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NEWARK
Kids Count
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A stylized city skyline icon with a bridge, followed by the text **VICTORIA FOUNDATION**.



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A New Kids Count Layout

- Horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- New explanations for indicators.
 - Gives indicators context and explains what each means.
- Data sources listed at the end of each section.
- Stand alone chapters
 - Available for download on our website



Newark Demographics

- In 2015, **68,415** children lived in Newark.
 - **3 percent** of N.J.'s overall child population, and **36 percent** of Essex.

- **9 percent** of Newark's children were born in a foreign country, compared to **7 percent** 5 years ago.



Racial/Ethnic Demographics

- Children Under 18 in Newark:
 - **51 percent** Black or African American
 - **41 percent** Hispanic
 - **7 percent** non-Hispanic white
 - **19 percent** some other race

- Percentages **do not** total to 100.

Economically Disadvantaged Kids

- 2015, Federal Poverty Thresholds:
 - 2 adults, 2 children
 - 50 percent: \$12,018
 - 100 percent: \$24,036
 - 200 percent: \$48,072
- **39 percent** of Newark children lived below 100 percent of the poverty threshold, and **70 percent** lived below 200 percent of threshold.
 - Compared to **16 percent** and **32 percent** for the state.

N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit

- EITC helps put money back in the pockets of struggling families.
- In 2015:
 - More than **22,000** Newark recipients (with a dependent <19 yrs. old)
 - Average credit amount jumped from **\$620** in 2014 to **\$950** in 2015.
 - Jump in refund amount due to an increase in NJ refund as a percentage of the Federal EITC



Housing Costs

- In 2015, the median rent in Newark was **\$978** a month, a slight increase from the 2011 figure of **\$963** a month.
- **62** percent of Newark's households spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent. **56 percent of Essex** and **50 percent** of NJ's residents can say the same.

