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Better or worse?

Newark children need two-generational approach



When compared to statewide averages, Newark children tend to fare worse in many areas of well-being than their peers across New Jersey. That's the bad news.

The good news is: We're making progress.

Each year, *Newark Kids Count* reports on key trends in child well-being in New Jersey's largest city. The news is almost always mixed — some positive trends, some negative ones and others stagnant. This year, we decided to make a very simple list — better or worse. Measures of child well-being that could not fit easily into either category were excluded. (This included school test results, which are complicated and varied, and certain areas of child protection).

Still, the "better" list was far longer than the "worse" list.

Newark children were healthier in critical areas. Fewer babies were born with low-birth weight, fewer children were poisoned with lead and more women received early prenatal care.

Preschool enrollments were on the rise, along with high school graduation rates. There were fewer births to teen girls and fewer violent incidents in Newark's schools. Both juvenile arrests and the number of juveniles held in detention declined, showing that we can provide alternatives to detention, get youth on the right path and keep the public safe — all at the same time.

We at ACNJ paused for a moment and celebrated these victories.

Then we looked at the "worse" list. And we realized that the areas on this list are among the ones most critical to creating safe, thriving communities where parents can successfully raise their children.

Pervasive poverty still persists, with nearly three quarters of Newark's children living in families who earn too little to pay the rent, buy food and afford quality child care. Twenty percent of these children lived in extreme poverty — just \$11,775 for a family of four — an 18 percent increase since 2009.

Median income for Newark families declined to \$27,168 in 2013 — about one-third of the statewide median income of \$85,248. While struggling to subsist on meager wages, more than half of Newark renters also paid more than the federally-recommended 30 percent of income on rent — leaving little for other necessities.



Introduction

When parents cannot make ends meet, their children suffer. To help the children, we have to focus on helping parents and other caregivers. This “two-generation” approach is being advanced on a national level and we in New Jersey should embrace it in our struggling communities, including Newark.

Initiatives that target job training, child care assistance, educational supports, paid sick leave and tax credits can all go a long way toward giving Newark parents the tools they need to raise healthy children who grow up to be productive members of our communities.

Our “better” list shows us that we can improve the lives of children and youth when we devote sustained attention and resources to solving a problem. The “worse” list instructs us in where we need to focus our efforts and target our resources moving forward.

All Newark parents need secure, well-paying jobs that allow them to adequately support their families. They need quality, reliable child care, good schools and safe communities. Only when this vision has been realized across the city can we say that all Newark children are being given the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Zalkind
Executive Director

How are Newark children faring?

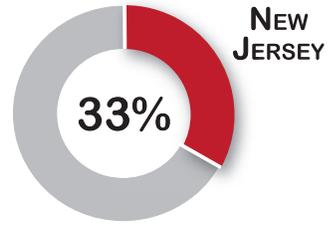
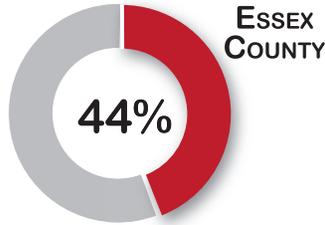
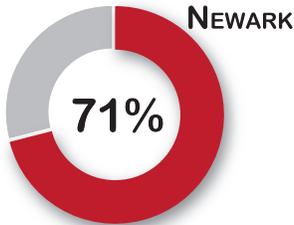
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■ Unemployment	■ Child poverty
■ Births to unmarried mothers	■ Median income
■ Prenatal care	■ Housing costs
■ Babies born with low birth weight	■ Child care options
■ Infant mortality	■ Substance abuse incidents in school
■ Asthma admissions to the hospital	■ Vandalism in schools
■ Childhood lead poisoning	
■ Preschool enrollments	
■ Violent school incidents	
■ Graduation rates	
■ Births to teens	
■ Juvenile arrests	
■ Juvenile detention	



Introduction

Newark Kids at a Glance

PERCENT OF KIDS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES 2013



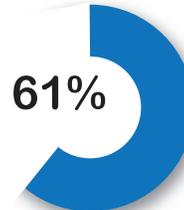
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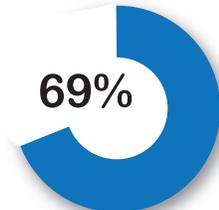
JUVENILE ARRESTS DOWN



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IMPROVES



2010-11
SCHOOL YEAR



2013-14
SCHOOL YEAR



In 2013, Newark was home to roughly 70,000 children, representing more than one-quarter of its total population. The number of children under age 18 decreased slightly, by 1 percent, between 2009 and 2013. During this same time, the total population of the city increased by just 300 residents.

In 2013, the majority — 53 percent — of Newark's children were African American, a 2 percent increase since 2009. Forty-two percent of children were Hispanic and just 6 percent were white, non-Hispanic, a drop from 9 percent in 2009. Once again, the largest shift in racial makeup of the city's child population occurred within children categorized as "other," which rose from just 8 percent in 2009 to 22 percent in 2013. Newark also saw an 11 percent drop in the number of its foreign-born children.

Close to three-quarters — 72 percent — of all births were to unmarried mothers in 2011, the most recent year that data are available for this indicator. While this continues to be much higher than the statewide average of 35 percent, the good news is that the number of births to unwed mothers in Newark decreased 9 percent since 2007. From 2009 to 2013, the number of Newark households headed by a single parent also declined, but the percent of single-parent households actually increased slightly, from 64 to 66 percent. Once again, this is much higher than the statewide average of 32 percent.

Newark has also seen a very substantial increase in the number of grandchildren who are being cared for by their grandparents — rising a startling 136 percent from roughly 1,500 children in 2009 to more than 3,500 children in 2013. Although the state and county also saw increases, they were not as high at 6 and 25 percent, respectively.

Demographics

Similarly, the number of children living with a grandparent, regardless of whether they are the primary caregiver, also rose during this same time by 84 percent in Newark. In 2013, more than 6,500 children in the city were living in the same home as a grandparent.

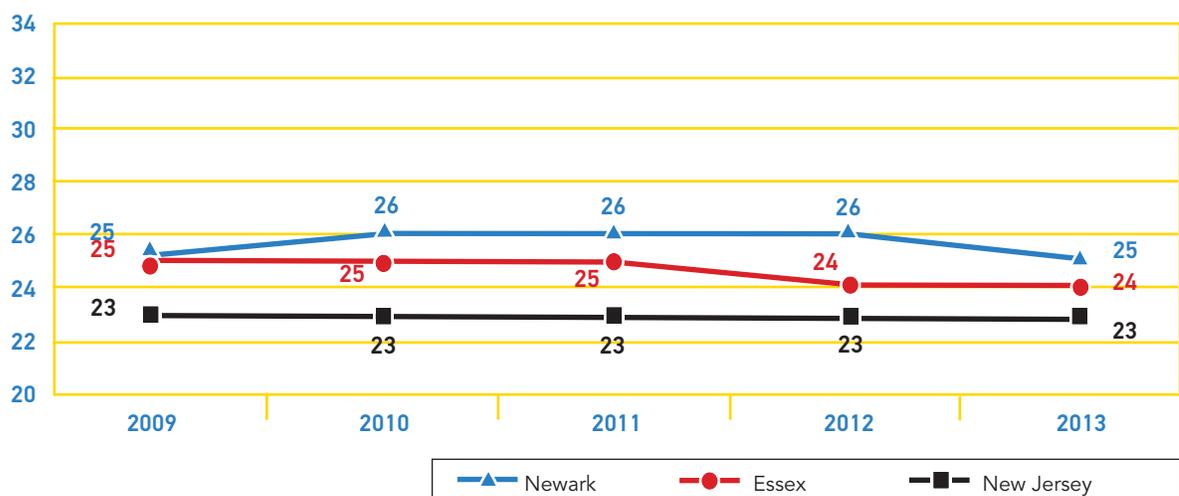
Total Population

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	278,157	277,232	277,545	277,718	278,436	0
Essex	769,644	784,228	785,137	787,744	789,565	3
New Jersey	8,707,740	8,801,624	8,821,155	8,864,590	8,899,339	2
Newark's % of Essex	36	35	35	35	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	70,528	72,937	72,204	73,052	69,780	-1
Essex	192,890	195,135	193,366	192,736	191,944	0
New Jersey	2,046,141	2,062,812	2,042,425	2,026,738	2,021,897	-1
Newark's % of Essex	37	37	37	38	36	
Newark's % of NJ	3	4	4	4	3	

Child Population Under 18 as Percentage of Total Population

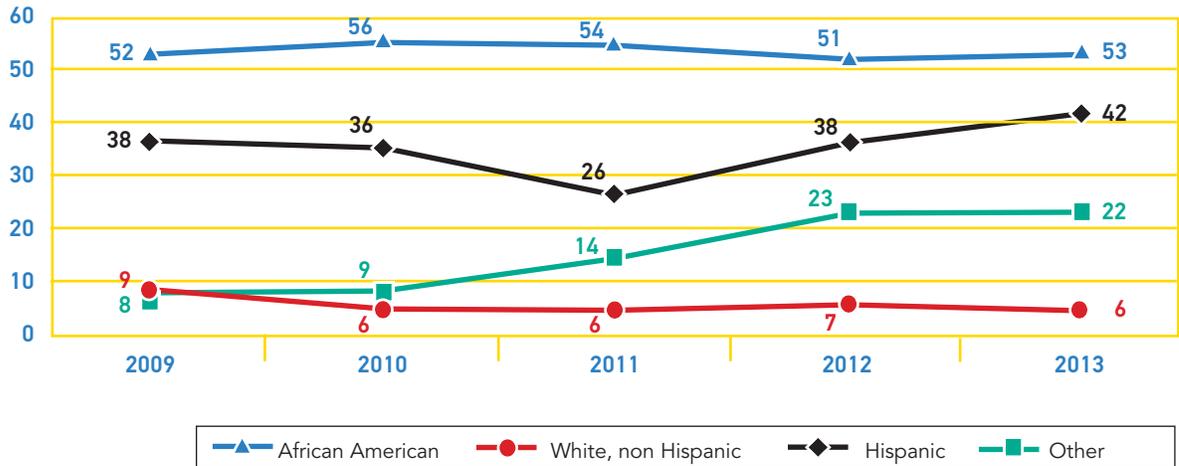


Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
African American	36,755	52	41,047	56	39,215	54	37,176	51	36,954	53	1	2
White, non-Hispanic	6,638	9	4,065	6	4,488	6	5,173	7	4,393	6	-34	-33
Hispanic	27,115	38	26,237	36	26,295	36	27,989	38	29,172	42	8	9
Other	5,549	8	6,549	9	10,440	14	17,001	23	15,162	22	173	176

Note 1: Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as survey participants could indicate more than one race.

