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Message from Sheryl Dicker



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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present “The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts,” the nation’s first publication of county-by-county data collected by the court and child welfare systems. This book is the product of a strong collaboration among the New York State Courts, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and the New York Council on Children and Families all working together to improve outcomes for children in our child welfare system.

This book provides a valuable resource for dedicated professionals working in our court and child welfare systems to better understand the available information and trends concerning abused and neglected children and their families. Using the current data from both systems will be a powerful tool to enhance collaborations between the courts and local departments of social services to better serve our state’s most vulnerable children.

The Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children’s Court Improvement Project developed and spearheaded this initiative and also secured funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts’ Fostering Results project. This publication would not have been possible without the dedication and leadership of Toni Lang and the staff of the New York State Council on Children and Families.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheryl Dicker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

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Joint Message from Commissioner John A. Johnson and Deborah A. Benson



September 2006

Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to join with the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children in presenting this first edition of *The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts*. This product is the result of a collaborative effort among the Commission, Office of Court Administration, New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Council on Children and Families. The aim of the project is to use data focusing on the child while providing a broader context of well-being to inform policy development, planning and accountability as a means to improve outcomes for children and youth involved with child welfare and the courts.

The Commission, OCFS and the Council are all committed to promoting the well-being of children in or at-risk of foster care. The common goals of ensuring that children are safe, that they reside in loving homes and that they develop to their full potential have contributed to the success of this partnership.

We look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of all New York State's children.

Sincerely,

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The Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children is pleased to publish the first ever county-by-county child welfare data book that is derived from data collected and compiled by the New York Unified Court System and the New York State Office on Children and Family Services. The goals of the data book are to provide professionals and advocates in the child welfare and court systems with common child-oriented data that are specific to each county, and to bring awareness to the public, the media, legislators, and other systems serving children who come before Family Courts.

The Commission is a partner of Fostering Results, a national non-partisan education and outreach project to raise awareness of the need for improved court oversight of foster care cases and federal financing reform. The Pew Charitable Trusts supports both Fostering Results and the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care. On May 18, 2004, the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care released specific recommendations for reform to which this dissemination of child-oriented, child welfare and court data is responsive. These recommendations include:

- Adoption of court performance measures by dependency courts to ensure that they can track and analyze their caseloads, increase accountability for improved outcomes for children, and inform decisions about the allocation of court resources;
- Incentives and requirements for effective collaboration between courts and child welfare agencies on behalf of children in foster care and continue the Commission's groundbreaking collaborative work;
- A strong voice for children and parents in court and effective representation by better trained attorneys and volunteer advocates including our development of standards for CASA; and
- Leadership from Chief Justices and other state court leaders in organizing their court systems to better serve children, provide training for judges, and promote more effective standards for dependency courts, judges and attorneys.

The Commission is grateful for the generous support from Fostering Results for the publication of this data book and for the collective efforts of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, the Office of Court Administration, the Council on Children and Families and Commission staff. This publication takes advantage of the familiarity and format of the NYS Touchstones/KIDS COUNT efforts of the Council. The Council, being part of the state-level KIDS COUNT network, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, publishes annual data books on the health, education and well-being of children and youth in New York State. Together these efforts provide a broader context of well-being for policy development, planning and accountability for children and youth and specifically for children and youth in the child welfare and court systems.

The Commission is proud to present this data book and hopes that the data presented will be used by stakeholders within the courts and child welfare systems to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children. It is further our goal that this data will become a tool to help New York achieve safety, permanency and well-being of all children whose lives are affected by the court and child welfare systems.

The Data Book Layout



PART I presents an Introduction that features a descriptive essay about the Commission; the risk and protective factors associated with child abuse and neglect; some of the most common physical, psychological, behavioral, and societal consequences of child abuse and neglect; and children in foster care. Together these sections demonstrate the importance of looking within data to gain a glimpse of the children involved in the child welfare and court systems and to use that data to improve the lives and life chances of those children.

PART I also presents A Progression of Data-driven Efforts to Improve Outcomes for Children, the New York State Touchstones Framework and a New York State Fact Sheet about children and youth involved in the child welfare and court systems. This information helps explain how this project fits within existing efforts to advance the use of children's health, education and well-being indicators as a tool for policy development, planning, and accountability. The New York State Touchstones vision – that all children, youth and families will be healthy and have the knowledge, skills and resources to succeed in a dynamic society – is universal for children and youth living in single-parent families, two-parent families, foster homes or any other living arrangement. The Fact Sheet demonstrates the importance of addressing the needs – including, safety, permanency and well-being – of New York State children involved in the child welfare and court systems.

PART II presents Indicator Profiles organized by the NYS Touchstones goals, objectives and life areas. Indicator Profiles present New York State, New York City, Rest of State (NYS minus NYC), and each of New York's 62 counties data for each indicator. Indicator profiles present the most current year along with a comparison year thereby allowing examination of the long-term trend.

(For year-by-year data, go to KWIC at <http://www.nyskwic.org>.) Narratives accompany each indicator to provide the respective definition, significance and current findings.

PART III presents Region Profiles for New York State, New York City, Rest of State and each on New York's 62 counties. For each of these regions, the Region Profile provides the most current data available and an arbitrary comparison year data along with the New York State rate for indicators that share a common theme or topic, specifically child welfare for this publication. There are two other Region Profiles currently available on KWIC: the KWIC Profile that provides a snapshot of the overall health, education and well-being of children, youth and families in New York State; and the Maternal/Child Health Profile that provides a snapshot of the health and well-being of mother and child, including pregnancy, birth, prenatal care, birth weight and gestation, and infant mortality data.

PART IV presents New York State data related to the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). The CFSR was designed to ensure the State child welfare agency practice is in conformity with Federal child welfare requirements, to determine what is actually happening to children and families as they are engaged in State child welfare services, and to assist States to enhance their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes.

GLOSSARY presents an alphabetized list of terms and indicators presented in the CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts publication.

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PART I

Introduction

This section starts with facts about children and youth involved in the New York State child welfare and court systems. The pieces that follow help explain how this project came about, provide research related to children and youth within the child welfare and court systems, and illustrate how this project fits within other New York State data-driven efforts.



Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

- The New York State Central Register received 142,130 reports of suspected child abuse and maltreatment.
- Three out of ten reports (43,175) were indicated.
- The percentage of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment was somewhat higher in New York City (32.9%) compared to Rest of State (29.3%). This pattern is consistent with that found in 2000 (35.1% vs. 29.8%) but the difference between the rates decreased.

Children in Indicated Reports

- The number of unique¹ children and youth in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment was 63,877.
- Nearly 14 out of every 1,000 children and youth ages 0 to 17 years were involved in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment.
- The rate of child abuse and maltreatment was greater in Rest of State compared to New York City (15.2 vs. 11.3/1,000 children 0-17 years). This pattern is consistent with that found in 2000 (13.6 vs. 13.1/1,000 children) but the difference between the rates increased.

Children Removed from their Homes

- 5,356 children and youth with petitions filed were removed from their homes at or before the petition filing date.
- 1,107 children and youth with petitions filed were removed from their homes at the initial court hearing.

Types of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

TYPE	PERCENT ²
Neglect/Deprivation of Neccessities	91%
Physical Abuse	12%
Sexual Abuse	4%
Psychological/Emotional Maltreatment	1%
Medical Neglect	4%
Other Types	25%

Mortalities

- There were 77 children in indicated reports with fatality allegation and substantiated determination. This translates to a rate of 1.64 children per 100,000 children 0 to 17 years in the general population.

Foster Care

Children in Foster Care

- 26,108 children/youth were in foster care, translating to a rate of 4.5 per 1,000 children and youth 0 to 21 years.
- The majority of children in care were in home care (49.2%), followed by congregate care (25.9%), relative care (19.2%) and other (5.8%).

Children Admitted to Foster Care

- 12,494 children and youth were admitted to foster care.
- Nearly 3 out of 10 children (29.7%) entering foster care were under 5 years of age and 1 out of 4 children was 15 to 17 years of age.
- A disproportionate number of African American children entered foster care (41.2% of all children admitted) based on the racial distribution of the state.

Children Discharged from Foster Care

- 15,513 children and youth – or 37.3 percent of all children who were in foster care at any time during the year – were discharged from foster care.
- There were 3,473 discharges to adoption, representing 22.4 percent of all discharges.

Parental Rights Judgments

- 2,659 terminated parental right judgments – or 61.3 percent of all TPR judgments – resulted in the termination of parental rights.
- 1,565 surrendered parental rights judgments – or 82.8 percent of all surrendered judgments – resulted in the surrender of parental rights.

Two or Fewer Placements for Children In Care less than 1 Year

- 12,484 children and youth – or 91.4 percent – of children in foster care less than one year had two or fewer placements.

¹ Unique child refers to an individual child who is included in an indicated report of abuse or maltreatment. The unique number, within New York City and Rest of State, will count a child only once during a year even if that child has more than one indicated abuse or maltreatment.

² Percentages based on children with substantiated allegations in indicated reports. Percentages total greater than 100 percent since children can experience more than one type of abuse or maltreatment.



The Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children (Commission) was established to improve the lives and life chances of children affected by New York State's court system. *The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts* project aims to propel data-driven efforts to improve outcomes for children and youth involved with child welfare and the courts by focusing on the child and by providing a broader context of well-being for policy development, planning, and accountability. This effort brings data collected by the New York State Family Courts and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services together and takes advantage of the familiarity and usability of the New York State Touchstones/KIDS COUNT format and the data disseminating abilities of KWIC.

To put this project in context, this review first introduces the Commission and its challenges, goals and accomplishments. The second section, focusing on risk and protective factors associated with child abuse and neglect, is an excerpt from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Emerging Practices in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* (Thomas et al., 2003). The third section, an excerpt from *Long-term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect* (Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2006), provides an overview of some of the most common physical, psychological, behavioral, and societal consequences of child abuse and neglect, while acknowledging that much crossover among categories exists. The fourth section focuses on children in foster care and largely relies on a compilation of research conducted by the Commission and published by the National Center for Children in Poverty (Dicker, Gordon & Knitzer, 2001). Together these sections demonstrate the importance of looking within data to gain a glimpse of the children involved in the child welfare and court systems and to use that data to improve the lives and life chances of those children.

Meet the Commission



The Commission has emerged as a statewide and national pacesetter for court-based innovation and judicial leadership on behalf of children and those who care for them. The Commission has a unique position as the nation's first interdisciplinary children's Commission based in the judiciary and has harnessed the authority and prestige of the judiciary to launch and sustain projects and to shape policy that improve court proceedings and maximize the well-being of children in foster care. The permanent nature of the Commission encourages creativity by providing opportunities to explore uncharted terrain, test new practices, create new resources and cultivate new relationships.

The Commission has long recognized the value in partnering with all those who work to promote better outcomes for children. Commission members include judges as well as lawyers, advocates, child welfare administrators, physicians, legislators and state and local officials. All of the Commission's initiatives encourage creating collaborations to affect change. The Commission has worked closely with national leaders in the fields of child welfare, child development, early intervention, early childhood education and special education. By conducting independent research and utilizing cutting-edge child welfare and early childhood researchers, the Commission has enhanced the lives of children in foster care. In fact, collaborations and commitment to research-driven, court-based initiatives have become hallmarks of the Commission's accomplishments.

The focus of the Commission's name – *Justice for Children* – exemplifies a limitless, lofty goal. In order to meet this goal, the Commission spearheads innovations to secure early intervention, to establish a statewide system of Children's Centers in the Courts, to improve court proceedings, to promote the healthy development of children in foster care and to focus on the needs of infants involved in child welfare proceedings. All of these endeavors have utilized a systemic methodology of convening stakeholders, conducting research, developing pilot projects, creating written materials and trainings, and initiating policy and practice change. Additionally, these efforts are premised on the court's authority under state and federal law and consistent with the legal standards for services to children. The following summary demonstrates the Commission's inspirations, challenges and achievements.

Commission Accomplishments



↳ **EARLY INTERVENTION:** These efforts began in 1991 when the Commission first studied the process for obtaining services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities through the Family Court, and then worked to secure passage of laws establishing a system of early intervention services for New York's children.

These efforts have spurred the passage of federal law requiring that all infants and toddlers in foster care and all children under age three with substantiated cases of abuse and neglect be referred to the Early Intervention Program.

↳ **CHILDREN'S CENTER:** When the Commission was alerted to the needs of children brought to court by caretakers with no child care alternatives, research was conducted to document and understand the caretakers' needs. As a result, a new program – Children's Centers in the Courts – established a network of Centers throughout New York State to provide not only quality child care but also a site to connect children and families with vital services. The Children's Center Literacy Project complements these services by infusing each Center with a reading-rich environment that also gives every child the gift of a new, age-appropriate book.

Today, over 52,000 children are served annually in 32 Centers across the State.

↳ **COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Over ten years ago, the Court of Appeals designated the Commission to spearhead a new challenge – implementation of the federal State Court Improvement Project (CIP) to assess and improve foster care proceedings. Following earlier efforts, the Commission convened stakeholder and expert working groups, conducted research assessing the court's handling of proceedings and designed

a plan for reform. The reform plan included two pilot projects in Erie and New York Counties and efforts to develop resources to assist Family Courts statewide. Today, the learning from those pilots have been refined and replicated in best practice courts throughout the State. To help actualize innovation and reform, the Commission created new resources for the court – funding staff to grow local court improvement efforts, increasing the availability and strengthening the ability of New York State Court Appointed Special Advocates, designing a Masters of Social Work judicial internship program to assist judges in identifying and addressing unmet needs and gaps in services, and creating an accessible website containing all of the research, writings and other tools developed by the Commission.

The 2005 New York State Permanency Law further captures the Commission's CIP and well-being reforms by requiring expedited procedures and continuing jurisdiction of cases, permitting case conferencing and mandating permanency hearing reports that contain information on a child's health, early intervention referral and services and education.

↳ **CHILD WELL-BEING:** The Commission initiated three statewide well-being projects to focus the attention of the court and child welfare systems on the healthy development of children in foster care. These projects are premised on the underlying belief that children's well-being must be addressed to improve their prospects of growing up in a permanent family. The Healthy Development Initiative, Babies Can't Wait Project and the Education Project provide checklists, written materials and trainings to help all those involved in child welfare proceedings enhance the well-being of foster children and understand its link to permanency.

These tools are now used throughout the country and have helped shape child welfare policy and practice in New York and nationwide.





Taking advantage of the compilation of research conducted by the Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) and Caliber Associates and published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this section is an excerpt from the *Emerging Practices in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* (Thomas et al., 2003). (See Table 1 for a summary of risk and protective factors.)

Risk Factors

While there are varying schools of thought on the origins of maltreatment, most theories of child maltreatment recognize that the root causes can be organized into a framework of four principal systems: (1) the child, (2) the family, (3) the community, and (4) the society.

- ↳ **CHILD:** Though children are not responsible for the abuse inflicted upon them, certain child characteristics have been found to increase the risk or potential for maltreatment. Children with disabilities or mental retardation, for example, are significantly more likely to be abused (Crosse, Kaye & Ratnofsky, 1993; Schilling & Schinke, 1984). Evidence also suggests that age and gender are predictive of maltreatment risk. Younger children are more likely to be neglected, while the risk for sexual abuse increases with age (Mraovick & Wilson, 1999). Female children and adolescents are significantly more likely than males to suffer sexual abuse.
- ↳ **FAMILY:** Important characteristics of the family are linked with child maltreatment. Families in which there is substance abuse are more likely to experience abuse or are at a higher risk of abuse (Ammerman et al., 1999; Besinger et al., 1999; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1993). But, identifying families in which substance abuse is present can be difficult. The Child Welfare League of America (2001) recently found that substance abuse is present in 40 to 80 percent of families in which children are abuse victims. Recent studies also have established a link between having a history of childhood abuse and becoming a victimizer later in life, including Clarke et al. (1999), confirming some of the earliest work in the field. DiLillo, Tremblay, and Peterson (2000) found that childhood sexual abuse increased the risk of perpetrating physical abuse on children as adults. Domestic violence and lack of parenting or communication skills also increase the risks of maltreatment to children.
- ↳ **COMMUNITY:** Factors related to the community and the larger society also are linked with child maltreatment. Poverty, for example, has been linked with maltreatment, particularly neglect, in each of the national incidence studies (Sedlak & Broadhurst, 1996), and has been associated with child neglect by Black (2000) and found to be a strong predictor of substantiated child maltreatment by Lee and Goerge (1999). Bishop and Leadbeater (1999) found that abusive mothers reported fewer friends in their social support



networks, less contact with friends, and lower ratings of quality support received from friends. Violence and unemployment are other community-level variables that have been found to be associated with child maltreatment.

- ↳ **SOCIETY:** Perhaps the least understood and studied level of child maltreatment is that of societal factors. Ecological theories postulate that factors such as the narrow legal definitions of child maltreatment, the social acceptance of violence (as evidenced by video games, television and films, and music lyrics), and political or religious views that value noninterference in families above all may be associated with child maltreatment (Tzeng, Jackson, & Karlson, 1991).

Protective Factors

Researchers, practitioners, and policy makers are now increasingly thinking about protective factors within children and families that can reduce risks, build family capacity, and foster resilience. In 1987, case studies of three victims of child maltreatment began to shed light on the dynamics of survival in high-risk settings.

- ↳ **CHILD:** Resilience in maltreated children was found to be related to personal characteristics that included a child's ability to: recognize danger and adapt, distance oneself from intense feelings, create relationships that are crucial for support, and project oneself into a time and place in the future in which the perpetrator is no longer present (Mrazek & Mrazek, 1987).

Since then, researchers have continued to explore why certain children with risk factors become victims and other children with the same factors do not. What are the factors that appear to protect children from the risks of maltreatment? In a recent overview by the Family Support Network, factors that may protect children from maltreatment include child factors, parent and family factors, social and environmental factors. Child factors that may protect children include good health, an above-average intelligence, hobbies or interests, good peer relationships, an easy temperament, a positive disposition, an active coping style, positive self-esteem, good social skills, an internal locus of control, and a balance between seeking help and autonomy.

- ↳ **FAMILY:** Parent and family protective factors that may protect children include secure attachment with children, parental reconciliation with their own childhood history of abuse, supportive family environment including those with two-parent households, household rules and monitoring of the child, extended family support, stable relationship with parents, family expectations of pro-social behavior, and high parental education. Some recent studies have found that families with two married parents encounter more stable home environments, fewer years in poverty, and diminished material hardship (Lerman, 2002).
- ↳ **SOCIETY:** Social and environmental risk factors that may protect children include middle to high socioeconomic status, access to health care and social services, consistent parental employment, adequate housing, family participation in a religious faith, good schools, and supportive adults outside the family who serve as role models or mentors (Family Support Network, 2002).

Risk and Protective Factors for Child Abuse and Neglect



Table 1. Risk and Protective Factors for Child Abuse and Neglect

	Risk Factors*	Protective Factors*
Child Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premature birth, birth anomalies, low birth weight, exposure to toxins in utero • Temperament: difficult/slow to warm up • Physical/cognitive/emotional disability, chronic or serious illness • Childhood trauma • Anti-social peer group • Age • Child aggression, behavior problems, attention deficits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good health, history of adequate development • Above-average intelligence • Hobbies and interests • Good peer relationships • Personality factors • Easy temperament • Positive disposition • Active coping style • Positive self-esteem • Good social skills • Internal locus of control • Balance between help seeking and autonomy
Parental/ Family Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality Factors • External locus of control • Poor impulse control • Depression/anxiety • Low tolerance for frustration • Feelings of insecurity • Lack of trust • Insecure attachment with own parents • Childhood history of abuse • High parental conflict, domestic violence • Family structure – single parent with lack of support, high number of children in household • Social isolation, lack of support • Parental psychopathology • Substance abuse • Separation/divorce, especially high conflict divorce • Age • High general stress level • Poor parent-child interaction, negative attitudes and attributions about child's behavior • Inaccurate knowledge and expectations about child development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure attachment; positive and warm parent-child relationship • Supportive family environment • Household rules/structure; parental monitoring of child • Extended family support and involvement, including caregiving help • Stable relationship with parents • Parents have a model of competence and good coping skills • Family expectations of pro-social behavior • High parental education
Social/ Environmental Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low socioeconomic status • Stressful life events • Lack of access to medical care, health insurance, adequate child care, and social services • Parental unemployment; homelessness • Social isolation/lack of social support • Exposure to racism/discrimination • Poor schools • Exposure to environmental toxins • Dangerous/violent neighborhood • Community violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid to high socioeconomic status • Access to health care and social services • Consistent parental employment • Adequate housing • Family religious faith participation • Good schools • Supportive adults outside of family who serve as role models/mentors to child

*This is not an all-inclusive or exhaustive list. These factors do not imply causality and should not be interpreted as such.

Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2004



Taking advantage of the compilation of research presented by the Child Welfare Information Gateway, this section is an excerpt from the publication *Long-term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect* (Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2006).

The impact of child abuse and neglect is often discussed in terms of physical, psychological, behavioral, and societal consequences. In reality, however, it is impossible to separate them completely. Physical consequences, such as damage to a child's growing brain, can have psychological implications, such as cognitive delays or emotional difficulties. Psychological problems often manifest as high-risk behaviors. Depression and anxiety, for example, may make a person more likely to smoke, abuse alcohol or illicit drugs, or overeat. High-risk behaviors, in turn, can lead to long-term physical health problems such as sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, and obesity.

The effects vary depending on the circumstances of the abuse or neglect, personal characteristics of the child, and the child's environment. Consequences may be mild or severe; disappear after a short period or last a lifetime; and affect the child physically, psychologically, behaviorally, or in some combination of all three ways. Ultimately, due to related costs to public entities such as the health care, human services, and educational systems, abuse and neglect impact not just the child and family, but society as a whole.

This piece examines the long-term consequences of child abuse and neglect by the following categories:

- ↳ Psychological Consequences
- ↳ Behavioral Consequences
- ↳ Physical Consequences
- ↳ Societal Consequences



Psychological Consequences

The immediate emotional effects of abuse and neglect— isolation, fear, and an inability to trust— can translate into lifelong consequences, including low self-esteem, depression, and relationship difficulties. Researchers have identified links between child abuse and neglect and the following:

- ↳ **POOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH:** In one long-term study, as many as 80 percent of young adults who had been abused met the diagnostic criteria for at least one psychiatric disorder at age 21. These young adults exhibited many problems, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and suicide attempts (Silverman, Reinherz, & Giaconia, 1996). Other psychological and emotional conditions associated with abuse and neglect include panic disorder, dissociative disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, and reactive attachment disorder (Teicher, 2000).
- ↳ **COGNITIVE DIFFICULTIES:** The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being found that children placed in out-of-home care due to abuse or neglect tended to score lower than the general population on measures of cognitive capacity, language development, and academic achievement (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003).
- ↳ **SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES:** Children who are abused and neglected by caretakers often do not form secure attachments to them. These early attachment difficulties can lead to later difficulties in relationships with other adults as well as with peers (Morrison, Frank, Holland, & Kates, 1999).



Behavioral Consequences

Not all victims of child abuse and neglect will experience behavioral consequences; however, child abuse and neglect appear to make the following more likely:

- ↳ **DIFFICULTIES DURING ADOLESCENCE:** Studies have found abused and neglected children to be at least 25 percent more likely to experience problems such as delinquency, teen pregnancy, low academic achievement, drug use, and mental health problems (Kelley, Thornberry, & Smith, 1997).
- ↳ **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND ADULT CRIMINALITY:** A National Institute of Justice study indicated being abused or neglected as a child increased the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 59 percent. Abuse and neglect increased the likelihood of adult criminal behavior by 28 percent and violent crime by 30 percent (Widom & Maxfield, 2001).
- ↳ **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE:** Research consistently reflects an increased likelihood that abused and neglected children will smoke cigarettes, abuse alcohol, or take illicit drugs. According to a report from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, as many as two-thirds of people in drug treatment programs reported being abused as children (Swan, 1998).
- ↳ **ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR:** Abusive parents often have experienced abuse during their own childhoods. It is estimated approximately one-third of abused and neglected children will eventually victimize their own children (Prevent Child Abuse New York, 2003).



Physical Consequences

The immediate physical effects of abuse or neglect can be relatively minor (bruises or cuts) or severe (broken bones, hemorrhage, or even death). In some cases the physical effects are temporary; however, the pain and suffering they cause a child should not be discounted. Meanwhile, the long-term impact of child abuse and neglect on physical health is just beginning to be explored. Below are some outcomes researchers have identified:

- ↳ **SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME:** The immediate effects of shaking a baby, which is a common form of child abuse in infants, can include vomiting, concussion, respiratory distress, seizures, and death. Long-term consequences can include blindness, learning disabilities, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, or paralysis (Conway, 1998).
- ↳ **IMPAIRED BRAIN DEVELOPMENT:** Child abuse and neglect have been shown, in some cases, to cause important regions of the brain to fail to form properly, resulting in impaired physical, mental, and emotional development (Perry, 2002; Shore, 1997). In other cases, the stress of chronic abuse causes a “hyperarousal” response by certain areas of the brain, which may result in hyperactivity, sleep disturbances, and anxiety, as well as increased vulnerability to post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, conduct disorder, and learning and memory difficulties (Dallam, 2001; Perry, 2001).
- ↳ **POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH:** A study of 700 children who had been in foster care for 1 year found that more than one-quarter of the children had some kind of recurring physical or mental health problem (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003). A study of 9,500 HMO participants showed a relationship between various forms of household dysfunction (including childhood abuse) and long-term health problems such as sexually transmitted diseases, heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease, skeletal fractures, and liver disease (Felitti et al., 1998; Hillis, Anda, Felitti, Nordenberg, & Marchbanks, 2000).



Societal Consequences

While child abuse and neglect almost always occur within the family, the impact does not end there. Society as a whole pays a price for child abuse and neglect, in terms of both direct and indirect costs.

- ↳ **DIRECT:** Direct costs include those associated with maintaining a child welfare system to investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect, as well as expenditures by the judicial, law enforcement, health, and mental health systems to respond to and treat abused children and their families. A 2001 report by Prevent Child Abuse America estimates these costs at \$24 billion per year.
- ↳ **INDIRECT COSTS:** Indirect costs represent the long-term economic consequences of child abuse and neglect. These include juvenile and adult criminal activity, mental illness, substance abuse, and domestic violence. They can also include loss of productivity due to unemployment and underemployment, the cost of special education services, and increased use of the health care system. Prevent Child Abuse America recently estimated these costs at more than \$69 billion per year (2001).

As noted by the Child Welfare Information Gateway, researchers also have begun to explore why, given similar conditions, some children experience long-term consequences of abuse and neglect while others emerge relatively unscathed. The ability to cope, and even thrive, following a negative experience is sometimes referred to as “resilience.” A number of protective factors may contribute to an abused or neglected child’s resilience. These include individual characteristics, such as optimism, self-esteem, intelligence, creativity, humor, and independence. Protective factors can also include the family or social environment, such as a child’s access to social support; in particular, a caring adult in the child’s life can be an important protective factor. Community well-being, including neighborhood stability and access to health care, is also a protective factor (Thomlison, 1997).



Taking advantage of the compilation of research conducted by the Commission and published by the National Center for Children in Poverty, this section is mostly an excerpt from the *Improving the Odds for the Healthy Development of Young Children in Foster Care* (Dicker, Gordon & Knitzer, 2001) but also relies on other research to widen the scope for older children and youth in foster care. (See Table 2 for a sample of reasons to promote the well-being of children and youth in foster care.)

Young children in foster care are among the most vulnerable children in the country. Nearly 40 percent of them are born low birthweight and/or premature, two factors which increase the likelihood of medical problems and developmental delay (Halfon, Mendonca & Berkowitz, 1995; Silver, Amster & Haecker, 1999). These infants and toddlers are involved in over one-third of all substantiated neglect reports and more than half of all substantiated medical neglect reports (Wulczyn & Hislop, 2000). More than half suffer from serious physical health problems, including chronic health conditions, elevated lead blood-levels, and diseases such as asthma (Blatt, Saletsky, & Meguid, 1997; Chernoff et al., 1994; Halfon, Mendonca & Berkowitz, 1995; Hochstadt et al., 1987; Silver et al., 1999; Takayama, Bergman & Connell, 1994). Dental problems are widespread: one-third to one-half of young children in foster care are reported to have dental decay (Chernoff et al., 1994; Swire & Kavalier, 1997; U.S. General Accounting Office, 2000).

↳ **CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** Over half of young children in foster care experience developmental delays, which is four to five times the rate found among children in the general population (Silver et al., 1999; Silver, Amster & Haecker, 1999; Silver, 2000). For example, one recent study found that more than half of over 200 children in foster care under the age of 31 months had language delays, compared to the general population of preschoolers in which only 2 to 3 percent experience language disorders and 10 to 12 percent have speech disorders (Amster, Greis & Silver, 1997). The risks to healthy development are especially pronounced for infants. Infants comprise the largest cohort of the young child foster care population, accounting for one in five admissions to foster care and remaining in care longer than older children. Infants placed within three months of birth are those most likely to enter care and spend the longest time in care – twice as long as older children. One-third of all infants discharged from foster care reenter the child welfare system, further undermining the likelihood of their healthy development (Wulczyn & Hislop, 2000). In the recent past, most of these young children – nearly 80 percent – have been at risk for a wide range of medical and developmental health problems related to prenatal exposure to maternal substance abuse (Goerge & Wulczyn, 1998/1999; U.S. General Accounting Office, 1994).

↳ **EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT:** All young children in foster care also face heightened risk of emotional and behavioral problems. The inconsistent and unresponsive caregiving to which they are often exposed sets the stage for potentially serious emotional and behavioral difficulties, often involving difficulty in forming close relationships and managing emotions (Katz, 1987; Morrison et al., 1999). As infants and toddlers, the children may show signs of attachment disorders. As preschoolers, their behavior may be especially

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challenging and provocative, or they may show signs of anxiety and depression. These problems not only affect the children, but often cause great stress for those who care for them: relatives, foster parents, and child care providers, as well as their biological parents. If severe enough, these issues can disrupt the placement of the children in foster homes and prevent successful permanency outcomes. But despite their vulnerability, too many young children in foster care do not receive services that can address and ameliorate these risks. A significant percentage does not even receive basic health care, such as immunizations, dental services, hearing and vision screening, and testing for exposure to lead and communicable diseases. Specialized needs such as developmental delays and emotional and behavioral conditions are even less likely to be addressed (Knitzer, 2000; Rosenfeld, 1997).

↳ **SECURITY OR PERMANENCY:** Children of all ages need to feel secure, and permanency provides the foundation and bonds that contribute to a person's well-being throughout his or her lifetime. The emotional, physical, social and economic bonds from childhood provide an ever-important magnitude of supports. Imagine going through childhood without anyone to laugh and cry with or to share the thrills of major and minor successes or the annoyances of everyday experiences throughout the life course. Imagine not having any person to reference as a contact in case of an emergency.

Data indicate the numbers of children in foster care are decreasing and that permanency outcomes for children in foster care are becoming more prevalent. As noted by Barbell and Freundlich (2001), foster parents take on a number of traditional roles, including: nurturing, supporting the children's healthy development and providing guidance and discipline. As the system moves toward a new model of permanency and recognizes the strengths that foster parents bring to their role in a child's life, that role has been expanded to include advocating on behalf of the children with schools; mentoring birth parents; supporting the relationship between children and birth parents; and recruiting, training, and mentoring new foster parents (Child Welfare League of America, 1995; Dougherty, 2001). In addition, a growing number of foster parents are adopting the children they have fostered (Barbell & Freundlich, 2001).

Still many children and youth remain in foster care for years and a substantial number remain in foster care until they are emancipated (aged out). Living in long-term foster care has been found to have a primarily negative impact on the central process of adolescent identity development. Adolescent perceptions of the contextual features of foster care and the experiences encountered while in foster care led to the identification of two major, parallel processes: the devaluation of self by others and the protection of the self (Kools, 1997). Youth who are emancipated from foster care without a permanent family have been found to be at high risk for many poor outcomes. Findings from a longitudinal study of 141 youth aging out of foster care showed one in five (22%) had lived in four or more places within 18 months of discharge from care; more than one-third (37%) had been physically or sexually victimized, incarcerated, or homeless during that time period; and these youth had considerably more mental health challenges than others in the same age group (Courtney et al., 2001). Further, more than one-third (37%) had not completed high school, and only 61 percent were employed after 18 months with meager wages (median wage was \$4.60/hour) (Courtney et al., 2001).



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Table 2. Reasons To Promote the Healthy Development of Children in Foster Care

<p>New scientific knowledge shows the importance of the earliest years.</p>	<p>Emerging research makes it very clear that stable, nurturing early relationships are key to a child's social and emotional development. All children are born wired for feelings and ready to learn, but early experiences and/or exposure to risk factors can disrupt these processes (Shonkoff & Phillips, 2000; Shore, 1997). Indeed, a compelling body of cumulative science indicates that the more risks children experience, the more likely they are to have serious negative consequences that are reflected in their behavior and development. Since research shows that children in foster care experience many risk factors, this is a very troubling picture (Thorpe & Swart, 1992; Werner & Smith, 1992). However, research also suggests that intensive and early interventions can help reduce the harm that young children in foster care face due to their experiences with multiple risk factors (Gross, Spiker, & Haynes, 1997; Zeanah & Larrieu, 1998).</p>
<p>Children in foster care are the state's children.</p>	<p>All children in foster care are placed by court order in the custody of the state. The court order vests the state with powers typically exercised by parents for all other children. The state determines where and with whom a child will live, the nature of any medical care, and whether the child receives early childhood services or other services to address his or her needs. Neither the biological parent nor a foster parent who may know the child best has authority to make all vital decisions on a child's behalf. Thus, unlike most other young children, many children in foster care often lack the most fundamental resource to ensure their healthy development—a stable relationship with an adult who can observe their development over time, advocate on their behalf, and provide consent to services. Because of these enormous powers, the state has an enhanced responsibility to children in foster care above and beyond its responsibility to all other children—it has a responsibility to improve their well-being and to strengthen their families. Consistent with that enhanced responsibility, federal and state law mandates that state child welfare policy and practice ensure a child's safety and wellbeing and promote permanence. (The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 requires states to maintain up-to-date health records, such as immunization records and a child's health conditions, for children in foster care.) Ignoring their needs and failing to provide parents and foster parents with support compromises the well-being of these children and can undermine the child welfare system's family-building efforts. One way to meet these obligations is for states to ensure that young children receive appropriate and timely services, their caregivers receive respite and support, and caseworkers and court personnel understand the connections between reducing the developmental risks to young children in foster care and achieving permanency. For example, ensuring reunification, adoption, or a stable foster or kinship care placement for a young child with severe disabilities, chronic health problems, or emotionally challenging behavior is likely to be much easier if the caregivers receive respite care as well as training to manage their child's special needs.</p>
<p>It is in society's economic and social interest to promote positive outcomes for young children in foster care.</p>	<p>The third reason to promote strategic attention to interventions targeted to young children in foster care is that this nation has a vested interest in promoting the healthy development of all of its young children. In fact, more and more states are crafting policies to promote sound developmental and family support services for their young children (Cauthen, Knitzer, & Ripple, 2000). Congress, too, has weighed in. Recognizing the links among early development, school readiness, and later school performance, this nation has set forth a national goal that "all children shall enter school ready to learn" (Goals 2000: Educate America Act, 1994). All children, of course, includes young children in foster care. But given the level of risk so many children in foster care face, promoting their healthy development and school readiness requires more than business as usual. Indeed, failing to address these young children's needs has costly consequences for society. Children who have spent part of their childhood in foster care are more likely than other children to suffer adverse outcomes such as dropping out of school, teen pregnancy, homelessness, or incarceration (Courtney & Piliavan, 1999).</p>

Source: Dicker, Gordon & Knitzer, 2001

Conclusion



Child abuse and neglect occurs in families across all socioeconomic, religious, and racial and ethnic groups. There is no single, identifiable cause of child maltreatment. Instead, abuse and neglect tend to occur as a result of an interaction of multiple forces that impact the family. The presence of known risk factors does not necessarily lead to family violence, and factors that may cause violence in one family may not result in violence in another family (DePanfilis & Salus, 1992). There are short- and long-term negative consequences related to child abuse and neglect, including adverse health, educational attainment and social and behavioral development.

Children are placed into foster care for a wide variety of reasons, including: safety issues, their families are at least temporarily unable to care for them, specialized care or treatment is needed, or behavioral problems have led to a placement. Since children in foster care make up a majority of those in out-of-home care in New York State, this measure also provides insight into the extent to which children are removed from their homes and placed in out-of-home care in New York State.

To minimize the trauma of placement to children, the court seeks to place children in a foster care setting that is least disruptive and most family-like, consistent with a child's needs. Decisions are based on "the best interests of the child." The court then assumes the responsibility of continuing oversight until a permanent home is found. The court is charged with directing CPS to implement a service plan that identifies problems to be resolved, changes in parental behavior to be achieved, services to be provided to the family, special needs of the child and services to meet these needs, visitation, and deadlines for achieving plan goals. Regardless of the type of placement a child is in, placement in foster care presents children with change and loss, e.g., loss of parents, siblings, school, friends and community. Many children face multiple placements, which call upon children to enter and leave multiple relationships at a time in their development when consistency and stability are paramount.

Ensuring the well-being of children in or at risk of foster care is an investment in the future that can help achieve the goals this society wants for all its children – that they are safe, that they grow up in a loving home, and that they develop to their full potential. Improving outcomes for children and youth in foster care is a doable task. Judicial leadership; the creative use of federal and state programs; new approaches to ensuring access to age-appropriate health, developmental, and mental health services for children and youth in foster care; and linking all of these elements to the network of early childhood, youth development and family support programs within a community are important building blocks to help ensure the needs of children and youth in or at risk of foster care placement are being met. The broad, child-focused data presented in *The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts* aims to inform policy development, planning and accountability as a means to improve outcomes for children and youth involved with child welfare and the courts.



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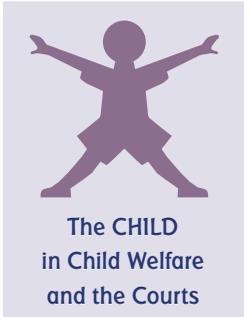
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From NYS Touchstones to The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts:
A Progression of Data-driven Efforts to Improve Outcomes for Children



Project/Timeline	Background	Purpose
<p>Mid 1990s</p> 	<p>The Council on Children and Families and its member agencies* developed broad, cross-agency goals and objectives for children and families that established the framework for NYS Touchstones. These goals and objectives represent expectations about the future and are organized by six major life areas: economic security, physical and emotional health, education, citizenship, family, and community. Each life area has a set of indicators that reflect the status of children and families. The framework is presented on the following pages.</p>	<p>The New York State Touchstones vision is: <i>All children, youth and families will be healthy and have the knowledge, skills and resources to succeed in a dynamic society.</i></p>
<p>1997</p> 	<p>Soon after Touchstones was developed, the Council became part of the state-level KIDS COUNT network, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The NYS Touchstones/KIDS COUNT 1998 Data Book was the first publication using the Touchstones framework. The Council continues to produce annual data books as data books play an important role in highlighting the status of children and families and in the data dissemination process.</p>	<p>New York State Touchstones/KIDS COUNT aims to <i>advance the use of children's health, education and well-being indicators as a tool for policy development, planning, and accountability.</i></p>
<p>December 2003</p> 	<p>KWIC is an interactive website that advances the Touchstones/KIDS COUNT data dissemination process by expanding access to New York State children's health, education and well-being data; providing more current data; expanding the number of indicators presented; providing access to other data resources; allowing users to chart, graph and map data; and giving users the ability to tailor data to fit their needs. KWIC, a one-stop data warehouse with data from numerous Council agencies, is available to data users twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.</p>	<p>KWIC's goal is to <i>promote efforts to gather, plot and monitor children's health, education and well-being indicator data as a means to improve outcomes for New York State's children and families.</i></p>
<p>2006</p>  <p>The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts</p>	<p>The Unified Court System's Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children approached the Council and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to develop a data dissemination mechanism for child welfare and court data that took advantage of the familiarity and usability of the New York State Touchstones/KIDS COUNT format and the data disseminating abilities of KWIC. This project not only brings UCS and OCFS data together but also turns the focus of child welfare data onto the child and away from the process. The Commission administers the federally-funded Court Improvement Project. Funding for The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts is made possible by a grant from Fostering Results, a project of the Pew Charitable Trusts.</p>	<p>The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts aims to <i>propel data-driven efforts to improve outcomes for children and youth involved with child welfare by focusing on the child and by providing a broader context of well-being for policy development, planning and accountability.</i></p>

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Life Areas, Goals, Objectives and Indicators

Economic Security

Goal 1:

Children and youth will be raised in families with sufficient economic resources to meet their basic needs.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children will be raised in households with sufficient economic resources to provide food, clothing shelter and other necessities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Children and youth will receive adequate financial support from absent parents.

Goal 2:

Youth will be prepared for their eventual economic self-sufficiency.

OBJECTIVE 1: Youth will have skills, attitudes and competencies to enter college, the workforce or other meaningful activities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Young adults who can work will have opportunities for employment.

OBJECTIVE 3: Youth seeking summer jobs will have employment opportunities.

Indicators:

→ Children and Youth Living Below Poverty

Physical and Emotional Health

Goal 3:

Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children and youth will be born healthy.

OBJECTIVE 2: Children and youth will be free from preventable disease and injury.

OBJECTIVE 3: Children and youth will have nutritious diets.

OBJECTIVE 4: Children and youth will be physically fit.

OBJECTIVE 5: Children and youth will be emotionally healthy.

OBJECTIVE 6: Children and youth will be free from health risk behaviors (e.g., smoking, drinking, substance abuse, unsafe sexual activity).

OBJECTIVE 7: Children and youth will have access to timely and appropriate preventive and primary health care.

OBJECTIVE 8: Children with special health care needs will experience an optimal quality of life.

OBJECTIVE 9: Children and youth with service needs due to mental illness, developmental disabilities and/or substance abuse problems will have access to timely and appropriate services.

Indicators:

- Adolescent Births and Pregnancies
- Infant, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality
- Low Birthweight Births & Premature Births

Education

Goal 4:

Children will leave school prepared to live, learn and work in a community as contributing members of society.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children will come to school ready to learn.

OBJECTIVE 2: Students will meet or exceed high standards for academic performance and demonstrate knowledge and skills required for lifelong learning and self-sufficiency in a dynamic world.

OBJECTIVE 3: Students will be educated in a safe, supportive, drug free and nurturing environment.

OBJECTIVE 4: Students will stay in school until successful completion.

Indicators:

→ Annual Dropouts — Public Schools

Life Areas, Goals, Objectives and Indicators

Citizenship

Goal 5:

Children and youth will demonstrate good citizenship as law-abiding, contributing members of their families, schools and communities.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children and youth will assume personal responsibility for their behavior.

OBJECTIVE 2: Youth will demonstrate ethical behavior and civic values.

OBJECTIVE 3: Children and youth will understand and respect people who are different from themselves.

OBJECTIVE 4: Children and youth will participate in family and community activities.

OBJECTIVE 5: Children and youth will have positive peer interactions.

OBJECTIVE 6: Children and youth will make constructive use of leisure time.

OBJECTIVE 7: Youth will delay becoming parents until adulthood.

OBJECTIVE 8: Children and youth will refrain from violence and other illegal behaviors.

Indicators:

- Adolescent Arrests for Property and Violent Crimes
- Adolescent Arrests for Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI
- Assault Hospitalizations
- Driving While Intoxicated Arrests
- Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services

Family

Goal 6:

Families will provide children with safe, stable and nurturing environments.

OBJECTIVE 1: Parents/caregivers will provide children with a stable family relationship.

OBJECTIVE 2: Parents/caregivers will possess and practice adequate child rearing skills.

OBJECTIVE 3: Parents/caregivers will be literate.

OBJECTIVE 4: Parents/caregivers will be positively involved in their children's learning.

OBJECTIVE 5: Parents/caregivers will have the knowledge and ability to access support services for their children.

OBJECTIVE 6: Parents/caregivers will provide their children with households free from physical and emotional abuse, neglect and domestic violence.

OBJECTIVE 7: Parents/caregivers will provide their children with households free from alcohol and other substance abuse.

Indicators:

- Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Indicated Reports
- Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Children and Youth in Indicated Reports
- Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child
- Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Court Cases
- Foster Care — Children and Youth In Care
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care
- Foster Care—Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Age
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Placement Type
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care by Placement Type
- Foster Care — Terminated Parental Rights
- Foster Care — Parental Rights Surrendered
- Foster Care — Adoption Milestones

Community

Goal 7:

New York State communities will provide children, youth and families with healthy, safe and thriving environments.

Objective 1: Communities will be economically sound.

Objective 2: The environment will be free of pollutants (e.g., air and water quality will meet healthful standards).

Objective 3: Neighborhoods will be crime free.

Objective 4: Adequate housing will be available.

Objective 5: Adequate transportation will be available.

Goal 8:

New York State communities will provide youth and their families with opportunities to help them meet their needs for physical, social, moral and emotional growth.

OBJECTIVE 1: Communities will make available and accessible formal and informal services (e.g., child care, parent training, recreation, youth services, libraries, museums, parks).

OBJECTIVE 2: Adults in the community will provide youth with good role models and opportunities for positive adult interactions.

OBJECTIVE 3: Communities will provide opportunities for youth to make positive contributions to community life and to practice skill development.

Indicators:

- Firearm Related Index Crimes
- Property and Violent Index Crimes Known to the Police
- Unemployment—Resident Civilian



Indicators can help describe changes over time, identify benchmarks and progress in relation to goals, and reflect the status of children and families. Using the Touchstones framework, the CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts indicators are organized by six major life areas: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship, Community, and Family.

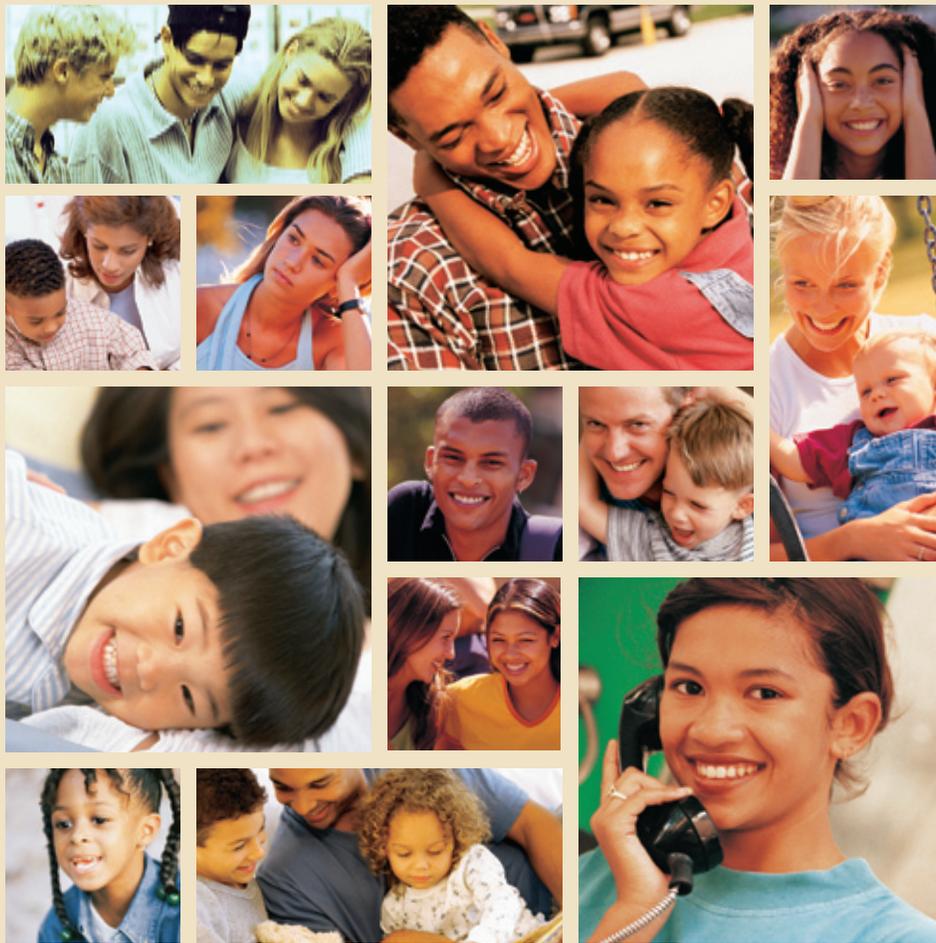
Understanding the story behind the indicator – its purpose, definition and significance – contributes to the accurate and effective interpretation of indicators. Data sources are provided for each indicator. **Agency Source** designates the originator of the data. **Data Source** designates the source for the numerator and **Population Source** designates the source for the denominator or population at risk. **Date Compiled** designates the date of compilation and **Notes** provide relevant facts to help interpret the data.



PART II

Indicator Profiles

Indicator Profiles present New York State, New York City, Rest of State (NYS minus NYC), and each of the 62 counties data by indicators. Indicator profiles present the most current year along with a comparison year thereby allowing examination of the long-term trend. Narratives accompany each indicator to provide the respective definition, significance and current findings. Indicator Profiles are organized by the New York State Touchstones life areas. (For year-by-year data, go to KWIC at <http://www.nyskwic.org>.)



Disproportionate Representation in the Child Welfare System

A disproportionate number of African American children entered foster care in 2000 (40.8%) and 2004 (41.0%) in New York State, based on the racial distribution of the state (approximately 21% of children and youth 0 to 17 years in New York State are African American). White children, accounting for approximately 70 percent of New York State's 0 to 17 years population, accounted for 42.8 percent and 46.5 percent of foster care admissions in 2000 and 2004, respectively.

Source: Foster care admissions see pp. 100-109; Population estimates based on U.S. Census Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2003 through 2005.

Demographics

Population by Race and Hispanic Origin and Age: New York State, 2000



Definition:

The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Hispanic, a self-designated classification, is defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Origin can be viewed as ancestry, nationality, or country of birth of the person or person's parents or ancestors prior to their arrival in the United States.

In an effort to better reflect the country's growing diversity, the U.S. Census gave respondents the option of self-selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities as of the 2000 Census. Respondents indicating only one race are referred to as race alone population or the group that reported only one race category. Six categories make up this population: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and Some Other Race. Individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are referred to as the Two or More Races population. All respondents who indicated more than one race can be collapsed into the Two or More Races category. The six One Race Alone categories with the Two or More Races category produce seven mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories and tally the sum of the total population.

Significance:

The disproportionate representation of ethnic minority children and families, particularly African American children, in the child welfare system is one of the most challenging and controversial issues facing the child welfare system (Chibnall et al., 2003). In particular, the percentage of African American children who enter the system and remain in out-of-home care is greater than their proportion of the country's population (Anderson, 1997). Young children are also at increased risk for child abuse and neglect. As summarized by Dicker and Gordon (2004), research

shows the risk of abuse and neglect for young children is often compounded by their parent's limited cognitive abilities, serious mental illness or drug and alcohol addiction. Compared to older children in foster care, or young children living in poverty, infants in foster care face far greater risks to their healthy development and future adult well-being. Infants also move through the child welfare system in ways that are different from older children – they remain in care longer and re-enter care after discharge in alarming numbers. The youngest infants, those under three months of age, are the most likely to enter foster care and spend twice as long in care as older children. Further, about one-third of all infants discharged from foster care return to the child welfare system, a strong indication that the problems leading to initial placement have remained unresolved.

Findings:

▼ In New York State, during the 2004 fiscal year, African American children accounted for 29.9 percent of children in indicated reports (U.S. DHHS, 2006) and had the highest rate of victimization (24.3/1,000 African American children) compared to other race/ethnicities (Figure 1).

▼ In New York State, during the 2004 fiscal year, infants (less than one year of age) accounted for the largest percentage (8.5%) of victims of child abuse and neglect by single-year increments of age (see U.S. DHHS, 2006: Table 3-10).

▼ Infants and children ages 3 years and under accounted for 24.7 percent of all reported victims of child abuse and neglect during the 2004 fiscal year in New York State (see U.S. DHHS, 2006: Table 3-10).

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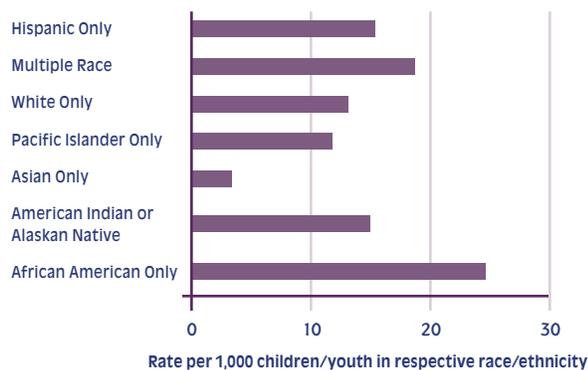
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Figure 1. Child Abuse and Neglect Victims by Race/Ethnicity: New York State, 2004



Source: U.S. DHHS, 2006 (Table 3-12)



Total and Non-Hispanic Population by Race: New York State, 2000

(Source: U.S. Census, 2000)



	Total Population	Total Non-Hispanic	White alone	African American alone	Native American/ Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander alone	Some other race alone	Two or more races
New York State	18,976,457	16,111,441	11,761,679	2,791,904	53,637	1,036,169	5,015	73,395	389,642
New York City	8,008,278	5,846,748	2,801,995	1,952,953	16,022	781,736	2,711	57,145	234,186
Bronx	1,332,650	687,428	194,312	415,381	3,330	37,868	423	8,041	28,073
Kings	2,465,326	1,977,163	854,653	844,568	4,230	184,498	898	16,067	72,249
New York	1,537,195	1,119,190	703,462	233,383	2,319	143,028	354	5,738	30,906
Queens	2,229,379	1,672,893	732,968	419,902	5,606	392,079	884	26,427	95,027
Richmond	443,728	390,074	316,600	39,719	537	24,263	152	872	7,931
Rest of State	10,968,179	10,264,693	8,959,684	838,951	37,615	254,433	2,304	16,250	155,456
Albany	294,565	285,294	240,921	30,606	826	7,864	24	450	4,603
Allegany	49,927	49,534	48,158	302	117	436	1	43	477
Broome	200,536	196,467	181,437	6,507	418	5,268	38	123	2,676
Cattaraugus	83,955	83,184	78,982	835	2,023	441	15	35	853
Cayuga	81,963	80,222	75,600	2,944	261	343	45	121	908
Chautauqua	139,750	133,914	128,574	2,730	591	458	20	196	1,345
Chemung	91,070	89,489	81,877	5,023	313	792	20	52	1,412
Chenango	51,401	50,839	49,779	356	189	167	0	12	336
Clinton	79,894	78,140	73,737	2,734	210	712	7	48	692
Columbia	63,094	61,638	57,565	2,715	113	461	41	39	704
Cortland	48,599	48,015	46,787	325	171	91	5	19	617
Delaware	48,055	47,342	45,795	510	164	284	0	48	541
Dutchess	280,150	262,533	224,979	24,708	421	7,014	50	624	4,737
Erie	950,265	919,505	768,476	120,951	5,652	12,858	210	755	10,603
Essex	38,851	37,995	36,275	1,022	134	179	24	15	346
Franklin	51,134	49,080	42,680	2,906	3,184	67	0	44	199
Fulton	55,073	54,177	52,392	964	175	240	4	20	382
Genesee	60,370	59,646	57,045	1,128	529	242	15	72	615
Greene	48,195	46,125	42,719	2,540	115	222	0	60	469
Hamilton	5,379	5,342	5,263	9	20	5	0	8	37
Herkimer	64,427	63,925	62,787	287	59	247	10	8	527
Jefferson	111,738	107,259	97,489	6,119	580	1,164	127	166	1,614
Lewis	26,944	26,811	26,445	100	90	52	4	10	110
Livingston	64,328	62,939	59,828	1,678	154	676	0	36	567
Madison	69,441	68,596	66,289	802	309	473	23	121	579
Monroe	735,343	696,797	566,424	96,744	2,289	17,685	121	734	12,800
Montgomery	49,708	46,270	45,127	392	51	351	5	17	327
Nassau	1,334,544	1,201,503	986,378	129,003	1,199	62,218	336	3,093	19,276
Niagara	219,846	216,967	197,431	13,261	1,981	1,141	89	144	2,920
Oneida	235,469	228,055	208,198	12,958	439	2,716	43	246	3,455
Onondaga	458,336	447,610	383,642	40,951	3,884	9,511	100	597	8,925
Ontario	100,224	98,039	94,334	1,725	175	696	4	112	993
Orange	341,367	301,527	265,003	24,740	790	5,384	70	389	5,151
Orleans	44,171	42,424	38,656	2,985	176	95	12	28	472
Oswego	122,377	120,976	118,029	599	436	534	16	33	1,329
Otsego	61,676	60,570	58,587	1,021	89	302	6	31	534
Putnam	95,745	89,772	85,774	1,179	249	1,115	5	221	1,229
Rensselaer	152,538	149,736	138,002	7,026	183	2,412	22	148	1,943
Rockland	286,753	257,698	205,288	29,864	470	16,092	75	602	5,307
St. Lawrence	111,931	110,008	104,910	2,515	1,030	655	17	44	837
Saratoga	200,635	197,635	190,358	2,508	408	2,176	44	212	1,929
Schenectady	146,555	141,935	126,516	9,065	374	2,844	62	364	2,710
Schoharie	31,582	31,036	30,077	460	111	89	0	15	284
Schuyler	19,224	19,031	18,403	245	65	34	4	0	280
Seneca	33,342	32,702	31,195	743	138	309	33	8	276
Steuben	98,726	98,098	95,033	1,040	298	799	39	40	849
Suffolk	1,419,369	1,269,947	1,117,720	92,351	3,146	33,875	276	2,128	20,451
Sullivan	73,966	66,925	59,092	5,765	184	850	7	183	844
Tioga	51,784	51,302	50,014	285	112	349	27	68	447
Tompkins	96,501	93,566	81,031	3,089	237	7,098	21	230	1,860
Ulster	177,749	166,903	152,218	9,193	382	1,772	27	353	2,958
Warren	63,303	62,794	61,343	293	77	504	40	31	506
Washington	61,042	59,886	57,295	1,712	211	222	4	2	440
Wayne	93,765	91,547	87,030	2,664	175	380	0	21	1,277
Westchester	923,459	778,909	591,526	123,312	1,292	41,260	114	3,028	18,377
Wyoming	43,424	42,156	39,343	2,361	89	130	2	0	231
Yates	24,621	24,358	23,828	101	57	79	0	3	290

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(Source: U.S. Census, 2000)



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Bronx	1,332,650	645,222	204,218	58,026	7,099	1,208	676	323,540	50,455
Kings	2,465,326	488,163	161,233	48,432	4,303	1,316	651	235,623	36,605
New York	1,537,195	418,005	131,836	32,299	4,585	1,340	258	215,258	32,429
Queens	2,229,379	556,486	249,617	21,699	4,319	2,235	510	233,936	44,170
Richmond	443,728	53,654	28,153	2,970	329	275	64	17,752	4,111
Rest of State	10,968,179	703,486	354,382	30,912	5,042	1,880	729	252,891	57,650
Albany	294,565	9,271	4,288	1,005	65	23	7	2,899	984
Allegany	49,927	393	192	27	3	0	0	133	38
Broome	200,536	4,069	2,035	201	22	53	0	1,332	426
Cattaraugus	83,955	771	506	30	10	0	0	196	29
Cayuga	81,963	1,741	807	85	22	0	13	647	167
Chautauqua	139,750	5,836	2,686	306	39	4	0	2,290	511
Chemung	91,070	1,581	695	154	8	4	0	552	168
Chenango	51,401	562	417	19	0	4	0	67	55
Clinton	79,894	1,754	709	206	9	2	0	674	154
Columbia	63,094	1,456	668	77	13	0	0	526	172
Cortland	48,599	584	403	22	0	0	0	148	11
Delaware	48,055	713	450	25	5	0	0	189	44
Dutchess	280,150	17,617	9,085	979	91	77	4	6,079	1,302
Erie	950,265	30,760	13,459	1,977	380	35	28	12,341	2,540
Essex	38,851	856	458	122	2	0	5	227	42
Franklin	51,134	2,054	735	205	23	0	0	1,061	30
Fulton	55,073	896	474	35	7	0	0	307	73
Genesee	60,370	724	267	65	0	0	0	266	126
Greene	48,195	2,070	971	119	2	11	0	854	113
Hamilton	5,379	37	17	0	0	0	2	18	0
Herkimer	64,427	502	300	33	13	8	0	82	66
Jefferson	111,738	4,479	1,525	191	102	7	16	2,041	597
Lewis	26,944	133	64	2	3	0	2	51	11
Livingston	64,328	1,389	749	105	0	9	0	412	114
Madison	69,441	845	460	85	17	5	0	213	65
Monroe	735,343	38,546	13,989	2,439	120	59	48	17,863	4,028
Montgomery	49,708	3,438	2,121	136	22	0	0	982	177
Nassau	1,334,544	133,041	71,474	4,522	642	318	74	45,200	10,811
Niagara	219,846	2,879	1,623	173	72	7	0	571	433
Oneida	235,469	7,414	3,892	440	56	24	12	2,272	718
Onondaga	458,336	10,726	4,602	1,145	220	82	4	3,479	1,194
Ontario	100,224	2,185	1,136	127	21	0	0	665	236
Orange	341,367	39,840	20,381	1,881	397	92	12	13,697	3,380
Orleans	44,171	1,747	737	155	19	0	0	787	49
Oswego	122,377	1,401	701	31	5	6	0	511	147
Otsego	61,676	1,106	638	69	6	2	2	289	100
Putnam	95,745	5,973	4,044	40	13	98	7	1,384	387
Rensselaer	152,538	2,802	983	166	7	18	7	1,287	334
Rockland	286,753	29,055	15,307	832	131	38	178	10,089	2,480
St. Lawrence	111,931	1,923	932	113	7	2	0	741	128
Saratoga	200,635	3,000	1,865	73	31	3	6	761	261
Schenectady	146,555	4,620	2,025	473	33	6	0	1,528	555
Schoharie	31,582	546	359	37	9	0	0	75	66
Schuyler	19,224	193	113	7	0	0	0	56	17
Seneca	33,342	640	389	49	0	0	3	149	50
Steuben	98,726	628	351	43	4	0	0	157	73
Suffolk	1,419,369	149,422	82,399	4,864	863	268	151	50,574	10,303
Sullivan	73,966	7,041	3,994	390	16	5	49	1,900	687
Tioga	51,784	482	307	26	3	0	0	44	102
Tompkins	96,501	2,935	1,478	223	8	48	14	858	306
Ulster	177,749	10,846	5,945	447	129	43	5	3,434	843
Warren	63,303	509	266	27	2	0	4	124	86
Washington	61,042	1,156	559	120	6	0	0	425	46
Wayne	93,765	2,218	1,120	71	18	14	0	822	173
Westchester	923,459	144,550	67,525	5,604	1,341	491	76	57,930	11,583
Wyoming	43,424	1,268	525	114	5	7	0	571	46
Yates	24,621	263	182	0	0	7	0	61	13

Population by Age Group: New York State, 2000

(Source: U.S. Census, 2000)



	Total	0-<2 years	2-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-17 years	18-21 years	22-64 years	65+ years
New York State	18,976,457	485,028	742,319	1,357,191	1,336,043	753,610	1,023,698	10,827,871	2,450,697
New York City	8,008,278	216,249	316,427	562,978	535,772	298,847	432,982	4,705,653	939,370
Bronx County	1,332,650	43,022	64,536	120,260	109,754	58,277	82,448	719,245	135,108
Kings County	2,465,326	72,430	107,673	189,266	184,235	105,059	140,217	1,383,164	283,282
New York County	1,537,195	32,072	43,108	73,766	68,828	37,824	75,396	1,019,553	186,648
Queens County	2,229,379	56,759	83,750	146,955	140,287	79,674	113,459	1,325,671	282,824
Richmond County	443,728	11,966	17,360	32,731	32,668	18,013	21,462	258,020	51,508
Rest of State	10,968,179	268,779	425,892	794,213	800,271	454,763	590,716	6,122,218	1,511,327
Albany County	294,565	6,784	9,763	19,340	18,979	11,212	21,128	164,459	42,900
Allegany County	49,927	1,048	1,749	3,218	3,873	2,264	5,657	25,115	7,003
Broome County	200,536	4,366	6,954	13,312	13,605	7,852	14,339	107,104	33,004
Cattaraugus County	83,955	2,041	3,129	5,808	6,740	4,235	5,098	44,587	12,317
Cayuga County	81,963	1,788	2,998	5,603	6,208	3,908	4,206	45,409	11,843
Chautauqua County	139,750	3,202	4,871	9,610	9,940	6,475	9,481	73,804	22,367
Chemung County	91,070	2,211	3,152	5,927	6,883	3,988	4,928	49,778	14,203
Chenango County	51,401	1,098	1,962	3,628	4,271	2,501	2,132	28,156	7,653
Clinton County	79,894	1,468	2,631	5,116	5,755	3,371	6,356	45,679	9,518
Columbia County	63,094	1,150	2,222	4,082	4,729	2,881	2,530	35,104	10,396
Cortland County	48,599	1,268	1,613	3,129	3,480	1,979	5,307	25,746	6,077
Delaware County	48,055	930	1,513	2,898	3,518	2,212	2,637	25,421	8,926
Dutchess County	280,150	6,364	10,749	20,570	20,677	11,459	17,202	159,468	33,661
Erie County	950,265	22,600	34,786	66,274	67,832	38,765	49,066	519,230	151,712
Essex County	38,851	666	1,277	2,367	2,867	1,665	1,457	22,306	6,246
Franklin County	51,134	925	1,589	3,332	3,548	2,185	2,982	30,014	6,559
Fulton County	55,073	1,198	1,877	3,839	3,973	2,737	2,383	30,101	8,965
Genesee County	60,370	1,313	2,319	4,344	4,785	2,869	2,842	33,267	8,631
Greene County	48,195	911	1,606	3,071	3,532	1,860	3,194	26,484	7,537
Hamilton County	5,379	93	136	278	316	243	191	3,041	1,081
Herkimer County	64,427	1,374	2,192	4,488	4,636	2,980	3,240	34,621	10,896
Jefferson County	111,738	3,239	4,937	8,471	8,129	4,775	7,553	61,933	12,701
Lewis County	26,944	637	1,006	1,974	2,366	1,479	1,335	14,437	3,710
Livingston County	64,328	1,289	2,243	3,810	4,806	2,864	6,603	35,372	7,341
Madison County	69,441	1,630	2,488	4,762	5,220	3,290	6,160	37,209	8,682
Monroe County	735,343	17,862	28,677	54,788	55,954	30,612	42,378	409,373	95,699
Montgomery County	49,708	1,087	1,840	3,269	3,740	2,237	2,122	25,916	9,497
Nassau County	1,334,544	32,969	52,899	96,853	93,207	52,255	56,539	749,611	200,211
Niagara County	219,846	5,152	7,964	15,302	16,355	9,425	11,791	119,869	33,988
Oneida County	235,469	5,378	8,024	15,177	17,515	10,230	12,590	127,692	38,863
Onondaga County	458,336	12,057	17,757	33,864	34,846	19,520	26,432	250,458	63,402
Ontario County	100,224	2,209	3,870	7,613	7,479	4,280	5,184	56,336	13,253
Orange County	341,367	9,514	16,424	28,787	28,622	15,516	18,917	188,308	35,279
Orleans County	44,171	1,186	1,596	3,226	3,414	2,160	2,080	25,026	5,483
Oswego County	122,377	3,003	4,544	9,361	10,027	5,827	8,642	67,104	13,869
Otsego County	61,676	1,064	1,860	3,944	4,272	2,803	6,470	31,945	9,318
Putnam County	95,745	2,439	4,168	7,475	7,089	4,016	3,387	57,989	9,182
Rensselaer County	152,538	3,435	5,869	10,502	10,935	6,217	9,745	85,143	20,692
Rockland County	286,753	8,234	13,517	23,339	22,730	12,417	13,190	159,774	33,552
St. Lawrence County	111,931	2,389	3,585	7,455	7,799	4,988	10,888	60,259	14,568
Saratoga County	200,635	4,984	8,079	14,364	14,305	8,452	9,271	118,265	22,915
Schenectady County	146,555	3,715	5,256	10,613	10,353	5,635	7,075	79,561	24,347
Schoharie County	31,582	665	1,091	2,207	2,131	1,474	2,432	16,886	4,696
Schuyler County	19,224	453	671	1,427	1,367	939	1,071	10,479	2,817
Seneca County	33,342	750	1,068	2,418	2,560	1,499	1,415	18,599	5,033
Steuben County	98,726	2,433	3,591	7,159	7,751	4,620	4,513	53,636	15,023
Suffolk County	1,419,369	38,681	61,311	110,499	103,220	55,753	63,282	819,102	167,521
Sullivan County	73,966	1,642	2,617	5,078	5,725	3,318	3,424	41,549	10,613
Tioga County	51,784	1,181	2,064	3,943	4,173	2,590	2,071	28,962	6,800
Tompkins County	96,501	1,552	2,649	5,168	5,473	3,553	18,493	50,366	9,247
Ulster County	177,749	3,638	6,018	12,396	12,435	7,089	9,578	102,918	23,677
Warren County	63,303	1,330	2,144	4,237	4,793	2,714	2,917	35,587	9,581
Washington County	61,042	1,229	2,194	4,275	4,640	2,662	3,248	34,244	8,550
Wayne County	93,765	2,393	3,635	7,527	7,650	4,465	3,868	52,880	11,347
Westchester County	923,459	25,173	38,624	67,908	63,996	34,191	36,130	528,137	129,300
Wyoming County	43,424	840	1,442	2,929	3,195	2,035	1,926	25,813	5,244
Yates County	24,621	549	1,082	1,859	1,852	1,222	1,640	12,586	3,831

LIFE AREA:

Economic Security



Goal 1: Children and youth will be raised in families with sufficient economic resources to meet their basic needs.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children will be raised in households with sufficient economic resources to provide food, clothing, shelter and other necessities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Children and youth will receive adequate financial support from absent parents.

