

Infographic by NGO Committee on Migration

CHILDREN IN MIGRATION MATTER

The Elmhurst & Corona Communities of Queens, NY



Children in Migration Matter Spring 2021 – Infographic

DEMOGRAPHICS

Elmhurst/Corona has the **LARGEST** share of immigrant households of any community district in New York City. It is located in the borough of Queens, the most diverse county in the United States.

– *Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)*

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83,663

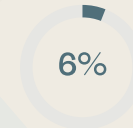
ELMHURST
(Population est.)

58,626

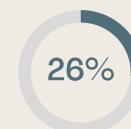
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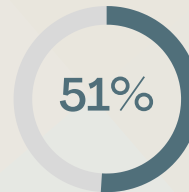
UNDER 5 YRS



UNDER 18 YRS



FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS



* LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (ELMHURST/CORONA)

MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE - SPANISH
SECOND MOST SPOKEN - CHINESE

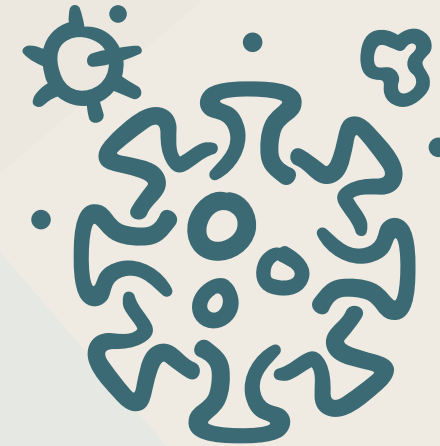
+ NYC Community Atlas (2020)
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+ Community Immigrant Fact Sheet
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* *Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)*

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Elmhurst/Corona has been at the epicenter of COVID-19 pandemic. Many immigrant workers and their families were devastated by illness and loss. Many day laborers (undocumented) lost their jobs and ability to provide for their families.



The percentage of frontline workers during the COVID- 19 pandemic who are immigrants:



The pandemic severely affects young children’s physical and mental health, their social and emotional development, safety, economic security, access to education, play, recreational activities and more (United Nations, 2020).

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+ [Covid-19 Immigrant \(Fact Sheet\)](#)

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+ [Excluded in the Epicenter \(Report\)](#)

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\$2.1B

NY STATE BUDGET

NY State Budget April 7, 2021- Financial aid to qualified workers, including undocumented immigrants

- \$ **2.1B** NY State Budget (FY 2022)
- \$ **1B** NY State Budget (FY 2022)
- \$ **29.5B** New York Schools
- \$ **16.4M** Liberty Defense Project / Office for New Americas
- \$ **15.4M** Communities (Awareness, Education on Vaccine)
- \$ **13.5M** AAPI Communities
- \$ **7.8M** Adult Literacy Education

+ Statement on State Adopted Budget (FY 2021-22)
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CARE

TEACHING, CAREGIVING, PLAY & RECREATION



50%

PRIMARY CAREGIVERS

In North Corona and East Elmhurst, more than 50% of households are headed by single parents, grandparents, or other guardians.



BONDING TIME

* Caregivers expressed the desire for greater leisure time for families to spend together, especially in the face of long working hours to meet basic economic needs.

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PLAY & RECREATION

Caregivers expressed the need for safe spaces for their children to play and congregate.

* Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

According to caregivers who participated in Citizens' Committee for Children of New York's community-based assessment, there is a need for more opportunities to participate in activities in the community, including skills training and language classes. Additionally, there is a need to strengthen community services for all ethnic groups.

- *Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)*

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According to the Queens Library, during Covid-19, only those with computers or smartphones have had access to online programs.

- Queens Library (2021)



IN-PRACTICE

+ Queens Library /Lefrak City Programs

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ACCESS

NUTRITION, DAYCARE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELL-BEING

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EDUCATION

47% of 3- and 4-year-olds in Elmhurst/Corona are enrolled in early education programs, compared to 62% across all of New York City.

According to local residents desiring success for their children, demand exceeds program slot availability.

60% of all children enrolled through the NYC Early Learn system are 3- and 4-year-olds. Infants and toddlers are almost exclusively in family child care settings.