Newark Child Population Under 18 by Race



Foreign-Born Children

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	5,264	7	2,923	4	4,817	7	4,412	6	4,698	7	-11	-10
Essex	12,078	6	12,283	6	12,428	6	9,521	5	11,566	6	-4	-4
New Jersey	116,077	6	116,910	6	110,117	5	111,291	5	112,675	6	-3	-2
Newark's % of Essex	44		24		39		46		41			
Newark's % of NJ	5		3		4		4		4			

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Demographics

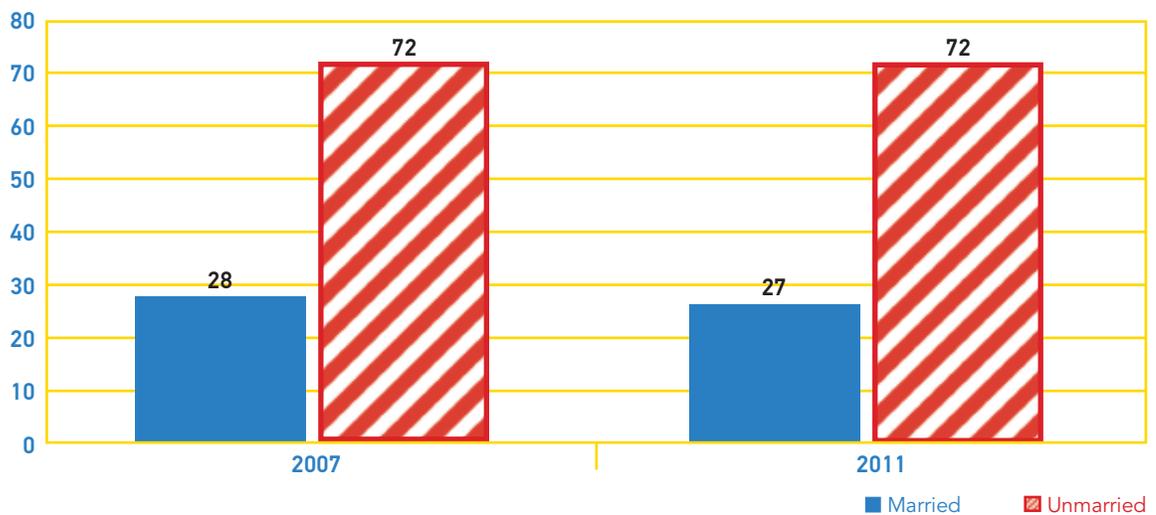
Total Births

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	4,832	4,811	4,648	4,202	4,353	-10
Essex	11,941	11,780	11,455	10,431	10,534	-12
New Jersey	115,920	112,428	109,543	106,571	105,474	-9

Births to Unmarried Women

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	3,462	3,426	3,316	3,031	3,146	-9
Essex	6,068	5,937	5,743	5,427	5,508	-9
New Jersey	39,180	38,658	38,027	37,081	37,245	-5
Newark's % of Essex	57	58	58	56	57	
Newark's % of NJ	9	9	9	8	8	

Percent of Newark Births by Marital Status of Mother



Households Headed by One Parent

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	23,571	64	25,619	71	22,749	66	23,969	64	22,789	66	-3	4
Essex	50,055	48	45,256	45	46,528	47	46,575	45	45,591	46	-9	-3
NJ	330,773	30	329,184	30	343,040	32	339,668	31	341,570	32	3	5
Newark's % of Essex	47		57		49		51		50			
Newark's % of NJ	7		8		7		7		7			

Grandchildren Being Cared for by Their Grandparents

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	1,504	2,817	2,919	2,428	3,552	136
Essex	5,178	6,012	4,593	5,109	6,457	25
New Jersey	50,138	51,189	45,869	48,550	53,032	6
Newark's % of Essex	29	47	64	48	55	
Newark's % of New Jersey	3	6	6	5	7	

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	3,578	6,082	6,507	6,272	6,576	84
Essex	11,013	11,909	12,514	12,890	15,677	42
New Jersey	114,430	121,938	112,587	115,005	131,546	15
Newark's % of Essex	32	51	52	49	42	29
Newark's % of New Jersey	3	5	6	5	5	



Newark's children and families continue to face significant economic hardship. In 2013, 71 percent, or roughly 48,000 Newark children, were living in low-income families, compared to 33 percent of children statewide and 44 percent of children in Essex County.

In 2013, the federal low-income level for a family of four was \$47,100, and many Newark children once again lived in families earning far less. Twenty percent of children in the city lived in extreme poverty (\$11,775 for a family of four) — an 18 percent increase since 2009. Forty-four percent lived in poverty (\$23,550 for a family of four) — the largest increase at 35 percent.

There is some good news, though. The number of Newark children living in families at all three income levels posted a 1-year decline from 2012 to 2013. In 2012, 23 percent of children lived in extreme poverty. That declined to 20 percent in 2013 — still far too high but a sign of slight progress.

Another positive trend was a significant 34 percent drop in the unemployment rate from 2010 to 2014 — another positive trend on the economic front. However, Newark's 10.2 percent unemployment rate is still far higher than the statewide average of 5.9 percent.

Still, Newark households with children continue to be far more likely to live in poverty compared to childless households. In fact, the number of poor households without children actually decreased 10 percent between 2009 and 2013, compared to a 24 percent increase in poor households with children. Thirty-eight percent of all households with children were earning at or below the poverty level in 2013.

Median income for Newark families with children also declined, going from \$32,466 in 2009 to \$27,168 in 2013 — far lower than the statewide median income of \$85,248, which actually increased from 2009.

Despite persistent child poverty and the drop in median family income, the number of children in families receiving welfare assistance has decreased since 2010. In 2014, almost 8,000 children were in a family receiving this assistance — a 19 percent decline since 2010. The good news is more working families are receiving tax credits from both the state and the federal governments.

Number of Children in Poverty, Under 18

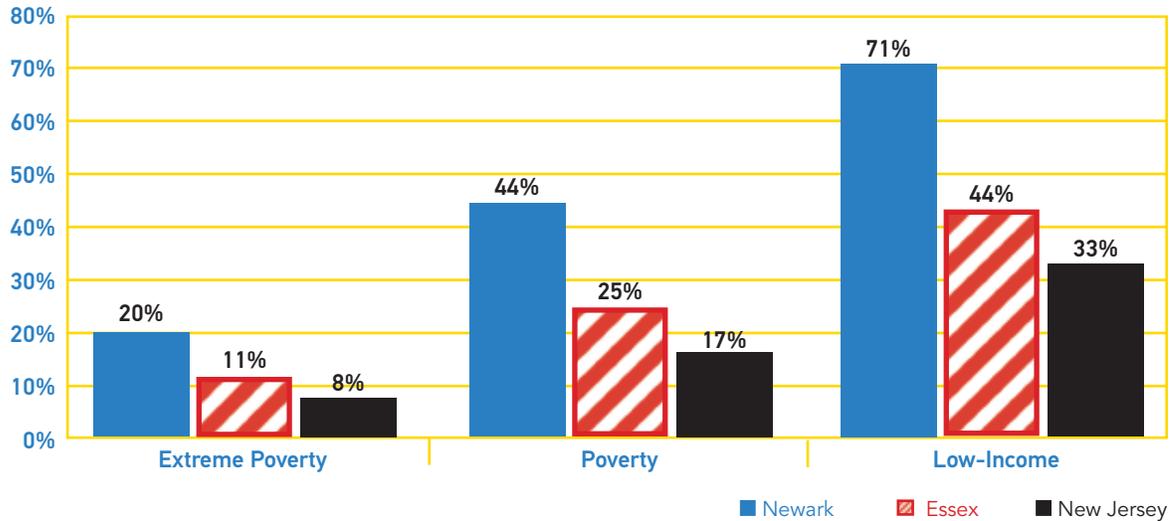
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	11,983	14,799	13,574	16,619	13,656	14
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	23,205	30,571	31,375	31,450	30,313	31
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	45,064	48,402	49,579	51,544	48,487	8
Essex						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	18,457	21,966	20,308	24,213	21,487	16
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	40,171	44,524	46,293	48,110	47,116	17
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	75,736	76,469	83,625	87,637	83,568	10
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	120,840	131,256	141,122	152,777	151,706	26
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	272,697	295,346	296,198	310,226	333,375	22
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	590,859	582,146	630,790	645,985	654,284	11

Percentage of Children in Poverty, Under 18

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	17	21	19	23	20	18
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	33	44	44	44	44	35
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	65	70	70	71	71	9
Essex						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	10	12	11	13	11	13
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	21	23	24	25	25	18
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	40	40	44	46	44	10
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	6	6	7	8	8	27
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	13	14	15	15	17	28
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	29	29	31	32	33	13

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Children in Poverty, 2013



Total Population Living Below Poverty Level

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	62,973	23	79,243	29	83,669	30	81,038	29	81,061	29	29	29
Essex	108,369	14	127,116	16	134,875	17	134,527	17	137,499	17	27	24
New Jersey	799,099	9	884,789	10	897,376	10	934,943	11	998,549	11	25	22
Newark's % of Essex	58		62		62		60		59			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		9		9		9		8			

Households without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	2,721	11	1,823	8	2,823	13	2,278	10	2,437	10	-10	-6
Essex	4,266	5	4,112	5	5,342	7	4,484	6	5,535	6	30	21
New Jersey	35,095	3	38,186	3	41,758	4	41,779	4	45,957	4	31	25
Newark's % of Essex	64		44		53		51		44			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		5		7		5		5			

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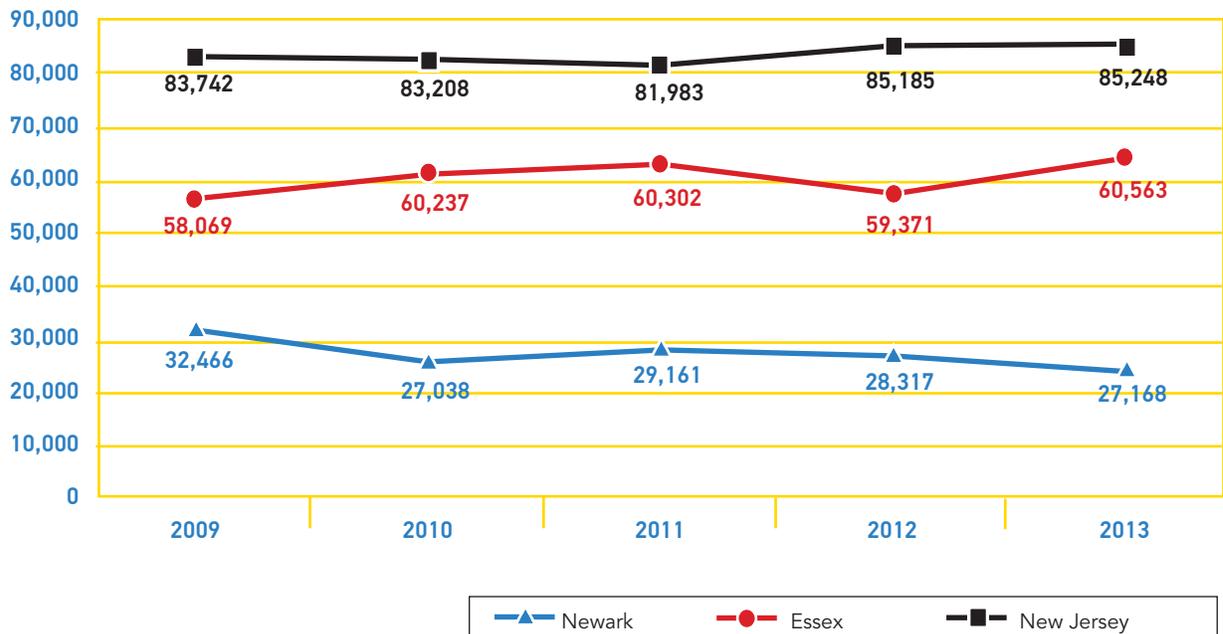
Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	10,382	28	14,085	39	13,079	38	13,730	37	12,851	38	24	34
Essex	17,776	17	20,323	21	20,416	21	21,630	21	20,736	21	17	24
New Jersey	115,909	11	131,931	12	129,801	12	140,595	13	145,619	14	26	27
Newark's % of Essex	58		69		64		63		62			
Newark's % of New Jersey	9		11		10		10		9			

Median Income of Families with Children

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	32,466	27,038	29,161	28,317	27,168	-16
Essex	58,069	60,237	60,302	59,371	60,563	4
New Jersey	83,742	83,208	81,983	85,185	85,248	2

Median Income of Families with Children



Number Unemployed

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	% Change 10-14
Newark	16,534	16,351	15,824	14,175	10,743	-35
Essex	40,921	39,866	39,089	35,088	25,825	-37
New Jersey	436,877	423,577	424,812	371,791	268,627	-39

*2014 preliminary number as of November.

