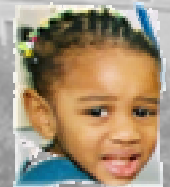
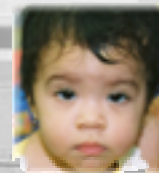
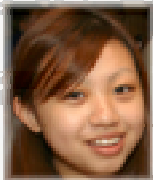




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Camden City Youth Services Commission, a division of CCYD, seeks to make a difference in the lives of children and families who reside in Camden, New Jersey. The mission of the CCYSC is to promote community collaboration that will provide the appropriate resources to meet the unique needs of each young person and his/her family, using an assets approach to service delivery.



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CAMDEN CITY CENSUS TRACTS



Source: U.S. Census 2000

SUMMARY AND DATA HIGHLIGHTS



Camden Claims Highest Child Poverty Rate in New Jersey

Camden City claims the highest percentage of children growing in poverty, when compared to every other city in the state. In 2000, 45 percent of the city's total child population lived in families that lacked the resources to provide their basic needs. This exceeds the percent of children in poverty in 25 of New Jersey's most impoverished cities, including Asbury Park (39%) and Newark (36%).

The city's child poverty rate also far exceeds the 15 percent rate in Camden County and 11 percent statewide rate. Camden City children represent 15.7 percent of the total child population in Camden County, but account for 62 percent of the county's children growing up in poor families.

The widespread effects of this extreme poverty are staggering. Camden children are more likely to die in infancy, be born to unmarried mothers, fail statewide tests and drop out of high school. In short, their chances of growing into healthy, productive adults remain much slimmer than children in other parts of the county and the state.

Camden Kids Count 2004 provides a snapshot of child well-being in one of New Jersey's most impoverished cities, in the hopes of helping both city and state policymakers make use of limited resources to help New Jersey's neediest children.

Here are some major findings documented in this report:

Camden a Young City

Thirty-five percent of Camden's population was under 18, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. In Camden County, however, only 27 percent of the population was under 18. Camden City also has a higher percentage of youth than Newark and Trenton (both with 28 percent under 18).

Fewer Children in Camden

While the percentage of Camden residents under 18 is high, Camden's total child population declined 15 percent from the 1990 to 2000 U.S. Census. From 1996 to 2002, total births in the city dropped 8 percent. The county, by comparison, posted a 2.3 percent increase in births during that time.

More Minority Children

Just 2.7 percent of Camden's children were white in 2000. Nearly half – 49.2 percent – were black, while Hispanics made up 44 percent of the child population.

Camden Families Still Struggle in Poverty

Earning just \$20,695 in 1999, Camden City families fell far below the county median family income of \$56,346. This meager income also falls short of meeting the 2002 self-sufficiency wage of \$28,000 – the annual income required for one parent to provide one child with adequate food, clothing, housing and other necessities. Nearly 20 percent of the Camden City labor force was unemployed in 2003, compared with 6 percent unemployment statewide.

Language Barriers

According to U.S. Census 2000, nearly 40 percent of Camden youth aged 5 to 17 primarily speak a language other than English at home.

Welfare, Food Stamps Numbers Drop

Mirroring statewide trends, the number of city children receiving welfare plummeted 35.8 percent from 1999 to 2004, but they still accounted for 66 percent of all Camden County children living in families on welfare.

At the same time, the number of city children receiving available nutritional supports also dropped. The number of children receiving food stamps dropped 10.2 percent from 1999 to 2004, while the number of city people receiving nutritional

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supplements from the Women, Infants, and Children program dropped 28.3 percent from 1999 to 2003.

Both the number and percent of children receiving free or reduced price lunch dropped for city children. In the 1998-1999 school year, 88 percent of Camden City children received this vital nutritional support, while just 80 percent were enrolled in the lunch program in the 2002-2003 school year. City advocates believe this is not due to decreased need, but rather lack of access to these important nutritional programs.

Poverty Sets Stage for School Failure

In the 2002-2003 school year, more than half of the city's fourth-graders failed both the language arts (55.1%) and math (58.1%) portion of the statewide tests. Nearly three-quarters failed the 8th grade language arts and math tests in the same year, while more than 85 percent failed the math test. More than 76 percent of 11th graders failed the math portion of the graduation tests, while 58 percent failed the language arts tests.

This translates to a graduation rate of just 36.7 percent in the 2002-03 school year, compared to 80.8 percent statewide, putting these children at a severe disadvantage to earn enough money to support their own families someday.

Other major findings include:

Infant deaths. In 2001, infant deaths accounted for 1.7 percent of all births in the city and 1 percent in the county.

Births to unmarried mothers represented 80 percent of total births in the city in 2002, compared to 29 percent statewide.

Low-weight births in Camden City declined from 13.2 percent of all births in 1996 to 12.1 percent in 2002. In Camden County, however, the percentage of low-weight births increased from 8.4 percent in 1996 to 9.2 percent in 2002.

Births to teens dropped more in the city than the county. The number of births to teens declined 22.1 percent in Camden City, compared to 13.6 percent in Camden County from 1996 to 2002. Teen births still represent 23 percent of total city births, compared to 12 percent in the county.

Out-of-home placements increased 17.4 percent in the city and 38.4 percent statewide from 2000 to 2004.

ACNJ encourages the use of this data to dig deeper into the problems that plague Camden youth and to forge ways to improve the lives of these children.

DEMOGRAPHICS



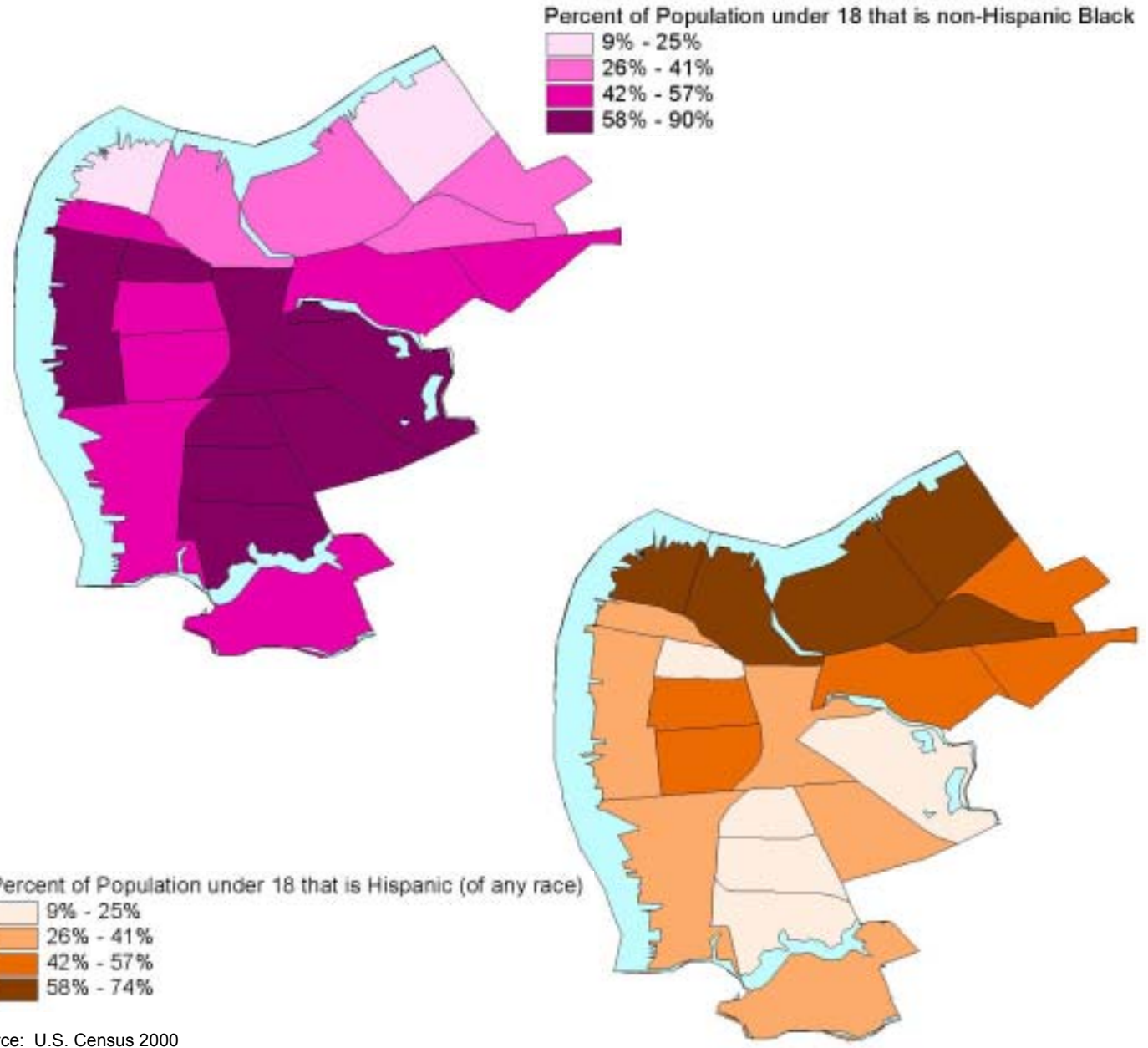
Population				
		Camden City	Camden Co.	New Jersey
Population	2000	79,904	508,932	8,414,350
	1990	87,492	502,824	7,730,188
	Population Change	-7,588	6,108	684,162
	Percent Change	-8.7%	1.2%	8.9%
Population Under 5	2000	7,724	34,411	563,785
Population Under 18 Years Old	2000	27,674	136,148	2,087,558
	1990	31,154	133,067	1,799,462
	Population Change	-4,968	3,081	288,096
	Percent Change	-15.2%	2.3%	16.0%
Living in Households	2000	27,599	135,666	2,081,371
Living in Single-Parent Household	2000	14,312	35,421	420,931
Living in Married Households	2000	7,111	84,681	1,459,095

