

New Jersey Kids Count

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The State of Our Counties

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Advocates for Children of New Jersey is...

An independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization working to put children's needs first at the local, state and federal levels.

ACNJ's goal: To give every child the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated.

What is Kids Count?



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

Why 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
- Assess change over time with trend data; provide a baseline for future comparisons
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families
- Easily accessible and meaningful

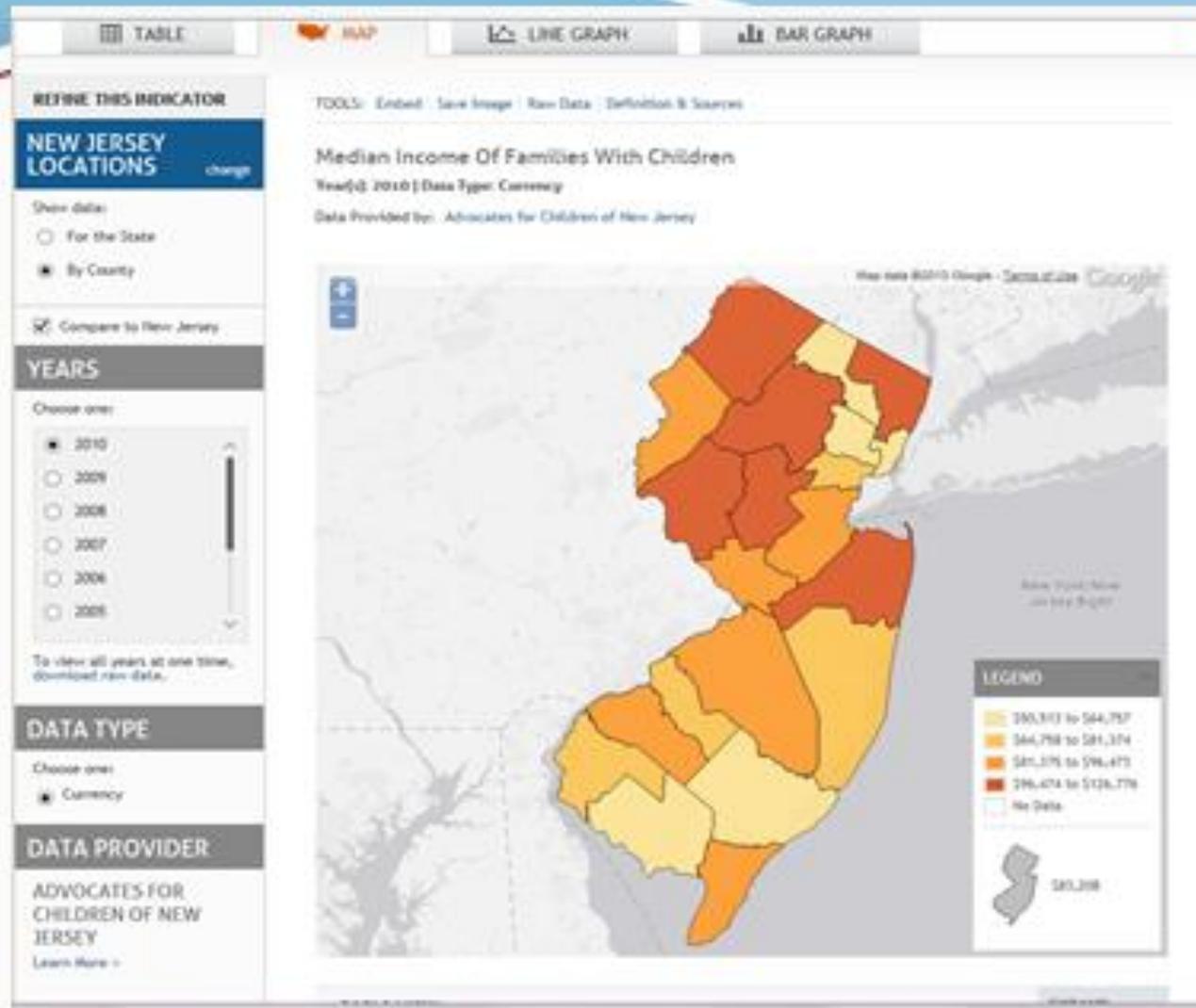
Kids Count Data

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



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The State of Our Children and Counties



How ACNJ Calculates the Rankings

- Ranks computed for 13 indicators
- Each indicator is ranked, and each county is given an overall rank based on the rankings of its individual indicators
 - Child and total population are excluded
- Ranking of 1 is the most positive, 21 is the least positive
- Test Scores left out this year due to large number of untested students in certain districts

Rankings are important, but...