Goal 2: Youth will be prepared for their eventual economic self-sufficiency.

OBJECTIVE 1: Youth will have skills, attitudes and competencies to enter college, the workforce or other meaningful activities.

OBJECTIVE 2: Young adults who can work will have opportunities for employment.

OBJECTIVE 3: Youth seeking summer jobs will have employment opportunities.

Indicators

→ Children and Youth Living Below Poverty

Economic Security

Children and Youth Living Below Poverty

number and percent children/youth ages birth-17 years



Definition:

Children are considered to be living in poverty if their family income, before taxes, falls below the poverty thresholds set by the federal government for families of different sizes. The Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as well as the value of non-cash benefits such as public housing, food stamps, Medicaid, or school meals are not included when calculating family income; in addition, certain costs such as taxes and work-related expenses are not subtracted from family income in determining the number of children who are poor. The poverty thresholds are adjusted each year for changes in the cost of living. In 2003, the poverty threshold for a single parent and two children was \$14,825; for a married couple with two children the poverty threshold was \$18,660.

Significance:

The poverty rate measures the percentage of children living in families considered to have too little income to meet basic needs. Poverty in childhood is associated with a wide range of social, educational, health and future employment problems.

Note that there is much controversy concerning where the poverty line should be drawn and what family income and resources should count in determining if a family is above or below that line. As a result, the number of children in poverty should not be considered a precise measure of how many children lack the income and resources required to meet basic needs. Instead, the poverty measure should be used to assess the relative differences between counties in the number of children near or below the minimum required to meet basic needs, as well as to examine trends over time within counties in the number of children living with minimal economic resources.

Findings:

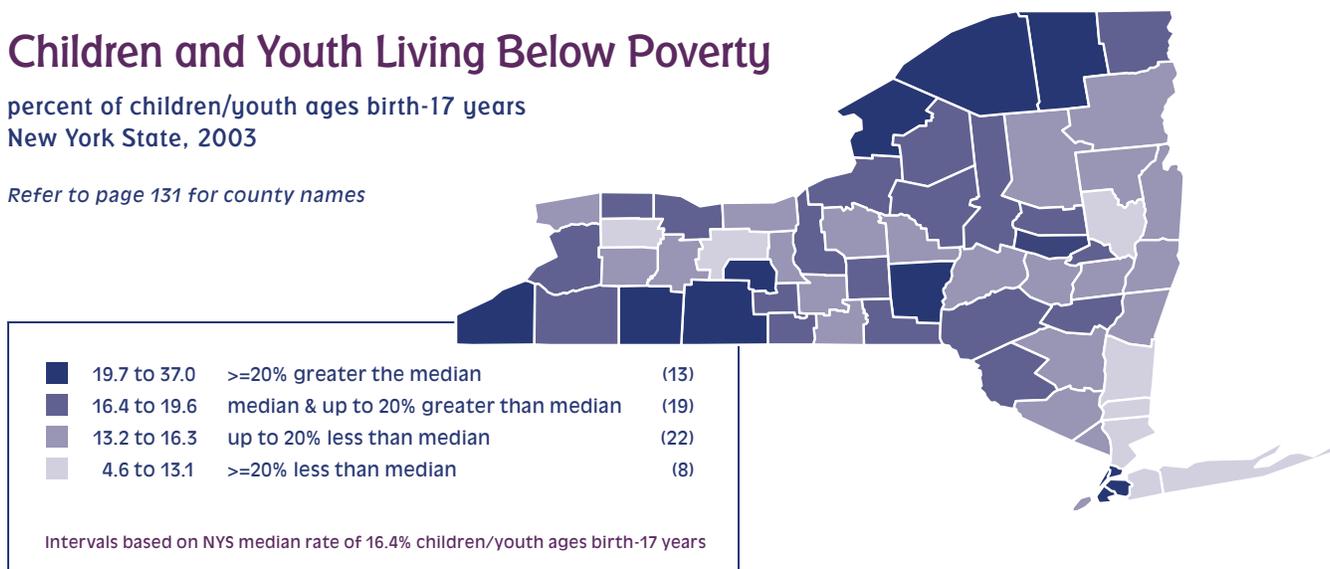
According to the Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Estimates Program (SAIPE), the percent of children in poverty declined by 20 percent in New York State from 1995 to 2003, from 25.4 percent in 1995 to 20.2 percent in 2003. As a result of the decline, there was an estimated 261,825 fewer children living in poverty in 2003 than in 1995. During the same period, child poverty declined by 27 percent in New York City, from 40.0 percent in 1995 to 29.3 percent in 2003. In Rest of State, child poverty declined by 15 percent, from 15.8 percent in 1995 to 13.5 percent in 2003.

In 2003, the highest rates of child poverty in New York State were in three of New York City's Counties: Bronx (37.0%), Kings (33.1%), and New York (30.6%). The lowest poverty rates were found in suburban counties such as Putnam (4.6%), Nassau (7.2%), Saratoga (8.0%), Dutchess (9.4%), and Suffolk (8.9%). Child poverty rates for counties with a mix of highly urban and suburban populations fell in between the rates for the urban and suburban counties noted above, e.g., Erie County (18.2%), Monroe County (17.6%), and Onondaga County (15.9%). In rural counties, poverty rates for children varied greatly, ranging above and below the rates for counties with a mix of urban and suburban populations, but always above the rate for suburban counties and substantially below the rate for New York City.

Children and Youth Living Below Poverty

percent of children/youth ages birth-17 years
New York State, 2003

Refer to page 131 for county names



Children and Youth Living Below Poverty

number and percent children/youth ages birth-17 years



	1995		2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	1,177,720	25.4	915,895	20.2
New York City	733,842	40.0	561,708	29.3
Bronx	174,299	48.9	146,936	37.0
Kings	297,978	46.4	213,334	33.1
New York	125,810	44.7	81,568	30.6
Queens	119,813	26.5	104,286	21.0
Richmond	15,942	14.9	15,584	13.8
Rest of State	443,876	15.8	354,190	13.5
Albany	10,901	15.9	9,162	14.5
Allegany	3,395	23.9	2,216	20.4
Broome	9,722	19.7	7,783	18.4
Cattaraugus	5,625	22.3	3,829	19.5
Cayuga	4,250	18.4	2,992	16.4
Chautauqua	9,358	24.5	6,798	22.1
Chemung	5,159	20.5	3,994	19.5
Chenango	3,327	21.5	2,412	20.1
Clinton	4,194	19.1	2,711	16.4
Columbia	2,815	17.2	1,974	14.4
Cortland	2,372	18.0	1,834	17.3
Delaware	2,736	21.7	1,847	19.2
Dutchess	7,432	11.0	6,412	9.4
Erie	52,661	22.0	39,109	18.2
Essex	1,983	20.2	1,240	16.0
Franklin	3,063	23.5	2,061	20.1
Fulton	3,066	21.3	2,404	19.6
Genesee	2,241	12.8	1,804	12.8
Greene	2,109	18.3	1,826	17.9
Hamilton	175	14.5	133	14.5
Herkimer	3,608	20.0	2,505	17.8
Jefferson	6,732	20.2	5,732	20.4
Lewis	1,803	19.6	1,209	18.7
Livingston	2,272	13.3	1,824	13.6
Madison	2,756	14.2	2,123	13.6
Monroe	39,236	20.5	31,365	17.6
Montgomery	2,837	20.6	2,283	20.3
Nassau	23,857	7.7	23,070	7.2
Niagara	11,478	19.4	8,004	16.0
Oneida	13,660	22.4	9,543	18.3
Onondaga	22,831	18.6	17,841	15.9
Ontario	3,470	13.0	2,865	12.0
Orange	15,223	15.7	13,562	13.5
Orleans	2,173	17.2	1,861	17.9
Oswego	7,054	18.8	5,466	18.5
Otsego	2,792	18.3	2,013	16.3
Putnam	1,204	4.8	1,141	4.6
Rensselaer	6,728	16.9	4,595	13.2
Rockland	11,291	14.5	11,396	14.3
St. Lawrence	7,710	25.3	4,675	19.9
Saratoga	5,311	9.9	3,889	8.0
Schenectady	5,676	15.6	5,821	16.9
Schoharie	1,620	18.9	1,059	15.9
Schuyler	1,091	20.1	750	17.4
Seneca	1,566	17.1	1,214	16.1
Steuben	6,294	22.0	4,660	20.0
Suffolk	37,892	10.5	32,805	8.9
Sullivan	4,182	22.4	3,352	19.2
Tioga	2,507	15.8	1,749	14.1
Tompkins	3,438	16.9	2,158	13.5
Ulster	6,656	16.2	5,274	13.6
Warren	2,629	16.1	2,049	14.6
Washington	2,813	16.8	2,184	15.9
Wayne	3,789	13.4	3,410	14.5
Westchester	29,711	14.2	25,731	11.1
Wyoming	1,844	14.8	1,248	13.7
Yates	1,558	23.0	1,223	20.6

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

DATA SOURCE:

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program (SAIPE); U.S. Bureau of the Census

POPULATION SOURCE:

U.S. Bureau of the Census

DATE COMPILED:

August 1999, November 2005

NOTES:

- Regional totals may not equal sum of counties due to rounding.
- The SAIPE estimates of poverty rates in each county are based on statistical models that use a variety of data available for each county to predict the poverty rate for that county.
- Percentages reflect children/youth ages birth-17 years living below poverty.

New York Statistics:

Median:	16.4
Minimum:	4.6
Maximum:	37.0
Standard Deviation:	5.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate

LIFE AREA:

Physical and Emotional Health



Goal 3: Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

- OBJECTIVE 1: Children and youth will be born healthy.
- OBJECTIVE 2: Children and youth will be free from preventable disease and injury.
- OBJECTIVE 3: Children and youth will have nutritious diets.
- OBJECTIVE 4: Children and youth will be physically fit.
- OBJECTIVE 5: Children and youth will be emotionally healthy.
- OBJECTIVE 6: Children and youth will be free from health risk behaviors (e.g., smoking, drinking, substance abuse, unsafe sexual activity).
- OBJECTIVE 7: Children and youth will have access to timely and appropriate preventive and primary health care.
- OBJECTIVE 8: Children with special health care needs will experience an optimal quality of life.
- OBJECTIVE 9: Children and youth with service needs due to mental illness, developmental disabilities and/or substance abuse problems will have access to timely and appropriate services.

Indicators

- Adolescent Births and Pregnancies
- Infant, Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality
- Low Birthweight Births and Premature Births

Physical and Emotional Health

Adolescent Births and Pregnancies by Maternal Age

number and rate per 1,000 females ages 10-19 years



Definition:

Pregnancies are the sum of the number of live births, reported induced terminations of pregnancies and reported fetal deaths of all gestations. The adolescent pregnancy rate is the number of pregnancies per 1,000 females in the stated age group. The adolescent live birth rate is the number of live births in an age group per 1,000 female population in the same age group. Rates are presented for adolescent pregnancies and live births for the age groups 10 through 14, 15 through 17, and 15 through 19 years.

Significance:

Assuming the responsibilities of parenting before one is financially, socially or emotionally prepared carries increased risks of later difficulties for the parent, the child and the community. Adolescent mothers are less likely than their non-parenting peers to complete high school and marry. They are more likely to have large families and live in poverty. Their children are at greater risk of infant mortality, poor health, lower cognitive development, worse educational outcomes, higher rates of behavior problems and higher rates of adolescent childbearing themselves. Adolescent childbearing also places a greater financial burden on society in terms of the increased supports required to assist these families (Kirby, 1997).

Healthy People 2010 objectives call for a national reduction in the adolescent pregnancy rate to 46 pregnancies per 1,000 females ages 15 through 17 years (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000). The New York Public Health Council has also identified adolescent sexual activity as a priority area for public health action. As such, it has set an objective to reduce, by 2006, the adolescent pregnancy rate to no more than 2 per 1,000 girls aged 10 through 14 and to no more than 50 per 1,000 girls aged 15 through 17 (New York State Public Health Council, 1996).

Findings:



In 2003, there were 39,495 pregnancies to young women ages 15 through 19 years in New York State. The pregnancy rate for this age group was 63.3 per 1,000, a 30 percent decline from the 1995 rate of 90.1 per 1,000.



The decline in the adolescent pregnancy rate in New York State occurred among young women in both New York City and Rest of State. The rate of pregnancies for women outside of New York City declined from 61.5 per 1,000 women ages 15 through 19 in 1995 to 43.2 per 1,000 in 2003. Adolescent pregnancy rates in New York City also declined between 1995 and 2003 (134.9 and 95.4, respectively).



In 2003, pregnancy rates for New York State's youngest teens remained fairly low at 1.5 per 1,000 girls aged 10 through 14 years. Pregnancy among young women aged 15 through 17 declined from 60.0 per 1,000 in 1995 to 38.2 in 2003.



The decline in the adolescent birth rate in New York State occurred among young women in both New York City and Rest of State. The rate of births for women outside of New York City declined from 32.9 per 1,000 women ages 15 through 19 years in 1995 to 23.3 per 1,000 in 2003. Adolescent birth rates in New York City also declined between 1995 and 2003 (60.3 and 36.0, respectively).



In 2003, birth rates for New York State's youngest teens remained fairly low at 0.4 per 1,000 girls aged 10 through 14 years. Births among young women aged 15 through 17 years declined from 27.6 per 1,000 in 1995 to 14.9 in 2003.

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Adolescent Births by Age – 10-17 years

number and rate per 1,000 females ages 10-17 years



	Ages 10-14 Years				Ages 15-17 Years			
	Number	1995 Rate	Number	2003 Rate	Number	1995 Rate	Number	2003 Rate
New York State	542	0.9	236	0.4	9,385	27.6	5,566	14.9
New York City	307	1.3	121	0.5	5,231	39.9	2,863	19.3
Bronx	84	1.9	37	0.7	1,484	60.8	943	31.8
Kings	114	1.4	30	0.3	1,834	39.0	906	17.8
New York	57	1.8	19	0.5	877	46.5	416	20.7
Queens	46	0.8	31	0.5	884	26.6	511	13.3
Richmond	6	0.5	4	0.2	152	19.9	87	9.5
Rest of State	235	0.7	115	0.3	4,154	19.9	2,703	12.0
Albany	12	1.4	1	0.1	136	26.7	89	15.7
Allegany	1	0.5	1	0.6	20	17.6	19	17.2
Broome	7	1.1	5	0.8	84	22.3	58	14.9
Cattaraugus	2	0.6	4	1.4	45	24.2	40	20.5
Cayuga	1	0.3	0	0.0	38	23.1	15	8.4
Chautauqua	3	0.6	1	0.2	81	28.7	51	17.3
Chemung	1	0.3	0	0.0	71	36.7	38	20.2
Chenango	2	0.9	0	0.0	22	18.9	15	12.7
Clinton	0	0.0	1	0.4	30	17.6	13	8.3
Columbia	2	1.0	0	0.0	18	15.0	17	13.0
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	21.4	14	14.9
Delaware	2	1.2	0	0.0	13	14.3	6	6.6
Dutchess	5	0.6	0	0.0	98	19.9	44	7.4
Erie	25	0.8	18	0.6	488	27.2	336	17.8
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	23.7	5	5.9
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0	29	28.7	14	13.5
Fulton	2	1.0	0	0.0	27	23.2	16	13.5
Genesee	1	0.5	0	0.0	24	19.3	8	5.7
Greene	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	7.9	5	4.9
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.2	0	0.0
Herkimer	2	0.9	1	0.5	43	30.4	32	22.8
Jefferson	1	0.2	0	0.0	64	28.8	30	13.2
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	29.7	3	4.3
Livingston	1	0.5	0	0.0	15	12.1	7	5.6
Madison	1	0.4	1	0.4	25	17.6	25	16.6
Monroe	37	1.6	17	0.6	397	30.2	282	18.2
Montgomery	2	1.1	0	0.0	31	31.1	17	16.9
Nassau	17	0.4	11	0.2	247	10.5	164	6.4
Niagara	6	0.8	5	0.7	102	23.6	73	15.9
Oneida	10	1.2	2	0.3	125	26.5	75	15.7
Onondaga	21	1.3	13	0.8	306	34.7	173	17.6
Ontario	0	0.0	1	0.3	26	14.4	23	10.6
Orange	8	0.7	2	0.1	136	21.0	92	11.5
Orleans	1	0.6	1	0.6	27	29.3	14	13.3
Oswego	4	0.8	0	0.0	74	28.5	43	15.7
Otsego	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	15.1	8	5.8
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.7	9	4.4
Rensselaer	2	0.4	0	0.0	67	23.1	46	14.7
Rockland	3	0.3	1	0.1	41	6.8	34	5.4
St. Lawrence	2	0.5	1	0.3	57	24.6	33	15.1
Saratoga	2	0.3	0	0.0	46	11.3	28	6.7
Schenectady	3	0.7	3	0.6	82	31.3	55	19.3
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	14.6	5	7.4
Schuyler	2	2.5	0	0.0	10	25.1	10	25.3
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	12.3	8	11.0
Steuben	2	0.5	0	0.0	54	25.2	28	12.8
Suffolk	16	0.3	9	0.2	360	12.5	267	9.2
Sullivan	3	1.3	0	0.0	45	35.0	32	19.3
Tioga	2	1.0	0	0.0	17	15.0	16	13.5
Tompkins	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	19.7	10	6.2
Ulster	3	0.6	2	0.3	55	18.8	31	8.7
Warren	1	0.5	0	0.0	24	18.1	11	8.4
Washington	2	0.9	0	0.0	33	25.9	16	12.2
Wayne	1	0.3	3	0.8	45	24.2	24	11.1
Westchester	14	0.5	11	0.3	214	13.9	167	9.5
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	14.2	5	5.6
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	21.5	4	7.0

Adolescent Births by Age – 15-19 years

number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years



	Ages 15-19 Years			
	1995		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	24,805	43.6	17,602	28.2
New York City	13,368	60.3	8,673	36.0
Bronx	3,525	85.5	2,589	53.9
Kings	4,808	62.0	2,913	36.3
New York	2,149	61.1	1,204	32.2
Queens	2,490	45.0	1,674	27.6
Richmond	396	31.7	293	20.5
Rest of State	11,437	32.9	8,929	23.3
Albany	323	33.2	255	22.4
Allegany	86	33.7	64	24.5
Broome	236	33.9	196	25.1
Cattaraugus	138	44.7	107	31.7
Cayuga	109	41.0	71	24.1
Chautauqua	223	45.4	179	33.0
Chemung	179	58.2	108	34.3
Chenango	71	42.5	54	30.1
Clinton	112	35.1	65	20.5
Columbia	55	30.9	65	33.5
Cortland	79	32.9	45	19.1
Delaware	48	29.5	37	21.5
Dutchess	245	28.7	175	16.3
Erie	1,233	41.9	970	30.9
Essex	50	47.4	24	18.6
Franklin	70	43.7	48	29.0
Fulton	81	46.0	68	36.8
Genesee	73	36.3	35	16.8
Greene	32	24.6	32	20.6
Hamilton	3	19.9	2	14.0
Herkimer	85	36.1	86	40.1
Jefferson	210	60.3	147	40.1
Lewis	46	48.5	20	18.7
Livingston	49	16.6	41	12.2
Madison	98	28.7	61	17.7
Monroe	989	44.2	779	29.4
Montgomery	71	47.8	60	38.2
Nassau	668	18.0	514	12.4
Niagara	304	43.9	227	30.1
Oneida	355	45.2	254	31.6
Onondaga	739	46.8	550	31.5
Ontario	102	33.0	73	20.2
Orange	378	37.2	319	25.2
Orleans	78	55.6	48	29.9
Oswego	209	43.3	132	25.7
Otsego	52	18.0	52	15.8
Putnam	22	8.1	21	6.8
Rensselaer	204	40.0	153	29.1
Rockland	175	19.5	172	17.2
St. Lawrence	146	30.8	145	29.5
Saratoga	155	24.2	115	16.8
Schenectady	207	49.1	175	37.0
Schoharie	33	20.6	18	12.7
Schuyler	29	49.4	24	38.0
Seneca	30	28.1	24	21.5
Steuben	162	51.3	125	37.5
Suffolk	974	21.8	876	18.9
Sullivan	106	51.8	101	39.6
Tioga	62	37.6	57	31.1
Tompkins	65	11.9	55	8.9
Ulster	171	34.8	125	20.3
Warren	70	33.3	60	27.5
Washington	85	44.1	51	25.4
Wayne	129	46.6	96	28.9
Westchester	647	26.2	531	18.9
Wyoming	58	44.0	26	18.3
Yates	28	33.4	16	14.4

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – birth certificates

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

October 2004, October 2005

NOTES:

- Rates are per 1,000 females in the appropriate age group.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(for ages 10-14 years)

Median: 0.0
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 1.4
 Standard Deviation: 0.3

(for ages 15-17 years)

Median: 12.9
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 31.8
 Standard Deviation: 5.9

(for ages 15-19 years)

Median: 25.3
 Minimum: 6.8
 Maximum: 53.9
 Standard Deviation: 9.2

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Adolescent Pregnancies by Age – 10-17 years

number and rate per 1,000 females ages 10-17 years



	Ages 10-14 Years				Ages 15-17 Years			
	1995 Number	1995 Rate	2003 Number	2003 Rate	1995 Number	1995 Rate	2003 Number	2003 Rate
New York State	1,509	2.6	978	1.5	20,355	60.0	14,276	38.2
New York City	957	4.2	630	2.4	12,221	93.2	8,675	58.5
Bronx	246	5.6	181	3.2	3,438	140.8	2,544	85.9
Kings	331	4.0	205	2.3	4,038	85.8	2,849	55.9
New York	189	6.0	99	2.8	1,903	100.8	1,261	62.7
Queens	175	3.1	128	1.9	2,513	75.7	1,705	44.3
Richmond	16	1.2	17	1.1	329	43.0	316	34.3
Rest of State	552	1.5	348	0.9	8,134	39.0	5,601	24.9
Albany	15	1.7	9	1.0	287	56.3	182	32.2
Allegany	5	2.6	2	1.2	30	26.4	23	20.8
Broome	13	2.0	9	1.4	164	43.5	103	26.4
Cattaraugus	4	1.3	4	1.4	72	38.8	50	25.7
Cayuga	2	0.7	1	0.3	58	35.3	33	18.4
Chautauqua	5	1.0	6	1.3	105	37.2	70	23.7
Chemung	3	0.8	3	1.0	89	46.1	61	32.5
Chenango	4	1.9	1	0.5	35	30.0	27	22.9
Clinton	2	0.7	1	0.4	51	30.0	21	13.4
Columbia	3	1.4	0	0.0	37	30.8	36	27.6
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0	35	34.0	19	20.2
Delaware	2	1.2	0	0.0	26	28.6	16	17.5
Dutchess	10	1.2	7	0.7	186	37.7	108	18.1
Erie	73	2.4	57	1.8	1,005	56.1	677	35.8
Essex	1	0.8	0	0.0	25	34.9	11	13.0
Franklin	0	0.0	2	1.2	43	42.6	15	14.4
Fulton	3	1.5	0	0.0	44	37.8	33	27.8
Genesee	7	3.2	3	1.4	45	36.3	17	12.2
Greene	0	0.0	3	1.9	20	22.5	12	11.8
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	20.4	1	12.3
Herkimer	4	1.8	1	0.5	68	48.1	45	32.1
Jefferson	2	0.5	3	0.8	76	34.2	42	18.5
Lewis	1	0.8	0	0.0	22	32.7	5	7.2
Livingston	3	1.4	4	2.0	34	27.4	20	15.9
Madison	1	0.4	2	0.9	48	33.8	34	22.6
Monroe	61	2.6	49	1.8	670	51.0	556	35.9
Montgomery	3	1.7	0	0.0	56	56.2	32	31.7
Nassau	55	1.4	29	0.6	674	28.5	464	18.0
Niagara	21	2.7	11	1.5	204	47.1	145	31.6
Oneida	11	1.3	8	1.0	219	46.4	151	31.5
Onondaga	41	2.6	28	1.7	469	53.2	332	33.7
Ontario	0	0.0	1	0.3	46	25.5	31	14.4
Orange	25	2.1	5	0.4	287	44.4	189	23.5
Orleans	1	0.6	2	1.3	44	47.8	18	17.1
Oswego	5	1.0	0	0.0	114	43.9	70	25.6
Otsego	0	0.0	3	1.6	28	24.9	24	17.5
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	13.6	19	9.4
Rensselaer	8	1.6	1	0.2	134	46.1	96	30.7
Rockland	7	0.7	3	0.3	120	20.0	68	10.8
St. Lawrence	2	0.5	1	0.3	64	27.7	53	24.2
Saratoga	5	0.7	3	0.4	96	23.5	62	14.9
Schenectady	12	2.7	7	1.4	159	60.6	111	38.9
Schoharie	2	1.7	0	0.0	17	24.8	16	23.6
Schuyler	3	3.8	1	1.6	16	40.2	10	25.3
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	19.1	17	23.3
Steuben	4	1.0	2	0.6	75	35.0	42	19.2
Suffolk	49	1.1	27	0.5	878	30.5	657	22.7
Sullivan	3	1.3	4	1.5	95	74.0	76	45.8
Tioga	4	1.9	0	0.0	27	23.8	23	19.4
Tompkins	3	1.1	2	0.8	59	38.7	27	16.8
Ulster	6	1.2	9	1.5	127	43.5	80	22.6
Warren	2	0.9	1	0.5	47	35.5	35	26.8
Washington	4	1.8	3	1.4	58	45.6	35	26.6
Wayne	2	0.6	4	1.1	7	42.0	35	16.2
Westchester	47	1.8	25	0.8	587	38.2	453	25.7
Wyoming	2	1.2	0	0.0	22	24.0	8	8.9
Yates	1	1.2	1	1.2	18	35.2	5	8.8

Adolescent Pregnancies by Age – 15-19 years

number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years



	Ages 15-19 Years			
	1995		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	51,283	90.1	39,495	63.3
New York City	29,915	134.9	22,949	95.4
Bronx	7,985	193.7	6,402	133.4
Kings	10,163	131.0	7,693	95.8
New York	4,559	129.6	3,262	87.1
Queens	6,389	115.5	4,778	78.8
Richmond	819	65.6	814	57.1
Rest of State	21,368	61.5	16,546	43.2
Albany	652	66.9	499	43.8
Allegany	116	45.5	85	32.6
Broome	431	62.0	322	41.2
Cattaraugus	192	62.2	139	41.2
Cayuga	165	62.1	110	37.3
Chautauqua	310	63.0	244	44.9
Chemung	245	79.7	159	50.5
Chenango	97	58.1	84	46.8
Clinton	166	52.0	108	34.0
Columbia	105	59.0	122	62.8
Cortland	127	52.9	65	27.6
Delaware	80	49.1	61	35.5
Dutchess	461	54.0	349	32.4
Erie	2,481	84.3	1,843	58.7
Essex	70	66.4	38	29.5
Franklin	97	60.5	61	36.8
Fulton	135	76.7	122	66.1
Genesee	122	60.6	58	27.9
Greene	68	52.3	57	36.8
Hamilton	6	39.7	4	28.0
Herkimer	134	57.0	128	59.7
Jefferson	239	68.6	184	50.2
Lewis	53	55.9	24	22.4
Livingston	91	30.8	68	20.3
Madison	146	42.8	86	24.9
Monroe	1,684	75.3	1,487	56.1
Montgomery	126	84.9	98	62.4
Nassau	1,802	48.6	1,273	30.7
Niagara	546	78.8	437	57.9
Oneida	576	73.4	451	56.1
Onondaga	1,131	71.6	944	54.1
Ontario	157	50.9	118	32.7
Orange	742	73.1	588	46.4
Orleans	110	78.4	63	39.2
Oswego	297	61.6	201	39.2
Otsego	96	33.3	83	25.3
Putnam	63	23.3	42	13.7
Rensselaer	368	72.1	301	57.3
Rockland	395	44.1	290	29.0
St. Lawrence	172	36.3	189	38.4
Saratoga	281	43.9	208	30.4
Schenectady	377	89.5	343	72.4
Schoharie	67	41.8	41	28.9
Schuyler	43	73.3	28	44.4
Seneca	44	41.2	50	44.8
Steuben	210	66.5	159	47.8
Suffolk	2,413	54.0	1,882	40.7
Sullivan	219	107.1	176	69.0
Tioga	93	56.3	72	39.3
Tompkins	159	29.1	120	19.5
Ulster	342	69.6	277	45.0
Warren	128	60.9	109	50.0
Washington	134	69.5	101	50.3
Wayne	188	67.9	135	40.7
Westchester	1,506	61.1	1,196	42.5
Wyoming	73	55.3	44	31.0
Yates	37	44.1	20	18.1

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health Assistance

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – birth certificates and fetal death certificates

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

August 1999, October 2005

NOTES:

- Pregnancies are the sum of the number of live births, reported induced terminations of pregnancies and reported fetal deaths of all gestations.
- Rates are per 1,000 females in the appropriate age group.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(for ages 10-14 years)

Median: 0.8
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 3.2
 Standard Deviation: 0.8

(for ages 15-17 years)

Median: 23.1
 Minimum: 7.2
 Maximum: 85.9
 Standard Deviation: 13.4

(for ages 15-19 years)

Median: 41.2
 Minimum: 13.7
 Maximum: 133.4
 Standard Deviation: 20.1

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Physical and Emotional Health

Infant Mortality (Three-Year Average)

number and rate per 1,000 live births



Definition:

Infant mortality is the number of deaths to infants under one year of age. Neonatal mortality is the number of deaths to infants under 28 days of age. Postneonatal mortality is the number of deaths to infants at 28 days of age, but under one year of age. The annual number of these deaths per 1,000 live births occurring during the year is the infant, neonatal, or postneonatal mortality rate. Because infant, neonatal, or postneonatal deaths are relatively rare events in many counties, the numbers and rates are presented as three-year averages. This is necessary to improve the reliability (or stability) of the data. For example, in a small county, a serious tragedy such as a fatal fire or an automobile accident may cause the infant, neonatal, or postneonatal mortality rate to fluctuate greatly from one year to another.

Significance:

Infant, neonatal, and postneonatal mortality is one of the most widely used indicators of the health and welfare of a population as it reflects the general state of maternal health and the effectiveness of primary health care systems. Infant, neonatal, and postneonatal mortality rates have declined steadily since the 1970s, primarily due to advances in neonatal care (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000). However, as of 2000, the United States ranked 27th among industrialized countries that report these rates to the World Health Organization (National Center for Health Statistics, 2004).

Low birthweight is the most important predictor of infant mortality. In 2002, 60.3 percent of all infant deaths in the United States occurred to the 7.8 percent of infants born at low birthweight (less than 2500 grams). Other factors associated with higher rates of infant mortality include: maternal age (either mothers in their teens or older than 40), low maternal education, maternal smoking, low socioeconomic status, multiple birth and fourth or higher birth order (National Center for Health Statistics, 2004: Table 25).

Healthy People 2010 objectives call for a national reduction in the infant mortality rate to no more than 4.5 per 1,000 live births. The objectives also call for a national reduction in the neonatal, and postneonatal mortality rate to no more than 2.9 and 1.5, respectively, per 1,000 live births (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000).

The U.S. infant mortality rate decreased between 2002 and 2003 to 6.8 per 1,000 live births. In 2002 however, the U.S. infant mortality rate increased for the first time in 40 years. (For a detailed explanation of recent changes in infant mortality refer to National Vital Statistics Reports, Volume 53, Number 12, January 24, 2005).

Findings:

▼
The infant mortality rate in New York State has declined steadily since 1970. An average of 1,486 infants died each year between 2001-2003 at a rate of 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live births. This was a 20 percent decline over the 1994-1996 rate of 7.4. New York State has not yet met the year 2010 national health objectives for infant mortality.

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In the past, New York City has consistently had an infant mortality rate that was higher than Rest of State. However, for the time period 2001-2003, New York City and Rest of State had the same rate of infant mortality (5.9 per 1,000 live births).

▼
Neonatal mortality, like infant mortality, has declined significantly over the past decade. The neonatal mortality rate in New York State was 4.1 per 1,000 live births in 2001-2003. This rate was 20 percent lower than the 5.1 per 1,000 rate recorded in 1994-1996. Rates in both New York City and Rest of State declined with New York City reporting a slightly lower rate (4.0) than Rest of State (4.2).

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The postneonatal mortality rate in New York State has also declined significantly. Between 1994-1996 and 2001-2003, it declined 22 percent to 1.8 per 1,000 live births. Declines have been seen in both New York City and Rest of State.

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Infant Mortality (Three-Year Average)

number and rate per 1,000 live births



	1994-1996		2001-2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	2,012	7.4	1,486	5.9
New York City	1,055	8.4	697	5.9
Bronx	231	9.5	158	6.9
Kings	410	9.7	256	6.5
New York	148	7.2	98	4.9
Queens	239	7.3	155	5.0
Richmond	27	4.5	30	5.1
Rest of State	957	6.6	789	5.9
Albany	29	8.5	26	8.0
Allegany	2	3.4	3	5.6
Broome	19	7.7	16	7.5
Cattaraugus	8	7.6	8	8.0
Cayuga	11	10.5	4	4.7
Chautauqua	14	8.0	13	8.4
Chemung	7	6.5	9	8.0
Chenango	3	4.7	5	9.0
Clinton	4	4.5	3	4.3
Columbia	5	7.5	5	8.7
Cortland	3	5.4	2	3.0
Delaware	4	8.2	2	4.7
Dutchess	17	5.0	18	5.6
Erie	97	7.8	93	8.7
Essex	3	6.9	1	3.8
Franklin	3	5.3	3	7.3
Fulton	4	5.5	3	5.0
Genesee	5	6.3	1	2.0
Greene	2	3.2	2	3.8
Hamilton	0	0.0	1	14.7
Herkimer	7	8.8	4	6.3
Jefferson	15	7.9	11	6.8
Lewis	3	8.1	3	10.3
Livingston	3	3.7	4	6.2
Madison	8	9.5	4	5.4
Monroe	80	7.9	55	6.2
Montgomery	3	4.3	3	5.7
Nassau	104	5.8	73	4.5
Niagara	19	6.9	16	6.7
Oneida	22	7.7	20	7.8
Onondaga	59	9.0	58	10.2
Ontario	8	6.5	5	4.6
Orange	34	6.9	26	5.2
Orleans	5	8.3	2	5.0
Oswego	14	8.9	9	6.7
Otsego	4	6.5	2	4.3
Putnam	7	5.6	1	1.1
Rensselaer	12	6.1	12	6.8
Rockland	28	6.6	19	4.2
St. Lawrence	8	6.2	7	6.0
Saratoga	12	4.7	10	4.0
Schenectady	13	6.6	13	7.2
Schoharie	1	2.8	1	4.4
Schuyler	0	1.4	2	8.3
Seneca	4	11.0	3	7.2
Steuben	9	7.2	7	6.3
Suffolk	117	5.8	101	5.1
Sullivan	7	8.2	5	5.5
Tioga	3	4.7	5	9.0
Tompkins	5	5.7	3	3.7
Ulster	13	6.1	8	4.6
Warren	2	2.7	4	5.6
Washington	6	7.9	5	7.6
Wayne	9	6.9	7	6.3
Westchester	69	5.3	55	4.3
Wyoming	3	6.1	3	6.1
Yates	2	5.2	3	10.2

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – death certificates

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – birth certificates

DATE COMPILED:

Infant Mortality:
August 1999, October 2005
Neonatal and Postneonatal Mortality:
September 2005, September 2005

NOTES:

- Regional totals may not equal sum of counties due to rounding.
- Three-year average of total births by age category is used as the denominator in calculating rates.
- Rates represent the average number of deaths to infants per year by age category per 1,000 live births.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(Infant Mortality)

Median: 6.1
Minimum: 1.1
Maximum: 14.7
Standard Deviation: 2.2

(Neonatal Mortality)

Median: 4.3
Minimum: 0.8
Maximum: 7.9
Standard Deviation: 1.6

(Postneonatal Mortality)

Median: 1.6
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 7.4
Standard Deviation: 1.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Infant Mortality – Neonatal and Postneonatal (Three-Year Average)

number and rate per 1,000 live births



	Neonatal Mortality				Postneonatal Mortality			
	1994-1996		2001-2003		1994-1996		2001-2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	1,384	5.1	1,039	4.1	628	2.3	446	1.8
New York City	712	5.6	477	4.0	343	2.7	220	1.8
Bronx	146	6.0	106	4.7	85	3.5	52	2.3
Kings	276	6.5	170	4.3	134	3.2	87	2.2
New York	107	5.2	68	3.4	41	2.0	31	1.5
Queens	167	5.1	112	3.6	72	2.2	43	1.4
Richmond	16	2.7	22	3.9	11	1.8	7	1.3
Rest of State	672	4.6	562	4.2	285	2.0	227	1.7
Albany	22	6.1	19	5.8	8	2.2	7	2.2
Allegany	1	2.2	1	1.9	1	1.1	2	3.7
Broome	13	5.4	12	5.9	6	2.4	3	1.6
Cattaraugus	6	5.5	4	4.4	2	2.1	4	3.7
Cayuga	7	7.3	3	3.5	3	3.3	1	1.2
Chautauqua	10	5.9	10	6.4	4	2.2	3	2.0
Chemung	4	3.6	4	3.7	3	3.0	5	4.3
Chenango	2	2.6	3	5.4	1	2.1	2	3.6
Clinton	3	2.8	2	3.0	2	1.7	1	1.3
Columbia	4	4.7	4	7.1	2	2.1	1	1.6
Cortland	2	3.7	1	2.4	1	1.6	0	0.6
Delaware	3	6.9	1	1.6	1	1.4	1	3.1
Dutchess	10	2.9	14	4.2	7	2.0	4	1.3
Erie	68	5.5	68	6.4	28	2.3	25	2.3
Essex	2	5.4	1	1.9	1	1.5	1	1.9
Franklin	2	2.9	2	4.4	1	2.3	1	2.9
Fulton	3	4.5	2	3.9	1	1.0	1	1.1
Genesee	3	3.8	1	2.0	2	2.5	0	0.0
Greene	1	1.9	0	0.8	1	1.3	1	3.1
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	7.4	0	0.0	0	7.4
Herkimer	5	6.6	4	6.3	2	2.2	0	0.0
Jefferson	10	5.6	9	5.2	4	2.3	3	1.6
Lewis	2	5.4	2	5.2	1	2.7	2	5.2
Livingston	2	3.3	3	4.1	0	0.5	1	2.1
Madison	5	6.1	3	4.5	3	3.4	1	0.9
Monroe	57	5.7	44	4.9	22	2.2	12	1.3
Montgomery	1	1.1	2	2.9	2	3.2	2	2.9
Nassau	80	4.4	50	3.1	24	1.4	23	1.4
Niagara	13	4.6	12	5.1	6	2.2	4	1.6
Oneida	13	4.5	14	5.7	9	3.2	5	2.1
Onondaga	44	6.8	45	7.9	15	2.3	13	2.3
Ontario	4	3.5	4	3.2	4	3.0	2	1.5
Orange	22	4.4	16	3.2	12	2.5	10	2.0
Orleans	4	6.6	1	1.4	1	1.8	2	3.5
Oswego	7	4.5	8	5.5	7	4.3	2	1.2
Otsego	2	3.8	2	3.1	2	2.7	1	1.2
Putnam	5	3.7	1	1.1	2	1.9	0	0.0
Rensselaer	9	4.6	9	5.4	3	1.5	2	1.4
Rockland	19	4.6	12	2.7	9	2.0	7	1.5
St. Lawrence	6	4.4	5	4.4	2	1.8	2	1.6
Saratoga	8	3.0	7	2.9	4	1.7	3	1.1
Schenectady	10	5.2	10	5.7	3	1.4	3	1.5
Schoharie	1	2.8	1	3.3	0	0.0	0	1.1
Schuyler	0	0.0	1	5.0	0	1.4	1	3.3
Seneca	3	8.4	2	4.5	1	2.5	1	2.7
Steuben	6	4.5	5	4.0	3	2.7	3	2.3
Suffolk	88	4.3	73	3.6	29	1.4	29	1.4
Sullivan	5	6.0	4	5.1	2	2.2	0	0.4
Tioga	1	2.1	4	6.2	2	2.6	2	2.8
Tompkins	3	3.2	2	2.6	2	2.5	1	1.1
Ulster	10	4.7	6	3.1	3	1.5	3	1.5
Warren	1	1.4	3	4.6	1	1.4	1	1.0
Washington	4	6.1	3	4.9	1	1.9	2	2.7
Wayne	5	4.2	5	4.8	3	2.6	2	1.5
Westchester	47	3.7	34	2.7	21	1.7	21	1.6
Wyoming	1	2.0	1	3.1	2	4.1	1	3.1
Yates	1	2.1	2	6.8	1	3.1	1	3.4

Physical and Emotional Health

Low Birthweight and Premature Births by Maternal Age

number and percent of live births for females 10-19 years and all ages



Definition:

Infants weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth are considered to be low birthweight. The low birthweight rate is the number of low birthweight births per 100 live births for which a birthweight is known. This rate is presented as a percentage for all age groups and the age group 10 through 19 years.

Infants born with less than 37 weeks gestation are premature births. The premature birth rate is the number of premature births per 100 live births for which gestation is known. This rate is presented as a percentage for women of all ages and the age group 10 through 19 years.

Significance:

Low birthweight is a major cause of infant mortality and increases an infant's chances for dying in infancy. Low birthweight infants, especially infants born to teen mothers, are at risk for health problems such as blindness, deafness, mental retardation, mental illness, and cerebral palsy (Alexander, 2004). As the birthweight decreases, children have a greater likelihood of these outcomes (Hack, Klein, & Taylor, 1995). Ten percent of all health care costs for children can be attributed to low birthweight (Lewit et al., 1995).

Preterm delivery underlies most low birthweight births. While the etiology of preterm birth remains unknown, several factors are associated with preterm and low birthweight births. Lifestyle behaviors – such as cigarette smoking, insufficient weight gain or nutritional intake during pregnancy and use of other drugs – are known risk factors. Socioeconomic disadvantage is also closely related to low birthweight. Mothers who are young, have less than a high school education and are not married are at the greatest risk of low socioeconomic status and delivering low birthweight babies (Chomitz, Cheung & Lieberman, 1995).

Healthy People 2010 objectives call for a national reduction in the incidence of low birthweight to no more than 5.0 percent of live births by year 2010 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000). The New York State Public Health Council has identified healthy births as a priority area for public health action and has set an objective to reduce low birthweight births to no more than 5.5 percent by 2006 (New York State Public Health Council, 1996).

Findings:

The percentage of low birthweight births in New York State has remained very consistent over the past ten years. In 2003, 19,972 babies born in New York State weighed less than 2,500 grams (7.9% of all births with a known weight). Of babies born to women in the 10 to 19 age group, 9.5 percent were born

weighing less than 2,500 grams. These percentages fall short of the state and national objectives.

In 2003, low birthweight birth rates for all births were higher in New York City (8.5%) than in Rest of State (7.4%). Of babies born to women in the 10 to 19 age group, the rate for New York City (9.6%) was slightly higher than Rest of State (9.3%).

Preterm births accounted for 11.4 percent of all births in New York State in 2003. This is an increase over the 10.9 percent in 1995. The 2003 New York City rate, at 12.0 percent, was higher than the 10.9 percent in Rest of State.

Among women ages 10 to 19 years, 13.5 percent gave birth prematurely in 2003. This is lower than the 14.3 percent delivering prematurely in 1995. In New York City, in 2003, 14.0 percent of women in this age group had premature births as compared to 12.9 percent in Rest of State.

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Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – birth certificates

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

October 2005, October 2005

NOTES:

- Percentages of low birthweight births and premature births are calculated by dividing the number of respective births by the number of live births for which the birth weight is known.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

NYS Statistics: (for Current Period Percent or Rate)

(Low Birthweight 10-19 years)	(Low Birthweight All Ages)	(Premature Births 10-19 years)	(Premature Births All Ages)
Median: 8.3	Median: 7.2	Median: 12.0	Median: 10.6
Minimum: 0.0	Minimum: 3.5	Minimum: 0.0	Minimum: 5.0
Maximum: 16.7	Maximum: 10.4	Maximum: 19.5	Maximum: 14.6
Standard Deviation: 3.4	Standard Deviation: 1.3	Standard Deviation: 4.0	Standard Deviation: 1.8

Low Birthweight Births (Less Than 2,500 Grams) by Maternal Age

number and percent of live births



	Ages 10-19 Years				All Ages			
	1995 Number	1995 Percent	2003 Number	2003 Percent	1995 Number	1995 Percent	2003 Number	2003 Percent
New York State	2,525	10.0	1,691	9.5	20,866	7.7	19,972	7.9
New York City	1,463	10.7	846	9.6	11,298	9.0	10,150	8.5
Bronx	403	11.2	249	9.5	2,437	10.0	2,146	9.5
Kings	528	10.7	297	10.1	3,878	9.2	3,340	8.5
New York	238	10.8	118	9.6	1,891	9.2	1,709	8.3
Queens	249	9.8	155	9.1	2,620	7.9	2,487	8.1
Richmond	45	11.2	27	9.1	472	7.8	468	7.9
Rest of State	1,062	9.1	845	9.3	9,568	6.6	9,822	7.4
Albany	34	10.1	28	10.9	246	7.0	282	8.8
Allegany	3	3.4	5	7.7	34	5.7	31	5.6
Broome	21	8.6	12	6.0	170	6.8	137	6.6
Cattaraugus	16	11.4	12	10.8	58	5.6	69	6.8
Cayuga	10	9.1	5	7.0	75	7.4	62	7.4
Chautauqua	13	5.8	15	8.3	116	7.0	100	6.8
Chemung	19	10.6	8	7.4	110	9.6	93	8.6
Chenango	1	1.4	3	5.6	34	5.5	37	7.0
Clinton	8	7.1	4	6.1	56	5.9	68	8.4
Columbia	4	7.0	10	15.4	39	5.3	44	6.9
Cortland	11	13.9	2	4.4	45	7.1	44	8.3
Delaware	4	8.0	2	5.4	33	7.1	17	3.8
Dutchess	24	9.6	14	8.0	208	6.1	221	6.7
Erie	131	10.4	114	11.5	922	7.5	894	8.5
Essex	6	12.0	2	8.3	37	8.6	20	5.7
Franklin	6	8.6	2	4.2	34	5.9	33	7.5
Fulton	14	16.9	2	2.9	61	9.3	38	6.5
Genesee	8	10.8	4	11.4	44	5.6	39	6.2
Greene	3	9.4	0	0.0	36	7.0	28	6.3
Hamilton	1	33.3	0	0.0	3	5.6	5	10.4
Herkimer	10	11.5	3	3.4	53	7.0	47	6.7
Jefferson	15	7.1	15	10.2	105	5.6	108	6.3
Lewis	4	8.7	2	10.0	19	5.2	24	7.5
Livingston	1	2.0	3	7.3	39	5.5	32	5.1
Madison	4	4.0	5	8.1	49	5.5	56	7.6
Monroe	111	10.8	91	11.4	705	7.0	660	7.4
Montgomery	2	2.7	8	13.3	28	4.6	38	6.7
Nassau	57	8.3	38	7.2	1,155	6.4	1,152	7.2
Niagara	36	11.6	26	11.2	223	7.9	200	8.3
Oneida	21	5.8	30	11.7	170	5.9	240	9.2
Onondaga	77	10.1	65	11.5	454	7.0	472	8.4
Ontario	9	8.8	9	12.2	67	5.2	68	5.9
Orange	29	7.5	31	9.7	280	5.7	331	6.4
Orleans	5	6.3	3	6.1	38	6.6	25	5.4
Oswego	19	8.9	7	5.3	102	6.3	116	8.3
Otsego	5	9.6	4	7.7	45	7.0	35	6.5
Putnam	1	4.5	1	4.8	66	5.6	69	5.9
Rensselaer	17	8.3	15	9.8	124	6.3	135	7.6
Rockland	10	5.6	14	8.1	241	5.8	305	6.8
St. Lawrence	7	4.7	7	4.8	87	7.0	88	7.3
Saratoga	16	10.2	10	8.7	140	5.5	155	6.3
Schenectady	23	11.0	10	5.6	137	7.0	144	7.8
Schoharie	1	3.0	3	16.7	11	3.3	17	5.8
Schuyler	1	3.2	2	8.3	11	4.6	9	4.8
Seneca	3	10.0	3	12.5	26	6.6	27	7.2
Steuben	14	8.5	13	10.4	92	7.3	92	8.0
Suffolk	79	8.0	77	8.7	1,273	6.3	1,444	7.2
Sullivan	16	14.7	15	14.9	69	7.9	73	8.0
Tioga	10	15.6	6	10.5	99	15.7	45	7.7
Tompkins	6	9.2	3	5.5	67	7.3	65	6.7
Ulster	12	6.9	9	7.1	122	5.9	104	5.7
Warren	6	8.5	4	6.7	48	6.6	39	6.1
Washington	10	11.5	3	5.9	64	8.8	53	8.5
Wayne	13	10.0	9	9.1	66	5.3	81	7.1
Westchester	70	10.6	56	10.3	905	7.0	983	7.7
Wyoming	3	5.2	0	0.0	15	3.1	15	3.5
Yates	2	7.1	1	6.3	12	3.9	13	4.3

Premature Births (Less Than 37 Weeks) by Maternal Age

number and percent of live births



	Ages 10-19 Years				All Ages			
	1995 Number	1995 Percent	2003 Number	2003 Percent	1995 Number	1995 Percent	2003 Number	2003 Percent
New York State	3,618	14.3	2,398	13.5	29,399	10.9	28,918	11.4
New York City	2,117	15.5	1,233	14.0	15,526	12.3	14,369	12.0
Bronx	521	14.5	335	12.8	3,091	12.7	2,796	12.4
Kings	856	17.4	435	14.8	5,734	13.6	4,812	12.2
New York	339	15.4	176	14.4	2,489	12.1	2,389	11.6
Queens	337	13.3	242	14.2	3,597	10.9	3,662	11.9
Richmond	64	16.0	45	15.2	615	10.2	710	12.0
Rest of State	1,501	12.9	1,165	12.9	13,873	9.6	14,549	10.9
Albany	53	16.1	35	13.7	382	10.8	351	10.9
Allegany	12	13.8	5	7.8	65	10.9	57	10.4
Broome	25	10.3	20	10.0	232	9.3	213	10.3
Cattaraugus	20	14.3	19	17.3	99	9.7	119	12.3
Cayuga	23	20.9	11	15.5	112	11.1	107	12.8
Chautauqua	24	10.7	20	11.1	159	9.7	148	10.2
Chemung	20	11.1	17	15.7	119	10.4	128	11.9
Chenango	3	4.1	7	13.0	53	8.6	71	13.5
Clinton	11	9.8	9	13.6	79	8.3	93	11.5
Columbia	6	10.7	10	15.4	53	7.2	60	9.4
Cortland	6	7.6	3	6.7	49	7.8	44	8.3
Delaware	6	12.0	3	8.1	48	10.3	35	7.9
Dutchess	28	11.2	16	9.2	331	9.6	325	10.0
Erie	168	13.4	140	14.2	1,248	10.1	1,206	11.5
Essex	6	12.0	2	8.3	44	10.3	35	9.9
Franklin	11	15.7	5	10.4	59	10.2	46	10.5
Fulton	12	14.5	8	11.9	64	9.8	62	10.7
Genesee	10	13.5	6	17.1	65	8.3	70	11.2
Greene	4	12.5	2	6.3	47	9.2	28	6.4
Hamilton	1	33.3	0	0.0	6	11.1	7	14.6
Herkimer	11	12.6	8	9.2	71	9.4	70	10.0
Jefferson	28	13.3	16	10.9	192	10.2	152	8.9
Lewis	9	19.6	3	15.0	32	8.7	28	8.8
Livingston	4	8.0	8	19.5	47	6.7	51	8.1
Madison	8	8.1	12	19.4	91	10.3	97	13.1
Monroe	133	13.0	104	13.1	978	9.8	939	10.5
Montgomery	6	8.2	7	11.7	49	8.0	54	9.6
Nassau	99	14.5	63	12.0	1,646	9.1	1,746	10.9
Niagara	43	13.9	43	18.6	297	10.6	308	12.8
Oneida	45	12.3	34	13.3	293	10.2	334	12.8
Onondaga	110	14.5	84	14.9	666	10.3	675	12.0
Ontario	11	10.8	13	17.6	102	7.9	90	7.8
Orange	47	12.3	34	10.7	453	9.3	494	9.6
Orleans	11	13.9	4	8.2	58	10.1	48	10.4
Oswego	19	8.9	11	8.3	143	8.9	156	11.2
Otsego	4	7.7	8	15.4	54	8.4	45	8.4
Putnam	1	4.8	4	19.0	86	7.1	125	10.7
Rensselaer	26	12.7	25	16.3	204	10.5	165	9.4
Rockland	15	8.4	17	9.8	340	8.2	397	8.8
St. Lawrence	12	8.1	9	6.2	132	10.6	113	9.6
Saratoga	23	14.6	12	10.4	238	9.3	227	9.2
Schenectady	31	14.8	20	11.2	214	10.9	191	10.4
Schoharie	1	3.0	2	11.1	23	6.9	30	10.2
Schuyler	1	3.2	1	4.2	18	7.6	14	7.5
Seneca	3	10.0	2	8.3	40	10.2	32	8.5
Steuben	20	12.2	14	11.2	129	10.3	127	11.0
Suffolk	129	13.2	127	14.4	1,947	9.7	2,299	11.5
Sullivan	25	23.1	18	17.8	86	9.9	114	12.5
Tioga	7	10.9	8	14.0	52	8.2	63	10.8
Tompkins	7	10.8	5	9.1	80	8.7	106	10.9
Ulster	17	9.8	12	9.4	214	10.4	178	9.9
Warren	9	12.7	6	10.0	66	9.1	75	11.7
Washington	7	8.0	4	7.8	63	8.7	71	11.5
Wayne	21	16.2	11	11.2	119	9.5	121	10.6
Westchester	98	14.9	75	13.9	1,275	9.9	1,556	12.2
Wyoming	8	13.8	1	3.8	40	8.2	38	9.0
Yates	3	10.7	2	12.5	21	6.7	15	5.0



Educational Attainment

In today's economy, educational attainment is directly linked to employment opportunities and wages earned, as the average earnings for New Yorkers (and U.S. residents in general) consistently increase with each level of attainment (Jack, 2004).

Research demonstrates that children in foster care are at increased risk of repeating grades, failing classes, attending school irregularly and dropping out of high school compared to their classmates (Dicker & Gerber, 2005).

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LIFE AREA:

Education



Goal 4: Children will leave school prepared to live, learn and work in a community as contributing members of society.

OBJECTIVE 1: Children will come to school ready to learn.

OBJECTIVE 2: Students will meet or exceed high standards for academic performance and demonstrate knowledge and skills required for lifelong learning and self-sufficiency in a dynamic world.

OBJECTIVE 3: Students will be educated in a safe, supportive, drug free and nurturing environment.

OBJECTIVE 4: Students will stay in school until successful completion.

Indicators

→ Annual Dropouts — Public Schools

Education

Annual Dropouts – Public Schools

number and percent of students enrolled in grades 9-12



Definition:

In New York State, the annual dropout rate refers to the proportion of students in grades 9 through 12 who left school prior to graduation for any reason, except death and did not enter another school or high school equivalency preparation program. Annual high school dropout percents are calculated by dividing the number of students who drop out during a single year by the enrollment in grades 9 through 12 (including the portion of any ungraded secondary enrollment for that year that can be attributed to grades 9 through 12) and multiplying by 100.

Significance:

Beyond its inherent message of failure for students who drop out, young people who do not complete high school are at a great disadvantage in today's society. Dropouts have far higher unemployment rates than high school graduates. When employed, they earn less, are more likely to be in semi-skilled manual jobs and work at jobs with poorer working conditions. The social, economic and personal costs include foregone tax revenues, decreased productivity, increased demand for and reliance on social services, increased probability of criminal activity, reduced political participation and generally poorer health.

Findings:



In 2002/03, the statewide reported dropout rate was 4.5 percent. However, in that year the reported dropout rate of 8.1 percent for New York City was more than three times the reported dropout rate of 2.5 percent for Rest of State.



The percentage of students reported as having dropped out in the state remained fairly stable at about 4 percent through the 1990s and into 2000/01. The statewide public school dropout rate of 4.5 percent for 2002/03 was a 19.6 percent decrease from 2001/02 when the statewide public school dropout rate was 5.6 percent. The substantial increase in the dropout rate between the 2000/01 and 2001/02 years was due to the State's implementation of a new information system for accounting for and enumerating dropouts.



In 2002/03, 64 percent of students who dropped out of school attended New York City public schools.



The counties outside New York City with the highest percentages of students reported as having dropped out were: Montgomery (5.1%), Cayuga (4.6%), Herkimer (4.5%) and Chautauqua (4.0%).

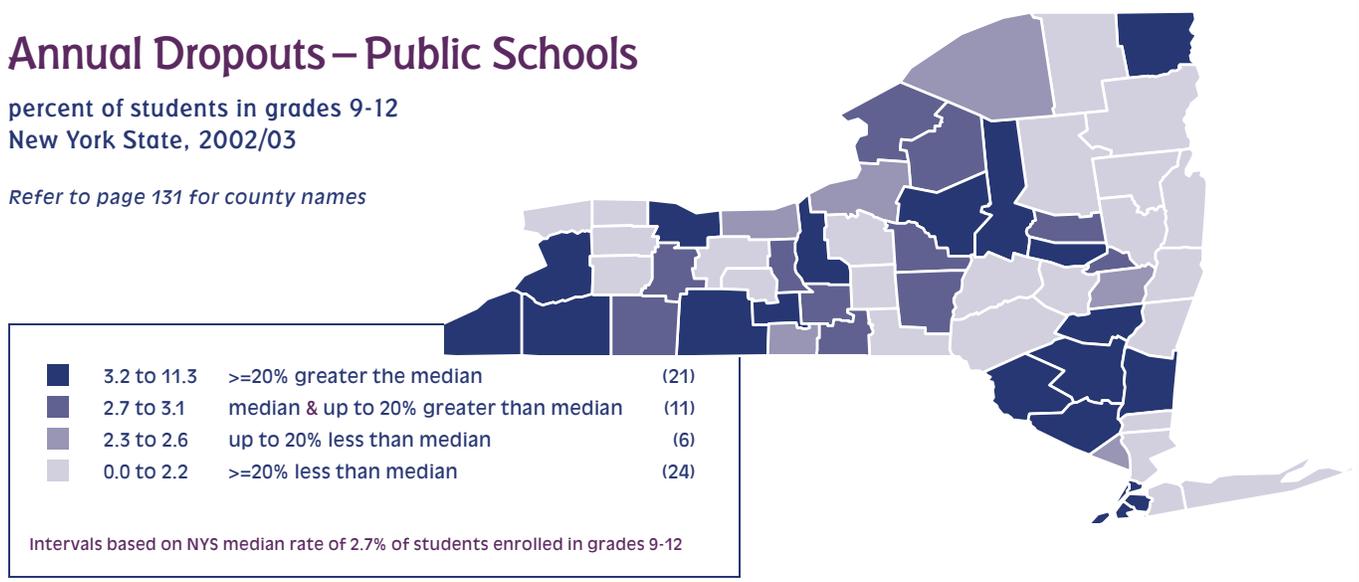


The counties with the lowest percentages of students reported as having dropped out were: Hamilton (0.0%), Putnam (0.6%), Nassau (1.3%), Rensselaer (1.3%) and Westchester (1.4%).