Population Under 18 by Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin 2000				
		Camden City	Camden Co.	New Jersey
One Race (Not Hispanic Or Latino)	White or Caucasian	736	80,467	1,240,057
	Black or African-American	13,622	28,483	325,831
	American Indian and Alaska Native	47	201	3,089
	Asian	492	5,166	123,291
	Some other race	67	275	7,580
	Total One Race	14,964	114,592	1,699,848
Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)		484	2,801	48,916
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)		12,226	18,755	338,794

Source: U.S. Census 2000

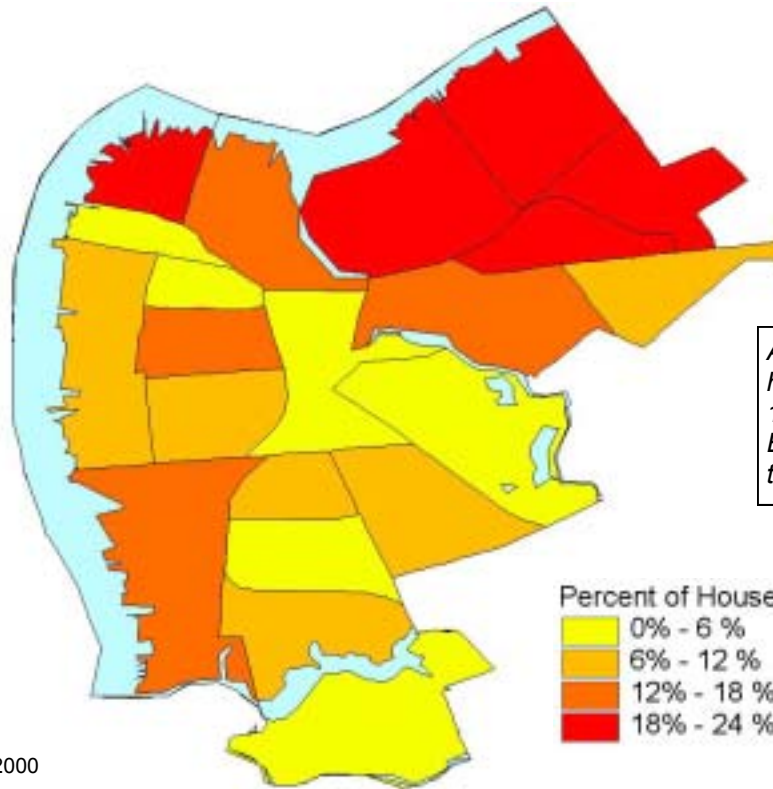
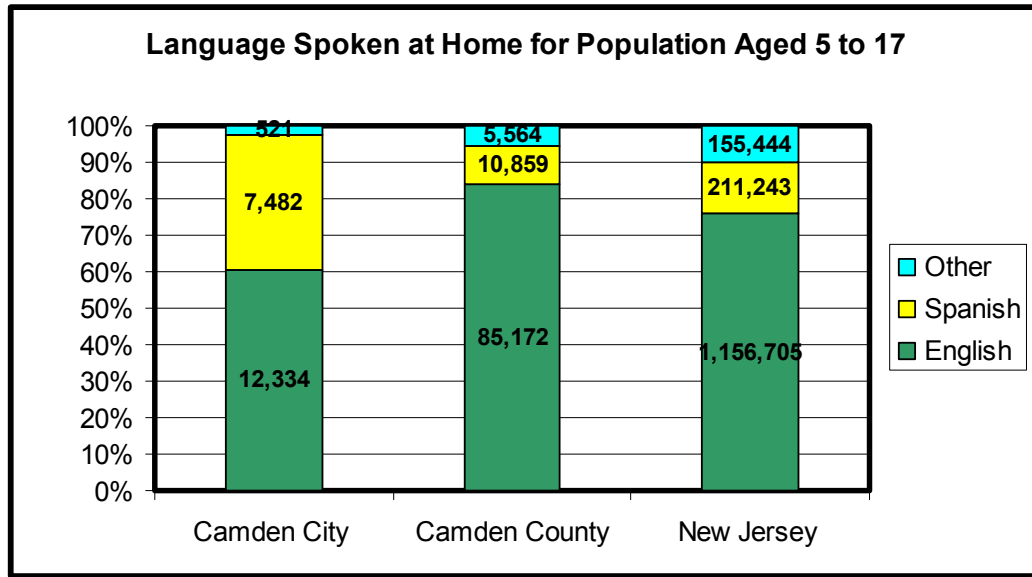
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Racial and Ethnic Breakdown of Children Under 18 in Camden



Source: U.S. Census 2000

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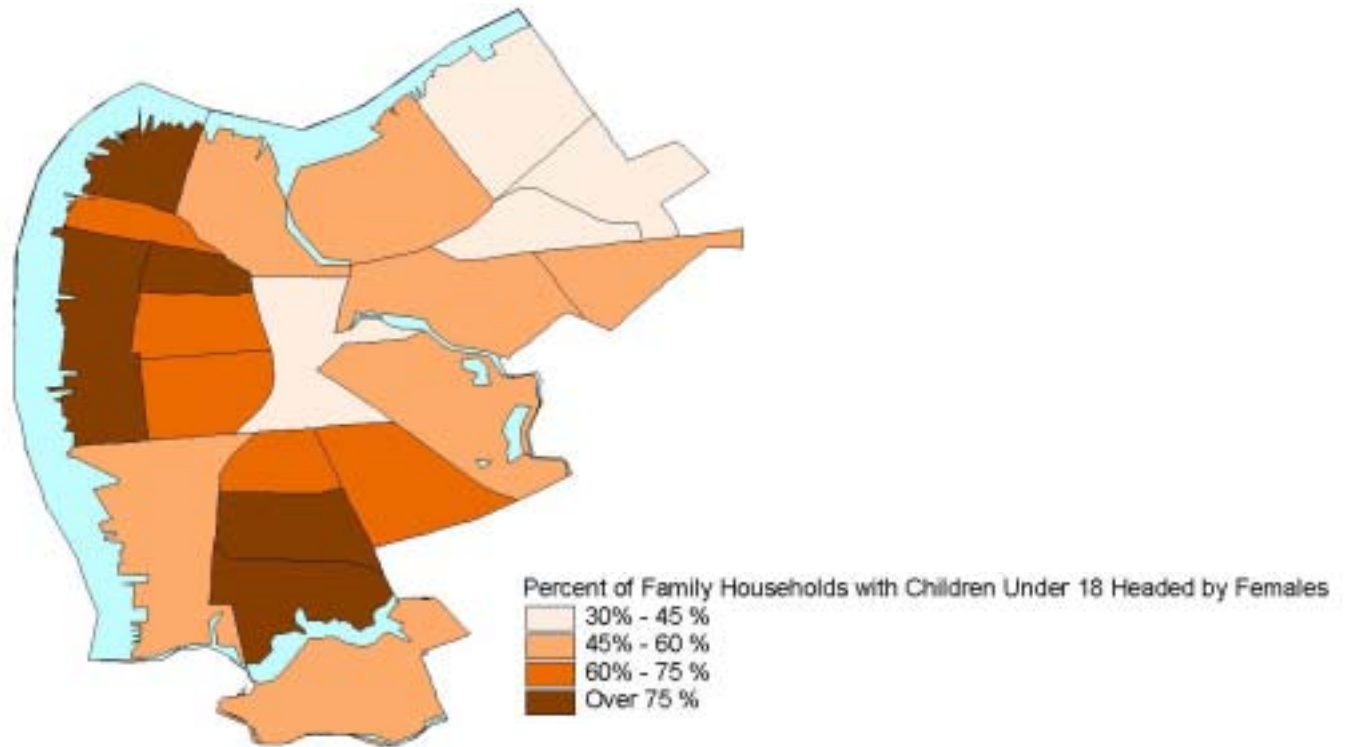


Source: U.S. Census 2000

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Family Type with Own Children Under 18 Years (2000 Census)			
	Camden City	Camden Co.	New Jersey
Married Couple	3,301	45,772	801,988
Male Householder, No Wife Present	1,156	3,977	52,595
Female Householder, No Husband Present	6,130	15,741	190,444