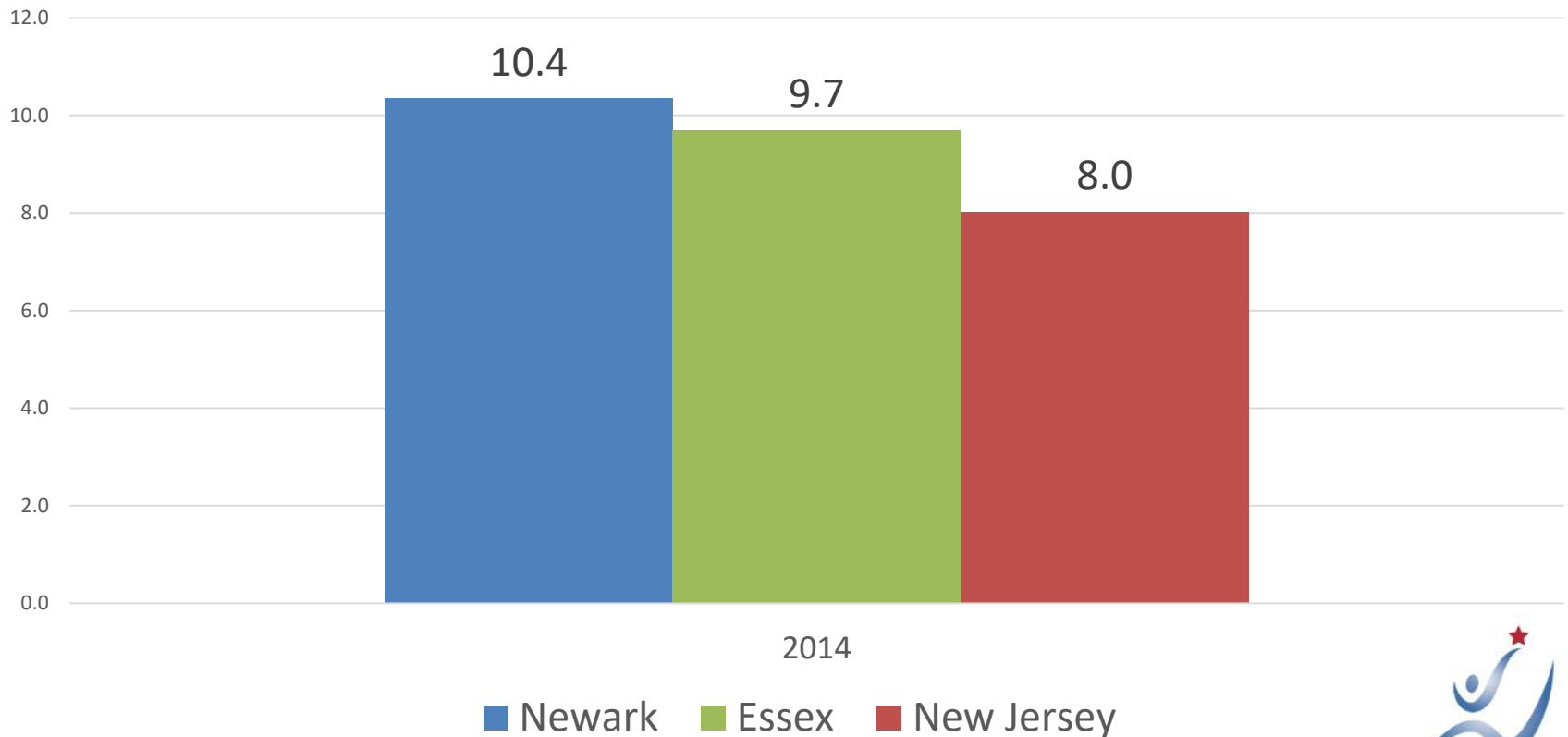


Nutritional Benefits

- In 2016, **34,532** children received NJ SNAP, a **7 percent** increase from 2012 (**32,255**).
- In 2016, there were **12,709** WIC recipients in Newark, compared to **13,857** in 2012.

Infant health

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweight



Infant Mortality

- Infant mortality rates for Newark rose in 2014 to **11.6** per 1,000 live births from **8.6** in 2010.

- **Infant mortality =**

- $$\frac{\text{\# of infant deaths in a given year}}{\text{\# of live births in a given year}} \times 1000$$



Health Insurance

- In 2015, only **6.5 percent** of Newark's children lived without health insurance.
 - A mere **3.7 percent** of children in N.J. were without insurance.
- As of March 2016, **69,353** children received health insurance through NJ FamilyCare.
 - A **26 percent** increase from 2012.



Child Protection

- As of June 2016, **3,758** total Newark children were under CP&P supervision
 - **2,948** in-home placements
 - **810** out-of-home placements
- Of the **5,811** Newark children reported for abuse or neglect in 2015, **11.4 percent** had a substantiated or established finding of abuse or neglect.



Home Visitation

- More Newark children and families benefitted from home visitation programs, up from **299** in 2014 to **356** in 2016.
- Home visitation programs help parents build healthy environments for their infants and young children through the help of a trained professional.