Annual Dropouts – Public Schools

percent of students in grades 9-12
New York State, 2002/03

Refer to page 131 for county names



Annual Dropouts – Public Schools

number and percent of students enrolled in grades 9-12



	1995/96		2002/03	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	28,584	3.6	37,331	4.5
New York City	17,709	5.8	24,004	8.1
Bronx	N/A	N/A	4,090	7.9
Kings	N/A	N/A	6,878	7.5
New York	N/A	N/A	7,237	11.3
Queens	N/A	N/A	5,266	7.0
Richmond	N/A	N/A	533	3.3
Rest of State	10,875	2.2	13,327	2.5
Albany	300	2.7	308	2.5
Allegany	83	3.1	70	2.7
Broome	207	2.2	170	1.7
Cattaraugus	121	2.3	193	3.6
Cayuga	109	2.9	175	4.6
Chautauqua	199	2.6	301	4.0
Chemung	171	4.0	100	2.5
Chenango	90	3.0	91	3.0
Clinton	142	3.7	150	3.6
Columbia	74	2.8	71	2.2
Cortland	90	3.9	45	1.9
Delaware	48	2.0	44	1.8
Dutchess	249	2.1	479	3.4
Erie	713	1.8	1,643	3.8
Essex	18	1.2	38	2.2
Franklin	77	2.7	60	2.2
Fulton	85	2.9	75	2.7
Genesee	62	2.0	68	2.0
Greene	74	3.6	85	3.6
Hamilton	1	0.5	0	0.0
Herkimer	91	2.4	156	4.5
Jefferson	198	3.7	139	2.7
Lewis	44	2.7	45	2.8
Livingston	90	2.9	87	2.7
Madison	102	2.8	114	3.0
Monroe	836	2.8	1,260	3.5
Montgomery	88	3.5	129	5.1
Nassau	427	0.8	808	1.3
Niagara	209	1.9	172	1.6
Oneida	313	2.9	411	3.5
Onondaga	551	2.6	501	2.2
Ontario	114	2.2	119	2.1
Orange	384	2.4	648	3.3
Orleans	31	1.2	50	2.0
Oswego	329	4.4	191	2.5
Otsego	39	1.3	49	1.6
Putnam	65	1.8	29	0.6
Rensselaer	180	2.8	93	1.3
Rockland	129	1.1	299	2.3
St. Lawrence	159	2.7	130	2.4
Saratoga	193	2.0	164	1.6
Schenectady	207	3.6	185	2.7
Schoharie	46	2.7	34	2.0
Schuyler	28	3.9	26	3.8
Seneca	57	3.4	49	3.0
Steuben	198	3.4	195	3.4
Suffolk	1,343	2.1	1,568	2.1
Sullivan	117	3.7	116	3.4
Tioga	102	3.6	80	2.7
Tompkins	107	2.8	124	3.1
Ulster	237	3.2	300	3.4
Warren	91	2.8	73	2.1
Washington	91	3.0	64	1.9
Wayne	132	2.5	139	2.5
Westchester	545	1.6	560	1.4
Wyoming	64	3.5	35	1.9
Yates	25	2.7	19	2.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Education Department

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Education Department; Office of Information, Reporting and Technology Services

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Education Department

DATE COMPILED:

October 1997, May 2006

NOTES:

- With the exception of Students with Limited English Proficiency data, education data include public school students only.
- Percentages reflect students enrolled in grades 9 through 12.
- Data for counties always refer to the county in which the school district office is located, not the county in which the student resides.

New York Statistics:

Median:	2.7
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	11.3
Standard Deviation:	1.8

For Current Period Percent or Rate

LIFE AREA:

Citizenship



Goal 5: Children and youth will demonstrate good citizenship as law-abiding, contributing members of their families, schools and communities.

- OBJECTIVE 1: Children and youth will assume personal responsibility for their behavior.
- OBJECTIVE 2: Youth will demonstrate ethical behavior and civic values.
- OBJECTIVE 3: Children and youth will understand and respect people who are different from themselves.
- OBJECTIVE 4: Children and youth will participate in family and community activities.
- OBJECTIVE 5: Children and youth will have positive peer interactions.
- OBJECTIVE 6: Children and youth will make constructive use of leisure time.
- OBJECTIVE 7: Youth will delay becoming parents until adulthood.
- OBJECTIVE 8: Children and youth will refrain from violence and other illegal behaviors.

Indicators

- Adolescent Arrests for Property and Violent Crimes
- Adolescent Arrests for Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI
- Assault Hospitalizations
- Driving While Intoxicated Arrests
- Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services

Citizenship

Adolescent Arrests for Property and Violent Crimes

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-19 years



Definition:

New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) violent index crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property index crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. An arrest is counted on each separate occasion a person is taken into custody, notified or cited by a law enforcement official. An arrest is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs (this jurisdiction is not necessarily where the crime occurred), and only the most serious offense that was committed during a crime incident or multiple crime incidents is recorded. It is important to note that many persons who commit crimes are never arrested, a single arrest can involve multiple crime incidents, and more than one person can be arrested for the same crime incident. The adolescent arrest rates are calculated by dividing the number of reported adolescent arrests for violent and property index crimes (or, for adolescents who are not treated as adults, for acts which would constitute violent and property index crimes if committed by an adult) by an estimate of the population of youth in the appropriate age category.

Significance:

The reasons why adolescents misbehave or commit crimes are very complex. Most adolescent behaviors simply represent limit-testing and experimentation with adult activities. Some engage in more serious acts of delinquency or crime that may bring them to the attention of the juvenile or criminal justice systems. In these cases, there is cause for concern that adolescents are not preparing to assume responsible adult roles. Still others commit serious criminal acts, including acts of violence, that indelibly mark their lives as well as the lives of their victims.

Arrests of adolescents are handled by different parts of the justice system, as determined by the age of the youth and the type of offense. In general, arrests for youth ages 15 years and under are handled by the juvenile justice or family court system. Arrests for youth ages 16 years and older are prosecuted in the criminal court system. The majority of other states see youth up through the age of 17 years in the family or juvenile court system. Under New York's laws governing juvenile offenders, youth ages 13 through 15 years can be prosecuted in the criminal court system for specified serious offenses.

The numbers of arrests in the New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for violent and property index offenses are primarily a gauge of law enforcement's response to crime. These numbers are the best official indicator of the relative level of criminal activity among youth throughout New York State. A distinction is made between violent and property offenses because the arrest trends for these two categories generally differ. Number of arrests may reflect level of police activity rather than level of crime. Number of arrests may reflect multiple arrests of an individual. Arrests may not equate to convictions or adjudications.

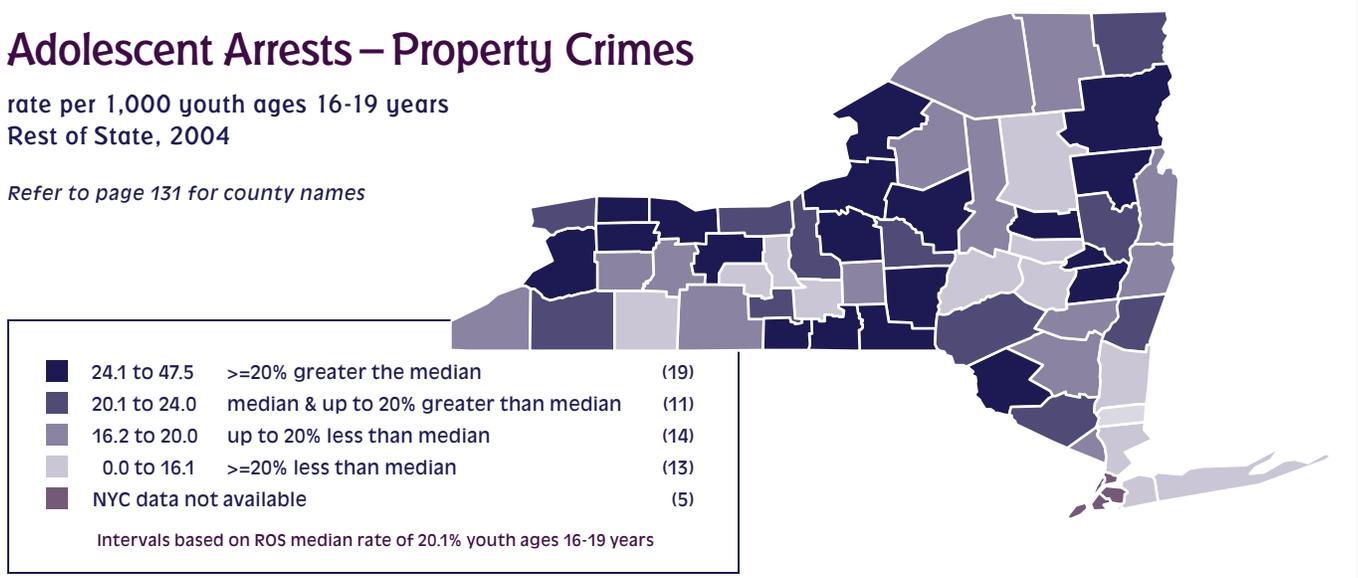
Findings:

▼ Outside of New York City there were 24,648 arrests for violent and property index crimes in New York State during 2004 involving youth ages 10 through 19 years. Twenty percent of these arrests were for violent crimes.

Adolescent Arrests – Property Crimes

rate per 1,000 youth ages 16-19 years
Rest of State, 2004

Refer to page 131 for county names



Adolescent Arrests – Property Index Crimes – 10-15 years

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 years



	Ages 10-12 Years				Ages 13-15 Years			
	1995 Number	1995 Rate	2004 Number	2004 Rate	1995 Number	1995 Rate	2004 Number	2004 Rate
New York State	2,843	4.0	N/A	N/A	13,813	18.8	N/A	N/A
New York City	763	2.8	N/A	N/A	4,278	14.8	N/A	N/A
Bronx	148	2.8	N/A	N/A	698	12.8	N/A	N/A
Kings	209	2.1	N/A	N/A	1,275	12.4	N/A	N/A
New York	167	4.2	N/A	N/A	1,189	28.7	N/A	N/A
Queens	178	2.6	N/A	N/A	852	11.8	N/A	N/A
Richmond	61	3.8	N/A	N/A	264	15.4	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	2,080	4.8	944	2.0	9,535	21.4	5,653	11.5
Albany	70	6.9	56	5.0	304	29.1	238	20.3
Allegany	9	3.9	8	4.1	51	21.2	24	11.2
Broome	80	10.1	43	5.6	311	39.7	201	24.4
Cattaraugus	42	10.5	14	4.2	145	35.2	62	16.5
Cayuga	22	5.8	3	0.9	151	42.6	4	1.1
Chautauqua	60	9.5	38	6.8	197	31.8	142	24.4
Chemung	37	8.7	13	3.7	218	54.1	106	27.7
Chenango	10	3.9	9	4.0	61	23.7	38	15.6
Clinton	25	6.9	8	2.6	82	22.6	77	22.4
Columbia	22	8.7	1	0.4	78	29.5	22	7.6
Cortland	4	1.9	2	1.0	57	26.8	20	10.2
Delaware	11	5.2	18	10.2	55	26.0	64	33.0
Dutchess	71	6.9	25	2.0	316	30.2	151	11.5
Erie	116	3.1	46	1.2	734	19.6	511	12.6
Essex	6	3.8	0	0.0	20	12.8	18	11.4
Franklin	23	10.9	30	16.2	52	25.2	92	42.9
Fulton	48	19.7	14	6.3	97	37.9	40	16.8
Genesee	31	11.4	27	10.8	115	42.8	208	75.7
Greene	3	1.7	2	1.0	37	19.2	13	6.5
Hamilton	2	9.3	0	0.0	14	65.4	0	0.0
Herkimer	11	3.7	11	4.2	54	18.2	25	9.4
Jefferson	36	7.0	10	2.2	135	27.2	94	20.3
Lewis	7	4.7	3	2.6	18	12.3	8	6.4
Livingston	8	3.0	5	2.1	24	9.1	24	9.2
Madison	16	5.2	2	0.7	43	14.3	47	15.8
Monroe	161	5.6	106	3.3	603	21.2	396	11.7
Montgomery	22	10.0	8	4.1	103	48.7	38	18.3
Nassau	29	0.6	21	0.4	391	7.6	241	4.1
Niagara	131	13.9	35	3.9	346	36.9	159	16.8
Oneida	75	7.5	37	3.9	299	29.9	314	31.8
Onondaga	168	8.8	46	2.3	627	33.5	419	20.5
Ontario	35	8.4	10	2.3	233	57.5	66	14.4
Orange	84	5.7	26	1.5	443	30.3	179	9.7
Orleans	15	7.2	9	4.8	36	18.8	27	13.6
Oswego	23	3.7	18	3.2	78	13.1	83	14.3
Otsego	9	3.7	9	4.1	48	19.8	38	15.8
Putnam	4	1.1	5	1.1	27	7.1	14	3.0
Rensselaer	31	5.0	2	0.3	107	17.5	55	8.6
Rockland	30	2.5	6	0.4	177	13.6	86	6.1
St. Lawrence	28	5.6	12	2.9	108	20.7	37	8.0
Saratoga	41	4.9	17	2.0	178	20.6	112	12.4
Schenectady	46	8.2	51	8.3	205	36.2	182	28.4
Schoharie	3	2.2	5	4.1	21	14.9	8	6.2
Schuyler	7	7.4	0	0.0	11	11.9	14	17.4
Seneca	17	11.8	5	3.6	49	35.6	24	16.5
Steuben	20	4.2	9	2.1	96	20.3	31	6.8
Suffolk	118	2.1	31	0.5	801	13.4	387	5.7
Sullivan	15	5.1	11	3.6	85	29.4	58	17.5
Tioga	10	3.8	6	2.7	32	12.4	22	8.8
Tompkins	10	3.3	3	1.0	91	29.2	9	2.8
Ulster	29	4.5	11	1.5	221	34.1	94	11.9
Warren	13	5.1	5	1.9	48	17.8	40	14.4
Washington	9	3.4	3	1.2	51	18.7	33	11.7
Wayne	44	9.9	6	1.4	135	32.0	18	3.9
Westchester	78	2.5	39	1.0	466	14.1	231	5.6
Wyoming	5	2.5	1	0.6	30	15.1	3	1.7
Yates	0	0.0	3	2.8	20	19.1	6	5.7

Adolescent Arrests – Property Index Crimes – 16-19 years

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 16-19 years



	1995		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	24,199	25.7	N/A	N/A
New York City	6,712	18.7	N/A	N/A
Bronx	1,285	19.0	N/A	N/A
Kings	1,916	15.6	N/A	N/A
New York	1,827	31.4	N/A	N/A
Queens	1,339	14.9	N/A	N/A
Richmond	345	16.8	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	17,487	29.9	13,095	20.4
Albany	714	43.2	544	28.7
Allegany	117	22.7	42	8.9
Broome	382	34.2	403	30.6
Cattaraugus	191	36.1	128	22.6
Cayuga	209	48.4	106	22.4
Chautauqua	231	27.9	176	20.0
Chemung	216	42.6	240	47.5
Chenango	142	55.5	111	39.7
Clinton	143	26.7	107	20.5
Columbia	73	23.5	75	20.9
Cortland	112	28.6	78	19.3
Delaware	115	35.5	64	22.0
Dutchess	389	27.7	212	11.8
Erie	1,592	32.8	1,492	28.1
Essex	41	23.3	58	26.8
Franklin	101	37.2	55	18.5
Fulton	201	62.1	96	32.2
Genesee	158	48.1	85	24.5
Greene	102	44.5	54	18.3
Hamilton	9	35.3	0	0.0
Herkimer	98	25.6	67	19.1
Jefferson	237	36.2	187	30.7
Lewis	47	31.1	29	17.1
Livingston	104	22.0	98	18.4
Madison	105	16.9	139	24.0
Monroe	1,442	38.3	1,094	24.1
Montgomery	75	29.6	41	15.7
Nassau	1,479	23.9	823	12.1
Niagara	366	32.4	250	20.1
Oneida	433	32.3	499	36.4
Onondaga	1,188	44.8	863	30.1
Ontario	228	43.3	206	34.0
Orange	839	47.6	501	22.6
Orleans	62	26.0	86	33.2
Oswego	234	28.4	205	24.4
Otsego	117	23.4	82	15.9
Putnam	50	11.4	55	10.6
Rensselaer	203	21.3	157	16.3
Rockland	346	23.6	294	17.8
St. Lawrence	229	24.4	153	17.7
Saratoga	281	26.7	228	20.1
Schenectady	176	24.6	256	31.4
Schoharie	59	19.8	18	7.0
Schuyler	43	44.2	25	21.1
Seneca	52	30.6	28	15.0
Steuben	218	42.4	108	19.7
Suffolk	1,463	20.0	947	12.5
Sullivan	165	46.5	143	34.7
Tioga	48	17.9	82	27.1
Tompkins	185	17.0	87	8.1
Ulster	388	47.4	189	18.4
Warren	180	53.3	107	29.6
Washington	108	34.2	63	17.9
Wayne	162	35.0	129	23.6
Westchester	777	19.5	668	14.4
Wyoming	49	23.0	40	17.0
Yates	13	9.9	22	13.3

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Reports

POPULATION SOURCE:

Woods and Poole Economics Inc. – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

December 2001, November 2005

NOTES:

- NYC data for 2002, 2003, and 2004 are currently unavailable.
- Rates are per 1,000 general population.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Rest of State Statistics:

(for ages 10-12 years)

Median: 2.3
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 16.2
 Standard Deviation: 2.9

(for ages 13-15 years)

Median: 11.9
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 75.7
 Standard Deviation: 11.9

(for ages 16-19 years)

Median: 20.1
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 47.5
 Standard Deviation: 8.7

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Adolescent Arrests – Violent Index Crimes – 10-15 years

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 years



	Ages 10-12 Years				Ages 13-15 Years			
	Number	1995 Rate	Number	2004 Rate	Number	1995 Rate	Number	2004 Rate
New York State	946	1.3	N/A	N/A	7,558	10.3	N/A	N/A
New York City	684	2.5	N/A	N/A	5,937	20.6	N/A	N/A
Bronx	148	2.8	N/A	N/A	1,317	24.2	N/A	N/A
Kings	255	2.6	N/A	N/A	2,184	21.2	N/A	N/A
New York	109	2.7	N/A	N/A	914	22.0	N/A	N/A
Queens	153	2.2	N/A	N/A	1,336	18.5	N/A	N/A
Richmond	19	1.2	N/A	N/A	186	10.8	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	262	0.6	132	0.3	1,621	3.6	1,147	2.3
Albany	5	0.5	1	0.1	71	6.8	41	3.5
Allegany	1	0.4	0	0.0	3	1.2	8	3.7
Broome	1	0.1	5	0.7	15	1.9	15	1.8
Cattaraugus	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	4.9	8	2.1
Cayuga	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	2.3	0	0.0
Chautauqua	3	0.5	7	1.2	7	1.1	18	3.1
Chemung	0	0.0	1	0.3	12	3.0	8	2.1
Chenango	1	0.4	0	0.0	10	3.9	4	1.6
Clinton	5	1.4	0	0.0	12	3.3	39	11.4
Columbia	10	4.0	0	0.0	27	10.2	4	1.4
Cortland	2	1.0	3	1.6	3	1.4	1	0.5
Delaware	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.9	3	1.5
Dutchess	4	0.4	5	0.4	57	5.4	26	2.0
Erie	26	0.7	14	0.4	165	4.4	90	2.2
Essex	1	0.6	2	1.5	9	5.7	4	2.5
Franklin	2	0.9	1	0.5	4	1.9	5	2.3
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.2	4	1.7
Genesee	0	0.0	1	0.4	12	4.5	7	2.5
Greene	2	1.1	0	0.0	10	5.2	4	2.0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.9
Herkimer	0	0.0	1	0.4	5	1.7	4	1.5
Jefferson	3	0.6	2	0.4	8	1.6	8	1.7
Lewis	0	0.0	1	0.9	1	0.7	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	2.3	1	0.4
Madison	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.7	1	0.3
Monroe	27	0.9	10	0.3	106	3.7	67	2.0
Montgomery	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.4	2	1.0
Nassau	12	0.2	7	0.1	103	2.0	99	1.7
Niagara	12	1.3	7	0.8	35	3.7	18	1.9
Oneida	5	0.5	3	0.3	35	3.5	21	2.1
Onondaga	38	2.0	12	0.6	133	7.1	120	5.9
Ontario	0	0.0	1	0.2	9	2.2	2	0.4
Orange	10	0.7	1	0.1	45	3.1	58	3.1
Orleans	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.5	3	1.5
Oswego	1	0.2	0	0.0	15	2.5	9	1.5
Otsego	1	0.4	0	0.0	4	1.7	5	2.1
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.8	6	1.3
Rensselaer	4	0.6	2	0.3	21	3.4	20	3.1
Rockland	3	0.2	3	0.2	13	1.0	11	0.8
St. Lawrence	1	0.2	0	0.0	2	0.4	5	1.1
Saratoga	8	1.0	1	0.1	22	2.5	11	1.2
Schenectady	9	1.6	11	1.8	42	7.4	47	7.3
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	5.7	2	1.6
Schuyler	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	1	0.7	2	1.4	0	0.0	6	4.1
Steuben	3	0.6	0	0.0	10	2.1	1	0.2
Suffolk	15	0.3	11	0.2	157	2.6	106	1.6
Sullivan	4	1.4	3	1.0	12	4.1	17	5.1
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	1	0.4
Tompkins	1	0.3	0	0.0	18	5.8	3	0.9
Ulster	8	1.2	2	0.3	82	12.6	42	5.3
Warren	1	0.4	0	0.0	3	1.1	4	1.4
Washington	0	0.0	4	1.6	1	0.4	3	1.1
Wayne	1	0.2	0	0.0	13	3.1	9	2.0
Westchester	29	0.9	6	0.1	242	7.3	145	3.5
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	3.0	0	0.0
Yates	0	0.0	1	0.9	2	1.9	0	0.0

Adolescent Arrests – Violent Index Crimes – 16-19 years

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 16-19 years



	1995		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	15,591	16.5	N/A	N/A
New York City	11,390	31.7	N/A	N/A
Bronx	2,651	39.2	N/A	N/A
Kings	3,866	31.5	N/A	N/A
New York	2,199	37.8	N/A	N/A
Queens	2,304	25.7	N/A	N/A
Richmond	370	18.1	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	4,201	7.2	3,677	5.7
Albany	206	12.5	109	5.7
Allegany	34	6.6	10	2.1
Broome	64	5.7	65	4.9
Cattaraugus	33	6.2	23	4.1
Cayuga	30	6.9	26	5.5
Chautauqua	45	5.4	40	4.5
Chemung	33	6.5	24	4.7
Chenango	23	9.0	9	3.2
Clinton	23	4.3	10	1.9
Columbia	34	11.0	16	4.5
Cortland	20	5.1	10	2.5
Delaware	19	5.9	12	4.1
Dutchess	120	8.5	63	3.5
Erie	599	12.4	546	10.3
Essex	10	5.7	8	3.7
Franklin	15	5.5	15	5.0
Fulton	10	3.1	19	6.4
Genesee	10	3.0	15	4.3
Greene	14	6.1	21	7.1
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	9	2.3	25	7.1
Jefferson	19	2.9	21	3.5
Lewis	3	2.0	4	2.4
Livingston	7	1.5	19	3.6
Madison	18	2.9	13	2.2
Monroe	322	8.5	237	5.2
Montgomery	5	2.0	2	0.8
Nassau	359	5.8	452	6.7
Niagara	119	10.5	76	6.1
Oneida	82	6.1	51	3.7
Onondaga	284	10.7	225	7.8
Ontario	25	4.7	12	2.0
Orange	157	8.9	173	7.8
Orleans	17	7.1	4	1.5
Oswego	22	2.7	22	2.6
Otsego	20	4.0	19	3.7
Putnam	9	2.1	9	1.7
Rensselaer	58	6.1	62	6.4
Rockland	74	5.0	77	4.7
St. Lawrence	34	3.6	18	2.1
Saratoga	50	4.8	27	2.4
Schenectady	41	5.7	58	7.1
Schoharie	2	0.7	5	2.0
Schuyler	3	3.1	0	0.0
Seneca	7	4.1	11	5.9
Steuben	38	7.4	18	3.3
Suffolk	447	6.1	318	4.2
Sullivan	54	15.2	49	11.9
Tioga	9	3.4	6	2.0
Tompkins	54	5.0	21	1.9
Ulster	69	8.4	85	8.3
Warren	49	14.5	19	5.3
Washington	9	2.8	11	3.1
Wayne	19	4.1	28	5.1
Westchester	364	9.1	451	9.7
Wyoming	0	0.0	3	1.3
Yates	1	0.8	5	3.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Reports

POPULATION SOURCE:

Woods and Poole Economics Inc. – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

December 2001, November 2005

NOTES:

- NYC data for 2002, 2003, and 2004 are currently unavailable.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Rest of State Statistics:

(for ages 10-12 years)

Median: 0.1
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 1.8
 Standard Deviation: 0.5

(for ages 13-15 years)

Median: 1.7
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 11.4
 Standard Deviation: 2.0

(for ages 16-19 years)

Median: 4.1
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 11.9
 Standard Deviation: 2.5

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Citizenship

Arrests for Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI

number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years



Definition:

The youth drug arrest rate is based on the number of arrests for the use, possession or sale of drugs, public narcotic intoxication or driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs, per 10,000 youth 10 through 20 years.

interpreting the results of indicator-based studies. The rate of youth drug arrests is a direct measure of law enforcement response to youth and alcohol and other drug (AOD) use and is an indirect measure of youth AOD use in the population.

Significance:

Regular use of controlled substances is strongly related to health, mental health, educational attainment and other social problems for youth. For example, a landmark longitudinal study, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, examined the causes and relationships between drug abuse and urban delinquency (Huizinga, Loeber & Thornberry, 1994). The study found that while controlling for age, gender and ethnic group, the greater a youth's involvement in drug use, the more serious his or her delinquency, and vice versa. The evidence is growing that preventing early-aged drug use can reduce serious delinquency, alcohol problems and drug addiction in older adolescents and young adults.

Findings:

▼ The New York State youth drug arrest rate increased steadily throughout the 1990s, with New York City reaching a youth drug arrest rate of 323 arrests per 10,000 youth in 1998, and Rest of State reaching an arrest rate of 121 arrests per 10,000 youth in 1999. Since the late 1990s, the New York City drug arrest rate has declined to 237 arrests per 10,000 youth in 2001. The Rest of State youth drug arrest rate has remained fairly constant at around 118 arrests per 10,000 youth since 2000.

Note:

Community indicators are not direct measures of the population's behavior, but are instead measures of the performance of the community service systems that generate them. Indicator data produced by public service or social control agencies are affected by policy shifts, resource fluctuations, degree of centralization and standardization, local reporting practices and local service delivery differences. Local qualitative information regarding the "role" of the indicator in the context of its service setting must be obtained and applied when

▼ Drug arrests among youth is increasingly becoming a rural problem. All five of the upstate NY counties with the highest rate of youth drug arrests in 2004, Hamilton, Ulster, Sullivan, Schoharie and Washington, are rural to suburban counties located away from large, densely-populated cities. Only Ulster County encompasses a small urban area, Kingston (pop. 23,347).

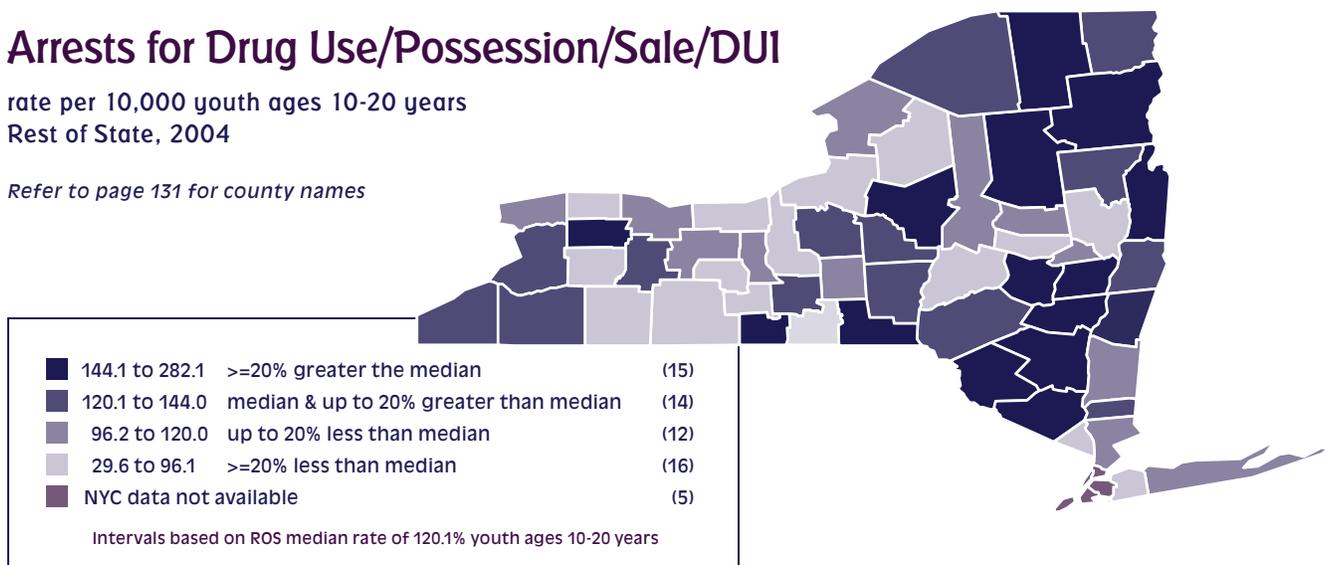
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Arrests for Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI

rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years
Rest of State, 2004

Refer to page 131 for county names



Adolescent Arrests – Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI

number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years



	1995		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	38,868	150.7	N/A	N/A
New York City	22,350	225.2	N/A	N/A
Bronx	5,472	292.6	N/A	N/A
Kings	5,706	165.4	N/A	N/A
New York	7,537	479.9	N/A	N/A
Queens	2,834	115.1	N/A	N/A
Richmond	801	140.2	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	16,518	104.1	20,076	117.7
Albany	812	191.6	813	175.9
Allegany	59	53.7	83	78.7
Broome	479	159.5	498	153.7
Cattaraugus	81	56.3	198	132.7
Cayuga	177	144.6	114	84.8
Chautauqua	208	92.9	330	138.9
Chemung	135	94.9	298	203.1
Chenango	39	48.9	120	142.7
Clinton	132	99.4	190	135.5
Columbia	154	178.8	149	156.2
Cortland	113	123.3	95	101.8
Delaware	130	166.0	95	120.1
Dutchess	524	137.1	495	109.3
Erie	1,512	114.5	1,809	125.7
Essex	22	42.8	116	205.6
Franklin	66	90.4	126	155.6
Fulton	61	74.4	89	104.0
Genesee	119	128.8	195	196.4
Greene	131	205.3	159	202.4
Hamilton	11	158.3	20	282.1
Herkimer	58	57.1	104	103.1
Jefferson	133	72.3	203	110.1
Lewis	18	38.8	43	88.4
Livingston	74	63.5	158	125.1
Madison	98	71.0	194	143.2
Monroe	1,213	117.4	1,301	109.6
Montgomery	86	121.0	68	90.0
Nassau	752	43.2	884	46.8
Niagara	197	61.8	381	109.4
Oneida	475	134.8	660	176.9
Onondaga	1,155	164.3	1,068	142.8
Ontario	204	139.1	182	117.3
Orange	853	171.0	1,130	192.5
Orleans	30	43.9	49	67.5
Oswego	113	51.1	120	53.5
Otsego	87	76.7	109	90.4
Putnam	205	161.6	197	143.3
Rensselaer	321	133.4	313	127.4
Rockland	324	75.9	416	91.8
St. Lawrence	139	63.3	255	121.1
Saratoga	231	79.3	269	89.9
Schenectady	220	111.5	248	116.9
Schoharie	105	173.8	131	232.0
Schuyler	36	123.3	28	88.9
Seneca	31	65.7	51	100.7
Steuben	171	113.0	126	78.9
Suffolk	1,553	76.2	2,287	110.6
Sullivan	146	147.7	285	242.3
Tioga	58	71.6	76	90.0
Tompkins	309	148.5	316	139.5
Ulster	683	302.6	661	247.1
Warren	102	111.0	135	137.3
Washington	93	102.5	210	217.3
Wayne	203	146.2	134	88.5
Westchester	989	87.4	1,215	96.7
Wyoming	70	105.6	64	95.0
Yates	18	49.9	13	29.6

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Report

POPULATION SOURCE:

U.S. Bureau of the Census

DATE COMPILED:

September 1998, April 2006

NOTES:

- NYC data for 2002, 2003, and 2004 are currently unavailable.
- Rates are for arrests for use, possession or sale of drugs, public narcotic intoxication or driving under the influence (DUI), per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Rest of State Statistics:

Median:	120.1
Minimum:	29.6
Maximum:	282.1
Standard Deviation:	52.5

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Citizenship

Hospitalizations Resulting from Assault (Three-Year Average)

number and rate per 100,000 youth ages 10-19 years



Definition:

The assault hospitalization rate is based on the number of discharges for hospitalizations resulting from an assault among youth ages 10 through 19 years per 100,000 population in this age group. Because the number of children hospitalized for assault injuries is very low in many counties in New York State, the assault hospitalization rates are presented as three-year averages. Three-year averaging improves the reliability of the data in counties with small populations where slight variations in the numbers of children hospitalized for assault injuries can result in large fluctuations in their annual rates.

Significance:

The rate of hospitalizations resulting from an assault is an important indicator of the relative safety of the home and community environments in which children are being raised.

Promoting safe communities by reducing violent and abusive behavior has been identified as a priority area by both National Healthy People 2010 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2000) and Communities Working Together for a Healthier New York (NYS Public Health Council, 1996).

Findings:

In New York State, an average of 2,119 youth between the ages of 10 and 19 years were hospitalized due to an assault during the years 1994-1996 for an average annual rate of 89.6 hospitalizations per 100,000. During 2001-2003, both the number and rate of such hospitalizations declined to 1,630 and 62.0, respectively.

During 2001-2003, most (about 73%) of New York State's hospitalizations due to assaults occurred among youth living in New York City. In 2001-2003, an average 114.1 per 100,000 New York City youth ages 10 through 19 years were hospitalized as a result of an assault compared to 28.2 per 100,000 youth in Rest of State.

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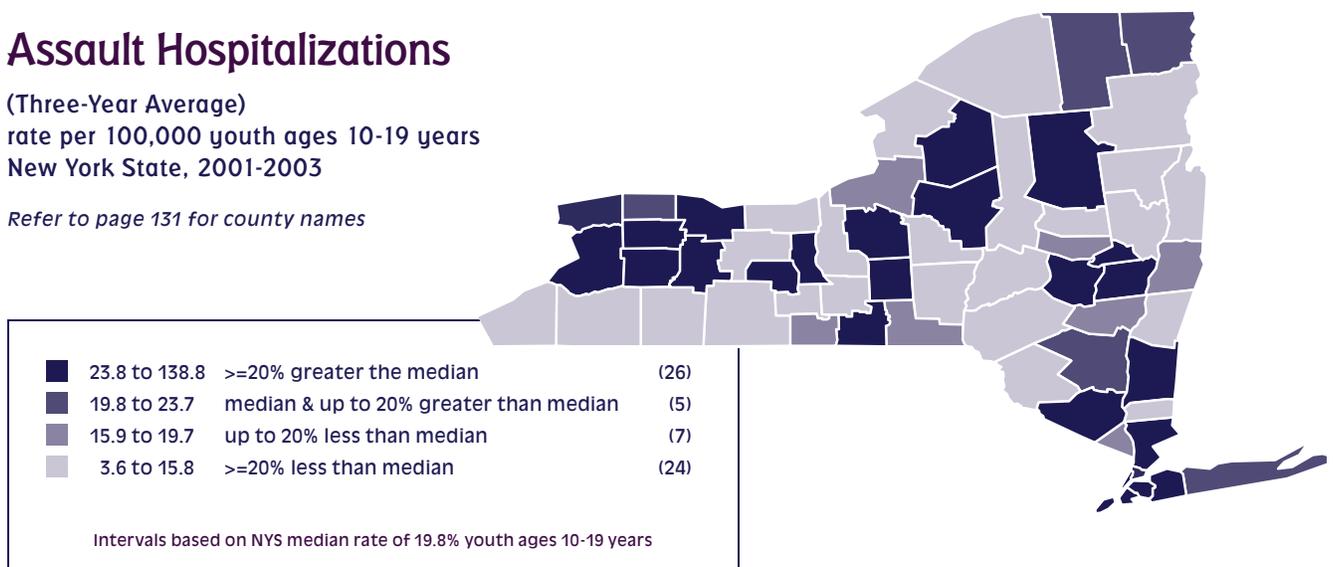
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Assault Hospitalizations

(Three-Year Average)
rate per 100,000 youth ages 10-19 years
New York State, 2001-2003

Refer to page 131 for county names



Hospitalizations Resulting from Assault (Three-Year Average)

number and rate per 100,000 youth ages 10-19 years



	1994-1996		2001-2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	2,119	89.6	1,630	62.0
New York City	1,530	167.9	1,181	114.1
Bronx	395	228.8	294	138.8
Kings	574	176.9	428	122.1
New York	228	170.8	145	100.2
Queens	287	125.7	266	100.5
Richmond	46	87.9	48	76.0
Rest of State	589	40.5	449	28.2
Albany	16	42.7	15	34.7
Allegany	2	21.5	1	14.7
Broome	9	33.0	5	17.0
Cattaraugus	4	31.0	2	15.1
Cayuga	2	17.2	2	13.8
Chautauqua	6	29.6	2	11.1
Chemung	4	29.1	2	18.2
Chenango	1	13.0	0	4.3
Clinton	2	16.3	3	22.3
Columbia	0	0.0	0	3.6
Cortland	2	24.9	3	41.8
Delaware	1	14.0	0	4.7
Dutchess	9	25.6	11	26.5
Erie	91	74.4	51	39.0
Essex	1	20.5	0	6.3
Franklin	2	28.3	2	23.3
Fulton	2	25.5	1	8.4
Genesee	1	11.6	8	89.2
Greene	2	34.0	1	19.2
Hamilton	0	0.0	1	107.9
Herkimer	2	21.3	1	7.4
Jefferson	3	18.3	2	10.7
Lewis	1	22.5	3	61.4
Livingston	2	20.0	3	25.0
Madison	1	8.4	1	5.6
Monroe	66	70.2	43	38.5
Montgomery	2	29.9	1	19.7
Nassau	68	43.4	64	35.4
Niagara	11	36.7	8	24.7
Oneida	11	32.5	10	30.8
Onondaga	31	48.6	36	52.5
Ontario	2	15.2	1	8.9
Orange	14	29.3	17	30.5
Orleans	2	31.1	1	19.9
Oswego	3	15.1	3	16.6
Otsego	2	21.1	1	9.6
Putnam	1	8.6	1	7.2
Rensselaer	7	32.3	4	19.4
Rockland	11	28.3	7	16.8
St. Lawrence	5	26.6	3	14.8
Saratoga	3	11.1	2	7.0
Schenectady	6	33.2	5	26.0
Schoharie	1	17.9	1	25.1
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	11.5
Seneca	1	21.2	2	41.2
Steuben	3	20.6	1	9.1
Suffolk	77	40.9	47	23.3
Sullivan	3	33.0	1	9.2
Tioga	0	0.0	2	24.8
Tompkins	1	6.1	1	5.7
Ulster	8	38.6	6	22.4
Warren	2	23.0	1	7.3
Washington	3	34.7	1	11.1
Wayne	1	7.8	1	4.6
Westchester	74	71.0	47	38.0
Wyoming	4	64.7	7	113.9
Yates	0	0.0	1	33.7

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Public Information Group; Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Health; Bureau of Biometrics – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

September 2001, October 2005

NOTES:

- Regional totals may not equal sum of counties due to rounding.
- Rates represent the average number of assault-related discharges per 100,000 youth ages 10-19 years.
- Three-year average of youth ages 10-19 years is used as the denominator in calculating rates.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	19.8
Minimum:	3.6
Maximum:	138.8
Standard Deviation:	32.2

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Citizenship

Driving While Intoxicated Arrests

number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 16-20 years



Definition:

The youth arrest rate for driving while intoxicated (DWI) is defined as the number of arrests for driving while intoxicated, per 10,000 youth ages 16 through 20 years.

Significance:

The use of alcohol impairs vision, cognitive judgment, coordination and motor skills and can inhibit short term memory and the ability to concentrate. At a very low blood alcohol content (BAC) (e.g., .02-.03), alcohol also impairs the ability to attend and respond to complex stimuli, such as road and traffic conditions, speed, traffic control devices, lane position, pedestrians, other vehicles, roadway signs, etc. (Brick, 1996). Youth have less driving experience than adults which, compounded with alcohol, puts youth at an increased risk of auto accidents, injury and death.

Findings:

Youth DWI arrests in Rest of State have been declining since 2001, when 51 of 10,000 youth were arrested for DWI, compared to 36 arrests per 10,000 youth in 2004. Youth DWI arrests declined dramatically both nationwide and in New York State through the first half of the 1990s. The second half of the 1990s saw the youth DWI arrest rate in New York State holding fairly constant or increasing slightly.

A great majority of New York State youth DWI arrests occur outside New York City. However, a greater percentage of youths 16 and 17 years of age living outside of New York City have drivers licenses (e.g., in 1998, for ROS vs. NYC youths ages 16 years: 31.4% vs. 3.7%; for ROS vs. NYC youths ages 17 years: 62.7% vs. 13.6%).

Of the five Rest of State counties with the highest rate of youth drug arrests in 2004, Fulton, Seneca, Genesee, Herkimer, and Lewis are largely rural counties with no public transportation infrastructure. Youths in rural counties must often drive further distances to reach their destinations compared to youth in more densely populated areas, possibly increasing their exposure to DWI arrests.

Five percent of Rest of State youth ages 17 through 18 years and 10 percent of Rest of State youth ages 19 through 20 years reported that they have driven while intoxicated in the past month (OASAS Youth Alcohol Survey, 1996). If these results were representative of all youth ages 17 through 20 years of age outside of New York City, approximately 50,000 youth would have driven while intoxicated in one month in 1996.

One quarter of Rest of State youth ages 16 through 20 years reported they were a passenger in a motor vehicle operated by an alcohol-impaired driver in the past month (OASAS Youth Alcohol Survey, 1996). If these results were representative of all youth 16 through 20 years of age outside of New York City, approximately 195,000 youth would have been a passenger of an alcohol-impaired driver in one month in 1996.

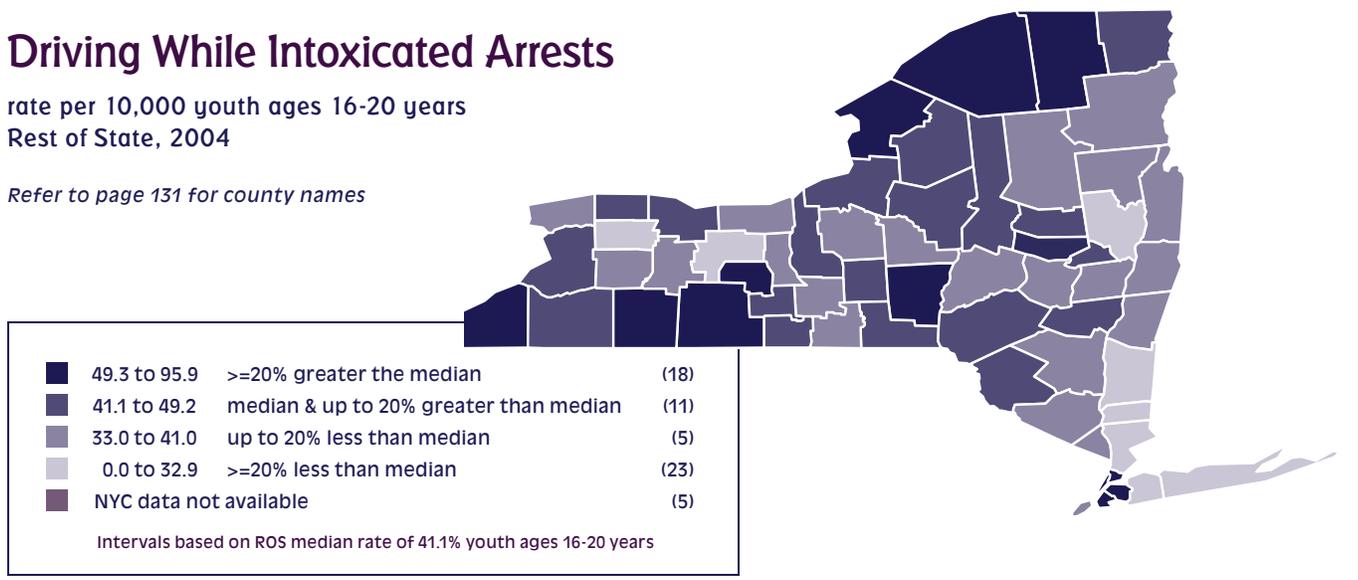
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Driving While Intoxicated Arrests

rate per 10,000 youth ages 16-20 years
Rest of State, 2004

Refer to page 131 for county names



Driving While Intoxicated Arrests

number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 16-20 years



	1995		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	3,110	26.9	N/A	N/A
New York City	135	3.1	N/A	N/A
Bronx	21	2.5	N/A	N/A
Kings	22	1.5	N/A	N/A
New York	40	5.3	N/A	N/A
Queens	39	3.6	N/A	N/A
Richmond	13	5.4	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	2,975	41.7	2,735	36.3
Albany	72	33.4	106	45.2
Allegany	35	55.8	18	30.2
Broome	46	31.1	45	27.8
Cattaraugus	38	60.1	35	52.4
Cayuga	23	45.6	17	28.9
Chautauqua	41	40.3	52	44.7
Chemung	22	36.0	35	54.1
Chenango	10	34.2	9	27.8
Clinton	52	79.6	20	28.0
Columbia	9	25.5	3	7.8
Cortland	32	64.1	27	52.3
Delaware	29	79.3	10	26.8
Dutchess	77	43.4	62	29.7
Erie	195	33.1	247	39.1
Essex	13	63.1	6	27.3
Franklin	30	94.5	5	13.0
Fulton	28	85.7	35	95.9
Genesee	41	105.4	38	91.1
Greene	19	70.1	11	29.7
Hamilton	2	73.8	0	0.0
Herkimer	29	67.2	31	69.9
Jefferson	40	46.9	40	45.5
Lewis	9	52.6	13	65.6
Livingston	23	36.1	39	56.6
Madison	21	27.0	15	20.6
Monroe	153	32.5	224	42.7
Montgomery	28	98.5	16	52.0
Nassau	280	37.0	235	30.0
Niagara	80	60.1	68	44.7
Oneida	68	42.4	58	35.3
Onondaga	71	21.4	115	34.6
Ontario	28	43.2	31	45.5
Orange	86	40.9	62	25.1
Orleans	11	37.8	16	50.3
Oswego	55	54.6	52	50.3
Otsego	44	67.5	31	44.8
Putnam	24	46.0	11	20.5
Rensselaer	70	58.6	69	59.4
Rockland	46	26.5	49	26.8
St. Lawrence	62	52.1	59	51.3
Saratoga	81	65.3	48	37.4
Schenectady	33	38.1	21	23.5
Schoharie	24	73.0	15	48.7
Schuyler	5	46.6	2	13.4
Seneca	15	80.5	18	92.8
Steuben	44	76.1	28	42.5
Suffolk	295	33.4	263	31.0
Sullivan	21	50.2	10	19.9
Tioga	16	53.3	10	31.8
Tompkins	44	29.8	55	34.4
Ulster	77	77.5	51	42.2
Warren	30	76.2	26	61.7
Washington	40	108.3	20	49.9
Wayne	25	47.3	30	51.2
Westchester	140	28.2	97	19.4
Wyoming	30	113.5	17	58.7
Yates	13	85.5	9	41.1

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Report

POPULATION SOURCE:

U.S. Bureau of the Census

DATE COMPILED:

September 1998, April 2006

NOTES:

- Youth arrested for driving while intoxicated per 10,000 youth ages 16-20 years.
- New York City and Rest of State have varying driving privileges for people learning to drive and for drivers under 18 years of age. While Long Island Counties and Rest of State have restrictions for junior license drivers, under no circumstances can drivers with a junior license drive in New York City. However, upon completion of a state-approved high school or college driver education course, a driver 17 years of age is eligible for a regular license (Class D), enabling them to drive in New York City.
- Community indicators are not direct measures of the population's behavior, but are instead measures of the performance of the community service systems that generate them. Indicator data produced by public service or social control agencies are affected by policy shifts, resource fluctuations, degree of centralization and standardization, local reporting practices and local service delivery differences. Local qualitative information regarding the "role" of the indicator in the context of its service setting must be obtained and applied when interpreting the results of indicator-based studies. The youth arrest rate for driving while intoxicated is a direct measure of law enforcement response to youth and alcohol and other drug (AOD) use and is an indirect measure of youth AOD use in the population.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Rest of State Statistics:

Median:	41.1
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	95.9
Standard Deviation:	19.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Citizenship

Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 years (after and including 2002)



Definition:

Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) are juveniles less than 18 years of age for whom complaints were filed with local probation departments because of non-criminal misconduct, such as truancy from school, incorrigibility, ungovernability or habitual disobedience. Complainants in these cases are generally parents or school officials who are seeking the formal intervention of the family court to control a juvenile's misconduct. PINS cases are recorded in the county in which a PINS complaint is filed. Only the aggregate number of cases is reported by local probation departments to the State, making it impossible to present frequencies and rates by age categories. The rate for PINS cases is calculated by dividing the number of PINS cases opened by an estimate of youth 10 through 17 years of age; the population of youth less than 10 years of age was excluded, because few PINS complaints are filed for juveniles in this lower age category.

Significance:

The number of PINS cases opened by local probation departments is the best official indicator of the level of non-criminal misconduct among youth that is perceived as sufficiently serious by parents, school officials or other authorities to warrant the family court's intervention.

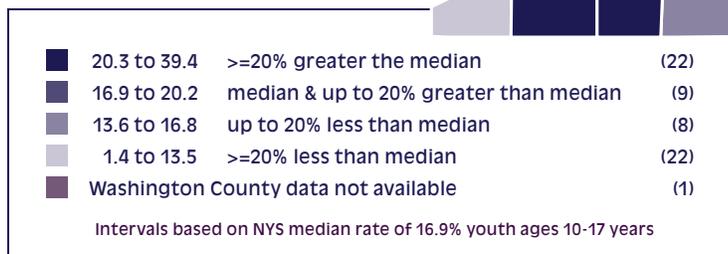
Findings:

- ▼ There were 24,206 persons in need of supervision (PINS) cases reported opened by local probation departments in New York State during 2003. Twenty-three percent of these cases were opened in New York City.
- ▼ Compared to 1995, there was a 27.1 percent increase statewide in the number of PINS cases opened in 2003. Regionally, the number of PINS cases opened increased by 6.4 percent in New York City. Rest of State saw a 34.9 percent increase. In 1995, PINS cases refer to youth 10 to 15 years and in 2003, PINS cases refer to youth 10 to 17 years.
- ▼ The number of PINS cases opened in 2003 per 1,000 children 10 through 17 years of age was lower in New York City than the Rest of State (rate of 6.5 vs. 14.6).
- ▼ Within New York City, rates for PINS cases opened were substantially higher in Bronx County (17.2) compared to the other four counties: Kings (4.0), Richmond (7.7), Queens (3.4), and New York (1.4).
- ▼ PINS case rates for the four surrounding suburban New York City counties were: Nassau County (9.7), Suffolk County (9.5), Rockland County (6.7), and Westchester County (13.0).

Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services

rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 years
New York State, 2003

Refer to page 131 for county names



Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services

number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-17 years (after and including 2002)



	1995		2003	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	19,042	14.0	24,206	11.3
New York City	5,201	9.2	5,534	6.5
Bronx	1,469	13.7	3,068	17.2
Kings	1,677	8.3	1,154	4.0
New York	660	8.1	163	1.4
Queens	1,167	8.3	740	3.4
Richmond	228	6.8	409	7.7
Rest of State	13,841	17.3	18,672	14.6
Albany	626	30.3	648	20.7
Allegany	118	25.1	130	22.0
Broome	291	18.5	433	19.9
Cattaraugus	259	31.8	358	35.5
Cayuga	211	28.8	258	27.0
Chautauqua	292	23.3	126	7.9
Chemung	275	33.3	283	28.1
Chenango	88	17.2	88	13.8
Clinton	124	17.1	135	15.1
Columbia	N/A	N/A	191	24.9
Cortland	140	33.1	125	23.1
Delaware	44	10.4	38	7.5
Dutchess	425	20.4	576	16.9
Erie	N/A	N/A	1,858	17.5
Essex	55	17.4	39	9.1
Franklin	121	29.0	185	33.4
Fulton	176	35.2	223	35.2
Genesee	132	24.4	86	12.0
Greene	63	17.0	65	12.2
Hamilton	0	0.0	10	21.9
Herkimer	118	19.8	140	19.7
Jefferson	232	22.9	301	24.6
Lewis	52	17.5	59	16.8
Livingston	100	18.7	167	23.7
Madison	86	14.1	223	29.3
Monroe	714	12.5	1,157	13.0
Montgomery	121	28.1	116	20.9
Nassau	728	7.3	1,464	9.7
Niagara	616	32.7	603	24.0
Oneida	387	19.4	426	16.2
Onondaga	746	19.7	879	16.5
Ontario	121	14.7	175	14.6
Orange	653	22.3	427	9.1
Orleans	101	25.2	104	19.7
Oswego	296	24.2	46	3.0
Otsego	N/A	N/A	33	5.0
Putnam	80	10.7	63	5.2
Rensselaer	449	36.5	684	39.4
Rockland	258	10.2	247	6.7
St. Lawrence	180	17.6	288	23.4
Saratoga	208	12.3	303	12.9
Schenectady	510	45.2	391	23.2
Schoharie	84	30.0	68	19.5
Schuyler	32	17.1	57	25.4
Seneca	55	19.6	111	27.7
Steuben	178	18.7	196	16.2
Suffolk	1,157	10.1	1,635	9.5
Sullivan	214	36.8	249	28.9
Tioga	93	17.8	55	8.4
Tompkins	140	22.6	189	21.5
Ulster	269	20.8	220	10.8
Warren	153	29.0	145	19.7
Washington	163	30.5	N/A	N/A
Wayne	284	32.9	101	8.4
Westchester	721	11.2	1,367	13.0
Wyoming	75	18.8	68	13.8
Yates	27	12.8	60	20.2

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Probation and Correctional Alternatives; Probation Workload Systems

POPULATION SOURCE:

Woods and Poole Economics Inc. – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

September 1999, November 2005

NOTES:

- As of July 2002, PINS data included youth 10-17 years. Prior to July 2002, PINS data included youth 10-15 years.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	16.9
Minimum:	1.4
Maximum:	39.4
Standard Deviation:	8.8

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Community Partnerships

Human services agencies, schools, faith-based groups, health-care facilities, businesses, and other agencies and organizations all have a stake in helping to prevent child abuse and neglect. Working in isolation, these groups often struggle to find the resources to make an impact on the lives of children and families. Working together, they can combine resources to prevent physical and emotional harm to children, build strong families, and help communities thrive (Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2004:1).

An integral component of New York City's reform effort has been the neighborhood and family-centered principles of *Family to Family* that aim to help communities work in partnership with a wide range of community organizations that are in neighborhoods with high child protective services referral rates. This effort aims to create an environment that supports families involved in the child welfare system and to help build stronger neighborhoods and stronger families. (For more information about *Family to Family*, visit the Annie E. Casey Foundations website at <http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/familytofamily/>.)

Child Welfare Information Gateway. 2004. *Collaborating with your community: Developing and sustaining child abuse prevention programs in tough times*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Available online <http://childwelfare.gov/preventing/developing/community.cfm>.

LIFE AREA:

Community



Goal 7: New York State communities will provide children, youth and families with healthy, safe and thriving environments.

- OBJECTIVE 1:** Communities will be economically sound.
- OBJECTIVE 2:** The environment will be free of pollutants (e.g., air and water quality will meet healthful standards).
- OBJECTIVE 3:** Neighborhoods will be crime free.
- OBJECTIVE 4:** Adequate housing will be available.
- OBJECTIVE 5:** Adequate transportation will be available.

Goal 8: New York State communities will provide youth and their families with opportunities to help them meet their needs for physical, social, moral and emotional growth.

- OBJECTIVE 1:** Communities will make available and accessible formal and informal services (e.g., child care, parent training, recreation, youth services, libraries, museums, parks).
- OBJECTIVE 2:** Adults in the community will provide youth with good role models and opportunities for positive adult interactions.
- OBJECTIVE 3:** Communities will provide opportunities for youth to make positive contributions to community life and to practice skill development.

Indicators

- Firearm Related Index Crimes
- Property and Violent Index Crimes Known to the Police
- Unemployment — Resident Civilian

Community

Firearm Related Index Crimes

number and rate per 1,000 persons in general population



Definition:

New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Index Crimes track whether a firearm was present during the commission of a murder, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault. A reported crime is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs, and only the most serious offense that was committed during a criminal incident is recorded. The firearm-related crime rate is the number of reported UCR crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault where a firearm was present divided by an estimate of the population of persons of all ages in the general population and multiplied by 1,000.

Significance:

The number of violent index crimes involving guns that are known to the police is the best official indicator of the frequency with which deadly weapons are used to commit serious violent crimes.

Findings:

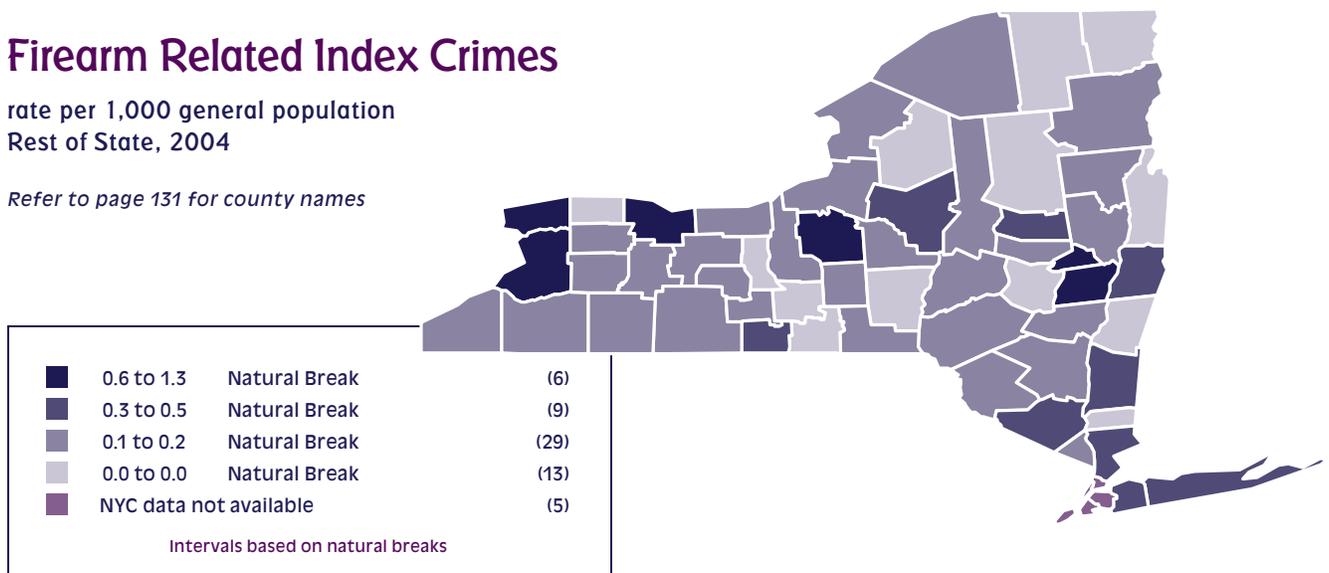


Outside of New York City there were 4,692 firearm-related index crimes reported to the police in New York State during 2004 compared to 5,739 in 1995. This difference represents an 18 percent decline in the number of firearm-related index crimes.

Firearm Related Index Crimes

rate per 1,000 general population
Rest of State, 2004

Refer to page 131 for county names



Firearm Related Index Crimes

number and rate per 1,000 persons in general population



	1995		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	31,214	1.7	N/A	N/A
New York City	25,475	3.5	N/A	N/A
Bronx	5,414	4.5	N/A	N/A
Kings	9,578	4.2	N/A	N/A
New York	4,565	3.0	N/A	N/A
Queens	5,438	2.8	N/A	N/A
Richmond	480	1.2	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	5,739	0.5	4,692	0.4
Albany	157	0.5	194	0.7
Allegany	12	0.2	4	0.1
Broome	31	0.1	28	0.1
Cattaraugus	14	0.2	16	0.2
Cayuga	9	0.1	9	0.1
Chautauqua	24	0.2	32	0.2
Chemung	23	0.2	27	0.3
Chenango	5	0.1	2	0.0
Clinton	4	0.0	4	0.0
Columbia	11	0.2	3	0.0
Cortland	3	0.1	6	0.1
Delaware	2	0.0	4	0.1
Dutchess	131	0.5	90	0.3
Erie	1,457	1.5	1,067	1.1
Essex	0	0.0	4	0.1
Franklin	5	0.1	2	0.0
Fulton	7	0.1	14	0.3
Genesee	8	0.1	10	0.2
Greene	2	0.0	6	0.1
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	4	0.1	10	0.2
Jefferson	7	0.1	13	0.1
Lewis	1	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	7	0.1	10	0.2
Madison	3	0.0	4	0.1
Monroe	1,202	1.6	940	1.3
Montgomery	2	0.0	5	0.1
Nassau	571	0.4	415	0.3
Niagara	87	0.4	134	0.6
Oneida	100	0.4	63	0.3
Onondaga	223	0.5	277	0.6
Ontario	6	0.1	13	0.1
Orange	88	0.3	92	0.3
Orleans	8	0.2	1	0.0
Oswego	1	0.0	8	0.1
Otsego	6	0.1	9	0.1
Putnam	11	0.1	4	0.0
Rensselaer	49	0.3	52	0.3
Rockland	93	0.3	65	0.2
St. Lawrence	7	0.1	6	0.1
Saratoga	16	0.1	11	0.1
Schenectady	91	0.6	125	0.9
Schoharie	1	0.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	0	0.0	1	0.1
Seneca	3	0.1	0	0.0
Steuben	9	0.1	10	0.1
Suffolk	479	0.4	513	0.3
Sullivan	34	0.5	17	0.2
Tioga	4	0.1	1	0.0
Tompkins	15	0.2	4	0.0
Ulster	29	0.2	24	0.1
Warren	8	0.1	5	0.1
Washington	2	0.0	2	0.0
Wayne	8	0.1	8	0.1
Westchester	654	0.7	323	0.3
Wyoming	3	0.1	3	0.1
Yates	2	0.1	2	0.1

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Report

POPULATION SOURCE:

Woods and Poole Economics Inc. – population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

December 2001, November 2005

NOTES:

- NYC data for 2002, 2003, and 2004 are currently unavailable.
- Rates are per 1,000 general population.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Rest of State Statistics:

Median:	0.1
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	1.3
Standard Deviation:	0.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Community

Property and Violent Index Crimes Known to the Police

number and rate per 1,000 persons in general population



Definition:

New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Index Crimes include serious property and violent crimes reported or otherwise known to the police. Property index crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Violent index crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. A reported crime is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs, and only the most serious offense that was committed during a criminal incident is recorded. The crime rate is the number of reported UCR index crimes divided by an estimate of the general population and multiplied by 1,000.

Significance:

There are no county-level victimization measures. This is not a measure of victimization because some crimes are not reported or otherwise known by the police. The number of property and violent UCR index offenses reported or otherwise known to the police are the best official indicators of the relative level of criminal activity throughout New York State. A distinction is made between violent and property offenses because crime trends for these two categories generally differ.

Findings:



There were 496,730 violent and property index crimes reported to the police in New York State during 2004. Seventeen percent of these crimes involved violent index offenses.