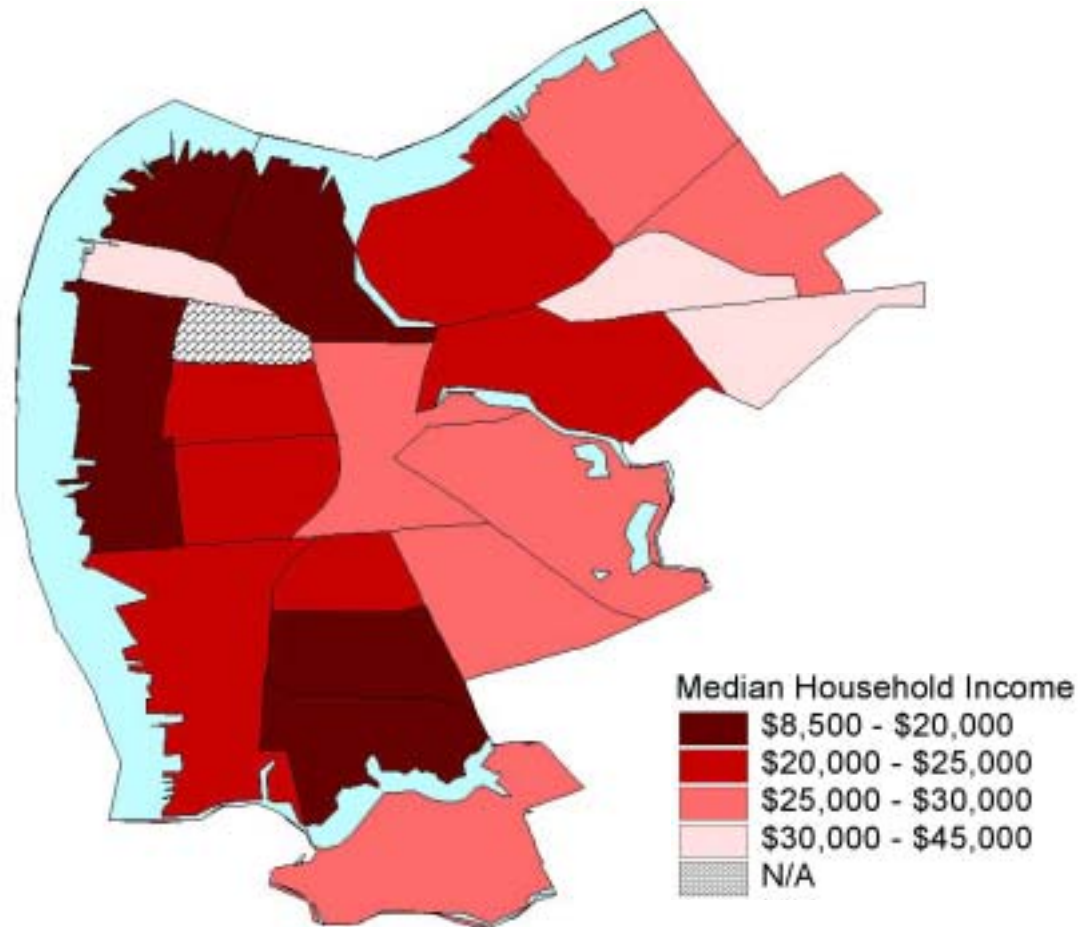
Children Under 18 Living with Relatives Other than Parents in Camden City		
	1990	2000
Number	5,235	5,355
Percent of Children Under 18	17 %	19 %



Source: U.S. Census 2000

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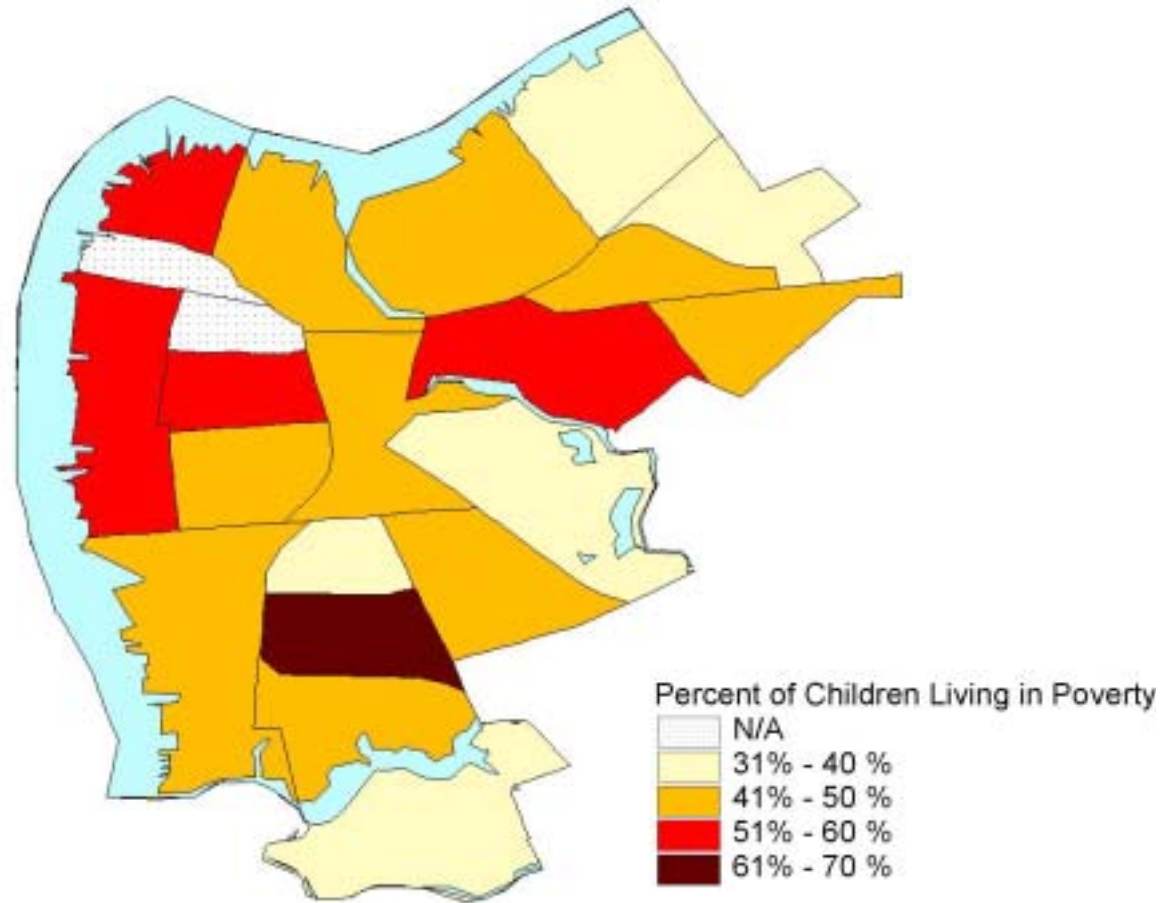
Income			
	Camden City	Camden Co.	New Jersey
Median Household Income 1999	23,421	48,097	55,146
Median Income for Families with Own Children 1999	20,695	56,346	65,282
Per Capita Personal Income 1999	9,815	22,354	27,006



Source: U.S. Census 2000

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Poverty			
	Camden City	Camden Co.	New Jersey
Number of all Persons Below Poverty 2000	26,786	52,121	699,668
<i>Percent</i>	36 %	10 %	8 %
Number of Persons Under 18 in Poverty 2000	12,333	19,770	227,754
<i>Percent</i>	45 %	15 %	11 %



Source: U.S. Census 2000

FAMILIES IN NEED

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)									
	Camden City			Camden Co.			New Jersey		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Federal EITC Claims	14,407	14,478	14,641	30,176	30,473	36,197	422,894	449,887	453,697
State EITC Claims	*	8,446	8,301	*	16,211	15,526	*	214,019	222,638

*The State Earned Income Credit benefit did not begin until 2001.
Source: Internal Revenue Service; NJ Department of the Treasury.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Number of Children Receiving Benefits			
	Camden City	Camden County	New Jersey
1999	7,806	10,866	101,168
2002	4,899	7,133	64,746
2003	5,156	7,695	65,601
2004	5,010	7,572	68,312
Percent Change 1999 - 2004	-35.8%	-30.3%	-32.5%

Food Stamps Number of Children Receiving Benefits			
	Camden City	Camden County	New Jersey
1999	13,065	18,499	175,767
2002	10,310	15,303	149,725
2003	10,983	16,825	160,810
2004	11,727	18,032	174,841
Percent Change 1999 - 2004	-10.2%	-2.5%	-0.5%

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Number of Children Receiving Benefits		
	Camden City	New Jersey
1999	8,012	149,468
2000	6,114	140,150
2001	5,758	148,046
2002	5,816	149,914
2003	5,747	152,941
Percent Change 1999 - 2003	-28.3%	2.3%

Source: NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development

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Children Receiving Medicaid/Family Care Benefits				
	Camden County		New Jersey	
	Medicaid	Family Care	Medicaid	Family Care
2002	17,614	1,919	377,941	96,732
2003	18,124	1,690	382,109	96,313
2004	18,430	1,998	389,650	104,277
Percent Change 2002 - 2004	4.6%	4.1%	3.1%	7.8%

Source: Office of Medicaid, Department of Human Services

National School Lunch Program Participation			
	Camden City	Camden County	New Jersey
1998/99	16,323	31,730	366,474
1999/00	15,622	30,901	364,912
2000/01	14,275	29,613	362,989
2001/02	13,606	29,365	373,360
2002/03	13,845	30,803	371,766
2003/04	13,393	30,688	371,744
Percent Change 1998 - 2004	-18.0%	-3.3%	1.4%

Source: Department of Education, Fall Survey Enrollment Data accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/data/> in October 2004.