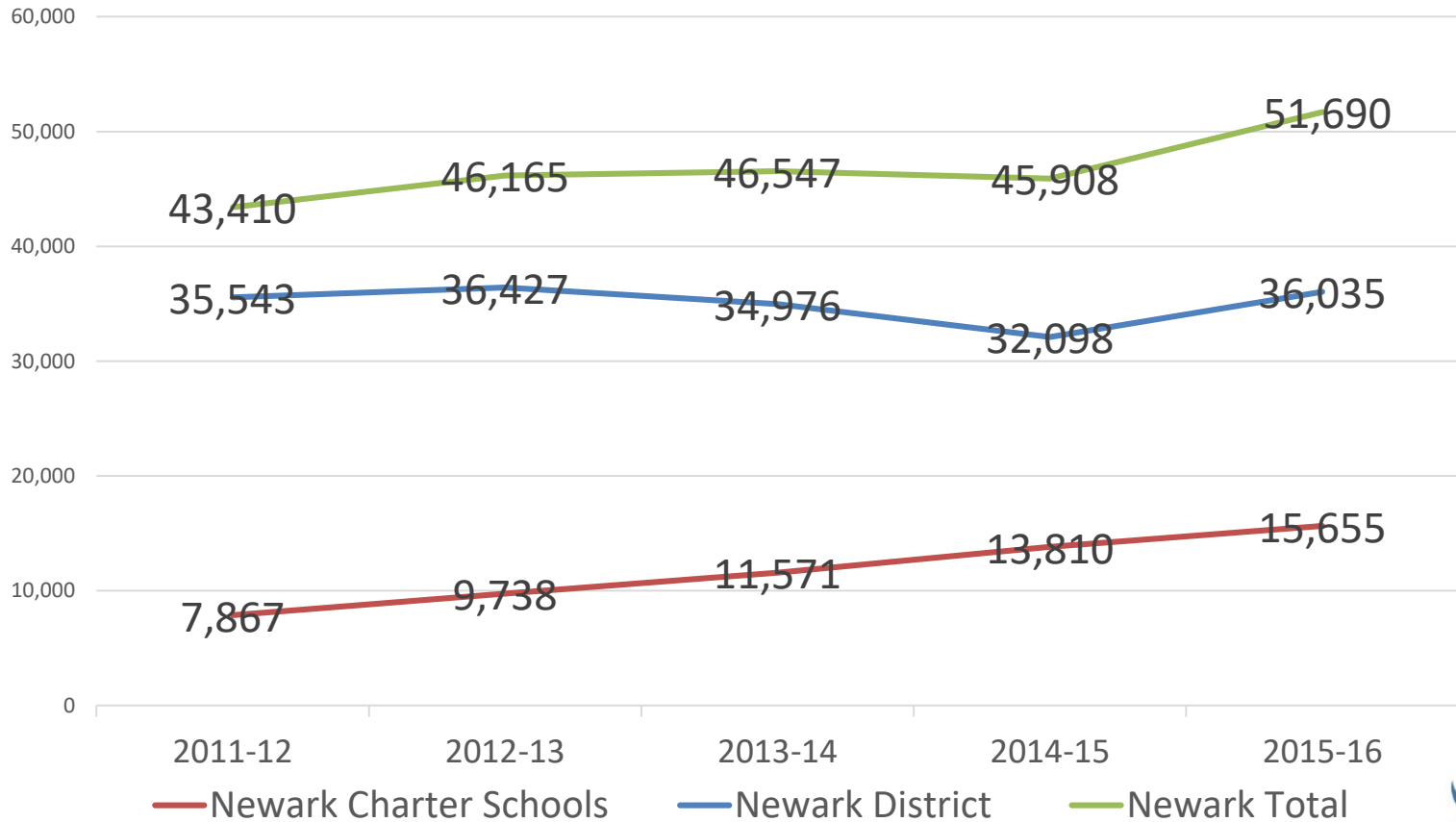
Early Childhood



- 2015-16 Newark Pre-K enrollment:
 - 6,821 students
- 2015-16 Kindergarten Enrollment:
 - 4,114 students
 - 2,508 enrolled in district schools.
 - 1,606 enrolled in charter schools.