In 2004, 66 percent of the reported statewide violent index crimes and 41 percent of property index crimes occurred in New York City, despite the fact that about 42 percent of the State's population resides in New York City.



Compared to 1995, New York City's 2004 rates for reported index crime per 1,000 persons decreased 56 percent for violent index offenses (from 15.6 to 6.8) and 53 percent for property index offenses (from 44.8 to 21.0). In contrast, Rest of State saw violent index offense rates per 1,000 persons decrease 29 percent (from 3.5 to 2.5) and property index offense rates drop 32 percent (from 32.0 to 21.7).



In New York City, one in four of the index crimes reported to police in 2004 involved a violent index offense. Outside New York City, only one in ten reported crimes involved a violent index offense.

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; Uniform Crime Report

POPULATION SOURCE:

Woods and Poole Economics Inc. - population estimates

DATE COMPILED:

September 1999, November 2005

NOTES:

- Rates are per 1,000 general population.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(property crimes)

Median:	17.5
Minimum:	9.8
Maximum:	38.7
Standard Deviation:	7.2

(violent crimes)

Median:	1.9
Minimum:	0.2
Maximum:	9.4
Standard Deviation:	1.7

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Property and Violent Index Crimes Known to the Police

number and rate per 1,000 persons in general population



	Property Index Crimes				Violent Index Crimes			
	1995		2004		1995		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	675,833	37.1	412,769	21.4	151,731	8.3	83,961	4.4
New York City	328,352	44.8	171,188	21.0	114,180	15.6	55,688	6.8
Bronx	48,737	40.7	28,142	20.6	24,660	20.6	12,797	9.4
Kings	83,846	37.0	48,227	19.3	39,887	17.6	19,735	7.9
New York	98,543	65.5	51,317	33.2	25,095	16.7	11,414	7.4
Queens	86,146	43.8	37,819	16.7	21,789	11.1	10,323	4.6
Richmond	11,080	27.7	5,683	12.0	2,749	6.9	1,419	3.0
Rest of State	347,481	32.0	241,581	21.7	37,551	3.5	28,273	2.5
Albany	15,093	51.8	10,997	37.1	1,606	5.5	1,426	4.8
Allegany	1,087	21.2	845	16.9	160	3.1	97	1.9
Broome	6,590	31.6	5,434	27.2	420	2.0	328	1.6
Cattaraugus	2,398	28.0	2,271	27.3	279	3.3	209	2.5
Cayuga	2,224	26.6	1,639	20.1	233	2.8	131	1.6
Chautauqua	5,026	35.3	3,434	24.9	399	2.8	344	2.5
Chemung	3,328	35.2	2,817	31.3	217	2.3	253	2.8
Chenango	1,236	23.5	976	19.0	169	3.2	119	2.3
Clinton	1,583	18.2	1,401	17.2	290	3.3	187	2.3
Columbia	1,434	22.5	795	12.4	322	5.1	53	0.8
Cortland	2,013	40.6	1,267	25.9	88	1.8	107	2.2
Delaware	1,061	22.1	757	16.0	92	1.9	86	1.8
Dutchess	6,584	25.1	4,388	15.0	1,103	4.2	721	2.5
Erie	41,718	43.0	28,392	30.1	8,179	8.4	4,709	5.0
Essex	653	17.1	409	10.4	74	1.9	61	1.6
Franklin	1,030	20.9	864	16.8	237	4.8	165	3.2
Fulton	2,135	39.1	1,404	25.5	141	2.6	95	1.7
Genesee	1,655	27.0	1,717	28.7	104	1.7	108	1.8
Greene	1,064	22.3	655	13.4	283	5.9	140	2.9
Hamilton	148	28.2	53	10.0	3	0.6	4	0.8
Herkimer	1,503	22.4	853	13.4	190	2.8	133	2.1
Jefferson	2,314	20.0	2,051	19.0	150	1.3	231	2.1
Lewis	274	9.9	291	10.9	25	0.9	26	1.0
Livingston	1,534	23.3	1,638	25.1	140	2.1	86	1.3
Madison	1,584	21.9	1,318	18.8	69	1.0	71	1.0
Monroe	36,932	50.7	28,615	38.7	3,071	4.2	2,330	3.1
Montgomery	1,265	24.3	607	12.3	108	2.1	56	1.1
Nassau	30,031	23.1	19,816	14.7	3,198	2.5	2,503	1.9
Niagara	8,507	38.3	6,964	32.0	865	3.9	895	4.1
Oneida	7,427	29.8	5,666	24.2	617	2.5	545	2.3
Onondaga	18,685	39.4	11,865	25.8	1,804	3.8	1,554	3.4
Ontario	2,464	24.9	1,691	16.5	128	1.3	86	0.8
Orange	9,232	28.7	6,429	17.6	1,174	3.7	932	2.5
Orleans	776	17.0	513	11.6	83	1.8	68	1.5
Oswego	3,190	25.1	2,496	20.3	164	1.3	136	1.1
Otsego	1,214	19.6	1,077	17.3	110	1.8	130	2.1
Putnam	1,294	14.4	1,012	10.0	60	0.7	77	0.8
Rensselaer	5,102	32.6	3,830	25.0	463	3.0	488	3.2
Rockland	7,820	28.4	4,701	15.8	767	2.8	570	1.9
St. Lawrence	3,005	25.9	2,491	22.4	205	1.8	143	1.3
Saratoga	3,767	19.1	2,602	12.2	519	2.6	249	1.2
Schenectady	6,029	40.2	4,796	32.6	616	4.1	613	4.2
Schoharie	535	16.1	478	15.0	51	1.5	45	1.4
Schuyler	466	24.4	191	9.8	38	2.0	4	0.2
Seneca	748	23.0	502	14.4	43	1.3	35	1.0
Steuben	3,252	32.3	1,905	19.2	214	2.1	188	1.9
Suffolk	44,429	32.8	29,146	19.7	2,758	2.0	2,845	1.9
Sullivan	2,690	38.1	1,607	21.5	341	4.8	273	3.7
Tioga	821	15.3	517	10.0	98	1.8	29	0.6
Tompkins	3,891	40.0	1,352	13.6	163	1.7	64	0.6
Ulster	4,252	25.2	3,437	18.8	524	3.1	468	2.6
Warren	2,077	33.7	1,014	15.7	281	4.6	85	1.3
Washington	1,233	20.2	687	11.2	162	2.7	86	1.4
Wayne	2,150	23.0	1,977	20.8	183	2.0	197	2.1
Westchester	27,429	30.9	16,012	17.0	3,572	4.0	2,600	2.8
Wyoming	1,008	22.9	623	14.4	138	3.1	59	1.4
Yates	491	20.4	296	12.0	60	2.5	30	1.2

Community

Resident Civilian Unemployment

number and percent of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force



Definition:

Civilian unemployment is defined as adults 16 years of age and older who were not employed but were able, available and actively looking for work during the week including the 12th of the month. Individuals who were waiting to be recalled from a layoff and individuals waiting to report to a new job within 30 days were also considered unemployed. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed per 100 persons in the labor force (the sum of employed and unemployed). Rates represent the annual average.

Significance:

The rate of unemployment in an area is one indication of the state of the economy of that area and the opportunities for gainful employment.

Findings:

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In 2005, approximately 471,900 or 5.0 percent of all New York State resident civilian labor force were unemployed.

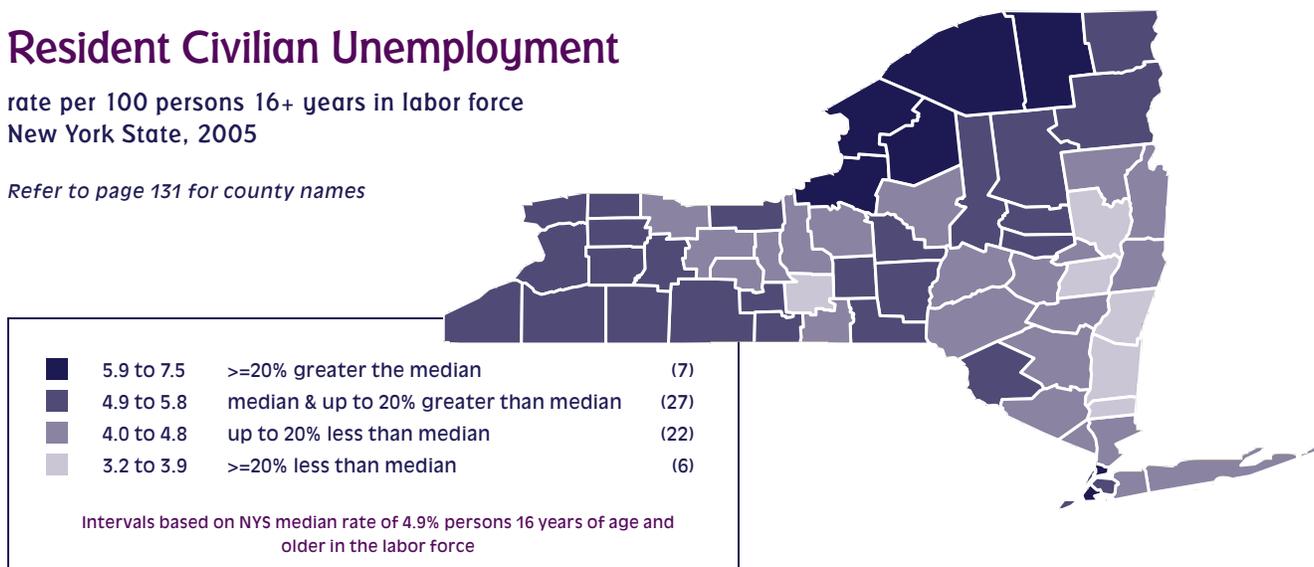
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Compared to 2000, the resident civilian unemployment rate increased for New York State as the rate remained stable in New York City and increased in Rest of State.

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In 2005, the county unemployment rates for resident civilians, in New York State, in the labor force ranged from a low of 3.2 percent in Tompkins County to a high of 7.5 percent in Bronx County.

Resident Civilian Unemployment

rate per 100 persons 16+ years in labor force
New York State, 2005

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Resident Civilian Unemployment

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	2000		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	415,500	4.5	471,900	5.0
New York City	212,300	5.8	215,300	5.8
Bronx	34,800	7.2	37,600	7.5
Kings	66,500	6.4	65,300	6.2
New York	43,400	5.1	44,600	5.1
Queens	56,600	5.3	56,000	5.2
Richmond	11,100	5.1	11,700	5.1
Rest of State	203,200	3.7	256,700	4.5
Albany	5,200	3.3	6,200	3.9
Allegany	1,100	4.9	1,300	5.6
Broome	3,500	3.6	4,800	4.9
Cattaraugus	1,900	4.5	2,300	5.5
Cayuga	1,600	3.9	2,000	4.8
Chautauqua	2,700	4.0	3,300	4.9
Chemung	1,800	4.3	2,200	5.4
Chenango	1,000	4.0	1,200	5.0
Clinton	1,800	4.7	2,100	5.3
Columbia	1,100	3.4	1,200	3.9
Cortland	1,100	4.4	1,300	5.4
Delaware	900	4.1	1,000	4.2
Dutchess	4,500	3.2	5,700	3.9
Erie	19,500	4.2	25,000	5.3
Essex	900	4.7	1,000	5.3
Franklin	1,300	5.8	1,300	6.0
Fulton	1,200	4.6	1,500	5.5
Genesee	1,300	3.9	1,600	4.9
Greene	1,000	4.5	1,100	4.8
Hamilton	200	5.4	200	5.2
Herkimer	1,300	4.2	1,700	5.2
Jefferson	2,700	5.9	2,900	6.2
Lewis	700	5.1	800	6.2
Livingston	1,300	4.1	1,700	5.1
Madison	1,300	3.8	1,800	5.1
Monroe	13,300	3.5	17,400	4.6
Montgomery	1,100	4.7	1,400	5.6
Nassau	22,500	3.3	28,400	4.1
Niagara	5,100	4.7	6,300	5.6
Oneida	4,300	3.8	5,400	4.8
Onondaga	8,100	3.5	10,700	4.6
Ontario	1,900	3.5	2,500	4.5
Orange	5,500	3.4	7,400	4.2
Orleans	900	4.7	1,200	5.7
Oswego	2,800	4.8	3,800	6.3
Otsego	1,200	4.2	1,400	4.3
Putnam	1,500	2.9	2,100	3.7
Rensselaer	2,900	3.6	3,500	4.2
Rockland	4,800	3.3	6,300	4.1
St. Lawrence	2,800	5.7	3,000	6.0
Saratoga	3,700	3.3	4,200	3.5
Schenectady	2,500	3.5	3,200	4.2
Schoharie	600	4.2	800	4.8
Schuyler	400	4.4	500	5.4
Seneca	700	4.3	800	4.7
Steuben	2,000	4.1	2,600	5.8
Suffolk	25,200	3.4	32,700	4.2
Sullivan	1,400	4.3	1,700	4.9
Tioga	900	3.4	1,300	4.8
Tompkins	1,700	3.3	1,800	3.2
Ulster	3,200	3.6	4,000	4.3
Warren	1,400	4.1	1,600	4.6
Washington	1,100	3.7	1,400	4.4
Wayne	1,900	3.8	2,500	5.0
Westchester	15,700	3.4	19,700	4.1
Wyoming	1,000	4.7	1,200	5.4
Yates	400	3.7	600	4.3

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Department of Labor

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Department of Labor; Division of Research and Statistics; Bureau of Labor Market Information

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Department of Labor; Division of Research and Statistics; Bureau of Labor Market Information

DATE COMPILED:

June 2006, March 2006

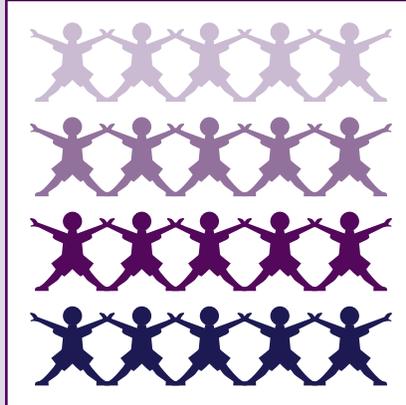
NOTES:

- Estimates for New York State and New York City are based on regression models from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) of the U.S. Department of Labor. Other sub-state estimates are prepared by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Unit of the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research and Statistics and are based on a set by BLS.
- Regional totals may not equal sum of counties due to rounding.
- Rates are per 100 persons 16 years of age and older within the labor force.

New York Statistics:

Median:	4.9
Minimum:	3.2
Maximum:	7.5
Standard Deviation:	0.8

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Safety, Permanency and Well-being

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997 (P.L. 105-89) promotes three national goals for child protection:

- ↳ **SAFETY:** All children have the right to live in an environment free from abuse and neglect. The safety of children is the paramount concern that must guide child protection efforts.
- ↳ **PERMANENCY:** Children need a family and a permanent place to call home. A sense of continuity and connectedness is central to a child's healthy development.
- ↳ **CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING:** Children deserve nurturing families and environments in which their physical, emotional, educational, and social needs are met. Child protection practices must take into account each child's needs and should promote the healthy development of family relationships.

LIFE AREA:

Family



Goal 6: Families will provide children with safe, stable and nurturing environments.

- OBJECTIVE 1: Parents/caregivers will provide children with a stable family relationship.
- OBJECTIVE 2: Parents/caregivers will possess and practice adequate child rearing skills.
- OBJECTIVE 3: Parents/caregivers will be literate.
- OBJECTIVE 4: Parents/caregivers will be positively involved in their children's learning.
- OBJECTIVE 5: Parents/caregivers will have the knowledge and ability to access support services for their children.
- OBJECTIVE 6: Parents/caregivers will provide their children with households free from physical and emotional abuse, neglect and domestic violence.
- OBJECTIVE 7: Parents/caregivers will provide their children with households free from alcohol and other substance abuse.

Indicators

- Child Abuse/Maltreatment — Indicated Reports
- Child Abuse/Maltreatment — Children and Youth in Indicated Reports
- Child Abuse/Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child
- Child Abuse/Maltreatment — Resulting in Court Cases
- Foster Care — Children and Youth In Care
- Foster Care — Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Age
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care by Placement Type
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care
- Foster Care — Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care by Placement Type
- Foster Care — Terminated Parental Rights
- Foster Care — Parental Rights Surrendered
- Foster Care — Adoption Milestones



The CHILD in Child Welfare and the Courts uses data collected and compiled by the New York Unified Court System (UCS) and the New York State Office on Children and Family Services (OCFS). Five data sources are used: UCS data are from the newly developed Universal Case Management System (UCMS); and OCFS data are from data generated for the federally reported Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), and data from the state's CONNECTIONS and the Child Care Review Services (CCRS).

↳ **UNIVERSAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (UCMS)**

The UCMS collects data from each of the 62 Family Courts in New York State. The UCMS enforces the standardization of data, court processes and business rules and provides standardized statistical information that focus on the child.

↳ **CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)**

The CFSR was designed to ensure the state child welfare agency practice is in conformity with federal child welfare requirements, to determine what is actually happening to children and families as they are engaged in state child welfare services, and to assist states to enhance their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes.

↳ **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT DATA SYSTEM (NCANDS)**

NCANDS is a federally sponsored effort that collects and analyzes annual data on child abuse and neglect. NCANDS data are reported to the federal government by fiscal year. Data are disaggregated by month in order to present calendar year data, thereby maintaining a consistency of reporting across child abuse and neglect indicators used in *The CHILD in Welfare Profile and the Courts*.

↳ **CONNECTIONS**

CONNECTIONS was developed by OCFS in response to the provision of federal financial incentives to develop a Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) in order to provide a more efficient and effective administration of child welfare programs and to meet the federal mandate for state collection of a set of foster care and adoption related data elements [the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)]. CONNECTIONS, in accordance with these mandates, is designed to create a single, statewide, integrated system for the collection and recording of child protective services, preventive services, foster care and adoption services information.

↳ **CHILD CARE REVIEW SERVICES (CCRS)**

CCRS is the system of record for New York State child welfare data. It collects legal, placement events for children receiving preventive, foster care and adoption services.

New York State Child Abuse and Neglect Laws

Definitions of Abused, Neglected and Maltreated Child



↳ **ABUSED CHILD**, as defined in Family Court Act 1012(e), means a child less than eighteen years of age whose parent or other person legally responsible for his care (i) inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury by other than accidental means which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or (ii) creates or allows to be created a substantial risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ, or (iii) commits, or allows to be committed an offense against such child defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law; allows, permits or encourages such child to engage in any act described in sections 230.25, 230.30 and 230.32 of the penal law; commits any of the acts described in section 255.25 of the penal law; or allows such child to engage in acts or conduct described in article two hundred sixty-three of the penal law provided, however, that (a) the corroboration requirements contained in the penal law and (b) the age requirement for the application of article two hundred sixty-three of such law shall not apply to proceedings under this article. [Abused child is also defined in Social Services Law 412(c).]

↳ **NEGLECTED CHILD**, as defined in Family Court Act 1012(f), means a child less than eighteen years of age whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as a result of the failure of his parent or other person legally responsible for his care to exercise a minimum degree of care (A) in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter or education in accordance with the provisions of part one of article sixty-five of the education law, or medical, dental, optometrical or surgical care, though financially able to do so or offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or (B) in providing the child with proper supervision or guardianship, by unreasonably inflicting or allowing to be inflicted harm, or a substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment; or by

misusing a drug or drugs; or by misusing alcoholic beverages to the extent that he loses self-control of his actions; or by any other acts of a similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the court; provided, however, that where the respondent is voluntarily and regularly participating in a rehabilitative program, evidence that the respondent has repeatedly misused a drug or drugs or alcoholic beverages to the extent that he loses self-control of his actions shall not establish that the child is a neglected child in the absence of evidence establishing that the child's physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as set forth in paragraph (i) of this subdivision; or (ii) who has been abandoned, in accordance with the definition and other criteria set forth in subdivision five of section three hundred eighty-four-b of the social services law, by his parents or other person legally responsible for his care.

↳ **MALTREATED CHILD**, as defined by the Social Services Law 412 (2), includes: (a) a child under eighteen years of age not in "residential care" as defined in subdivision seven of this section: (i) defined as a neglected child by the family court act, or (ii) who has had serious physical injury inflicted upon him by other than accidental means; or (b) a child in residential care as defined in subdivision seven of this section who is: (i) under eighteen years of age, except that a child with a handicapping condition, as defined in subdivision one of section forty-four hundred one of the education law, who is eighteen years of age or older, is in residential care in a school or facility described in paragraph (c), (d), (e) or (f) of subdivision seven of this section, provided that such term shall include a pupil with a handicapping condition in residential care in such a school or facility who is twenty-one years of age, and is entitled, pursuant to subdivision five of section forty-four hundred two of the education law, to remain in such school or facility until either the termination of the school year or the termination of the summer program, as applicable; and (ii) is a neglected child in residential care as defined in subdivision nine of this section.

The Social Services Law and Family Court Act are available in their entirety at <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menugetf.cgi?COMMONQUERY=LAWS>.



A Child's Journey Through the Child Welfare System



Families are the primary providers of safe, nurturing care for their children. New York State and Federal laws provide authority to the courts and child welfare agencies to intervene in family matters to protect a child suspected of being abused or maltreated by his or her caregivers. The State and the local social service districts bear the ultimate responsibility for the safety and well-being of its resident children. The following describes the process used to identify and assist children in need of protection.

Step 1: Abuse or maltreatment is reported

Anyone suspecting that a child is being abused or maltreated can contact the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, commonly known as the Child Abuse Hotline, and report their concerns. Under the law, some people (e.g., health care providers, school officials and employees, child care providers, social workers, mental health professionals and law enforcement officials) are considered "mandated reporters." Each county social services district, and in the City of New York, the Administration for Children's Services, must provide child protective services (CPS). When a hotline report is received, it is the local CPS that investigates the alleged child abuse or maltreatment. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is the oversight agency for the provision of child protective services by each local social services district.

Step 2: CPS investigates alleged abuse or maltreatment

CPS must commence an investigation of the allegation within 24 hours to determine whether the child is at imminent risk of harm and complete its investigation within 60 days. If the allegation is not substantiated, the case is unfounded and sealed. If there is some credible evidence of abuse or neglect, the perceived severity of harm or risk of future harm determines whether the child remains in the home and in accordance, one of the following actions is taken: 1) the child remains at home and the family may be offered voluntary services; 2) Family Court is petitioned for further action and the child remains in the home; or 3) the child is removed from the home and placed in foster care pursuant to a court order or, in emergency situations when there is no time to get a court order, with court review of the basis for the approval after the removal.

Step 3: Petition is filed in Family Court

If the allegation is of sufficient seriousness that the removal of the child from the parent's care is contemplated, CPS may ask the court for authority to remove the child without filing a petition, or may file a petition with the Family Court alleging abuse and/or neglect. Only Family Court has the authority to require a family to accept services and supervision or to order the removal of a child from his or her home and placement in foster care. If a child has already been removed without a

court order, a petition alleging abuse or neglect must be filed in Family Court within one court day of the removal. Family Court procedures are designed to address the unique nature of child protective services. There is no jury. A judge decides all disputed issues of fact and law. Both children and indigent parents are provided lawyers. In a special hearing that must be held within very short timeframes, the Family Court determines the initial course of action including: 1) the child remains at home and the family accepts voluntary services; 2) the child remains at home and the family is required to accept supervision and supportive services; or 3) the child is removed from the home and placed in foster care or with a fit and willing relative and the family usually is required to accept supervision and supportive services.

Step 4: Adjudicatory Hearing is held

Regardless of whether the child is removed from the home, a fact finding hearing is held for filed petitions to determine whether the parent committed the acts as alleged. In this phase, a parent may admit to the charges. If not, an evidentiary fact-finding hearing is conducted with the local social services district presenting evidence that is subject to question by the child's and the parent's lawyers. Ultimately the court decides whether there is a preponderance of the evidence that the parent or other person legally responsible for the child committed the alleged abuse or neglect.

Step 5: Dispositional Hearing is held

Dispositional Hearing is held after the court has made a finding of abuse or neglect to determine what action is necessary to assist the parent(s) and child, including court ordered services, orders of protection, continued placement. At this hearing, the court reviews service plans, reviews visitation arrangements, obtains information about the health and developmental needs of the child, considers the parent's ability to meet those needs, and orders services. Again, the options include: 1) permitting the child to continue to live with the parent – usually with required support services and ongoing CPS oversight; 2) awarding custody of the child to a relative or other suitable person; or 3) placing or continuing placement of the child in foster care with orders of supervision and supportive services.

Step 6: Eight month initial permanency hearing (or 30 days if reasonable efforts to reunify are not required)

Periodic reviews of placement enable the court to closely monitor that all parties are in compliance with court orders and that the health, safety, and developmental needs of the child are being met. At every hearing, the court must make a finding regarding whether "reasonable efforts" towards reunification or another permanency goal have been made. Such "reasonable efforts" are not required if the court

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finds that the child has been subjected to such aggravated circumstances as abandonment, torture, repeated abuse and sexual abuse or where the parent has committed murder, voluntary manslaughter or felony assault that resulted in serious injury to the child or another child for whom the parent was legally responsible. Subsequent permanency hearings must be held every six months while a child remains in out of home placement.

Step 7: Achieving permanency: Reunification or Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Fact Finding and Disposition Hearing

In cases of severe or repeated abuse, the district may seek termination of parental rights immediately.

Except for the rare cases where a child has been severely or repeatedly abused, the initial permanency goal for a child in foster care is to return the child to his or her family. This involves provision of services necessary to achieve that goal, including arranging and facilitating in-going visitation between the child and family. Where efforts at reunification are not successful, the social services district must establish another goal, which is usually to seek to free the child for adoption. This can be by a voluntary surrender of parental rights or by pursuing involuntary termination of parental rights. If a child has been in foster care for 15 out of the most recent 22 months, local social services districts must file a petition to terminate parental rights, unless compelling circumstances exist.

The standard for approving termination of parental rights is the high standard of "by clear and convincing evidence." The grounds on which a court can terminate parental rights include: abandonment, parental mental incapacity, severe or repeated child abuse or permanent neglect. The court may also give a parent a last chance by "suspending judgment" for up to one year, which may be extended for up to one more year in certain limited circumstances. Once a court order is final for the termination of parental rights, the child is freed for adoption. An older child, who has a right to refuse adoption, may wish to continue a relationship with a parent, even if reunification is not possible. In some instances, a parent may voluntarily surrender his or her parental rights to a child. Such a surrender may be "conditional" which means that the parent may designate a particular person to adopt his or her child or that there is an agreement for post-surrender and post-adoption continuing contact between the birth parent and child. Although adoption is the preferred placement goal for all freed foster children, older children who do not consent to being adopted may instead have a goal of another planned living arrangement with a permanency resource. For those children, training and independent living services must be provided to the child to prepare the child to live on his or her own when the child becomes an adult.

Step 8: Where parental rights have been surrendered or terminated, the child proceeds on adoption track or child remains in foster care with a goal of another planned permanent living arrangement with a permanency resource and ages out of care

Step 8a: Court holds Adoption Hearing

The adoption process is a multi-step process and is measured by four milestones:

- **GOAL OF ADOPTION:** a foster child is given a permanency goal of adoption when the authorized agency has determined that the child's parent(s) is/are unable or unwilling to provide a safe, permanent home for the child in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the child.
- **LEGALLY/COMPLETELY FREED CHILD:** a person under the age of 18 years whose custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency as a result of either a surrender or a termination of parental rights order of the Family Court or Surrogate's Court.
- **ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT:** the child has been placed in the home for the purpose of adoption and the authorized agency and the prospective adoptive parents have signed an Adoptive Placement Agreement (APA), and the facts of the placement are recorded according to New York State statute.
- **DISCHARGE TO ADOPTION (DISCHARGED FROM FOSTER CARE, RE: ADOPTION):** the court has approved the adoption and guardianship and custody have been transferred from the authorized agency to the adoptive parent(s).

Step 8b and 8c: Child remains in foster care, ages out of the foster care system and the case is closed

Youth can stay in foster care until their 21st birthday. To stay in foster care after age 18, the youth must give consent to remain in foster care and must be in school, or in college, or regularly attending a vocational or technical training program, or lack the skills or ability to live independently. When the plan is for a youth to remain in care, the local social services district should be assisting the youth in his or her transition to self-sufficiency by connecting the youth to an adult permanency resource who is willing and able to provide emotional support and guidance to the youth as he or she moves from foster care to responsible adulthood.

Family

Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

number and percents of reports



Definition:

The State Central Register receives reports concerning alleged incidents of abuse and maltreatment in families and certain publicly licensed settings. A report becomes "indicated" when there is some credible evidence that a child has experienced abuse or maltreatment. This indicator presents the number of indicated reports in a given calendar year and the percentage of reports that are indicated in a given year. The percentage is determined by dividing the total number of indicated reports by the total number of reports. Reports can include more than one child and more than one type of abuse or maltreatment; therefore, this indicator is report-oriented, not child-oriented.

Significance:

Children may suffer from child abuse and maltreatment regardless of their socioeconomic status and racial or ethnic background. Incidents of abuse and maltreatment most frequently occur in the victim's own home and are perpetrated by someone they know. In addition to the immediate trauma of abuse and neglect on children, the Child Welfare Information Gateway (2006) identified some of the long-term consequences for the children, families, and societies, including:

Long-Term Consequences

PHYSICAL—Severe physical abuse or neglect can result in chronic health problems, broken bones, brain trauma or even death.

PSYCHOLOGICAL—Emotional effects can include fear, inability to trust, depression, anxiety, and difficulties in forming relationships.

BEHAVIORAL—Studies have found that abused and neglected children are at increased risk of experiencing such problems as delinquency, teen pregnancy, low academic achievement, and substance abuse (Kelley et al., 1997), to be arrested as a juvenile and involved in adult or violent crime (Widom & Maxfield, 2001) and to eventually victimize their own children (Prevent Child Abuse NY, 2001).

SOCIETAL—The direct costs (e.g., law enforcement, child welfare system and health costs) and indirect costs (e.g., juvenile and adult criminal activity) were recently estimated at more than \$94 billion per year for the United States and more than \$2.4 billion per year for New York State (Prevent Child Abuse America, 2001).

The number of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment is an important measure of the incidence of child abuse and maltreatment in New York State. It should be noted, however, that the rate of indicated reports is affected by a

number of factors other than the actual incidence of abuse and maltreatment. Therefore, some caution is required in drawing conclusions concerning the overall prevalence of abuse and maltreatment or differences between counties. First, some cases of abuse and maltreatment are never reported. Second, some incidents are reported more than once and several reports may relate to a single family. Third, reports tend to rise for reasons unrelated to the actual prevalence of abuse and maltreatment, such as a highly publicized case, a public awareness campaign or an addition to the list of those required to report suspected abuse and neglect (i.e., mandated reporters). Finally, sufficient evidence may not be available to "indicate" the report. The high rates of indicated abuse or maltreatment reports in some counties may reflect better reporting or reliance on lower standards of evidence to indicate cases. Conversely, low rates may be the result of low reporting or stricter standards of evidence.

Note:

As of 2000, the numbers include children from households and institutional settings.

Findings:

Compared to 2000, the number of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment decreased slightly from 45,941 to 43,175 in 2004. Similarly the number of reports decreased between 2000 and 2004 (145,125 to 142,130, respectively).

The percentage of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment in 2004 is somewhat higher in New York City (32.9%) than in Rest of State (29.3%). This pattern is consistent with that found in 2000 (35.1% vs. 29.8%, respectively).

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Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

number and percent of reports



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	45,941	31.7	43,175	30.4
New York City	19,304	35.1	16,085	32.9
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	26,443	29.8	26,922	29.3
Albany	1,229	38.0	1,254	34.3
Allegany	166	28.5	171	27.9
Broome	480	23.0	474	23.7
Cattaraugus	357	30.1	362	28.8
Cayuga	149	21.0	219	24.6
Chautauqua	680	33.2	602	32.3
Chemung	758	50.6	637	41.8
Chenango	188	26.6	231	30.6
Clinton	463	39.6	357	33.3
Columbia	302	38.4	182	24.1
Cortland	242	30.6	260	39.0
Delaware	232	34.6	196	37.1
Dutchess	783	33.9	863	35.6
Erie	2,167	27.5	1,934	23.7
Essex	93	24.3	133	32.0
Franklin	155	27.1	252	34.9
Fulton	260	32.1	240	26.6
Genesee	191	29.1	158	25.2
Greene	104	21.4	81	13.6
Hamilton	4	19.0	6	24.0
Herkimer	179	25.8	179	29.4
Jefferson	436	33.9	524	40.4
Lewis	63	27.2	70	32.4
Livingston	190	31.4	173	26.3
Madison	230	32.2	243	28.8
Monroe	1,525	29.0	1,559	29.2
Montgomery	179	31.6	140	21.0
Nassau	1,425	27.4	1,700	30.0
Niagara	415	19.3	549	24.4
Oneida	826	32.8	886	29.9
Onondaga	1,376	32.6	1,312	29.5
Ontario	336	32.2	393	32.2
Orange	698	27.3	801	30.4
Orleans	96	18.3	117	21.5
Oswego	498	31.5	413	28.5
Otsego	221	37.6	140	23.2
Putnam	96	24.9	168	42.7
Rensselaer	313	18.4	411	22.5
Rockland	234	19.7	227	21.7
St. Lawrence	349	28.7	302	23.9
Saratoga	423	26.8	353	24.1
Schenectady	554	29.5	469	22.8
Schoharie	79	19.8	102	28.3
Schuyler	93	34.1	75	29.1
Seneca	167	32.1	148	21.8
Steuben	383	27.7	497	34.5
Suffolk	2,856	33.3	2,819	33.3
Sullivan	237	26.2	236	22.3
Tioga	261	41.0	174	33.7
Tompkins	244	32.8	174	23.6
Ulster	331	19.7	426	24.8
Warren	184	27.4	202	28.1
Washington	198	24.9	388	39.9
Wayne	278	28.4	263	27.9
Westchester	1,259	29.8	1,480	34.1
Wyoming	142	34.2	104	30.3
Yates	66	24.9	93	27.2

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; CONNECTIONS

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; CONNECTIONS

DATE COMPILED:

June 2006, June 2006

NOTES:

- The percent is calculated by dividing the number of indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment by the total number of reports received
- The terms neglect and maltreatment are used interchangeably but are not synonymous in the law. Neglect is defined in law at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act and maltreatment is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law.
- The state total is greater than the sum of the counties since not all investigations are conducted by county Department of Social Services.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 28.8
 Minimum: 13.6
 Maximum: 42.7
 Standard Deviation: 5.9

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Family

Children and Youth in Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years



Definition:

Child abuse and maltreatment represent an impairment or imminent danger of impairment of a child's physical, mental or emotional condition due to the failure of a parent, guardian or other person legally responsible for the child to exercise a minimum degree of care toward the child. This can involve the failure to provide a minimum degree of care regarding a child's basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, or proper supervision or guardianship. It can also involve the parent or other legally responsible person's use of excessive corporal punishment, the abuse or misuse of drugs or alcohol, and abandonment of a child (U.S. DHHS, 2006).

Children and youth in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment presents the number of unique children experiencing child abuse and neglect in a given year and the rate per 1,000 children and youth 0 to 17 years in the general population.

Significance:

Children may suffer from child abuse and maltreatment regardless of their socioeconomic status or race and ethnic backgrounds. There are short- and long-term negative consequences related to child abuse and maltreatment, including adverse health, educational attainment and social and behavioral development. As noted by the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child (2005), persistent stress resulting from child maltreatment for young children can disrupt early brain development and impair development of the nervous and immune response systems. It is, however, difficult to distinguish the extent to which these effects are caused by the child's experience with abuse and neglect, the disruptions that often accompany service interventions (such as multiple residential placements), or the presence or absence of other factors in the child's developmental experiences (Chalk, Gibbons & Scarupa, 2002).

Note:

The number of children reflects unique children. The unique number, within New York City or Rest of State, will count a child only once during a year even if that child has more than one indicated abuse or maltreatment.

Findings:

While the rate of child abuse and maltreatment in 2004 in New York State remained relatively unchanged from the rate in 2000, the rate decreased in New York City (from 13.1 to 11.3/1,000 children 0-17 years) and increased in Rest of State (13.6 to 15.2/1,000 children 0-17 years).

The rate of child abuse and maltreatment was greater in Rest of State in 2004 compared to New York City (15.2 vs. 11.3/1,000 children 0-17 years). While this trend is consistent with the rates in 2000 (13.6 vs. 13.1/1,000 children), the difference between the rates has increased.

In 2004, the number of unique children and youth in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment was 63,877. In 2000, the number of unique children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment totaled 63,075.

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Children and Youth in Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and Maltreatment

number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years



	2000		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	63,075	13.4	63,877	13.6
New York City	25,458	13.1	22,511	11.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	37,364	13.6	41,215	15.2
Albany	1,466	22.1	1,518	23.4
Allegany	246	20.2	238	21.3
Broome	699	15.2	809	18.2
Cattaraugus	527	24.0	609	30.1
Cayuga	237	11.5	313	16.4
Chautauqua	894	26.1	1,031	32.4
Chemung	994	44.8	943	44.9
Chenango	274	20.4	387	31.3
Clinton	592	32.3	542	31.4
Columbia	413	27.2	290	19.9
Cortland	336	29.2	407	37.2
Delaware	287	25.9	324	32.3
Dutchess	1,106	15.7	1,273	17.9
Erie	3,167	13.7	3,057	13.6
Essex	119	13.4	214	26.3
Franklin	231	19.8	372	34.6
Fulton	352	25.7	358	28.2
Genesee	267	17.0	261	17.8
Greene	155	14.0	110	10.2
Hamilton	5	4.7	8	8.5
Herkimer	277	17.7	339	23.2
Jefferson	690	23.3	855	29.7
Lewis	90	12.0	121	18.1
Livingston	218	14.5	231	16.4
Madison	352	20.3	318	20.0
Monroe	2,372	12.6	2,601	14.2
Montgomery	244	20.1	212	18.2
Nassau	1,895	5.8	2,488	7.5
Niagara	582	10.7	794	15.3
Oneida	1,164	20.7	1,281	24.2
Onondaga	2,180	18.5	2,109	18.4
Ontario	492	19.3	558	22.5
Orange	1,028	10.4	1,248	12.2
Orleans	142	12.3	194	17.9
Oswego	801	24.5	762	24.8
Otsego	307	22.0	216	17.4
Putnam	124	4.9	259	9.9
Rensselaer	487	13.2	660	18.5
Rockland	398	5.0	329	4.0
St. Lawrence	458	17.5	511	21.0
Saratoga	606	12.1	591	11.5
Schenectady	746	20.9	669	19.1
Schoharie	121	16.0	149	21.3
Schuyler	140	28.7	125	27.6
Seneca	225	27.2	180	23.0
Steuben	522	20.3	759	31.1
Suffolk	4,047	10.9	4,464	11.6
Sullivan	369	20.0	349	19.9
Tioga	380	27.1	304	23.5
Tompkins	316	17.3	323	19.1
Ulster	497	11.9	629	15.6
Warren	237	15.6	302	20.7
Washington	273	18.2	524	36.5
Wayne	401	15.6	418	16.9
Westchester	1,691	7.3	2,165	9.1
Wyoming	204	19.5	177	18.9
Yates	103	15.7	146	23.4

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services – National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

Complete Economic and Demographic Data Source (CEDDS), Woods and Poole Population Projections

DATE COMPILED:

June 2006, June 2006

NOTES:

- The number of children reflects unique children. The unique number, within New York City or Rest of State, will count a child only once during a year even if that child has more than one indicated abuse or maltreatment.
- Numbers include children in households and institutional settings.
- The terms neglect and maltreatment are used interchangeably but are not synonymous in the law. Neglect is defined in law at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act and maltreatment is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law.
- The state total is greater than the sum of the counties since not all investigations are conducted by county Department of Social Services.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median:	19.9
Minimum:	4.0
Maximum:	44.9
Standard Deviation:	8.2

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Family

Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Removal of Child

number and percent of children/youth with child abuse/maltreatment petitions filed



Definition:

In New York State, children who are suspected of being abused or maltreated become children of reports to the State Central Registry (SCR). Reports to the SCR are transmitted electronically to local Social Services District (SSD) child protective service (CPS) units for investigation and assessment of risk of harm and services need. The CPS caseworker determines whether a child named in an SCR report has been abused or maltreated and whether the child is at imminent risk of harm by remaining in the home and at immediate risk of foster care placement. If deemed necessary, CPS may remove children on an emergency basis, at or before submitting a petition of abuse and neglect to Family Court, or after the Court investigates the evidence and issues a disposition (decision) ordering the removal. Removal, based on the perceived threat to a child's safety and well-being, can occur at any time while a child abuse and neglect case is open.

The percentage of children removed is calculated by dividing the total number of children with a removal date at or before the initial court hearing by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year. The percentage of children removed at or before petition filing date is calculated by dividing the number of children with a removal date equal to or less than the petition date in a given year by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year. The percentage of children removed at the initial court hearing is calculated by dividing the number of children removed at the initial court hearing by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year.

Significance:

Removing a child from his or her family is a serious step that carries the risk of further traumatizing an already vulnerable child. If feasible, courts order family support services or seek other alternatives (e.g., removal of offending parent) before removing a child from his or her home. Placement of children outside the family is reserved for situations where the parents are unwilling or unable to adequately care for their children.

Note:

New York has established a statewide, locally administered, preventive services program for the purposes of averting an impairment or disruption of a family which could result in placement of a child in foster care, of strengthening the ability of related persons to live together, and of encouraging stable living arrangements. Eligibility for "mandated" preventive services is determined, without regard to income, upon a finding that a child will be placed or continued in foster care unless appropriate preventive services are provided. The supportive and rehabilitative preventive services include clinical diagnostic and therapeutic services, parent aide services, parent training, emergency shelter and food, day care services, homemaker and housekeeper services, and home management services.

In New York City, the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is responsible for administering to the needs of New York City children who have been placed in foster care or are at imminent risk of foster care placement. ACS maintains CPS units in field offices located in each of the five boroughs of New York City. ACS also maintains services units known as the Family Preservation Program (FPP). There are 15 FPP units in New York City. CPS workers in New York City may refer cases to FPP units to provide a short term (6-8 weeks) regimen of intensive needs assessment, case planning, and social services intervention under the terms of the initial case plans. The goal of this intensive intervention is to prevent foster care placements, and to reduce or eliminate the household circumstances causing the risk of imminent placement (U.S. DHHS, 1999).

Findings:



Among the 16,880 children with child abuse and maltreatment petitions filed in New York State in 2005, there were 6,011 children removed from their home.



The number of children removed from their homes was slightly smaller in 2005 compared to 2004 (6,011 vs. 6,463, respectively) but the percentage of children removed was relatively stable (35.6% vs. 35.9%, respectively).



In 2005, as in 2004, the majority of children removed from their home were removed at or before the petition filing in New York State (81.0% and 82.9%, respectively).

In 2005, a larger percentage of children with child abuse and maltreatment petitions filed in New York City were removed from their homes compared to the percentage of children removed from their home in Rest of State (65.4% vs. 23.0%, respectively). The number of petitions filed in New York City is significantly smaller than the number in Rest of State (5,019 vs. 11,861 petitions filed, respectively).

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Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Removal of Child

number and percent of children/youth with child abuse/maltreatment petitions filed



	2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	6,463	35.9	6,011	35.6
New York City	3,714	66.0	3,281	65.4
Bronx	1,326	75.6	1,172	75.2
Kings	951	68.6	736	65.5
New York	776	65.9	705	68.4
Queens	510	49.1	535	49.7
Richmond	151	54.9	133	57.8
Rest of State	2,749	22.2	2,730	23.0
Albany	69	11.6	79	13.5
Allegany	23	37.7	22	29.3
Broome	62	32.5	69	26.5
Cattaraugus	32	14.1	31	19.5
Cayuga	33	32.7	26	37.1
Chautauqua	68	26.6	58	29.0
Chemung	59	24.5	78	43.1
Chenango	21	25.6	18	25.0
Clinton	37	54.4	28	37.8
Columbia	54	46.6	44	37.3
Cortland	32	32.7	27	29.7
Delaware	1	3.3	11	16.2
Dutchess	89	31.2	80	28.9
Erie	304	29.8	375	32.4
Essex	28	80.0	15	34.9
Franklin	26	14.0	18	15.0
Fulton	4	3.7	2	3.3
Genesee	11	25.6	9	26.5
Greene	12	37.5	30	34.9
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	15	21.1	23	32.9
Jefferson	9	5.7	21	10.3
Lewis	0	0.0	14	30.4
Livingston	21	38.2	17	27.0
Madison	19	23.5	32	28.8
Monroe	397	62.6	321	59.0
Montgomery	33	41.3	16	17.4
Nassau	70	13.0	48	10.4
Niagara	58	34.7	51	27.9
Oneida	107	30.2	91	27.1
Onondaga	89	13.5	96	16.2
Ontario	27	19.3	31	27.7
Orange	151	31.5	133	33.7
Orleans	26	70.3	24	61.5
Oswego	42	24.4	28	13.7
Otsego	18	26.5	14	17.1
Putnam	2	2.7	6	7.0
Rensselaer	53	27.9	38	15.7
Rockland	50	28.6	33	23.4
St. Lawrence	10	5.6	27	15.0
Saratoga	45	25.1	20	14.4
Schenectady	24	5.0	92	24.9
Schoharie	3	3.9	4	5.5
Schuyler	7	11.5	10	27.8
Seneca	6	14.3	9	16.1
Steuben	73	35.4	49	28.7
Suffolk	169	9.4	198	10.9
Sullivan	46	32.2	28	27.5
Tioga	4	4.0	4	5.1
Tompkins	35	26.3	29	52.7
Ulster	38	22.5	47	24.2
Warren	39	32.2	39	40.2
Washington	40	46.0	39	34.2
Wayne	7	7.7	9	9.9
Westchester	35	8.0	53	11.2
Wyoming	1	1.5	12	23.5
Yates	15	29.4	4	15.4

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration,
Universal Case Management System
(UCMS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family
Services; CONNECTIONS database

DATE COMPILED:

July 2006, August 2006

NOTES:

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- Percentages reflect the number of children/youth removed from their home with child abuse/maltreatment petitions filed.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	27.1
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	75.2
Standard Deviation:	16.5

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Removal at or Before Petition Filing Date

number and percent of children/youth ages 0-17 years with petitions filed



	2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	5,356	29.8	4,868	28.8
New York City	2,995	53.2	2,621	52.2
Bronx	1,071	61.1	979	62.8
Kings	723	52.1	536	47.7
New York	667	56.7	565	54.8
Queens	408	39.3	432	40.1
Richmond	126	45.8	109	47.4
Rest of State	2,361	19.1	2,247	18.9
Albany	69	11.6	78	13.3
Allegany	17	27.9	22	29.3
Broome	57	29.8	68	26.2
Cattaraugus	30	13.2	31	19.5
Cayuga	31	30.7	18	25.7
Chautauqua	65	25.4	54	27.0
Chemung	59	24.5	77	42.5
Chenango	16	19.5	14	19.4
Clinton	37	54.4	27	36.5
Columbia	54	46.6	43	36.4
Cortland	32	32.7	27	29.7
Delaware	1	3.3	9	13.2
Dutchess	79	27.7	74	26.7
Erie	193	18.9	249	21.5
Essex	28	80.0	15	34.9
Franklin	25	13.4	17	14.2
Fulton	4	3.7	2	3.3
Genesee	9	20.9	6	17.6
Greene	12	37.5	29	33.7
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	9	12.7	16	22.9
Jefferson	8	5.0	20	9.8
Lewis	0	0.0	14	30.4
Livingston	21	38.2	12	19.0
Madison	12	14.8	29	26.1
Monroe	301	47.5	219	40.3
Montgomery	33	41.3	16	17.4
Nassau	58	10.8	32	6.9
Niagara	47	28.1	45	24.6
Oneida	96	27.1	67	19.9
Onondaga	82	12.4	93	15.7
Ontario	17	12.1	22	19.6
Orange	147	30.7	129	32.7
Orleans	26	70.3	24	61.5
Oswego	22	12.8	9	4.4
Otsego	17	25.0	11	13.4
Putnam	1	1.4	3	3.5
Rensselaer	51	26.8	35	14.5
Rockland	24	13.7	10	7.1
St. Lawrence	9	5.1	10	5.6
Saratoga	43	24.0	15	10.8
Schenectady	24	5.0	76	20.5
Schoharie	3	3.9	4	5.5
Schuyler	7	11.5	1	2.8
Seneca	6	14.3	9	16.1
Steuben	69	33.5	47	27.5
Suffolk	157	8.7	189	10.4
Sullivan	46	32.2	24	23.5
Tioga	1	1.0	4	5.1
Tompkins	35	26.3	26	47.3
Ulster	37	21.9	34	17.5
Warren	37	30.6	36	37.1
Washington	40	46.0	39	34.2
Wayne	7	7.7	9	9.9
Westchester	34	7.8	45	9.5
Wyoming	1	1.5	9	17.6
Yates	15	29.4	4	15.4

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration

DATA SOURCE:

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Universal Case Management System
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POPULATION SOURCE:

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Universal Case Management System
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DATE COMPILED:

July 2006, August 2006

NOTES:

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- Percentages reflect the number of children/youth removed from their home with child abuse/maltreatment petitions filed.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median: 19.8
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 62.8
Standard Deviation: 14.7

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Removal of Child at Initial Court Hearing

number and percent of children/youth ages 0-17 years with petitions filed



	2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	1,107	6.2	1,143	6.8
New York City	719	12.8	660	13.2
Bronx	255	14.5	193	12.4
Kings	228	16.4	200	17.8
New York	109	9.3	140	13.6
Queens	102	9.8	103	9.6
Richmond	25	9.1	24	10.4
Rest of State	388	3.1	483	4.1
Albany	0	0.0	1	0.2
Allegany	6	9.8	0	0.0
Broome	5	2.6	1	0.4
Cattaraugus	2	0.9	0	0.0
Cayuga	2	2.0	8	11.4
Chautauqua	3	1.2	4	2.0
Chemung	0	0.0	1	0.6
Chenango	5	6.1	4	5.6
Clinton	0	0.0	1	1.4
Columbia	0	0.0	1	0.8
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0
Delaware	0	0.0	2	2.9
Dutchess	10	3.5	6	2.2
Erie	111	10.9	126	10.9
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	1	0.5	1	0.8
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Genesee	2	4.7	3	8.8
Greene	0	0.0	1	1.2
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	6	8.5	7	10.0
Jefferson	1	0.6	1	0.5
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	5	7.9
Madison	7	8.6	3	2.7
Monroe	96	15.1	102	18.8
Montgomery	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nassau	12	2.2	16	3.5
Niagara	11	6.6	6	3.3
Oneida	11	3.1	24	7.1
Onondaga	7	1.1	3	0.5
Ontario	10	7.1	9	8.0
Orange	4	0.8	4	1.0
Orleans	0	0.0	0	0.0
Oswego	20	11.6	19	9.3
Otsego	1	1.5	3	3.7
Putnam	1	1.4	3	3.5
Rensselaer	2	1.1	3	1.2
Rockland	26	14.9	23	16.3
St. Lawrence	1	0.6	17	9.4
Saratoga	2	1.1	5	3.6
Schenectady	0	0.0	16	4.3
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	0	0.0	9	25.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	4	1.9	2	1.2
Suffolk	12	0.7	9	0.5
Sullivan	0	0.0	4	3.9
Tioga	3	3.0	0	0.0
Tompkins	0	0.0	3	5.5
Ulster	1	0.6	13	6.7
Warren	2	1.7	3	3.1
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0
Westchester	1	0.2	8	1.7
Wyoming	0	0.0	3	5.9
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration,
Universal Case Management System
(UCMS)

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NOTES:

- The terms neglect and maltreatment are used interchangeably but are not synonymous in the law. Neglect is defined in law at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act and maltreatment is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law.
- Percentages reflect the number of children/youth removed from their home with child abuse/maltreatment petitions filed.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	2.5
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	25.0
Standard Deviation:	5.6

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Family

Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Court Cases

number and percent of children/youth in indicated reports of child abuse/maltreatment



Definition:

In New York State, Child Protective Services (CPS), within the local Department of Social Services [in New York City, the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) provides child protective services], is the authorized entity that investigates reports of child abuse and maltreatment, protects children (under 18 years old) from further abuse or maltreatment, and provides rehabilitative services to children, parents and other involved family members. If there is some credible evidence that the report of child abuse or maltreatment is true, the report is considered indicated.

In those situations where, in order to protect the child, CPS finds it necessary to remove the child from the home, or CPS finds that families are not complying with the rehabilitative services deemed necessary to maintain a child safely at home, the law instructs CPS to seek the authority of the court to sanction the removal of the child or to mandate the services. These proceedings are initiated by filing a petition in Family Court charging neglect or abuse.

The rate of children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment that result in petitions to Family Court is determined by dividing the number of unique children in indicated reports with petitions filed in Family Court in a given year by the total number of unique children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment in that year.

Significance:

Filing a petition with Family Court is usually an indication of the severity of the maltreatment, or the perceived risk of continued or future maltreatment to a child. Once Family Court becomes involved in a case of child maltreatment, the judge (there is no jury in Family Court) becomes the primary decision-maker and finder of fact, and is responsible for monitoring the process that will return the child to a safe and nurturing home. If reunification is not possible, the court oversees the permanency planning process that will enable the child to be placed in a safe, nurturing home through adoption, guardianship, or custodianship, as expeditiously as possible.

The Court orders individualized services to prevent placement, or to reunify families if the child has been placed in foster care. Court orders include services for parents (e.g., substance abuse treatment, parent education, counseling, homemaker-services) and services for children (e.g., referrals to the state Early Intervention Program, special education, routine and specialized medical care, mental health and substance abuse services) to ameliorate the effects of the neglect or abuse. Court orders also specify the frequency of visits between children in foster care and their birth parents and siblings, and insure that the child's medical and educational needs are being met.

The relationship between the number of children in indicated reports and the number of abuse or neglect petitions filed is an indication of the level of protection the state provides to its children and families both through its department of social services and through its courts. It also shows how the flow of cases in one, influences the flow of cases in the other. Differences in these rates may point to differing needs and areas of risk to children among the different counties.

Findings:

▼
In 2004, nearly eighteen thousand indicated cases* of child abuse and maltreatment, out of almost sixty-four thousand indicated cases (or 28%), resulted in a petition filing in New York State.

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In 2004, one out of four (25%) indicated cases of child abuse and maltreatment in New York City resulted in a neglect or abuse filing; while in counties outside of New York City (Rest of State), 30 percent of indicated cases resulted in a filing.

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In 2004, the percentage of filings for children in indicated reports of abuse and maltreatment ranges from 9.3 percent to 71.9 percent, with a median rate of 27.1 percent for Rest of State counties.

*Indicated cases refer to unique children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment.

Child Abuse/Maltreatment – Resulting in Court Cases

number and percent of children/youth in indicated reports of child abuse/maltreatment



	2003		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	N/A	N/A	17,994	28.2
New York City	N/A	N/A	5,630	25.0
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	N/A	N/A	12,364	30.0
Albany	N/A	N/A	596	39.3
Allegany	N/A	N/A	61	25.6
Broome	N/A	N/A	191	23.6
Cattaraugus	N/A	N/A	227	37.3
Cayuga	N/A	N/A	101	32.3
Chautauqua	N/A	N/A	256	24.8
Chemung	N/A	N/A	241	25.6
Chenango	N/A	N/A	82	21.2
Clinton	N/A	N/A	68	12.5
Columbia	N/A	N/A	116	40.0
Cortland	N/A	N/A	98	24.1
Delaware	N/A	N/A	30	9.3
Dutchess	N/A	N/A	285	22.4
Erie	N/A	N/A	1,021	33.4
Essex	N/A	N/A	35	16.4
Franklin	N/A	N/A	186	50.0
Fulton	N/A	N/A	109	30.4
Genesee	N/A	N/A	43	16.5
Greene	N/A	N/A	32	29.1
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	2	25.0
Herkimer	N/A	N/A	71	20.9
Jefferson	N/A	N/A	159	18.6
Lewis	N/A	N/A	32	26.4
Livingston	N/A	N/A	55	23.8
Madison	N/A	N/A	81	25.5
Monroe	N/A	N/A	634	24.4
Montgomery	N/A	N/A	80	37.7
Nassau	N/A	N/A	537	21.6
Niagara	N/A	N/A	167	21.0
Oneida	N/A	N/A	354	27.6
Onondaga	N/A	N/A	661	31.3
Ontario	N/A	N/A	140	25.1
Orange	N/A	N/A	479	38.4
Orleans	N/A	N/A	37	19.1
Oswego	N/A	N/A	172	22.6
Otsego	N/A	N/A	68	31.5
Putnam	N/A	N/A	73	28.2
Rensselaer	N/A	N/A	190	28.8
Rockland	N/A	N/A	175	53.2
St. Lawrence	N/A	N/A	178	34.8
Saratoga	N/A	N/A	179	30.3
Schenectady	N/A	N/A	481	71.9
Schoharie	N/A	N/A	76	51.0
Schuyler	N/A	N/A	61	48.8
Seneca	N/A	N/A	42	23.3
Steuben	N/A	N/A	206	27.1
Suffolk	N/A	N/A	1,797	40.3
Sullivan	N/A	N/A	143	41.0
Tioga	N/A	N/A	99	32.6
Tompkins	N/A	N/A	133	41.2
Ulster	N/A	N/A	169	26.9
Warren	N/A	N/A	121	40.1
Washington	N/A	N/A	87	16.6
Wayne	N/A	N/A	91	21.8
Westchester	N/A	N/A	437	20.2
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	68	38.4
Yates	N/A	N/A	51	34.9

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Services; CONNECTIONS database

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August 2006, July 2006

NOTES:

- The terms neglect and maltreatment are used interchangeably but are not synonymous in the law. Neglect is defined in law at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act and maltreatment is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law.
- Percentage reflects the number of children/youth ages 0-17 years in indicated reports of child abuse/maltreatment reports that resulted in petitions to Family Court.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 27.1
Minimum: 9.3
Maximum: 71.9
Standard Deviation: 11.1

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Family

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care



Definition:

Children in foster care are children and youth who are in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services on December 31 of a given year. The foster care settings for this “24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians” (U.S. DHHS, 2005) include, but are not limited to:

Home care: nonrelative foster family homes and pre-adoptive homes,

Relative care: relative foster homes,

Congregate care: group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, and

Other care: Agency Operated Boarding Homes, Group Residences, Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) and Intermediate Care Facility (ICF).

Children and Youth in Foster Care presents a “point in time” number of children in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services on December 31 of a given year and the rate per 1,000 children 0 to 21 years in the general population.

Children and Youth in Foster Care by Placement Type also presents a “point in time” number of children in a respective type of care on December 31 of a given year and the percentage per children in foster care on December 31 of a given year.

Significance:

Children are placed into foster care for a wide variety of reasons including: safety issues, their families are at least temporarily unable to care for them, specialized care or treatment is needed or behavioral problems have lead to a placement. Since children in foster care make up a majority of those in out-of-home care in New York State, this measure also provides insight into the extent to which children are removed from their homes and placed in out-of-home care in New York State.

To minimize the trauma of placement to children, the court seeks to place children in a foster care setting that is least disruptive and most family-like, consistent with a child’s needs. Decisions are based on the *best interests of the child*. The court then assumes the responsibility of continuing oversight until a permanent home is found. The court is charged with directing Child Protective Services (CPS) to implement a service plan that identifies problems to be resolved, changes in parental behavior to be achieved, services to be provided to the family, special needs of the child and services to meet these needs, visitation, and deadlines for achieving plan goals.

Regardless of the type of placement a child is in, placement in foster care presents children with change and loss, e.g., loss of parents, siblings, school, friends and community. Many children face multiple placements, which call upon children to enter and leave multiple relationships at a time in their development when consistency and stability are paramount.

Note:

Children are placed in foster care either by order of a court (involuntary) or because their parents are willing to have them cared for outside the home (voluntary).

An involuntary placement occurs when a child has been abused or neglected (or may be at risk of abuse or neglect) by his or her parent or someone else in the household, or because a court has determined that the child is a “person in need of supervision” or a juvenile delinquent. The court orders the child removed from the home and determines the length of the placement.

A voluntary placement occurs when parents decide that they are temporarily unable to care for their child for reasons other than abuse or neglect. For example, the family is experiencing a serious medical, emotional, and/or financial problem. The parents sign a voluntary placement agreement that lists the responsibilities of the parents and the agency during the child’s placement.

In the case of a voluntary surrender, the parents voluntarily and permanently give up all parental rights and transfer “custody and guardianship” to an authorized agency.

Findings:

▼ In 2004, the foster care rate in New York State was 4.5 per 1,000 children birth through 21 years of age. This reflects a 40 percent decrease from 7.5 per 1,000 children/youth in 2000.

▼ The rate of children and youth in foster care in New York City is greater than the rate in Rest of State. The in-care rate for New York City in 2004, was 6.9 children per 1,000 while in Rest of State it was only 2.9 per 1,000. This pattern is consistent with that found in 2000, when 12.9 children per 1,000 were in foster care in New York City, and only 3.7 per 1,000 children and youth in Rest of State were in foster care.

▼ In 2004, the majority of children in foster care was in home care (49.2%), followed by congregate care (25.9%), relative care (19.2%) and other (5.8%).

▼ The percentage of children in congregate care increased between 2000 and 2004 (from 20.6 to 25.9%) while the number of children in congregate care declined (from 9,324 to 8,218). The decreasing number and increasing rate reflect the decrease in children in foster care.

