

New Jersey Kids Count 2014

The State of Our Children

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What is Kids Count?



- A state-by state initiative that uses data to track the status of child well-being.
- Kids Count is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Why is Kids Count Important?

- Kids Count is the only place that has comprehensive data related to children and families in one place
- Objective use of data
- Assess change over time with trend data; provide a baseline for future comparisons
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families
- Easily accessible and meaningful

Kids Count Publications

- New Jersey Kids Count
- New Jersey County Kids Count – Rankings & Pocket Guide
- Newark Kids Count
- Paterson Kids Count
- New Jersey Kids Count Special Policy Briefs
- Anne E. Casey Foundation – National Kids Count Data Books and Policy Briefs

Kids Count Data

Where Does it Come From?

- Federal Government
 - U.S. Census Bureau
 - American Community Survey
 - Other Federal Agencies
- State Departments and Agencies
- Local Governments and Community Agencies
 - City Kids Count

How Can I Access These Data?

- AECF – Kids Count Data Center
 - <http://datacenter/kidscount.org>
 - Annie E. Casey Foundation interactive database
 - Data available on state and county level
- ACNJ
 - PDF and hard copies of data books, county profiles
 - (973) 643-3876 or www.acnj.org

KIDS COUNT data center

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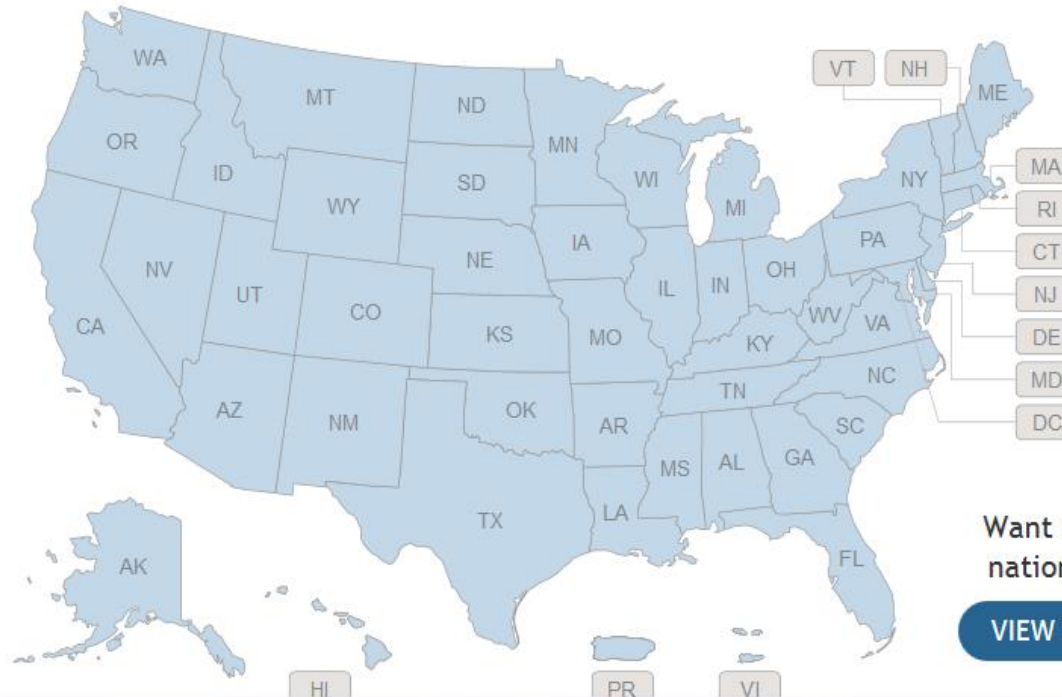


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Home > Locations

CHOOSE A STATE

Select a state from the map below to access state, county, city, congressional district data and more. Click on View U.S. Data to view national data. Pick indicator(s) of interest and create custom data reports, rankings, maps and graphs for geography of interest.



Want data on a national level?

