620/ S02375 and fund home stability support supplement programs that would provide a statewide rental supplement to reduce family homelessness.

Prevent homelessness among domestic violence survivors: Invest in Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence Survivors to address a lead driver of family homelessness with a HUD-approved model that connects families with permanent housing and support services.

Promote housing stability for families and youth involved in child welfare system: Increase housing subsidy from $300 to $600 and increase the upper age limit eligibility from 21 to 24 years of age to serve youth aging out of foster care.

Educated

Expand subsidized child care capacity and invest in the workforce: Invest $100 million in child care; $60 million in child care subsidies to expand access and decrease cost, and $40 million to raise wages for early childhood educators.

Improve school readiness for all young children: Invest $150 million in full-day universal pre-K across New York State, where 77,000 four-year-olds outside NYC are currently without access to full-day pre-K.

Address the shortage of seats for preschoolers with disabilities and developmental delays: Increase reimbursement rates by at least 10% for preschool special education programs.

Protect the rights of students with disabilities and their families: Oppose the proposal to allow school districts to seek waivers from special education requirements.

Improve educational outcomes for all students, especially those with obstacles to success: Increase the upper age limit eligibility from 21 to 24 years of age to serve youth aging out of foster care.

Safe

Keep families together: Restore the State contribution for preventive services from 62% back to 65%, as mandated by law.

Support family permanency: Fund KinGAP outside of the Foster Care Block Grant to incentivize more counties to use kin as a placement option.

Strengthen family stability: Pass legislation to reform the State Central Register (SCR) and bring NY in line with other states with a higher standard to prove child maltreatment and reduce economic insecurity that puts children at risk. Amend the Social Services Law to require annual reporting on preventive services data.

End the criminal prosecution of children under 12: Raise the lower age of juvenile delinquency from 7 to 12 to better serve younger children who come into contact with law enforcement and address behavioral issues through existing community-based services.

Expand protections for young adults: Strengthen existing protections under the Youthful Offender law and create a new status covering young adults up to age 25 to help overcome barriers to future employment and education.

End youth solitary confinement: End the harmful use of solitary confinement in Adolescent Offender facilities where currently youth can be subjected to solitary confinement for up to 22 hours a day.

Reject Cost Shifts to Counties

In New York City alone, the proposed SFY 21 budget includes approximately $1.4 billion in cost-shifts that negatively impact children and families.

- $1.4 billion in Medicaid costs shifted to NYC. An additional $2.5 billion in cuts coming from MRT II with a share to hit NYC.
- $136,000,000 Shortfall in education funding from the state.
- $102,000,000 Resulting from a 5% cut to TANF Family Assistance and Emergency Assistance to Families.
- $21,000,000 loss in child welfare funding due to new state limits on Flexible Funds for Family Services.

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