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Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years



	2000		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	42,966	7.5	26,108	4.5
New York City	30,522	12.9	16,463	6.9
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	12,444	3.7	9,645	2.9
Albany	582	6.6	306	3.7
Allegany	96	5.3	60	3.8
Broome	351	5.8	300	5.3
Cattaraugus	113	4.2	98	3.8
Cayuga	129	5.2	84	3.5
Chautauqua	186	4.3	113	2.8
Chemung	206	7.6	139	5.3
Chenango	61	3.9	55	3.6
Clinton	72	2.9	84	3.7
Columbia	107	6.1	151	8.4
Cortland	99	5.9	75	5.1
Delaware	40	2.9	62	4.7
Dutchess	282	3.2	264	3.0
Erie	1,687	6.0	1,088	3.9
Essex	18	1.7	33	3.2
Franklin	88	6.1	84	6.1
Fulton	83	5.2	63	4.0
Genesee	95	5.1	56	3.1
Greene	75	5.3	66	4.7
Hamilton	0	0.0	3	2.4
Herkimer	105	5.5	99	5.4
Jefferson	166	4.5	116	3.3
Lewis	31	3.5	12	1.4
Livingston	36	1.7	34	1.8
Madison	111	4.7	59	2.7
Monroe	1,104	4.8	866	3.8
Montgomery	64	4.5	45	3.1
Nassau	571	1.5	402	1.0
Niagara	240	3.6	191	3.0
Oneida	383	5.6	423	6.3
Onondaga	502	3.5	403	2.8
Ontario	52	1.7	51	1.7
Orange	492	4.2	398	3.2
Orleans	32	2.3	33	2.4
Oswego	220	5.3	137	3.5
Otsego	93	4.6	54	3.0
Putnam	24	0.8	28	0.9
Rensselaer	195	4.2	190	4.2
Rockland	205	2.2	129	1.3
St. Lawrence	112	3.0	84	2.5
Saratoga	122	2.0	102	1.6
Schenectady	327	7.6	246	5.8
Schoharie	69	6.9	45	4.7
Schuyler	16	2.7	10	1.8
Seneca	42	4.4	12	1.2
Steuben	163	5.4	140	4.7
Suffolk	1,032	2.4	880	1.9
Sullivan	83	3.8	49	2.3
Tioga	56	3.5	31	1.9
Tompkins	121	3.3	79	2.8
Ulster	205	4.0	181	3.6
Warren	67	3.7	87	4.8
Washington	60	3.3	47	2.6
Wayne	79	2.7	61	2.0
Westchester	799	3.0	666	2.3
Wyoming	56	4.5	44	3.8
Yates	30	3.7	27	3.4

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

POPULATION SOURCE:

Complete Economic and Demographic Data Source (CEDDS), Woods and Poole Population Projections

DATE COMPILED:

October 2004, April 2005

NOTES:

- Numbers include children/youth ages birth-21 years in the care and custody of local commissioners of social services.
- Children residing in St. Regis Indian Nation are included in the Rest of State and New York State totals, however, they are not included in Franklin County or St. Lawrence County data.
- Rates are per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years.
- Prior to 2000, foster care data reflected children ages birth-17 years.
- Percentage of children in care by placement type reflect the respective number of children in a type of care per children in foster care.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median:	3.2
Minimum:	0.9
Maximum:	8.4
Standard Deviation:	1.5

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care – Children In Care by Placement Type – Home and Congregate Care

number and percent of children/youth in foster care



	Home Care				Congregate Care			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	23,950	52.9	15,646	49.2	9,324	20.6	8,218	25.9
New York City	16,188	49.6	8,946	44.1	5,394	16.5	4,377	21.6
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	7,762	61.4	6,700	58.4	3,930	31.1	3,841	33.5
Albany	320	54.2	164	44.2	245	41.5	178	48.0
Allegany	58	59.2	50	70.4	32	32.7	16	22.5
Broome	211	60.5	191	57.5	120	34.4	122	36.7
Cattaraugus	65	56.5	61	52.6	47	40.9	51	44.0
Cayuga	102	78.5	67	69.8	23	17.7	22	22.9
Chautauqua	153	80.5	118	83.1	23	12.1	22	15.5
Chemung	135	62.5	118	64.8	51	23.6	39	21.4
Chenango	35	58.3	32	56.1	19	31.7	21	36.8
Clinton	38	55.9	69	70.4	24	35.3	29	29.6
Columbia	50	44.2	103	59.9	57	50.4	48	27.9
Cortland	74	71.8	72	77.4	25	24.3	15	16.1
Delaware	34	81.0	53	73.6	6	14.3	10	13.9
Dutchess	140	49.6	142	44.7	118	41.8	138	43.4
Erie	1,086	62.6	924	68.5	359	20.7	345	25.6
Essex	13	65.0	22	100.0	6	30.0	14	63.6
Franklin	61	61.6	66	71.7	26	26.3	13	14.1
Fulton	31	35.6	31	48.4	49	56.3	31	48.4
Genesee	80	84.2	57	90.5	2	2.1	5	7.9
Greene	38	49.4	18	25.7	28	36.4	46	65.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	1	33.3	N/A	N/A	2	66.7
Herkimer	62	58.5	58	54.7	34	32.1	34	32.1
Jefferson	95	57.2	108	76.1	66	39.8	25	17.6
Lewis	23	74.2	6	50.0	4	12.9	5	41.7
Livingston	28	80.0	27	71.1	7	20.0	10	26.3
Madison	73	65.2	29	44.6	29	25.9	34	52.3
Monroe	792	67.8	636	57.5	314	26.9	417	37.7
Montgomery	24	36.9	32	64.0	36	55.4	16	32.0
Nassau	312	51.9	239	50.0	205	34.1	186	38.9
Niagara	157	63.6	145	64.7	79	32.0	67	29.9
Oneida	225	58.4	255	53.2	121	31.4	180	37.6
Onondaga	370	100.0	323	65.8	124	33.5	121	24.6
Ontario	25	48.1	59	88.1	27	51.9	7	10.4
Orange	303	58.2	256	50.2	144	27.6	155	30.4
Orleans	30	90.9	33	84.6	1	3.0	4	10.3
Oswego	102	45.1	106	70.2	117	51.8	42	27.8
Otsego	45	47.4	43	66.2	48	50.5	17	26.2
Putnam	13	56.5	20	64.5	8	34.8	8	25.8
Rensselaer	78	38.2	100	46.3	119	58.3	115	53.2
Rockland	108	52.9	74	45.7	69	33.8	66	40.7
St. Lawrence	85	71.4	73	73.0	21	17.6	20	20.0
Saratoga	49	39.8	32	29.1	69	56.1	76	69.1
Schenectady	130	38.5	137	47.7	184	54.4	129	44.9
Schoharie	56	77.8	36	73.5	12	16.7	11	22.4
Schuyler	6	40.0	7	70.0	9	60.0	2	20.0
Seneca	18	42.9	6	46.2	24	57.1	7	53.8
Steuben	99	61.9	128	72.7	51	31.9	34	19.3
Suffolk	763	71.5	621	58.4	238	22.3	314	29.5
Sullivan	55	57.9	27	49.1	29	30.5	18	32.7
Tioga	36	62.1	18	51.4	18	31.0	13	37.1
Tompkins	91	75.2	74	82.2	15	12.4	14	15.6
Ulster	129	58.9	98	50.3	68	31.1	74	37.9
Warren	48	68.6	78	77.2	19	27.1	21	20.8
Washington	39	67.2	37	74.0	16	27.6	9	18.0
Wayne	58	74.4	36	52.2	19	24.4	31	44.9
Westchester	442	54.4	321	41.5	309	38.1	374	48.4
Wyoming	47	81.0	34	70.8	10	17.2	14	29.2
Yates	22	73.3	29	87.9	7	23.3	4	12.1

Foster Care – Children In Care by Placement Type – Relative and Other Care

number and percent of children/youth in foster care



	Relative Care				Other Care			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	9,871	21.8	6,087	19.2	2,296	5.1	1,840	5.8
New York City	9,313	28.5	5,506	27.1	1,740	5.3	1,475	7.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	558	4.4	581	5.1	556	4.4	365	3.2
Albany	0	0.0	4	1.1	25	4.2	25	6.7
Allegany	2	2.0	0	0.0	6	6.1	5	7.0
Broome	4	1.1	7	2.1	14	4.0	12	3.6
Cattaraugus	3	2.6	4	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cayuga	4	3.1	6	6.3	1	0.8	1	1.0
Chautauqua	13	6.8	2	1.4	1	0.5	0	0.0
Chemung	16	7.4	10	5.5	14	6.5	15	8.2
Chenango	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	10.0	4	7.0
Clinton	2	2.9	0	0.0	4	5.9	0	0.0
Columbia	4	3.5	12	7.0	2	1.8	9	5.2
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	3.9	6	6.5
Delaware	0	0.0	4	5.6	2	4.8	5	6.9
Dutchess	11	3.9	33	10.4	13	4.6	5	1.6
Erie	139	8.0	69	5.1	152	8.8	10	0.7
Essex	1	5.0	2	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	10	10.1	12	13.0	2	2.0	1	1.1
Fulton	1	1.1	1	1.6	6	6.9	1	1.6
Genesee	7	7.4	0	0.0	6	6.3	1	1.6
Greene	6	7.8	2	2.9	5	6.5	4	5.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	7	6.6	9	8.5	3	2.8	5	4.7
Jefferson	3	1.8	5	3.5	2	1.2	4	2.8
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	12.9	1	8.3
Livingston	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.6
Madison	7	6.3	2	3.1	3	2.7	0	0.0
Monroe	1	0.1	5	0.5	62	5.3	48	4.3
Montgomery	3	4.6	0	0.0	2	3.1	2	4.0
Nassau	83	13.8	49	10.3	1	0.2	4	0.8
Niagara	8	3.2	9	4.0	3	1.2	3	1.3
Oneida	21	5.5	36	7.5	18	4.7	8	1.7
Onondaga	5	1.4	5	1.0	27	7.3	42	8.6
Ontario	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.5
Orange	48	9.2	78	15.3	26	5.0	21	4.1
Orleans	2	6.1	2	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Oswego	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	3.1	3	2.0
Otsego	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.1	5	7.7
Putnam	0	0.0	2	6.5	2	8.7	1	3.2
Rensselaer	5	2.5	0	0.0	2	1.0	1	0.5
Rockland	19	9.3	19	11.7	8	3.9	3	1.9
St. Lawrence	8	6.7	2	2.0	5	4.2	5	5.0
Saratoga	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	4.1	2	1.8
Schenectady	11	3.3	16	5.6	13	3.8	5	1.7
Schoharie	2	2.8	1	2.0	2	2.8	1	2.0
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	6	3.8	4	2.3	4	2.5	10	5.7
Suffolk	33	3.1	101	9.5	33	3.1	27	2.5
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	11.6	10	18.2
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	6.9	4	11.4
Tompkins	12	9.9	0	0.0	3	2.5	2	2.2
Ulster	14	6.4	16	8.2	8	3.7	7	3.6
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	4.3	2	2.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	5.2	4	8.0
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.3	2	2.9
Westchester	37	4.6	52	6.7	24	3.0	26	3.4
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.7	0	0.0
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.3	0	0.0

Family

Foster Care Admissions – Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care



Definition:

Children admitted to foster care are those children under age 18 who enter placement outside their home as the result of a court order in a given calendar year. Responsibility for the care and custody of these children is transferred, by court order, from the child's parents to the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services. Children and youth admitted to foster care provides the number of children admitted to foster care during a given calendar year and the rate per 1,000 children 0 to 17 years in the general population. Children and youth admitted to foster care by placement type, age groups and race/ethnicity presents the number of children entering foster care in a respective sub-category in a given year and the percentage per children and youth entering foster care in that given year.

Significance:

Many children entering the child welfare system have been exposed to developmental and health risk factors, including, poverty and substance abuse, and parental neglect and abuse (Halfon et al., 1995; Silver et al., 1999; Wulczyn et al., 1997; Wulczyn et al., 2005). Societal and familial risk factors, including parental incarceration and HIV/AIDS, are also related to children entering the child welfare system (Chipungu & Bent-Goodley, 2004). Moreover, these risk factors tend to coexist and interact, presenting a complex family dynamic and a complicated set of service needs (Chipungu & Bent-Goodley, 2004).

Compared to the general child population, children involved in the child welfare system are more likely to have physical, learning and mental health conditions that limit their daily activities, to be living in high-risk parental care (Green et al., 2005) and to be living in households with incomes below poverty (Wulczyn et al., 2005).

Data for children admitted into foster care are presented by age group, race and ethnicity and placement type to identify trends and patterns, including developmental needs and disproportional representation among groups.

Note:

The downward trend in admissions in New York City reflects the efforts of the NYC Administration for Children's Services and the increased availability of community-based preventive services that has reduced the reliance on foster care.

Foster care trends tend to be cyclical. Situations such as the mid-1980s onset of the crack-cocaine epidemic contributed to an earlier increase in foster care. More recently, the use of other hard drugs such as methamphetamines could have serious consequences for children.

Findings:

Admissions to foster care declined in New York State between 2000 and 2004 by 26.6 percent. The decline was greatest in New York City where the rate of admissions fell by 41.0 percent. Among counties outside New York City, the rate of admissions decreased by 8.7 percent between 2000 and 2004.

In New York State, nearly 3 out of 10 children (29.6%) entering foster care, in 2004, were under 5 years of age and 1 out of 4 children (25.3%) was 15 to 17 years old. Between 2000 and 2004, there was a slight upward shift in the age at admission to foster care. In 2000, the proportion of children under 5 year entering foster care was 32.7 percent. The proportion of children 15 to 17 years increased from 18.8 to 25.3 percent. This trend was seen in New York City, Rest of State, and most counties.

A disproportionate number of African American children entered foster care in 2000 (40.8%) and 2004 (41.0%) in New York State, based on the racial distribution of the state (approximately 21% of children and youth 0 to 17 years in New York State are African American). White children, accounting for approximately 70 percent of New York State's 0 to 17 years population, accounted for 42.8 percent and 46.5 percent of foster care admissions in 2000 and 2004, respectively.

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Foster Care Admissions – Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care

number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years



	2000		2004	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
New York State	16,722	3.0	12,597	2.2
New York City	9,197	3.9	5,573	2.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	7,525	2.3	7,024	2.1
Albany	368	4.2	308	3.7
Allegany	58	3.2	36	2.3
Broome	180	3.0	157	2.8
Cattaraugus	80	3.0	68	2.6
Cayuga	79	3.2	58	2.4
Chautauqua	126	2.9	105	2.6
Chemung	175	6.5	120	4.6
Chenango	47	3.0	30	2.0
Clinton	33	1.3	50	2.2
Columbia	91	5.2	116	6.4
Cortland	78	4.6	48	3.3
Delaware	25	1.8	33	2.5
Dutchess	157	1.8	151	1.7
Erie	744	2.7	641	2.3
Essex	22	2.1	36	3.5
Franklin	51	3.5	58	4.2
Fulton	49	3.1	62	3.9
Genesee	60	3.2	51	2.8
Greene	62	4.4	54	3.8
Hamilton	0	0.0	2	1.6
Herkimer	54	2.8	52	2.9
Jefferson	143	3.9	86	2.4
Lewis	20	2.3	6	0.7
Livingston	33	1.5	29	1.5
Madison	102	4.3	52	2.4
Monroe	763	3.3	816	3.6
Montgomery	55	3.9	65	4.5
Nassau	194	0.5	215	0.5
Niagara	158	2.4	128	2.0
Oneida	244	3.6	314	4.7
Onondaga	383	2.6	332	2.3
Ontario	53	1.7	60	1.9
Orange	292	2.5	268	2.2
Orleans	41	3.0	51	3.8
Oswego	148	3.6	101	2.6
Otsego	51	2.5	42	2.3
Putnam	14	0.5	21	0.7
Rensselaer	148	3.2	170	3.8
Rockland	89	1.0	91	0.9
St. Lawrence	69	1.9	87	2.6
Saratoga	96	1.6	109	1.8
Schenectady	189	4.4	173	4.0
Schoharie	47	4.7	34	3.6
Schuyler	16	2.7	6	1.1
Seneca	28	2.9	11	1.1
Steuben	131	4.3	118	3.9
Suffolk	587	1.4	592	1.3
Sullivan	80	3.7	54	2.5
Tioga	54	3.3	19	1.2
Tompkins	67	1.8	75	2.7
Ulster	123	2.4	96	1.9
Warren	56	3.1	59	3.3
Washington	35	1.9	52	2.9
Wayne	56	1.9	51	1.7
Westchester	357	1.3	350	1.2
Wyoming	41	3.3	19	1.6
Yates	18	2.2	21	2.7

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

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NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

DATE COMPILED:

September 2006, September 2006

NOTES:

- Children residing in St. Regis Indian Nation are included in the Rest of State and New York State totals, however, they are not included in Franklin County or St. Lawrence County data.
- Rates of children admitted to foster care reflect the number of admissions per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years.
- Percentages reflect the respective number of children/youth admitted to foster care.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median:	2.5
Minimum:	0.5
Maximum:	6.4
Standard Deviation:	1.2

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Foster Care Admissions by Age – Children 0-4 Years Admitted to Foster Care

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Ages 0-less than 2 Years				Ages 2-4 Years			
	2000		2004		2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	3,360	20.1	2,292	18.2	2,114	12.6	1,437	11.4
New York City	2,064	22.4	1,149	20.6	1,159	12.6	626	11.2
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,296	17.2	1,143	16.3	955	12.7	811	11.6
Albany	69	18.8	53	17.2	44	12.0	42	13.6
Allegany	9	15.5	4	11.1	6	10.3	10	27.8
Broome	23	12.8	19	12.1	31	17.2	15	9.6
Cattaraugus	12	15.0	15	22.1	10	12.5	9	13.2
Cayuga	18	22.8	7	12.1	4	5.1	11	19.0
Chautauqua	26	20.6	25	23.8	24	19.1	20	19.1
Chemung	38	21.7	20	16.7	25	14.3	13	10.8
Chenango	9	19.2	1	3.3	7	14.9	3	10.0
Clinton	7	21.2	12	24.0	6	18.2	5	10.0
Columbia	17	18.7	9	7.8	12	13.2	5	4.3
Cortland	4	5.1	7	14.6	3	3.9	7	14.6
Delaware	2	8.0	4	12.1	1	4.0	4	12.1
Dutchess	28	17.8	36	23.8	16	10.2	14	9.3
Erie	160	21.5	111	17.3	118	15.9	83	13.0
Essex	3	13.6	2	5.6	2	9.1	3	8.3
Franklin	4	7.8	3	5.2	4	7.8	6	10.3
Fulton	3	6.1	1	1.6	0	0.0	3	4.8
Genesee	9	15.0	6	11.8	8	13.3	5	9.8
Greene	12	19.4	3	5.6	3	4.8	2	3.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	7	13.0	9	17.3	2	3.7	2	3.9
Jefferson	19	13.3	25	29.1	20	14.0	13	15.1
Lewis	4	20.0	1	16.7	4	20.0	1	16.7
Livingston	8	24.2	6	20.7	2	6.1	2	6.9
Madison	16	15.7	6	11.5	20	19.6	11	21.2
Monroe	129	16.9	135	16.5	90	11.8	87	10.7
Montgomery	7	12.7	4	6.2	6	10.9	12	18.5
Nassau	35	18.0	48	22.3	22	11.3	20	9.3
Niagara	22	13.9	18	14.1	20	12.7	19	14.8
Oneida	42	17.2	41	13.1	27	11.1	45	14.3
Onondaga	107	27.9	73	22.0	68	17.8	52	15.7
Ontario	6	11.3	14	23.3	5	9.4	4	6.7
Orange	48	16.4	48	17.9	17	5.8	20	7.5
Orleans	5	12.2	11	21.6	6	14.6	5	9.8
Oswego	13	8.8	9	8.9	8	5.4	8	7.9
Otsego	5	9.8	8	19.1	2	3.9	2	4.8
Putnam	2	14.3	1	4.8	0	0.0	1	4.8
Rensselaer	21	14.2	28	16.5	20	13.5	20	11.8
Rockland	17	19.1	20	22.0	16	18.0	7	7.7
St. Lawrence	3	4.4	12	13.8	10	14.5	10	11.5
Saratoga	10	10.4	5	4.6	5	5.2	7	6.4
Schenectady	25	13.2	35	20.2	28	14.8	20	11.6
Schoharie	5	10.6	3	8.8	4	8.5	2	5.9
Schuyler	2	12.5	1	16.7	2	12.5	0	0.0
Seneca	2	7.1	0	0.0	3	10.7	0	0.0
Steuben	13	9.9	25	21.2	26	19.9	11	9.3
Suffolk	129	22.0	96	16.2	82	14.0	93	15.7
Sullivan	8	10.0	3	5.6	6	7.5	3	5.6
Tioga	6	11.1	1	5.3	9	16.7	0	0.0
Tompkins	12	17.9	10	13.3	7	10.5	13	17.3
Ulster	24	19.5	17	17.7	16	13.0	6	6.3
Warren	6	10.7	12	20.3	8	14.3	5	8.5
Washington	6	17.1	2	3.9	5	14.3	4	7.7
Wayne	7	12.5	6	11.8	7	12.5	3	5.9
Westchester	65	18.2	68	19.4	49	13.7	35	10.0
Wyoming	4	9.8	1	5.3	6	14.6	3	15.8
Yates	3	16.7	2	9.5	3	16.7	4	19.1

Foster Care Admissions by Age – Children 5-14 Years Admitted to Foster Care

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Ages 5-9 Years				Ages 10-14 Years			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	3,295	19.7	2,014	16.0	4,818	28.8	3,665	29.1
New York City	2,022	22.0	913	16.4	2,372	25.8	1,494	26.8
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,273	16.9	1,101	15.7	2,446	32.5	2,171	30.9
Albany	56	15.2	48	15.6	117	31.8	88	28.6
Allegany	5	8.6	7	19.4	25	43.1	11	30.6
Broome	33	18.3	34	21.7	55	30.6	42	26.8
Cattaraugus	9	11.3	9	13.2	33	41.3	15	22.1
Cayuga	13	16.5	9	15.5	35	44.3	22	37.9
Chautauqua	24	19.1	23	21.9	34	27.0	29	27.6
Chemung	24	13.7	17	14.2	52	29.7	36	30.0
Chenango	11	23.4	6	20.0	11	23.4	12	40.0
Clinton	0	0.0	7	14.0	13	39.4	17	34.0
Columbia	13	14.3	21	18.1	21	23.1	42	36.2
Cortland	8	10.3	8	16.7	31	39.7	19	39.6
Delaware	4	16.0	3	9.1	12	48.0	15	45.5
Dutchess	24	15.3	22	14.6	39	24.8	36	23.8
Erie	132	17.7	107	16.7	199	26.8	179	27.9
Essex	2	9.1	7	19.4	9	40.9	9	25.0
Franklin	5	9.8	12	20.7	22	43.1	20	34.5
Fulton	5	10.2	5	8.1	26	53.1	29	46.8
Genesee	9	15.0	4	7.8	18	30.0	21	41.2
Greene	8	12.9	4	7.4	24	38.7	26	48.2
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	1	50.0
Herkimer	9	16.7	3	5.8	23	42.6	25	48.1
Jefferson	31	21.7	9	10.5	54	37.8	23	26.7
Lewis	2	10.0	0	0.0	7	35.0	2	33.3
Livingston	6	18.2	6	20.7	12	36.4	12	41.4
Madison	21	20.6	6	11.5	29	28.4	13	25.0
Monroe	142	18.6	119	14.6	257	33.7	253	31.0
Montgomery	4	7.3	14	21.5	26	47.3	20	30.8
Nassau	34	17.5	24	11.2	53	27.3	64	29.8
Niagara	27	17.1	24	18.8	57	36.1	35	27.3
Oneida	40	16.4	51	16.2	97	39.8	93	29.6
Onondaga	74	19.3	66	19.9	97	25.3	97	29.2
Ontario	9	17.0	10	16.7	20	37.7	15	25.0
Orange	47	16.1	32	11.9	85	29.1	74	27.6
Orleans	7	17.1	3	5.9	15	36.6	25	49.0
Oswego	10	6.8	16	15.8	74	50.0	34	33.7
Otsego	9	17.7	5	11.9	23	45.1	16	38.1
Putnam	2	14.3	3	14.3	1	7.1	11	52.4
Rensselaer	27	18.2	28	16.5	51	34.5	51	30.0
Rockland	9	10.1	7	7.7	26	29.2	27	29.7
St. Lawrence	7	10.1	14	16.1	33	47.8	30	34.5
Saratoga	12	12.5	15	13.8	38	39.6	38	34.9
Schenectady	38	20.1	34	19.7	64	33.9	45	26.0
Schoharie	9	19.2	6	17.7	15	31.9	13	38.2
Schuyler	2	12.5	0	0.0	4	25.0	3	50.0
Seneca	9	32.1	2	18.2	10	35.7	7	63.6
Steuben	26	19.9	20	17.0	42	32.1	43	36.4
Suffolk	130	22.2	110	18.6	167	28.5	180	30.4
Sullivan	5	6.3	5	9.3	33	41.3	19	35.2
Tioga	7	13.0	0	0.0	15	27.8	8	42.1
Tompkins	14	20.9	16	21.3	22	32.8	15	20.0
Ulster	15	12.2	18	18.8	41	33.3	29	30.2
Warren	13	23.2	14	23.7	18	32.1	16	27.1
Washington	5	14.3	7	13.5	14	40.0	32	61.5
Wayne	9	16.1	3	5.9	19	33.9	18	35.3
Westchester	62	17.4	51	14.6	105	29.4	98	28.0
Wyoming	8	19.5	1	5.3	18	43.9	8	42.1
Yates	6	33.3	4	19.1	4	22.2	5	23.8

Foster Care Admissions by Age – Youth 15-17 Years Admitted to Foster Care

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	3,135	18.8	3,189	25.3
New York City	1,580	17.2	1,391	25.0
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,555	20.7	1,798	25.6
Albany	82	22.3	77	25.0
Allegany	13	22.4	4	11.1
Broome	38	21.1	47	29.9
Cattaraugus	16	20.0	20	29.4
Cayuga	9	11.4	9	15.5
Chautauqua	18	14.3	8	7.6
Chemung	36	20.6	34	28.3
Chenango	9	19.2	8	26.7
Clinton	7	21.2	9	18.0
Columbia	28	30.8	39	33.6
Cortland	32	41.0	7	14.6
Delaware	6	24.0	7	21.2
Dutchess	50	31.9	43	28.5
Erie	135	18.2	161	25.1
Essex	6	27.3	15	41.7
Franklin	16	31.4	17	29.3
Fulton	15	30.6	24	38.7
Genesee	16	26.7	15	29.4
Greene	15	24.2	19	35.2
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	1	50.0
Herkimer	13	24.1	13	25.0
Jefferson	19	13.3	16	18.6
Lewis	3	15.0	2	33.3
Livingston	5	15.2	3	10.3
Madison	16	15.7	16	30.8
Monroe	145	19.0	222	27.2
Montgomery	12	21.8	15	23.1
Nassau	50	25.8	59	27.4
Niagara	32	20.3	32	25.0
Oneida	38	15.6	84	26.8
Onondaga	37	9.7	44	13.3
Ontario	13	24.5	17	28.3
Orange	95	32.5	94	35.1
Orleans	8	19.5	7	13.7
Oswego	43	29.1	34	33.7
Otsego	12	23.5	11	26.2
Putnam	9	64.3	5	23.8
Rensselaer	29	19.6	43	25.3
Rockland	21	23.6	30	33.0
St. Lawrence	16	23.2	21	24.1
Saratoga	31	32.3	44	40.4
Schenectady	34	18.0	39	22.5
Schoharie	14	29.8	10	29.4
Schuyler	6	37.5	2	33.3
Seneca	4	14.3	2	18.2
Steuben	24	18.3	19	16.1
Suffolk	79	13.5	113	19.1
Sullivan	28	35.0	24	44.4
Tioga	17	31.5	10	52.6
Tompkins	12	17.9	21	28.0
Ulster	27	22.0	26	27.1
Warren	11	19.6	12	20.3
Washington	5	14.3	7	13.5
Wayne	14	25.0	21	41.2
Westchester	76	21.3	98	28.0
Wyoming	5	12.2	6	31.6
Yates	2	11.1	6	28.6

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NOTES:

- Children residing in St. Regis Indian Nation are included in the Rest of State and New York State totals, however, they are not included in Franklin County or St. Lawrence County data.
- Percentages reflect the respective number of children/youth admitted to foster care.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 27.2
 Minimum: 7.6
 Maximum: 52.6
 Standard Deviation: 9.4

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care Admissions by Ethnicity – Hispanic and Non-Hispanic

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Hispanic				Non-Hispanic			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	2,945	17.6	2,287	18.2	13,777	82.4	10,310	81.8
New York City	2,457	26.7	1,737	31.2	6,740	73.3	3,836	68.8
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	488	6.5	550	7.8	7,037	93.5	6,474	92.2
Albany	27	7.3	10	3.3	341	92.7	298	96.8
Allegany	0	0.0	0	0.0	58	100.0	36	100.0
Broome	5	2.8	1	0.6	175	97.2	156	99.4
Cattaraugus	0	0.0	0	0.0	80	100.0	68	100.0
Cayuga	0	0.0	3	5.2	79	100.0	55	94.8
Chautauqua	19	15.1	18	17.1	107	84.9	87	82.9
Chemung	2	1.1	3	2.5	173	98.9	117	97.5
Chenango	0	0.0	1	3.3	47	100.0	29	96.7
Clinton	0	0.0	3	6.0	33	100.0	47	94.0
Columbia	2	2.2	7	6.0	89	97.8	109	94.0
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0	78	100.0	48	100.0
Delaware	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	100.0	33	100.0
Dutchess	20	12.7	12	8.0	137	87.3	139	92.1
Erie	22	3.0	49	7.6	722	97.0	592	92.4
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	100.0	36	100.0
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0	51	100.0	58	100.0
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0	49	100.0	62	100.0
Genesee	0	0.0	0	0.0	60	100.0	51	100.0
Greene	4	6.5	5	9.3	58	93.6	49	90.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	2	100.0
Herkimer	1	1.9	0	0.0	53	98.2	52	100.0
Jefferson	2	1.4	2	2.3	141	98.6	84	97.7
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	100.0	6	100.0
Livingston	6	18.2	5	17.2	27	81.8	24	82.8
Madison	0	0.0	0	0.0	102	100.0	52	100.0
Monroe	49	6.4	58	7.1	714	93.6	758	92.9
Montgomery	12	21.8	8	12.3	43	78.2	57	87.7
Nassau	15	7.7	45	20.9	179	92.3	170	79.1
Niagara	6	3.8	1	0.8	152	96.2	127	99.2
Oneida	2	0.8	10	3.2	242	99.2	304	96.8
Onondaga	26	6.8	17	5.1	357	93.2	315	94.9
Ontario	4	7.6	3	5.0	49	92.5	57	95.0
Orange	43	14.7	27	10.1	249	85.3	241	89.9
Orleans	2	4.9	5	9.8	39	95.1	46	90.2
Oswego	6	4.1	0	0.0	142	96.0	101	100.0
Otsego	0	0.0	0	0.0	51	100.0	42	100.0
Putnam	1	7.1	1	4.8	13	92.9	20	95.2
Rensselaer	10	6.8	10	5.9	138	93.2	160	94.1
Rockland	6	6.7	14	15.4	83	93.3	77	84.6
St. Lawrence	1	1.5	1	1.2	68	98.6	86	98.9
Saratoga	4	4.2	6	5.5	92	95.8	103	94.5
Schenectady	12	6.4	13	7.5	177	93.7	160	92.5
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0	47	100.0	34	100.0
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	100.0	6	100.0
Seneca	2	7.1	0	0.0	26	92.9	11	100.0
Steuben	0	0.0	0	0.0	131	100.0	118	100.0
Suffolk	78	13.3	96	16.2	509	86.7	496	83.8
Sullivan	15	18.8	6	11.1	65	81.3	48	88.9
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	54	100.0	19	100.0
Tompkins	1	1.5	6	8.0	66	98.5	69	92.0
Ulster	17	13.8	9	9.4	106	86.2	87	90.6
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0	56	100.0	59	100.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0	35	100.0	52	100.0
Wayne	1	1.8	2	3.9	55	98.2	49	96.1
Westchester	63	17.7	93	26.6	294	82.4	257	73.4
Wyoming	2	4.9	0	0.0	39	95.1	19	100.0
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	100.0	21	100.0

Foster Care Admissions by Race – White and African American

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	White				African American			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	7,157	42.8	5,855	46.5	6,817	40.8	5,168	41.0
New York City	2,778	30.2	2,002	35.9	4,621	50.2	3,115	55.9
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	4,379	58.2	3,853	54.9	2,196	29.2	2,053	29.2
Albany	186	50.5	90	29.2	167	45.4	97	31.5
Allegany	50	86.2	33	91.7	2	3.5	2	5.6
Broome	145	80.6	79	50.3	26	14.4	23	14.7
Cattaraugus	77	96.3	60	88.2	1	1.3	5	7.4
Cayuga	63	79.8	50	86.2	14	17.7	8	13.8
Chautauqua	104	82.5	87	82.9	9	7.1	11	10.5
Chemung	109	62.3	64	53.3	38	21.7	31	25.8
Chenango	40	85.1	28	93.3	2	4.3	1	3.3
Clinton	29	87.9	41	82.0	4	12.1	8	16.0
Columbia	78	85.7	93	80.2	12	13.2	23	19.8
Cortland	73	93.6	46	95.8	1	1.3	0	0.0
Delaware	25	100.0	31	93.9	0	0.0	1	3.0
Dutchess	95	60.5	90	59.6	54	34.4	55	36.4
Erie	221	29.7	258	40.3	325	43.7	323	50.4
Essex	20	90.9	34	94.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	49	96.1	58	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fulton	43	87.8	59	95.2	6	12.2	0	0.0
Genesee	43	71.7	42	82.4	14	23.3	6	11.8
Greene	44	71.0	44	81.5	12	19.4	10	18.5
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	51	94.4	51	98.1	2	3.7	1	1.9
Jefferson	96	67.1	74	86.1	36	25.2	9	10.5
Lewis	20	100.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	27	81.8	22	75.9	5	15.2	3	10.3
Madison	98	96.1	48	92.3	0	0.0	2	3.9
Monroe	183	24.0	156	19.1	343	45.0	328	40.2
Montgomery	51	92.7	63	96.9	2	3.6	1	1.5
Nassau	50	25.8	85	39.5	134	69.1	118	54.9
Niagara	99	62.7	78	60.9	46	29.1	41	32.0
Oneida	96	39.3	123	39.2	28	11.5	58	18.5
Onondaga	172	44.9	124	37.4	159	41.5	169	50.9
Ontario	41	77.4	43	71.7	8	15.1	3	5.0
Orange	218	74.7	144	53.7	58	19.9	70	26.1
Orleans	23	56.1	38	74.5	13	31.7	5	9.8
Oswego	144	97.3	95	94.1	1	0.7	2	2.0
Otsego	49	96.1	41	97.6	0	0.0	1	2.4
Putnam	4	28.6	8	38.1	1	7.1	0	0.0
Rensselaer	98	66.2	124	72.9	40	27.0	42	24.7
Rockland	12	13.5	21	23.1	26	29.2	12	13.2
St. Lawrence	67	97.1	87	100.0	1	1.5	0	0.0
Saratoga	92	95.8	97	89.0	4	4.2	8	7.3
Schenectady	102	54.0	108	62.4	80	42.3	57	33.0
Schoharie	36	76.6	28	82.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	16	100.0	5	83.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	22	78.6	10	90.9	3	10.7	0	0.0
Steuben	127	97.0	101	85.6	2	1.5	6	5.1
Suffolk	367	62.5	339	57.3	206	35.1	226	38.2
Sullivan	57	71.3	22	40.7	20	25.0	25	46.3
Tioga	50	92.6	19	100.0	4	7.4	0	0.0
Tompkins	51	76.1	53	70.7	14	20.9	18	24.0
Ulster	89	72.4	71	74.0	30	24.4	20	20.8
Warren	53	94.6	53	89.8	1	1.8	2	3.4
Washington	33	94.3	49	94.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wayne	41	73.2	24	47.1	15	26.8	4	7.8
Westchester	95	26.6	126	36.0	227	63.6	216	61.7
Wyoming	38	92.7	15	79.0	0	0.0	2	10.5
Yates	17	94.4	15	71.4	0	0.0	0	0.0

Foster Care Admissions by Race – Asian and Native American

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Asian				Native American			
	Number	2000 Percent	Number	2004 Percent	Number	2000 Percent	Number	2004 Percent
New York State	99	0.6	62	0.5	63	0.4	54	0.4
New York City	82	0.9	40	0.7	25	0.3	3	0.1
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	17	0.2	22	0.3	38	0.5	51	0.7
Albany	0	0.0	3	1.0	1	0.3	0	0.0
Allegany	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Broome	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cattaraugus	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.5	3	4.4
Cayuga	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chautauqua	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chemung	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chenango	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clinton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cortland	0	0.0	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Delaware	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dutchess	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Erie	3	0.4	6	0.9	9	1.2	6	0.9
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Genesee	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greene	1	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jefferson	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	1.2
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	13.8
Madison	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.9	2	3.9
Monroe	4	0.5	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Montgomery	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nassau	2	1.0	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.5
Niagara	1	0.6	0	0.0	10	6.3	3	2.3
Oneida	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Onondaga	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.8	5	1.5
Ontario	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Orange	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Orleans	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	3.9
Oswego	0	0.0	1	1.0	0	0.0	1	1.0
Otsego	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rensselaer	1	0.7	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rockland	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Lawrence	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.5	0	0.0
Saratoga	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.8
Schenectady	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	0	0.0	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suffolk	1	0.2	5	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tompkins	0	0.0	1	1.3	1	1.5	0	0.0
Ulster	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.8	1	1.0
Warren	0	0.0	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Westchester	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	19.1

Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type – Home and Congregate

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Home Care				Congregate Care			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	9,440	56.5	6,429	51.0	4,543	27.2	4,070	32.3
New York City	4,690	51.0	2,450	44.0	2,287	24.9	1,610	28.9
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	4,750	63.1	3,979	56.7	2,256	30.0	2,460	35.0
Albany	169	45.9	146	47.4	181	49.2	145	47.1
Allegany	38	65.5	27	75.0	9	15.5	3	8.3
Broome	93	51.7	49	31.2	34	18.9	46	29.3
Cattaraugus	48	60.0	36	52.9	32	40.0	28	41.2
Cayuga	61	77.2	47	81.0	3	3.8	9	15.5
Chautauqua	117	92.9	97	92.4	6	4.8	8	7.6
Chemung	142	81.1	90	75.0	19	10.9	16	13.3
Chenango	36	76.6	15	50.0	4	8.5	6	20.0
Clinton	28	84.9	40	80.0	5	15.2	10	20.0
Columbia	39	42.9	64	55.2	33	36.3	24	20.7
Cortland	70	89.7	45	93.8	0	0.0	1	2.1
Delaware	24	96.0	24	72.7	0	0.0	5	15.2
Dutchess	79	50.3	47	31.1	74	47.1	93	61.6
Erie	500	67.2	378	59.0	216	29.0	233	36.4
Essex	19	86.4	24	66.7	0	0.0	10	27.8
Franklin	41	80.4	41	70.7	1	2.0	3	5.2
Fulton	17	34.7	32	51.6	30	61.2	25	40.3
Genesee	48	80.0	47	92.2	0	0.0	3	5.9
Greene	36	58.1	25	46.3	12	19.4	29	53.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	2	100.0
Herkimer	50	92.6	33	63.5	4	7.4	14	26.9
Jefferson	106	74.1	62	72.1	34	23.8	24	27.9
Lewis	19	95.0	5	83.3	1	5.0	1	16.7
Livingston	27	81.8	20	69.0	6	18.2	9	31.0
Madison	74	72.6	31	59.6	20	19.6	20	38.5
Monroe	489	64.1	472	57.8	239	31.3	315	38.6
Montgomery	27	49.1	47	72.3	25	45.5	12	18.5
Nassau	108	55.7	102	47.4	81	41.8	100	46.5
Niagara	92	58.2	69	53.9	58	36.7	49	38.3
Oneida	133	54.5	164	52.2	95	38.9	132	42.0
Onondaga	146	38.1	154	46.4	230	60.1	164	49.4
Ontario	34	64.2	47	78.3	3	5.7	2	3.3
Orange	149	51.0	89	33.2	59	20.2	62	23.1
Orleans	40	97.6	43	84.3	1	2.4	4	7.8
Oswego	91	61.5	63	62.4	55	37.2	38	37.6
Otsego	27	52.9	30	71.4	22	43.1	10	23.8
Putnam	7	50.0	0	0.0	5	35.7	9	42.9
Rensselaer	78	52.7	92	54.1	69	46.6	78	45.9
Rockland	41	46.1	35	38.5	36	40.5	46	50.6
St. Lawrence	58	84.1	80	92.0	3	4.4	5	5.8
Saratoga	39	40.6	37	33.9	55	57.3	72	66.1
Schenectady	109	57.7	96	55.5	74	39.2	68	39.3
Schoharie	36	76.6	23	67.7	10	21.3	8	23.5
Schuyler	11	68.8	5	83.3	5	31.3	1	16.7
Seneca	18	64.3	7	63.6	8	28.6	4	36.4
Steuben	102	77.9	90	76.3	19	14.5	10	8.5
Suffolk	465	79.2	348	58.8	115	19.6	215	36.3
Sullivan	52	65.0	41	75.9	13	16.3	0	0.0
Tioga	40	74.1	6	31.6	8	14.8	4	21.1
Tompkins	59	88.1	66	88.0	5	7.5	8	10.7
Ulster	82	66.7	37	38.5	32	26.0	36	37.5
Warren	37	66.1	45	76.3	16	28.6	14	23.7
Washington	28	80.0	39	75.0	6	17.1	12	23.1
Wayne	40	71.4	24	47.1	15	26.8	27	52.9
Westchester	180	50.4	161	46.0	158	44.3	176	50.3
Wyoming	33	80.5	16	84.2	7	17.1	2	10.5
Yates	14	77.8	20	95.2	4	22.2	1	4.8

Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type – Relative and Other

number and percent of children/youth admitted to foster care



	Relative Care				Other Care			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	1,678	10.0	1,271	10.1	1,061	6.3	827	6.6
New York City	1,547	16.8	1,052	18.9	673	7.3	461	8.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	131	1.7	219	3.1	388	5.2	366	5.2
Albany	0	0.0	8	2.6	18	4.9	9	2.9
Allegany	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	19.0	6	16.7
Broome	0	0.0	1	0.6	53	29.4	61	38.9
Cattaraugus	0	0.0	2	2.9	0	0.0	2	2.9
Cayuga	5	6.3	0	0.0	10	12.7	2	3.5
Chautauqua	2	1.6	0	0.0	1	0.8	0	0.0
Chemung	9	5.1	3	2.5	5	2.9	11	9.2
Chenango	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	14.9	9	30.0
Clinton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	8	8.8	0	0.0	11	12.1	28	24.1
Cortland	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	10.3	2	4.2
Delaware	0	0.0	4	12.1	1	4.0	0	0.0
Dutchess	1	0.6	11	7.3	3	1.9	0	0.0
Erie	1	0.1	18	2.8	27	3.6	12	1.9
Essex	2	9.1	2	5.6	1	4.6	0	0.0
Franklin	5	9.8	14	24.1	4	7.8	0	0.0
Fulton	1	2.0	3	4.8	1	2.0	2	3.2
Genesee	5	8.3	0	0.0	7	11.7	1	2.0
Greene	8	12.9	0	0.0	6	9.7	0	0.0
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	0	0.0	3	5.8	0	0.0	2	3.9
Jefferson	2	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Madison	8	7.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.9
Monroe	0	0.0	1	0.1	35	4.6	28	3.4
Montgomery	1	1.8	0	0.0	2	3.6	6	9.2
Nassau	5	2.6	12	5.6	0	0.0	1	0.5
Niagara	8	5.1	9	7.0	0	0.0	1	0.8
Oneida	12	4.9	12	3.8	4	1.6	6	1.9
Onondaga	3	0.8	2	0.6	4	1.0	12	3.6
Ontario	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	30.2	11	18.3
Orange	6	2.1	37	13.8	78	26.7	80	29.9
Orleans	0	0.0	2	3.9	0	0.0	2	3.9
Oswego	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.4	0	0.0
Otsego	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	3.9	2	4.8
Putnam	0	0.0	6	28.6	2	14.3	6	28.6
Rensselaer	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	0	0.0
Rockland	10	11.2	5	5.5	2	2.3	5	5.5
St. Lawrence	2	2.9	0	0.0	6	8.7	2	2.3
Saratoga	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.1	0	0.0
Schenectady	4	2.1	7	4.1	2	1.1	2	1.2
Schoharie	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.1	3	8.8
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	7.1	0	0.0
Steuben	7	5.3	5	4.2	3	2.3	13	11.0
Suffolk	2	0.3	24	4.1	5	0.9	5	0.8
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0	15	18.8	13	24.1
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	11.1	9	47.4
Tompkins	3	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.3
Ulster	7	5.7	22	22.9	2	1.6	1	1.0
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	5.4	0	0.0
Washington	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	1	1.9
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.8	0	0.0
Westchester	4	1.1	5	1.4	15	4.2	8	2.3
Wyoming	0	0.0	1	5.3	1	2.4	0	0.0
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Family

Foster Care – Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care

number and percent children/youth in foster care



Definition:

Children are discharged from foster care when the court is satisfied that a permanency plan is sufficient to ensure the child's safety and well-being. Children are discharged from foster care to a variety of caregivers, including: parent(s), relative, adoptive parent, their own care, and "other." The rate of children discharged from foster care is calculated by dividing the number of children discharged in a given calendar year by the total number of children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year. The percentage of each type of discharge is calculated by dividing the respective number of children discharged by the total number of children and youth discharged during the given calendar year.

Significance:

Reunification of the child with his or her family is the preferred permanency option whenever that can be safely achieved (National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, 2004). In those cases where reunification is not appropriate, adoption is viewed as the ideal permanent legal option for children because it provides the greatest degree of permanence. Adoption, however, may not be a realistic or appropriate option. Alternative permanency placements may not provide the same level of permanency available through adoption but frequently facilitate continuity of family ties, which may be in the child's best interests.

A fundamental objective of the landmark Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 was to institute timelines to expedite children's discharge from foster care and to facilitate a timely return to their families, if possible. Further, the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 allows states to use federal funds to provide family reunification services for the first 15 months after a child enters foster care. This legislation also reduces the number of months that a child may remain in foster care without a permanency hearing from 18 to 12 months and requires states to file for termination of the rights of parents of children who have spent 15 of the most recent 22 months in foster care. The New York State Permanency Bill, Chapter 3 of the Laws of 2005, significantly impacts Family Courts, local districts and voluntary agencies and provides children placed out of their homes with more timely and effective judicial and administrative reviews in order to promote permanency, safety and well-being. Child protective removal procedures, permanency planning timelines and processes for foster children, grounds for termination

of parental rights, and conditional surrenders of children for adoption are among the areas influenced by this Bill. Additionally, the legislation changes the permanency hearing requirements to satisfy the Title IV-E six-month independent review requirements.

Youth can, however, stay in foster care until their 21st birthday. To stay in foster care after age 18, the youth must give consent to remain in foster care and must be in school, or in college, or regularly attending a vocational or technical training program, or lack the skills or ability to live independently.

Findings:



In New York State, 15,513 children and youth – or 37.3 percent of all children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year – were discharged from foster care in 2004.



While the number of children discharged in 2004 was lower than the number discharged in 2000, the percentage is higher, in 2004, because of the decreasing number of children in foster care.



In both 2000 and 2004, most children in foster care were discharged to their parents (52.1% and 47.1%, respectively). Children discharged in counties outside New York City were more likely to be reunited with their parents on discharge (53.8% in 2004) than were children discharged in New York City (41.7%).



There were 3,473 discharges to adoption in 2004, representing 22.4 percent of all discharges. This percentage to adoption in 2004 is similar to the 20.2 percent in 2000.

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Foster Care Discharges – Children/Youth Discharged from Foster Care

number and percent children/youth in foster care



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	21,150	36.1	15,513	37.3
New York City	13,202	33.1	8,560	34.2
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	7,948	42.4	6,953	41.9
Albany	436	47.4	335	52.3
Allegany	54	38.3	33	35.5
Broome	235	42.6	181	38.4
Cattaraugus	77	43.5	107	52.2
Cayuga	74	39.6	75	47.2
Chautauqua	105	39.8	91	44.6
Chemung	142	45.8	133	48.9
Chenango	41	43.2	30	35.3
Clinton	29	33.0	45	34.9
Columbia	73	44.5	148	49.5
Cortland	82	47.4	60	44.4
Delaware	30	44.1	23	27.1
Dutchess	206	46.5	168	38.9
Erie	944	39.6	720	39.8
Essex	28	63.6	19	36.5
Franklin	45	34.6	51	37.8
Fulton	50	38.2	58	47.9
Genesee	42	32.8	33	37.1
Greene	69	53.1	59	47.2
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	1	25.0
Herkimer	61	39.1	77	43.8
Jefferson	118	44.4	112	49.1
Lewis	22	45.8	9	42.9
Livingston	38	55.9	44	56.4
Madison	88	47.6	85	59.0
Monroe	786	45.2	687	44.2
Montgomery	38	38.4	48	51.6
Nassau	256	33.9	211	34.4
Niagara	198	48.9	130	40.5
Oneida	263	44.9	276	39.5
Onondaga	392	48.5	311	43.6
Ontario	57	53.8	52	50.5
Orange	278	39.4	239	37.5
Orleans	35	56.5	47	58.8
Oswego	158	43.8	88	39.1
Otsego	44	33.9	62	53.5
Putnam	12	42.9	14	33.3
Rensselaer	159	46.9	149	44.0
Rockland	108	38.4	119	48.0
St. Lawrence	94	47.0	93	52.5
Saratoga	92	44.7	102	50.0
Schenectady	231	44.1	138	35.9
Schoharie	38	37.6	36	44.4
Schuyler	10	41.7	7	41.2
Seneca	32	45.7	13	52.0
Steuben	108	43.2	112	44.4
Suffolk	567	39.2	606	40.8
Sullivan	99	55.9	59	54.6
Tioga	53	52.0	21	40.4
Tompkins	67	39.9	75	48.7
Ulster	127	41.0	80	30.7
Warren	53	45.7	49	36.0
Washington	23	31.5	46	49.5
Wayne	58	46.8	35	36.5
Westchester	358	34.0	306	31.5
Wyoming	54	51.9	21	32.3
Yates	11	29.0	24	47.1

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NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth discharged from foster care at any time during calendar year.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	43.8
Minimum:	25.0
Maximum:	59.0
Standard Deviation:	7.8

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Adoption

number and percent children/youth discharged from foster care



	To Adoption			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	4,263	20.2	3,473	22.4
New York City	3,006	22.8	2,422	28.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,257	15.8	1,051	15.1
Albany	60	13.8	43	12.8
Allegany	17	31.5	6	18.2
Broome	34	14.5	22	12.2
Cattaraugus	11	14.3	32	29.9
Cayuga	19	25.7	16	21.3
Chautauqua	1	1.0	11	12.1
Chemung	31	21.8	12	9.0
Chenango	6	14.6	0	0.0
Clinton	4	13.8	4	8.9
Columbia	10	13.7	7	4.7
Cortland	8	9.8	7	11.7
Delaware	3	10.0	2	8.7
Dutchess	34	16.5	43	25.6
Erie	316	33.5	162	22.5
Essex	3	10.7	0	0.0
Franklin	4	8.9	2	3.9
Fulton	2	4.0	3	5.2
Genesee	9	21.4	1	3.0
Greene	8	11.6	12	20.3
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	2	3.3	18	23.4
Jefferson	19	16.1	27	24.1
Lewis	1	4.5	0	0.0
Livingston	7	18.4	14	31.8
Madison	5	5.7	14	16.5
Monroe	113	14.4	85	12.4
Montgomery	3	7.9	0	0.0
Nassau	27	10.5	24	11.4
Niagara	21	10.6	21	16.2
Oneida	56	21.3	23	8.3
Onondaga	61	15.6	56	18.0
Ontario	5	8.8	5	9.6
Orange	30	10.8	33	13.8
Orleans	4	11.4	2	4.3
Oswego	18	11.4	19	21.6
Otsego	2	4.5	10	16.1
Putnam	5	41.7	0	0.0
Rensselaer	5	3.1	13	8.7
Rockland	6	5.6	22	18.5
St. Lawrence	8	8.5	20	21.5
Saratoga	5	5.4	8	7.8
Schenectady	33	14.3	11	8.0
Schoharie	0	0.0	4	11.1
Schuyler	1	10.0	0	0.0
Seneca	8	25.0	0	0.0
Steuben	16	14.8	15	13.4
Suffolk	105	18.5	121	20.0
Sullivan	11	11.1	0	0.0
Tioga	4	7.5	1	4.8
Tompkins	13	19.4	12	16.0
Ulster	5	3.9	8	10.0
Warren	9	17.0	9	18.4
Washington	2	8.7	7	15.2
Wayne	11	19.0	14	40.0
Westchester	51	14.2	45	14.7
Wyoming	3	5.6	5	23.8
Yates	2	18.2	0	0.0

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NOTES:

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- The numbers presented in Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Adoption and Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth Discharged to Adoption may differ due to varying dates compiled and the percentages differ due to different denominators.

- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 12.1
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 40.0
 Standard Deviation: 9.2

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Parent

number and percent children/youth discharged from foster care



	To Parent			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	11,019	52.1	7,310	47.1
New York City	6,634	50.2	3,569	41.7
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	4,385	55.2	3,741	53.8
Albany	290	66.5	182	54.3
Allegany	27	50.0	12	36.4
Broome	101	43.0	90	49.7
Cattaraugus	47	61.0	40	37.4
Cayuga	36	48.6	45	60.0
Chautauqua	68	64.8	50	54.9
Chemung	69	48.6	64	48.1
Chenango	29	70.7	18	60.0
Clinton	17	58.6	23	51.1
Columbia	59	80.8	120	81.1
Cortland	57	69.5	40	66.7
Delaware	19	63.3	18	78.3
Dutchess	127	61.7	89	53.0
Erie	343	36.3	338	46.9
Essex	11	39.3	17	89.5
Franklin	32	71.1	44	86.3
Fulton	34	68.0	46	79.3
Genesee	22	52.4	24	72.7
Greene	50	72.5	36	61.0
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	1	100.0
Herkimer	48	78.7	40	51.9
Jefferson	71	60.2	58	51.8
Lewis	15	68.2	6	66.7
Livingston	27	71.1	23	52.3
Madison	60	68.2	57	67.1
Monroe	383	48.7	304	44.3
Montgomery	22	57.9	41	85.4
Nassau	135	52.7	97	46.0
Niagara	134	67.7	81	62.3
Oneida	145	55.1	189	68.5
Onondaga	204	52.0	120	38.6
Ontario	44	77.2	38	73.1
Orange	154	55.4	138	57.7
Orleans	22	62.9	32	68.1
Oswego	114	72.2	52	59.1
Otsego	26	59.1	36	58.1
Putnam	5	41.7	10	71.4
Rensselaer	111	69.8	88	59.1
Rockland	70	64.8	74	62.2
St. Lawrence	64	68.1	49	52.7
Saratoga	64	69.6	76	74.5
Schenectady	123	53.2	91	65.9
Schoharie	26	68.4	20	55.6
Schuyler	5	50.0	5	71.4
Seneca	17	53.1	7	53.8
Steuben	58	53.7	61	54.5
Suffolk	253	44.6	286	47.2
Sullivan	67	67.7	37	62.7
Tioga	34	64.2	18	85.7
Tompkins	37	55.2	42	56.0
Ulster	86	67.7	46	57.5
Warren	27	50.9	24	49.0
Washington	12	52.2	19	41.3
Wayne	24	41.4	13	37.1
Westchester	211	58.9	140	45.8
Wyoming	43	79.6	9	42.9
Yates	6	54.5	17	70.8

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New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 58.1
 Minimum: 36.4
 Maximum: 100.0
 Standard Deviation: 14.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Relative

number and percent children/youth discharged from foster care



	To Relative			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	2,246	10.6	1,578	10.2
New York City	1,126	8.5	480	5.6
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,120	14.1	1,098	15.8
Albany	33	7.6	64	19.1
Allegany	6	11.1	9	27.3
Broome	46	19.6	19	10.5
Cattaraugus	8	10.4	19	17.8
Cayuga	6	8.1	9	12.0
Chautauqua	18	17.1	19	20.9
Chemung	13	9.2	17	12.8
Chenango	5	12.2	3	10.0
Clinton	3	10.3	6	13.3
Columbia	1	1.4	10	6.8
Cortland	8	9.8	7	11.7
Delaware	1	3.3	0	0.0
Dutchess	20	9.7	13	7.7
Erie	144	15.3	101	14.0
Essex	8	28.6	0	0.0
Franklin	2	4.4	0	0.0
Fulton	6	12.0	3	5.2
Genesee	6	14.3	3	9.1
Greene	6	8.7	6	10.2
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	8	13.1	7	9.1
Jefferson	15	12.7	17	15.2
Lewis	5	22.7	2	22.2
Livingston	1	2.6	2	4.5
Madison	18	20.5	6	7.1
Monroe	172	21.9	179	26.1
Montgomery	5	13.2	4	8.3
Nassau	30	11.7	45	21.3
Niagara	21	10.6	11	8.5
Oneida	19	7.2	39	14.1
Onondaga	71	18.1	90	28.9
Ontario	2	3.5	0	0.0
Orange	27	9.7	27	11.3
Orleans	5	14.3	10	21.3
Oswego	12	7.6	5	5.7
Otsego	10	22.7	7	11.3
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rensselaer	26	16.4	26	17.4
Rockland	14	13.0	9	7.6
St. Lawrence	5	5.3	12	12.9
Saratoga	8	8.7	15	14.7
Schenectady	34	14.7	10	7.2
Schoharie	4	10.5	4	11.1
Schuyler	2	20.0	1	14.3
Seneca	1	3.1	2	15.4
Steuben	16	14.8	18	16.1
Suffolk	135	23.8	128	21.1
Sullivan	6	6.1	3	5.1
Tioga	7	13.2	0	0.0
Tompkins	8	11.9	15	20.0
Ulster	23	18.1	9	11.3
Warren	7	13.2	9	18.4
Washington	6	26.1	12	26.1
Wayne	17	29.3	3	8.6
Westchester	36	10.1	57	18.6
Wyoming	4	7.4	4	19.0
Yates	0	0.0	2	8.3

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NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth discharged from foster care at any time during calendar year.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median:	11.3
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	28.9
Standard Deviation:	7.5

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Self and To “Other”

number and percent children/youth discharged from foster care



	To Self				To “Other”			
	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2000 Number	2000 Percent	2004 Number	2004 Percent
New York State	1,580	7.5	1,437	9.3	2,042	9.7	1,715	11.1
New York City	1,117	8.5	995	11.6	1,319	10.0	1,094	12.8
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	463	5.8	442	6.4	723	9.1	621	8.9
Albany	9	2.1	16	4.8	44	10.1	30	9.0
Allegany	3	5.6	1	3.0	1	1.9	5	15.2
Broome	21	8.9	15	8.3	33	14.0	35	19.3
Cattaraugus	6	7.8	6	5.6	5	6.5	10	9.3
Cayuga	4	5.4	4	5.3	9	12.2	1	1.3
Chautauqua	7	6.7	5	5.5	11	10.5	6	6.6
Chemung	4	2.8	6	4.5	25	17.6	34	25.6
Chenango	0	0.0	2	6.7	1	2.4	7	23.3
Clinton	3	10.3	4	8.9	2	6.9	8	17.8
Columbia	0	0.0	2	1.4	3	4.1	9	6.1
Cortland	5	6.1	5	8.3	4	4.9	1	1.7
Delaware	6	20.0	3	13.0	1	3.3	0	0.0
Dutchess	8	3.9	8	4.8	17	8.3	15	8.9
Erie	54	5.7	62	8.6	87	9.2	57	7.9
Essex	1	3.6	1	5.3	5	17.9	1	5.3
Franklin	2	4.4	2	3.9	5	11.1	3	5.9
Fulton	5	10.0	3	5.2	3	6.0	3	5.2
Genesee	4	9.5	1	3.0	1	2.4	4	12.1
Greene	1	1.4	4	6.8	4	5.8	1	1.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	1	1.6	5	6.5	2	3.3	7	9.1
Jefferson	8	6.8	2	1.8	5	4.2	8	7.1
Lewis	0	0.0	1	11.1	1	4.5	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	2	4.5	3	7.9	3	6.8
Madison	3	3.4	5	5.9	2	2.3	3	3.5
Monroe	46	5.9	38	5.5	72	9.2	81	11.8
Montgomery	2	5.3	1	2.1	6	15.8	2	4.2
Nassau	29	11.3	22	10.4	35	13.7	23	10.9
Niagara	15	7.6	9	6.9	7	3.5	8	6.2
Oneida	12	4.6	9	3.3	31	11.8	16	5.8
Onondaga	27	6.9	16	5.1	29	7.4	29	9.3
Ontario	1	1.8	1	1.9	5	8.8	8	15.4
Orange	17	6.1	15	6.3	50	18.0	26	10.9
Orleans	1	2.9	1	2.1	3	8.6	2	4.3
Oswego	7	4.4	9	10.2	7	4.4	3	3.4
Otsego	4	9.1	4	6.5	2	4.5	5	8.1
Putnam	2	16.7	1	7.1	0	0.0	3	21.4
Rensselaer	9	5.7	10	6.7	8	5.0	12	8.1
Rockland	5	4.6	9	7.6	13	12.0	5	4.2
St. Lawrence	9	9.6	5	5.4	8	8.5	7	7.5
Saratoga	4	4.3	0	0.0	11	12.0	3	2.9
Schenectady	16	6.9	6	4.3	25	10.8	20	14.5
Schoharie	4	10.5	4	11.1	4	10.5	4	11.1
Schuyler	1	10.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	1	14.3
Seneca	2	6.3	1	7.7	4	12.5	3	23.1
Steuben	3	2.8	10	8.9	15	13.9	8	7.1
Suffolk	31	5.5	39	6.4	43	7.6	32	5.3
Sullivan	6	6.1	6	10.2	9	9.1	13	22.0
Tioga	2	3.8	1	4.8	6	11.3	1	4.8
Tompkins	2	3.0	3	4.0	7	10.4	3	4.0
Ulster	8	6.3	8	10.0	5	3.9	9	11.3
Warren	1	1.9	2	4.1	9	17.0	5	10.2
Washington	1	4.3	2	4.3	2	8.7	6	13.0
Wayne	3	5.2	3	8.6	3	5.2	2	5.7
Westchester	34	9.5	37	12.1	26	7.3	27	8.8
Wyoming	2	3.7	2	9.5	2	3.7	1	4.8
Yates	2	18.2	3	12.5	1	9.1	2	8.3

Family

Foster Care – Terminated Parental Rights Judgments

number and percent of TPR determinations in given year



Definition:

The termination of parental rights (TPR) involves the ending of the legal parent-child relationship. Once the relationship has been terminated, the child is then legally free to be placed for adoption with the goal of securing a stable, permanent family environment that can meet the child's long-term parenting needs. According to the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, states are required to initiate hearings to terminate the rights of parents if a child has been in foster care for 15 of the past 22 months, unless compelling circumstances exist. There are four possible outcomes of TPR hearings: granted, dismissed or withdrawn, suspended for up to one year, or in a relatively few cases an "other" outcome might apply.

The proportion for each of these outcomes is calculated by dividing the number of respective judgments in a calendar year by the total number of completed TPR judgments considered by the court during that year.

Significance:

Family ties are an important part of a child's identity. A termination of parental rights is a grave, but sometimes necessary, decision based upon the high standard of "clear and convincing evidence" that the child has been abandoned, permanently neglected, severely or repeatedly abused, or due to a finding of parental mental incapacity.

When reunification with parents is not possible, this freeing action allows the child to gain a permanent home and new family ties through adoption. Compared to the overall population of children in foster care, a termination of parental rights action is brought in fewer than 15 percent of the children in foster care at any one time, and granted in only about three out of five cases.

Note:

The decision to file a termination of parental rights (TPR) petition is evaluated on a *child-specific basis* and is made in accordance with a child's *best interests*.

Findings:



In 2005, as in 2004, most TPR judgments resulted with the termination of parental rights in New York State (59.1% and 61.4%, respectively).



In 2005, TPR judgments in New York City were more likely to terminate parents rights compared to TPR judgments in Rest of State (64.7% vs. 51.3%, respectively).



More than 1-in-4 TPR judgments (28.9%) were dismissed in New York State in 2005. The proportion dismissed in New York City was lower (23.0%) than the proportion in Rest of State (37.1%).



In 2005, relatively few TPR judgments in New York State resulted in TPR judgments of suspended (8.3%) or other (3.7%).

Foster Care TPR Judgments – Terminated Judgments

number and percent of TPR determinations in given year



	Terminated Judgments			
	2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	2,660	61.4	2,183	59.1
New York City	1,752	66.4	1,390	64.7
Bronx	523	65.2	469	65.8
Kings	554	69.0	389	66.2
New York	414	65.8	319	62.7
Queens	216	64.9	180	64.3
Richmond	45	62.5	33	55.9
Rest of State	908	53.5	793	51.3
Albany	20	54.1	19	59.4
Allegany	1	12.5	2	25.0
Broome	22	66.7	12	41.4
Cattaraugus	8	34.8	4	26.7
Cayuga	0	0.0	4	25.0
Chautauqua	8	50.0	14	38.9
Chemung	11	64.7	13	56.5
Chenango	16	88.9	10	66.7
Clinton	18	75.0	7	28.0
Columbia	19	70.4	18	72.0
Cortland	18	56.3	6	60.0
Delaware	11	84.6	14	82.4
Dutchess	33	67.3	25	47.2
Erie	168	61.1	143	58.8
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	0	0.0	3	37.5
Fulton	1	100.0	3	100.0
Genesee	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greene	2	50.0	12	100.0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	12	52.2	11	55.0
Jefferson	5	15.6	9	34.6
Lewis	1	100.0	0	0.0
Livingston	7	100.0	3	37.5
Madison	13	54.2	6	100.0
Monroe	96	58.9	36	30.5
Montgomery	0	0.0	1	33.3
Nassau	17	32.7	11	55.0
Niagara	11	42.3	16	53.3
Oneida	25	33.3	44	39.6
Onondaga	35	56.5	45	66.2
Ontario	6	100.0	5	62.5
Orange	28	42.4	37	42.5
Orleans	0	0.0	5	100.0
Oswego	17	56.7	1	12.5
Otsego	2	33.3	1	14.3
Putnam	3	37.5	3	100.0
Rensselaer	10	47.6	11	44.0
Rockland	18	66.7	9	56.3
St. Lawrence	3	60.0	0	0.0
Saratoga	2	40.0	8	61.5
Schenectady	45	59.2	21	36.8
Schoharie	1	50.0	5	71.4
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	3	100.0	1	100.0
Steuben	11	68.8	13	65.0
Suffolk	77	53.1	73	56.6
Sullivan	0	0.0	8	100.0
Tioga	5	100.0	6	100.0
Tompkins	14	50.0	10	45.5
Ulster	12	54.5	2	13.3
Warren	19	59.4	23	76.7
Washington	2	28.6	3	60.0
Wayne	7	58.3	6	75.0
Westchester	43	46.7	49	62.8
Wyoming	0	0.0	2	100.0
Yates	2	66.7	0	0.0

Sources of Data:

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DATE COMPILED:

July 2006, July 2006

NOTES:

- Percentages reflect the respective number of TPR judgments in a calendar year by the total number of completed TPR judgments during that year.

- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median: 56.1
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 100.0
Standard Deviation: 29.7

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care TPR Judgments – Suspended Judgments

number and percent of TPR determinations in given year



	Suspended Judgments			
	2004 Number	2004 Percent	2005 Number	2005 Percent
New York State	287	6.6	306	8.3
New York City	139	5.3	169	7.9
Bronx	29	3.6	58	8.1
Kings	37	4.6	42	7.1
New York	59	9.4	36	7.1
Queens	10	3.0	27	9.6
Richmond	4	5.6	6	10.2
Rest of State	148	8.7	137	8.9
Albany	4	10.8	1	3.1
Allegany	0	0.0	1	12.5
Broome	0	0.0	5	17.2
Cattaraugus	0	0.0	2	13.3
Cayuga	0	0.0	1	6.3
Chautauqua	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chemung	0	0.0	1	4.3
Chenango	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clinton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cortland	5	15.6	1	10.0
Delaware	0	0.0	1	5.9
Dutchess	0	0.0	2	3.8
Erie	1	0.4	18	7.4
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Genesee	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greene	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	2	8.7	1	5.0
Jefferson	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	0	0.0
Madison	4	16.7	0	0.0
Monroe	25	15.3	24	20.3
Montgomery	0	0.0	2	66.7
Nassau	5	9.6	0	0.0
Niagara	10	38.5	4	13.3
Oneida	23	30.7	23	20.7
Onondaga	4	6.5	2	2.9
Ontario	0	0.0	0	0.0
Orange	16	24.2	23	26.4
Orleans	0	0.0	0	0.0
Oswego	6	20.0	3	37.5
Otsego	0	0.0	2	28.6
Putnam	1	12.5	0	0.0
Rensselaer	3	14.3	0	0.0
Rockland	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Lawrence	0	0.0	0	0.0
Saratoga	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schenectady	12	15.8	1	1.8
Schoharie	0	0.0	1	14.3
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	2	12.5	0	0.0
Suffolk	10	6.9	9	7.0
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tompkins	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ulster	1	4.5	0	0.0
Warren	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	1	14.3	0	0.0
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0
Westchester	13	14.1	9	11.5
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yates	0	0.0	0	0.0

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NOTES:

- Percentages reflect the respective number of TPR judgments in a calendar year by the total number of completed TPR judgments during that year.

- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(suspended judgments)

Median: 0.0
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 66.7
Standard Deviation: 11.3

(dismissed or withdrawn judgments)

Median: 29.7
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 100.0
Standard Deviation: 26.6

(other judgments)

Median: 0.0
Minimum: 0.0
Maximum: 40.0
Standard Deviation: 7.7

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care TPR Judgments – Dismissed or Withdrawn and Other

number and percent of TPR determinations in given year



	Dismissed or Withdrawn Judgments				Other Judgments			
	2004		2005		2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	1,205	27.8	1,068	28.9	183	4.2	138	3.7
New York City	625	23.7	495	23.0	123	4.7	95	4.4
Bronx	209	26.1	160	22.4	41	5.1	26	3.6
Kings	186	23.2	136	23.1	26	3.2	21	3.6
New York	126	20.0	127	25.0	30	4.8	27	5.3
Queens	86	25.8	52	18.6	21	6.3	21	7.5
Richmond	18	25.0	20	33.9	5	6.9	0	0.0
Rest of State	580	34.2	573	37.1	60	3.5	43	2.8
Albany	13	35.1	12	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Allegany	7	87.5	5	62.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Broome	7	21.2	8	27.6	4	12.1	4	13.8
Cattaraugus	15	65.2	9	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cayuga	11	100.0	11	68.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chautauqua	8	50.0	19	52.8	0	0.0	3	8.3
Chemung	6	35.3	7	30.4	0	0.0	2	8.7
Chenango	0	0.0	5	33.3	2	11.1	0	0.0
Clinton	6	25.0	18	72.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Columbia	8	29.6	3	12.0	0	0.0	4	16.0
Cortland	9	28.1	2	20.0	0	0.0	1	10.0
Delaware	2	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	11.8
Dutchess	13	26.5	23	43.4	3	6.1	3	5.7
Erie	86	31.3	78	32.1	20	7.3	4	1.6
Essex	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	3	100.0	5	62.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fulton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Genesee	13	100.0	5	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greene	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	9	39.1	6	30.0	0	0.0	2	10.0
Jefferson	27	84.4	16	61.5	0	0.0	1	3.8
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	0	0.0	5	62.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Madison	7	29.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Monroe	35	21.5	52	44.1	7	4.3	6	5.1
Montgomery	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Nassau	30	57.7	9	45.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Niagara	5	19.2	8	26.7	0	0.0	2	6.7
Oneida	27	36.0	43	38.7	0	0.0	1	0.9
Onondaga	17	27.4	20	29.4	6	9.7	1	1.5
Ontario	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	37.5
Orange	21	31.8	27	31.0	1	1.5	0	0.0
Orleans	2	50.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0
Oswego	7	23.3	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Otsego	4	66.7	3	42.9	0	0.0	1	14.3
Putnam	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rensselaer	8	38.1	14	56.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rockland	9	33.3	7	43.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
St. Lawrence	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Saratoga	3	60.0	5	38.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schenectady	18	23.7	35	61.4	1	1.3	0	0.0
Schoharie	1	50.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	3	18.8	7	35.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suffolk	53	36.6	47	36.4	5	3.4	0	0.0
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tompkins	14	50.0	12	54.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ulster	9	40.9	13	86.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Warren	13	40.6	7	23.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Washington	4	57.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0
Wayne	5	41.7	2	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Westchester	27	29.3	19	24.4	9	9.8	1	1.3
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yates	1	33.3	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Family

Foster Care – Parental Rights Surrendered number and percent of surrendered parental rights judgments



Definition:

The surrender of parental rights is a voluntary legal agreement whereby the parent intentionally relinquishes his or her parental rights. Unlike a termination of parental rights (TPR) order, a parent voluntarily signs a surrender agreement that can be unconditional (birth parent has no rights) or conditional (e.g., the birth parent could identify adoptive parent(s) and establish visitation rights). The percentage of parental rights surrendered is calculated by dividing the number of judgments resulting in the surrender of parental rights in a calendar year by the total number of surrender of parental rights judgments considered by the court during that year.

Significance:

Family reunification is the primary goal for children in the child welfare system. Where that is not possible a surrender of parental rights makes it possible to find another permanent, nurturing, home for the child through adoption. The surrender of parental rights is irrevocable. Parents cannot bring a case to court to cancel or change the surrender, or to regain custody of the child. A surrender of a child to an authorized agency for the purpose of adoption may be executed for various reasons. Sometimes there is an incapacitating illness that causes a parent to relinquish his or her rights. Sometimes, agreeing to surrender a child under certain conditions becomes a means of exerting some control where an involuntary termination of parental rights proceeding has already been brought before the court by the state. Sometimes, where there has been a termination of parental rights finding against the parent who has been the primary caretaker, the other parent may be unwilling or unable to assume responsibility for the child and so signs a surrender in order to free the child for adoption. The court will not grant any application to surrender parental rights not voluntarily undertaken or where there is reason to believe the parent does not comprehend the consequences.

Note:

There are two options concerning the surrender of parental rights: Choice 1 is a surrender without any conditions whereby the parent gives up all rights to have custody of, visit with, speak with, write to or learn about his or her child forever and that the child can be adopted by any person that the authorized agency chooses; and Choice 2 is a conditional surrender whereby the parent can specify the adoptive parent(s) who has (have) been agreed to by the authorized agency and the rights and obligations of the parents, authorized agency and adoptive parent(s) are designated. Regardless of whether Choice 1 or Choice 2 is chosen, the parent may register with the Adoption Information Register (as specified in section 4138-d of the Public Health Law) so that the child is able to contact the birth parent at any time after he or she reaches eighteen years of age (NYS Office of Children and Family Services, 2005).

In order to free a child for adoption and in addition to the birth mother surrendering her parental rights (or the termination of her parental rights), the husband must also surrender his parental rights or there must be ground for the termination of parental rights (TPR) if the child is born in wedlock and there has never been a judicial determination that the husband is not the father. If the child is born out of wedlock and the father is a consent father, he must also surrender his rights or have grounds to TPR. If the child is born out of wedlock and the father is a notice father, the court must make a finding that he is a notice father and give him the notice of the mother's surrender. If the child is born out of wedlock and father has no rights, the court needs to specifically make a finding that he has no rights (Burt, 2002).

Findings:

- ▼ In New York State, there were 1,313 voluntary surrenders accepted in 2005, down slightly from the 1,565 surrenders accepted in 2004.
- ▼ In 2004, 82.8 percent of these cases in New York State resulted in a surrender, with the remainder primarily withdrawn or dismissed.
- ▼ In 2005, 74.4 percent of these cases in New York State resulted in a surrender, with the remainder primarily withdrawn or dismissed.
- ▼ Compared to the overall number of children in foster care in New York State in 2004, surrenders occurred in 5 percent of the cases, with 3 percent occurring in New York City and 8.5 percent in Rest of State.
- ▼ There were more parental rights surrendered in Rest of State compared to New York City in 2005 (818 vs. 495, respectively). This was consistent with the distribution of parental rights surrendered in 2004 (909 vs. 656, respectively).

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Foster Care – Parental Rights Surrendered

number and percent of surrendered parental rights judgments



	2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	1,565	82.8	1,313	74.4
New York City	656	78.3	495	70.7
Bronx	217	74.3	172	67.2
Kings	188	82.1	163	81.9
New York	114	75.5	72	55.4
Queens	114	82.6	56	69.1
Richmond	23	82.1	32	94.1
Rest of State	909	86.3	818	76.8
Albany	13	92.9	10	45.5
Allegany	15	75.0	3	25.0
Broome	3	50.0	8	66.7
Cattaraugus	39	95.1	33	91.7
Cayuga	16	88.9	13	76.5
Chautauqua	17	100.0	28	96.6
Chemung	36	80.0	11	37.9
Chenango	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clinton	13	100.0	28	90.3
Columbia	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cortland	19	100.0	11	73.3
Delaware	0	0.0	2	33.3
Dutchess	34	89.5	25	80.6
Erie	96	72.2	98	64.9
Essex	1	100.0	0	0.0
Franklin	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fulton	0	0.0	3	75.0
Genesee	15	100.0	7	70.0
Greene	1	100.0	0	0.0
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	0.0
Herkimer	2	100.0	1	100.0
Jefferson	55	88.7	23	95.8
Lewis	0	0.0	0	0.0
Livingston	16	84.2	7	77.8
Madison	1	100.0	0	0.0
Monroe	70	94.6	73	94.8
Montgomery	5	100.0	3	100.0
Nassau	20	74.1	14	66.7
Niagara	14	82.4	13	56.5
Oneida	24	85.7	59	71.1
Onondaga	59	90.8	70	86.4
Ontario	5	83.3	9	69.2
Orange	0	0.0	0	0.0
Orleans	6	100.0	4	50.0
Oswego	14	87.5	4	50.0
Otsego	9	100.0	6	100.0
Putnam	0	0.0	2	100.0
Rensselaer	10	58.8	27	79.4
Rockland	10	71.4	11	78.6
St. Lawrence	15	75.0	9	90.0
Saratoga	5	100.0	11	78.6
Schenectady	0	0.0	5	62.5
Schoharie	4	100.0	6	85.7
Schuyler	0	0.0	0	0.0
Seneca	0	0.0	0	0.0
Steuben	42	93.3	24	88.9
Suffolk	100	90.9	69	86.3
Sullivan	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tioga	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tompkins	20	100.0	9	81.8
Ulster	16	80.0	11	57.9
Warren	3	100.0	4	100.0
Washington	18	100.0	7	100.0
Wayne	11	100.0	16	84.2
Westchester	35	81.4	38	90.5
Wyoming	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yates	2	100.0	3	100.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration,
Universal Case Management System
(UCMS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Court Administration,
Universal Case Management System
(UCMS)

DATE COMPILED:

July 2006, July 2006

NOTES:

- Percentages reflect the number of judgments of parental rights surrendered.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median:	70.6
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	100.0
Standard Deviation:	36.4

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Family

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

number and percent of children/youth in foster care meeting adoption milestone criteria



Definition:

Adoption Milestones presents four indicators that measure milestones in the multi-step adoption process for children* in foster care on the adoption track:

GOAL SET presents the number of children with a goal set to adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

FREED FOR ADOPTION presents the number of children freed during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

PLACED FOR ADOPTION presents the number of children placed for adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of adoption on December 31 of given year or had a goal set to adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to adoption at any time during the calendar year.

DISCHARGED TO ADOPTION presents the number of children discharged to adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of children in foster care at any time during the calendar year with a goal of adoption and status of free for adoption.

* Children with waivers are excluded from all indicators.

Significance:

Each milestone represents a step in the adoption process for children in foster care on the adoption track:

GOAL OF ADOPTION: a foster child is given a permanency goal of adoption when the authorized agency has determined that the child's parent(s) is/are unable or unwilling to provide a safe, permanent home for the child in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the child.

LEGALLY/COMPLETELY FREED CHILD: a person under the age of 18 years whose custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency as a result of either a surrender or a termination of parental rights order of the Family Court or Surrogate's Court.

ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT: the child has been placed in the home for the purpose of adoption and the authorized agency and the prospective adoptive parents have signed an Adoptive Placement Agreement (APA), and the facts of the placement are recorded according to New York State statute.

DISCHARGE TO ADOPTION: (Discharged from foster care, Re: Adoption): the court has approved the adoption and guardianship and custody have been transferred from the authorized agency to the adoptive parent(s).

Findings:

▼
Nearly 1 in 14 (7.4%) children in foster care at any time during 2004 in New York State had an adoption goal set. This was down from the 8.6 percent of children in 2000.

▼
In 2004, a slightly higher percentage of children in foster care in New York City were freed for adoption compared to children in foster care in Rest of State (6.6% and 5.6%, respectively).

▼
In 2004, more than 1 in 5 children (21.6%) who were on the adoption track (includes children having a goal set to adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to adoption at any time during the year) were placed for adoption in New York State. This percentage is up from the 18.2 percent in 2000.

▼
In 2004 in New York State, 3,473 children and youth were discharged to adoption, reflecting 41.9 percent of children in foster care with a goal of adoption and status of free for adoption.

Foster Care Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth with Adoption Goal Set

number and percent of children/youth in foster care at any time during the calendar year



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	5,472	8.6	3,335	7.4
New York City	3,971	9.1	2,090	7.7
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,501	7.4	1,245	6.9
Albany	40	4.0	34	5.0
Allegany	5	3.3	7	6.7
Broome	47	8.1	23	4.7
Cattaraugus	13	6.8	15	6.8
Cayuga	14	6.8	15	8.7
Chautauqua	13	4.4	21	9.2
Chemung	34	9.7	32	11.0
Chenango	4	3.9	14	16.1
Clinton	8	8.1	18	12.4
Columbia	9	4.9	28	8.9
Cortland	7	3.9	23	14.6
Delaware	1	1.4	6	6.5
Dutchess	55	11.2	39	8.0
Erie	222	8.5	163	8.2
Essex	0	0.0	1	1.8
Franklin	8	6.0	2	1.4
Fulton	5	3.6	1	0.8
Genesee	9	6.6	9	9.7
Greene	14	9.9	7	5.5
Hamilton	0	N/A	0	N/A
Herkimer	5	3.0	14	7.7
Jefferson	25	8.8	43	17.1
Lewis	2	3.7	1	4.3
Livingston	11	15.3	3	3.7
Madison	9	4.6	12	8.1
Monroe	156	8.3	115	6.8
Montgomery	7	6.9	3	3.0
Nassau	48	5.8	28	4.3
Niagara	27	6.1	24	6.9
Oneida	45	7.1	34	4.6
Onondaga	62	6.9	55	7.1
Ontario	7	6.3	9	7.8
Orange	52	6.8	71	9.8
Orleans	6	9.0	7	8.4
Oswego	28	7.4	22	9.3
Otsego	4	2.9	7	5.6
Putnam	7	18.9	3	6.4
Rensselaer	8	2.3	15	4.2
Rockland	39	12.5	16	5.7
St. Lawrence	3	1.5	7	3.8
Saratoga	7	3.2	3	1.4
Schenectady	37	6.6	20	4.7
Schoharie	1	1.0	5	5.9
Schuyler	2	6.9	0	0.0
Seneca	2	2.6	1	3.7
Steuben	9	3.3	22	7.9
Suffolk	211	13.3	128	8.0
Sullivan	14	7.7	1	0.9
Tioga	1	0.9	1	1.8
Tompkins	22	11.8	18	10.9
Ulster	27	8.0	10	3.6
Warren	3	2.5	16	10.5
Washington	7	8.6	7	7.4
Wayne	26	18.7	5	4.9
Westchester	60	5.2	55	5.3
Wyoming	13	11.9	3	4.7
Yates	0	0.0	3	5.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

DATE COMPILED:

April 2006, April 2006

NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth in foster care meeting the adoption milestone criteria.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 6.5
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 17.1
 Standard Deviation: 3.6

For Current Period Percent or Rate



Foster Care Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth Freed for Adoption

number and percent of children/youth in foster care at any time during the calendar year



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	4,001	6.3	2,793	6.2
New York City	2,793	6.4	1,788	6.6
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,208	5.9	1,005	5.6
Albany	50	4.9	27	3.9
Allegany	7	4.6	7	6.7
Broome	38	6.5	20	4.1
Cattaraugus	11	5.8	25	11.3
Cayuga	18	8.8	15	8.7
Chautauqua	11	3.8	13	5.7
Chemung	32	9.1	23	7.9
Chenango	8	7.8	14	16.1
Clinton	6	6.1	19	13.1
Columbia	10	5.5	13	4.2
Cortland	9	5.0	13	8.2
Delaware	4	5.6	7	7.6
Dutchess	29	5.9	36	7.4
Erie	187	7.1	119	6.0
Essex	0	0.0	1	1.8
Franklin	6	4.5	0	0.0
Fulton	6	4.4	2	1.7
Genesee	6	4.4	11	11.8
Greene	11	7.7	5	3.9
Hamilton	0	N/A	0	N/A
Herkimer	1	0.6	14	7.7
Jefferson	35	12.3	30	12.0
Lewis	9	16.7	1	4.3
Livingston	10	13.9	13	16.0
Madison	10	5.1	13	8.7
Monroe	105	5.6	110	6.5
Montgomery	4	3.9	3	3.0
Nassau	17	2.1	21	3.2
Niagara	15	3.4	19	5.5
Oneida	42	6.6	12	1.6
Onondaga	57	6.3	43	5.5
Ontario	5	4.5	6	5.2
Orange	60	7.8	32	4.4
Orleans	6	9.0	8	9.6
Oswego	28	7.4	22	9.3
Otsego	7	5.1	3	2.4
Putnam	1	2.7	3	6.4
Rensselaer	11	3.1	8	2.2
Rockland	32	10.3	17	6.1
St. Lawrence	7	3.4	8	4.4
Saratoga	8	3.6	3	1.4
Schenectady	34	6.1	17	4.0
Schoharie	7	6.8	2	2.4
Schuyler	2	6.9	0	0.0
Seneca	4	5.3	0	0.0
Steuben	8	3.0	31	11.1
Suffolk	149	9.4	116	7.2
Sullivan	7	3.8	0	0.0
Tioga	9	8.3	1	1.8
Tompkins	3	1.6	11	6.7
Ulster	19	5.6	22	7.9
Warren	7	5.7	18	11.8
Washington	6	7.4	12	12.6
Wayne	15	10.8	8	7.8
Westchester	6	0.5	2	0.2
Wyoming	12	11.0	3	4.7
Yates	1	2.4	3	5.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

POPULATION SOURCE:

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DATE COMPILED:

April 2006, April 2006

NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth in foster care meeting the adoption milestone criteria.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median:	5.6
Minimum:	0.0
Maximum:	16.1
Standard Deviation:	4.0

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth Placed for Adoption

number and percent of children/youth in foster care with goal of adoption or goal set, freed, placed or discharged to adoption



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	3,557	18.2	2,928	21.6
New York City	2,440	16.3	2,007	20.3
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,117	24.5	921	25.2
Albany	49	23.6	41	37.3
Allegany	8	25.0	2	8.7
Broome	24	18.8	30	33.7
Cattaraugus	12	40.0	23	45.1
Cayuga	13	37.1	17	51.5
Chautauqua	27	50.9	8	18.6
Chemung	26	38.2	12	22.2
Chenango	7	50.0	6	35.3
Clinton	4	13.8	20	46.5
Columbia	10	32.3	18	27.3
Cortland	2	8.7	7	16.3
Delaware	3	33.3	6	66.7
Dutchess	27	24.5	42	33.1
Erie	276	29.9	148	23.1
Essex	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	3	17.6	0	0.0
Fulton	4	36.4	4	36.4
Genesee	8	33.3	13	76.5
Greene	8	40.0	4	21.1
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	N/A
Herkimer	0	0.0	9	21.4
Jefferson	32	65.3	28	38.4
Lewis	10	90.9	1	100.0
Livingston	10	52.6	16	66.7
Madison	8	53.3	10	43.5
Monroe	75	18.6	75	27.2
Montgomery	0	0.0	1	20.0
Nassau	12	5.3	1	1.0
Niagara	28	32.2	25	29.8
Oneida	19	12.1	3	3.0
Onondaga	54	28.7	47	33.1
Ontario	5	33.3	6	50.0
Orange	50	23.3	22	11.9
Orleans	5	50.0	6	50.0
Oswego	23	38.3	22	40.0
Otsego	8	38.1	2	10.0
Putnam	0	0.0	0	0.0
Rensselaer	12	25.0	7	14.0
Rockland	24	36.9	20	39.2
St. Lawrence	5	31.3	12	35.3
Saratoga	6	33.3	1	5.9
Schenectady	30	22.9	11	16.9
Schoharie	9	75.0	0	0.0
Schuyler	2	50.0	0	0.0
Seneca	4	23.5	2	40.0
Steuben	5	13.5	19	45.2
Suffolk	111	24.6	109	27.5
Sullivan	6	17.6	0	0.0
Tioga	11	50.0	2	50.0
Tompkins	3	7.0	12	48.0
Ulster	6	9.7	13	22.4
Warren	6	35.3	7	26.9
Washington	2	13.3	11	40.7
Wayne	14	28.6	8	38.1
Westchester	7	3.6	4	1.7
Wyoming	3	12.0	5	33.3
Yates	1	25.0	3	60.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

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DATE COMPILED:

April 2006, April 2006

NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth in foster care meeting the adoption milestone criteria.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 31.5
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 100.0
 Standard Deviation: 21.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate

Foster Care Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth Discharged to Adoption

number and percent of children/youth in foster care with goal and status of free for adoption



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	4,266	37.3	3,473	41.9
New York City	3,010	38.2	2,423	44.0
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,256	35.2	1,050	37.8
Albany	60	32.4	43	42.2
Allegany	17	53.1	6	26.1
Broome	34	33.3	22	31.9
Cattaraugus	11	52.4	32	82.1
Cayuga	19	55.9	16	50.0
Chautauqua	1	2.4	11	35.5
Chemung	31	56.4	12	36.4
Chenango	6	42.9	0	0.0
Clinton	4	16.0	4	11.8
Columbia	10	34.5	7	16.7
Cortland	8	42.1	7	26.9
Delaware	3	33.3	2	22.2
Dutchess	34	55.7	43	43.9
Erie	316	37.7	162	30.1
Essex	3	60.0	0	0.0
Franklin	4	30.8	2	50.0
Fulton	2	22.2	3	27.3
Genesee	9	45.0	0	0.0
Greene	8	50.0	12	66.7
Hamilton	0	0.0	0	N/A
Herkimer	2	25.0	18	50.0
Jefferson	19	40.4	27	42.2
Lewis	1	9.1	0	0.0
Livingston	7	50.0	14	66.7
Madison	5	35.7	14	60.9
Monroe	112	38.8	85	37.6
Montgomery	3	25.0	0	0.0
Nassau	27	30.3	23	46.9
Niagara	22	35.5	21	31.8
Oneida	56	43.4	23	36.5
Onondaga	61	38.1	56	41.5
Ontario	6	50.0	5	71.4
Orange	30	17.5	33	30.3
Orleans	4	44.4	2	25.0
Oswego	18	31.6	19	35.8
Otsego	2	10.5	10	62.5
Putnam	5	71.4	0	0.0
Rensselaer	5	12.2	13	31.7
Rockland	6	10.7	23	52.3
St. Lawrence	8	61.5	20	58.8
Saratoga	5	27.8	8	47.1
Schenectady	33	26.4	11	23.4
Schoharie	0	0.0	4	30.8
Schuyler	1	25.0	0	0.0
Seneca	8	47.1	0	0.0
Steuben	16	45.7	15	39.5
Suffolk	105	33.2	121	41.6
Sullivan	11	44.0	0	0.0
Tioga	4	19.0	1	25.0
Tompkins	13	54.2	12	63.2
Ulster	5	11.4	8	15.7
Warren	7	43.8	9	39.1
Washington	2	20.0	7	30.4
Wayne	11	39.3	14	70.0
Westchester	51	48.1	45	78.9
Wyoming	3	20.0	5	33.3
Yates	2	50.0	0	0.0

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child Care Review Service

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NOTES:

- Percentages reflect children/youth in foster care meeting the adoption milestone criteria.
- The numbers presented in Foster Care Discharges by Type – To Adoption and Adoption Milestone – Children/Youth Discharged to Adoption may differ due to varying dates compiled and the percentages differ due to different denominators.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

(NYC not included)

Median: 34.4
 Minimum: 0.0
 Maximum: 82.1
 Standard Deviation: 22.3

For Current Period Percent or Rate



PART III

Region Profiles

A Region Profile provides a table of indicators that share a common theme or topic for a selected region. The most current data available and an arbitrary comparison year data are displayed along with the current New York State rate.

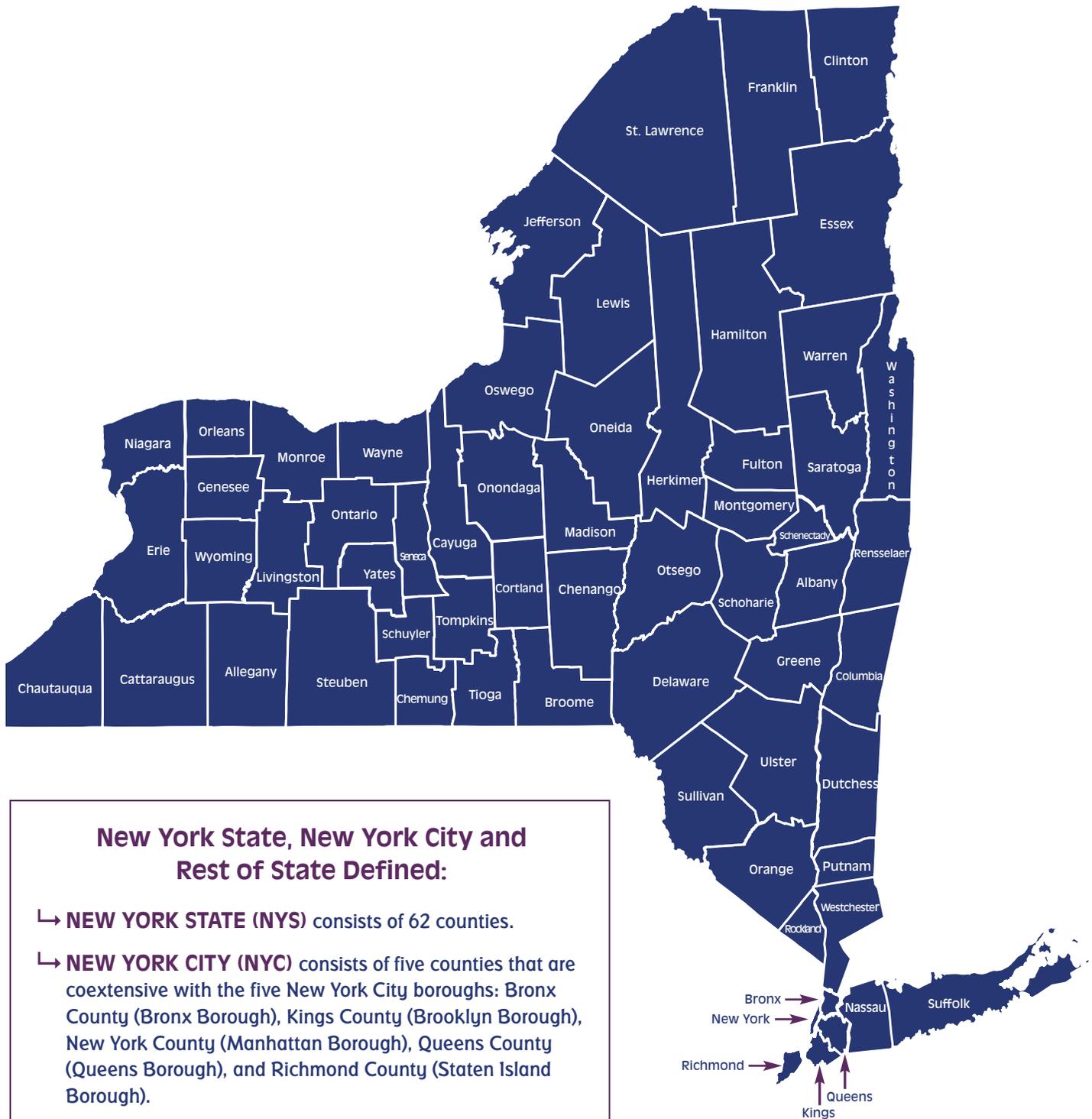


The Region Profiles in this data book provide a subset of indicators that are presented in the CHILD WELFARE PROFILE in the Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC). The Child Welfare Profile provides a snapshot of children and youth in the child welfare and court systems and is the first step in presenting child-focused, child welfare data in New York State.

KWIC also presents two other types of Region Profiles:

- ↳ **KWIC PROFILE.** The KWIC Profile provides a snapshot of the overall health, education and well-being of children, youth and families in New York State. This is the default profile.
- ↳ **MATERNAL/CHILD PROFILE.** The Maternal/Child Profile provides a snapshot of the health and well-being of mother and child, including pregnancy, birth, prenatal care, birth weight and gestation, and infant mortality data.

Visit KWIC at <http://www.nyskwic.org>.



New York State, New York City and Rest of State Defined:

- ↳ **NEW YORK STATE (NYS)** consists of 62 counties.
- ↳ **NEW YORK CITY (NYC)** consists of five counties that are coextensive with the five New York City boroughs: Bronx County (Bronx Borough), Kings County (Brooklyn Borough), New York County (Manhattan Borough), Queens County (Queens Borough), and Richmond County (Staten Island Borough).
- ↳ **REST OF STATE (ROS)** consists of 57 counties, representing New York State counties minus New York City counties.

New York State



Notes:

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- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	4,259,549	23.7	4,674,191	24.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,177,720	25.4	915,895	20.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	24,805	43.6	17,602	28.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	20,866	7.7	19,972	7.9	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	28,584	3.6	37,331	4.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	38,868	150.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	13,813	18.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	19,042	14.0	24,206	11.3	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	415,500	4.5	471,900	5.0	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	63,075	13.4	63,877	13.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	6,463	35.9	6,011	35.6	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	42,966	7.5	26,108	4.5	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9,324	20.6	8,218	25.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	23,950	52.9	15,646	49.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2,296	5.1	1,840	5.8	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9,871	21.8	6,087	19.2	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	17,026	90.8	12,484	91.4	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	16,722	3.0	12,597	2.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3,360	20.1	2,292	18.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,114	12.6	1,437	11.4	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3,295	19.7	2,014	16.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,818	28.8	3,665	29.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3,135	18.8	3,189	25.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,543	27.2	4,070	32.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9,440	56.5	6,429	51.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,061	6.3	827	6.6	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,678	10.0	1,271	10.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6,817	40.8	5,168	41.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,945	17.6	2,287	18.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7,157	42.8	5,855	46.5	46.5

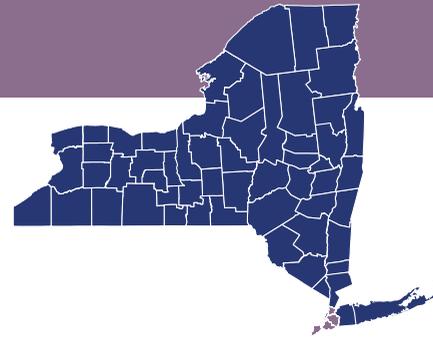
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	21,150	36.1	15,513	37.3	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4,263	20.2	3,473	22.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	11,019	52.1	7,310	47.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2,246	10.6	1,578	10.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4,266	37.3	3,473	41.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4,001	6.3	2,793	6.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3,557	18.2	2,928	21.6	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5,472	8.6	3,335	7.4	7.4

New York City



Notes:

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- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	1,686,718	23.0	1,930,273	24.1	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	733,842	40.0	561,708	29.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	13,368	60.3	8,673	36.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	11,298	9.0	10,150	8.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	17,709	5.8	24,004	8.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	22,350	225.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	4,278	14.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	5,201	9.2	5,534	6.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	212,300	5.8	215,300	5.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	25,458	13.1	22,511	11.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	3,714	66.0	3,281	65.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	30,522	12.9	16,463	6.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5,394	16.5	4,377	21.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	16,188	49.6	8,946	44.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1,740	5.3	1,475	7.3	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9,313	28.5	5,506	27.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	9,367	91.8	5,954	91.3	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	9,197	3.9	5,573	2.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,064	22.4	1,149	20.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,159	12.6	626	11.2	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,022	22.0	913	16.4	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,372	25.8	1,494	26.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,580	17.2	1,391	25.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,287	24.9	1,610	28.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,690	51.0	2,450	44.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	673	7.3	461	8.3	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,547	16.8	1,052	18.9	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,621	50.2	3,115	55.9	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,457	26.7	1,737	31.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,778	30.2	2,002	35.9	46.5

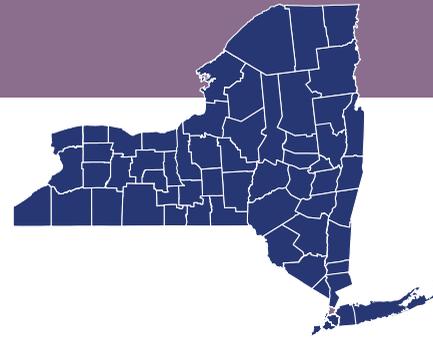
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13,202	33.1	8,560	34.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3,006	22.8	2,422	28.3	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6,634	50.2	3,569	41.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1,126	8.5	480	5.6	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3,010	38.2	2,423	44.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2,793	6.4	1,788	6.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2,440	16.3	2,007	20.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3,971	9.1	2,090	7.7	7.4

Bronx County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	331,648	27.6	395,849	29.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	174,299	48.9	146,936	37.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	3,525	85.5	2,589	53.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	2,437	10.0	2,146	9.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	N/A	N/A	4,090	7.9	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	5,472	292.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	698	12.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	1,469	13.7	3,068	17.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	34,800	7.2	37,600	7.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	1,326	75.6	1,172	75.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5

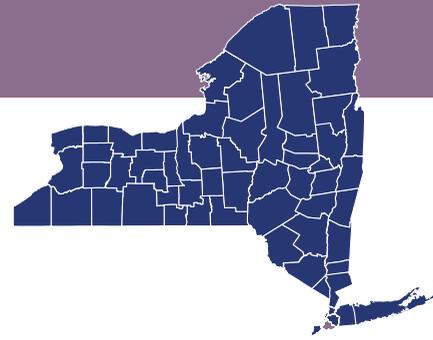
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4

Kings County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	605,554	26.3	658,663	26.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	297,978	46.4	213,334	33.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	4,808	62.0	2,913	36.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	3,878	9.2	3,340	8.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	N/A	N/A	6,878	7.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	5,706	165.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	1,275	12.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	1,677	8.3	1,154	4.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	66,500	6.4	65,300	6.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	951	68.6	736	65.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5

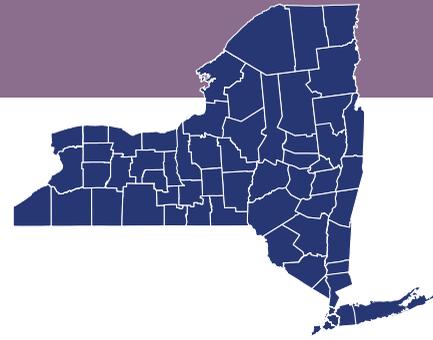
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4

New York County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	246,827	16.6	255,598	16.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	125,810	44.7	81,568	30.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	2,149	61.1	1,204	32.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	1,891	9.2	1,709	8.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	N/A	N/A	7,237	11.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	7,537	479.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	1,189	28.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	660	8.1	163	1.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	43,400	5.1	44,600	5.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	776	65.9	705	68.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5

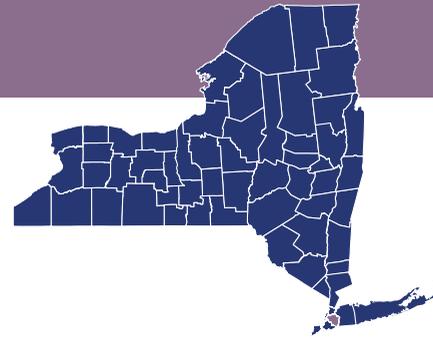
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4

Queens County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	408,627	20.9	507,425	22.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	119,813	26.5	104,286	21.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	2,490	45.0	1,674	27.6	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	2,620	7.9	2,487	8.1	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	N/A	N/A	5,266	7.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	2,834	115.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	852	11.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	1,167	8.3	740	3.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	56,600	5.3	56,000	5.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	510	49.1	535	49.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5

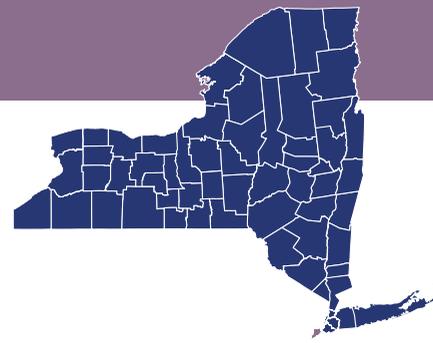
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4

Richmond County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	94,062	24.8	112,738	25.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	15,942	14.9	15,584	13.8	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	396	31.7	293	20.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	472	7.8	468	7.9	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	N/A	N/A	533	3.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	801	140.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	264	15.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	228	6.8	409	7.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	11,100	5.1	11,700	5.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	151	54.9	133	57.8	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.4

Rest of State



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	2,572,831	24.1	2,743,918	25.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	443,876	15.8	354,190	13.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	11,437	32.9	8,929	23.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	9,568	6.6	9,822	7.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	10,875	2.2	13,327	2.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	16,518	104.1	20,076	117.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	9,535	21.4	5,653	11.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	13,841	17.3	18,672	14.6	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	203,200	3.7	256,700	4.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	37,364	13.6	41,215	15.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	2,749	22.2	2,730	23.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	12,444	3.7	9,645	2.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3,930	31.1	3,841	33.5	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7,762	61.4	6,700	58.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	556	4.4	365	3.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	558	4.4	581	5.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	7,659	89.6	6,530	91.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	7,525	2.3	7,024	2.1	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,296	17.2	1,143	16.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	955	12.7	811	11.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,273	16.9	1,101	15.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,446	32.5	2,171	30.9	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1,555	20.7	1,798	25.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,256	30.0	2,460	35	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,750	63.1	3,979	56.7	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	388	5.2	366	5.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	131	1.7	219	3.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2,196	29.2	2,053	29.2	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	488	6.5	550	7.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4,379	58.2	3,853	54.9	46.5

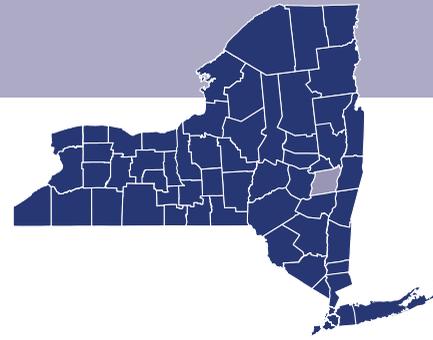
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7,948	42.4	6,953	41.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1,257	15.8	1,051	15.1	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4,385	55.2	3,741	53.8	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1,120	14.1	1,098	15.8	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1,256	35.2	1,050	37.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1,208	5.9	1,005	5.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1,117	24.5	921	25.2	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1,501	7.4	1,245	6.9	7.4

Albany County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	62,620	21.4	66,078	22.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	10,901	15.9	9,162	14.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	323	33.2	255	22.4	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	246	7.0	282	8.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	300	2.7	308	2.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	812	191.6	813	175.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	304	29.1	238	20.3	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	626	30.3	648	20.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	5,200	3.3	6,200	3.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,466	22.1	1,518	23.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	69	11.6	79	13.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	582	6.6	306	3.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	245	41.5	178	48.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	320	54.2	164	44.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	25	4.2	25	6.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	4	1.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	375	95.7	336	94.6	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	368	4.2	308	3.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	69	18.8	53	17.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	44	12.0	42	13.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	56	15.2	48	15.6	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	117	31.8	88	28.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	82	22.3	77	25.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	181	49.2	145	47.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	169	45.9	146	47.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	4.9	9	2.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	8	2.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	167	45.4	97	31.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	7.3	10	3.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	186	50.5	90	29.2	46.5

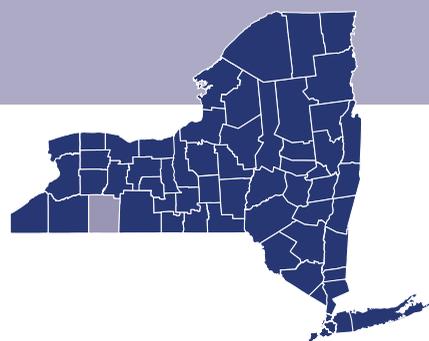
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	436	47.4	335	52.3	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	60	13.8	43	12.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	290	66.5	182	54.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	33	7.6	64	19.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	60	32.4	43	42.2	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	50	4.9	27	3.9	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	49	23.6	41	37.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	40	4.0	34	5.0	7.4

Allegany County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	12,999	25.8	12,152	24.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,395	23.9	2,216	20.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	86	33.7	64	24.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	34	5.7	31	5.6	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	83	3.1	70	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	59	53.7	83	78.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	51	21.2	24	11.2	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	118	25.1	130	22.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,100	4.9	1,300	5.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	246	20.2	238	21.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	23	37.7	22	29.3	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	96	5.3	60	3.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	32	32.7	16	22.5	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	58	59.2	50	70.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.1	5	7.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	67	83.8	33	89.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	58	3.2	36	2.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	15.5	4	11.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	10.3	10	27.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	8.6	7	19.4	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	25	43.1	11	30.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	22.4	4	11.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	15.5	3	8.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	65.5	27	75.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	19.0	6	16.7	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.5	2	5.6	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	86.2	33	91.7	46.5

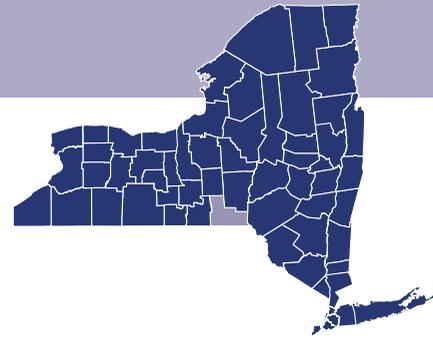
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	54	38.3	33	35.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	17	31.5	6	18.2	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	27	50.0	12	36.4	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	11.1	9	27.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	17	53.1	6	26.1	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	4.6	7	6.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	25.0	2	8.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	3.3	7	6.7	7.4

Broome County



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- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	48,581	22.9	46,089	23.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	9,722	19.7	7,783	18.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	236	33.9	196	25.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	170	6.8	137	6.6	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	207	2.2	170	1.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	479	159.5	498	153.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	311	39.7	201	24.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	291	18.5	433	19.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	3,500	3.6	4,800	4.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	699	15.2	809	18.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	62	32.5	69	26.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	351	5.8	300	5.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	120	34.4	122	36.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	211	60.5	191	57.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	4.0	12	3.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	1.1	7	2.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	182	89.2	130	84.4	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	180	3.0	157	2.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	23	12.8	19	12.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	31	17.2	15	9.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	18.3	34	21.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	55	30.6	42	26.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	21.1	47	29.9	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	18.9	46	29.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	93	51.7	49	31.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	53	29.4	61	38.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	0.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	14.4	23	14.7	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	2.8	1	0.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	145	80.6	79	50.3	46.5

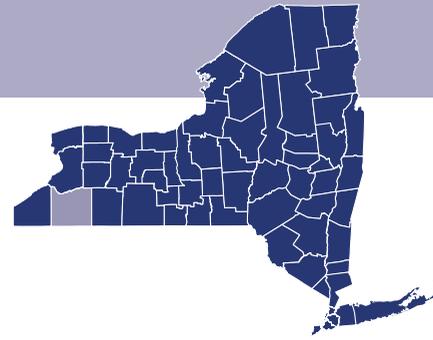
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	235	42.6	181	38.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	34	14.5	22	12.2	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	101	43.0	90	49.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	46	19.6	19	10.5	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	34	33.3	22	31.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	6.5	20	4.1	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	24	18.8	30	33.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	47	8.1	23	4.7	7.4

Cattaraugus County



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- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	23,299	27.7	21,953	26.1	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	5,625	22.3	3,829	19.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	138	44.7	107	31.7	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	58	5.6	69	6.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	121	2.3	193	3.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	81	56.3	198	132.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	145	35.2	62	16.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	259	31.8	358	35.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,900	4.5	2,300	5.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	527	24.0	609	30.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	32	14.1	31	19.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	113	4.2	98	3.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	47	40.9	51	44.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	65	56.5	61	52.6	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.6	4	3.4	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	97	93.3	94	92.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	80	3.0	68	2.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	15.0	15	22.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	12.5	9	13.2	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	11.3	9	13.2	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	41.3	15	22.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	20.0	20	29.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	32	40.0	28	41.2	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	48	60.0	36	52.9	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	2.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	2.9	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.3	5	7.4	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	77	96.3	60	88.2	46.5

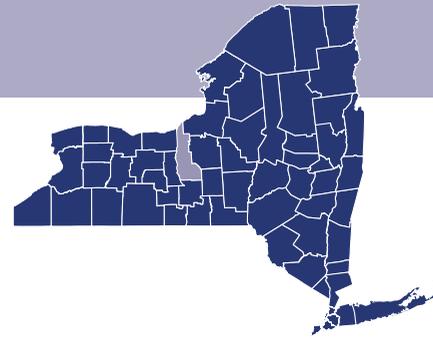
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	77	43.5	107	52.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	11	14.3	32	29.9	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	47	61.0	40	37.4	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	10.4	19	17.8	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	11	52.4	32	82.1	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	5.8	25	11.3	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	12	40.0	23	45.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	6.8	15	6.8	7.4

Cayuga County



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- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	21,581	26.2	20,505	25.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	4,250	18.4	2,992	16.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	109	41.0	71	24.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	75	7.4	62	7.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	109	2.9	175	4.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	177	144.6	114	84.8	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	151	42.6	4	1.1	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	211	28.8	258	27.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,600	3.9	2,000	4.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	237	11.5	313	16.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	33	32.7	26	37.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	129	5.2	84	3.5	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	23	17.7	22	22.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	102	78.5	67	69.8	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.8	1	1.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	3.1	6	6.3	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	73	84.9	66	89.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	79	3.2	58	2.4	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	22.8	7	12.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	5.1	11	19.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	16.5	9	15.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	35	44.3	22	37.9	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	11.4	9	15.5	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	3.8	9	15.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	61	77.2	47	81.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	12.7	2	3.5	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	6.3	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	17.7	8	13.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	5.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	63	79.8	50	86.2	46.5

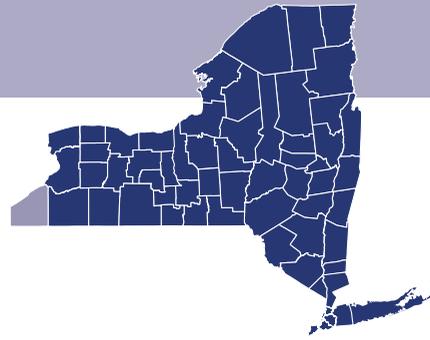
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	74	39.6	75	47.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	19	25.7	16	21.3	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	36	48.6	45	60.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	8.1	9	12.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	19	55.9	16	50.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	18	8.8	15	8.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	13	37.1	17	51.5	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	6.8	15	8.7	7.4

Chautauqua County



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- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	35,932	25.3	34,098	24.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	9,358	24.5	6,798	22.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	223	45.4	179	33.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	116	7.0	100	6.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	199	2.6	301	4.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	208	92.9	330	138.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	197	31.8	142	24.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	292	23.3	126	7.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,700	4.0	3,300	4.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	894	26.1	1,031	32.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	68	26.6	58	29.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	186	4.3	113	2.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	23	12.1	22	15.5	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	153	80.5	118	83.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.5	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	6.8	2	1.4	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	120	88.9	106	95.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	126	2.9	105	2.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	20.6	25	23.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	19.1	20	19.1	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	19.1	23	21.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	27.0	29	27.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	14.3	8	7.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	4.8	8	7.6	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	117	92.9	97	92.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.8	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.6	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	7.1	11	10.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	15.1	18	17.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	104	82.5	87	82.9	46.5

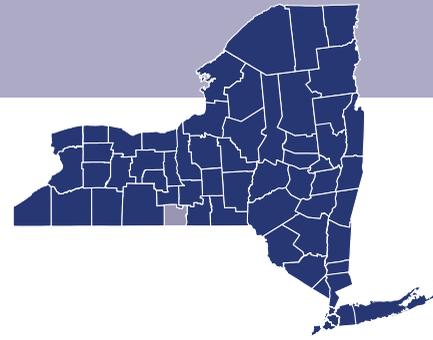
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	105	39.8	91	44.6	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.0	11	12.1	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	68	64.8	50	54.9	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	18	17.1	19	20.9	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1	2.4	11	35.5	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	3.8	13	5.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	27	50.9	8	18.6	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	4.4	21	9.2	7.4

Chemung County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	24,138	25.4	22,161	24.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	5,159	20.5	3,994	19.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	179	58.2	108	34.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	110	9.6	93	8.6	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	171	4.0	100	2.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	135	94.9	298	203.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	218	54.1	106	27.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	275	33.3	283	28.1	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,800	4.3	2,200	5.4	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	994	44.8	943	44.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	59	24.5	78	43.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	206	7.6	139	5.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	51	23.6	39	21.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	135	62.5	118	64.8	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	6.5	15	8.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	16	7.4	10	5.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	141	80.1	110	84.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	175	6.5	120	4.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	21.7	20	16.7	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	25	14.3	13	10.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	13.7	17	14.2	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	52	29.7	36	30.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	20.6	34	28.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	10.9	16	13.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	142	81.1	90	75.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	2.9	11	9.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	5.1	3	2.5	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	21.7	31	25.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.1	3	2.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	109	62.3	64	53.3	46.5

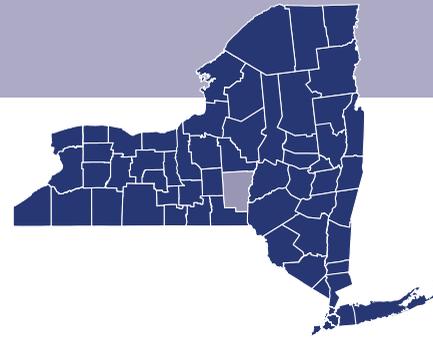
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	142	45.8	133	48.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	31	21.8	12	9.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	69	48.6	64	48.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	13	9.2	17	12.8	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	31	56.4	12	36.4	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	32	9.1	23	7.9	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	26	38.2	12	22.2	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	34	9.7	32	11.0	7.4

Chenango County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	14,332	27.7	13,460	26.2	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,327	21.5	2,412	20.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	71	42.5	54	30.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	34	5.5	37	7.0	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	90	3.0	91	3.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	39	48.9	120	142.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	61	23.7	38	15.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	88	17.2	88	13.8	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,000	4.0	1,200	5.0	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	274	20.4	387	31.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	21	25.6	18	25.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	61	3.9	55	3.6	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	19	31.7	21	36.8	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	35	58.3	32	56.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	10.0	4	7.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	37	69.8	16	66.7	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	47	3.0	30	2.0	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)a	9	19.2	1	3.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	14.9	3	10.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	23.4	6	20.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	23.4	12	40.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	19.2	8	26.7	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	8.5	6	20.0	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	76.6	15	50.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	14.9	9	30.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.3	1	3.3	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	3.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	85.1	28	93.3	46.5

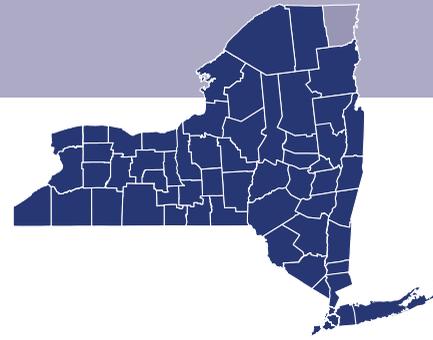
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	41	43.2	30	35.3	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	14.6	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	29	70.7	18	60.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	12.2	3	10.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	42.9	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	7.8	14	16.1	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	7	50.0	6	35.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	3.9	14	16.1	7.4

Clinton County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	21,437	24.9	18,341	23.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	4,194	19.1	2,711	16.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	112	35.1	65	20.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	56	5.9	68	8.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	142	3.7	150	3.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	132	99.4	190	135.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	82	22.6	77	22.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	124	17.1	135	15.1	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,800	4.7	2,100	5.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	592	32.3	542	31.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	37	54.4	28	37.8	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	72	2.9	84	3.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	24	35.3	29	29.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	55.9	69	70.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	5.9	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.9	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	33	84.6	57	86.4	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	33	1.3	50	2.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	21.2	12	24.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	18.2	5	10.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	7	14.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	39.4	17	34.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	21.2	9	18.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	15.2	10	20.0	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	84.9	40	80.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	12.1	8	16.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	6.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	29	87.9	41	82.0	46.5

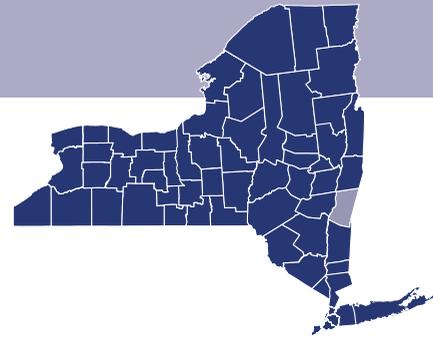
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	29	33.0	45	34.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	13.8	4	8.9	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	17	58.6	23	51.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3	10.3	6	13.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	16.0	4	11.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.1	19	13.1	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	13.8	20	46.5	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	8.1	18	12.4	7.4

Columbia County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	15,441	24.5	15,064	23.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,815	17.2	1,974	14.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	55	30.9	65	33.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	39	5.3	44	6.9	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	74	2.8	71	2.2	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	154	178.8	149	156.2	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	78	29.5	22	7.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	N/A	N/A	191	24.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,100	3.4	1,200	3.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	413	27.2	290	19.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	54	46.6	44	37.3	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	107	6.1	151	8.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	57	50.4	48	27.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	50	44.2	103	59.9	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.8	9	5.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	3.5	12	7.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	95	91.3	107	87.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	91	5.2	116	6.4	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	18.7	9	7.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	13.2	5	4.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	14.3	21	18.1	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	21	23.1	42	36.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	30.8	39	33.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	36.3	24	20.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	39	42.9	64	55.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	12.1	28	24.1	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	8.8	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	13.2	23	19.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.2	7	6.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	78	85.7	93	80.2	46.5

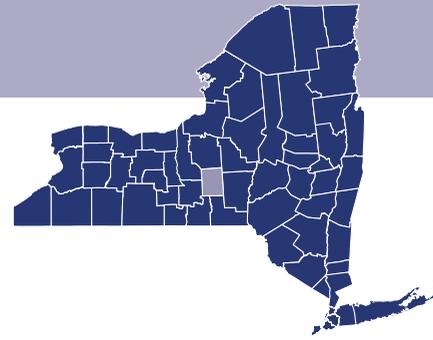
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	73	44.5	148	49.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	10	13.7	7	4.7	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	59	80.8	120	81.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.4	10	6.8	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	10	34.5	7	16.7	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	5.5	13	4.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	10	32.3	18	27.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	4.9	28	8.9	7.4

Cortland County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	12,141	24.8	11,469	23.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,372	18.0	1,834	17.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	79	32.9	45	19.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	45	7.1	44	8.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	90	3.9	45	1.9	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	113	123.3	95	101.8	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	57	26.8	20	10.2	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	140	33.1	125	23.1	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,100	4.4	1,300	5.4	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	336	29.2	407	37.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	32	32.7	27	29.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	99	5.9	75	5.1	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	25	24.3	15	16.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	74	71.8	72	77.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	3.9	6	6.5	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	64	68.8	45	76.3	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	78	4.6	48	3.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	5.1	7	14.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	3.9	7	14.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	10.3	8	16.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	31	39.7	19	39.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	32	41.0	7	14.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	2.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	70	89.7	45	93.8	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	10.3	2	4.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.3	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	73	93.6	46	95.8	46.5

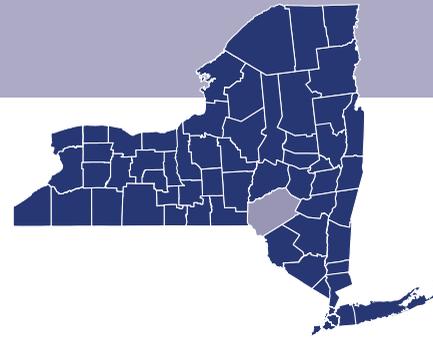
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	82	47.4	60	44.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	9.8	7	11.7	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	57	69.5	40	66.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	9.8	7	11.7	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	42.1	7	26.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	5.0	13	8.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	8.7	7	16.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	3.9	23	14.6	7.4

Delaware County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	11,880	25.2	11,071	23.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,736	21.7	1,847	19.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	48	29.5	37	21.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	33	7.1	17	3.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	48	2.0	44	1.8	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	130	166.0	95	120.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	55	26.0	64	33.0	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	44	10.4	38	7.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	900	4.1	1,000	4.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	287	25.9	324	32.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	1	3.3	11	16.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	40	2.9	62	4.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	14.3	10	13.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	34	81.0	53	73.6	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.8	5	6.9	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	4	5.6	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	32	97.0	39	95.1	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	25	1.8	33	2.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	8.0	4	12.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	4.0	4	12.1	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	16.0	3	9.1	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	48.0	15	45.5	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	24.0	7	21.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	5	15.2	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	96.0	24	72.7	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	4.0	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	4	12.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	3.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	25	100.0	31	93.9	46.5

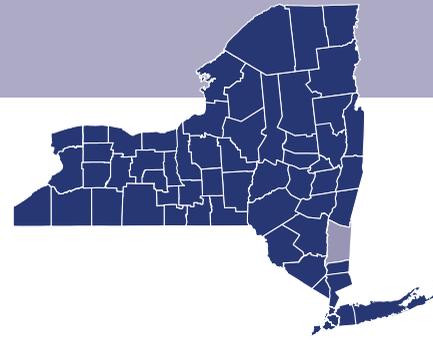
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	30	44.1	23	27.1	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3	10.0	2	8.7	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	19	63.3	18	78.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	3.3	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	33.3	2	22.2	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	5.6	7	7.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	33.3	6	66.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.4	6	6.5	7.4

Dutchess County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	61,966	23.9	69,819	24.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	7,432	11.0	6,412	9.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	245	28.7	175	16.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	208	6.1	221	6.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	249	2.1	479	3.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	524	137.1	495	109.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	316	30.2	151	11.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	425	20.4	576	16.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	4,500	3.2	5,700	3.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,106	15.7	1,273	17.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	89	31.2	80	28.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	282	3.2	264	3.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	118	41.8	138	43.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	140	49.6	142	44.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	4.6	5	1.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	3.9	33	10.4	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	173	91.1	145	93.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	157	1.8	151	1.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	17.8	36	23.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	10.2	14	9.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	15.3	22	14.6	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	39	24.8	36	23.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	31.9	43	28.5	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	74	47.1	93	61.6	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	79	50.3	47	31.1	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	1.9	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.6	11	7.3	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	54	34.4	55	36.4	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	12.7	12	8.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	95	60.5	90	59.6	46.5

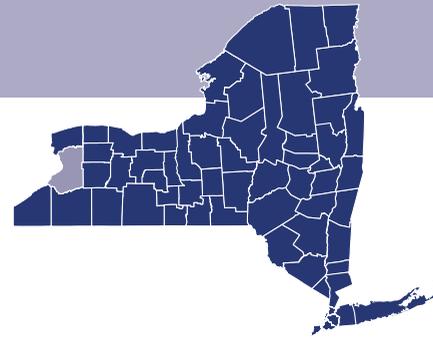
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	206	46.5	168	38.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	34	16.5	43	25.6	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	127	61.7	89	53.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	20	9.7	13	7.7	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	34	55.7	43	43.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	29	5.9	36	7.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	27	24.5	42	33.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	55	11.2	39	8.0	7.4

Erie County



Notes:

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- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	225,467	23.3	230,257	24.2	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	52,661	22.0	39,109	18.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	1,233	41.9	970	30.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	922	7.5	894	8.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	713	1.8	1,643	3.8	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	1,512	114.5	1,809	125.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	734	19.6	511	12.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	N/A	N/A	1,858	17.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	19,500	4.2	25,000	5.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	3,167	13.7	3,057	13.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	304	29.8	375	32.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	1,687	6.0	1,088	3.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	359	20.7	345	25.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1,086	62.6	924	68.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	152	8.8	10	0.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	139	8.0	69	5.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	848	95.4	596	96.1	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	744	2.7	641	2.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	160	21.5	111	17.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	118	15.9	83	13.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	132	17.7	107	16.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	199	26.8	179	27.9	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	135	18.2	161	25.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	216	29.0	233	36.4	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	500	67.2	378	59.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	3.6	12	1.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.1	18	2.8	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	325	43.7	323	50.4	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	3.0	49	7.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	221	29.7	258	40.3	46.5

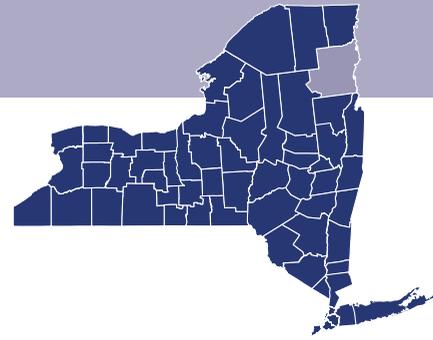
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	944	39.6	720	39.8	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	316	33.5	162	22.5	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	343	36.3	338	46.9	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	144	15.3	101	14.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	316	37.7	162	30.1	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	187	7.1	119	6.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	276	29.9	148	23.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	222	8.5	163	8.2	7.4

Essex County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	9,019	24.3	8,842	22.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,983	20.2	1,240	16.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	50	47.4	24	18.6	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	37	8.6	20	5.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	18	1.2	38	2.2	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	22	42.8	116	205.6	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	20	12.8	18	11.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	55	17.4	39	9.1	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	900	4.7	1,000	5.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	119	13.4	214	26.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	28	80.0	15	34.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	18	1.7	33	3.2	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	30.0	14	63.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	65.0	22	100.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	5.0	2	9.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	22	91.7	30	96.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	22	2.1	36	3.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	13.6	2	5.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	9.1	3	8.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	9.1	7	19.4	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	40.9	9	25.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	27.3	15	41.7	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	10	27.8	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	86.4	24	66.7	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	4.6	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	9.1	2	5.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	90.9	34	94.4	46.5

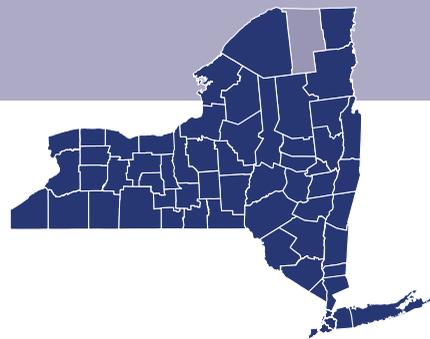
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	28	63.6	19	36.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3	10.7	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	11	39.3	17	89.5	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	28.6	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	60.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	1.8	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	1.8	7.4

