New Jersey Kids Count 2015

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.

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Why Are Statistics and Data So Important?

- Draw attention to a problem and identify a need

  - Inform decisions and develop solutions

    - Make your case more persuasive

      - Highlight a success

- Assess change over time and provide a baseline for future comparisons

  - Give you a "snapshot" of children and families

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
- Easily accessible and meaningful

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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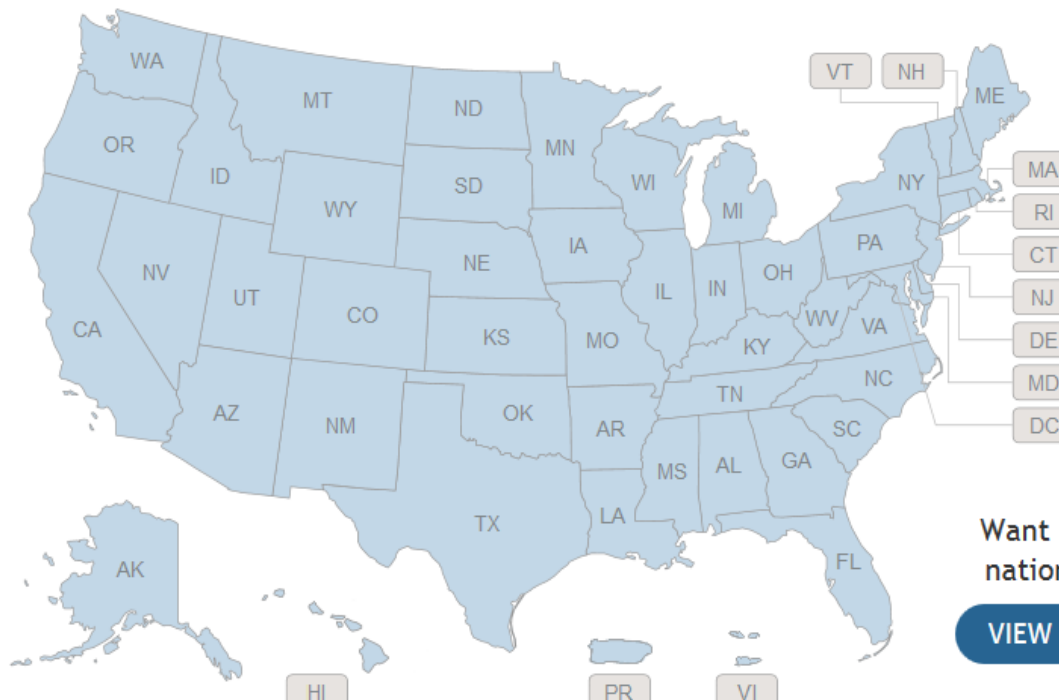🔍 Enter any location, topic and/or keywords here | SEARCH DATA CENTER

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Better

Improvements in many health indicators

- Fewer uninsured children
- Fewer babies born with low-birth weight
- Fewer children with lead poisoning
- More children receiving dental care

Health Insurance

One of NJ's Greatest Success Stories. Concerted statewide and grassroots efforts have result in...

- A 14 percent drop in uninsured children

- Now less than 6 percent of NJ children lack health insurance

Child Health

Other areas of progress...

6 percent decline in low-birth weight babies

Number of children with lead poisoning dropped 47 percent to 386 children statewide in 2013

Number of children in NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid receiving dental services up 47 percent

Worse

Children Poverty Grows

From 2009-2013...

- **22** percent increase in children living in families below the federal poverty line to **17 percent** of all NJ children

- **11** percent increase in children living in low-income families to **33 percent** of all NJ children

- **26** percent increase in children living in extreme poverty – 50 or less of federal poverty line to 8 percent of all NJ children

Supports

Increases in some supports, declines in others...

- School breakfast participation up 59 percent.
- SNAP enrollment up 43 percent
- WIC enrollment down 5 percent
- Children living in families receiving welfare down 13 percent

County Data

New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide 2015 provides 5-year trend data for each county. (Included in packets)

County profiles look at 13 different indicators of child well-being and rank counties according to their performance on these measures.

Profiles available online at www.acnj.org.

County Rankings

New Jersey Kids Count Overall County Ranks		
COUNTY	2014	2015
Atlantic	20	20
Bergen	4	5
Burlington	9	9
Camden	18	17
Cape May	15	14
Cumberland	21	21
Essex	17	16
Gloucester	11	10
Hudson	14	15
Hunterdon	1	2
Mercer	13	13
Middlesex	5	4
Monmouth	7	7
Morris	2	1
Ocean	10	11
Passaic	16	18
Salem	19	19
Somerset	3	3
Sussex	8	6
Union	12	12
Warren	6	8

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Race for Results

Children of color are increasingly part of NJ's landscape:

Child Population, By Race, 2013

White	49%
Hispanic/Latino	24%
Black/African American	15%
Asian	9%

Race for Results

Special section aims to:

- Provide accurate data on child well-being by race.
- Use data to begin conversation.
- Use data to inform policymakers.

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Overview

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino children are more likely to:

- Live in poverty
- Experience negative health outcomes
- Be involved with the child protection and juvenile justice systems
- Struggle in school

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Child Poverty Rates, 2013

Asian	6%
White children	8%
Hispanic/Latino	29%
Black/African American	33%

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Low-Income Children, 2013

Children living in families earning 200% or less of federal poverty level

Asian/Pacific Islander	16
White	19
Hispanic/Latino	55
Black/African American	56

Education

Students passing 4th grade language arts tests, 2013-14

Asian   82

White   71

Hispanic/Latino   42

Black/African American   38

While pass rates vary by grade and subject, same trend seen throughout

Education

High School Graduation Rates, 2013-14

Asian	96
White	93
Two or more races	91
Hispanic/Latino	81
Black/African American	79

Health

Children without health insurance, 2013

Hispanic/Latino	4
White	4
Black/African American	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	6

Less disparity in health coverage

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Infant Mortality

Deaths per 1,000 live births, 2012

Asian/Pacific Islander   2

White   4

Hispanic/Latino   4

Black/African American   11

Prenatal Care

Women receiving early prenatal care, 2012

White	85
Asian/Pacific Islander	83
Hispanic/Latino	73
Black/African American	66

Child Protection

Children confirmed as victims of abuse/neglect, 2012

Black/African American   23

Hispanic/Latino   23

White   24

Two or more races   2

Asian/Native Hawaiian   1

Children in Foster Care

While relatively equal number of children are confirmed victims, black children over-represented in out-of-home placement

2014

Other Race	4
Hispanic/Latino	20
White	30
Black/African American	42

Note: Data not broken down for Asian/Pacific Islander children. 4 percent "undetermined or missing"

Children Waiting for Adoption

Children in foster care waiting to be adopted, 2012

Two or more races	5
Hispanic/Latino	19
White	25
Black	46

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Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Arrests, 2012

Asian/Pacific Islander   1

Hispanic/Latino   20

Black/African American   41

White   57

Juvenile Detention

Juveniles in NJ Detention Facilities, 2013

Other race   2

White   14

Hispanic/Latino   20

Black/African American   65

Black youth severely over-represented in detention

Kids Count Forums

Continue the conversation...

South Jersey Forum: June 4, West Deptford

North/Central Jersey Forum: June 18, Iselin

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