School Trends

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

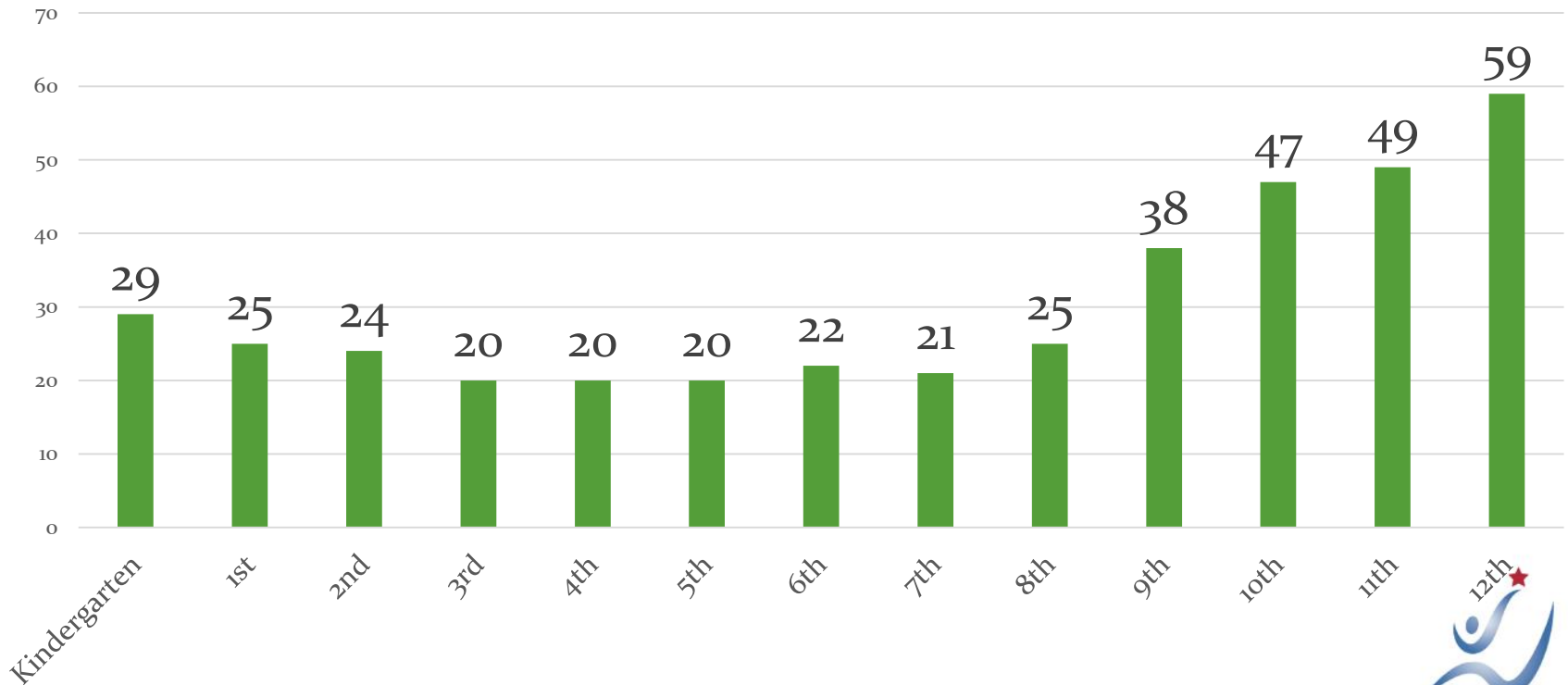


PARCC Scores and Graduation Rates

- Newark District PARCC scores below state avg. for '15-16
 - 4th Grade ELA: **27 percent** meeting or exceeding expectations, compared to **54 percent** of NJ students
- Class of 2015—Newark District had an adjusted cohort graduation rate of **73**
 - NJ graduation rate = **90**

