















GROWING UP IN NEW YORK

What's Working and What's Not

SEVEN UP

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|  | 4 th Grade Literacy | 70% of all 4 th -graders were found to be proficient in reading. |
|  | Health Coverage | The share of uninsured children in New York State has dropped from 14% to 9% since 1994, primarily as a result of public health expansion. |
|  | Teen Motherhood | New York's teen motherhood rate fell from 4.2% to 2.7% over the past decade, remaining much lower than the national average of 4.1%. |
|  | Self-Inflicted Injuries and Suicides | The rate of self-inflicted injury hospitalizations among teens 15-19 years of age dropped by 27% from 1996 to 2003. The teen suicide rate dropped as well. |
|  | Children rising out of poverty | Between 1997 and 2001, the share of children in low-income families dropped from 46% to 39%. The trend has reversed course over the past two years, however. |
|  | Earned Income Tax Credit | The average EITC payment for families with children has risen from \$100 in 1994 to more than \$600 in 2003. EITC is regarded as the most effective subsidy program for low-income working families. |
|  | Foster Care Placement | Between 2000 and 2004, the number of children in foster care dropped by 31%. |

SEVEN DOWN

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|  | 8th Grade Literacy | 48% of all 8 th -graders were found to be proficient in reading, compared to 70% in 4 th grade |
|  | Literacy of Children with Disabilities | Only 28% of 4 th -grade children with disabilities were found to be proficient in reading, dropping to 10% by 8 th grade. |
|  | Minority Graduation Rate | Only one-third of Blacks and Hispanics graduate high school in four years, compared to three-quarters of whites. |
|  | Early Prenatal Care | Only six in ten teen mothers in New York receive prenatal care, less than the national average, and the rate has not improved since 1997. |
|  | Poor Children Receiving Public Assistance | Public assistance enrollment among children in poverty dropped from 69% in 1993 to 36% in 2004, exposing thousands of poor children to hunger, homelessness and other hardships. |
|  | Maltreatment Reports | Only one out of six families reported for possible child maltreatment receives helpful services that could prevent future maltreatment. |
|  | Disconnected Youth | 8% of all youth aged 16-19 are not in school or employed. These youth are disconnected from the working world at the most crucial time – their transition to adulthood. |