

NYC CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN 2012

STATISTICS FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU'S
2012 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY



The latest Census data provide sobering evidence that, four years after the economic recovery began nationally, New York City's children and families continue to be profoundly impacted by the effects of the Great Recession.

POVERTY



1 in **3** NYC children,
1 in **4** NYC families
with children, &
1 in **5** New Yorkers
lived in poverty in 2012.

At **31.4%**, New York City's child poverty rate is at its highest in over a decade. Well over **half a million children** lived in poverty in 2012. The poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children is **\$23,283** annually (before taxes).

INCOME

In 2012,
the average family with children made



the average family with children in 2008.

While median incomes for all households began to stabilize in 2012, median incomes for families with children continued to decline. Since 2008, the median income for families with children declined **11.5%** to **\$47,536** in 2012.

HUNGER



1/3 of families with
children received
SNAP
(food stamps).

Citywide, more than **1.8 million** people receive SNAP. The share of families with children receiving SNAP has risen from **one-fifth** in 2008 to **one-third** in 2012. In some neighborhoods in the Bronx, **half** of families with children relied on food stamps to feed their families.

HEALTH

96% of NYC children had
health insurance.



A positive trend in this year's data is the continued improvement in health insurance coverage rates for children and all New Yorkers. Still, more than **71,000** children remained uninsured in 2012, and certain populations - such as those living in poverty or those whose parents were unemployed - were more likely to lack health insurance coverage.

Explore more data on NYC's children and families at **Keeping Track Online!**
<http://data.ccnyc.org>

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CITIZENS' COMMITTEE for CHILDREN
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	NEW YORK CITY			BY BOROUGH				
		% ch. from 2011	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	
POPULATION DATA								
Total Population	8,336,697	1.1%	1,408,473	2,565,635	1,619,090	2,272,771	470,728	
Children (<18)	1,785,358	0.6%	368,423	602,975	240,918	466,417	106,625	
% of pop.	21.4%	-0.5%	26.2%	23.5%	14.9%	20.5%	22.7%	
Teens (15-19)	498,696	-1.9%	107,678	156,574	74,770	128,477	31,197	
% of pop.	6.0%	-2.9%	7.6%	6.1%	4.6%	5.7%	6.6%	
Youths (18-24)	849,045	-0.4%	166,397	259,288	164,183	214,397	44,780	
% of pop.	10.2%	-1.5%	11.8%	10.1%	10.1%	9.4%	9.5%	
CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN								
<i>by Gender</i>								
% Male	51.0%	-0.1%	51.0%	51.0%	50.8%	51.1%	51.1%	
% Female	49.0%	0.1%	49.0%	49.0%	49.2%	48.9%	48.9%	
<i>by Race/Ethnicity¹</i>								
% Asian	11.3%	3.0%	3.2%	10.0%	7.2%	22.3%	7.7%	
% Black	27.1%	-2.1%	32.2%	34.6%	20.2%	19.9%	14.3%	
% Latino	35.4%	0.1%	60.0%	22.8%	37.0%	34.0%	24.8%	
% White	25.2%	-0.4%	6.5%	32.7%	34.0%	19.2%	53.4%	
% Foreign Born	7.9%	-5.6%	8.5%	8.1%	7.0%	8.7%	2.9%	
% living with 2 Parents	57.3%	0.9%	37.4%	60.3%	55.5%	66.8%	71.9%	
% living with Single Father	7.2%	1.4%	7.7%	6.7%	7.4%	8.1%	4.8%	
% living with Single Mother	34.6%	-1.0%	53.6%	32.5%	36.3%	24.3%	22.7%	
% living with Grandparent(s)	8.6%	-6.4%	9.1%	8.3%	8.9%	9.1%	6.0%	
% covered by Health Insurance	96.0%	0.4%	95.7%	96.8%	95.6%	95.3%	96.6%	
% covered by Medicaid	53.2%	1.7%	66.5%	58.2%	40.4%	48.6%	28.6%	
ECONOMIC AND HOUSING CONDITIONS								
Total Poverty Rate	21.2%	1.6%	31.0%	24.3%	17.8%	16.2%	11.6%	
Child Poverty Rate	31.4%	5.3%	44.5%	34.9%	25.8%	23.2%	14.6%	
% of Households with								
Children receiving SNAP	32.2%	2.4%	50.0%	35.8%	26.0%	21.4%	17.1%	
Total Unemployment Rate	10.6%	-5.4%	15.5%	11.1%	8.8%	9.6%	7.2%	
Teen ² Unemployment Rate	39.0%	-8.9%	46.6%	42.3%	29.0%	38.1%	26.8%	
Youth ² Unemployment Rate	20.4%	-1.9%	27.8%	21.8%	17.1%	16.7%	14.3%	
Median Household Income	\$50,895	0.9%	\$32,460	\$45,230	\$67,099	\$54,713	\$70,963	
Median Household Income for								
Families with Children	\$47,536	-0.8%	\$29,959	\$42,401	\$75,484	\$55,679	\$80,902	
Median Contract Rent	\$1,094	0.9%	\$910	\$1,060	\$1,361	\$1,187	\$982	
Median Rent Burden	32.2%	-0.9%	36.0%	32.7%	28.6%	33.8%	32.4%	
% of Households								
with >50% Rent Burden	28.5%	-2.1%	34.2%	29.2%	22.4%	30.1%	30.7%	
Homeownership Rate	31.0%	-0.9%	14.6%	28.9%	23.4%	41.8%	65.1%	
Homeownership Rate for								
Families with Children	31.7%	2.3%	19.1%	29.7%	22.1%	43.6%	67.3%	

Sources & Notes: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2011 and 2012; Citizens' Committee for Children, 2013. All dollar amounts are presented in 2012 dollars, and any year-to-year comparisons of dollar amounts use constant 2012 dollars. Previous years' dollar amounts were adjusted to constant 2012 dollars using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers, all goods, for New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA. ¹Race/Ethnicity category definitions: White = non-Hispanic white alone; Black = black or African American alone; Asian = asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander alone. The categories of Black and Asian are not disaggregated by Hispanic ethnicity and so double-counting may occur. ²For unemployment rates, teens are defined as ages 16-19; youths are defined as ages 20-24.