Chronic Absenteeism

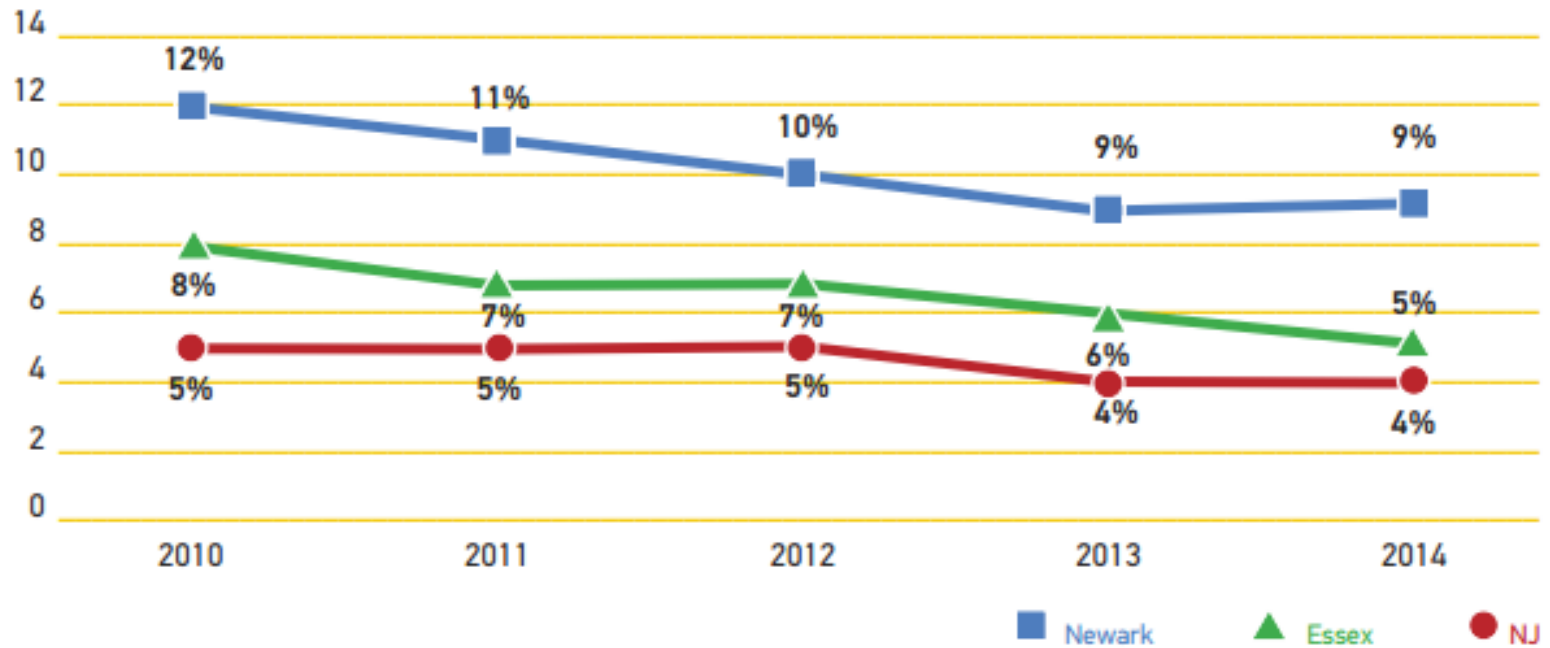
Percentage of Newark District Students Chronically Absent by Grade, 2015-16 %