Unemployment Rate

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	% Change 10-14
Newark	15.4	15.2	14.8	13.4	10.2	-34
Essex	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.5	7	-37
New Jersey	9.6	9.3	9.3	8.2	5.9	-39

*2014 preliminary number as of November.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount								
Newark	37,205	2,454	38,706	2,499	39,425	2,534	38,638	4,380	39,982	2,689	7	10
Essex	73,585	2,312	75,674	2,345	77,447	2,388	76,686	4,291	79,791	2,523	8	9
New Jersey	561,644	2,101	548,004	2,127	562,894	2,170	563,291	3,195	589,026	2,283	5	9

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, All Recipients

	2012			2013			% Change 12-13		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Newark	27,407	\$12,547,470	\$458	30,394	\$14,354,610	\$472	11	14	3
Essex	56,897	\$24,673,985	\$434	63,054	\$28,181,686	\$447	11	14	3
New Jersey	464,336	\$190,659,013	\$411	506,712	\$212,611,235	\$420	9	12	2

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NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19

	2012			2013			% Change 12-13		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Newark	20,295	\$11,534,036	\$568	21,920	\$13,144,479	\$600	8	14	6
Essex	40,773	\$22,474,261	\$551	43,862	\$25,521,399	\$582	8	14	6
New Jersey	314,972	\$171,917,612	\$546	333,726	\$190,801,900	\$572	6	11	5

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	9,823	9,911	9,121	8,407	7,919	-19
Essex	14,125	14,508	13,919	12,738	11,949	-15
New Jersey	67,632	70,831	68,692	64,379	58,948	-13
Newark's % of Essex	70	68	66	66	66	
Newark's % of NJ	15	14	13	13	13	



As Newark families struggle economically, many families are also likely to face increasing housing costs. For more than half of Newark residents, housing costs consume more than the federally-recommended 30 percent of income. This is recommended so that families have enough income for all necessities, such as food, clothing, utilities and transportation.

Newark's median rent stayed relatively stable from 2009 to 2013, decreasing slightly from \$938 to \$934. This is lower than the statewide median rent of \$1,171. Despite this, 57 percent of all Newark renters spent too much of their income on housing costs in 2013.

While just 22 percent of Newark homes are owner-occupied, 65 percent of those homeowners spent more than the recommended amount on housing costs, up from 58 percent in 2009. The situation is even grimmer for Newark's low-income homeowners earning less than \$50,000 per year. Of those residents, almost all, or 96 percent, spent too much of their income on housing costs, compared to just 46 percent of their higher-income counterparts earning more than \$50,000 per year.

Median Rent

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	938	934	963	927	934	0
Essex	996	991	1035	999	1034	4
New Jersey	1,108	1,114	1,135	1,148	1,171	6

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Affordable Housing

Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30% of Their Income on Rent

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	57	58	61	59	57	1
Essex	54	55	59	57	55	2
New Jersey	53	54	55	54	54	2

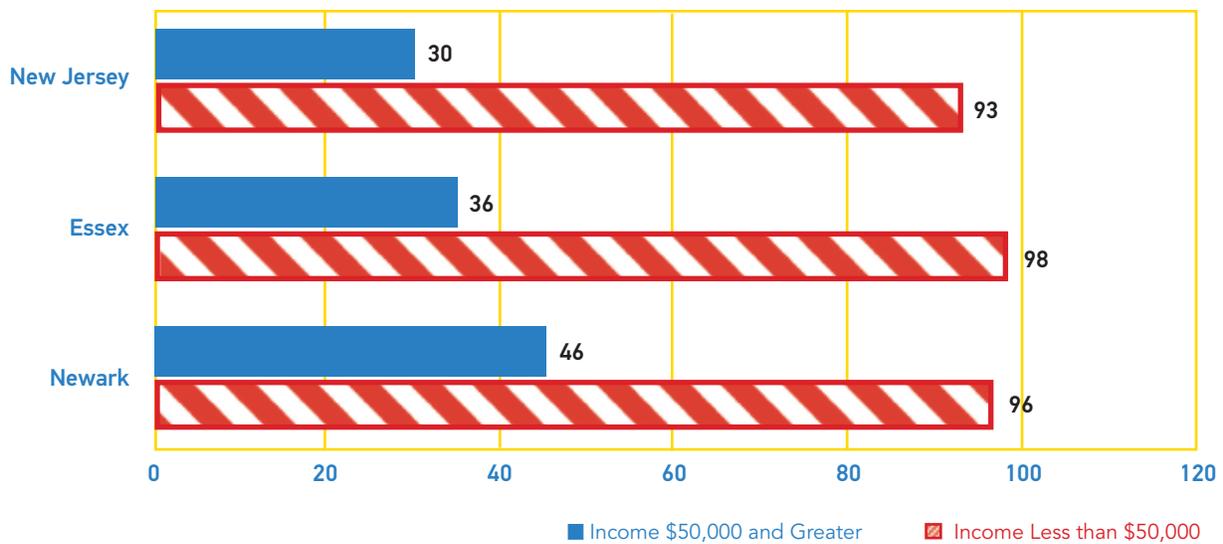
Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	25	24	21	22	22	-13
Essex	46	46	45	45	45	-2
New Jersey	66	66	65	65	64	-3

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing Costs

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	58	69	68	72	65	11
Essex	52	54	51	50	47	-9
New Jersey	47	47	47	44	41	-13

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2013





The number of Newark children receiving food stamps through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) continued to increase, rising 13 percent from 2010 to 2014, when more than 35,000 children across the city received this critical nutritional benefit.

However, during this same time, the number of women, infants and children receiving formula and other assistance from the Supplemental Assistance Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) decreased 6 percent in Newark, consistent with county and statewide trends. More than half, or 57 percent, of those receiving WIC benefits in Essex County were from Newark.

Contrary to statewide trends, Newark's traditional public schools have seen a concerning decline in the number of students receiving free- or reduced-price school breakfast, dropping 17 percent in recent years. During the same time, Newark charter schools have seen the number of students participating soar 188 percent.

While Newark's traditional schools have long been a leader on this front, changes in administrative policy have allowed principals to eliminate breakfast in the classroom. Hungry students struggle to learn. School breakfast is one of the nation's most effective childhood anti-hunger programs, as federal funds cover the cost of meals in high-poverty districts like Newark. This improves children's chances for school success.

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	31,649	33,436	32,255	34,215	35,612	13
Essex	54,011	58,414	61,225	64,362	64,464	19
New Jersey	317,819	368,173	395,999	419,410	417,044	31
Newark's % of Essex	59	57	53	53	55	
Newark's % of NJ	10	9	8	8	9	

Women, Infants and Children Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	13,614	13,379	13,857	13,552	12,849	-6
Essex	24,543	23,802	24,324	23,849	22,564	-8
New Jersey	189,116	186,247	189,399	185,097	180,154	-5
Newark's % of Essex	55	56	57	57	57	
Newark's % of NJ	7	7	7	7	7	

Number of Children Eligible For Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

Children Eligible for Free Meals	2009-10*	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark Public Schools	28,689	26,320	27,909	29,769	27,833	-3
Newark Charter Schools	3,070	4,246	5,429	7,019	8,020	161
Newark Total	31,759	30,566	33,338	36,788	35,853	13
Essex	50,683	52,227	55,774	61,979	62,577	23
New Jersey	358,912	372,605	398,259	428,447	445,067	24
Children Eligible for Reduced Meals	2009-10*	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark Public Schools	3,569	2,656	2,524	2,688	1,666	-53
Newark Charter Schools	912	1,016	1,127	1,367	1,322	45
Newark Total	4,481	3,672	3,651	4,055	2,988	-33
Essex	8,379	7,256	7,389	7,935	6,992	-17
New Jersey	86,152	74,687	78,845	78,027	75,254	-13
Total Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price Meals	2009-10*	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark Public Schools	32,258	28,976	30,433	32,457	29,499	-9
Newark Charter Schools	3,982	5,262	6,556	8,386	9,342	135
Newark Total	36,240	34,238	36,989	40,843	38,841	7
Essex	59,062	59,483	63,163	69,914	69,569	18
New Jersey	445,064	447,292	477,104	506,474	520,320	17

* For the 2009-10 school year, the number of students eligible for free- or reduced-price school lunch for Gray Charter School, Discovery Charter School and Newark Educators Charter school were left blank in the Department of Education enrollment data.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change
Newark Public Schools	21,539	20,927	21,228	20,382	17,906	-17
Newark Charter Schools	1,753	2,278	3,050	3,998	5,045	188
Newark Total	23,292	23,205	24,278	24,380	22,951	171
Essex	33,347	33,185	35,193	36,300	35,957	8
New Jersey	135,813	147,846	171,555	197,058	215,604	59

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*	% Change 11-15
Newark Public Schools	74	69	65	69	61	-18
Newark Charter Schools	33	35	36	43	54	62
Newark Total	68	63	59	63	59	-13
Essex	56	53	50	52	52	-8
New Jersey	30	31	34	38	41	36

*Please note that the 2014-15 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of 2013-14 school year and receiving data as of October 2014.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change
Newark Public Schools	25,113	23,777	23,856	22,363	19,674	-22
Newark Charter Schools	4,328	5,517	6,000	7,284	8,839	104
Newark Total	29,441	29,294	29,856	29,647	28,513	-3
Essex	51,210	51,550	53,888	53,327	52,818	3
New Jersey	363,262	380,488	396,286	400,070	406,996	12

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*	% Change 11-15
Newark Public Schools	87	78	74	76	67	-23
Newark Charter Schools	82	84	72	78	95	15
Newark Total	86	79	73	76	73	-15
Essex	86	82	77	77	76	-12
New Jersey	81	80	78	77	78	-4

*Please note that the 2014-15 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of 2013-14 school year and receiving data as of October 2014.



Over the past few years, Newark has continued to see strong improvements in many indicators of child health. This includes decreases in women receiving no or late prenatal care, babies born with low-birth weight, infant mortality, asthma admissions to the hospital and childhood lead poisoning. This is all very positive.

Despite these advances, Newark's children continue to fare worse when compared to state and county averages. And, although children without health insurance has declined since 2009, that number began to increase from 2012 to 2013.

