

2023 Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice and Child Care Voucher Snapshot

Community District 5, Ridgewood/Maspeth, Queens

	Citywide	Borough	Community District
Child Abuse and Neglect (CY 2023)			
Number of CARES Cases	10,057	1,733	86
Number of Investigations	42,864	10,080	531
Reporters (Investigations and CARES)			
Education	11,324	2,873	180
Social Service	9,799	2,150	104
Medical/Mental Health	5,013	1,137	68
Law Enforcement	9,974	2,079	99
Child Care/Substitute Care	682	138	10
Other Mandated	278	65	^
Non-Mandated	15,851	3,371	153
Allegations (Investigations Only)			
Educational Neglect Only	1,452	293	10
Educational Neglect with Other Allegations	2,655	455	26
Lack of Medical Care	4,116	921	44
Other Neglect	76,648	16,785	776
Physical Abuse	15,130	3,351	193
Psychological Abuse	1,017	270	17
Sexual Abuse	3,298	665	37
Substance Abuse	14,193	3,039	157
Other	2,138	710	41
Child Welfare Prevention Services (CY 2023)			
Families Receiving Prevention Services During the Year	13,726	2,605	129
Children Receiving Prevention Services During the Year	29,879	5,479	249
Foster Care (CY 2023 and December 31, 2023)			
New Entries to Foster Care From the Community, CY 2023	2,953	509	14
Children in Foster Care In the Community, December 31, 2023	6,337	1,011	34
Percent in Kinship Homes	45.1	44.3	58.8
Juvenile Justice (CY 2023)			
Detention Admissions From the Community	1,886	366	11
Close to Home Admissions From the Community	111	24	^
Child Care Vouchers (CY 2023)			
Children Receiving Child Care Vouchers During the Year	91,325	9,623	493
ACS-Issued Child Care Vouchers	63,429	7,733	433
HRA-Issued Child Care Vouchers	27,896	1,890	60
Population Rates per 1,000 Child Population (CY 2023)			
Population <18 Years Old	1,740,142	456,007	33,758
Number of Children in Indicated Investigations	18,212	4,038	183
Population Rate/1,000 Children in Indicated Investigations	10.5	8.9	5.4
Children Receiving Prevention	29,879	5,479	249
Population Rate/1,000 Children in Prevention Services	17.2	12.0	7.4
Children Placed in Foster Care	2,953	509	14
Population Rate/1,000 Children Placed in Foster Care	1.7	1.1	0.4
Population 12-18 Years Old	691,020	185,020	13,729
Detention Admissions	1,886	366	11
Population Rate/1,000 Children Detention Admissions	2.7	2.0	0.8

^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 (JUIS), 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.