

# Demographics

## Continuing Demographic Trends

Newark’s population trends remain relatively flat, with total population, child population, total births and births to unmarried women showing no significant change. Most Newark households continue to be headed by a single parent.

### Total Population

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	277,545	277,718	278,436	280,577	281,913	2
Essex	785,137	787,744	789,565	795,723	797,434	2
New Jersey	8,821,155	8,864,590	8,899,339	8,938,175	8,958,013	2
Newark’s % of Essex	35	35	35	35	35	
Newark’s % of N.J.	3	3	3	3	3	

### Child Population Under Age 18

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	72,204	73,052	69,780	72,446	68,415	-5
Essex	193,366	192,736	191,944	192,125	191,267	-1
New Jersey	2,042,425	2,026,738	2,021,897	2,012,197	1,998,865	-2
Newark’s % of Essex	37	38	36	38	36	
Newark’s % of N.J.	4	4	3	4	3	

### Child Population Under Age 18 as a Percentage of Total Population

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Newark	26	26	25	26	24
Essex	25	24	24	24	24
New Jersey	23	23	23	23	22

## On Racial and Ethnic Identity

Though the terms race and ethnicity are often used interchangeably, for the purposes of the U.S. Census and most federal documents, the two are considered separate. Hispanic identity, specifically, is reported as an ethnicity separate from race. What does this mean? When filling out U.S. Census forms, respondents can identify Hispanic or Latino as their ethnicity but can also racially identify as white, black or some other race.

The high rate of Hispanics selecting “other” on U.S. Census forms, or skipping the race question altogether, indicates that the current format does not accurately capture the ways in which many Hispanics identify. In fact, on the 2010 U.S. Census, 53 percent of self-identified Hispanics selected “white” as their racial category, while 37 percent identified as “some other

race.”<sup>1</sup> Alternative census questions that combine Hispanic origin and race yield results with far fewer respondents selecting “some other race” or “white,” demonstrating that this format allows Hispanic respondents to select their identity with greater ease.<sup>2</sup> In 2016, the federal government held a public comment period on the use of separate race and ethnicity reporting and changes may be reflected in a future U.S. Census.

For Newark Kids Count, the data chart on this page reflects the separate reporting of race and Hispanic origin currently employed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Percentages within the charts may exceed 100 percent due to Hispanic origin being counted separately from race.

### Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race\*

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		% Change 11-15 Number
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Black or African American	39,215	54	37,176	51	36,954	53	36,989	51	34,861	51	-11
White, non-Hispanic	4,488	6	5,173	7	4,393	6	4,152	6	4,556	7	2
Hispanic	26,295	36	27,989	38	29,172	42	29,635	41	28,200	41	7
Other	10,440	14	17,001	23	15,162	22	17,803	25	13,189	19	26

\*See “On Racial and Ethnic Identity”

### Foreign-Born Children

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	4,817	7	4,412	6	4,698	7	4,091	6	6,301	9
Essex	12,428	6	9,521	5	11,566	6	9,522	5	13,199	7
New Jersey	110,117	5	111,291	5	112,675	6	103,338	5	108,649	5
Newark's % of Essex	39		46		41		43		48	
Newark's % of N.J.	4		4		4		4		6	

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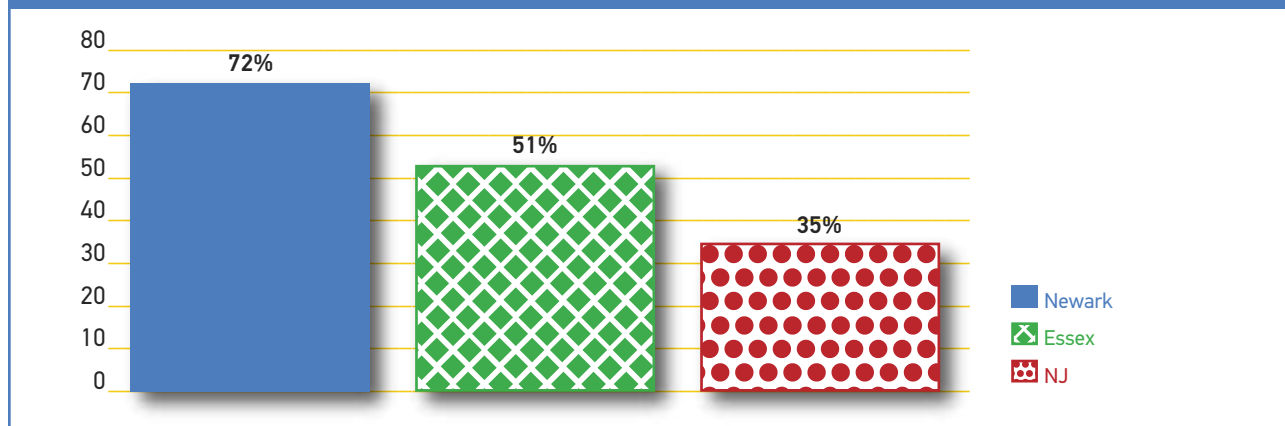
## Total Births

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	4,202	4,353	4,358	4,193	4,154	-1
Essex	10,431	10,534	10,392	10,210	10,218	-2
New Jersey	106,571	105,474	103,778	102,326	102,811	-4

## Births to Unmarried Women

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	3,031	3,146	3,129	2,966	2,974	-2
Essex	5,427	5,508	5,441	5,225	5,245	-3
New Jersey	37,081	37,245	36,559	35,577	35,581	-4

## Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women — Newark Vs. Essex Vs. NJ, 2014



## What is a Household?

The U.S. Census Bureau uses a number of terms to measure and organize different demographic data, and a “household” is one of them. The census definition, however, may conflict with the traditional idea of what a household might be. When looking at census data, a household is one person, or multiple people occupying a single housing unit.<sup>3</sup> For example, two unrelated roommates, a multi-generational family, and a single individual are all considered households under the census definition. A family household would consist of several individuals related by blood, marriage or adoption; a non-family household, alternatively, would contain a person living alone or with an unrelated person.

## Households Headed by One Parent

	Number	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		% Change 11-15 Number
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	22,858	66	24,266	65	22,789	66	21,968	61	22,338	64	-2	
Essex	46,771	47	47,224	46	45,591	46	42,724	43	43,960	45	-6	
New Jersey	348,058	32	344,237	31	341,570	32	341,498	32	326,222	31	-6	

*Number of Grandparents Caring for their Grandchildren*

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	2,919	2,428	3,552	2,659	2,857	-2
Essex	4,593	5,109	6,457	5,091	6,106	33
New Jersey	45,869	48,550	53,032	49,690	47,118	3

*Number of Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder*

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	6,507	6,272	6,576	7,557	7,652	18
Essex	12,514	12,890	15,677	15,135	14,388	15
New Jersey	112,587	115,005	131,546	127,307	123,318	10

■ **References:**

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■ **Data Sources and Technical Notes:**

**Total Population, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Child Population Under Age 18, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Child Population Under Age 18, as a Percentage of Total Population, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2011-2015.** For children under age 18 as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H, and B01001I. Black or African American and Other categories may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

**Foreign-Born Children, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

**Total Births, 2010-2014.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

**Births to Unmarried Women, 2010-2014.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

**Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women, 2014.** The percentage of births to unmarried women out of the total number of live births. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

**Households Headed by One Parent, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005. Includes family and non-family households.

**Number of Grandparents Caring for their Grandchildren, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

**Number of Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.