

2023 Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice and Child Care Voucher Snapshot

Community District 3, Lower East Side/Chinatown, Manhattan

	Citywide	Borough	Community District
Child Abuse and Neglect (CY 2023)			
Number of CARES Cases	10,057	1,398	127
Number of Investigations	42,864	5,769	569
Reporters (Investigations and CARES)			
Education	11,324	1,290	119
Social Service	9,799	1,372	139
Medical/Mental Health	5,013	723	73
Law Enforcement	9,974	1,445	150
Child Care/Substitute Care	682	123	17
Other Mandated	278	49	7
Non-Mandated	15,851	2,165	191
Allegations (Investigations Only)			
Educational Neglect Only	1,452	168	17
Educational Neglect with Other Allegations	2,655	374	38
Lack of Medical Care	4,116	566	71
Other Neglect	76,648	9,899	1,021
Physical Abuse	15,130	1,900	181
Psychological Abuse	1,017	131	15
Sexual Abuse	3,298	399	46
Substance Abuse	14,193	1,785	162
Other	2,138	134	10
Child Welfare Prevention Services (CY 2023)			
Families Receiving Prevention Services During the Year	13,726	1,772	189
Children Receiving Prevention Services During the Year	29,879	3,520	365
Foster Care (CY 2023 and December 31, 2023)			
New Entries to Foster Care From the Community, CY 2023	2,953	450	49
Children in Foster Care In the Community, December 31, 2023	6,337	640	96
Percent in Kinship Homes	45.1	45.6	41.7
Juvenile Justice (CY 2023)			
Detention Admissions From the Community	1,886	246	28
Close to Home Admissions From the Community	111	11	^
Child Care Vouchers (CY 2023)			
Children Receiving Child Care Vouchers During the Year	91,325	4,551	335
ACS-Issued Child Care Vouchers	63,429	3,028	212
HRA-Issued Child Care Vouchers	27,896	1,523	123
Population Rates per 1,000 Child Population (CY 2023)			
Population <18 Years Old	1,740,142	230,655	18,955
Number of Children in Indicated Investigations	18,212	2,116	236
Population Rate/1,000 Children in Indicated Investigations	10.5	9.2	12.5
Children Receiving Prevention	29,879	3,520	365
Population Rate/1,000 Children in Prevention Services	17.2	15.3	19.3
Children Placed in Foster Care	2,953	450	49
Population Rate/1,000 Children Placed in Foster Care	1.7	2.0	2.6
Population 12-18 Years Old	691,020	90,497	8,744
Detention Admissions	1,886	246	28
Population Rate/1,000 Children Detention Admissions	2.7	2.7	3.2

^Values and related rates are not shown when they are between 1 and 5 to protect confidentiality.

Sources: Connections, Preventive Organization Management System (PROMIS), Child Care Review Services (CCRS), Juvenile Detention Automation System (JDAS), Juvenile Justice Information Systems (JJIS), Automated Child Care Information System (ACCIS), 2020 Census Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF) from <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2024/dec/2020-census-ppmf.html#data>

Notes:

1) Rate definitions: rates are calculated by dividing the program counts by the total population of children citywide and in specific boroughs/community districts, multiplied by 1,000. The population of children under 18 years old is used for children in indicated investigations, prevention and foster care. The population of youth 12-18 is used for detention. The program counts are defined as follows: children in indicated investigations are unique children in investigations with a preponderance of evidence of abuse and/or neglect; children receiving prevention are unique children in child welfare prevention cases during the year; foster care placements are unique children placed in foster care during the year excluding those placed in Close to Home; and detention admissions are unique youth admitted to detention during the year.

2) Allegations are counted once per child per individual allegation. A child may have one or more individual allegations in an allegation category. Individual investigations often include multiple allegations. Allegations are grouped as follows: Physical Abuse - burn, fatality, fracture, choking, twisting, shaking, excessive corporal punishment, internal injuries, lacerations, bruises, welts, poisoning, noxious substances; Educational Neglect – educational neglect; Lack of Medical Care – lack of medical care; Other Neglect - inadequate guardianship, inadequate food, clothing, shelter, lack of supervision, malnutrition, failure to thrive, swelling, dislocations, sprains; Psychological Abuse - isolation, emotional neglect; Sexual Abuse/Trafficking – sexual abuse, sex trafficking; Substance Abuse - parental drug use, child drug use; and Other -abandonment, inappropriate custodial conduct, labor trafficking.