VIEW U.S. DATA

TABLE

MAP

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REFINE THIS INDICATOR

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Show data:

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YEARS

Choose one:

2010

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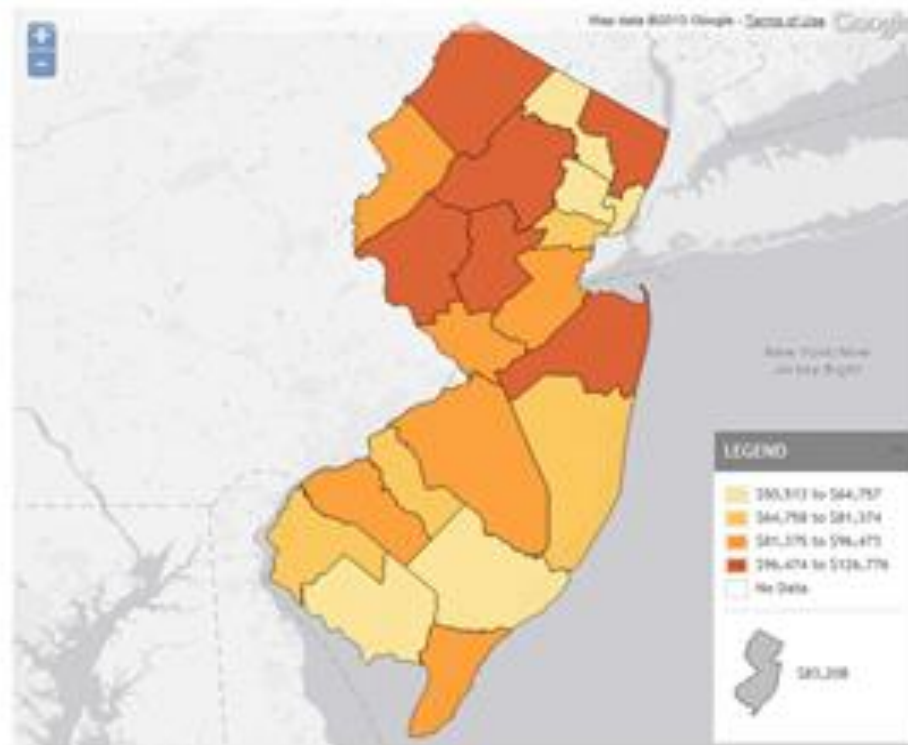
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Median Income Of Families With Children

Year(s): 2010 | Data Type: Currency

Data Provided by: Advocates for Children of New Jersey



New Jersey Kids Count 2014

The State of Our Children and Counties



Overview

- Pervasive poverty
- More children, families, young adults and immigrants struggling economically
- Improvements in many health indicators
- Mixed results on academic achievement

Demographics

- NJ home to roughly 2 million children, 23% of the state's population
- Shifting demographics
 - More households headed by one parent, more children living in the same home as a grandparent
 - Race – Increase in Hispanic and Asian children, decrease in Black and White, non-Hispanic children
 - Annie E. Casey Foundation “Race for Results” report

Child Poverty

- Steep increases in children in extreme poverty, poverty and low-income households
- All but 4 counties saw increases in children living in poverty; largest increases in Bergen, Somerset and Sussex counties. Hudson had the highest percentage
- 32% of NJ children in low-income family in 2012

Child Poverty

- 26% of children lived in a family where no parent had full-time, year-round employment in 2012
- More single parents with children in poverty

Family Economics

- Median family income grew in recent years, but still down from 2008
- Statewide, 51% of households spent too much income on rent; Cumberland had highest at 60%
- 81% of low-income NJ children in families spending too much on housing costs, compared to 65% nationally
- Children in families receiving TANF (welfare) up 1%

Food Security

- 17% jump in NJ households without enough food – 2006-08 to 2010-11
- Children receiving food stamps up 65% from 2009 to 2013
- Women, infants and children receiving nutritional supports (WIC) down 1%

School Meals

- 22% increase in children eligible for school meals – more than 506,000 students eligible
- 78% of eligible children received school lunch in 2012-13
- 36% of eligible children received school breakfast, up from 29% in 2008-09; 54% increase in number of children receiving
- Cumberland County had highest % of eligible children receiving breakfast, Hunterdon had lowest
- Seeing real results from the “Food for Thought” NJ School Breakfast campaign. Visit www.njschoolbreakfast.org to join and find out more