In 2011, 39 percent of Newark women received late or no prenatal care, down from 45 percent in 2007. Yet, Newark still lags behind the state rate of 18 percent and the Essex County rate of 29 percent. Also from 2007 to 2011, the number of babies born with low-birth weight decreased 19 percent. Roughly 11 percent of babies were born with low-birth weight in Newark in 2011, the latest year that data are available. This is higher than the state average of 8 percent. Almost half — 43 percent — of all babies born with low-birth weight in Essex County were from Newark.

The city's infant mortality rate also dropped 32 percent, from about 10 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2007 to roughly 7 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011. While, once again, this is good news, the state rate in 2011 was 5 deaths per 1,000 live births.

There were other health indicators where the city fared well. The number of asthma admissions to the hospital dropped 48 percent from 2009 to 2013. And, once again, as more children continued to be tested for lead poisoning, fewer tested positive.

The number of children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare, the state's free- or low-cost health coverage that includes Medicaid, increased 3 percent from 2010 to 2014. Likewise, uninsured children in Newark also showed positive trends, with both the number and percentage of children without health insurance dropping 47 percent from 2009 to 2013.

That positive trend, however, appears to be reversing. From 2013 to 2014, the number of children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare actually decreased, after steadily increasing each year prior. This corresponded with a concerning increase in the number of children without health insurance, rising from about 4,700 Newark children to more than 5,400 children.

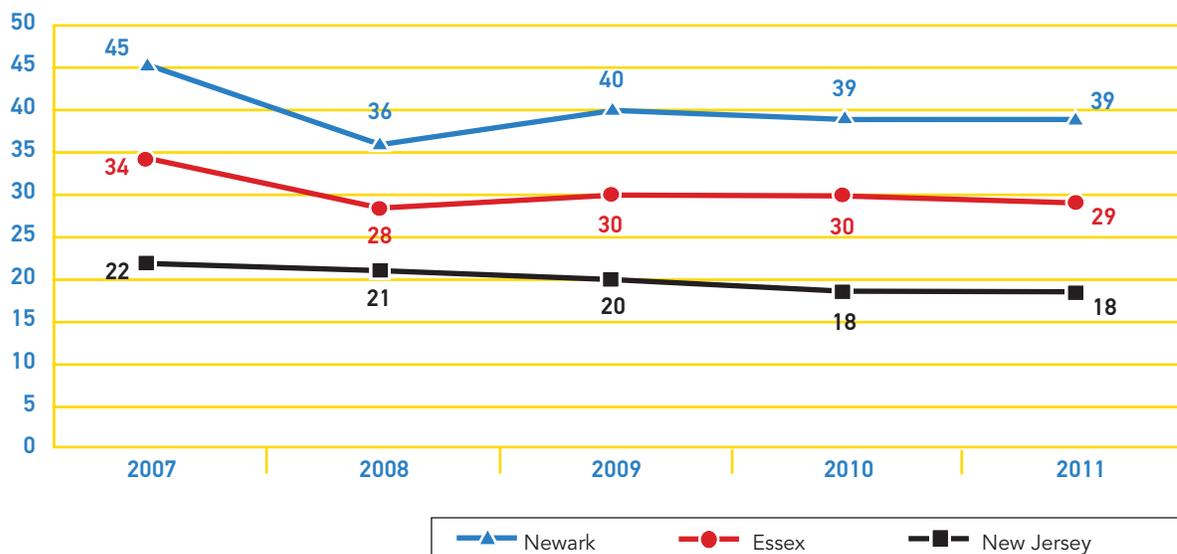
It is important to address this issue before the gains of previous years are lost, especially in light of the significant federal changes to health care systems.

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	2,152	1,744	1,861	1,659	1,687	-22
Essex	4,006	3,305	3,433	3,090	3,100	-23
New Jersey	25,690	23,196	21,463	19,145	19,127	-26
Newark's % of Essex	54	53	54	54	54	
Newark's % of NJ	8	8	9	9	9	

Late prenatal care is defined as prenatal care beginning in the second trimester or later.

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care



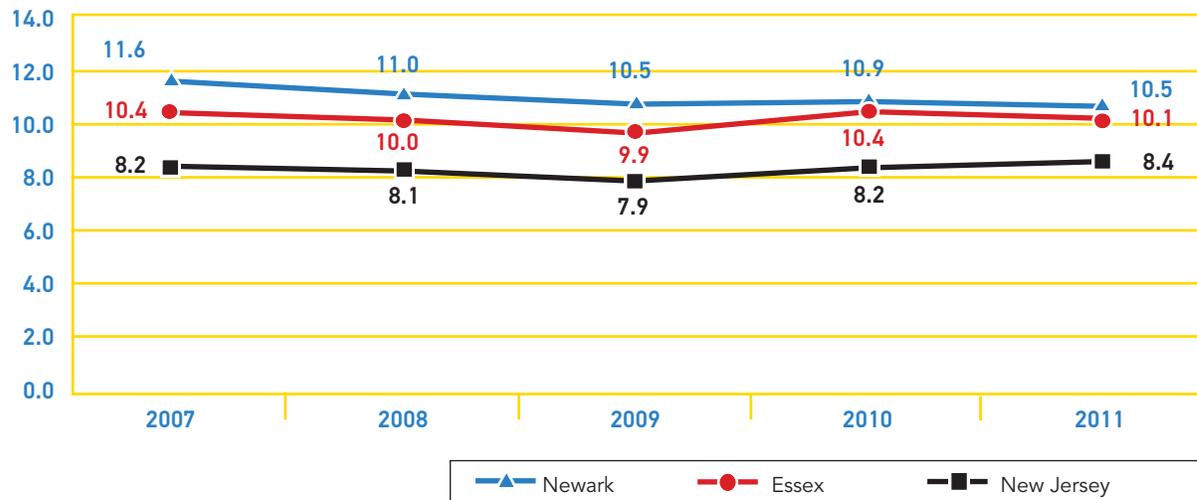
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Child Health

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	560	531	490	459	456	-19
Essex	1,247	1,173	1,129	1,088	1,064	-15
New Jersey	9,510	9,093	8,629	8,747	8,901	-6
Newark's % of Essex	45	45	43	42	43	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	5	5	

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight



Infant Mortality

	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		% Change 07-11	
	#	Rate*	#	Rate*								
Newark	49	10.1	56	11.6	50	10.8	36	8.6	30	6.9	-39	-32
Essex	89	7.5	100	8.5	87	7.6	72	6.9	61	5.8	-31	-22
New Jersey	590	5.1	591	5.3	559	5.1	518	4.9	531	5.0	-10	-1
Newark's % of Essex	55		56		57		50		49			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		9		9		7		6			

*Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	8	14	14	11	14	12
Essex	37	30	26	18	28	9
New Jersey	218	187	176	180	196	1
Newark's % of Essex	22	47	54	61	50	
Newark's % of New Jersey	4	7	8	6	7	

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	440	395	406	333	231	-48
Essex	811	706	719	623	467	-42

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead

	2009		2013		% Change 09-13	
	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned
Newark	5,217	1.6	5,337	0.8	2	-49
Essex	11,457	1.6	10,835	0.8	-5	-49
New Jersey	100,479	0.7	92,572	0.4	-8	-43

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Newark Lead Abatements

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
	68	5	26	46	55	-19

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Child Health

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	53,412	54,345	54,795	55,283	54,867	3
Essex	94,605	96,781	98,320	99,396	99,078	5
New Jersey	657,443	690,055	711,518	727,881	745,990	13
Newark's % of Essex	56	56	56	56	55	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	8	8	8	7	

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	10,343	15	7,240	10	6,903	10	4,702	6	5,436	8	-47	-47
Essex	17,092	9	14,783	8	14,138	7	10,374	5	11,783	6	-31	-31
New Jersey	129,835	6	123,456	6	105,165	5	102,816	5	112,117	6	-14	-8
Newark's % of Essex	61		49		49		45		46			
Newark's % of NJ	8		6		7		5		5			

Newark largely continues to follow county and statewide trends in the area of child protection. The number of children under any form of supervision by the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), formerly known as DYFS, increased slightly by 1 percent from 2010 to 2014. This number increased 5 percent in Essex County and 7 percent statewide.

As the number of children in an out-of-home placement, or foster care, dropped, the number of children who were receiving DCP&P services while living at home increased. Roughly 3,400 Newark children were receiving in-home services from the division in 2014 and 800 were in foster care.

Despite this 16 percent drop in the number of children in foster care, the number of Newark children who were the subject of a child abuse/neglect investigation and the number of substantiated or proven investigations both increased from 2009 to 2013. In 2013, 6,047 Newark children were the subject of an abuse/neglect investigation, up from 5,321 in 2009. Of those children, 944 — or 16 percent — were determined to have been victims of abuse or neglect. This is an increase from just 611 children, or 11 percent in 2009.



Children Under Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)* Supervision

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	4,127	4,360	4,931	4,287	4,186	1
Essex	6,273	6,500	7,195	6,634	6,598	5
New Jersey	47,976	48,318	52,873	51,864	51,412	7
Newark's % of Essex	66	67	69	65	63	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	8	8	

*Formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

Children Receiving In-Home DCP&P Services

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	3,162	3,591	4,131	3,421	3,377	7
Essex	4,778	5,298	5,925	5,284	5,327	11
New Jersey	40,115	41,121	45,389	44,234	43,752	9
Newark's % of Essex	66	68	70	65	63	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	9	9	8	8	

Children in Out-of-Home DCP&P Placement

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	965	769	800	866	809	-16
Essex	1,495	1,202	1,270	1,350	1,271	-15
New Jersey	7,861	7,197	7,484	7,630	7,660	-3
Newark's % of Essex	65	64	63	64	64	
Newark's % of New Jersey	12	11	11	11	11	

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	5,321	5,355	5,353	5,939	6,047	14
Essex	9,497	9,699	9,584	10,344	10,479	10
New Jersey	89,287	93,699	91,680	92,924	94,486	6
Newark's % of Essex	56	55	56	57	58	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	6	6	

Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	611	622	743	680	944	55
Essex	1,044	1,080	1,167	1,100	1,443	38
New Jersey	9,286	9,326	9,414	9,250	11,972	29
Newark's % of Essex	59	58	64	62	65	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	7	8	7	8	

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	11	12	14	11	16	36
Essex	11	11	12	11	14	25
New Jersey	10	10	10	10	13	22

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs*

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 12-14
Newark	247	273	299	11
Essex	549	538	615	-2
New Jersey	4,688	5,339	6,489	14

*The state funds three home visitation programs in Newark and Essex County: Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families-TIP Program and Parents and Teachers. These data include families from all three programs.



Families and young children need access to child care that can promote quality healthy development and support parents as they work. Yet, Newark parents had fewer licensed child care centers as options for their children in 2014, compared to 2010. During this time, the number of licensed centers decreased 11 percent, from 195 to 173.

However, after decreasing each year since 2010, the capacity of licensed child care centers in Newark rose in 2014 to 17,200 slots from about 16,600 in 2010.

The number of Newark providers who cared for children in their own homes and were registered with the state also declined 39 percent. In 2014, there were 138 registered family child care providers, compared to 226 in 2010.

