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**News from the 2010 KIDS COUNT Data Book  
New York's Kids – Opportunities and Well-Being Status**

Our ability to progress as a state depends on the degree to which we can create opportunities for all children to succeed. New York ranks 15th nationally in the *2010 KIDS COUNT Data Book*, a state-by-state study on the well-being of America's children. The *Data Book* reveals that New York improved on five measures affecting child well-being since 2000. On one measure, conditions worsened for New York's kids. Conditions remained unchanged on two measures, and two others were not comparable to previous years.

The 21st annual *Data Book* is complemented by the expanded KIDS COUNT Data Center, which contains hundreds of measures of child well-being and allows users to create maps and graphs of the data at the national, state, county, and city level. To access information for New York go to <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/ny>.

**New York's teen death rate is second lowest in the country.**

In 2007, the teen death rate in New York was 39 deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19—tying the state for second nationally on this measure. New York's 2007 rate is 17 percent lower than it was in 2000 and 9 percent below the 2006 rate.

**New York ranks in the top 10 nationally on four indicators.**

Besides tying for second on the teen death rate, New York ranked sixth nationally on both the child death rate and the teen birth rate; and 10th on the infant mortality rate and the percentage of teens who were not enrolled in school and were not high school graduates.

**New York fares worse than the national average on two economic-related indicators.**

The share of children in New York living in families where no parent had full-time, year-round employment was 28 percent in 2008, which is slightly above the 27 percent share for the United States. The state's child poverty rate, which held between 2000 and 2008, is 19 percent, just above the national rate of 18 percent.

**New York shows significant decrease in share of teens not in school and not high school graduates.**

The percentage of teens ages 16-19 in New York who were not enrolled in school and were not high school graduates has fallen significantly, from 9 percent in 2000 to 5 percent in 2008