Exposure of parents and/or caregivers to instability, stress and lack of resources can make it difficult to provide their children with protection and the nurturing care they need.

- Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)

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IN-PRACTICE

The Ackerman Institute for the Family
Ackerman's programs are implemented in public and private school settings, Early Head Start and Head Start programs, foster care agencies, social service agencies, and at the Ackerman Institute.

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+ Bright Beginnings Program

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+ New STEAM-focused preschool in Corona (Opening Fall 2021)

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+ The Power of Two program

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

25% of adults in Elmhurst/Corona are without health insurance, compared to 12% in NYC. Additional public and private investment is needed to tackle mental health issues in culturally inclusive community care centers offering psychosocial support.

- + Language, Culture and Gender Lab

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- + Trauma Informed Care

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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAMS

27% reported making some changes in their operations in order to make the immigrant community feel safe about using their services.

Some clients have asked to be removed from the contact list or database for fear of losing out on a path to citizenship and deportation, which underscores the need to provide access and firewalls that protect identifying information for all.

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400,000+

NO INTERNET (New York City)

As of 2017, a total of 917,239 New York City households, or 29% of all city households, are without broadband internet access. These households are home to close to 2.2 million New Yorkers. In many communities, the digital divide runs much deeper. About 30% of hispanic and black New Yorkers lack broadband internet access, compared to 20% of White New Yorkers and 22% of Asian.

- + Census and the City 2020

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- + The New York Internet Master Plan

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STRESS

POVERTY, OVERCROWDING, SAFETY & VIOLENCE



POVERTY

27% of residents live in poverty in Elmhurst/Corona, compared with 20% of NYC residents. The situation has been exacerbated by the rise of COVID-19.

+ Community Health Profiles 2018

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New York's Child Tax Credit must close the gap for many children in immigrant families who are left out of the American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit reforms. Criteria for inclusion is limiting.

+ Child Tax Credit (CTC) Expansions

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+ The American Rescue Plan Fact Sheet

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HOUSING STRESS

21.8% of houses are overcrowded in Corona, 21% in Elmhurst, 9% in NYC.

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Crowded conditions increase child abuse and exploitation as well as domestic and gender-based violence.

- *Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (2019)*

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The Cost of Non-Intervention In Early Childhood

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NON-INTERVENTION



TRANSGENERATIONAL POVERTY

The costs of inaction in early childhood are estimated to be as great as 26% of the annual adult income, trapping families into transgenerational poverty (The Lancet).

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SOCIOECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES

Because of the pandemic, a much higher percentage of children are at risk of devastating physical, socioemotional and cognitive consequences over the course of their entire lives.

+ Pathways to Scale Early Childhood

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COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

The lack of access to community support, economic support, housing, and health care are all contributors to parental stress and impact a child's early development, which can transcend their genes (epigenetics) and can directly affect the development of the child's brain, their cognitive and socioemotional skills, as well as their mental and physical health.



INVESTMENTS

Investing in early childhood can have a high rate of return. Early childhood programs have been shown to markedly reduce governments expenditure in health care, public aid, child protective services, and criminal justice system (UNICEF).

+ Economics of Early Childhood Investments

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+ Early Moments Matter for Early Childhood

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NGO Committee on Migration

The NGO Committee on Migration (CoM) is a coalition of over 50 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who are in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and/or accredited with the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC). The NGO CoM seeks to realize justice for migrants, refugees, stateless persons, internally displaced persons, and trafficked persons. The Committee is a member of the Conference of Non Governmental Organizations (CoNGO).

- + In 2016 the CoM co-convened with the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) and the International Council of Voluntary Agency (ICVA) the global civil society Action Committee (AC) with the focus on strategies and collective advocacy to ensure the protection of migrants and refugees rights.
- + The CoM gave inputs into the development and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and worked with the Action Committee and the UN relevant Agencies to develop the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees.
- + In the 2020-2022 term, the CoM is focusing on four areas, each of which is being addressed by a Subcommittee:
 - Migrants in Vulnerable Situations / Mixed Migration
 - Xenophobia & Social Inclusion
 - Climate-Induced Displacement
 - Children in Migration



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