Many families across Newark and the state struggle with affording child care. The good news is that from 2009 to 2013, the number of child care subsidies issued in Newark increased 2 percent and the number of vouchers for children under the supervision of the state's child protection agency increased 78 percent.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	195	202	190	183	173	-11
Essex	537	543	536	520	505	-6
New Jersey	4,209	4,213	4,137	4,037	3,987	-5
Newark's % of Essex	36	37	35	35	34	
Newark's % of NJ	5	5	5	5	4	

Child Care Center Capacity

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	16,598	18,317	17,231	15,867	17,214	4
Essex	45,358	47,013	46,325	44,431	44,829	-1
New Jersey	353,706	356,900	353,159	344,610	346,337	-2

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	226	204	160	160	138	-39
Essex	459	444	447	353	332	-28
New Jersey	2,892	2,431	2,289	2,120	2,054	-29
Newark's % of Essex	49	46	36	45	42	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	8	7	8	7	

Child Care Vouchers

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	7,968	7,615	6,152	6,200	8,157	2
Newark - DCP&P*	303	231	256	362	538	78
Essex	14,197	14,124	11,829	13,198	17,443	23

*These are vouchers for children under supervision of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency.



Enrollment

Quality early education is the building block to future academic and life success for children. Newark saw a strong 12 percent increase in preschool enrollments from the 2009–10 to 2013–14 school years, compared to the Essex increase of 8 percent and the statewide increase of 4 percent. As kindergarten enrollment in Newark’s charter schools climbed 122 percent during this same time, enrollment in the city’s traditional public school kindergarten dropped 51 percent.

Total K-12 and special education enrollment in Newark show similar trends. From the 2009–10 to 2013–14 school years, total K-12 enrollment in Newark’s traditional public schools decreased 11 percent, while K-12 charter school enrollment more than doubled. Newark charter schools are now educating about 25 percent of all Newark students.

Newark’s charter schools are also educating an increasing number of students requiring special education, rising from about 300 students in 2009–10 to more than 1,000 in 2013–14. As a percent of total enrollment, however, Newark traditional schools still educate a higher percent of students with special education needs — 15 percent compared to about 9 percent in charter schools.

Public Preschool Enrollment

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark	5,864	6,134	6,235	6,404	6,541	12
Essex	9,291	9,678	9,656	9,961	10,017	8
New Jersey	49,940	51,333	51,642	51,860	51,924	4
Newark's % of Essex	63	63	65	64	65	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	12	12	13	

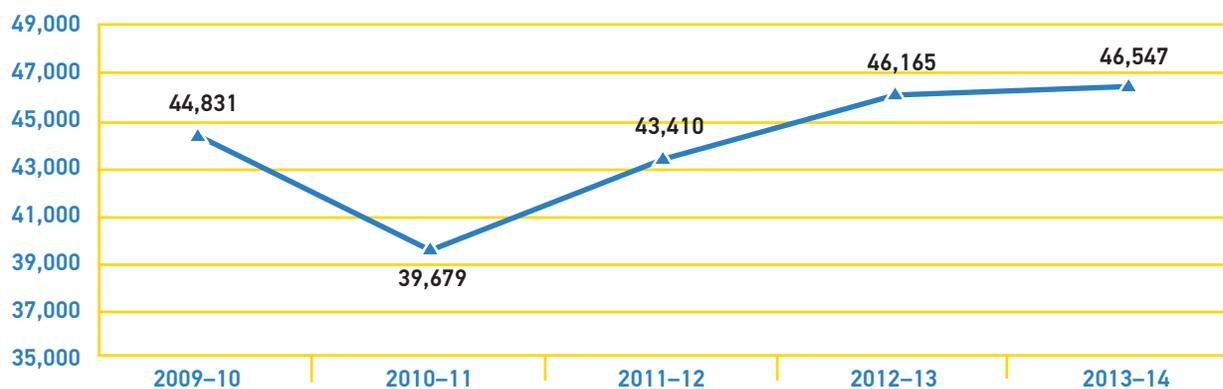
Kindergarten Enrollment

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter)	3,067	1,940	2,627	2,767	1,505	-51
Newark Charter Schools	618	829	1,007	1,147	1,373	122
Newark Total	3,685	2,769	3,634	3,914	2,878	-22
Essex	9,014	7,969	9,765	10,236	8,828	-2
New Jersey	94,917	90,663	91,859	95,101	92,018	-3
Newark's % of Essex	41	35	37	38	33	
Newark's % of NJ	4	3	4	4	3	

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter)	39,440	33,279	35,543	36,427	34,976	-11
Newark Charter Schools	5,391	6,400	7,867	9,738	11,571	115
Newark Total	44,831	39,679	43,410	46,165	46,547	4

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark*

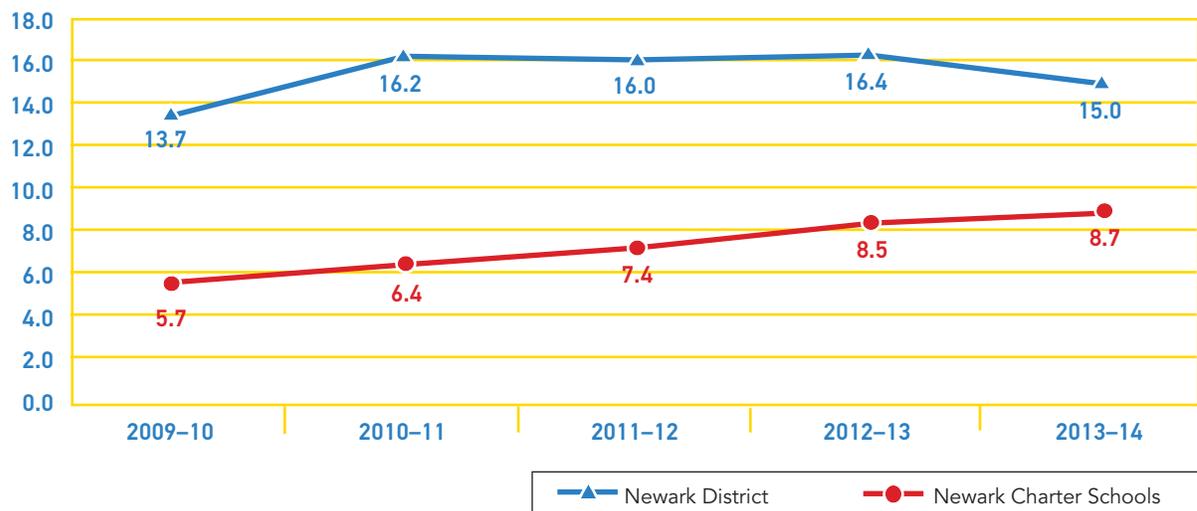


*Data include enrollment in both traditional Newark District and Newark charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter)	5,415	5,394	5,688	5,963	5,246	-3
Newark Charter Schools	308	412	582	823	1,012	229
Newark Total	5,723	5,806	6,270	6,786	6,258	9
Essex	17,676	18,120	18,934	19,386	19,008	8
New Jersey	211,111	212,727	217,940	220,932	216,414	3
Newark's % of Essex	32	32	33	35	33	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment



Number of Homeless Students

	2013-14
Newark	575
Essex	1,113
New Jersey	20,606
Newark's % of Essex	52
Newark's % of NJ	3

School Truancy/Violence

In the 2013–14 school year, officials with the Newark School District reported no truancy pickups, down from about 1,600 during the previous school year. Truancy pickups had been steadily declining in recent years, but it is unclear why the number dropped to zero. Attempts to reach Newark school officials for an explanation were unsuccessful.

From 2010–11 to 2013–14, more substance abuse and vandalism related incidents were reported to have occurred in Newark’s traditional public schools. During this time, incidents involving substance abuse increased 20 percent, but still represented the fewest number of incidents at 24. Vandalism rose 24 percent to a total of 83 incidents. Violent incidents declined 5 percent but were still the highest type of incidents reported at 165. Incidents involving weapons also declined slightly. In the 2013-14 school year, Newark charters recorded 71 incidents of violence, 13 incidents involving vandalism, 5 involving weapons and 15 incidents surrounding substance abuse. Data for previous years are unavailable.

Newark Public Schools Truancy Cumulative Pick-Ups



School Violence Incidents

	2010-11				2013-14				% Change 11-14			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Newark District	173	67	35	20	165	83	32	24	-5	24	-9	20
Newark Charter Schools	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	71	13	5	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Newark Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	236	96	37	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essex	815	168	120	144	829	229	104	172	2	36	-13	19
New Jersey	10,928	2,033	1,227	3,559	7,484	1,561	1,000	3,138	-32	-23	-19	-12
Newark % of Essex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	42	36	23				
Newark % of NJ	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	6	4	1				

Test Scores

Newark charter school students continued to pass state standardized tests at a rate roughly equal to, and in many cases better than, statewide averages. Charter school students performed the best on 11th grade language arts tests, with 93 percent passing, and worst on 4th grade reading, with 58 percent passing.

Once again, trends in the percentage of students in the city's traditional public schools posted mixed results. While passing rates rose from 2009–10 to 2013–14 on 3rd grade language arts tests, 8th grade math tests and 11th grade language arts and math tests, passing rates in other grades and subjects decreased. Newark traditional public school students posted the largest gain in the percentage of students passing 11th grade language arts tests, increasing 39 percent, from just 57 percent passing in 2009–10 to 80 percent in 2013–14. Their worst score was on 4th grade language arts, with just 29 percent of students testing proficient.

A substantial and persistent achievement gap exists in pass rates among students in Newark traditional public schools and charter schools. For example, while 71 percent of charter school students in Newark passed 3rd grade language arts tests in 2013–14 — higher than the state average of 66 percent — only 41 percent of students in Newark traditional public schools passed those tests. Similarly, just 42 percent of traditional-school students passed 8th grade math tests, compared to 75 percent for charter school students. Comparable trends can be seen throughout other grades and tests.

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade Language Arts Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	37.9	41.6	41.9	42.1	40.5	7
Newark Charter School Average	44.1	58.1	68.4	69.0	70.5	60
New Jersey Average	59.7	63.0	66.7	66.4	65.5	10

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade Math Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	55.9	57.9	53.0	50.4	51.4	-8
Newark Charter School Average	60.2	71.3	80.9	80.2	80.1	33
New Jersey Average	78.1	78.9	78.4	77.7	75.5	-3

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	35.8	36.1	34.1	30.5	29.1	-19
Newark Charter School Average	49.6	49.9	49.9	57.7	58.3	18
New Jersey Average	59.6	62.7	58.5	59.4	59.8	0

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	54.6	54.9	52.2	49.0	44.5	-18
Newark Charter School Average	64	68.8	67.7	77.6	77.8	22
New Jersey Average	77	79.3	77.4	78.3	74.9	-3

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	57.7	57.1	57.7	56.0	51.2	-11
Newark Charter School Average	84.1	84.1	82.9	78.6	83.0	-1
New Jersey Average	82.5	82.1	82.2	81.9	79.8	-3

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	40.6	45.4	45.2	42.4	42.3	4
Newark Charter School Average	72.2	77.3	74.2	63.1	74.5	3
New Jersey Average	68.5	71.5	71.6	69.3	71.5	4

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	57.4	67.7	77.5	77.8	79.6	39
Newark Charter School Average	95.1	83.4	95.0	89.6	92.9	-2
New Jersey Average	87.1	89.6	91.5	91.6	93.2	7

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 10-14
Newark District (non-charter) Average	46.4	50.6	58.6	60.8	53	14
Newark Charter School Average	84.1	47.7	81.5	71.3	61.1	-27
New Jersey Average	74.1	75.2	79.3	79.7	78.9	6

Test Scores by School

Once again, in addition to looking at the average pass rates for the city, it is important to also examine how individual schools perform. As in the past, student and academic achievement varies greatly from school to school in both traditional and charter schools.