Camden City Public Schools Percent of Students Enrolled— National School Lunch Program Participation				
1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
88%	85%	81%	78%	80%

Source: Bureau of Nutrition, Department of Agriculture

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Camden County Fair Market Rent (FMR)			
Annual Income Needed to Afford 2 BR apartment at FMR	Hourly Wage Needed	Percent of Persons Unable to Afford	Hours/ Week Necessary at \$5.15/ hr
\$35,680	\$17.15	54%	133

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach Report, 2003

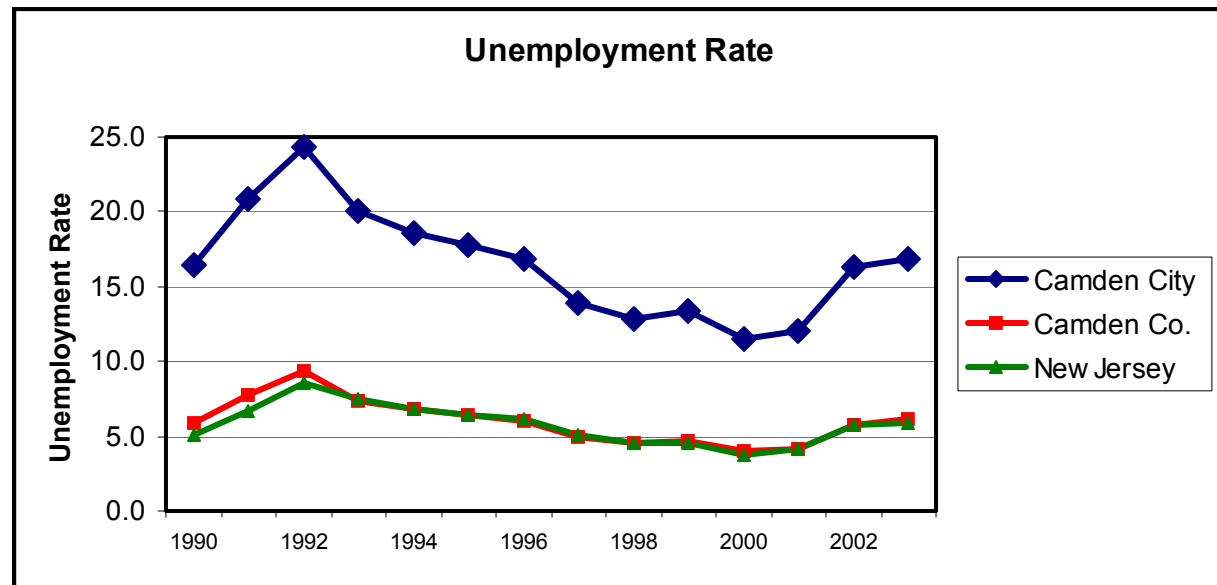
The Self Sufficiency Standard for Selected Family Types in Camden County 2002					
Monthly Expenses	One Adult, One Infant	One Adult, One Preschooler	One Adult, One Infant, One Preschooler	One Adult, One Infant, One Preschooler, One School Age	2 Adults, One Infant, One Preschooler
Housing	\$839	\$839	\$839	\$1,050	\$839
Child Care	\$510	\$543	\$1,052	\$1,383	\$1,052
Food	\$257	\$266	\$345	\$464	\$496
Transportation	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$108
Health Care	\$177	\$163	\$190	\$203	\$224
Miscellaneous	\$184	\$186	\$248	\$315	\$272
Taxes	\$413	\$424	\$568	\$745	\$588
Earned Income Tax Credit (-)	-\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Child Care Tax Credit (-)	-\$40	-\$40	-\$80	-\$80	-\$80
Child Tax Credit (-)	-\$50	-\$50	-\$100	-\$150	-\$100
Self Sufficiency Wage					
Hourly	\$13.29	\$13.55	\$17.71	\$22.64	\$9.66 per adult
Monthly	\$2,340	\$2,385	\$3,116	\$3,984	\$3,399
Annual	\$28,076	\$28,623	\$37,393	\$47,812	\$40,790

Source: The Real Cost of Living in 2002: The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New Jersey, Diana Pierce, Ph.D. with Jennifer Brooks, Legal Services of New Jersey, Poverty Research Institute, June 2002.

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Parental Employment Status in 2000 For children living with one or both parents						
	Children Ages 0 to 18			Children Ages 0 to 6		
	Camden City	Camden County	New Jersey	Camden City	Camden County	New Jersey
Living with Both Parents	6,922	86,920	1,492,477	2,134	26,754	500,252
<i>Both Parents in Labor Force</i>	2,644	55,047	880,105	758	15,018	256,930
<i>One Parent in Labor Force</i>	2,833	28,214	545,588	914	10,553	220,125
<i>No Parents in Labor Force</i>	1,445	3,659	66,784	462	1,183	23,197
Living with One Parent	17,176	40,758	488,574	5,686	12,289	146,834
<i>Parent in Labor Force</i>	11,003	30,519	368,821	3,351	8,557	105,334
<i>Parent Not in Labor Force</i>	6,173	10,239	119,753	2,335	3,732	41,500

Source: U.S. Census 2000 SF3



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



Births								
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1996-2002
Camden City	1,763	1,778	1,813	1,851	1,702	1,719	1,617	-8.3%
Camden County	6,909	7,100	7,067	7,114	7,028	7,003	6,748	-2.3%
New Jersey	114,335	113,332	113,850	113,810	115,542	115,769	114,642	0.3%

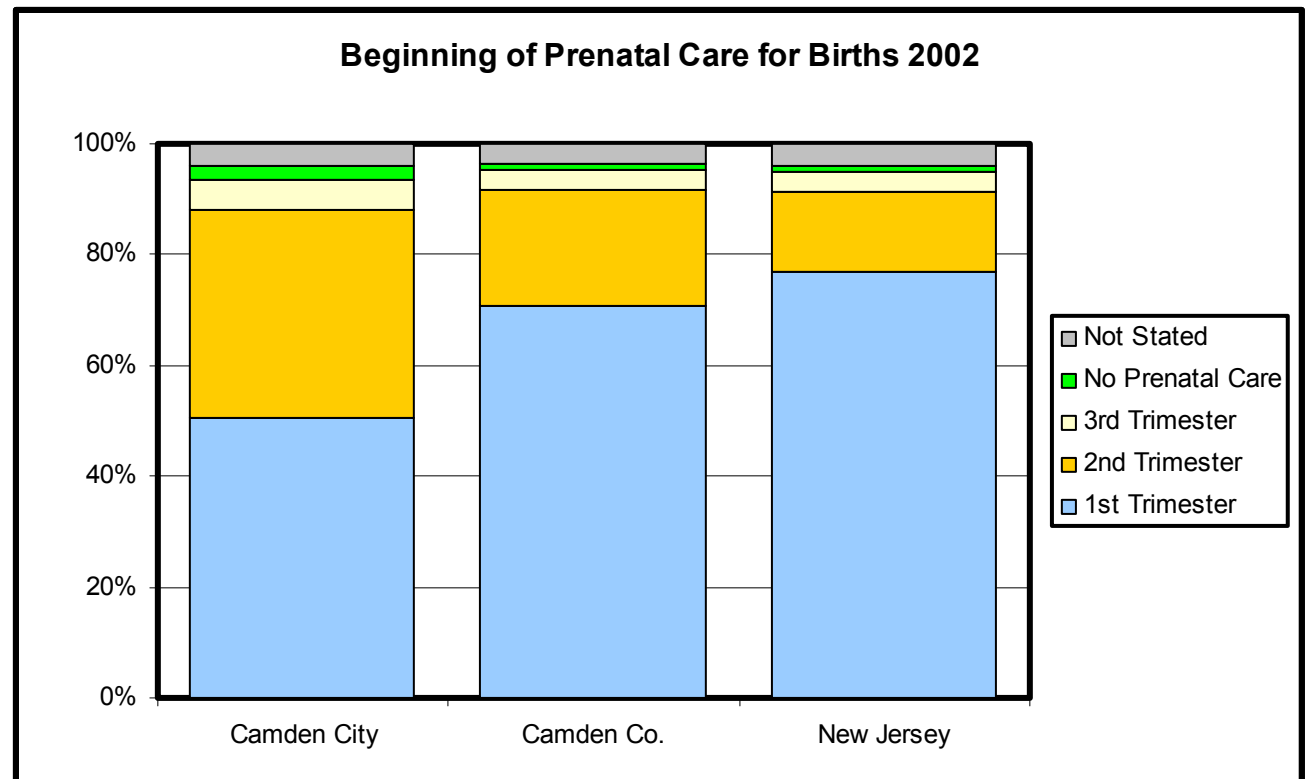
Births with a Low Birth Weight (< 2,500 grams)									
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1996-2002
Camden City	Number	232	233	233	222	185	222	196	-15.5%
	Percent of Births	13.2	13.1	12.9	12.0	10.9	12.9	12.1	
Camden County	Number	582	612	610	640	582	643	620	6.5%
	Percent of Births	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.0	8.3	9.1	9.2	
New Jersey	Number	8,556	8,687	8,862	9,059	8,702	8,929	8,921	4.3%
	Percent of Births	7.5	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.7	7.8	

Births with No Prenatal Care									
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1996-2002
Camden City	Number	54	69	51	54	48	46	39	-27.8%
	Percent of Births	3.0	3.9	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.9	
Camden County	Number	89	99	75	84	55	102	80	-10.1%
	Percent of Births	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.2	
New Jersey	Number	1,451	1,214	1,116	1,142	1,062	1,857	1,327	-8.5%
	Percent of Births	1.3	3.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.2	

Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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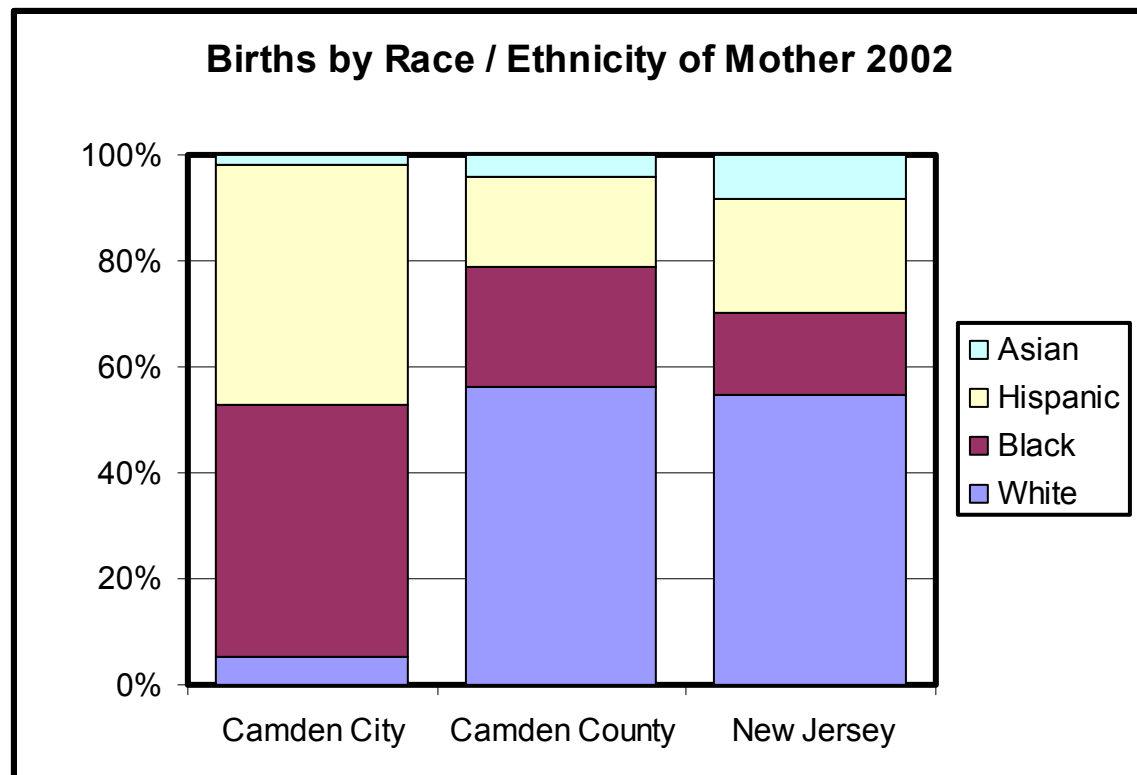
Beginning of Prenatal Care 2002 Numbers by trimester					
	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester	No Prenatal Care	Not Stated
Camden City	820	604	89	39	65
Camden County	4,772	1,417	249	73	237
New Jersey	88,210	16,637	4,148	1,292	4,355



Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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Births by Race/Ethnicity of Mother 2002						
	White Non-Hispanic	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	Other Non-Hispanic	Race Not Stated
Camden City	87	758	725	29	11	7
Camden County	3,761	1,519	1,130	289	31	18
New Jersey	62,379	17,662	24,250	9,556	611	184



Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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Mothers Engaged in Risk Behaviors During Pregnancy in 2002

	Smoking During Pregnancy		Drinking During Pregnancy		Drug Use During Pregnancy	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camden City	249	15.4	31	1.9	115	7.1
Camden County	899	13.3	70	1.0	200	3.0
New Jersey	9,556	8.3	1,182	1.0	1704	1.5

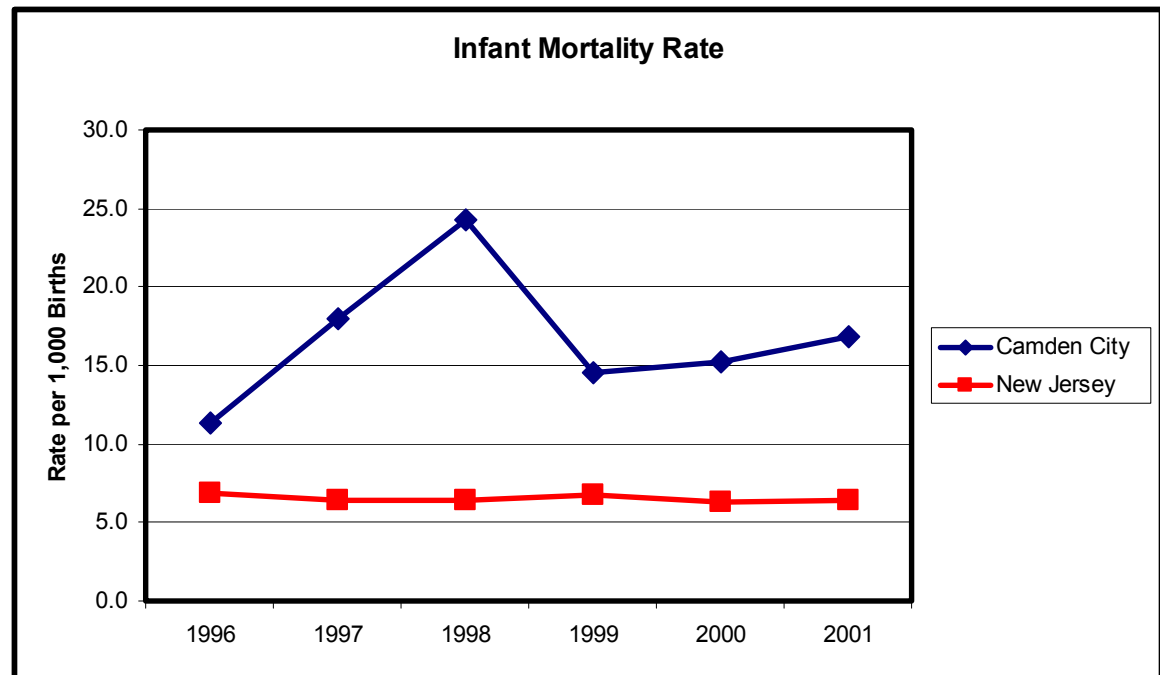
Births to Teens (Ages 15 to 19)

		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1996-2002
Camden City	Number	480	502	524	474	457	431	374	-22.1 %
	Percent of Births	27	28	29	26	27	25	23	
Camden County	Number	817	866	869	834	809	793	706	-13.6 %
	Percent of Births	14	15	15	15	14	14	12	
New Jersey	Number	8,624	8,624	8,661	8,148	8,027	7,652	7,328	-15.0%
	Percent of Births	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	

Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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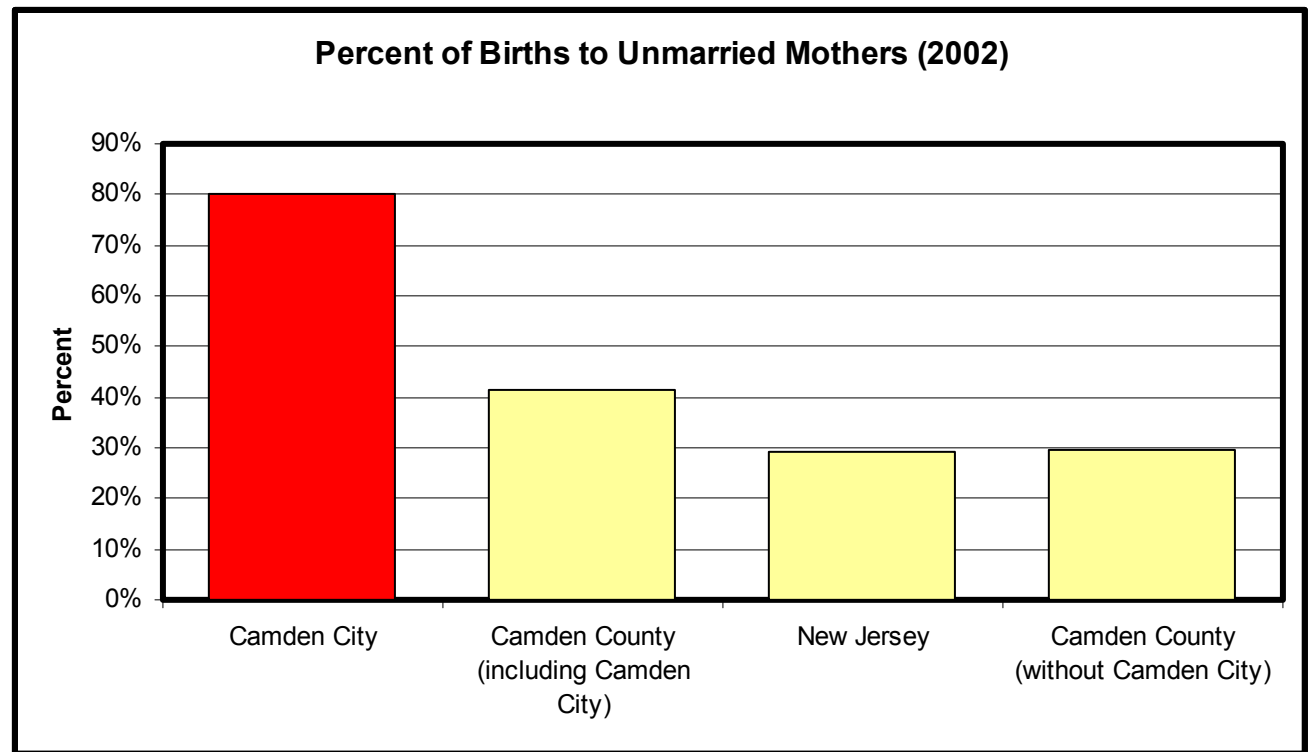
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Infant Mortality Number of Deaths Under Age 1							
Camden City	Number	20	32	44	27	26	29
	Rate per 1,000 births	11.3	18.0	24.3	14.6	15.3	16.9
Camden County	Number	52	60	70	69	58	69
	Rate per 1,000 births	7.5	8.5	9.9	9.7	8.3	9.9
New Jersey	Number	792	727	728	770	723	745
	Rate per 1,000 births	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.3	6.4



Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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Births to Unmarried Mothers							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1997-2002
Camden City	1,423	1,447	1,490	1,351	1,368	1,298	-8.8 %
Camden County	2,673	2,746	2,870	2,781	2,809	2,808	+5.1%
New Jersey	31,345	31,887	31,898	32,917	33,362	33,305	+6.3%



Source: Center for Health Statistics, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

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Hospital Admissions with a Diagnosis of Asthma for Children 18 and Under					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Camden City	184	203	161	175	145
Camden County	348	390	323	355	309
New Jersey	4,991	6,052	4,809	5,568	4,923

Asthma Admissions via ER for Children 18 and Under					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Camden City	132	161	128	121	112
Camden County	234	271	227	234	231
New Jersey	3,026	3,810	3,071	3,636	3,178

Source: NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data

Camden Child Lead Levels in 2002 Among Children 6 to 29 Months				
Children Tested		Percent Tested with Blood Lead Levels ...		
Number	Percent	Less than 10 µg/dL	Greater than or equal to 10 µg/dL	Greater than or equal to 20 µg/dL
1,291	45.4%	95.6%	4.4%	0.7%

Source: Lead Poisoning - (µg/dL) Refers to micrograms of lead per decileter of whole blood. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention consider any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 µg/dL to be suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow up treatment. Children with blood lead levels between 10 and 20 µg/dL are to be provided with follow up testing and their families are to be provided with lead education and, if necessary, social referrals. Children with blood lead levels over 20 µg/dL are to be provided with appropriate medical treatment, case management and an investigation to determine the source of the lead. (NJ Department of Health and Senior Services).