Franklin County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	11,898	25.6	11,579	22.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,063	23.5	2,061	20.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	70	43.7	48	29.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	34	5.9	33	7.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	77	2.7	60	2.2	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	66	90.4	126	155.6	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	52	25.2	92	42.9	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	121	29.0	185	33.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,300	5.8	1,300	6.0	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	231	19.8	372	34.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	26	14.0	18	15.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	88	6.1	84	6.1	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	26	26.3	13	14.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	61	61.6	66	71.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.0	1	1.1	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	10.1	12	13.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	58	78.4	59	93.7	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	51	3.5	58	4.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.8	3	5.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.8	6	10.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	9.8	12	20.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	43.1	20	34.5	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	31.4	17	29.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.0	3	5.2	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	41	80.4	41	70.7	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.8	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	9.8	14	24.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	49	96.1	58	100.0	46.5

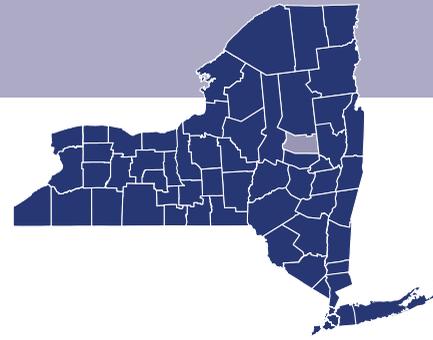
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	45	34.6	51	37.8	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	8.9	2	3.9	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	32	71.1	44	86.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.4	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	30.8	2	50.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	4.5	0	0.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	17.6	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	6.0	2	1.4	7.4

Fulton County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	14,057	25.9	13,624	24.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,066	21.3	2,404	19.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	81	46.0	68	36.8	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	61	9.3	38	6.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	85	2.9	75	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	61	74.4	89	104.0	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	97	37.9	40	16.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	176	35.2	223	35.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,200	4.6	1,500	5.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	352	25.7	358	28.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	4	3.7	2	3.3	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	83	5.2	63	4.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	49	56.3	31	48.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	31	35.6	31	48.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.9	1	1.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.1	1	1.6	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	59	88.1	49	96.1	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	49	3.1	62	3.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	6.1	1	1.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	4.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	10.2	5	8.1	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	53.1	29	46.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	30.6	24	38.7	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	30	61.2	25	40.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	34.7	32	51.6	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.0	2	3.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.0	3	4.8	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	12.2	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	43	87.8	59	95.2	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	50	38.2	58	47.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.0	3	5.2	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	34	68.0	46	79.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	12.0	3	5.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	22.2	3	27.3	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	4.4	2	1.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	36.4	4	36.4	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	3.6	1	0.8	7.4

Genesee County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	15,902	26.5	15,630	25.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,241	12.8	1,804	12.8	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	73	36.3	35	16.8	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	44	5.6	39	6.2	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	62	2.0	68	2.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	119	128.8	195	196.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	115	42.8	208	75.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	132	24.4	86	12.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,300	3.9	1,600	4.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	267	17.0	261	17.8	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	11	25.6	9	26.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	95	5.1	56	3.1	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.1	5	7.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	80	84.2	57	90.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.3	1	1.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	7.4	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	77	96.3	56	86.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	60	3.2	51	2.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	15.0	6	11.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	13.3	5	9.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	15.0	4	7.8	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	30.0	21	41.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	26.7	15	29.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	5.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	48	80.0	47	92.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	11.7	1	2.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	8.3	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	23.3	6	11.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	43	71.7	42	82.4	46.5

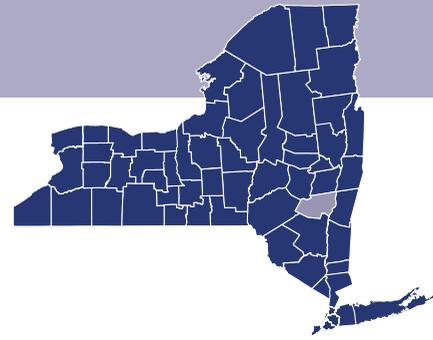
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	42	32.8	33	37.1	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	9	21.4	1	3.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	22	52.4	24	72.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	14.3	3	9.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	9	45.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	4.4	11	11.8	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	33.3	13	76.5	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	6.6	9	9.7	7.4

Greene County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	10,394	23.2	10,980	22.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,109	18.3	1,826	17.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	32	24.6	32	20.6	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	36	7.0	28	6.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	74	3.6	85	3.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	131	205.3	159	202.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	37	19.2	13	6.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	63	17.0	65	12.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,000	4.5	1,100	4.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	155	14.0	110	10.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	12	37.5	30	34.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	75	5.3	66	4.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	28	36.4	46	65.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	49.4	18	25.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	6.5	4	5.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	7.8	2	2.9	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	68	88.3	53	89.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	62	4.4	54	3.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	19.4	3	5.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.8	2	3.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	12.9	4	7.4	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	38.7	26	48.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	24.2	19	35.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	19.4	29	53.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	58.1	25	46.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	9.7	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	12.9	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	19.4	10	18.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	6.5	5	9.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	44	71.0	44	81.5	46.5

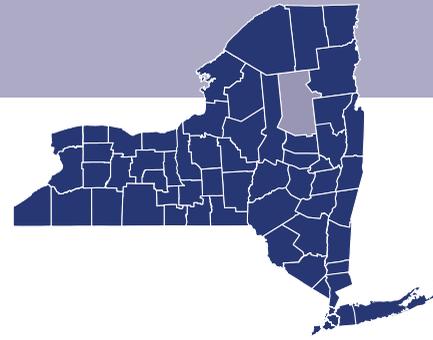
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	69	53.1	59	47.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	11.6	12	20.3	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	50	72.5	36	61.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	8.7	6	10.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	50.0	12	66.7	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	7.7	5	3.9	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	40.0	4	21.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	9.9	7	5.5	7.4

Hamilton County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	1,142	21.6	1,066	19.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	175	14.5	133	14.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	3	19.9	2	14.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	3	5.6	5	10.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	1	0.5	0	0.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	11	158.3	20	282.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	14	65.4	0	0.0	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	0	0.0	10	21.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	200	5.4	200	5.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	5	4.7	8	8.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	0	0.0	0	0.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	2.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	2	66.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	1	33.3	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	2	100.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	1.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	1	50.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	1	50.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	2	100.0	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	46.5

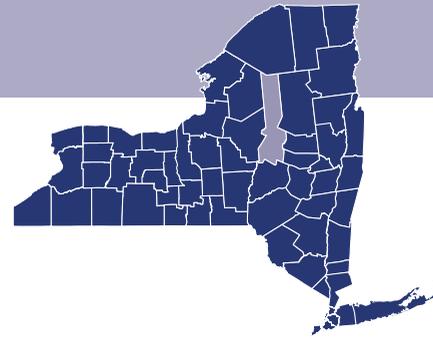
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	1	25.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	1	100.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	N/A	N/A	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	N/A	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	N/A	0	N/A	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	N/A	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	N/A	0	N/A	7.4

Herkimer County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	16,840	25.6	15,670	24.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,608	20.0	2,505	17.8	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	85	36.1	86	40.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	53	7.0	47	6.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	91	2.4	156	4.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	58	57.1	104	103.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	54	18.2	25	9.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	118	19.8	140	19.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,300	4.2	1,700	5.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	277	17.7	339	23.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	15	21.1	23	32.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	105	5.5	99	5.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	34	32.1	34	32.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	62	58.5	58	54.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.8	5	4.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	6.6	9	8.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	50	72.5	59	92.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	54	2.8	52	2.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	13.0	9	17.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.7	2	3.9	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	16.7	3	5.8	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	23	42.6	25	48.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	24.1	13	25.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.4	14	26.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	92.6	33	63.5	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	3.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	5.8	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.7	1	1.9	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.9	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	51	94.4	51	98.1	46.5

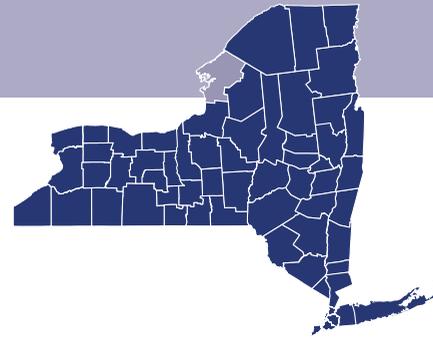
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	61	39.1	77	43.8	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.3	18	23.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	48	78.7	40	51.9	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	13.1	7	9.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	25.0	18	50.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.6	14	7.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	9	21.4	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	3.0	14	7.7	7.4

Jefferson County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	30,516	27.5	29,551	26.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	6,732	20.2	5,732	20.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	210	60.3	147	40.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	105	5.6	108	6.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	198	3.7	139	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	133	72.3	203	110.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	135	27.2	94	20.3	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	232	22.9	301	24.6	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,700	5.9	2,900	6.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	690	23.3	855	29.7	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	9	5.7	21	10.3	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	166	4.5	116	3.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	66	39.8	25	17.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	95	57.2	108	76.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.2	4	2.8	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	1.8	5	3.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	163	97.6	96	94.1	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	143	3.9	86	2.4	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	13.3	25	29.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	14.0	13	15.1	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	31	21.7	9	10.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	54	37.8	23	26.7	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	13.3	16	18.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	23.8	24	27.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	106	74.1	62	72.1	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.7	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.4	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	25.2	9	10.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.4	2	2.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	96	67.1	74	86.1	46.5

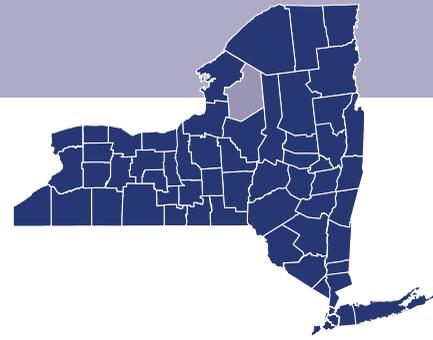
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	118	44.4	112	49.1	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	19	16.1	27	24.1	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	71	60.2	58	51.8	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	15	12.7	17	15.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	19	40.4	27	42.2	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	35	12.3	30	12.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	32	65.3	28	38.4	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	25	8.8	43	17.1	7.4

Lewis County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	8,161	30.5	7,462	27.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,803	19.6	1,209	18.7	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	46	48.5	20	18.7	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	19	5.2	24	7.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	44	2.7	45	2.8	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	18	38.8	43	88.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	18	12.3	8	6.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	52	17.5	59	16.8	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	700	5.1	800	6.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	90	12.0	121	18.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	0	0.0	14	30.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	31	3.5	12	1.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	12.9	5	41.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	23	74.2	6	50.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	12.9	1	8.3	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	15	93.8	10	100.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	20	2.3	6	0.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	20.0	1	16.7	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	20.0	1	16.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	10.0	0	0.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	35.0	2	33.3	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	15.0	2	33.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	5.0	1	16.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	95.0	5	83.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	100.0	6	100.0	46.5

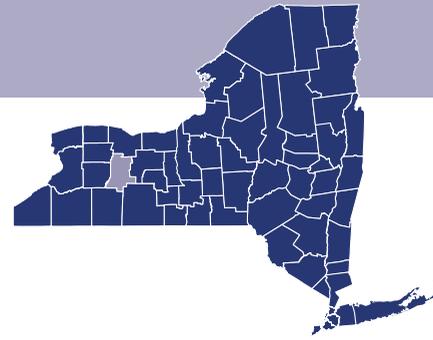
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	22	45.8	9	42.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	4.5	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	15	68.2	6	66.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	22.7	2	22.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1	9.1	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	16.7	1	4.3	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	10	90.9	1	100.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.7	1	4.3	7.4

Livingston County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	15,193	24.4	15,012	23.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,272	13.3	1,824	13.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	49	16.6	41	12.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	39	5.5	32	5.1	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	90	2.9	87	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	74	63.5	158	125.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	24	9.1	24	9.2	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	100	18.7	167	23.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,300	4.1	1,700	5.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	218	14.5	231	16.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	21	38.2	17	27.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	36	1.7	34	1.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	20.0	10	26.3	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	28	80.0	27	71.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	2.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	41	95.3	31	91.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	33	1.5	29	1.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	24.2	6	20.7	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	6.1	2	6.9	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	18.2	6	20.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	36.4	12	41.4	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	15.2	3	10.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	18.2	9	31	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	81.8	20	69	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	15.2	3	10.3	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	18.2	5	17.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	81.8	22	75.9	46.5

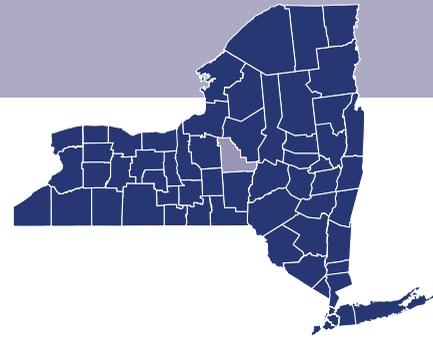
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	55.9	44	56.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	7	18.4	14	31.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	27	71.1	23	52.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.6	2	4.5	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	7	50.0	14	66.7	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	13.9	13	16.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	10	52.6	16	66.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	15.3	3	3.7	7.4

Madison County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	17,434	25.2	17,390	25.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,756	14.2	2,123	13.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	98	28.7	61	17.7	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	49	5.5	56	7.6	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	102	2.8	114	3.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	98	71.0	194	143.2	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	43	14.3	47	15.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	86	14.1	223	29.3	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,300	3.8	1,800	5.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	352	20.3	318	20.0	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	19	23.5	32	28.8	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	111	4.7	59	2.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	29	25.9	34	52.3	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	73	65.2	29	44.6	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.7	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	6.3	2	3.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	82	83.7	69	92.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	102	4.3	52	2.4	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	15.7	6	11.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	19.6	11	21.2	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	21	20.6	6	11.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	29	28.4	13	25.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	15.7	16	30.8	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	19.6	20	38.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	74	72.6	31	59.6	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	1.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	7.8	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	3.9	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	98	96.1	48	92.3	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	88	47.6	85	59.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	5.7	14	16.5	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	60	68.2	57	67.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	18	20.5	6	7.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	35.7	14	60.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	5.1	13	8.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	53.3	10	43.5	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	4.6	12	8.1	7.4

Monroe County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	175,450	24.6	187,893	25.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	39,236	20.5	31,365	17.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	989	44.2	779	29.4	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	705	7.0	660	7.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	836	2.8	1,260	3.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	1,213	117.4	1,301	109.6	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	603	21.2	396	11.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	714	12.5	1,157	13.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	13,300	3.5	17,400	4.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	2,372	12.6	2,601	14.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	397	62.6	321	59.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	1,104	4.8	866	3.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	314	26.9	417	37.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	792	67.8	636	57.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	62	5.3	48	4.3	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.1	5	0.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	775	91.7	643	91.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	763	3.3	816	3.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	129	16.9	135	16.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	90	11.8	87	10.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	142	18.6	119	14.6	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	257	33.7	253	31.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	145	19.0	222	27.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	239	31.3	315	38.6	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	489	64.1	472	57.8	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	35	4.6	28	3.4	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	0.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	343	45.0	328	40.2	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	49	6.4	58	7.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	183	24.0	156	19.1	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	786	45.2	687	44.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	113	14.4	85	12.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	383	48.7	304	44.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	172	21.9	179	26.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	112	38.8	85	37.6	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	105	5.6	110	6.5	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	75	18.6	75	27.2	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	156	8.3	115	6.8	7.4

Montgomery County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	12,861	24.7	12,173	24.5	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,837	20.6	2,283	20.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	71	47.8	60	38.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	28	4.6	38	6.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	88	3.5	129	5.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	86	121.0	68	90.0	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	103	48.7	38	18.3	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	121	28.1	116	20.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,100	4.7	1,400	5.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	244	20.1	212	18.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	33	41.3	16	17.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	64	4.5	45	3.1	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	36	55.4	16	32.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	24	36.9	32	64.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.1	2	4.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.6	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	50	90.9	58	87.9	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	55	3.9	65	4.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	12.7	4	6.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	10.9	12	18.5	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.3	14	21.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	47.3	20	30.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	21.8	15	23.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	25	45.5	12	18.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	49.1	47	72.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.6	6	9.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.8	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.6	1	1.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	21.8	8	12.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	51	92.7	63	96.9	46.5

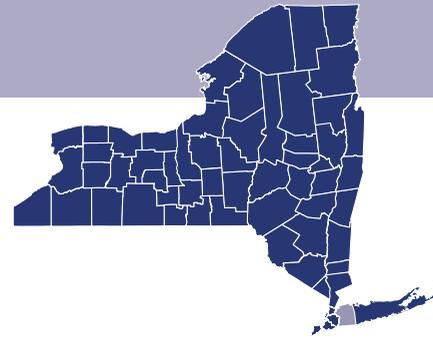
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	38.4	48	51.6	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3	7.9	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	22	57.9	41	85.4	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	13.2	4	8.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	25.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	3.9	3	3.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	20.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	6.9	3	3.0	7.4

Nassau County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	280,698	21.8	328,183	24.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	23,857	7.7	23,070	7.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	668	18.0	514	12.4	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	1,155	6.4	1,152	7.2	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	427	0.8	808	1.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	752	43.2	884	46.8	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	391	7.6	241	4.1	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	728	7.3	1,464	9.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	22,500	3.3	28,400	4.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,895	5.8	2,488	7.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	70	13.0	48	10.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	571	1.5	402	1.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	205	34.1	186	38.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	312	51.9	239	50.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.2	4	0.8	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	83	13.8	49	10.3	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	208	92.0	197	95.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	194	0.5	215	0.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	35	18.0	48	22.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	11.3	20	9.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	17.5	24	11.2	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	53	27.3	64	29.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	25.8	59	27.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	81	41.8	100	46.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	108	55.7	102	47.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	0.5	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	2.6	12	5.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	134	69.1	118	54.9	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	7.7	45	20.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	25.8	85	39.5	46.5

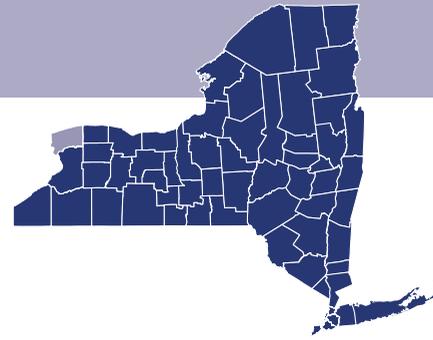
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	256	33.9	211	34.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	27	10.5	24	11.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	135	52.7	97	46.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	30	11.7	45	21.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	27	30.3	23	46.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	17	2.1	21	3.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	12	5.3	1	1.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	48	5.8	28	4.3	7.4

Niagara County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	55,002	24.9	54,198	24.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	11,478	19.4	8,004	16.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	304	43.9	227	30.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	223	7.9	200	8.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	209	1.9	172	1.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	197	61.8	381	109.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	346	36.9	159	16.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	616	32.7	603	24.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	5,100	4.7	6,300	5.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	582	10.7	794	15.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	58	34.7	51	27.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	240	3.6	191	3.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	79	32.0	67	29.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	157	63.6	145	64.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	1.2	3	1.3	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	3.2	9	4.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	152	96.2	128	95.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	158	2.4	128	2.0	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	13.9	18	14.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	12.7	19	14.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	17.1	24	18.8	16
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	57	36.1	35	27.3	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	32	20.3	32	25.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	58	36.7	49	38.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	92	58.2	69	53.9	51
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	0.8	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	5.1	9	7.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	46	29.1	41	32.0	41
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	3.8	1	0.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	99	62.7	78	60.9	46.5

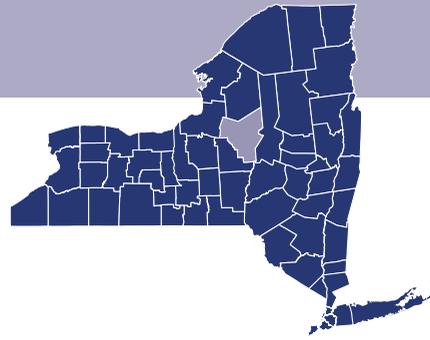
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	198	48.9	130	40.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	21	10.6	21	16.2	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	134	67.7	81	62.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	21	10.6	11	8.5	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	22	35.5	21	31.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	15	3.4	19	5.5	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	28	32.2	25	29.8	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	27	6.1	24	6.9	7.4

Oneida County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	60,756	24.2	56,324	23.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	13,660	22.4	9,543	18.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	355	45.2	254	31.6	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	170	5.9	240	9.2	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	313	2.9	411	3.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	475	134.8	660	176.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	299	29.9	314	31.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	387	19.4	426	16.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	4,300	3.8	5,400	4.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,164	20.7	1,281	24.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	107	30.2	91	27.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	383	5.6	423	6.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	121	31.4	180	37.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	225	58.4	255	53.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	18	4.7	8	1.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	21	5.5	36	7.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	252	96.6	293	90.4	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	244	3.6	314	4.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	42	17.2	41	13.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	11.1	45	14.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	16.4	51	16.2	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	97	39.8	93	29.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	15.6	84	26.8	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	95	38.9	132	42.0	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	133	54.5	164	52.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	1.6	6	1.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	4.9	12	3.8	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	11.5	58	18.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	0.8	10	3.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	96	39.3	123	39.2	46.5

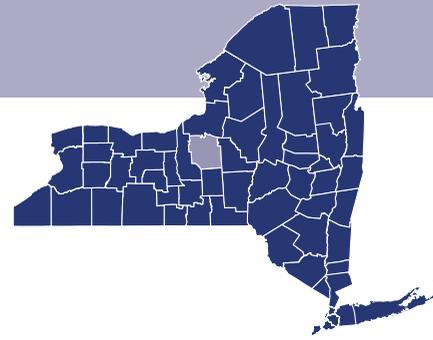
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	263	44.9	276	39.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	56	21.3	23	8.3	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	145	55.1	189	68.5	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	19	7.2	39	14.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	56	43.4	23	36.5	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	42	6.6	12	1.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	19	12.1	3	3.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	45	7.1	34	4.6	7.4

Onondaga County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	114,845	24.5	118,044	25.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	22,831	18.6	17,841	15.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	739	46.8	550	31.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	454	7.0	472	8.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	551	2.6	501	2.2	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	1,155	164.3	1,068	142.8	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	627	33.5	419	20.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	746	19.7	879	16.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	8,100	3.5	10,700	4.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	2,180	18.5	2,109	18.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	89	13.5	96	16.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	502	3.5	403	2.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	124	33.5	121	24.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	370	100.0	323	65.8	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	27	7.3	42	8.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	1.4	5	1.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	359	85.1	278	88.3	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	383	2.6	332	2.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	107	27.9	73	22.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	68	17.8	52	15.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	74	19.3	66	19.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	97	25.3	97	29.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	37	9.7	44	13.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	230	60.1	164	49.4	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	146	38.1	154	46.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	1.0	12	3.6	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	0.8	2	0.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	159	41.5	169	50.9	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	6.8	17	5.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	172	44.9	124	37.4	46.5

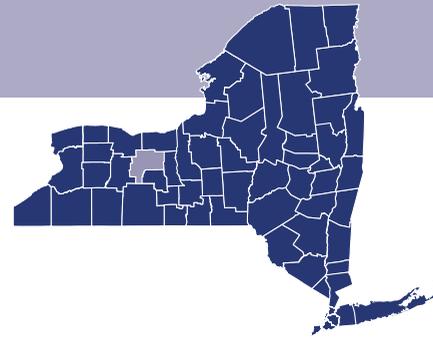
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	392	48.5	311	43.6	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	61	15.6	56	18.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	204	52.0	120	38.6	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	71	18.1	90	28.9	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	61	38.1	56	41.5	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	57	6.3	43	5.5	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	54	28.7	47	33.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	62	6.9	55	7.1	7.4

Ontario County



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- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	23,791	25.0	25,451	25.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,470	13.0	2,865	12.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	102	33.0	73	20.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	67	5.2	68	5.9	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	114	2.2	119	2.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	204	139.1	182	117.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	233	57.5	66	14.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	121	14.7	175	14.6	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,900	3.5	2,500	4.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	492	19.3	558	22.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	27	19.3	31	27.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	52	1.7	51	1.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	27	51.9	7	10.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	25	48.1	59	88.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	1.5	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	49	79.0	59	93.7	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	53	1.7	60	1.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	11.3	14	23.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	9.4	4	6.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	17.0	10	16.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	37.7	15	25.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	24.5	17	28.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	5.7	2	3.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	64.2	47	78.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	30.2	11	18.3	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	15.1	3	5.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.6	3	5.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	41	77.4	43	71.7	46.5

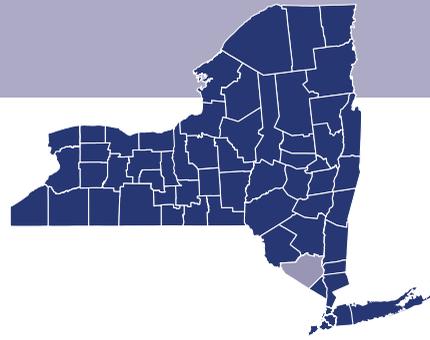
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	57	53.8	52	50.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	8.8	5	9.6	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	44	77.2	38	73.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.5	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	50.0	5	71.4	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	4.5	6	5.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	33.3	6	50.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	6.3	9	7.8	7.4

Orange County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	85,061	27.6	98,863	29.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	15,223	15.7	13,562	13.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	378	37.2	319	25.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	280	5.7	331	6.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	384	2.4	648	3.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	853	171.0	1,130	192.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	443	30.3	179	9.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	653	22.3	427	9.1	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	5,500	3.4	7,400	4.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,028	10.4	1,248	12.2	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	151	31.5	133	33.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	492	4.2	398	3.2	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	144	27.6	155	30.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	303	58.2	256	50.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	26	5.0	21	4.1	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	48	9.2	78	15.3	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	258	86.6	231	86.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	292	2.5	268	2.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	48	16.4	48	17.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	5.8	20	7.5	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	47	16.1	32	11.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	85	29.1	74	27.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	95	32.5	94	35.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	59	20.2	62	23.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	149	51.0	89	33.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	78	26.7	80	29.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	2.1	37	13.8	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	58	19.9	70	26.1	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	43	14.7	27	10.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	218	74.7	144	53.7	46.5

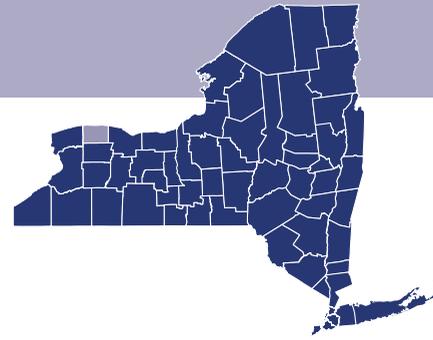
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	278	39.4	239	37.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	30	10.8	33	13.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	154	55.4	138	57.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	27	9.7	27	11.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	30	17.5	33	30.3	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	60	7.8	32	4.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	50	23.3	22	11.9	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	52	6.8	71	9.8	7.4

Orleans County



Notes:

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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	11,260	26.9	11,582	26.2	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,173	17.2	1,861	17.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	78	55.6	48	29.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	38	6.6	25	5.4	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	31	1.2	50	2.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	30	43.9	49	67.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	36	18.8	27	13.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	101	25.2	104	19.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	900	4.7	1,200	5.7	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	142	12.3	194	17.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	26	70.3	24	61.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	32	2.3	33	2.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	3.0	4	10.3	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	30	90.9	33	84.6	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	6.1	2	5.1	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	36	90.0	49	98.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	41	3.0	51	3.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	12.2	11	21.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	14.6	5	9.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	17.1	3	5.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	36.6	25	49.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	19.5	7	13.7	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.4	4	7.8	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	97.6	43	84.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	3.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	3.9	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	31.7	5	9.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.9	5	9.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	23	56.1	38	74.5	46.5

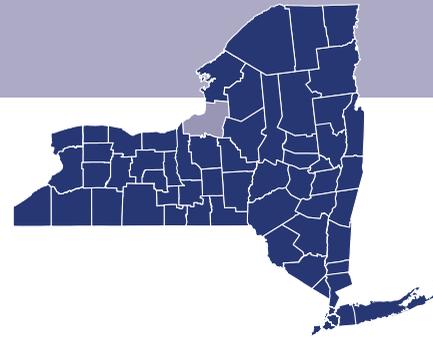
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	35	56.5	47	58.8	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	11.4	2	4.3	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	22	62.9	32	68.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	14.3	10	21.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	44.4	2	25.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	9.0	8	9.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	50.0	6	50.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	9.0	7	8.4	7.4

Oswego County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	33,911	27.8	32,762	26.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	7,054	18.8	5,466	18.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	209	43.3	132	25.7	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	102	6.3	116	8.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	329	4.4	191	2.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	113	51.1	120	53.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	78	13.1	83	14.3	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	296	24.2	46	3.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,800	4.8	3,800	6.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	801	24.5	762	24.8	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	42	24.4	28	13.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	220	5.3	137	3.5	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	117	51.8	42	27.8	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	102	45.1	106	70.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	3.1	3	2.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	152	87.4	80	86.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	148	3.6	101	2.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	8.8	9	8.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	5.4	8	7.9	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	6.8	16	15.8	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	74	50.0	34	33.7	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	43	29.1	34	33.7	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	55	37.2	38	37.6	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	91	61.5	63	62.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.4	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.7	2	2.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	4.1	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	144	97.3	95	94.1	46.5

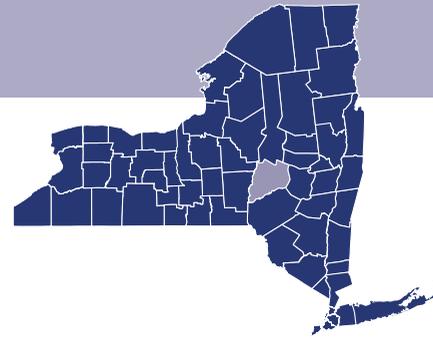
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	158	43.8	88	39.1	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	18	11.4	19	21.6	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	114	72.2	52	59.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	12	7.6	5	5.7	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	18	31.6	19	35.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	28	7.4	22	9.3	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	23	38.3	22	40.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	28	7.4	22	9.3	7.4

Otsego County



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- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	14,037	23.2	13,943	22.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,792	18.3	2,013	16.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	52	18.0	52	15.8	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	45	7.0	35	6.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	39	1.3	49	1.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	87	76.7	109	90.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	48	19.8	38	15.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	N/A	N/A	33	5.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,200	4.2	1,400	4.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	307	22.0	216	17.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	18	26.5	14	17.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	93	4.6	54	3.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	48	50.5	17	26.2	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	45	47.4	43	66.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.1	5	7.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	47	83.9	43	97.7	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	51	2.5	42	2.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	9.8	8	19.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.9	2	4.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	17.7	5	11.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	23	45.1	16	38.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	23.5	11	26.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	43.1	10	23.8	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	52.9	30	71.4	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	3.9	2	4.8	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	2.4	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	49	96.1	41	97.6	46.5

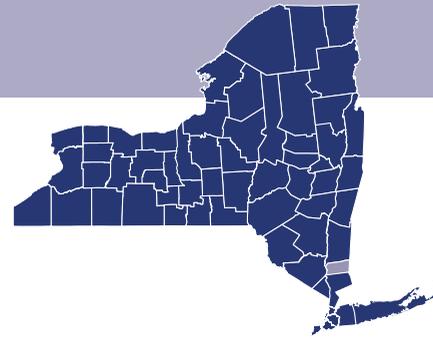
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	44	33.9	62	53.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.5	10	16.1	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	26	59.1	36	58.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	10	22.7	7	11.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	10.5	10	62.5	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	5.1	3	2.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	38.1	2	10.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	2.9	7	5.6	7.4

Putnam County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	21,633	25.8	25,187	26.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,204	4.8	1,141	4.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	22	8.1	21	6.8	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	66	5.6	69	5.9	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	65	1.8	29	0.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	205	161.6	197	143.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	27	7.1	14	3.0	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	80	10.7	63	5.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,500	2.9	2,100	3.7	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	124	4.9	259	9.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	2	2.7	6	7.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	24	0.8	28	0.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	34.8	8	25.8	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	56.5	20	64.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	8.7	1	3.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	6.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	12	75.0	11	84.6	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	14	0.5	21	0.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	14.3	1	4.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	4.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	14.3	3	14.3	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	7.1	11	52.4	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	64.3	5	23.8	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	35.7	9	42.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	50.0	0	0.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	14.3	6	28.6	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	6	28.6	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	7.1	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	7.1	1	4.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	28.6	8	38.1	46.5

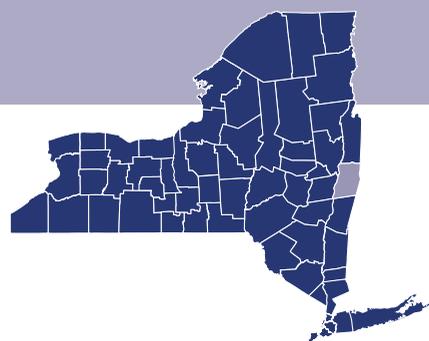
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	12	42.9	14	33.3	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	41.7	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	41.7	10	71.4	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	71.4	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.7	3	6.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	18.9	3	6.4	7.4

Rensselaer County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	36,842	23.9	36,958	24.2	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	6,728	16.9	4,595	13.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	204	40.0	153	29.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	124	6.3	135	7.6	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	180	2.8	93	1.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	321	133.4	313	127.4	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	107	17.5	55	8.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	449	36.5	684	39.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,900	3.6	3,500	4.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	487	13.2	660	18.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	53	27.9	38	15.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	195	4.2	190	4.2	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	119	58.3	115	53.2	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	78	38.2	100	46.3	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.0	1	0.5	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	2.5	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	173	98.3	196	93.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	148	3.2	170	3.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	21	14.2	28	16.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	13.5	20	11.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	18.2	28	16.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	51	34.5	51	30.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	29	19.6	43	25.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	69	46.6	78	45.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	78	52.7	92	54.1	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.7	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	27.0	42	24.7	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	6.8	10	5.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	98	66.2	124	72.9	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	159	46.9	149	44.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	3.1	13	8.7	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	111	69.8	88	59.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	26	16.4	26	17.4	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	12.2	13	31.7	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	3.1	8	2.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	12	25.0	7	14.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	2.3	15	4.2	7.4

Rockland County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	68,959	26.0	80,237	28.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	11,291	14.5	11,396	14.3	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	175	19.5	172	17.2	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	241	5.8	305	6.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	129	1.1	299	2.3	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	324	75.9	416	91.8	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	177	13.6	86	6.1	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	258	10.2	247	6.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	4,800	3.3	6,300	4.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	398	5.0	329	4.0	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	50	28.6	33	23.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	205	2.2	129	1.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	69	33.8	66	40.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	108	52.9	74	45.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	3.9	3	1.9	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	19	9.3	19	11.7	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	113	92.6	94	94.9	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	89	1.0	91	0.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	19.1	20	22.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	18.0	7	7.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	10.1	7	7.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	29.2	27	29.7	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	21	23.6	30	33.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	40.5	46	50.6	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	41	46.1	35	38.5	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.3	5	5.5	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	11.2	5	5.5	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	29.2	12	13.2	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.7	14	15.4	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	13.5	21	23.1	46.5

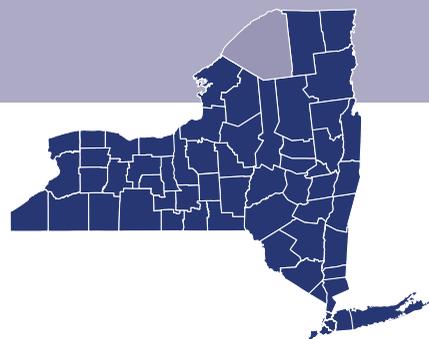
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	108	38.4	119	48.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	5.6	22	18.5	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	70	64.8	74	62.2	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	14	13.0	9	7.6	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	10.7	23	52.3	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	32	10.3	17	6.1	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	24	36.9	20	39.2	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	39	12.5	16	5.7	7.4

St. Lawrence County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	28,215	25.2	26,216	23.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	7,710	25.3	4,675	19.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	146	30.8	145	29.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	87	7.0	88	7.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	159	2.7	130	2.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	139	63.3	255	121.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	108	20.7	37	8.0	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	180	17.6	288	23.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,800	5.7	3,000	6.0	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	458	17.5	511	21.0	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	10	5.6	27	15.0	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	112	3.0	84	2.5	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	21	17.6	20	20.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	85	71.4	73	73.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	4.2	5	5.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	6.7	2	2.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	60	71.4	75	85.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	69	1.9	87	2.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.4	12	13.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	14.5	10	11.5	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	10.1	14	16.1	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	47.8	30	34.5	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	23.2	21	24.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.4	5	5.8	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	58	84.1	80	92.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	8.7	2	2.3	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.9	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.5	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.5	1	1.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	67	97.1	87	100.0	46.5

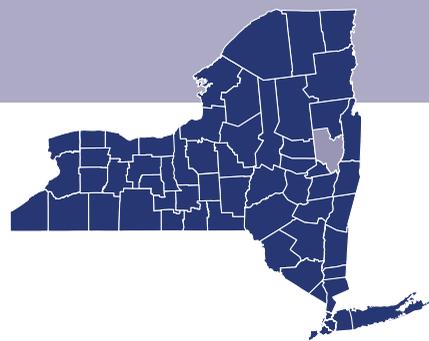
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	94	47.0	93	52.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	8.5	20	21.5	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	64	68.1	49	52.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	5.3	12	12.9	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	61.5	20	58.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	3.4	8	4.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	31.3	12	35.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	1.5	7	3.8	7.4

Saratoga County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	46,495	25.6	50,184	25.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	5,311	9.9	3,889	8.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	155	24.2	115	16.8	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	140	5.5	155	6.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	193	2.0	164	1.6	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	231	79.3	269	89.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	178	20.6	112	12.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	208	12.3	303	12.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	3,700	3.3	4,200	3.5	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	606	12.1	591	11.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	45	25.1	20	14.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	122	2.0	102	1.6	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	69	56.1	76	69.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	49	39.8	32	29.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	5	4.1	2	1.8	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	120	88.9	120	93.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	96	1.6	109	1.8	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	10.4	5	4.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	5.2	7	6.4	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	12.5	15	13.8	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	39.6	38	34.9	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	31	32.3	44	40.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	55	57.3	72	66.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	39	40.6	37	33.9	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.1	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	4.2	8	7.3	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	4.2	6	5.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	92	95.8	97	89.0	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	92	44.7	102	50.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	5.4	8	7.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	64	69.6	76	74.5	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	8.7	15	14.7	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	27.8	8	47.1	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	3.6	3	1.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	33.3	1	5.9	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	3.2	3	1.4	7.4

Schenectady County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	34,253	22.9	35,572	24.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	5,676	15.6	5,821	16.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	207	49.1	175	37.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	137	7.0	144	7.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	207	3.6	185	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	220	111.5	248	116.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	205	36.2	182	28.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	510	45.2	391	23.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,500	3.5	3,200	4.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	746	20.9	669	19.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	24	5.0	92	24.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	327	7.6	246	5.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	184	54.4	129	44.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	130	38.5	137	47.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	3.8	5	1.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	3.3	16	5.6	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	196	95.1	137	93.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	189	4.4	173	4.0	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	25	13.2	35	20.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	14.8	20	11.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	20.1	34	19.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	64	33.9	45	26.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	34	18.0	39	22.5	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	74	39.2	68	39.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	109	57.7	96	55.5	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.1	2	1.2	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	2.1	7	4.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	80	42.3	57	33.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	6.4	13	7.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	102	54.0	108	62.4	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	231	44.1	138	35.9	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	33	14.3	11	8.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	123	53.2	91	65.9	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	34	14.7	10	7.2	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	33	26.4	11	23.4	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	34	6.1	17	4.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	30	22.9	11	16.9	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	37	6.6	20	4.7	7.4

Schoharie County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	7,748	24.3	7,568	24.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,620	18.9	1,059	15.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	33	20.6	18	12.7	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	11	3.3	17	5.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	46	2.7	34	2.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	105	173.8	131	232.0	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	21	14.9	8	6.2	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	84	30.0	68	19.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	600	4.2	800	4.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	121	16.0	149	21.3	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	3	3.9	4	5.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	69	6.9	45	4.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	12	16.7	11	22.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	56	77.8	36	73.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.8	1	2.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.8	1	2.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	21	63.6	31	93.9	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	47	4.7	34	3.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	10.6	3	8.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	8.5	2	5.9	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	19.2	6	17.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	31.9	13	38.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	29.8	10	29.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	21.3	8	23.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	76.6	23	67.7	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.1	3	8.8	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	36	76.6	28	82.4	46.5

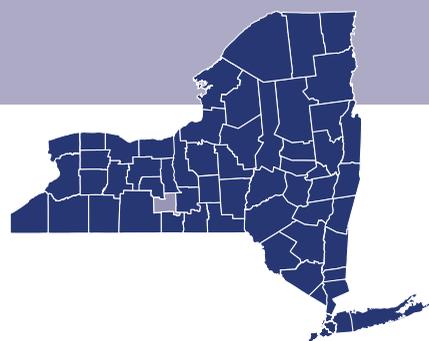
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	38	37.6	36	44.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	4	11.1	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	26	68.4	20	55.6	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	10.5	4	11.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	4	30.8	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	6.8	2	2.4	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	9	75.0	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.0	5	5.9	7.4

Schuyler County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	5,038	27.0	4,857	25.3	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,091	20.1	750	17.4	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	29	49.4	24	38.0	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	11	4.6	9	4.8	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	28	3.9	26	3.8	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	36	123.3	28	88.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	11	11.9	14	17.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	32	17.1	57	25.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	400	4.4	500	5.4	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	140	28.7	125	27.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	7	11.5	10	27.8	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	16	2.7	10	1.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	60.0	2	20.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	40.0	7	70.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	10.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	16	84.2	6	85.7	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	16	2.7	6	1.1	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	12.5	1	16.7	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	12.5	0	0.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	12.5	0	0.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	25.0	3	50.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	37.5	2	33.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	31.3	1	16.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	68.8	5	83.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	100.0	5	83.3	46.5

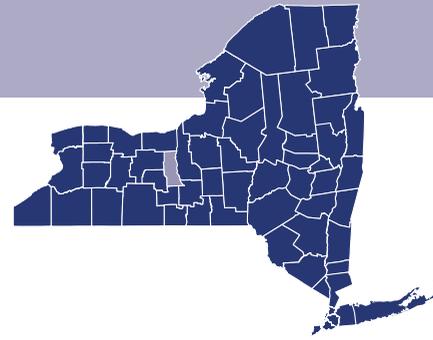
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	41.7	7	41.2	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	10.0	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	50.0	5	71.4	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	20.0	1	14.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1	25.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	6.9	0	0.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	50.0	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	6.9	0	0.0	7.4

Seneca County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	8,710	25.9	8,295	24.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,566	17.1	1,214	16.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	30	28.1	24	21.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	26	6.6	27	7.2	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	57	3.4	49	3.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	31	65.7	51	100.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	49	35.6	24	16.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	55	19.6	111	27.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	700	4.3	800	4.7	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	225	27.2	180	23.0	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	6	14.3	9	16.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	42	4.4	12	1.2	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	24	57.1	7	53.8	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	18	42.9	6	46.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	26	92.9	7	70.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	28	2.9	11	1.1	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	7.1	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	10.7	0	0.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	32.1	2	18.2	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	10	35.7	7	63.6	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	14.3	2	18.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	28.6	4	36.4	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	64.3	7	63.6	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	7.1	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	10.7	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	7.1	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	78.6	10	90.9	46.5

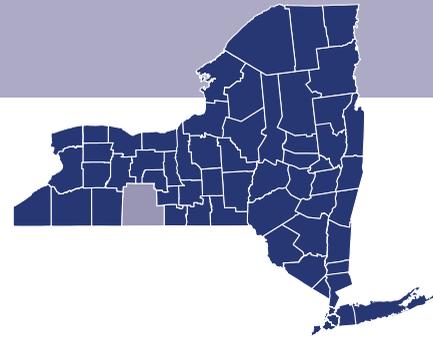
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	32	45.7	13	52.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	25.0	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	17	53.1	7	53.8	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	1	3.1	2	15.4	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	8	47.1	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	5.3	0	0.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	23.5	2	40.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	2	2.6	1	3.7	7.4

Steuben County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	26,967	27.2	25,554	25.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	6,294	22.0	4,660	20.0	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	162	51.3	125	37.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	92	7.3	92	8.0	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	198	3.4	195	3.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	171	113.0	126	78.9	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	96	20.3	31	6.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	178	18.7	196	16.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	2,000	4.1	2,600	5.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	522	20.3	759	31.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	73	35.4	49	28.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	163	5.4	140	4.7	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	51	31.9	34	19.3	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	99	61.9	128	72.7	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	2.5	10	5.7	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	3.8	4	2.3	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	147	92.5	110	88.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	131	4.3	118	3.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	9.9	25	21.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	19.9	11	9.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	26	19.9	20	17.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	42	32.1	43	36.4	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	18.3	19	16.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	14.5	10	8.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	102	77.9	90	76.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.3	13	11.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	5.3	5	4.2	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.5	6	5.1	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	127	97.0	101	85.6	46.5

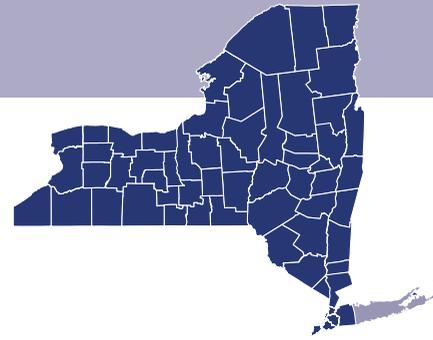
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	108	43.2	112	44.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	16	14.8	15	13.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	58	53.7	61	54.5	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	16	14.8	18	16.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	16	45.7	15	39.5	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	3.0	31	11.1	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	13.5	19	45.2	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	3.3	22	7.9	7.4

Suffolk County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	326,588	24.7	369,464	26.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	37,892	10.5	32,805	8.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	974	21.8	876	18.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	1,273	6.3	1,444	7.2	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	1,343	2.1	1,568	2.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	1,553	76.2	2,287	110.6	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	801	13.4	387	5.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	1,157	10.1	1,635	9.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	25,200	3.4	32,700	4.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	4,047	10.9	4,464	11.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	169	9.4	198	10.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	1,032	2.4	880	1.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	238	22.3	314	29.5	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	763	71.5	621	58.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	33	3.1	27	2.5	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	33	3.1	101	9.5	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	581	86.2	551	90.6	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	587	1.4	592	1.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	129	22.0	96	16.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	82	14.0	93	15.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	130	22.2	110	18.6	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	167	28.5	180	30.4	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	79	13.5	113	19.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	115	19.6	215	36.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	465	79.2	348	58.8	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	0.9	5	0.8	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	0.3	24	4.1	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	206	35.1	226	38.2	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	78	13.3	96	16.2	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	367	62.5	339	57.3	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	567	39.2	606	40.8	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	105	18.5	121	20.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	253	44.6	286	47.2	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	135	23.8	128	21.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	105	33.2	121	41.6	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	149	9.4	116	7.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	111	24.6	109	27.5	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	211	13.3	128	8.0	7.4

Sullivan County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	17,135	24.7	18,380	24.8	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	4,182	22.4	3,352	19.2	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	106	51.8	101	39.6	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	69	7.9	73	8.0	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	117	3.7	116	3.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	146	147.7	285	242.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	85	29.4	58	17.5	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	214	36.8	249	28.9	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,400	4.3	1,700	4.9	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	369	20.0	349	19.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	46	32.2	28	27.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	83	3.8	49	2.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	29	30.5	18	32.7	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	55	57.9	27	49.1	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	11.6	10	18.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	57	59.4	50	75.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	80	3.7	54	2.5	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	10.0	3	5.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	7.5	3	5.6	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	6.3	5	9.3	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	41.3	19	35.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	35.0	24	44.4	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	16.3	0	0.0	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	52	65.0	41	75.9	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	18.8	13	24.1	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	20	25.0	25	46.3	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	18.8	6	11.1	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	57	71.3	22	40.7	46.5

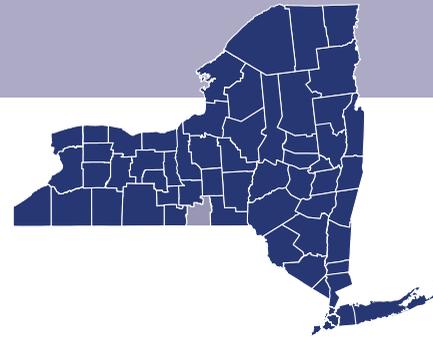
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	99	55.9	59	54.6	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	11	11.1	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	67	67.7	37	62.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	6.1	3	5.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	11	44.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	3.8	0	0.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	17.6	0	0.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	7.7	1	0.9	7.4

Tioga County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	14,825	28.3	13,951	26.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,507	15.8	1,749	14.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	62	37.6	57	31.1	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	99	15.7	45	7.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	102	3.6	80	2.7	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	58	71.6	76	90.0	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	32	12.4	22	8.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	93	17.8	55	8.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	900	3.4	1,300	4.8	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	380	27.1	304	23.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	4	4.0	4	5.1	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	56	3.5	31	1.9	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	18	31.0	13	37.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	36	62.1	18	51.4	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	4	6.9	4	11.4	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	43	72.9	22	88.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	54	3.3	19	1.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	11.1	1	5.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	16.7	0	0.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	13.0	0	0.0	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	27.8	8	42.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	31.5	10	52.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	14.8	4	21.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	74.1	6	31.6	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	11.1	9	47.4	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.4	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	50	92.6	19	100.0	46.5

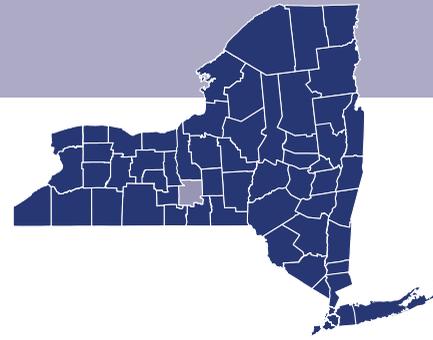
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	53	52.0	21	40.4	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.5	1	4.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	34	64.2	18	85.7	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	7	13.2	0	0.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	4	19.0	1	25.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	9	8.3	1	1.8	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	11	50.0	2	50.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	0.9	1	1.8	7.4

Tompkins County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	18,236	19.4	18,395	19.1	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,438	16.9	2,158	13.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	65	11.9	55	8.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	67	7.3	65	6.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	107	2.8	124	3.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	309	148.5	316	139.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	91	29.2	9	2.8	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	140	22.6	189	21.5	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,700	3.3	1,800	3.2	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	316	17.3	323	19.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	35	26.3	29	52.7	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	121	3.3	79	2.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	15	12.4	14	15.6	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	91	75.2	74	82.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.5	2	2.2	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	12	9.9	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	75	96.2	78	95.1	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	67	1.8	75	2.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	17.9	10	13.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	10.5	13	17.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	20.9	16	21.3	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	22	32.8	15	20.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	12	17.9	21	28.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	7.5	8	10.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	59	88.1	66	88.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	1.3	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.5	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	20.9	18	24.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.5	6	8.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	51	76.1	53	70.7	46.5

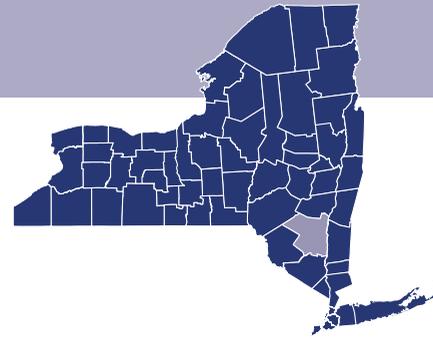
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	67	39.9	75	48.7	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	13	19.4	12	16.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	37	55.2	42	56.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	8	11.9	15	20.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	13	54.2	12	63.2	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	1.6	11	6.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	7.0	12	48.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	22	11.8	18	10.9	7.4

Ulster County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	38,609	23.4	41,576	23.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	6,656	16.2	5,274	13.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	171	34.8	125	20.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	122	5.9	104	5.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	237	3.2	300	3.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	683	302.6	661	247.1	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	221	34.1	94	11.9	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	269	20.8	220	10.8	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	3,200	3.6	4,000	4.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	497	11.9	629	15.6	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	38	22.5	47	24.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	205	4.0	181	3.6	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	68	31.1	74	37.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	129	58.9	98	50.3	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	8	3.7	7	3.6	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	14	6.4	16	8.2	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	135	92.5	84	96.6	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	123	2.4	96	1.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	24	19.5	17	17.7	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	13.0	6	6.3	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	12.2	18	18.8	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	41	33.3	29	30.2	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	27	22.0	26	27.1	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	32	26.0	36	37.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	82	66.7	37	38.5	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	1.6	1	1.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	5.7	22	22.9	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	30	24.4	20	20.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	13.8	9	9.4	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	89	72.4	71	74.0	46.5

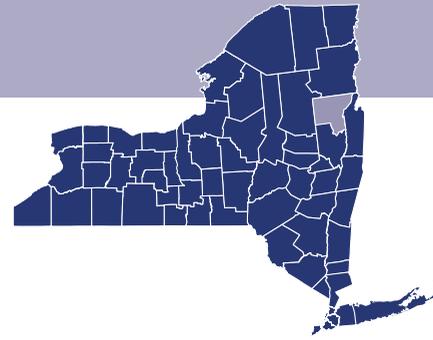
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	127	41.0	80	30.7	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	5	3.9	8	10.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	86	67.7	46	57.5	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	23	18.1	9	11.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	5	11.4	8	15.7	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	19	5.6	22	7.9	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	9.7	13	22.4	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	27	8.0	10	3.6	7.4

Warren County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	14,748	24.9	15,218	24.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,629	16.1	2,049	14.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	70	33.3	60	27.5	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	48	6.6	39	6.1	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	91	2.8	73	2.1	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	102	111.0	135	137.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	48	17.8	40	14.4	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	153	29.0	145	19.7	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,400	4.1	1,600	4.6	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	237	15.6	302	20.7	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	39	32.2	39	40.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	67	3.7	87	4.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	19	27.1	21	20.8	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	48	68.6	78	77.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	4.3	2	2.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	46	82.1	49	94.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	56	3.1	59	3.3	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	10.7	12	20.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	14.3	5	8.5	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	13	23.2	14	23.7	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	32.1	16	27.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	11	19.6	12	20.3	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	16	28.6	14	23.7	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	37	66.1	45	76.3	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	5.4	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.8	2	3.4	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	53	94.6	53	89.8	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	53	45.7	49	36.0	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	9	17.0	9	18.4	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	27	50.9	24	49.0	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	7	13.2	9	18.4	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	7	43.8	9	39.1	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	5.7	18	11.8	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	6	35.3	7	26.9	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	2.5	16	10.5	7.4

Washington County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	15,308	25.8	15,000	24.6	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	2,813	16.8	2,184	15.9	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	85	44.1	51	25.4	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	64	8.8	53	8.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	91	3.0	64	1.9	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	93	102.5	210	217.3	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	51	18.7	33	11.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	163	30.5	N/A	N/A	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,100	3.7	1,400	4.4	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	273	18.2	524	36.5	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	40	46.0	39	34.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	60	3.3	47	2.6	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	16	27.6	9	18.0	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	39	67.2	37	74.0	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	3	5.2	4	8.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	29	80.6	62	92.5	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	35	1.9	52	2.9	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	17.1	2	3.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	14.3	4	7.7	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	14.3	7	13.5	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	40.0	32	61.5	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	14.3	7	13.5	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	17.1	12	23.1	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	28	80.0	39	75.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.9	1	1.9	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	94.3	49	94.2	46.5

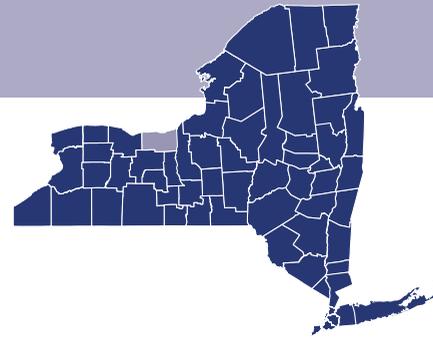
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	23	31.5	46	49.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	8.7	7	15.2	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	12	52.2	19	41.3	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	26.1	12	26.1	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	20.0	7	30.4	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	7.4	12	12.6	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	13.3	11	40.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	8.6	7	7.4	7.4

Wayne County



Notes:

- For definition of variables and statistics, see pages 276-288.
- N/A: Data not available.
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	24,934	28.0	25,670	27.4	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	3,789	13.4	3,410	14.5	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	129	46.6	96	28.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	66	5.3	81	7.1	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	132	2.5	139	2.5	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	203	146.2	134	88.5	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	135	32.0	18	3.9	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	284	32.9	101	8.4	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,900	3.8	2,500	5.0	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	401	15.6	418	16.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	7	7.7	9	9.9	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	79	2.7	61	2.0	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	19	24.4	31	44.9	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	58	74.4	36	52.2	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.3	2	2.9	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	78	96.3	58	98.3	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	56	1.9	51	1.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	12.5	6	11.8	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	12.5	3	5.9	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	9	16.1	3	5.9	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	19	33.9	18	35.3	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	25.0	21	41.2	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	26.8	27	52.9	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	40	71.4	24	47.1	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.8	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	26.8	4	7.8	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.8	2	3.9	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	41	73.2	24	47.1	46.5

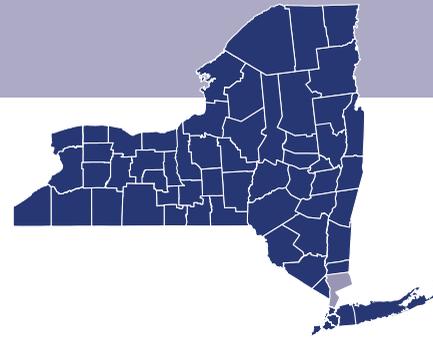
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	58	46.8	35	36.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	11	19.0	14	40.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	24	41.4	13	37.1	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	17	29.3	3	8.6	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	11	39.3	14	70.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	15	10.8	8	7.8	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	14	28.6	8	38.1	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	26	18.7	5	4.9	7.4

Westchester County



Notes:

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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	190,269	21.7	229,892	24.9	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	29,711	14.2	25,731	11.1	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	647	26.2	531	18.9	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	905	7.0	983	7.7	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	545	1.6	560	1.4	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	989	87.4	1,215	96.7	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	466	14.1	231	5.6	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	721	11.2	1,367	13.0	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	15,700	3.4	19,700	4.1	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	1,691	7.3	2,165	9.1	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	35	8.0	53	11.2	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	799	3.0	666	2.3	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	309	38.1	374	48.4	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	442	54.4	321	41.5	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	24	3.0	26	3.4	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	37	4.6	52	6.7	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	353	92.9	294	94.8	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	357	1.3	350	1.2	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	65	18.2	68	19.4	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	49	13.7	35	10.0	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	62	17.4	51	14.6	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	105	29.4	98	28.0	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	76	21.3	98	28.0	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	158	44.3	176	50.3	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	180	50.4	161	46.0	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	15	4.2	8	2.3	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	1.1	5	1.4	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	227	63.6	216	61.7	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	63	17.7	93	26.6	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	95	26.6	126	36.0	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	358	34.0	306	31.5	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	51	14.2	45	14.7	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	211	58.9	140	45.8	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	36	10.1	57	18.6	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	51	48.1	45	78.9	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	6	0.5	2	0.2	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	7	3.6	4	1.7	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	60	5.2	55	5.3	7.4

Wyoming County



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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	11,221	26.4	10,441	24.0	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,844	14.8	1,248	13.7	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	58	44.0	26	18.3	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	15	3.1	15	3.5	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	64	3.5	35	1.9	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	70	105.6	64	95.0	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	30	15.1	3	1.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	75	18.8	68	13.8	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	1,000	4.7	1,200	5.4	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	204	19.5	177	18.9	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	1	1.5	12	23.5	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	56	4.5	44	3.8	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	10	17.2	14	29.2	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	47	81.0	34	70.8	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	1.7	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	48	90.6	16	84.2	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	41	3.3	19	1.6	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	9.8	1	5.3	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	14.6	3	15.8	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	8	19.5	1	5.3	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	18	43.9	8	42.1	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	5	12.2	6	31.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	7	17.1	2	10.5	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	33	80.5	16	84.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.4	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	1	5.3	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	10.5	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	4.9	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	38	92.7	15	79.0	46.5

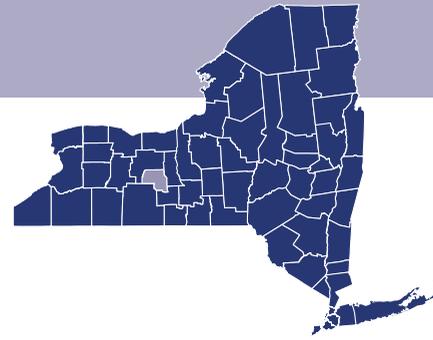
Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	54	51.9	21	32.3	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	3	5.6	5	23.8	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	43	79.6	9	42.9	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	4	7.4	4	19.0	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	20.0	5	33.3	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	12	11.0	3	4.7	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	3	12.0	5	33.3	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	13	11.9	3	4.7	7.4

Yates County



Notes:

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Children and Youth – A Snapshot of Well-being

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Ages 0 to 17 Years number and % of total population (1990; 2000)	6,056	26.5	6,564	26.7	24.6
Children and Youth Living Below Poverty number and % of children/youth ages birth-17 years (1995; 2003)	1,558	23.0	1,223	20.6	20.2
Adolescent Births — Maternal Ages 15-19 Years number and rate per 1,000 females ages 15-19 years (1995; 2003)	28	33.4	16	14.4	28.2
Low Birthweight Births (less than 2,500 Grams) number and % of live births for females all ages (1995; 2003)	12	3.9	13	4.3	7.9
Annual Dropouts — Public Schools number and % of students enrolled in grades 9-12 (1995/96; 2002/03)	25	2.7	19	2.0	4.5
Adolescent Arrests — Drug Use/Possession/Sale/DUI number and rate per 10,000 youth ages 10-20 years (1995; 2004)	18	49.9	13	29.6	N/A
Adolescent Arrests — Property Index Crimes — Ages 13-15 Years number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 13-15 years (1995; 2004)	20	19.1	6	5.7	N/A
Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) Cases Opened for Services number and rate per 1,000 youth ages 10-15 (1995); ages 10-17 years (2003)	27	12.8	60	20.2	11.3
Unemployment — Resident Civilian number and % of persons 16 years of age and older in the labor force (2000; 2005)	400	3.7	600	4.3	5.0

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	103	15.7	146	23.4	13.6
Child Abuse and Maltreatment — Resulting in Removal of Child number and % of children/youth with abuse/maltreatment petitions filed (2004; 2005)	15	29.4	4	15.4	35.6

Foster Care – Children and Youth In Care

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth In Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-21 years (2000; 2004)	30	3.7	27	3.4	4.5
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	7	23.3	4	12.1	25.9
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	22	73.3	29	87.9	49.2
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	3.3	0	0.0	5.8
Children and Youth In Care by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	19.2
Foster Care Placements — Two or Fewer Placements while In Care Less Than 1 year number and % of children/youth in foster care < 1 year (2000; 2004)	20	95.2	26	100.0	91.4

Foster Care – Admissions

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Admitted to Foster Care number and rate per 1,000 children/youth ages birth-17 years (2000; 2004)	18	2.2	21	2.7	2.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 0 to less than 2 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	16.7	2	9.5	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 2-4 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	3	16.7	4	19.1	11.4
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 5-9 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	6	33.3	4	19.1	16.0
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 10-14 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	22.2	5	23.8	29.1
Foster Care Admissions by Age — 15-17 Years number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	2	11.1	6	28.6	25.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Congregate Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	4	22.2	1	4.8	32.3
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Home Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	14	77.8	20	95.2	51.0
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Other Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	6.6
Foster Care Admissions by Placement Type — Relative Care number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	10.1
Foster Care Admissions by Race — African American number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	41.0
Foster Care Admissions by Race — Hispanic number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	0	0.0	18.2
Foster Care Admissions by Race — White number and % of children/youth admitted to foster care (2000; 2004)	17	94.4	15	71.4	46.5

Foster Care – Discharges

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged from Foster Care number and % children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	11	29.0	24	47.1	37.3
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Adoption number and % children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	2	18.2	0	0.0	22.4
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Parent number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	6	54.5	17	70.8	47.1
Foster Care Discharges by Type — To Relative number and % of children/youth discharged from foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	2	8.3	10.2

Foster Care – Adoption Milestones

Indicators rate or percent (base year; current year)	Baseline		Current		NYS Current Rate
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Children and Youth Discharged to Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	2	50.0	0	0.0	41.9
Children and Youth Freed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	1	2.4	3	5.0	6.2
Children and Youth Placed for Adoption number and % of children/youth in foster care with milestone criteria (2000; 2004)	1	25.0	3	60.0	21.6
Children and Youth with Adoption Goal Set number and % of children/youth in foster care (2000; 2004)	0	0.0	3	5.0	7.4



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PART IV

Child and Family Services Review

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) developed the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), a results-oriented comprehensive monitoring system designed to promote continuous improvement in the outcomes experienced by children and families who come into contact with public child welfare agencies, in response to a mandate in the Social Security Amendments of 1994.



