SNAPSHOT OF NEW YORK’S YOUNGEST CHILDREN (AGES 0-5)
There are approximately 1.37 million children aged 5 and younger living in New York.\(^{(1)}\)

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- About **one in four** (22.8%) children ages five and younger is living in poverty.\(^{(2)}\)
- An additional **24%** of young children ages five and younger live in low-income working families.\(^{(2)}\)
- About **one in ten** (9%) children ages five and younger has no parent in the labor force.\(^{(3)}\)

**FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR:**

- **POVERTY**
  - $25,100/YEAR
- **LOW-INCOME**
  - $50,200/YEAR

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

- More than **three in four** (80.7%) babies are born to women who received early prenatal care.\(^{(4)}\)
- **97%** of young children, ages birth to five, have health insurance.\(^{(5)}\)
- 8.1% of babies are born at low-birth weight.\(^{(4)}\)
- About **seven in ten** (70.2%) children age 2 are fully immunized.\(^{(6)}\)

- **Five infants** die without having celebrated their first birthday for every 1,000 infants born.\(^{(4)}\)
- 4% of children ages birth to 3 years served by Early Intervention.\(^{(7)}\)
- About **one in three** children confirmed by Child Protective Services as victims of maltreatment are between the ages of birth to 4 years old.\(^{(8)}\)
- It is estimated that **one in ten** children ages birth to five are homeless.\(^{(9)}\)
- Approximately **80,000** preschool students with disabilities receive special education services from school district programs, 128 private preschool center-based programs, and related service providers.\(^{(10)}\)

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

- **56%** of all children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool.\(^{(11)}\)
- **52%** of low-income children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool.\(^{(11)}\)
- **72%** of children ages 1 to 5 have family members who read to them 3 or more days per week.\(^{(11)}\)

- New York State has **16,508 regulated providers** (child care centers, family day care and group family child care homes) with the capacity to serve **463,501 children**.\(^{(12)}\)
- New York State has **181 Head Start programs** (including 2 Tribal and 1 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs) and 100 Early Head Start programs with the capacity to serve **57,948 children**.\(^{(13)}\)
- **491 of 732** school districts are funded to provide State Administered Prekindergarten serving nearly **122,000 children (118,000 4-year-olds and 4,000 3-year-olds)**.\(^{(14)}\)

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\(^{(1)}\) Source: New York State Council on Children & Families

\(^{(2)}\) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

\(^{(3)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(4)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(5)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(6)}\) Source: National Immunization Survey

\(^{(7)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(8)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(9)}\) Source: New York State Department of Homeless Services

\(^{(10)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(11)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

\(^{(12)}\) Source: New York State Department of Health

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