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Reported STD Cases Persons Under 21 Years of Age						
		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Chlamydia	Camden City	555	477	553	495	458
	New Jersey	6,381	5,832	7,485	6,999	7,537
Gonorrhea	Camden City	334	348	314	288	235
	New Jersey	3,007	2,823	3,076	3,036	3,124
Syphilis	Camden City	18	6	5	5	<5
	New Jersey	117	85	125	117	116

Camden City Reported STD Cases by Age Group							
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Chlamydia	Age Missing	8	13	3	16	3	16
	Under 16	63	70	69	52	84	67
	16-20	450	472	405	485	408	375
Gonorrhea	Age Missing	9	20	2	16	3	11
	Under 16	41	40	48	38	34	24
	16-20	286	274	298	260	251	200
Syphilis	Under 16	17	12	<5	<5	<5	<5
	16-20	18	6	<5	<5	<5	<5
TOTAL	Under 21	892	907	831	872	788	695

Source: NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, STD Program

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Children 18 and Under Served by State Funded Mental Health Programs Unit of Services Provided by Primary Presenting Problem

	Camden City		Camden County		New Jersey	
	1998	2002	1998	2002	1998	2002
Runaway Behavior	0	6	9	26	132	234
School Problems	61	63	116	157	1909	2789
Sex Abuse/Rape Victim	3	5	12	8	307	350
Sex Abuser	0	1	1	3	61	77
Social Interaction Problems	6	8	21	15	350	705
Suicide Attempt	32	34	75	131	681	1364
Suicide Threat	76	113	249	481	2196	3814
Thought Disorder	8	23	24	50	390	630
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	2	5	8	41	181	951
Anxiety	20	15	54	71	790	1493
Assault Behavior / Threat	80	87	232	266	2330	3334
Bizarre Behavior	3	16	17	51	348	753
Depression and Mood Disorder	48	49	142	267	2773	6075
Destruction to Property	3	3	9	16	145	217
Development Disability	6	4	11	13	139	211
Fire Setter/Idea	4	2	16	7	174	159
Homicidal Behavior/Threat	8	19	42	67	352	560
Legal Justice Involvement	7	7	16	18	140	670
Marital/Family Problems	24	47	124	159	2111	2946
Mental Disorder	0	4	5	7	43	50
Physical Abuse/Assault	0	2	5	6	90	132
Physical Neglect	0	0	2	1	25	25
OTHER	37	0	95	0	2424	1933
Missing Data	2	0	16	6	181	1304
Total	430	513	1301	1996	17131	30,776

Source: Primary Presenting Problem (PPP) - The Primary Presenting Problem of children admitted to mental health programs partially or fully funded by the state of New Jersey. These numbers do not represent all children in mental health facilities, or the number of children in need of mental health services (NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services).

Note: These numbers are a count of the service units provided to children, not a count of the number of children receiving services. A child may have been provided with services for more than one primary presenting problem and therefore may be counted more than once.

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Child Abuse Substantiated Cases / Rate per 1,000 children												
	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
Camden City	767	28	596	22	503	18	573	21	618	22	375	14
New Jersey	11,065	6	9,851	5	9,222	5	8,715	5	8,440	5	7,918	4

Child Abuse / Neglect Referrals						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Camden City	2,479	2,137	1,842	1,945	1,985	1,609
New Jersey	42,663	40,121	39,276	39,176	38,706	37,424



Out of Home Placements					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Camden City	622	737	697	673	730
New Jersey	9,375	9,632	10,812	11,620	12,978

Source: NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services

Domestic Violence Offenses					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Camden City	3,107	2,788	2,783	2,767	2,672
Camden County	7,826	7,397	7,377	7,345	7,115
New Jersey	80,681	77,680	82,373	79,844	77,567

Source: Uniform Crime Report, 2000-2003

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Student Enrollment						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 1998-2002
K-5	9,309	9,002	8,542	8,032	7,716	-17%
Middle (6-8)	3,591	3,377	3,189	3,217	3,213	-11%
High School (9-12)	2,864	2,877	2,579	2,677	2,596	-9%
District Total	18,536	18,393	17,517	17,430	17,266	-7%

Note: The subtotal for enrollment in K-5, Middle, and High School does not equal the District Total numbers. This is because the District Total includes students classified as impaired or disturbed, who are not classified at a particular grade level.



Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment						
	2001-2002			2002-2003		
	Half-Day	Full Day	Total	Half-Day	Full Day	Total
Preschool Enrollment	n/a	1,601	1,601	n/a	1,636	1,636
Kindergarten Enrollment	n/a	1,183	1,183	n/a	1,251	1,251

Source: The Camden City Public Schools, NJ School Report Card 2002-2003, NJ Department of Education

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Student Attendance Rate					
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Camden City	91.2%	90.8%	91.0%	91.1%	90.8%
New Jersey	94.9%	95.0%	94.9%	94.4%	94.3%

Student Dropout Rate		
	2001-02	2002-03
Camden High	22.3 %	13.1 %
Woodrow Wilson High	14.9 %	7.9 %
Creative & Performing Arts High	0.7 %	*
New Jersey	2.6 %	1.9 %

Source: The Camden City Public Schools, NJ School Report Card 2002-2003, NJ Department of Education

Student Graduation Rate					
	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Camden City	27.9%	33.7%	34.1%	33.0%	36.7%
New Jersey	74.8%	76.7%	76.8%	78.0%	80.8%

Note: These percentages represent students who started high school in a district in the 9th grade and graduated four years later. However, it does not take into account students who moved to a different district. Source: Center for Government Services, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University.

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Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA)						
The ESPA was administered to 4th grade students through 2001-2002						
	2000-2001			2001-2002		
	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient
Language Arts- Camden City	54.6%	44.9%	0.4%	48.8%	51.1%	0.1%
Language Arts- New Jersey	14.7%	74.7%	10.6%	13.7%	79.2%	7.1%
Mathematics- Camden City	65.1%	30.6%	4.3%	61.3%	31.3%	7.4%
Mathematics- New Jersey	28.7%	46.7%	24.6%	25.8%	43.4%	30.8%

ASK 4			
ASK 4 is administered to 4th grade students			
	2002-2003		
	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient
Language Arts- Camden City	55.1%	44.9%	0.0%
Language Arts—New Jersey	22.3%	73.8%	3.8%
Mathematics- Camden City	58.1%	34.3%	7.6%
Mathematics— New Jersey	32.0%	42.8%	25.2%

Note: ASK 4 replaced ESPA as the standard 4th grade test in 2002-2003. ASK 4 is the test that is currently used by the State of New Jersey.

Source: The Camden City Public Schools, NJ School Report Card 2002-2003, NJ Department of Education

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Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) <i>The GEPA is administered to 8th grade students</i>						
	2001-2002			2002-2003		
	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient
Language Arts- Camden City	73.0%	26.7%	0.3%	72.3%	27.5%	0.2%
Language Arts- New Jersey	26.8%	64.9%	8.3%	26.2%	67.2%	6.6%
Mathematics- Camden City	85.1%	12.7%	2.2%	86.1%	12.3%	1.6%
Mathematics- New Jersey	41.8%	42.2%	16.0%	43.2%	40.8%	15.9%
Science- Camden City	72.5%	26.3%	1.2%	72.2%	27.2%	0.7%
Science- New Jersey	25.1%	56.0%	18.9%	27.1%	54.3%	18.6%

High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) <i>The HSPA is administered to 11th grade students. The state specifies that a score of 85% is considered the minimum level of proficiency.</i>						
	2001-2002			2002-2003		
	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient	Partially Proficient	Proficient	Advanced Proficient
Language Arts- Camden City	58.1%	40.2%	1.7%	57.9%	40.6%	1.5%
Language Arts- New Jersey	18.9%	66.3%	14.8%	19.8%	65.0%	15.1%
Mathematics- Camden City	74.7%	24.6%	0.8%	76.4%	22.8%	0.8%
Mathematics- New Jersey	23.2%	54.6%	22.2%	34.2%	46.4%	19.5%

Source: The Camden City Public Schools, NJ School Report Card 2002-2003, NJ Department of Education

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Camden City Public Schools Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)						
	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003	
School	Math	Verbal	Math	Verbal	Math	Verbal
Brimm Medical Arts High School	449	447	429	437	427	426
Camden High School	368	350	363	345	370	360
Creative Arts High School	*	*	*	*	368	405
Woodrow Wilson High School	379	373	358	357	376	356
State Averages	514	496	514	495	518	500

Post Graduation Plans						
	4 Year College or University			Other Post Secondary Education		
School	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Brimm Medical Arts High School	72%	67%	90%	2%	26%	11%
Camden High School	19%	30%	35%	46%	33%	43%
Creative Arts High School	*	*	72%	*	*	23%
Woodrow Wilson High School	33%	39%	42%	20%	30%	25%

*Note: Creative Arts High School opened in fall 1999 to 9th grade students. The initial class of Creative Arts High School did not graduate until spring 2003, so that is why no data on SAT scores and post-graduation plans are available for 2001 and 2002.