New York State CFSR Indicators

- ↳ Recurrence of Maltreatment
- ↳ Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care
- ↳ Two or Fewer Placements While in Foster Care Less Than One Year
- ↳ Children and Youth with Permanent Exits from Foster Care
- ↳ Children and Youth Re-entering Foster Care Within 24 Months

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW

Background



The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) developed the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), a results-oriented comprehensive monitoring system designed to promote continuous improvement in the outcomes experienced by children and families who come into contact with public child welfare agencies, in response to a mandate in the Social Security Amendments of 1994 (see section 1123A).

Between fiscal year (FY) 2001 and FY 2004, ACF conducted the first round* of the CFSR in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Each Child and Family Services Review consisted of a two-stage process that comprised a Statewide Assessment and an onsite review of child and family service outcomes and program systems. State performance on seven outcomes and seven systemic factors was, for the most part, determined through the results of case reviews. The assessment for two outcomes (Safety Outcome 1 and Permanency Outcome 1) included a State's performance on six national data measures that ACF adapted from measures developed for the *Annual Report to Congress on Child Welfare Outcomes* (in response to a requirement of section 479A of the Social Security Act). Based on data reported by States to NCANDS and AFCARS, ACF established national standards for each of the six data measures (Table 1 on page 266).

* A "round" is defined as a cycle of the CFSR that includes every State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Information for each CFSR came from the following sources: (1) the Statewide Assessment, (2) case-level reviews conducted by a team of Federal and State reviewers, (3) interviews with key stakeholders, and (4) State data from the Foster Care File of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and the Child File of the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), or an alternative data source approved by the Children's Bureau.

Child and Family Services Review

Outcomes and National Standards



Table 1. Outcomes and National Standards for Round One of the Child and Family Services Review

<p>SAFETY OUTCOME</p> <p>1. Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect</p>	<p>1. Repeat maltreatment – <i>Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the period under review, 6.1 percent or fewer children had another substantiated or indicated report within six months.</i></p> <p>2. Maltreatment of children in foster care – <i>Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, 0.57 percent or less were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member.</i></p>
<p>SAFETY OUTCOME</p> <p>2. Children are safely maintained in their homes when possible and appropriate</p>	
<p>PERMANENCY OUTCOME</p> <p>1. Children have permanency and stability in their living situations</p>	<p>3. Timeliness of reunification – <i>Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, 76.2 percent or more were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home.</i></p> <p>4. Re-entry into foster care – <i>Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, 8.6 percent or less re-entered foster care in less than 12 months of a prior foster care episode.</i></p> <p>5. Timeliness of adoption – <i>Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, 32 percent or more exited foster care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home.</i></p> <p>6. Placement stability – <i>Of all children who have been in foster care for less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home, 86.7 percent or more have had no more than two placement settings.</i></p>
<p>PERMANENCY OUTCOME</p> <p>2. The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved</p>	
<p>WELL BEING OUTCOME</p> <p>1. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for children's needs</p>	
<p>WELL BEING OUTCOME</p> <p>2. Children receive services to meet their educational needs</p>	
<p>WELL BEING OUTCOME</p> <p>3. Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs</p>	

Source: Administration for Children and Families. Accessed August 9, 2006. Background Paper: *Child and Family Services Reviews National Standards*. Available online <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/legislation/background.htm>.

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Background for New York State



In New York State, the review was initiated in November 2000 with an analysis of data related to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children involved with the Office of Children and Family Services and a statewide assessment of areas seen as critical to the effective functioning of the State's child welfare system. During the week of June 18-22, 2001, on-site reviews of 50 cases and interviews/focus groups with approximately 190 key stakeholders in the State's child welfare system were completed in three selected local social services districts (New York City and Fulton and Westchester Counties) (OCFS, 2002). Following completion of the round one CFSR, New York State, like all other states, was required to develop and implement Program Improvement Plans (PIPs) addressing the areas in their child welfare systems found not to be in substantial conformity with Federal requirements.

The purpose of this section is to examine the six national data measures of Round 1 as they pertain to New York State. Alternative measures were used for three of the six measures in New York State. With two of the measures combined into one measure, New York State reports five data measures for Round 1 of the CFSR. The justification for using alternative measures is provided.

Round 2 is currently in progress and New York State is scheduled for review in 2008. ACF will replace the six data measures used in Round 1 with four data composites and two single measures. The proposed composites expand the measures under the existing overall Safety and Permanency outcomes from Round 1 but there will continue to be no data components for the Well-being outcomes.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services. 2002. *Final Report of the Child and Family Services Review of New York State*. Albany, NY: New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Available online http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/reports/CFSR_REPORT.DOC.



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Recurrence of Maltreatment for Children

rate of children with a second substantiated allegation of maltreatment in an indicated report within six months



Definition:

While most children who are the subject of a child abuse and maltreatment report are in indicated reports once over the course of their lives, some children in indicated reports are the subject of subsequent indicated reports, referred to as the recurrence of maltreatment. As measured by the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), a child is the victim of recurrent maltreatment if he or she is the subject of two or more substantiated reports of abuse or neglect within a six-month period. The rate of maltreatment recurrences is determined by dividing the number of children with a second substantiated allegation in an indicated report of child abuse or neglect within 6 months of the initial substantiated allegation in an indicated oral report for a given calendar year by the total number of unique children with a substantiated allegation during that year.

National Standard:

Recurrence of maltreatment for children is one of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures that supports Safety Outcome 1: Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect. The national standard is that *of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the reporting period, 6.1 percent or less had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6 month period.*

Significance:

One of the primary goals of Child Protective Services is the prevention of further episodes of abuse or neglect for victimized children in their care. As reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2006), an analysis of CFSR data from 25 states identified factors that influence the likelihood of recurrence, including:

- ↳ Children who had been prior victims of maltreatment were 84 percent more likely to experience a recurrence than those who were not prior victims.
- ↳ Child victims who were reported with a disability were 61 percent more likely to experience recurrence than children without a disability.

- ↳ The oldest children (16-21 years of age) were the least likely to experience a recurrence, and were 52 percent less likely than children who were the youngest children (0-3 years of age).
- ↳ Compared with White children, Asian-Pacific Islander children were 59 percent less likely to experience recurrence.

Research has demonstrated that recurring maltreatment has serious long-term behavioral consequences. For example, a recent study of juvenile offenders found that 79 percent of the offenders had experienced at least one incidence of maltreatment. Recurrent maltreatment was associated with the most serious crimes. Among those who had committed a violent and/or sexual crime, 74 percent were victims of recurring maltreatment, compared to 33 percent who had committed nonviolent offences (Hamilton, Falshaw & Browne, 2002).

Findings:

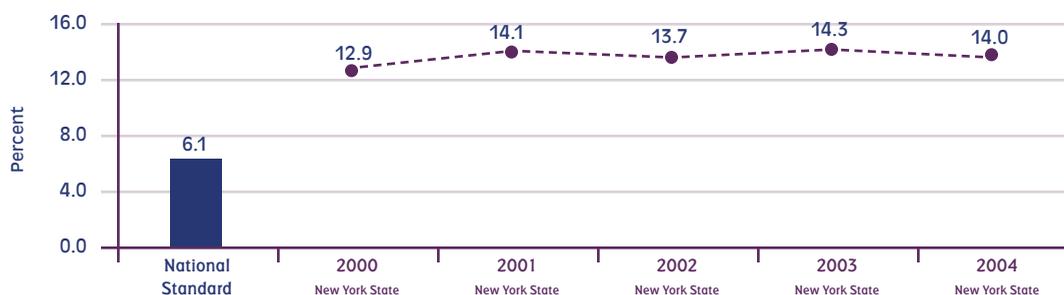
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The rate of recurrent maltreatment in New York State was 14.0 percent in 2004 and did not meet the national standard of 6.1 percent.

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Although New York State “substantially achieved” Safety Outcome 1 during the case review, the overall rating for this outcome was Not in Substantial Conformity because the State data for repeat maltreatment and maltreatment of children in foster care did not meet the national standards.

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Recurrence of Maltreatment: CFSR National Standard and New York State Rate, 2000-2004



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2006

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Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care

rate of children in indicated reports of abuse and maltreatment in foster care



Definition:

Children are the victims of abuse and maltreatment in foster care if they are the subject of indicated reports of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff. The rate of abuse and neglect in foster care is calculated by dividing the number of children in indicated reports of abuse and maltreatment in foster care in a given federal fiscal year by the total number of children in foster care during that period.

National Standard:

Maltreatment of children in foster care is one of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures that supports Safety Outcome 1: Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect. The national standard is that *of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, 0.57 percent or less were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff member.*

Note:

Only state-level data are presented for New York State since the county of origin for the child is not always clearly identified.

Significance:

The child welfare focus on keeping children safe applies to children in foster care as well as children in their own homes. When children are removed from their homes and placed in alternative living situations, it is a State's responsibility to ensure that these living situations are safe and child welfare agencies have an obligation to ensure that children placed by the State in out-of-home care do not become victims of abuse or neglect by the people responsible for their care (i.e., foster parents or facility staff members). Child welfare agencies ensure children's safety in foster care through various practices and policies, including licensing procedures, training for foster parents and facility staff members, appropriate matching of children and placement resources, and the provision of supportive services to foster parents (The Children's Bureau, 2004).

Findings:



In 2004, the New York State rate met the national standard for maltreatment in foster care (0.54% vs. 0.57%, respectively).

References:

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. 2006. *Child Maltreatment 2004*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Sources of Data for Recurrence of Maltreatment for Children and Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

Data Source: NYS Office of Children and Family Services, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

Population Source: NYS Office of Children and Family Services, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)

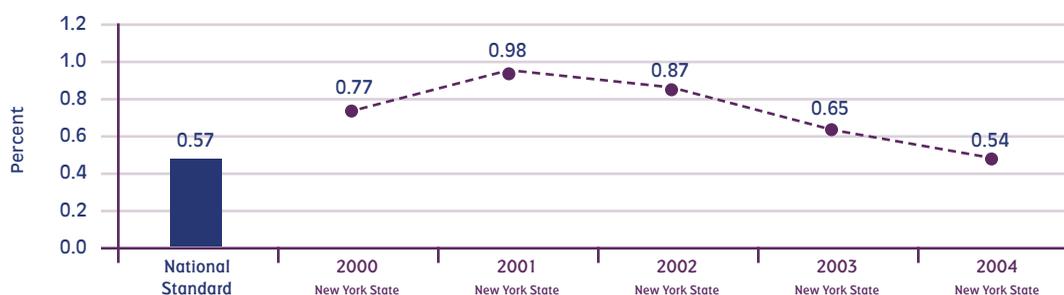
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NOTES:

- Regional totals may not equal sum of counties due to rounding.
- Data reflect the federal government's fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

Maltreatment in Foster Care: CFSR National Standard and New York State Rate, 2000-2004



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2006



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Foster Care Placements – Two or Fewer Placements While In Care Less Than One Year

number and percent of children/youth in foster care < 1 year



Definition:

Two or fewer placements while in foster care for less than 1 year is a measure of stability for children in foster care. The percent of children in foster care for less than one year with two or fewer placement settings is calculated by dividing the unique count of children in foster care less than one year with two or fewer placements in a given fiscal year by the total number of children in foster care less than a year during that fiscal year multiplied by 100.

National Measure:

Children with two or fewer placements while in foster care less than 1 year is one of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) measures that supports Permanency Outcome 1: Children will have permanency and stability in their living situations. The national standard is that *of all children who have been in foster care for less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from the home, 86.7 percent or more have no more than two placement settings.*

Significance:

Stability of care is vital for child and youth development. As summarized by the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child (2004), young children experience their world as an environment of relationships, and these relationships affect virtually all aspects of their development – intellectual, social, emotional, physical, behavioral, and moral. The quality and stability of these relationships provide the foundation for a wide range of later developmental outcomes, including self-confidence and sound mental health, motivation to learn, achievement in school and later in life, the ability to control aggressive impulses and resolve conflicts in nonviolent ways, knowing the difference between right and wrong, having the capacity to develop and sustain casual friendships and intimate relationships, and ultimately to be a successful parent oneself. For older children and youth, stability continues to be important. For example multiple placements can result in school transfers that require adjustments that may impede both academic progress and social relations (Finkelstein, Wamsley & Miranda, 2002).

While most foster children experience only one to two placements, a significant number of children in foster care experience multiple placements. Changes in placement or disruption rates are related to the length of the child's foster care stay (Staff & Fein, 1995), the age and functioning of the foster child (Smith et al., 2001), and the type of placement (Wulczyn, Kogan & Jones, 2003). Research suggests that placement instability is linked to child behavioral and emotional problems, coping difficulties, poor home adjustment, and low self-concept (Smith et al., 2001; Staff & Fein, 1995) and that the child's perceptions of the impermanency of their placements is linked

to behavioral difficulties (Dubowitz et al., 1993). It is, however, difficult to disentangle the multiple preplacement influences on foster children from those that result from the foster care experience itself (Harden, 2001). For example, research has not yet been able to determine whether placement stability predicts developmental outcomes or if children with developmental difficulties are more likely to experience multiple placements (Horwitz, Simms & Farrington, 1994).

Findings:

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In 2004, the percentages of children with two or fewer placement settings while in-care less than 1 year for New York State (91.4%), New York City (91.3%) and Rest of State (91.5%) exceed the national standard of 86.7 percent.

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In 2000, the percentages of children with two or fewer placement settings while in-care less than 1 year also exceeded the national standard in New York State (90.8%), New York City (91.8%), and Rest of State (89.6%).

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Foster Care Placements – Two or Fewer Placements While In Care Less Than One Year

number and percent of children/youth in foster care < 1 year



	2000		2004	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York State	3,359	20.1	2,278	18.2
New York City	2,063	22.4	1,149	20.6
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	1,296	17.2	1,129	16.3
Albany	68	18.7	54	17.6
Allegany	9	15.5	4	10.8
Broome	23	12.9	18	11.5
Cattaraugus	12	15.0	15	22.1
Cayuga	18	22.5	7	11.9
Chautauqua	26	20.6	25	23.8
Chemung	39	21.7	21	17.5
Chenango	9	19.2	1	3.3
Clinton	7	21.2	12	24.0
Columbia	17	18.9	9	7.7
Cortland	4	5.1	7	14.9
Delaware	2	8.0	4	12.1
Dutchess	28	17.7	37	25.2
Erie	160	21.4	106	17.0
Essex	3	13.6	2	5.4
Franklin	4	7.8	3	5.3
Fulton	3	6.1	1	1.7
Genesee	9	15.0	4	8.3
Greene	12	19.4	3	5.7
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	0	0.0
Herkimer	7	12.7	7	13.2
Jefferson	19	13.3	25	29.1
Lewis	4	18.2	1	16.7
Livingston	8	24.2	6	20.0
Madison	16	15.7	6	11.3
Monroe	129	16.9	133	16.5
Montgomery	7	12.3	4	6.0
Nassau	35	18.1	48	24.6
Niagara	22	13.9	19	14.7
Oneida	42	17.6	41	13.2
Onondaga	107	27.8	73	22.1
Ontario	6	11.3	13	22.0
Orange	48	16.5	47	17.5
Orleans	5	12.2	10	19.2
Oswego	13	8.8	9	9.4
Otsego	5	9.8	8	19.1
Putnam	2	14.3	1	5.0
Rensselaer	21	13.7	28	16.7
Rockland	17	19.1	20	22.7
St. Lawrence	3	4.4	12	13.8
Saratoga	9	9.5	5	4.6
Schenectady	26	13.5	34	19.3
Schoharie	5	10.6	3	8.8
Schuyler	2	11.8	1	16.7
Seneca	2	7.4	1	10.0
Steuben	12	9.3	25	21.2
Suffolk	129	22.0	95	16.0
Sullivan	8	9.8	3	5.6
Tioga	6	11.1	1	5.3
Tompkins	12	17.9	10	13.2
Ulster	24	19.5	17	17.5
Warren	6	10.7	12	20.0
Washington	6	17.1	2	3.8
Wayne	8	14.0	6	11.8
Westchester	65	18.3	67	20.6
Wyoming	4	9.5	1	5.9
Yates	3	16.7	2	9.5

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

DATE COMPILED:

April 2005, April 2005

NOTES:

- Data reflect the federal government's fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30
- Rates are not stable when the number is less than 20.

New York Statistics:

Median: 92.2
 Minimum: 66.7
 Maximum: 100.0
 Standard Deviation: 6.8

For Current Period Percent or Rate



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Children and Youth with Permanent Exits from Foster Care



Definition:

The New York State alternative measure of permanent exits replaces the national standard measures for evaluating the length of time to adoption and reunification. Permanent exits measure the number of care days of foster care used during the 2003 to 2004 period by different groups of children and the proportion of children who exit from each group to reunification or adoption by the end of the two-year period. A child's spell(s) is associated with the county that most recently had jurisdiction over the child's case. Children are counted as exiting foster care

if they have been absent or on trial discharge for more than 30 days. If the child returns to foster care, this is counted as an admission. A child's spell in foster care continues if the time out of care is 30 days or fewer. Only spells that are at least 5 days long are included. This CFSR alternative measure provides a baseline percentage of children with permanent exits from foster care during 1999 and 2000 and a target percentage based on the county baseline.

Justification for Using Permanent Exits as Alternative Measure for Timeliness of Reunification and Timeliness of Adoption Measures in New York State

Limitations of CFSR Measures	Benefits of Using Alternative Measures
<p>1. The federal measures compare exit cohorts to judge whether length of stay is getting shorter or longer.</p> <p>The length of time children exiting foster care have been in foster care is a poor measure of performance. Policy and programmatic changes intended to reduce a backlog of cases that have been in foster care for a long time can actually increase the length of time to reunification or adoption among discharge cohorts. This occurs because the cohorts exiting foster care after this programmatic shift takes place will contain a higher concentration of children who stay a long time. Thus, while the State is improving performance, it would appear that performance had gotten worse. Furthermore, the use of exit cohorts create a disincentive to decrease length of stay for children who have been in foster care for more than a year or two.</p>	<p>1. The alternative measure uses historical data for groups of children that share characteristics associated with different patterns of length of stay.</p> <p>For the purposes of estimation as well as tracking care day utilization during implementation, OCFS has divided the population of children in foster care into groups that experienced different lengths of stay, as well as those that share clinically relevant characteristics. With separate estimates for these mutually exclusive groups, the methodology will accommodate basic changes in the case mix over time. These groups are also intended to focus each county's efforts on reducing length of stay in developmentally relevant ways.</p>
<p>2. The federal measures do not account for the effect of changes in case mix.</p> <p>The average length of stay for all children in foster care can increase or decrease as a result of changes in case mix, not because a child welfare agency has changed its practice. For example, if very young children represent a higher proportion of children being admitted to foster care in 1999 than in 1998, average length of stay in foster for all children admitted will likely increase. This is because children admitted under the age of 1 tend to stay in foster care longer than older children.</p>	<p>2. The OCFS measures make a critical distinction between two groups of children who will be affected by any new program strategies: children who have already been in care for some time on the first day of the performance period identified in the PIP (the in-care population) and children admitted during the first and subsequent years of the new initiative (admissions). Each group is tracked separately for two reasons:</p> <p>First, these two groups are distinct clinically. Children who are in care on a given date have been in foster care for varying lengths of time and have been affected to varying degrees by a child welfare agency's policies and programs. Children who are entering care after the beginning of a new initiative will experience their entire length of stay in the new environment.</p> <p>Second, these two groups are distinct with respect to length of stay. For the in-care population, only the amount of time after the initiative has begun can be reduced. Thus, the alternative measures seek to understand length of stay for these children from the beginning of the PIP period to the end. For the admission population, length of stay is measured from the day of admission to the end of the PIP period.</p>

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services. 2003. CFSR Data Package. Albany, NY: NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Children and Youth with Permanent Exits from Foster Care



	Baseline 1990-2000	Target	Actual 2003-2004	Percent Change
New York State	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York City	36%	40%	40%	11%
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Albany	53%	58%	59%	11%
Allegany	58%	64%	59%	2%
Broome	44%	48%	43%	-2%
Cattaraugus	59%	65%	64%	8%
Cayuga	65%	72%	73%	12%
Chautauqua	46%	51%	62%	35%
Chemung	64%	70%	64%	0%
Chenango	68%	75%	66%	-3%
Clinton	42%	46%	44%	5%
Columbia	64%	70%	52%	-19%
Cortland	54%	59%	48%	-11%
Delaware	61%	67%	61%	0%
Dutchess	58%	64%	58%	0%
Erie	51%	56%	50%	-2%
Essex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Franklin	61%	67%	59%	-3%
Fulton	57%	63%	71%	25%
Genesee	69%	76%	59%	-14%
Greene	68%	75%	73%	7%
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	52%	57%	52%	0%
Jefferson	68%	75%	66%	-3%
Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Livingston	73%	80%	75%	3%
Madison	68%	75%	70%	3%
Monroe	48%	53%	48%	0%
Montgomery	53%	58%	56%	6%
Nassau	31%	34%	41%	32%
Niagara	60%	66%	52%	-13%
Oneida	54%	59%	58%	7%
Onondaga	56%	62%	53%	-5%
Ontario	69%	76%	83%	20%
Orange	39%	43%	45%	15%
Orleans	71%	78%	68%	-4%
Oswego	62%	68%	60%	-3%
Otsego	51%	56%	59%	16%
Putnam	46%	51%	38%	-17%
Rensselaer	55%	61%	61%	11%
Rockland	44%	48%	53%	20%
St. Lawrence	62%	68%	58%	-6%
Saratoga	68%	75%	72%	6%
Schenectady	47%	52%	44%	-6%
Schoharie	38%	42%	59%	55%
Schuyler	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Seneca	58%	64%	61%	5%
Steuben	58%	64%	57%	-2%
Suffolk	45%	50%	49%	9%
Sullivan	50%	55%	53%	6%
Tioga	63%	69%	71%	13%
Tompkins	60%	66%	63%	5%
Ulster	49%	54%	42%	-14%
Warren	48%	53%	49%	2%
Washington	52%	57%	69%	33%
Wayne	69%	76%	70%	1%
Westchester	38%	42%	37%	-3%
Wyoming	53%	58%	44%	-17%
Yates	48%	53%	52%	8%

Findings:

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New York City and 13 Counties (Schoharie, Chautauqua, Washington, Nassau, Fulton, Rockland, Ontario, Otsego, Orange, Tioga, Cayuga, Rensselaer and Albany) exceeded or met the county- or city-specific target for permanent exits.

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Nineteen counties had a smaller percentage of permanent exits in the current 2003 to 2004 period compared to the 1999 to 2000 base period and five counties had the same percentage in the baseline and current rate.

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The percent change between the baseline and current rate of permanent exits from foster care ranged from a decrease of -19 percent in Columbia County to an increase of 55 percent in Schoharie County.

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan Data Package

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan Data Package

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NOTES:

- Alternative measure for New York State Child and Family Services Review, Round 1.

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Children and Youth Re-entering Foster Care within 24 Months



Definition:

The New York State alternative measure for re-entry into foster care replaces the national Permanency Outcome standard measure for re-entry into foster care. The New York State re-entry measure provides data on children re-entering foster care within 24 months of being reunified with parents or discharged to relatives. Re-entry includes children who were discharged for more than 30 days but less than 24 months after a trial or final discharge. This CFSR alternative measure provides a baseline percentage of children who re-entered

foster care during 1999 and 2000. A baseline percentage was calculated for counties with at least 25 discharges. Counties without baselines had less than 25 discharges. The current measure reflects the percentage of children who re-entered care between 2003 and 2004. The percentage change reflects the percent change between the baseline and current rates $[(\text{current} - \text{baseline}) / \text{baseline}]$. Only re-entries from reunification and discharge to relative are measured for this performance standard.

Justification for Using Alternative Measure for Re-entry into Foster Care Measure in New York State

Limitations of CFSR Measures	Benefits of Using Alternative Measures
<p>There are two serious issues with the federal outcome standard for foster care re-entries. First, the federal standard provides a potentially biased view of the frequency of re-entry. The measure is influenced by the number of first admissions because it measures reentries as a proportion of all admissions. As a result, a county's re-entry rate measured in this way would go up if the number of first admissions was decreasing, even if the county's actual reentry rate from prior years' admission groups was the same or lower.</p> <p>Second, the federal standard is not connected directly with OCFS' reunification and adoption standards (nor with the federal reunification and adoption standards). As counties are working to reduce length of stay in foster care, it is important to ensure that the number of failed reunifications does not go up. As a result, the frequency of re-entry should be evaluated for the group of children who were discharged to reunification as a result of the county's efforts to meet the targets for permanent exits.</p>	<p>At this time, OCFS is not setting a target re-entry rate for each county. Instead, based on historical re-entry rates (the baseline), OCFS is giving each county an upper boundary re-entry rate. OCFS is choosing this approach for two reasons. First, a certain amount of re-entry represents good practice in a foster care system but this amount is unknown and difficult to estimate. Second, for all but the largest counties, re-entry rates can vary considerably over time, due to changes in the quality of discharge decisions, or the availability of effective aftercare services, or to other factors, such as a large sibling group re-entering foster care. By setting an upper boundary rate, OCFS will be able to monitor if and when re-entry is becoming a problem in a county. A re-entry rate higher than the upper bound re-entry rate will trigger a review by the regional office. The purpose of the review will be for county and regional office staff to evaluate whether the high re-entry rate was due to poor discharge decisions or lack of effective aftercare services, or to other factors beyond the control of the county.</p>

Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services. 2003. CFSR Data Package. Albany, NY: NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Children and Youth Re-entering Foster Care within 24 Months



	Baseline (1999 and 2000)	Actual (January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004)	Percent Change
New York State	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York City	9%	9%	0%
Bronx	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kings	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of State	N/A	N/A	N/A
Albany	11%	14%	27%
Allegany	9%	17%	89%
Broome	14%	14%	0%
Cattaraugus	21%	19%	-10%
Cayuga	8%	11%	38%
Chautauqua	7%	9%	29%
Chemung	20%	13%	-35%
Chenango	6%	23%	283%
Clinton	N/A	21%	N/A
Columbia	20%	19%	-5%
Cortland	20%	10%	-50%
Delaware	N/A	19%	N/A
Dutchess	11%	12%	9%
Erie	12%	12%	0%
Essex	N/A	10%	N/A
Franklin	20%	38%	90%
Fulton	15%	7%	-53%
Genesee	16%	35%	119%
Greene	10%	23%	130%
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	12%	20%	67%
Jefferson	19%	13%	-32%
Lewis	N/A	0%	N/A
Livingston	N/A	7%	N/A
Madison	11%	16%	45%
Monroe	11%	16%	45%
Montgomery	9%	17%	89%
Nassau	2%	12%	500%
Niagara	15%	10%	-33%
Oneida	13%	17%	31%
Onondaga	10%	15%	50%
Ontario	15%	21%	40%
Orange	19%	13%	-32%
Orleans	N/A	0%	N/A
Oswego	11%	11%	0%
Otsego	12%	6%	-50%
Putnam	N/A	13%	N/A
Rensselaer	15%	15%	0%
Rockland	14%	7%	-50%
St. Lawrence	27%	27%	0%
Saratoga	10%	15%	50%
Schenectady	12%	23%	92%
Schoharie	N/A	4%	N/A
Schuyler	N/A	0%	N/A
Seneca	N/A	6%	N/A
Steuben	25%	13%	-48%
Suffolk	13%	13%	0%
Sullivan	9%	14%	56%
Tioga	11%	10%	-9%
Tompkins	22%	24%	9%
Ulster	13%	10%	-23%
Warren	12%	8%	-33%
Washington	N/A	8%	N/A
Wayne	25%	21%	-16%
Westchester	10%	11%	10%
Wyoming	15%	22%	47%
Yates	N/A	40%	N/A

Findings:

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Compared to the 1999 to 2000 baseline, 15 Counties (Fulton, Cortland, Otsego, Rockland, Steuben, Chemung, Niagara, Warren, Jefferson, Orange, Ulster, Wayne, Cattaraugus, Tioga and Columbia) had fewer re-entries into foster care during the 2003 to 2004 period.

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The baseline and current rate of re-entry remained the same for New York City and six counties. The rate of re-entry increased in the remaining 23 counties with baseline and current rates.

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The percent change between the baseline and current rate of re-entries to foster care ranged from a decrease of -53 percent in Fulton County to an increase of 500 percent in Nassau County.

Sources of Data:

AGENCY SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

DATA SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan Data Package

POPULATION SOURCE:

NYS Office of Children and Family Services; Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan Data Package

DATE COMPILED:

April 2005

NOTES:

- Alternative measure for New York State Child and Family Services Review, Round 1.



ADMINISTRATIVE DATA – Administrative data reflect the administration of programs, policies or services, not direct population data.

ADOLESCENT ARRESTS FOR PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIMES – New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) violent index crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property index crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. An arrest is counted on each separate occasion a person is taken into custody, notified or cited by a law enforcement official. An arrest is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs (this jurisdiction is not necessarily where the crime occurred), and only the most serious offense that was committed during a crime incident or multiple crime incidents is recorded. It is important to note that many persons who commit crimes are never arrested, a single arrest can involve multiple crime incidents, and more than one person can be arrested for the same crime incident. The adolescent arrest rates are calculated by dividing the number of reported adolescent arrests for violent and property index crimes (or, for adolescents who are not treated as adults, for acts which would constitute violent and property index crimes if committed by an adult) by an estimate of the population of youth in the appropriate age category.

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES AND BIRTHS – Pregnancies are the sum of the number of live births, reported induced terminations of pregnancies and reported fetal deaths of all gestations. The adolescent pregnancy rate is the number of pregnancies per 1,000 females in the stated age group. The adolescent live birth rate is the number of live births in an age group per 1,000 female population in the same age group. Rates are presented for adolescent pregnancies

and live births for the age groups 10 through 14, 15 through 17, and 15 through 19 years.

AGE – Age is generally derived from date of birth information, and is based on the age of the person in complete years.

AGENCY SOURCE – The agency source identifies the agency that supplied the data to KWIC.

AGGREGATE DATA – Aggregate data present the total number of occurrences within a geographic area, not individual data.

ANNUAL DROPOUTS-PUBLIC SCHOOLS – In New York State, the annual dropout rate refers to the proportion of students in grades 9 through 12 who left school prior to graduation for any reason, except death and did not enter another school or high school equivalency preparation program. Annual high school dropout percents are calculated by dividing the number of students who drop out during a single year by the enrollment in grades 9 through 12 (including the portion of any ungraded secondary enrollment for that year that can be attributed to grades 9 through 12) and multiplying by 100.

ARRESTS FOR DRUG USE/POSSESSION/SALE/DUI – The youth drug arrest rate is based on the number of arrests for the use, possession or sale of drugs, public narcotic intoxication or driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs, per 10,000 youth 10 through 20 years.

CENSUS – A census is a complete enumeration, usually of a population, but also of businesses and commercial establishments, farms, governments, and so forth. The Decennial Census is the census of population and housing, taken by the Census Bureau in years ending in zero (0). Article I of the Constitution requires that a census be taken every



ten years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. By 2010, the American Community Survey will replace the decennial long form and censuses will consist of a short form only.

CHILD – A child is a son or a daughter by birth, an adopted child, or a stepchild, regardless of the child’s age or marital status, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

CHILD ABUSE – Refers to a child whose parent or other person legally responsible for his/her care inflicts upon the child serious physical injury, creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury, or commits an act of sex abuse against the child. Not only can a person be abusive to a child if they perpetrate any of these actions against a child in their care, they can be guilty of abusing a child if they allow someone else to do these things to that child. (Child Abuse is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law and at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act.)

**CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT—
Children and Youth in Indicated Reports
of Child Abuse and Maltreatment** – Maltreatment and neglect represents an impairment or imminent danger of impairment of a child’s physical, mental or emotional condition due to the failure of a parent, guardian or other person legally responsible for the child to exercise a minimum degree of care toward the child. This can involve the failure to provide a minimum degree of care regarding a child’s basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, or proper supervision or guardianship. It can also involve the parent or other legally responsible person’s use of excessive corporal punishment, the abuse or misuse of drugs or alcohol, and abandonment of a child (U.S. DHHS, 2006). Children and youth in indicated

reports of child abuse and maltreatment presents the number of unique children experiencing child abuse and neglect in a given year and the rate per 1,000 children and youth 0 to 17 years in the general population.

**CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT—
Indicated Reports of Child Abuse and
Maltreatment** – The State Central Register receives reports concerning alleged incidents of abuse and neglect in families and certain publicly licensed settings. A report becomes “indicated” when there is some credible evidence that a child has experienced abuse or neglect. This indicator presents the number of indicated reports in a given calendar year and the percentage of reports that are indicated in a given year. The percentage is determined by dividing the total number of indicated reports by the total number of reports. Reports can include more than one child and more than one type of abuse or neglect; therefore, this indicator is report-oriented, not child-oriented.

**CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT—
Recurrence of Maltreatment** – While most children who are the subject of a child abuse and maltreatment report are in indicated reports once over the course of their lives, some children in indicated reports are the subject of subsequent indicated reports, referred to as the recurrence of maltreatment. As measured by the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), a child is the victim of recurrent maltreatment if he or she is the subject of two or more substantiated reports of abuse or neglect within a six-month period. The rate of maltreatment recurrences is determined by dividing the number of children with a second substantiated allegation in an indicated report of child abuse or neglect within 6 months of the initial substantiated allegation in an indicated oral report





for a given calendar year by the total number of unique children with a substantiated allegation during that year.

CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT —

Resulting in Court Cases – In New York State, Child Protective Services (CPS), within the local Department of Social Services [in New York City, the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) provides child protective services], is the authorized entity that investigates reports of child abuse and maltreatment, protects children (under 18 years old) from further abuse or maltreatment, and provides rehabilitative services to children, parents and other involved family members. If there is some credible evidence that the report of child abuse or maltreatment is true, the report is considered indicated. In those situations where, in order to protect the child, CPS finds it necessary to remove the child from the home, or CPS finds that families are not complying with the rehabilitative services deemed necessary to maintain a child safely at home, the law instructs CPS to seek the authority of the court to sanction the removal of the child or to mandate the services. These proceedings are initiated by filing a petition in Family Court charging neglect or abuse. The rate of children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment that result in petitions to Family Court is determined by dividing the number of unique children in indicated reports with petitions filed in Family Court in a given year by the total number of unique children in indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment in that year.

CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT —

Resulting in Removal of Child – In New York State, children who are suspected of being abused or maltreated become the subject of a report to the State Central Registry (SCR). Reports to the SCR are transmitted electronically to local Social

Services District (SSD) child protective service (CPS) units for investigation and assessment of risk of harm and services need. The CPS caseworker determines whether a child named in an SCR report has been abused or maltreated and whether the child is at imminent risk of harm by remaining in the home and at immediate risk of foster care placement. If deemed necessary, CPS may remove children on an emergency basis, at or before submitting a petition of abuse and neglect to Family Court, or after the Court investigates the evidence and issues a disposition (decision) ordering the removal. Removal, based on the perceived threat to a child’s safety and well-being, can occur at any time while a child abuse and neglect case is open. The rate for children removed is calculated by dividing the total number of children with a removal date at or before the initial court hearing by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year. The rate of children removed at or before petition filing date is calculated by dividing the number of children with a removal date equal to or less than the petition date in a given year by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year. The rate of children removed at the initial court hearing is calculated by dividing the number of children removed at the initial court hearing by the total number of children with abuse and neglect petitions filed in that year.

CHILD ABUSE/MALTREATMENT REPORTS –

Reports refer to the allegation of any concerned person or “mandated” reporter (persons who are required by state law to report suspicions of child abuse and neglect) of suspected child abuse or neglect to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (1-800-342-3720). The Central Register relays information from the calls to the local Child Protective Service for investigation, monitors their prompt response,



and identifies if there are prior child abuse or maltreatment reports. Reports can include more than one child as well as more than one type of abuse or neglect for an individual child. Therefore, reports do not reflect individual children.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LIVING BELOW

POVERTY – Children are considered to be living in poverty if their family income, before taxes, falls below the poverty thresholds set by the federal government for families of different sizes. The Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as well as the value of non-cash benefits such as public housing, food stamps, Medicaid, or school meals are not included when calculating family income; in addition, certain costs such as taxes and work-related expenses are not subtracted from family income in determining the number of children who are poor. The poverty thresholds are adjusted each year for changes in the cost of living. In 2003, the poverty threshold for a single parent and two children was \$14,825; for a married couple with two children the poverty threshold was \$18,660.

COHORT – A cohort is a well-defined group of people who have had a common experience. For example, a group of people born during a particular period or year is called a birth cohort.

CONFIDENTIALITY – KWIC presents the total number of occurrences within a geographic area, not individual data. For indicators with relatively rare events in many counties, rates are presented as three-year averages. Therefore, it is unlikely that individuals would be identified. However, data users need to be aware of confidentiality issues related to using health and well-being data and respect and protect the privacy of individuals.

DATA SOURCE – The data source identifies the agency that compiled the data along with the file, certificate, or record used to compile the data (pertains to the numerator data).

DATE COMPILED – The date compiled identifies the time the data were accessed and calculated. Since data for some indicators are continuously updated (e.g., SPARCS data), the numbers and rates accessed at different dates may reflect different findings.

DECENNIAL CENSUS – The census of population and housing, taken by the Census Bureau in years ending in 0 (zero). Article I of the Constitution requires that a census be taken every ten years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. Title 13 of the U. S. Code provides the authorization for conducting the census in Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

DEMOGRAPHICS – The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Hispanic, a self-designated classification, is defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Origin can be viewed as ancestry, nationality, or country of birth of the person or person's parents or ancestors prior to their arrival in the United States. In an effort to better reflect the country's growing diversity, the U.S. Census gave respondents the option of self-selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities as of the 2000 Census. Respondents indicating only one race are referred to as race alone population or the group that reported only one race category. Six categories make up this population: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and Some Other Race. Individuals who chose more than





one of the six race categories are referred to as the Two or More Races population. All respondents who indicated more than one race can be collapsed into the Two or More Races category. The six One Race Alone categories with the Two or More Races category produce seven mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories and tally the sum of the total population.

DENOMINATOR – The denominator is the lower portion of a fraction used to calculate a rate or ratio. In a rate, the denominator is usually the population at risk.

DETERMINING CAUSE – While data may help describe factors of an event (e.g., who, what, when and where of an occurrence), data alone usually cannot demonstrate why an event occurs.

DETERMINING COMPARABILITY – In order to confidently compare two or more percents/rates, the numerators and denominators need to be compatible. Use data that have been collected with scientific rigor and consistency to ensure the integrity of the data. In addition, here are some other factors to consider: Who collected the data?; Why were the data collected?; Were similar methods and definitions used to identify the occurrences?; Were similar population sources/ estimates used?; If the rates are crude, what population characteristics need to be considered?; Are the numbers large enough to portray reliable data?; What time periods are being compared?; Have policy shifts occurred that could influence the findings?; and Have resources targeted the indicator that could influence the findings?

DISABILITY – As defined by the U.S. Census, disability is a long-lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition. This condition can make it difficult for a person to do activities such as walking, climbing

stairs, dressing, bathing, learning, or remembering. This condition can also impede a person from being able to go outside the home alone or to work at a job or business.

DISPOSITION – Disposition refers to a determination made by a social service agency that evidence is or is not sufficient under state law to conclude that maltreatment occurred.

FIREARM RELATED INDEX CRIMES – New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Index Crimes track whether a firearm was present during the commission of a murder, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault. A reported crime is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs, and only the most serious offense that was committed during a criminal incident is recorded. The firearm-related crime rate is the number of reported UCR crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault where a firearm was present divided by an estimate of the population of persons of all ages in the general population and multiplied by 1,000.

FOSTER CARE—Adoption Milestones – Adoption Milestones presents four indicators that measure milestones in the multi-step adoption process for children in foster care on the adoption track. (Note: Children with waivers are excluded from all indicators.) Goal Set presents the number of children with a goal set to adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year. Freed for Adoption presents the number of children freed during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year. Placed for Adoption presents the number of children placed for adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of adoption on December 31 of given year or had a goal set to



adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to adoption at any time during the calendar year. Discharged to Adoption presents the number of children discharged to adoption during the calendar year and the percentage of children in foster care at any time during the calendar year with a goal of adoption and status of free for adoption.

FOSTER CARE—Children and Youth

Admitted to Foster Care – Children admitted to foster care are those children under age 18 who enter placement outside their home as the result of a court order in a given calendar year. Responsibility for the care and custody of these children is transferred, by court order, from the child’s parents to the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services. Children and youth admitted to foster care provides the number of children admitted to foster care during a given calendar year and the rate per 1,000 children 0 to 17 years in the general population. Children and youth admitted to foster care by placement type, age groups and race/ethnicity presents the number of children entering foster care in a respective sub-category in a given year and the percentage per children and youth entering foster care in that given year.

FOSTER CARE—Children and Youth

Discharged from Foster Care – Children are discharged from foster care when the court is satisfied that a permanency plan is sufficient to ensure the child’s safety and well-being. Children are discharged from foster care to a variety of caregivers, including: parent(s), relative, adoptive parent, their own care, and “other.” The rate of children discharged from foster care is calculated by dividing the number of children discharged in a given calendar year by the total number of children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year. The percentage of each type of

discharge is calculated by dividing the respective number of children discharged by the total number of children and youth discharged during the given calendar year.

FOSTER CARE—Children and Youth in

Foster Care – Children in foster care are children and youth who are in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services on December 31 of a given year. The foster care settings for this “24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians” (U.S. DHHS, 2005) include, but are not limited to: home care refers to nonrelative foster family homes and pre-adoptive homes, relative care refers to relative foster homes, congregate care refers to group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, and other care refers to agency operated boarding homes, group residences, residential treatment facility (RTF) and intermediate care facility (ICF). Children and Youth in Foster Care presents a “point in time” number of children in the care and custody of the Commissioner of the local Department of Social Services on December 31 of a given year and the rate per 1,000 children 0 to 21 years in the general population. Children and Youth in Foster Care by Placement Type also presents a “point in time” number of children in a respective type of care on December 31 of a given year and the percentage per children in foster care on December 31 of a given year.

FOSTER CARE—Children and Youth In Indicated Reports of Abuse and

Maltreatment in Foster Care – Children are the victims of abuse and maltreatment in foster care if they are the subject of indicated reports of maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff. The rate of abuse and neglect in foster care is calculated by dividing the number of children in indicated reports of abuse and maltreatment in foster care in





a given federal fiscal year by the total number of children in foster care during that period.

FOSTER CARE—Parental Rights

Surrendered—The surrender of parental rights is a voluntary legal agreement whereby the parent intentionally relinquishes his or her parental rights. Unlike a termination of parental rights (TPR) order, a parent voluntarily signs a surrender agreement that can be unconditional (birth parent has no rights) or conditional (e.g., the birth parent could identify adoptive parent(s) and establish visitation rights). The percentage of parental rights surrendered is calculated by dividing the number of judgments resulting in the surrender of parental rights in a calendar year by the total number of surrender of parental rights judgments considered by the court during that year.

FOSTER CARE—Permanent Exits from

Foster Care—The New York State alternative measure of permanent exits replaces the national standard measures for evaluating the length of time to adoption and reunification. Permanent exits measure the number of care days of foster care used during the 2003 to 2004 period by different groups of children and the proportion of children who exit from each group to reunification or adoption by the end of the two-year period. A child's spell(s) is associated with the county that most recently had jurisdiction over the child's case. Children are counted as exiting foster care if they have been absent or on trial discharge for more than 30 days. If the child returns to foster care, this is counted as an admission. A child's spell in foster care continues if the time out of care is 30 days or fewer. Only spells that are at least 5 days long are included. This CFSR alternative measure provides a baseline percentage of children with permanent exits from foster care during 1999 and 2000 and a target percentage based on the county baseline.

FOSTER CARE—Re-entry into Foster Care –

The New York State alternative measure for re-entry into foster care replaces the national Permanency Outcome standard measure for re-entry into foster care. The New York State re-entry measure provides data on children re-entering foster care within 24 months of being reunified with parents or discharged to relatives. Re-entry includes children who were discharged for more than 30 days but less than 24 months after a trial or final discharge. This CFSR alternative measure provides a baseline percentage of children who re-entered foster care during 1999 and 2000. A baseline percentage was calculated for counties with at least 25 discharges. Counties without baselines had less than 25 discharges. The current measure reflects the percentage of children who re-entered care between 2003 and 2004. The percentage change reflects the percent change between the baseline and current rates [(current minus baseline)/baseline]. Only reentries from reunification and discharge to relative are measured for this performance standard.

FOSTER CARE — Two or Fewer Placement Settings While In Care Less Than 1 Year –

Two or fewer placements while in care less than 1 year is a measure of stability for children in foster care. The percent of children in foster care for less than one year with two or fewer placement settings is calculated by dividing the unique count of children in foster care less than one year with two or fewer placements in a given fiscal year by the total number of children in foster care less than a year during that fiscal year multiplied by 100.

FOSTER CARE—Terminated Parental Rights Judgments –

The termination of parental rights (TPR) involves the ending of the legal parent-child relationship. Once the relationship has been terminated, the child is then



legally free to be placed for adoption with the goal of securing a stable, permanent family environment that can meet the child's long-term parenting needs. According to the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, states are required to initiate hearings to terminate the rights of parents if a child has been in foster care for 15 of the past 22 months, unless compelling circumstances exist. There are four possible outcomes of TPR hearings: granted, dismissed or withdrawn, suspended for up to one year, or in a relatively few cases an "other" outcome might apply. The proportion for each of these outcomes is calculated by dividing the number of respective judgments in a calendar year by the total number of completed TPR judgments considered by the court during that year.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – The Touchstones framework, organized by six major life areas: economic security, physical and emotional health, education, citizenship, families and communities. Each life area has a set of goals and objectives—representing expectations about the future, and a set of indicators—reflecting the status of children and families.

HISPANIC ORIGIN – The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Thus Hispanics may be of any race. Hispanic, a self-designated classification, is defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. The terms Hispanic and Latino are used interchangeably. The term Latino appeared on the Census form for the first time in 2000. Origin can be viewed as ancestry, nationality, or country of birth of the person or person's parents or ancestors prior to their arrival in the United States.

INDICATED REPORT – Indicated Report refers to a type of investigation disposition that concludes that the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatments was supported or founded by state law or policy. This is the highest level of finding by a state agency. An indicated report can include more than one child as well as more than one type of abuse for individual children. Therefore, indicated reports do not reflect individual children.

INDIRECT MEASURES – Community indicators are not necessarily direct measures of the population's behavior but may be measures of the community service systems. Policy shifts, resource fluctuations, degree of centralization and standardization, local reporting practices and local service delivery differences affect indicator data. Other factors in the community – including availability, affordability and quality of service—may also affect indicator data. Local qualitative information regarding the role of the indicator in the context of its service setting must be obtained and applied when interpreting the results of indicator-based studies. For example, the youth arrest rate for driving while intoxicated is a direct measure of a law enforcement response to youth alcohol and other drug (AOD) use and is an indirect measure of your AOD use in the population.

INFANT MORTALITY (THREE-YEAR AVERAGE) – Infant mortality is the number of deaths to infants under one year of age. Neonatal mortality is the number of deaths to infants under 28 days of age. Postneonatal mortality is the number of deaths to infants at 28 days of age, but less than one year of age. The annual number of these deaths per 1,000 live births occurring during the year is the infant, neonatal, or postneonatal mortality rate. Because infant, neonatal, or postneonatal deaths are relatively rare events in many counties, the numbers and rates are presented as three-year





averages. This is necessary to improve the reliability (or stability) of the data. For example, in a small county, a serious tragedy such as a fatal fire or an automobile accident may cause the infant, neonatal, or postneonatal mortality rate to fluctuate greatly from one year to another.

KIDS COUNT – KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the United States.

LIFE AREA – The Touchstones framework is organized by six major life areas: economic security, physical and emotional health, education, citizenship, families and communities.

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT AND PREMATURE BIRTHS – Infants weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth are considered to be low birthweight. The low birthweight rate is the number of low birthweight births per 100 live births for which a birthweight is known. This rate is presented as a percentage for all age groups and the age group 10 through 19 years. Infants born with less than 37 weeks gestation are premature births. The premature birth rate is the number of premature births per 100 live births for which gestation is known. This rate is presented as a percentage for women of all ages and the age group 10 through 19 years.

MALTREATMENT – Maltreatment refers to the quality of care a child is receiving from those responsible for him/her. Maltreatment occurs when a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of a child harms a child, or places a child in imminent danger of harm by failing to exercise the minimum degree of care in providing the child with any of the following: food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care when financially able to do so.

Maltreatment can also result from abandonment of a child or from not providing adequate supervision for the child. Further, a child may be maltreated if a parent engages in excessive use of drugs or alcohol such that it interferes with their ability to adequately supervise the child. (Neglect is defined in law at Section 1012 of the Family Court Act. Maltreatment is defined in law at Section 412 of the Social Services Law. Although the terms are not synonymous in the law, the terms neglect and maltreatment are used interchangeably.)

MARITAL STATUS – Adults are generally classified by marital status as being married, never married, separated, divorced or widowed.

MAXIMUM – The maximum identifies the largest value within the range of percents or rates.

MEAN – The mean, a measure of central tendency, is the average. To calculate the mean add all of the values for each region and divide by the total number of regions.

MEDIAN – The median, a measure of central tendency, is the value of the middle item when the data are arranged from lowest to highest. Since New York State has an even number of counties (62), the median is computed by averaging the two middle observations, point 31 and 32. If New York City Counties' data are not available, the median is the middle observation, point 29 of the range. While the median is not sensitive to outliers and guarantees that 50 percent of the values fall on either side of the value, it may not be representative of all county percents or rates.

METADATA – Metadata provides information about the content, quality, condition, and other characteristics of data.



MINIMUM – The minimum identifies the smallest value within the range of percents or rates.

NARRATIVE – Narratives provide descriptive stories of the indicators – i.e., the purpose, significance, current findings and any additional notes that contribute to the accurate and effective interpretation of indicators.

NEW YORK CITY – NYC consists of five counties that are coextensive with the five NYC boroughs: Bronx Borough (Bronx County); Brooklyn Borough (Kings County); Manhattan Borough (New York County), Queens Borough (Queens County), and Staten Island Borough (Richmond County).

NEW YORK STATE – NYS consists of 62 counties.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – The Council acts as a neutral body to coordinate the state health, education and human services systems to ensure that all children and families in New York State have the opportunity to reach their potential. While the Council neither funds nor operates programs, it engages in both interagency policy development and research.

NUMBER – The number is the count of occurrences within a defined geographic area during a specified period of time. Numbers are used to determine the size of an occurrence in a particular location. Numbers, however, do not take the size of the population who could experience the occurrence into account. Therefore, numbers cannot show the probability of this occurring in the population. While numbers can compare the size of an occurrence within the same population group, numbers generally should not be used for comparisons, especially when comparison groups have differing population size or composition.

NUMERATOR – The numerator is the upper portion of a fraction that reflects the number of events within a geographic area and designated time.

OBJECTIVE – An objective outlines strategic conditions to be attained as a means of achieving an over-reaching goal, the state of affairs that a plan is intended to achieve.

PERCENT – A percent reflects the occurrence per 100 of the population and can be expressed in other formats (e.g., 25% can also be expressed as 25 in 100, one quarter, or 1 in 4). To compute a percent, divide the number of occurrences by the total population who could experience the occurrence and multiply by 100.

PERCENT CHANGE – By accessing base and current period data, the user is able to determine the percent of change between two periods of time. To calculate a percent change, find the difference between the current year rate and base year rate [subtract the base rate from the current rate], then divide the difference by the base year and multiply by a standardized multiplier (100 is used as the multiplier to present the change as a percent). The difference between the rates can show an increase (positive number) or decrease (negative number) and depending on the indicator, can depict a negative or positive change.

PERCENT DIFFERENCE – By accessing base and current period data, the user is able to determine the percent of change between two periods of time. To calculate a percent difference, subtract the base rate from the current year. The difference between the rates can show an increase (positive number) or decrease (negative number) and depending on the indicator, can depict a negative or positive difference.





PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS)

CASES OPENED FOR SERVICES – Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) are juveniles less than 18 years of age for whom complaints were filed with local probation departments because of non-criminal misconduct, such as truancy from school, incorrigibility, ungovernability or habitual disobedience. Complainants in these cases are generally parents or school officials who are seeking the formal intervention of the family court to control a juvenile's misconduct. PINS cases are recorded in the county in which a PINS complaint is filed. Since only the aggregate number of cases is reported by local probation departments to the State, it is impossible to present frequencies and rates by age categories. The rate for PINS cases is calculated by dividing the number of PINS cases opened by an estimate of youth 10 through 17 years of age; the population of youth less than 10 years of age was excluded, because few PINS complaints are filed for juveniles in this lower age category.

PETITION – Petition refers to the document that is filed with the court for child protection proceedings. The petition contains the essential allegations (charges) of abuse or neglect that make up the petitioner's complaint about a particular child's situation.

POPULATION SOURCE – The population source identifies the source used to estimate the total population who could experience the occurrence, frequently referred to as "population at risk" for traditional indicators (pertains to the denominator data used to calculate the percent or rate) e.g., all people, children, youth or labor force in a given geographic area.

PROPERTY AND VIOLENT INDEX CRIMES

KNOWN TO THE POLICE – New York State Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Index Crimes include serious property and violent crimes reported or otherwise known to the police. Property index crimes include burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Violent index crimes include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. A reported crime is recorded in the jurisdiction where it occurs, and only the most serious offense that was committed during a criminal incident is recorded. The crime rate is the number of reported UCR index crimes divided by an estimate of the general population and multiplied by 1,000.

RACE/ETHNICITY – The 2000 Census, in an effort to better reflect the country's growing diversity, gave respondents the option of self-selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities. Respondents indicating only one race are referred to as race alone population or the group that reported only one race category. Six categories make up this population: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and Some Other Race. Individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are referred to as the Two or More Races population. All respondents who indicated more than one race can be collapsed into the Two or More Races category. The six One Race Alone categories with the Two or More Races category produce seven mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories and tally the sum of the total population. Race categories include: "White" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as "White" or wrote in entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab or Polish.; "Black or African American" refers to people having



origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Black, African American or Negro,” or wrote in entries such as African American, Afro American, Nigerian or Haitian.; “American Indian and Alaska Native” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South American (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. It includes people who indicated their race or races by making this category or writing in their principal or enrolled tribe, such as Rosebud Sioux, Chippewa or Navajo.; “Asian” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Asian Indian,” “Chinese,” “Filipino,” “Korean,” “Japanese,” “Vietnamese,” or “Other Asian,” or wrote in entries such as Burmese, Hmong, Pakistani or Thai.; “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Native Hawaiian,” “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan” or “Other Pacific Islander,” or wrote in entries such as Tahitian, Mariana Islander or Chuukese.; “Some other Race” was included in Census 2000 for respondents who were unable to identify with the five Office of Management and Budget race categories. Respondents who provided write-in entries such as Moroccan, South African, Belizean, or a Hispanic origin (e.g., Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban) are included in the Some Other Race category.; “Two or More Races” includes individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are referred to as the “Two or more races” population or as the group that reported more than one race. All respondents who indicated more than one race can be collapsed into the “Two or more races” category.

RATE – A rate is a measure of some event, disease, or condition in relation to a unit of population, along with some specification of time. Rates provide a standardized means of comparing the prevalence of an indicator over time and across different geographical areas (e.g., counties, states). Therefore, rates provide an excellent way to measure progress towards meeting goals and standards. To compute a rate, first divide the number of occurrences (the numerator) by the total population who could experience the occurrence (the denominator), then multiply by a standardizing multiplier. Indicators in this data book utilize the following multipliers: 1,000; 10,000; or 100,000 and are reported as per 1,000; per 10,000; and per 100,000, respectively. However, rates calculated in this manner are called crude rates and have not taken into consideration possible differences in population characteristics necessary for comparisons.

REST OF STATE – Rest of State consists of 57 counties, representing New York State counties (62 minus New York City counties (5).

SEX – Sex refers to an individual’s gender classification: male or female.

SMALL NUMBERS – Rates are sensitive to variations in the size of both the numerator (the number of occurrences) and the denominator (the estimated population who could experience the occurrence). KWIC reminds users that rates and percents based on fewer than 20 occurrences may exhibit significant variation from one year to the next. This variation is often referred to as “not stable.”

STANDARD DEVIATION – The standard deviation measures the spread of the distribution of county percents or rates and shows the average variability in population from the mean. It is defined as the square root of the variance.





THREE-YEAR AVERAGING – For indicators with relatively rare events in many counties, rates are presented as three-year averages. This is necessary to improve the stability of the data because rates are sensitive to variations in the size of both the numerator (the number of occurrences) and the denominator (the estimated population who could experience the occurrence) in small counties. The number is determined by adding the numbers and dividing by three. The mid-year population estimate is used as the denominator.

TIME PERIOD – The timeframe (e.g., base year, current year) for the majority of indicators in KWIC is the annual calendar year, January 1 through December 31. However, there are two exceptions: (1) the State Education Department generally collects data for the school year, July 1 through June 30 and (2) the rates for indicators with relatively rare events in many counties are presented as three-year averages. Three-year averaging is necessary to improve the reliability (or stability) of the data.

TOUCHSTONES – The Touchstones framework, established by the Council on Children and Families and its 12 member agencies, provides a holistic approach and is organized by six major life areas: economic security, physical and emotional health, education, citizenship, families, and communities. Each life area has a set of goals and objectives-representing expectations about the future, and a set of indicators-reflecting the status of children and families. This structure cuts across all service sectors and allows individuals and organizations with diverse missions to come together to improve outcomes for children and families.

UNEMPLOYMENT—RESIDENT CIVILIAN – Civilian unemployment is defined as adults 16 years of age and older who were not employed but were able, available and actively looking for work during the week including the 12th of the month. Individuals who were waiting to be recalled from a layoff and individuals waiting to report to a new job within 30 days were also considered unemployed. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed per 100 persons in the labor force (the sum of employed and unemployed). Rates represent the annual average.

UNIQUE CHILD – Unique child refers to an individual child who is included in an indicated report of child abuse or maltreatment. The number of children reflects unique children. The unique number, within New York City or Rest of State, will count a child only once during a year even if that child has more than one indicated abuse or maltreatment.

VITAL STATISTICS – Vital statistics are systematically tabulated information about births, marriages, divorces, and deaths (including fetal deaths), based on registration of these vital events. The registration of vital events is a State function. In New York State, the Department of Health maintains vital statistics and provides annual vital statistics records.

Additional Information



Sample of Other Commission Publications

Available online at <http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/justiceforchildren/publications>

Addressing the Educational Needs of Children in Foster Care: A Guide for Judges, Advocates and Child Welfare Professionals. 2006.

Opening the Door to Early Intervention for Abused and Neglected Children: A New CAPTA Requirement, *Child Law Practice* 23(3), May 2004.

Building Bridges for Babies in Foster Care: The Babies Can't Wait Initiative, *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Spring 2004.

Education Matters: Addressing the Educational Needs of Children in Foster Care. 2004.

Ensuring the Healthy Development of Infants in Foster Children: A Guide for Judges, Advocates and Child Welfare Professionals. 2004.

Building a Pathway to Well-Being: The Story of the Healthy Development Checklist for Children in Foster Care, *Zero to Three Bulletin* 22(5), April-May 2002.

Improving the Odds for the Healthy Development of Young Children in Foster Care: Promoting the Emotional Well-Being of Children and Families, *Policy Paper #2*, National Center on Children in Poverty. 2001.

A major child welfare resource...

The federal government's Child Welfare Information Gateway is among the numerous sources of information and data about child abuse and maltreatment and foster care. This resource is available at

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/index.cfm>.

The Child Welfare Information Gateway consolidates and builds upon the services formerly provided by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse.

To report child abuse and/or maltreatment in New York State...

Reports of suspected child abuse or maltreatment should be made immediately

– at any time of the day –

– on any day of the week –

by telephone to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (sometimes referred to as the State Central Register or SCR).

Child Abuse Hotline Numbers:

1-800-342-3720 (toll free)

or 1-518-474-8740

To learn about becoming a foster parent in New York State...

Visit the New York State Office of Children and Family Services website at

<http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/fostercare>.

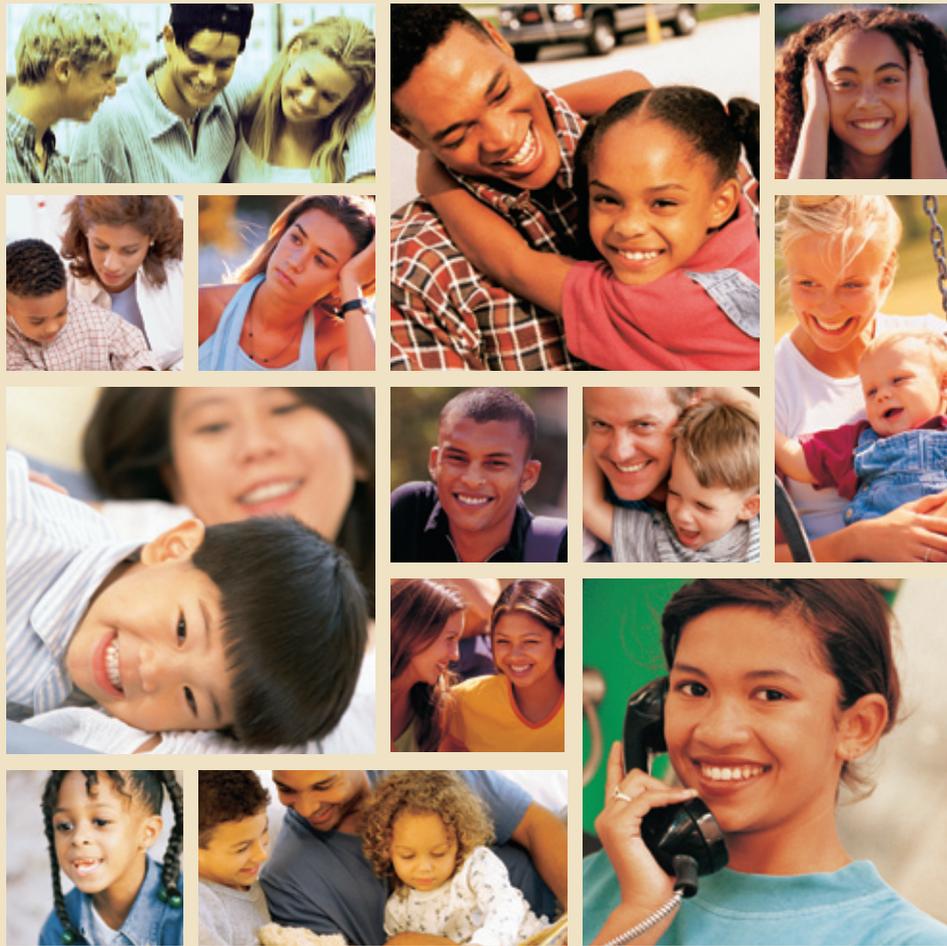
Information about New York State's foster care system and the needs of children in temporary out-of-home placement is available in English and Spanish.

For information on the Abandoned Infant Protection Act...

Visit the New York State Office of Children and Family Services website at

[http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/Pub4759\(AbandInfantGuidelines\).pdf](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/Pub4759(AbandInfantGuidelines).pdf)

or call -866-505-SAFE.



**For more child well-being indicators,
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