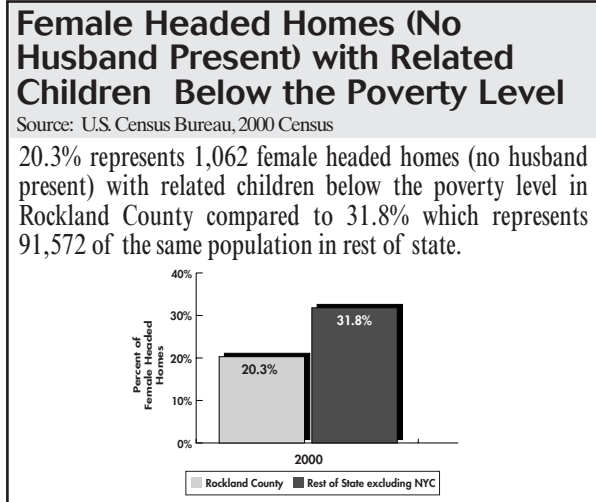
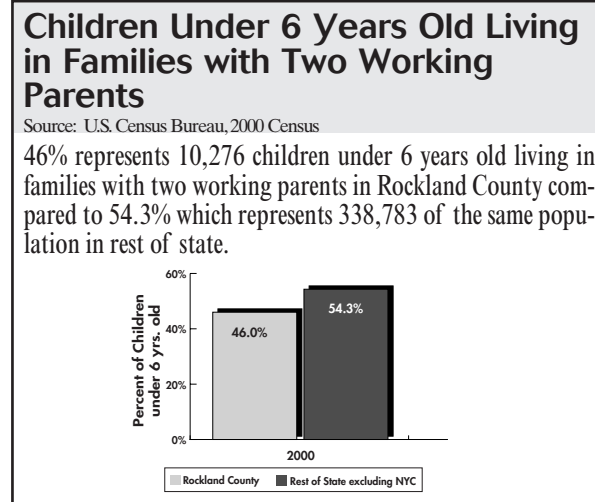
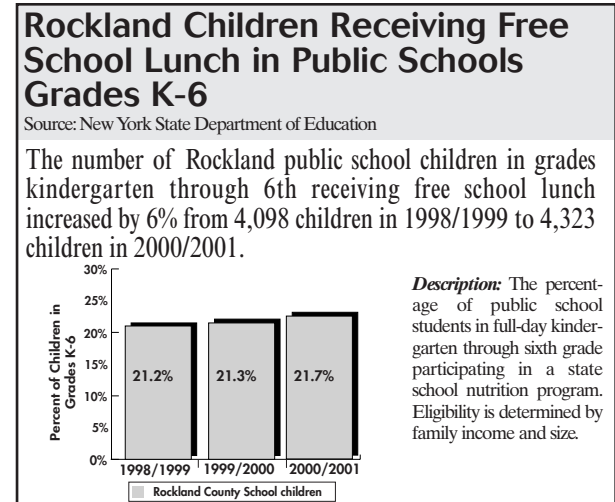
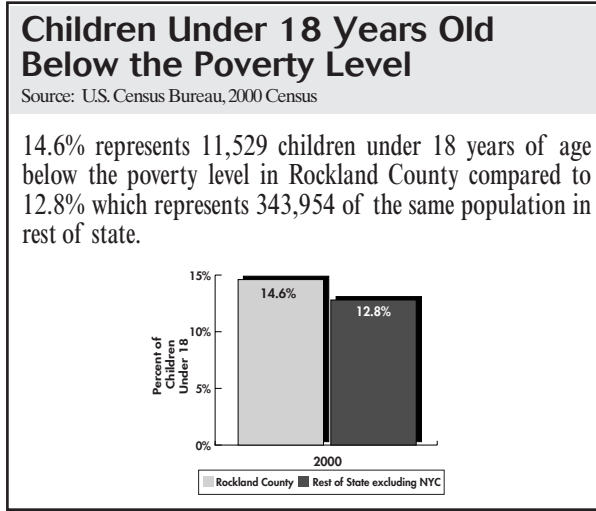