For example, Newark 3rd graders passing math tests ranged from a high of 100 percent at North Star Academy Charter School to a low of 11 percent at Speedway Avenue Elementary School in the 2013–14 school year. Eleventh graders passing math tests ranged from 98 percent to 10 percent that same year. Similar ranges are seen across the various grades and schools throughout Newark.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 3rd Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
North Star Academy Charter School	97.1	Roseville Avenue	45.5
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	92.6	South Street	44.6
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	91.1	Maple Avenue	44.4
Philips Academy Charter School	83.4	George Washington Carver	42.9
Gray Charter School	81.3	Newark Educators Community Charter School	42.6
Newark Legacy Charter School	69.6	Roberto Clemente	41.3
Oliver Street	67	Newton Street	41.2
TEAM Academy Charter School	66.7	Cleveland	37.8
Ridge Street	66	Rafael Hernandez School	35.7
Branch Brook	65.6	Sussex Avenue	31.4
Ivy Hill Elementary	61.7	Luis Munoz Marin Elementary	31.3
Lafayette Street	61.4	Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	28.3
Ann Street	59.8	Alexander Street	27.3
New Horizons Community Charter School	58.4	Hawkins Street	26.2
Mt. Vernon	57.7	Quitman Community School	24.5
Wilson Avenue	57	Louise A. Spencer	23.5
University Heights Charter School	56.9	Dr. William H. Horton	23.1
First Avenue	56.7	South Seventeenth Street	22.6
Harriet Tubman	56.3	Franklin Elementary	21.9
Abington Avenue	54.8	Camden Street	21.7
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	52	Dayton Street	21.3
Roseville Community Charter School	50	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	20.5
Elliott Street	49.4	Chancellor Avenue	19.6
Fourteenth Avenue	48	Thirteenth Avenue	18.2
McKinley	47.8	Hawthorne Avenue	16.7
Lincoln	46.3	Speedway Avenue	16.1
New Park School	46	Belmont Runyon	15.8
Miller Street	45.7	Madison Elementary	15.2
Avon Avenue	45.5		

*Data not available for Bragaw Avenue school.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 3rd Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
North Star Academy Charter School	100.0	Roberto Clemente	55.2
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	98.8	Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	54.7
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	98.2	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	53.5
Lafayette Street	90.7	Newark Educators Community Charter School	53.2
Philips Academy Charter School	90.4	Chancellor Avenue	52.9
Oliver Street	89.2	South Seventeenth Street	51.6
Ann Street	81.9	Sussex Avenue	51.0
TEAM Academy Charter School	80.9	Fourteenth Avenue	48.0
First Avenue	78.4	Dayton Street	46.7
Gray Charter School	78.2	Cleveland	45.9
Newark Legacy Charter School	76.3	Maple Avenue	44.5
Branch Brook	75.0	Roseville Community Charter School	38.5
New Horizons Community Charter School	75.0	George Washington Carver	37.5
University Heights Charter School	72.5	Luis Munoz Marin Elementary	35.9
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	69.4	Quitman Community School	32.7
Mt. Vernon	64.4	Miller Street	32.6
McKinley	64.3	Camden Street	31.6
Roseville Avenue	63.7	Franklin Elementary	31.3
New Park School	61.7	Lincoln	29.3
Abington Avenue	61.6	Dr. William H. Horton	28.6
Harriet Tubman	60.4	Madison Elementary	28.4
Elliott Street	60.3	Hawkins Street	28.1
Avon Avenue	59.8	Alexander Street	27.3
Wilson Avenue	59.0	Hawthorne Avenue	25.0
South Street	58.9	Thirteenth Avenue	18.2
Rafael Hernandez School	57.1	Louise A. Spencer	13.9
Ridge Street	56.0	Belmont Runyon	13.8
Ivy Hill Elementary	56.0	Speedway Avenue	10.7
Newton Street	55.9		

*Data not available for Bragaw Avenue school.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
North Star Academy Charter School	95.3	Cleveland	28.9
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	86.1	Roberto Clemente	28.8
Gray Charter School	84.0	Lincoln	26.9
Branch Brook	70	Miller Street	26.1
TEAM Academy Charter School	66.3	Hawkins Street	25.4
New Park School	58.8	Harriet Tubman	23.9
Newark Educators Community Charter School	58.3	Hawthorne Avenue	22.2
Ridge Street	53.9	Rafael Hernandez School	21.4
Lafayette Street	53.4	McKinley	21.3
Discovery Charter School	52.6	Belmont Runyon	20.5
Ann Street	48.6	Camden Street	19.6
New Horizons Community Charter School	46.3	Alexander Street	18.4
Philips Academy Charter School	46.3	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	18.4
First Avenue	45.9	Quitman Community School	18.2
Oliver Street	45.7	George Washington Carver	18
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	45.3	Franklin	17.4
Newark Legacy Charter School	43.4	Luis Munoz Marin	17.4
Mt. Vernon	43.2	Roseville Avenue	17.4
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	41.4	Dayton Street	15.9
University Heights Charter School	39.3	Speedway Avenue	15.9
Abington Avenue	37.3	Dr. William H. Horton	15.5
Wilson Avenue	37.2	Avon Avenue	15.4
Elliott Street	36.4	Chancellor Avenue	14.5
South Street	34.9	Sussex Avenue	14.3
Fourteenth Avenue	34.6	Madison Elementary	13.8
Ivy Hill Elementary	33.3	Louise A. Spencer	12.5
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	33.3	Thirteenth Avenue	12.2
South Seventeenth Street	32.1	Newton Street	10.5

*Data not available for Bragaw Avenue, Fast Track Success Academy and Maple Avenue.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
North Star Academy Charter School	100	Rafael Hernandez	42.9
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	96.2	Chancellor Avenue	42.1
Gray Charter School	88	Quitman Community School	38.7
Philips Academy Charter School	83.3	Ivy Hill Elementary	38.3
TEAM Academy Charter School	80.8	Franklin Elementary School	38.3
Branch Brook	80	Harriet Tubman	36.9
New Horizons Community Charter School	80	Hawthorne Avenue	36.1
Discovery Charter School	79	Camden Street	35.7
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	76.8	Roseville Avenue	34.8
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	75.8	Fourteenth Avenue	34.6
Lafayette Street	74.8	Dr. William H. Horton	34.6
Oliver Street	73.7	Sussex Avenue	34.4
Mt. Vernon	71.8	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	30.6
Ridge Street	70.8	McKinley	29.8
Ann Street	70.2	Lincoln	28.8
New Park School	69.3	Alexander Street	28
Elliott Street	67.1	Dayton Street	27.5
University Heights Charter School	62.7	Bragaw Avenue	27
First Avenue	60	Speedway Avenue	26.6
Newark Legacy Charter School	60	Luis Munoz Marin Elementary	26.1
Newark Educators Community Charter School	56.2	Hawkins Street	25.4
Roberto Clemente	54.9	George Washington Carver	24.6
Wilson Avenue	53.6	Cleveland	23.7
South Street	53.5	Maple Avenue	21.4
Abington Avenue	52	Madison Elementary	20
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	51	Thirteenth Avenue	19.3
Avon Avenue	49.3	Belmont Runyon	18.7
Miller Street	45.6	Newton Street	15.4
South Seventeenth Street	45.4	Louise A. Spencer	12.2

**Data not available for Fast Track Success Academy.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
Science High School	100	Oliver Street	56.1
Discovery Charter School	100	Maple Avenue	54.2
Gray Charter School	100	Miller Street	48.8
North Star Academy Charter School	94.2	Alexander Street	48.2
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	93.5	Camden Street	47.9
University High	91.5	Sussex Avenue	46.4
Philips Academy Charter School	87.5	Luis Munoz Marin Elementary	46.2
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	87.1	Rafael Hernandez	40.6
Newark Early College	84.4	Dayton Street	40
Ann Street	81.5	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	40
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	80.9	Hawthorne Avenue	40
Wilson Avenue	78.2	Quitman Community	38.5
Mt. Vernon	77.9	Avon Avenue	37.5
Ridge Street	77.6	McKinley	37.1
Greater Newark Charter School	77.5	Hawkins Street	36.5
New Park School	77.1	Dr. William H. Horton	33.7
Arts High School	74.3	Chancellor Avenue	33.3
Ivy Hill	72.3	Belmont Runyon	32.7
TEAM Academy Charter School	72.1	South Seventeenth Street	31
First Avenue	72.1	Thirteenth Avenue	28.6
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	72.1	Bragaw Avenue	28.3
Great Oaks Charter School	69.7	George Washington Carver	25.7
Lafayette School	63.2	Speedway Avenue	21.8
Abington Avenue	60.2	Cleveland	21.2
Lincoln	59.1	Louise A. Spencer	14.8

**Data not available for Branch Brook, Elliott Street and Newton Street schools.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
Science High School	100	Sussex Avenue	51.2
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	95.6	Greater Newark Charter School	51
Discovery Charter School	93.3	South Seventeenth Street	42.8
North Star Academy Charter School	93.1	Camden Street	40.4
Newark Early College	85.9	Luis Munoz Marin Elementary	37.8
Gray Charter School	85.7	Ridge Street	37.3
Wilson Avenue	84.3	Chancellor Avenue	35.2
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	83.4	Miller Street	34.2
Lafayette School	80.5	Rafael Hernandez	33.3
Philips Academy Charter School	77.5	Dayton Street	33.3
Great Oaks Charter School	77.3	McKinley	32.8
Ann Street	77.1	Hawkins Street	30.2
University High	76.6	Alexander Street	26.8
New Park School	76	Maple Avenue	25
Ivy Hill	67.9	Dr. E. Alma Flagg	24.5
First Avenue	63.6	Lincoln	24.4
Abington Avenue	62.5	Avon Avenue	20.3
Mt. Vernon	62.4	Arts High School	20
TEAM Academy Charter School	59.1	Speedway Avenue	20
Oliver Street	58.7	Dr. William H. Horton	14.1
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	53.2	Quitman Community	13.6
Hawthorne Avenue	52.5	George Washington Carver	13
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	51.2	Cleveland	11.7

**Data not available for Branch Brook, Elliott Street, Newton Street, Belmont Runyon, Thirteenth Avenue, Bragaw Avenue and Louise A. Spencer schools.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
American History High	100	Visions Academy Charter School	83.3
Bard Early College High School	100	Central High School	79.4
Science High School	100	East Side High School	76.7
North Star Academy Charter School	100	Malcolm X. Shabazz High School	72
Technology High School	98.7	Newark Bridges High School	65.2
Arts High School	96.6	Newark Vocational High School	62.8
TEAM Academy Charter School	96.4	West Side High School	58.1
University High School	95.5	Newark Leadership Academy	57.1
People's Preparatory Charter School	91.3	Barringer High School	54.6
Weequahic High School	86.2		

**Data not available for Fast Track Success Academy and Newark Innovation Academy.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
Science High School	98	Weequahic High School	40.8
North Star Academy Charter School	96.1	Central High School	35.7
Technology High School	89.4	Malcolm X. Shabazz High School	35.2
American History High	83.5	Visions Academy Charter School	32.2
University High School	83.4	West Side High School	22.7
Bard Early College High School	77.7	Newark Vocational High School	18.6
Arts High School	70.5	Barringer High School	16.9
TEAM Academy Charter School	69.7	Newark Leadership Academy	16.7
East Side High School	61	Newark Bridges High School	10.1
People's Preparatory Charter School	46.3		

**Data not available for Fast Track Success Academy and Newark Innovation Academy.*

Graduation/Post Graduation

The Newark high school on-time graduation rate was 69 percent in the 2013–14 school year, up from 61 percent in 2010–11. While improving, the rate is still lower than the statewide average of 89 percent.

