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⁾

[2019]



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.

- 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⁽¹⁾



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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