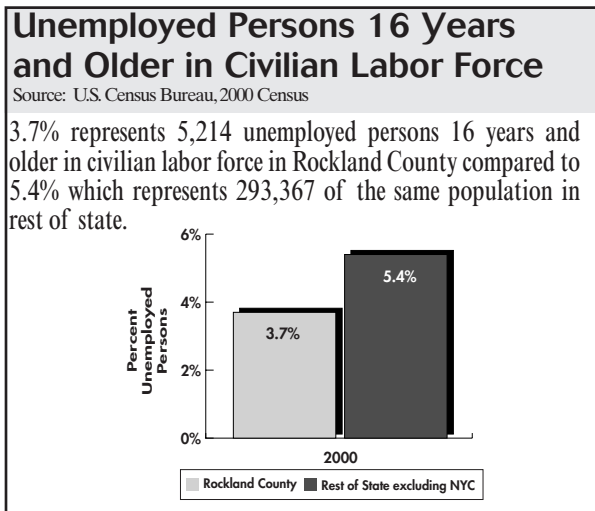
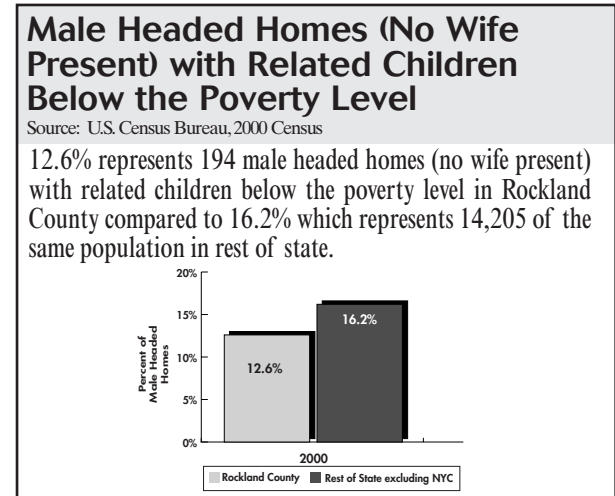
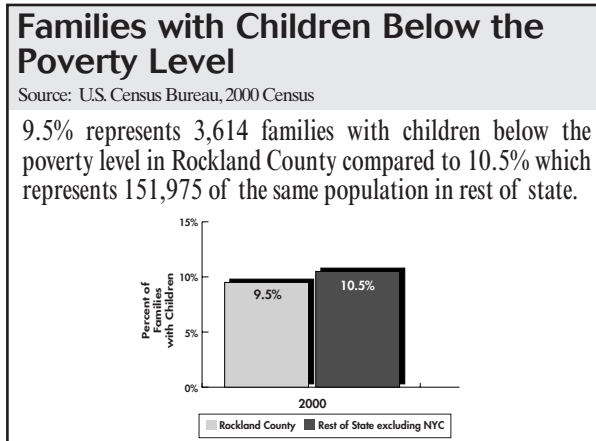
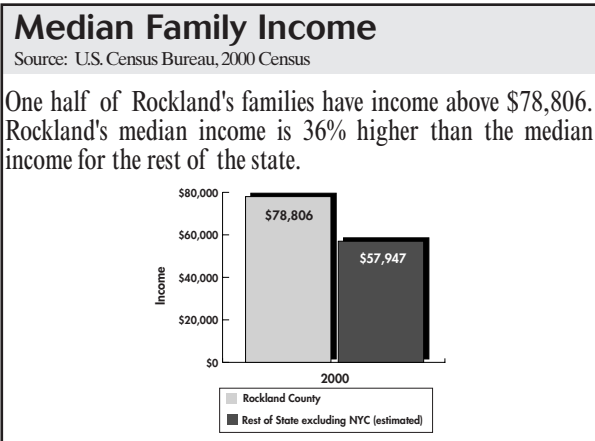