Child Care

- An economic issue for working parents and businesses, and critical to early childhood development

Demographics of children with working parents:

412,000 children 0 -6 with working parents

25% children 0 – 5 in single-parent households

- NJ families need access to affordable, quality child

Child Care

- Despite this, fewer options for NJ families:

Number of licensed child care centers decreased 6% in NJ; capacity decreased 3%. Some counties saw large decreases

Registered family child care providers decreased 29%

Child Care

Child care costs consume large portion of family budgets

- National standards say a family should spend no more than 10% of income in child care
- For a NJ family with an infant and a preschooler in licensed child care, 24% of their income would be spent on child care annually
- Range in counties from a high of 33% in Passaic to a low of 18% in Warren

Meeting New Jersey's Child Care Challenge: A Kids Count
Special Report

Early Care and Education

- 26% of children ages 3 to 5 were not enrolled in nursery school, preschool or kindergarten in 2012
- Public preschool enrollments:
 - Increased 6% statewide
 - Vast majority in full-day programs
- Kindergarten enrollments:
 - Increased 2% statewide
 - Half-day enrollments down 23%, full-day enrollments up 12%

Health

Health Insurance:

- Number of children without health insurance plummeted 48 percent in recent years....
- Corresponds with 28 percent increase in children receiving NJ FamilyCare/ Medicaid
- Of children without health insurance, 73⁰% were low-income -- this continues to rise
- Decreases in uninsured children in all but three counties: Middlesex, Morris, Sussex

Health

Healthy Starts

- 78% received early prenatal care in 2010. White and Asian women more likely to receive early care, Hispanic mothers made the most progress
- 35% of all births to an unmarried mother in 2010
- Children immunized by age 2 on the rise – 79% in 2012, up from 73%

Health

Other Health

- Obesity down, mental health conditions rising
- Increases in children receiving dental care
- Most children lack access to fluoridated water

School Enrollment and Academic Achievement

- Total enrollment (K-12) decreased slightly
- Special education enrollment on the rise for all age groups
- Academic achievement gap, K-12
 - 26% in 2012-13
 - Continued achievement gap between low-income students and their higher income peers

Graduation and Post-Graduation

- High school graduation rate - 88% for 2012-13, up from 82% in 2010-11; varies widely amongst racial groups and student subsets
- More students took the SAT – 78% in 2011-12, still much higher than US average of 54%

Teens and Young Adults

- More young adults in poverty – 15% of all 18-24 year olds in 2012
- Increase in young adults not working, not in school and no degree beyond high school – 14% of 18-24 year olds
- 24% of youth ages 19-24 had no health insurance in 2012, up from 2008
- Good news: NJ births to teens fell 19%, teen deaths fell 26%
- Teens ages 12-17 who abused alcohol or drugs in past year increased

Juvenile Justice

- Juvenile arrests down 44⁰%; decrease in every county but Salem
- Juvenile commitments down 47⁰%
- Admissions to detention down 49⁰%
- Increase in average length of stay in county detention – 34 days in 2012

New Jersey Kids Count County Rankings 2014

How ACNJ Calculates the Rankings

- Ranks computed for 13 indicators
- Each county receives overall rank based on the rankings of these individual indicators
- Ranking of 1 -- most positive, ranking of 21 -- least positive
- New indicator on child care - % of a family's income that is spent on licensed child care for a family who has one infant and one preschooler.

County Rankings 2014

Better

Cape May

Ocean

Passaic

Salem

Warren

County Rankings 2014

Worse

Atlantic
Burlington
Camden
Cumberland
Essex
Gloucester
Mercer
Monmouth
Sussex
Union

County Rankings 2014

Unchanged

Bergen

Hudson

Hunterdon

Middlesex

Morris

Somerset

New Jersey Kids Count Overall Rankings - 2014

Hunterdon	1
Morris	2
Somerset	3
Bergen	4
Middlesex	5
Warren	6
Monmouth	7
Sussex	8
Burlington	9
Ocean	10
Gloucester	11
Union	12
Mercer	13
Hudson	14
Cape May	15
Passaic	16
Essex	17
Camden	18
Salem	19
Atlantic	20
Cumberland	21



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