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Where does ACNJ get its data?

- **Federal sources:**
  - U.S. Census Bureau
  - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

- **State sources:**
  - N.J. Department of Health—NJSHAD
  - N.J. Department of Human Services
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
How Babies Count is organized:

- Demographics
- Strong Families
- Healthy Starts
- Positive Early Learning Environments
Key Takeaways

- Kids < age 3 increasingly diverse
- Majority of children < age 1 have mothers in the labor force
- Many young children insured; racial disparities in maternal and infant health
- Child care options unaffordable for most NJ families
Kids < age 3 more diverse than adults

- 57% of children under age 3 are children of color.

2016 Population < Age 3 Vs. 18+ Year Olds

- White: 43% (Under Age 3), 58% (Population 18 and older)
- Hispanic: 30% (Under Age 3), 18% (Population 18 and older)
Many infant mothers are foreign-born.

Percentage of Births by Mother's Nativity, 2016

- U.S.-Born, 59%
- Foreign-Born, 41%

Percentage of Births by Nativity and Education Level, 2016

- U.S.-Born:
  - Less Than High School: 6%
  - High School Graduate: 25%
  - Some College: 23%
  - College Graduate: 45%

- Foreign-Born:
  - Less Than High School: 19%
  - High School Graduate: 20%
  - Some College: 16%
  - College Graduate: 44%
Teen birth rates declining

Births to Teens, Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15-17

- 1990: 24.6
- 2000: 16.5
- 2010: 9.5
- 2016: 4.4
Young children slightly more economically disadvantaged than older kids.

Percentage of Children Economically Disadvantaged, 2016

- Below 200% of the FPL: Ages 3-17 - 31%, Under Age 3 - 35%
- Below 100% of the FPL: Ages 3-17 - 15%, Under Age 3 - 17%
- Below 50% of the FPL: Ages 3-17 - 6%, Under Age 3 - 7%
Many working moms

In 2016...

More than 2 out of 3

NJ children under age 1 live with a working mom.

Equaling

56,000+

infants with working moms
In 2016, 26,901 bonding claims filed.

2016 Eligible Bonding Claims
- Female 80%
- Male 13%
- Unknown 6%
Positive impacts of home visitation in NJ

2017: 7,041 families in state-funded home visitation programs.

- 73% of children receive timely developmental screenings
- 79% of families report singing and reading to their child every day
- 68% of families practice safe sleep methods with infants
- 70% of eligible mothers were screened for depression
- 49% of positively screened mothers received a mental health service

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Child Protection

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement, by Age Group, 2017

- Ages 0-2: 26%
- Ages 3-5: 19%
- Ages 6-9: 19%
- Ages 10-12: 12%
- Ages 13-17: 19%
- Ages 18+: 5%

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Abuse and Neglect

• 19 percent of all reports of abuse and neglect were to children under age 3 in 2016.
  • Or 15,760 infants and toddlers
    • 13 percent with a substantiated or established finding
  • COMPARED TO
  • 10 percent of all children reported for abuse or neglect with a substantiated or established finding.
Racial disparities in prenatal care receipt

Mothers Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2016

- White, non-Hispanic: 14.9%
- Asian, non-Hispanic: 17.7%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 24.7%
- Hispanic (of Any Race): 30.0%
- Two or More Races, non-Hispanic: 31.0%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 31.8%
- Other Single Race, non-Hispanic: 33.6%
- Black, non-Hispanic: 34.7%
...and infant mortality rates

Infant Mortality Rates by Mother's Race and Education Level, 2011-2015

- Asian, non-Hispanic
- Hispanic (of Any Race)
- Black, non-Hispanic
- White, non-Hispanic

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Access to health care

What is PRAMS?

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System:

• A survey of a sample of women who recently gave birth to track experiences during pregnancy.
• CDC and NJDOH effort.

According to PRAMS data

• 18.5% of mothers surveyed w/o insurance before pregnancy
• 8.7% w/o insurance during pregnancy.
• Most mothers surveyed covered by private insurance before/during pregnancy
Access to health care

In 2016...

3% of children under 3 live without health insurance

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Well-baby visits

According to 2015 PRAMS survey data...

Has your new baby had a well-baby checkup? 99.3% said YES
Fewer child care options in general

• Of approx. 4,025 licensed child care centers statewide, 1,758 are licensed to serve infants and toddlers in 2018.

• As of Dec. 31, 2017, there were 1,680 registered family child care providers.
...even fewer quality-rated options

Grow NJ Kids: Rated Child Care for Children under Age 3

- 30 licensed child care centers, 11 family child care providers
- 9 licensed child care centers, 5 family child care providers
- 2 licensed child care centers, 1 family child care provider

Data as of June 22, 2018

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Costly care for infants and toddlers

$222 a week* for licensed infant child care

*based on statewide 50th percentile data

12% of licensed infant child care is purchasable with a state subsidy.
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