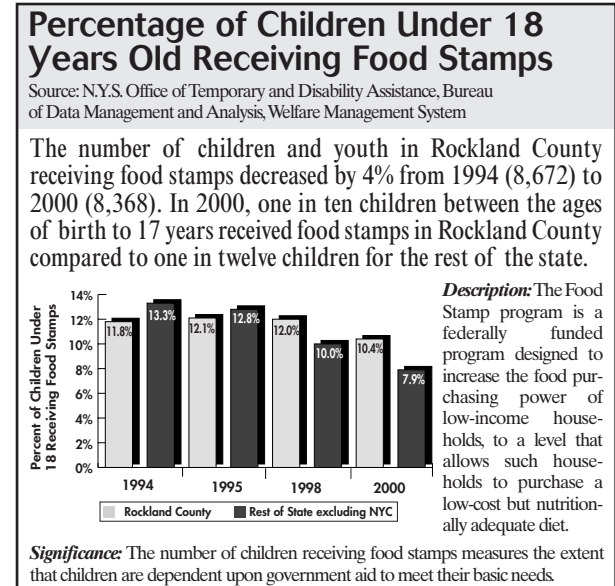
Economic Security



Goal: Children and youth will be raised in families with sufficient economic resources to meet their basic needs, and will be prepared for their eventual economic self-sufficiency.



Significance: The percent of children enrolled in the Free School Lunch Program can be used to indicate the percent of children living at a lower income level. Families eligible for free lunch are those at or below 130% of the federal poverty level.

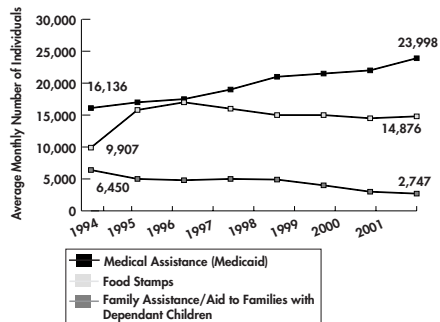


Economic Security

Average Monthly Number of Rockland Individuals Receiving Medical Assistance, Food Stamps and Family Assistance

Source: 1994 - 2001 Annual Reports, Rockland County Department of Social Services

While the average Rockland monthly number of individuals receiving Family Assistance/Aid to Families with Dependent Children was reduced by 57% from 1994 to 2001, the average monthly number of individuals receiving Medicaid and Food Stamps rose by 50%. As a result of welfare reform, a greater number of individuals are transitioning from welfare to work, resulting in this population becoming less dependent on cash assistance and more dependent on non-cash programs.



Description of Programs:

Medicaid - Federal program providing medical coverage to low-income families and individuals.

Food Stamps - Federal Department of Agriculture program supplementing low-income households with food purchasing accounts and school programs.

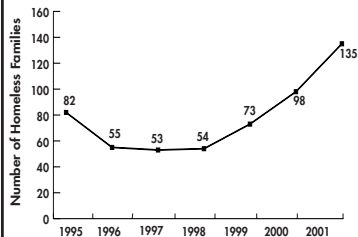
Family Assistance/Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Provides cash and in-kind aid to support needs of individuals and families.

Significance: The number of individuals receiving Medicaid, food stamp & public assistance measures the extent individuals are dependent upon government aid to meet their basic needs.

Rockland Homeless Families Placed in Emergency Housing

Source: 1995-2001 Annual Reports, Rockland County Department of Social Services.

The number of homeless families placed in emergency housing by the Rockland County Department of Social Services increased by 65% from 1995 (82 families) to 2001 (135 families).



Description: Families considered homeless by Rockland County Department of Social Services housing caseworkers and placed in emergency housing.

Significance: The number of emergency housing placements reflects the number of families who are homeless (because of lack of financial resources, evictions by landlord/primary tenant, alcohol/substance abuse problems/mental health problems, etc.) and are dependent on government aid to meet their basic housing needs.

