

New York

A profile of its children

Understanding the facts about children in New York illustrates why smart, proven investments in New York's children and youth are critical to protecting New York's competitive edge in a global market place.

Children in New York¹

- 4.3 million children (under the age of 18) live in the state;
- 900,000 children (21%) live in poverty (about \$22,100 or less for a family of four);
- 427,000 children (10%) live in extreme poverty (about \$11,000 or less for a family of four);
- 35 percent of children live in a household with only one parent.

Early Childhood²

- Approximately 44,000 children participate in the federally-funded Head Start program. However;
- Only 15 percent of 3-year-olds and 59 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded pre-kindergarten, Head Start or a special education preschool program;
- 62 percent of children under the age of 6 have both or their only parent in the work force.

School Readiness³

- Math:
 - 64 percent of fourth graders are below grade level in math;
 - 70 percent of eighth graders are below grade level in math.
- Reading:
 - 65 percent of fourth graders are reading below grade level;
 - 65 percent of eighth graders are reading below grade level.

Graduation Rates⁴

- 28 percent of high school students do not graduate on time with a high school diploma;
- These rates are worse for youth of color:
 - 45 percent of African-Americans do not graduate on time;
 - 48 percent of Latinos do not graduate on time.

¹ Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2011). *KIDS COUNT data center*. Baltimore, MD: Author. Retrieved on December 12, 2011 from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>; U.S. Census Bureau. (2011). *American Community Survey 2010 1-Year Estimates*. Table B09001, Population Under 18 Years of Age. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved on December 13, 2011 from <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>

² Barnett, W.S., Epstein, D.J., Carolan, M.E., Fitzgerald, J., Ackerman, D.J. & Friedman, A.H. (2010). *The state of preschool 2010 – State preschool yearbook*. New Brunswick, NJ: National Institute for Early Education Research; Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2011). *KIDS COUNT data center*. Baltimore, MD: Author. Retrieved on December 12, 2011 from <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

³ National Center for Education Statistics (2011). *The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2011* (NCES 2012–457). National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.; National Center for Education Statistics (2011). *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2011* (NCES 2012–458). National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

⁴ Editorial Projects in Education. (2011). *EdWeek maps*. Bethesda, MD: Education Week. Retrieved on July 22, 2011 from <http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2011/06/09/index.html>