

Early Intervention Services

The DOHMH Bureau of Early Intervention provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers from birth to age 3 who have been diagnosed with a physical or mental condition that will likely result in a developmental delay. Children may also be eligible if their families suspect they have a developmental delay or disability but have not yet received a diagnosis. The Early Intervention Program is free and available to all eligible New York families, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, or immigration status.

As shown in the table below, in calendar year 2021, a total of 8,076 infants and toddlers with an ASD diagnosis received Early Intervention services in New York City. This number represents a 15% increase from the number in 2020. This is a return to pre-pandemic trends; there had been a steady increase in ASD diagnoses until 2020.

For the Early Intervention Program, data is reported by United Hospital Fund (UHF) neighborhood. Representative Zip Codes for each UHF neighborhood are included in the table (Because UHFs represent small populations and even smaller 0-3 populations, large percentage changes may actually reflect a small number of children).

The DOHMH does not have New York City or New York State-specific data on ASD prevalence, as ASD is not a reportable condition; and there is no national data specific to prevalence among children 0-3. Therefore, it cannot be certain whether these data indicate that there have been similar changes in prevalence in NYC, or only changes in identification and service use. Research in this field indicates that there is an increased awareness of autism in the community as well as among healthcare professionals, thereby increasing the identification of a condition that was always present.

UHF Name	UHF Zip Codes	# of Children with ASD Served CY 2020	# of Children with ASD Served CY 2021	% Change
Bronx		1,917	2,049	7%
Kingsbridge - Riverdale	10463, 10471	76	92	21%
Northeast Bronx	10464, 10466, 10469, 10470, 10475	188	191	2%
Fordham - Bronx Park	10458, 10467, 10468	384	396	3%
Pelham - Throgs Neck	10461, 10462, 10465, 10472, 10473	407	461	13%
Crotona - Tremont	10453, 10457, 10460	357	360	1%
High Bridge - Morrisania	10451, 10452, 10456	299	312	4%
Hunts Point - Mott Haven	10454, 10455, 10459, 10474	206	237	15%
Brooklyn		2,095	2,447	17%
Greenpoint	11211, 11222	27	31	15%
Downtown - Heights - Slope	11201, 11205, 11215, 11217, 11231	83	101	22%



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Bedford Stuyvesant - Crown Heights	11212, 11213, 11216, 11233, 11238	218	258	18%
East New York	11207, 11208	175	191	9%
Sunset Park	11220, 11232	136	152	12%
Borough Park	11204, 11218, 11219, 11230	277	302	9%
East Flatbush - Flatbush	11203, 11210, 11225, 11226	181	230	27%
Canarsie - Flatlands	11234, 11236, 11239	169	229	36%
Bensonhurst - Bay Ridge	11209, 11214, 11228	206	242	17%
Coney Island - Sheepshead Bay	11223, 11224, 11229, 11235	483	551	14%
Williamsburg - Bushwick	11206, 11221, 11237	140	160	14%
Manhattan		684	803	17%
Washington Heights - Inwood	10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10040	195	222	14%
Central Harlem - Morningside Heights	10026, 10027, 10030, 10037, 10039	108	140	30%
East Harlem	10029, 10035	92	121	32%
Upper West Side	10023, 10024, 10025	55	58	5%
Upper East Side	10021, 10028, 10044, 10128	44	53	20%
Chelsea - Clinton	10001, 10011, 10018, 10019, 10020, 10036	53	45	-15%
Gramercy Park - Murray Hill	10010, 10016, 10017, 10022	26	32	23%
Greenwich Village - Soho	10012, 10013, 10014	5	15	200%
Union Square - Lower East Side	10002, 10003, 10009	76	84	11%
Lower Manhattan	10004, 10005, 10006, 10007, 10038, 10280	30	33	10%
Queens		1847	2187	18%
Long Island City - Astoria	11101, 11102, 11103, 11104, 11105, 11106	97	133	37%
West Queens	11368, 11369, 11370, 11372, 11373, 11377, 11378	438	458	5%
Flushing - Clearview	11354, 11355, 11356, 11357, 11358, 11359, 11360	160	202	26%
Bayside - Little Neck	11361, 11362, 11363, 11364	57	65	14%



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Ridgewood - Forest Hills	11374, 11375, 11379, 11385	218	265	22%
Fresh Meadows	11365, 11366, 11367	106	108	2%
Southwest Queens	11414, 11415, 11416, 11417, 11418, 11419, 11420, 11421	235	263	12%
Jamaica	11412, 11423, 11430, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11435, 11436, 11001	291	379	30%
Southeast Queens	11004, 11005, 11411, 11413, 11422, 11426, 11427, 11428, 11429	141	179	27%
Rockaway	11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, 11695, 11697	104	135	30%
Staten Island		464	590	27%
Port Richmond	10302, 10303, 10310	86	110	28%
Stapleton - St. George	10301, 10304, 10305	127	169	33%
Willow brook	10314	73	80	10%
South Beach - Tottenville	10306, 10307, 10308, 10309, 10312	178	231	30%
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN with ASD SERVED		7,007	8,076	15%