Source: The Camden City Public Schools, NJ School Report Card 2002-2003, NJ Department of Education

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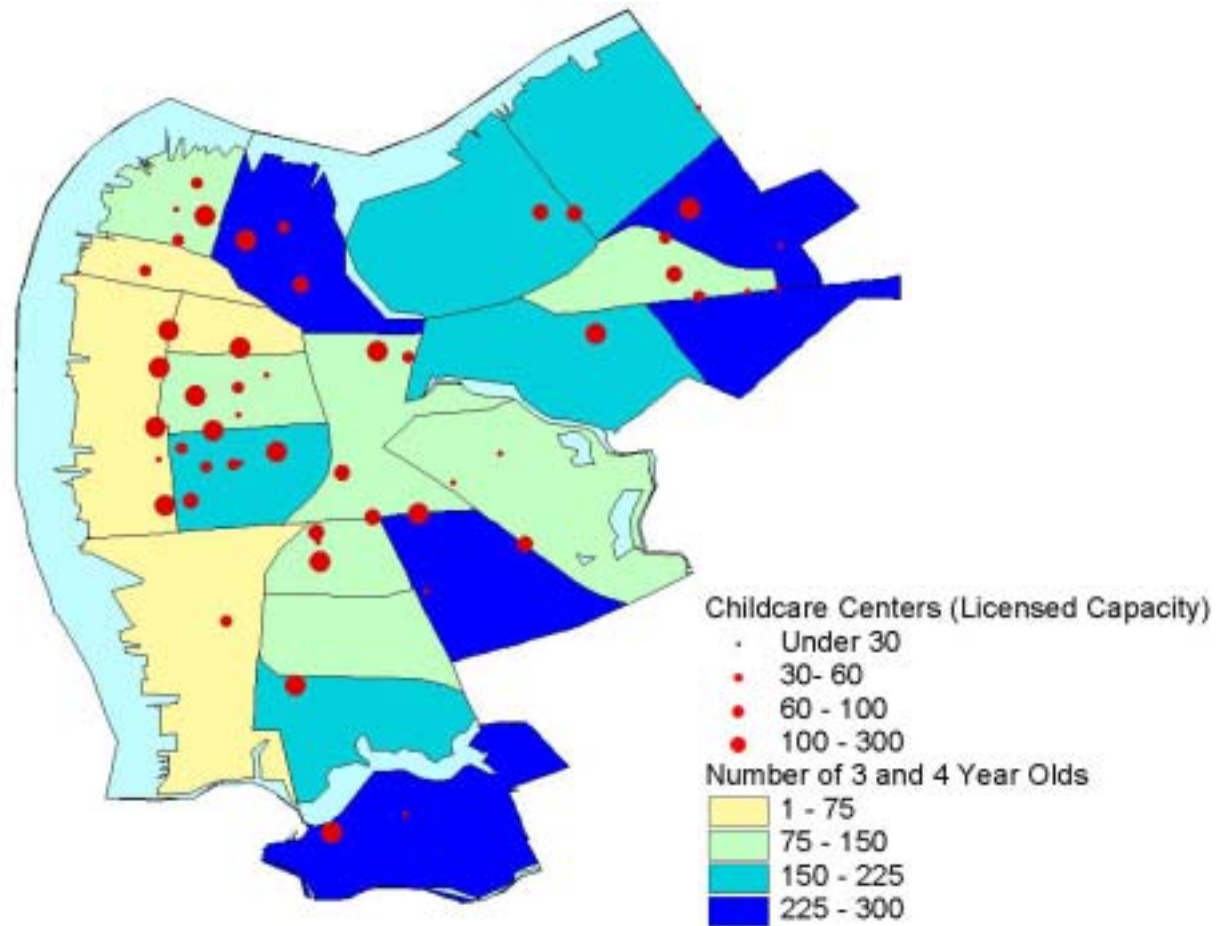
Percentage of Students with Disabilities (2003) Camden City Public Schools				
Disability Classification	Camden City		New Jersey Public Schools*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Speech Only	132	0.8	27,556	2.0
Autism	26	0.2	5,488	0.4
Deaf/Blindness	< 5	0.0	34	0.0
Emotional Disturbance	425	2.7	13,280	1.0
Hearing Impairments	< 5	0.0	1,656	0.1
Language Impairments	15	0.1	12,281	0.9
Multiple Disabilities	241	1.5	25,734	1.9
Mental Retardation	271	1.7	6,435	0.5
Other Health Impairments	40	0.3	16,753	1.2
Orthopedic Impairments	< 5	0.0	570	0.0
Specific Learning Disabilities	1,852	11.6	102,579	7.4
Traumatic Brain Injured	6	0.0	1,918	0.1
Visual Impairments	< 5	0.0	390	0.0
Preschool Disabled	217	1.4	11,106	0.8
Total	3,231	20.3	225,780	16.3

*State numbers include all public school children and those in other state agencies.

Source: Figures collected from the annual data report generated on 10/13/2004 by the NJ State Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs

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Child Care Centers 2003		
	Number	Capacity
Camden City	71	6,443
Camden County	248	20,582
New Jersey	4,202	297,999



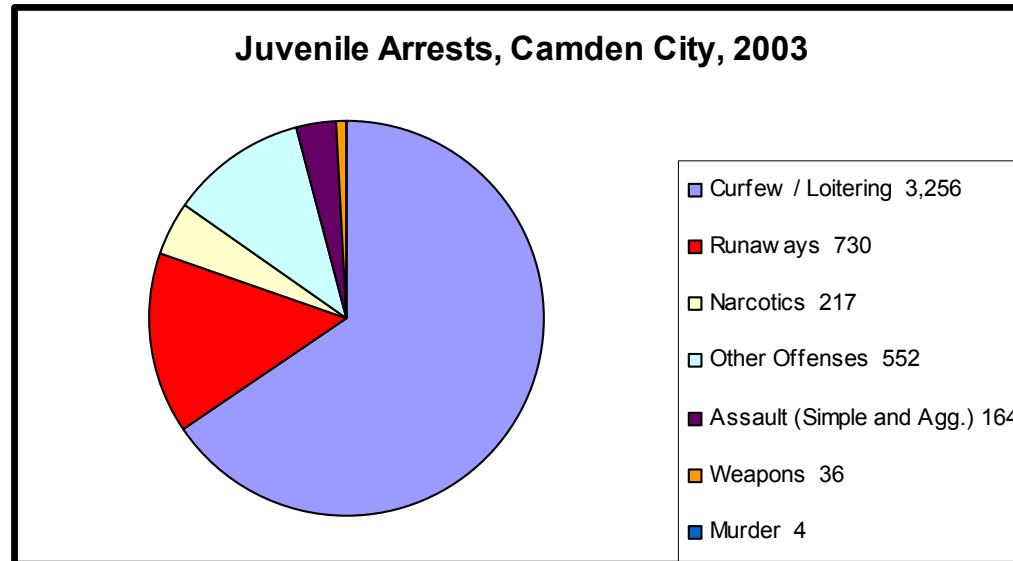
Source: Bureau of Licensing, Division of Youth and Family Services; U.S. Census 2000

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Juvenile Arrests and Commitments				
	2002		2003	
	Arrests	Commitments	Arrests	Commitments
Camden City	5,057	195	4,959	Not available
Camden County	8,421	326	8,511	378
New Jersey	63,886	1,262	62,668	1,161

