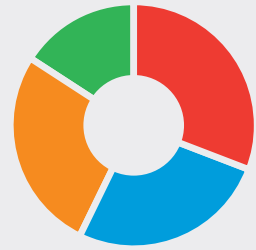


# There are 1.8 million children living in New York City, representing more than 20% of the total population

Age breakdown of NYC children



- 552,576 children under 5 years old
- 475,122 children 5-9 years old
- 482,943 children 10-14 years old
- 278,428 children 15-17 years old

Race/ethnicity of children under 18



- Asian: 11.8 percent
- Black: 23 percent
- Latino: 35.4 percent
- White: 25.4 percent

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

## Healthy

**985,000**

children receive health insurance through Medicaid or other public programs.

The Infant Mortality rate is

**4.1**

infant deaths per 1,000 live births throughout NYC, and twice that rate for black babies.

**Over 32,000**

children receive Early Intervention services in NYC.

## Housed

**Over 25,000**

NYC children experience homelessness daily.

**27%**

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

**68%**

of poor households are severely rent burdened.

## Educated

**1.1 million**

children are enrolled in a NYC public school.

Approximately

**55,000**

children under 5 receive subsidized child-care (families living below 200% FPL).

Child care subsidies only reach

**20%**

of eligible NYC children under 5.

**67,881**

enrolled in Universal Pre-K in NYC.

## Safe

**Over 44,000**

NYC children receive child welfare preventive services.

Approximately

**10,000**

children are in foster care in NYC.

**5,000**

city youth are served with PINS diversion services.

**Over 4,600**

youth under 16 years old were arrested in 2017.

# Budget Recommendations to the Governor and New York State Legislature Fiscal Year 2019-2020



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# CCC Budget Priorities: SFY 2019-2020

## Ensure New York's Children are Healthy, Housed, Educated and Safe

### Healthy

**Improve outcomes for young children with disabilities and developmental delays:** **Extend** a 5% rate increase above current rates to ALL Early Intervention providers, evaluators, and service coordinators; **maximize** EI reimbursement from private health insurance companies; and **conduct** a cost study on Early Intervention rate methodology.

**Increase access to children's behavioral health services:** **Extend** new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) to children covered through Child Health Plus, and **authorize** the state to extend enhanced rates for CFTSS services beyond the first six months.

**Protect vulnerable New York children and families:** **Reject** \$59 million annualized cut to New York City's General Public Health Work Program.

**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 proposed initiatives to reduce childhood exposure to lead. **Fund** initiatives through lead poisoning prevention programs in local health departments, rather than through Article 6 as is currently proposed.

### Housed

**Prevent shelter entry and eviction:** **Pass** A.1620/S.2375 to create 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 combat a driving force in the state's homelessness crisis with a HUD-approved model that connects families with permanent housing and support services.

**Protect housing stability for low-income New Yorkers:** **Enact** rent control laws that eliminate current rent loopholes and **invest** in enforcement to prevent the loss of affordable and rent-regulated apartments.

**Promote housing stability for families and youth involved in child welfare system:** **Increase** housing subsidy from \$300 to \$600, **increase** the upper age limit eligibility to 24 years of age and **allow flexibility** to use subsidy with roommates.

#### Fund a Full and Fair Census Count

Invest at least \$40M to support community engagement and outreach in preparation for the 2020 Census count.

### Educated

**Expand subsidized child care capacity:** **Invest** \$100M for additional child care subsidies to serve a greater number of eligible children and families.

**Improve school readiness for ALL young children:** **Invest** \$150M to expand and enhance Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK).

**Improve outcomes for preschoolers with disability and developmental delays:** **Increase** reimbursement rates by at least 5% 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 in high-need school districts:** **Increase** Foundation Aid by \$1.66B.

**Increase access to college for foster care youth:** **Invest** \$6M to fully fund the Foster Youth College Initiative.

#### Strengthen the Human Services Sector

- \$140M for Cost-of-Living-Adjustment
- \$25M to fund the minimum wage

### Safe

**Address the needs of at-risk youth and protect them from harm:** **Amend** Article VII bill to reimburse counties for ALL PINS prevention and diversion services through the open-ended child welfare funding stream and **allow** PINS youth to be placed with the Commissioner (in foster care) when the court determines it is necessary.

**Strengthen families:** To meet criteria for Federal funding (Family First) and invest in evidence-based preventive services, **restore** preventive services funding from 62% state share back to 65%, as written in state statute.

**Expand protections for emerging adults:** **Strengthen** existing protections under youthful offender law and **create** a new "Young Adult Status" covering youth up to age 25.

**End prosecution of children under 12:** **Raise** the minimum age of juvenile delinquency jurisdiction from 7 to 12 years of age.

**Remove barriers to education and employment for court-involved youth:** **Expand** sealing opportunities and reduce the wait time to 3 years for misdemeanors and 5 years for felonies (instead of 10 years).

**Improve economic security for NY families:** **Expand** the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to young adults without children ages 18–25 and expand the Empire State Child Credit to include children under the age of 4—an age group disproportionately at risk of poverty.

### Cost Shifts to NYC

The proposed SFY'20 budget includes more than \$600M in cost-shifts that negatively impact NYC children and families.



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**\$125,000,000**  
Reduced state reimbursement for family assistance programs (PA)

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**\$59,000,000**  
Reduced state reimbursement for public health program (Article 6)

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**\$13,000,000**  
PINS reforms

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**\$300,000,000**  
Under funding Education Aid

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**\$30,500,000**  
Close to Home

↓  
**\$100,000,000**  
Raise the Age Implementation

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