- Rankings compare counties to each other, not to themselves over time
- Important to also look at the performance of each county on each indicator over time and how it has changed
- A county could change negatively in its ranking, but the actual data on the indicator may improve
 - Other counties may have improved to a greater extent.
- Need to look at the whole picture
- Need to examine counties by issue areas

County Rankings

COUNTY	2016
Atlantic	20
Burlington	8
Camden	17
Cape May	19
Cumberland	21
Gloucester	9
Mercer	14
Ocean	12
Salem	16

Overview

- Statewide:
 - Fewer uninsured children
 - Higher graduation rates
 - Fewer teen births
 - Greater full-day Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollments
- With significant disparities in outcomes for children of different racial backgrounds
 - Latino and African-American children were more likely to live in poor or low-income families, spend too much on housing, and live in single parent families than other ethnic groups.
 - 2014: 51% of African-American and 57% of Latino children lived in low-income families

Child Population

	2010	2014	% Change
Atlantic	63,702	60,845	-4
Burlington	103,903	97,552	-6
Camden	124,715	119,156	-4
Cape May	18,279	17,005	-7
Cumberland	37,742	37,409	-1
Gloucester	70,018	66,762	-5
Mercer	82,945	81,321	-2
Ocean	135,223	137,822	2
Salem	15,442	14,357	-7
New Jersey	2,062,235	2,012,081	-2

Child Poverty

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty		
	2010	2014
Atlantic	20	25
Burlington	7	9
Camden	19	19
Cape May	18	19
Cumberland	25	29
Gloucester	7	10
Mercer	17	17
Ocean	21	21
Salem	18	23
New Jersey	14	16

- Statewide, there was a one year decrease in poverty from 2013 to 2014.
- Yet, the percentage of children living in poverty for many southern counties remained higher in 2014 than in 2010.
- For a family of four, living 100% below the poverty level was \$23,850.
 - New Jersey's median income in 2014 was \$89,020.

High Rents Persist...

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent			
	2010	2014	% Change
Atlantic	61	60	-2
Burlington	52	51	-2
Camden	57	51	-10
Cape May	53	54	2
Cumberland	60	57	-5
Gloucester	50	55	9
Mercer	51	52	2
Ocean	63	56	-10
Salem	52	62	19
New Jersey	51	50	-2

Gains in Health

- Statewide we saw...
 - a reduction in infant mortality from 2008-2012.
 - a greater number of women received early prenatal care in 2012 than in 2008.
- Some examples of inequity between racial/ethnic groups remain.
 - African Americans had an infant mortality rate (9 per 1,000 live births) higher than the state average of 5 per 1,000 births in 2013
 - Yet, improvements in health insurance were experienced by all racial/ethnic groups.
 - As of 2014, only 4% of African-American children and 7% of Latino children lived without health insurance, compared to a state average of 5%

Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	65.4	77.5	19
Burlington	78.4	82.7	5
Camden	72.2	77.2	7
Cape May	79.6	73.4	-8
Cumberland	63.6	69.6	9
Gloucester	79.3	78.0	-2
Mercer	76.1	74.9	-2
Ocean	78.3	80.3	3
Salem	67.7	76.7	13
New Jersey	75.6	78.1	3

Infant Mortality

Number of Infant Deaths			
	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	26	30	15
Burlington	33	25	-24
Camden	61	57	-7
Cape May	6	5	-17
Cumberland	22	10	-55
Gloucester	10	14	40
Mercer	36	28	-22
Ocean	22	27	23
Salem	3	0	-100
New Jersey	591	454	-23

Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)			
	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	7.1	9.1	29
Burlington	6.5	5.5	-14
Camden	8.6	9.0	4
Cape May	6.6	5.4	-18
Cumberland	8.7	4.8	-45
Gloucester	3.1	4.6	49
Mercer	7.8	6.6	-15
Ocean	2.8	3.4	22
Passaic	4.4	3.5	-21
Salem	3.8	0.0	-100
New Jersey	5.3	4.4	-17

Uninsured Children, %

	2010	2014
Atlantic	4.0	9.0
Burlington	3.8	3.0
Camden	5.3	3.5
Cape May	9.8	3.4
Cumberland	9.6	5.0
Gloucester	2.9	3.1
Mercer	6.6	4.3
Ocean	4.3	4.7
Salem	3.4	2.4
New Jersey	6.0	4.6

Education Trends

- Shift in Kindergarten enrollments from half-day programs to more full day programs
 - Though overall Kindergarten enrollment has remained steady
- Chronic absenteeism 2013-14 data indicates an area in need of increased attention.
- 2014-15, first year of PARCC exams
 - Mixed results across the state, but generally poor performance overall.

PARCC continued

- Though we reported this data in the pocket guide, there is one major caveat:
 - For 3rd Grade English Language Arts:
 - Data from Beach Haven Boro, Roosevelt Boro, Avon Boro, Bloomsbury Boro, Califon Boro, Frenchtown Boro, Hampton Boro, Milford Boro, Stow Creek Twp, Greenwich Twp, West Cape May Boro, and Washington Twp unavailable due to student confidentiality concerns.
 - That is 12 different school districts statewide.

Chronic Absenteeism

- For 2013-2014 school year, just over 10 percent of NJ students were chronically absent.
 - Chronically absent students are students who miss:
 - 10 percent of the school year *or*
 - About 18 school days per year
 - These absences include both excused *and* unexcused.

2013-2014 New Jersey Chronic Absenteeism

County	Total # of Students Chronically Absent	% of Students Chronically Absent
Atlantic	5,742	13
Burlington	6,036	9
Camden	9,556	12
Cape May	1,321	13
Cumberland	3,769	15
Gloucester	3,216	8
Mercer	6,845	12
Ocean	8,483	13
Salem	1,231	12
New Jersey	125,040	10

Child Welfare

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements, 2015

	2011	2015
Atlantic	376	425
Burlington	370	416
Camden	672	611
Cape May	150	168
Cumberland	223	246
Gloucester	286	454
Mercer	279	367
Ocean	319	436
Salem	96	77
New Jersey	7,018	6,955

Teens and Young Adults

- Fewer births to teens ages 10-19. Dropping from 6.2% in 2008 to 4.6% in 2012.

Percentage of Births to Females 10-19		
	2008	2012
Atlantic	9.3	8.1
Burlington	4.8	3.7
Cape May	10.3	7.0
Camden	9.4	7.8
Cumberland	15.5	10.7
Gloucester	5.4	4.3
Mercer	8.2	5.6
Ocean	4.1	2.9
Salem	14.7	7.4
New Jersey	6.2	4.6

Juvenile Arrests

- The number of juvenile arrests continued to decline. Figures from the 2013 uniform crime report (the most recent data available).
 - Declined by roughly 50% from 2009 to 2013.
 - Juvenile commitments to state detention centers also dropped.
 - From 485 in 2010 to 274 in 2014.
- Yet statewide, Black youth are disproportionately a part of the juvenile detention population.
 - In 2014, 65% of juveniles in detention facilities were black.

Juvenile Arrests

	2009	2013
Atlantic	2,156	1,036
Burlington	2,143	1,449
Camden	7,271	2,612
Cape May	842	540
Cumberland	1,457	865
Gloucester	1,492	775
Mercer	3,601	1,621
Ocean	2,096	1,034
Salem	578	370
New Jersey	48,628	24,554

Stay Engaged!

The more people raising their voices for NJ kids, the better our chances for success. Three easy things you can do...

- ✓ Share ACNJ's emails and action alerts with your networks.
- ✓ Spread the word on Facebook and Twitter **@acnjforkids**.
- ✓ Check our website for petitions and other ways to get involved **www.acnj.org**.



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