The percent of Newark students who graduated from high school and who were enrolled in any type of post-secondary institution the following fall varied widely. Science Park High School had the highest overall enrollment rate at 80 percent, while Malcom X Shabazz High School and Weequahic High School had the lowest at 43 percent.

The number of Newark students, ages 18 to 24 years old, enrolled in college continued to climb. From 2009 to 2013, this number jumped 25 percent from roughly 9,700 students to more than 12,100 students. This is compared to a statewide increase of 8 percent during the same time.

High School Graduation Rates

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 11-14
Newark District	61	69	68	69	12
New Jersey	83	86	88	89	7

**Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011 the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.*

Average SAT Score, by High School

	2008-09			2012-13			% Change 09-13		
	Math	Verbal	Percent Participation	Math	Verbal	Percent Participation	Math	Verbal	Percent Participation
American History High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	414	409	93	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arts High School	400	402	67	426	398	86	7	-1	28
Bard Early College High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	460	433	82	N/A	N/A	N/A
Barringer High School	355	357	38	350	331	50	-1	-7	32
Central High School	342	347	45	365	345	67	7	-1	50
East Side High School	406	377	38	437	399	50	8	6	32
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	347	340	57	338	327	72	-3	-4	26
Newark Bridges High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	293	309	51	N/A	N/A	N/A
Newark Vocational High School	329	323	54	354	350	49	8	8	-10
North Star Academy Charter School	476	424	94	580	541	100	22	28	6
Science High School	531	496	92	558	508	95	5	2	3
TEAM Academy Charter School	N/A	N/A	N/A	415	393	95	N/A	N/A	N/A
Technology High School	424	408	71	477	429	83	13	5	16
University High School	481	453	87	483	439	95	0	-3	10
Weequahic High School	360	354	52	356	361	41	-1	2	-21
West Side High School	349	350	46	357	337	39	2	-4	-16
NJ Average	515	494	63	521	495	75	1	0	20

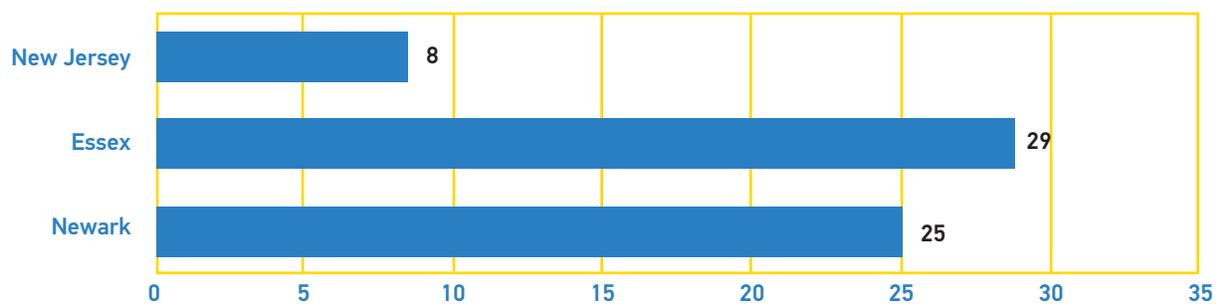
Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2012-13

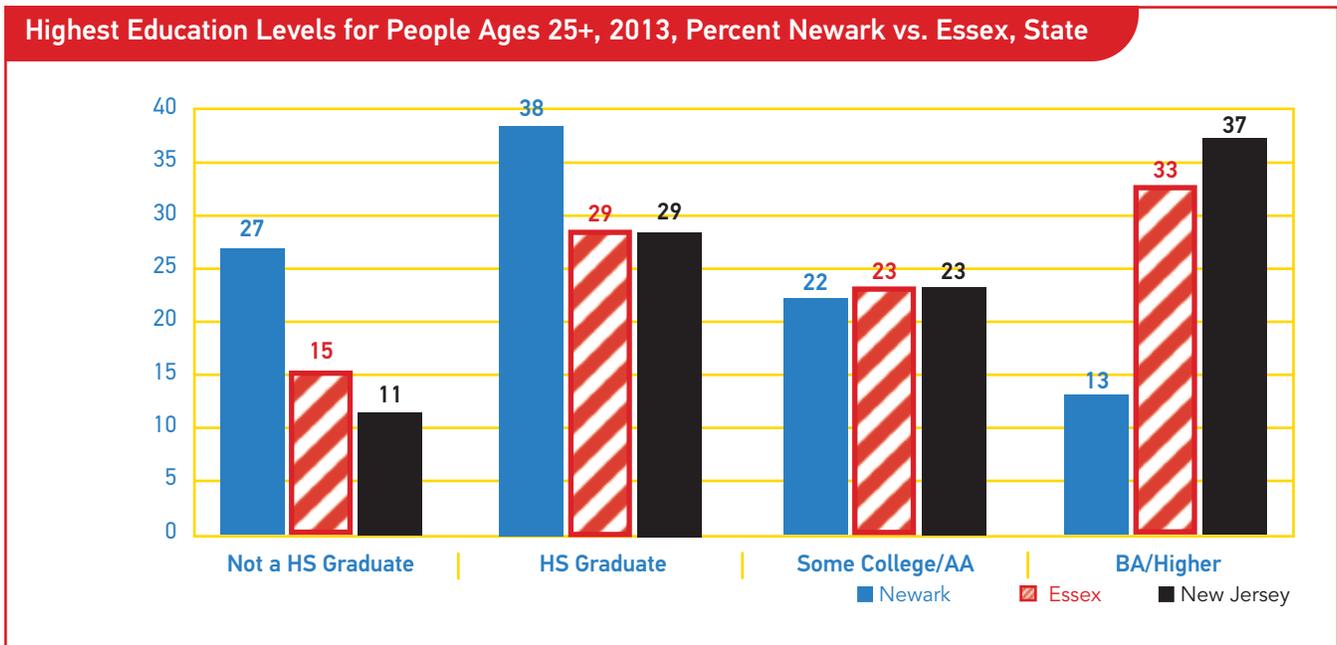
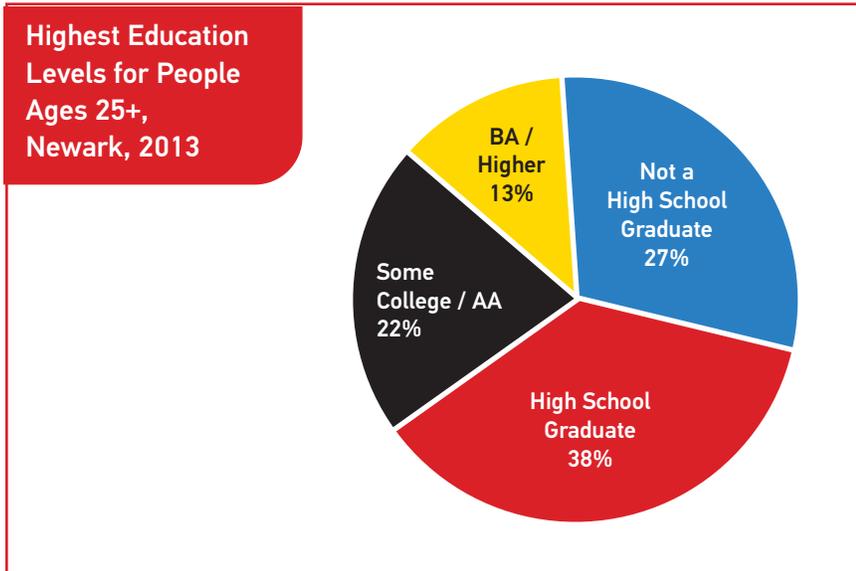
School	% School-wide	% Low-Income	% Students with Disabilities
American History High School	60	58	N/A
Arts High School	69	66	N/A
Barringer High School	47	46	29
Central High School	54	56	40
East Side High School	54	54	28
Malcom X Shabazz High School	43	40	31
Newark Vocational High School	57	57	N/A
Science Park High School	80	78	N/A
TEAM Academy Charter School	73	67	N/A
Technology High School	74	77	N/A
University High School	68	68	N/A
Weequahic High School	43	40	39
West Side High School	48	49	36

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Newark	9,714	10,285	12,081	12,023	12,102	25
Essex	26,273	30,485	33,913	32,768	33,761	29
New Jersey	333,932	359,255	367,873	369,498	361,898	8
Newark's % of Essex	37	34	36	37	36	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Percent Change in College Enrollment Among Newark Young Adults, Ages 18-24, 2009-2013







Nearly all indicators of the well-being of Newark's teens have shown positive improvement in recent years. Newark births to teen girls, ages 15 to 19, have dropped a substantial 33 percent from 696 births in 2007 to 464 births in 2011. While positive, the percent of births to teens in the city is still higher than the state and county averages. In 2011, 11 percent of all births were to Newark teens, compared to 7 percent of births in Essex County and 5 percent of births statewide.

Teen mortality has also decreased substantially. In 2007, there were 28 teen deaths. This number declined by 64 percent to 10 teen deaths between the ages of 15 and 19 in 2011.

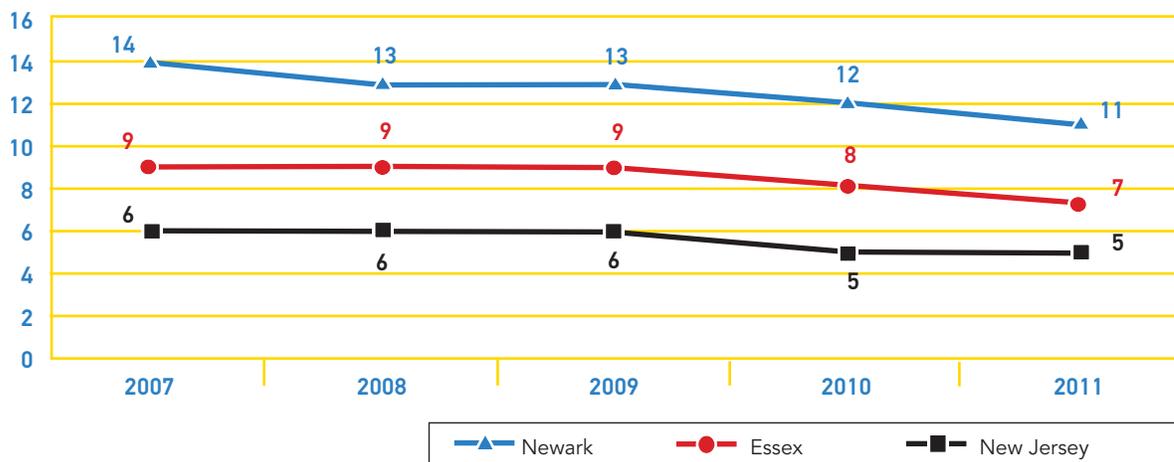
There is other good news, as well. The number of female youth, ages 16 to 20, diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection dropped 17 percent from 2009 to 2013. However, the number of males in this age group who were diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection increased 11 percent during this same time. Trends for both females and males are consistent with the county and state.