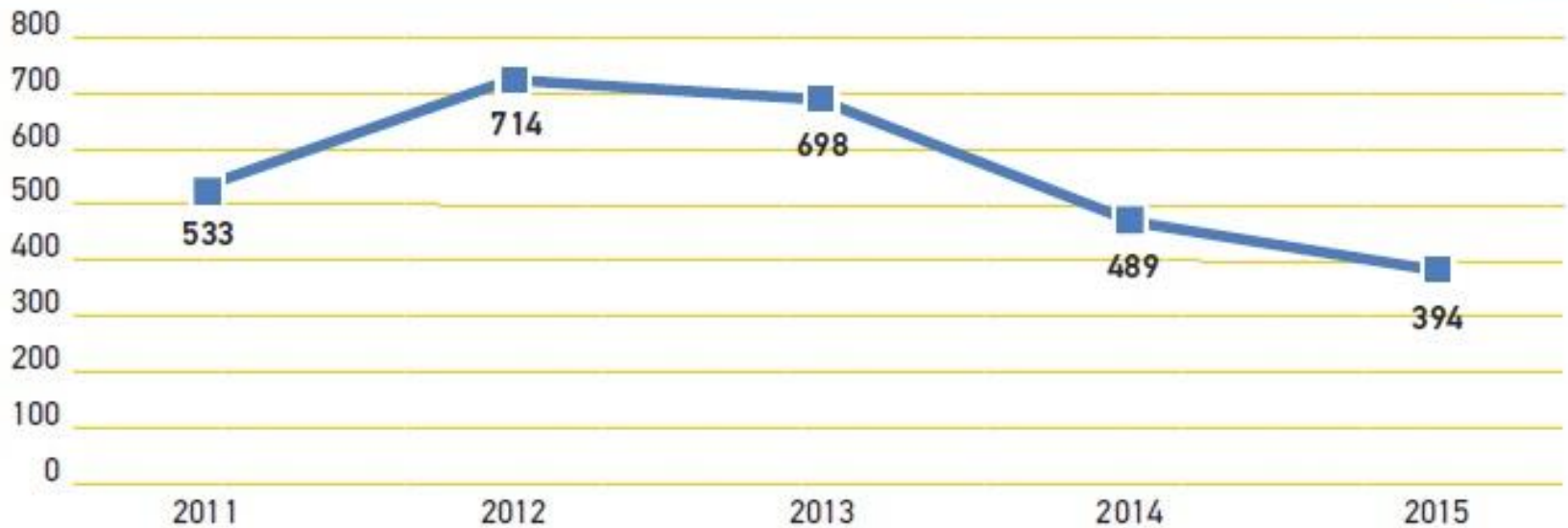
Teen Births

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



Juvenile Arrests

Newark Juvenile Arrests





Admissions to Detention

- Newark Annual Admissions to Detention
 - Decreased by **27 percent** overall (from 2011-2015).
 - Newark comprised **60 percent** of admissions to Essex County detention in 2015.

Admissions to Detention

- Why the decrease in detention admissions?
 - Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
 - New Jersey signed on in 2004—recognized as a national model in 2008
 - A multi-faceted approach to reducing the detention population
 - Diminish usage of detention where inappropriate.
 - Focus on returning youth to their communities while addressing issues that led to criminal behavior.



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Questions?





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

Newark Kids Count Landing Page



The screenshot shows the Newark Kids Count landing page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for DCF Data, Publications - America, Digest of Education Statistics, All Public Schools, MPC Data Projects PU, Datacenter Login, and Department of Health. The main header features the logo for Advocates for Children of New Jersey, social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and a search bar. Below the header is a dark blue navigation menu with links for home, about us, issues, newsroom, library, get help, and donate. The main content area is titled "Newark Kids Count" and includes a paragraph describing the annual report. To the right, there is a sidebar with links for "News Release: Newark Kids Count 2017", "Latest Newark PARCC Scores", "Kids Count Data Center", "State and County Kids Count Data", and "View Kids Count Posts". At the bottom left, there is a "Table of Contents" section with a list of topics: 1. Demographics, 2. Family Economic Security, 3. Food insecurity, 4. Child health, 5. Child protection, 6. Child care, 7. Education, and 8. Teens. A central image shows a young boy sitting on the grass, with the text "NEWARK Kids Count 2017" and the Advocates logo overlaid.

Kids Count Landing Page

- Users can:
 - Download the entire Newark report.
 - Download specific sections of the Newark report
 - View press releases, navigate to state and county data, view Kids Count Posts.
 - Access 2015-16 PARCC scores by school.
 - Connect to the Kids Count Data Center.

Kids Count Data Center

- Users can:
 - Create bar graphs, line graphs, and charts
 - Compare data from different geographies
 - Save graphs or charts as pictures.
 - Embed data charts into other websites.
- ACNJ updates and maintains data for NJ, the counties, and Newark.
- Annie Casey maintains their own indicators for NJ and different congressional districts



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