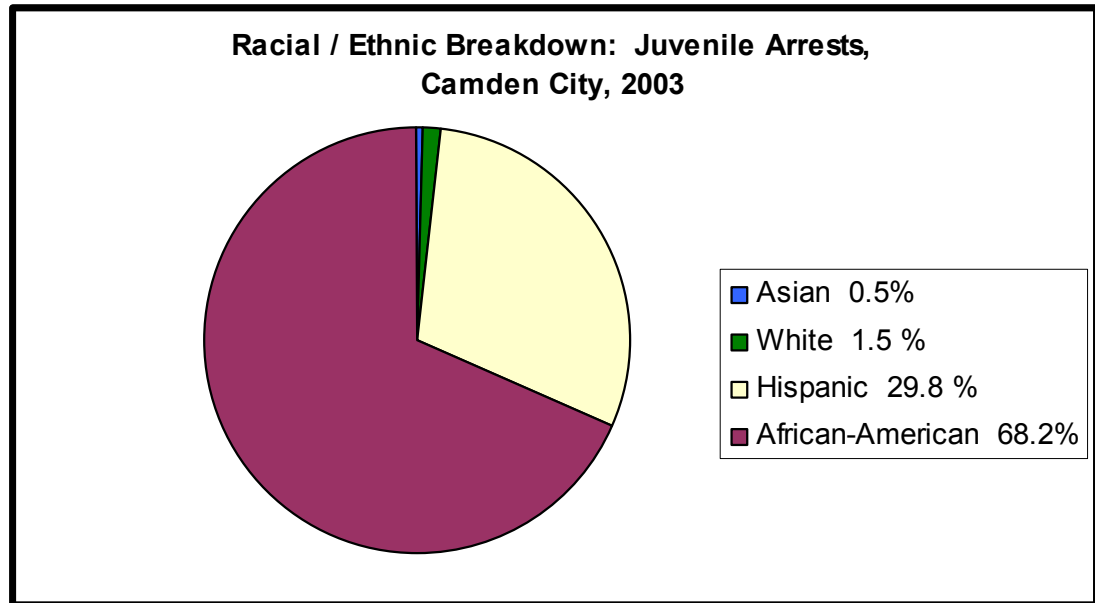
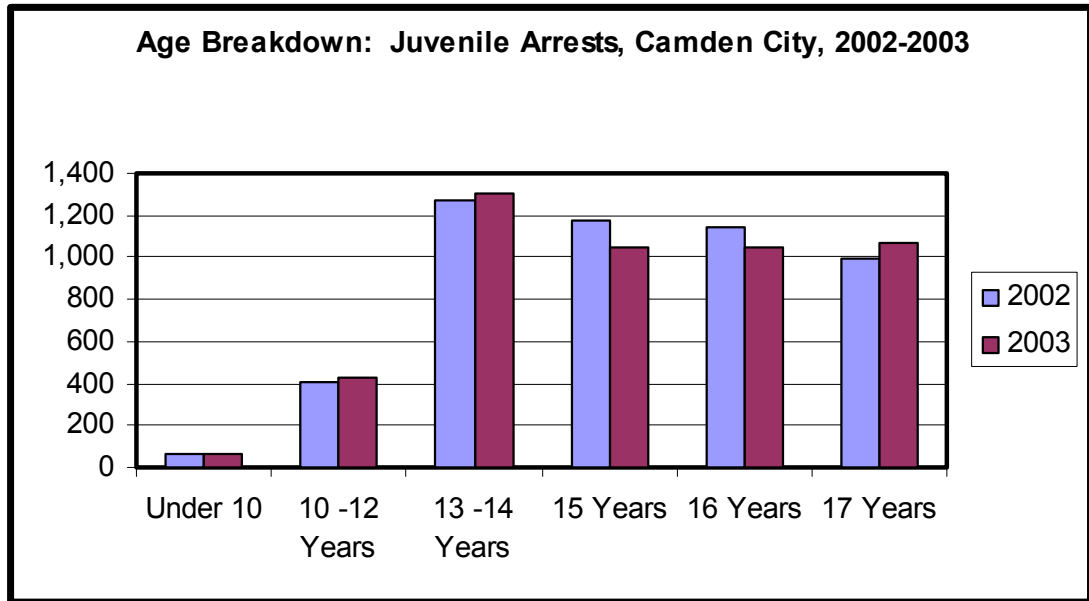
Note: Although Camden County has only 6.5% of the statewide population under 18, it accounted for 32.6% of the youth committed to custody of the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission in 2003. Camden County ranks first statewide in the number of youth committed.

Juvenile Justice Commission Expenditures for Custody (2001) Camden County		
	Expenditure	Percent of County Total
Camden City	\$23,526,216	69.8%
All other municipalities in Camden County	\$10,163,060	30.2%



Source: N.J. State Police, Uniform Crime Reports, 2000-2003 New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (commitment data); Camden City Police Department (arrest data)

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Source: Camden City Police Department

SECTION 2: DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population, 1990 and 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 1990, Summary Tape File 1, chart P011 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 1, chart P12.

Population Under 5, 1990 and 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 1990, Summary Tape File 1, chart P011 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 1, chart P14.

Population Under 18, 1990 and 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 1990, Summary Tape File 1, chart P011 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 1, chart P12.

Population Under 18 by Race, 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder, Summary Tape File 1, charts P4 and P6.

Language Spoken at Home for Population Aged 5 to 17, 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 2000, Summary Tape File 3, chart PCT13.

Percent of Households Linguistically Isolated, 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 2000, Summary Tape File 3, chart P20.

Family Type with Own Children Under 18 Years, 1990 and 2000. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 1990, Summary Tape File 1, chart P021 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 2, chart PCT9. This data reflects only those households where parents are raising their own children. It does not include children living with other relatives/non-relatives who are single.

Children Living with Relatives Other Than Own Parents, 1990 and 2000. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 1990, Summary Tape File 1, chart P022 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 1, chart P29.

Income, 1999. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From Census 2000, Summary Tape File 1, charts P53, P77, P82.

SECTION 3: FAMILIES IN NEED

Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Level, 1990 and 2000. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. From 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3, chart P117 and Census 2000, Summary Tape File 3, chart P87.

Earned Income Tax Credit, 2000-2002. A tax credit program for very low income working individuals, and low to moderate income working families. (1999 IRS Zip Code Data; 2000 Internal Revenue Service Zip Code Data; February 2001, Statement of Income for New Jersey).

Children Receiving TANF, 1996, 2002, 2003. Number of children living in families receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families, as reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development.

Children Receiving Food Stamps, 1996, 2002, 2003. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, Current Program Statistics.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) enrollments 1996, 2002, 2003. Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include health care referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. Reported by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Children Receiving Free/ Reduced Lunch, 1998-99, 2001-2002, 2002-2003. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts. Data reflects only public school enrollments.

Children Receiving Medicaid/FamilyCare, 1996, 2002, 2003. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services. Data is from March of each year.

Camden County Fair Market Rent. Amount is for a two-bedroom apartment. (National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach Report, 2000).

The Self Sufficiency Standard for Selected Family Types in Camden County 2002. The Real Cost of Living: The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New Jersey. Poverty Research Institute).

Employment Status in 2000. As reported by U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Factfinder. Census 2000, Summary Tape File 3, chart P46.

Unemployment Rate, 1990-2003. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SECTION 4: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Total Births, 1996- 2002. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Low Weight Births, 1996- 2002. The number babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Prenatal Care, 1996-2002. Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Births by Race / Ethnicity of Mother 2002. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Mothers Engaged in Risk Behaviors During Pregnancy, 2002. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Teen Births, 1996-2002. The number of births teenagers ages 15-19 as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Infant Mortality, 1996-2001. The number of infants under one year who died during that year, reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Unmarried Births, 1997-2002. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Hospital Admissions with a Diagnosis of Asthma for Children 18 and Under, 1998-2002. Number of children by age (under 19) admitted into hospital with the diagnosis of asthma; Number of asthma hospital admissions through the emergency room (NJ Department of Health and Senior Services).

Camden Child Lead Levels in 2002 among Children 6 to 29 Months. Blood lead content measured in ug/dL in 2002 (N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services)

Reported STD Cases by Age Group, 1998- 2003. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Children 18 and Under Served by State Funded Mental Health Programs All Children 18 and under by Primary Presenting Problem FY 1998, 2002 (Division of Mental Health Services, Department of Human Services).

SECTION 5: CHILD WELFARE

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, 1997- 2002. From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports for 2000. 2003 and 2004 figures come from the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Represents the number of

referrals in which the division uncovered enough evidence to “substantiate” a claim of abuse or neglect. Includes children under age 18.

Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals, 1998-2002. From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports for 2000. 2003 and 2004 figures come from the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Represents calls made to state reporting suspected child abuse/neglect. Includes children under age 18.

Children in Out-of-Home Placements, 2000-2004. From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports for 2000. 2003 and 2004 statistics come from the state Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Includes children under age 18 in all placements, including foster care, relative care, group homes, residential treatment and institutions. Statistics represent the number of children in placement in March of each year.

Domestic Violence Offenses, 1999-2003. As reported by N.J. State Police, Uniform Crime Reports, 2000-2003.

SECTION 6: EDUCATION

Student Enrollment, 1998-2002. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards.

Preschool Enrollments, 2001-02, 2002-03. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved programs, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October of each year. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollments, 2001-02, 2002-03. The number of students enrolled in half- and full-day public kindergarten, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October of each year.

Student Attendance Rate, 1998-1999 through 2002-2003. As reported by N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card for 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Student Dropout Rate, 2001-02 through 2002-03. As reported by N..J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card for 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Graduation Rates, 1998-99 through 2002-03. This data indicates the average graduation rates for high school students by dividing the number of graduates for a given year by the number of 9th grade students enrolled as of October 15th, four years earlier. The number of 9th grade students does not include self-contained special education students, nor does it account for inter-district transfer students (data unavailable from NJDOE). The number of graduates includes some special education students. As reported by the Center for Government Services, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University.

Fourth Grade Statewide Tests, 2001-02, 2002-03. The number of fourth-graders failing the fourth grade state tests as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card for 2001-02 and 2002-03. Includes general education students, special education students, foreign-language students.

Eighth Grade Statewide Tests, 2001-02, 2002-03. The number of eighth-grader failing the eighth grade state tests, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card for 2001-02 and 2002-03. Includes general education students, special education students, foreign-language students.

High School Proficiency Assessments, 2001-02, 2002- 03. The number of 11th grade students failing the 11th grade state tests, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card for 2001-02 and 2002-03. Includes general education students, special education students, foreign-language students.

Average Verbal SAT Scores, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards

Average Math SAT Scores, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards

Post Graduation Plans, 2001-03. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards.

Percent of Students with Disabilities, 2003. As reported by New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

SECTION 7: EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Child Care Centers and Capacity, 2003. The number of state-licensed child care centers and their capacity as reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing.

SECTION 8: TROUBLED TEENS

Juvenile Arrests. As reported by N.J. State Police, Uniform Crime Reports, 2000-2003. Some data provided by N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission (commitments), Camden City Police Department, and Camden City Youth Services Commission.

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- My organization would like to be a partner to Camden Kids Count Project.
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Please Note:

Every effort has been made to confirm the accuracy of the information included in this project and to properly acknowledge all sources. However, if you identify an error or omission, please contact the Kids Count Coordinator so that appropriate action can be taken for our next issue.

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