Once again, Newark, as well as the state, continues to show marked improvements in the area of juvenile justice. The commitment to this issue by so many is depicted in the data. From 2009 to 2013, the number of juvenile arrests in the city declined 39 percent from more than 1,100 arrests in 2009 to 698 arrests in 2013. Total admissions to county detention facilities also dropped a substantial 28 percent during this same time, consistent with trends in Essex County, which posted a 32 percent decline. However, once again, the overwhelming majority of detention admissions continue to be African American males, despite a small uptick in the number of females admitted.

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 06-10
Newark	696	633	619	487	464	-33
Essex	1,064	1,064	995	793	757	-29
New Jersey	7,207	6,937	6,328	5,735	5,285	-27
Newark's % of Essex	65	59	62	61	61	
Newark's % of New Jersey	10	9	10	8	9	

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19

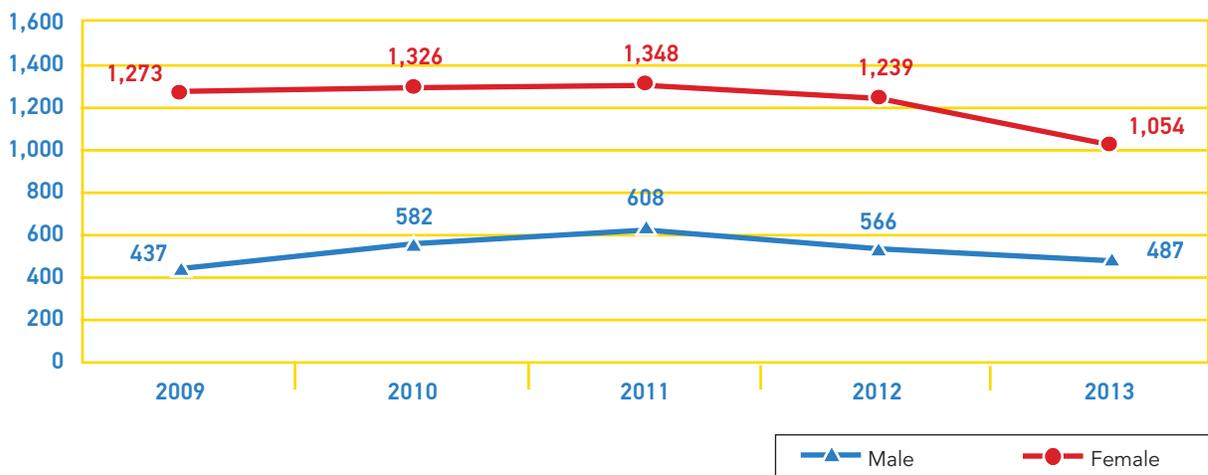
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	28	19	15	19	10	-64
Essex	40	32	31	34	22	-45
New Jersey	259	236	208	209	208	-20
Newark's % of Essex	70	59	48	56	45	
Newark's % of New Jersey	11	8	7	9	5	

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Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	Male	Female	Male	Female								
Newark	437	1,273	582	1,326	608	1,348	566	1,239	487	1,054	11	-17
Essex	749	2,160	917	2,207	932	2,213	856	2,078	776	1,767	4	-18
New Jersey	2,427	9,501	2,793	10,267	3,290	10,532	3,004	9,773	2,943	9,340	21	-2
Newark's % of Essex	58	59	63	60	65	61	66	60	63	60		
Newark's % of NJ	18	13	21	13	18	13	19	13	17	11		

Newark Youth, Ages 16-20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection



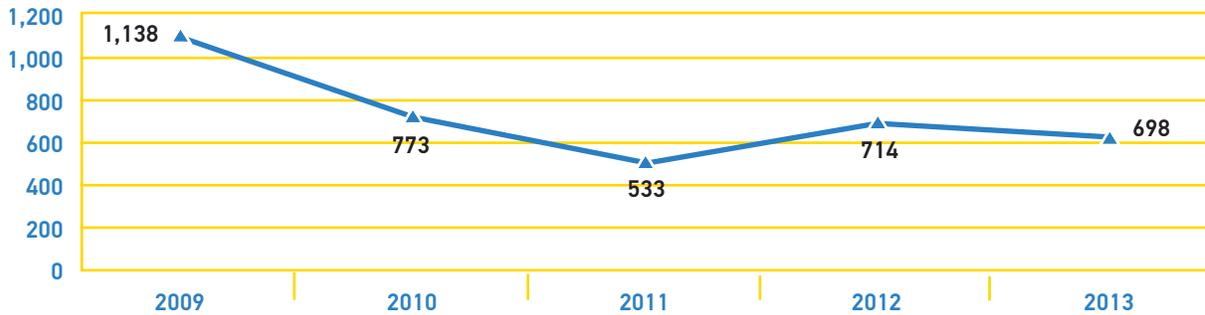
Juvenile Arrests

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*	% Change 09-13
Newark	1,138	773	533	714	698	-39
Essex	3,977	3,377	2,679	2,721	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	48,923	40,702	33,893	29,723	N/A	N/A
Newark's % of Essex	29	23	20	26	N/A	
Newark's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	N/A	

*Please note that 2013 data for Essex and New Jersey juvenile arrests were not yet available.

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Newark Juvenile Arrests



Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Total Admissions:	773	707	574	540	555	-28
By Gender:						
Males	713	653	537	485	486	-32
Females	60	54	37	55	69	15
By Race:						
African American	704	654	515	481	495	-30
Caucasian	0	1	3	0	1	
Hispanic	69	52	56	59	59	-14
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions	60	59	62	62	63	5

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
	1,294	1,191	919	874	882	-32

Section 1: Demographics

Total Population, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population (under Age 18), 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population as a Percentage of Total Population, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Newark's Child Population by Race, 2009-2013. For children under age 18 as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I.

Foreign-Born Children in Newark, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

Total Births, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Births to Unmarried Women, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005.

Grandparents Being Cared for by Their Grandchildren, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.

Section 2: Family Economic Security

Number of Children in Poverty, Under 18, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Percentage of Children in Poverty, Under 18, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Households without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Number Unemployed, 2010-2014. US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2014 data are as of November and are preliminary.

Unemployment Rate, 2010-2014. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for years 2010-2013. 2014 data are preliminary rates as of November. Please note that data reported in previous Newark Kids Count reports have been updated to reflect revised inputs, re-estimation and new statewide controls, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2009-2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), All Recipients, 2012-2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2012 are not available.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19, 2012-2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers with at least one dependent under age 19 receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2012 are not available.

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Section 3: Affordable Housing

Median Rent, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064.

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing Costs, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25101.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Section 4: Food Insecurity

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits, 2010-2014. Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Number of Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals, 2009-10 to 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include traditional public schools and charter schools. Please note that for the 2009-10 school year, the number of students eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals for Gray Charter School, Discovery Charter School and Newark Educators Charter school were left blank in the Department of Education enrollment data. Data are as of October for each school year.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Breakfast, 2010-11 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2010-11 to 2014-15. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Please note that the 2014-15 percent of eligible students receiving free- and reduced-price meals are based upon the most recent eligibility data as of October 2013, while the number of students receiving free- and reduced-price meals is as of October 2014. Some variation in eligibility may occur.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Lunch, 2010-11 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2010-11 to 2014-15. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Please note that the 2014-15 percent of eligible students receiving free- and reduced-price meals are based upon the most recent eligibility data as of October 2013, while the number of students receiving free- and reduced-price meals is as of October 2014. Some variation in eligibility may occur.

Section 5: Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2007-2011. 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.

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2007-2011. Percentage of total 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.

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2007-2011. The number of 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.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birth Weight, 2007-2011. The percent of 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.

Infant Mortality, 2007-2011. The number of infants under one year who died during that year. Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14), 2007-2011. The number of children between ages one and 14 who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Children Admitted to the Hospital for Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, 2009- 2013. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead, 2009, 2013. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal, Child and Community Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 ug/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) is suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow-up treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Newark Lead Abatements, 2010-2014. As reported by the Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being, Division of Health Planning.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services. Data are from March of each year. Includes children enrolled in Medicaid, which is available to children living in families earning below 133% of the federal poverty level and children enrolled in the SCHIP portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning between 134% and 350% of the federal poverty level.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance, 2009-2013. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Section 6: Child Protection

Children Under Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) Supervision, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children Receiving In-Home DCP&P Services, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children in Out-of-Home DCP&P Placement, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children, 2009-2013. Number of children who were alleged victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2012 and 2013 data are as reported by the Department of Children and Families.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, Number of Children, 2009-2013. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2012 and 2013 data are as reported by the Department of Children and Families.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate, 2009-2013. Based on the number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2012 and 2013 data are as reported by the Department of Children and Families.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services, 2012 to 2014. As reported by the Department of Children and Families. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the NJ Department of Children and Families. Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN).

Section 7: Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2010-2014. The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2010-2014. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Registered Family Care Child Providers, 2010-2014. Newark and Essex data are reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for Essex County by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. State data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families for 2010 through 2014 and are as of June. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Child Care Vouchers, 2009-2013. As reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Family Development as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Section 8: Education

Public Preschool Enrollments, 2009-10 through 2013-14. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Children Enrolled in Public School Kindergarten (Full Day and Half Day), 2009-10 through 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Includes both full and half day programs. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark, 2009-10 through 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment, 2009-10 through 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2009-10 through 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Number of Homeless Students, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Homeless Survey data. Data include traditional district schools as well as charter schools. Please note that due to a change in the way in which the Department of Education collects data, previous data are not comparable and are not available prior to 2013-14.

Newark Public Schools Truancy Cumulative Pick-ups, 2009-10 through 2013-14. As reported by Newark Public Schools, Office of Attendance, Truancy Task Force Program, with the exception of 2013-14, which was reported by the Superintendent's Office of Communications.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

School Violence Incidents, 2009-10 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade State Tests, 2009-10 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade State Tests, 2009-10 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade State Tests, 2009-10 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade State Tests, 2009-10 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 3rd Grade Tests, by School, 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Tests, by School, 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Tests, by School, 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Tests, by School, 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

High School Graduation Rates, 2010-11 through 2013-14.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Data. Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011 the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2008-09 and 2012-13.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education, 2012-13.

As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. These data reflect the percentage of the 2012 high school graduation class that was enrolled in post-secondary institutions in October 2013. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included.

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24, 2009-2013.

As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Percentage Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18-24, 2009-2013.

As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2013.

As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Section 9: Teens

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2007-2011. The number of births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2007-2011. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2009-2013. Youth under age 21 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Newark Youth, Ages 16-20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, 2009-2013. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Juvenile Arrests, 2009-2013. Newark data are reported by the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data as reported by state law enforcement agencies. 2013 data for Essex and New Jersey were not yet available.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2009-2013. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2009-2013. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.



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