Demographics

Demographic Trends

The city of Newark saw a slight uptick in its child population from 2013 to 2017, just below the city's overall population increase for the same time period. In 2017, the total number of births held steady in comparison to 2013, although the current number of births decreased slightly from the previous year. Births to unmarried women comprised 65 percent of all births to Newark mothers; however, these figures have been decreasing since 2013. Lastly, foreign-born children made up 9 percent of the city's child population.

Total Population

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	278,436	280,577	281,913	281,770	285,156	2
Essex	789,565	795,723	797,434	796,914	808,285	2
New Jersey	8,899,339	8,938,175	8,958,013	8,944,469	9,005,644	1
Newark's % of Essex	35	35	35	35	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	69,780	72,446	68,415	65,706	70,129	1
Essex	191,944	192,125	191,267	189,492	190,780	-1
New Jersey	2,021,897	2,012,197	1,998,865	1,984,439	1,978,796	-2
Newark's % of Essex	36	38	36	35	37	
Newark's % of NJ	3	4	3	3	4	

Child Population Under Age 18 as a Percentage of Total Population

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Newark	25	26	24	23	25
Essex	24	24	24	24	24
New Jersey	23	23	22	22	22

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

| | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | % Change 13-17 |
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Black or African American	36,954	53	36,989	51	34,861	51	33,162	50	33,419	48	-10
White, non-Hispanic	4,393	6	4,152	6	4,556	7	5,477	8	4,547	6	4
Hispanic	29,172	42	29,635	41	28,200	41	26,423	40	29,919	43	3
Other	15,162	22	17,803	25	13,189	19	11,866	18	16,483	24	9

Note: Total of percentages for each year may exceed 100 percent as Hispanics could be of any race.

Newark Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2017
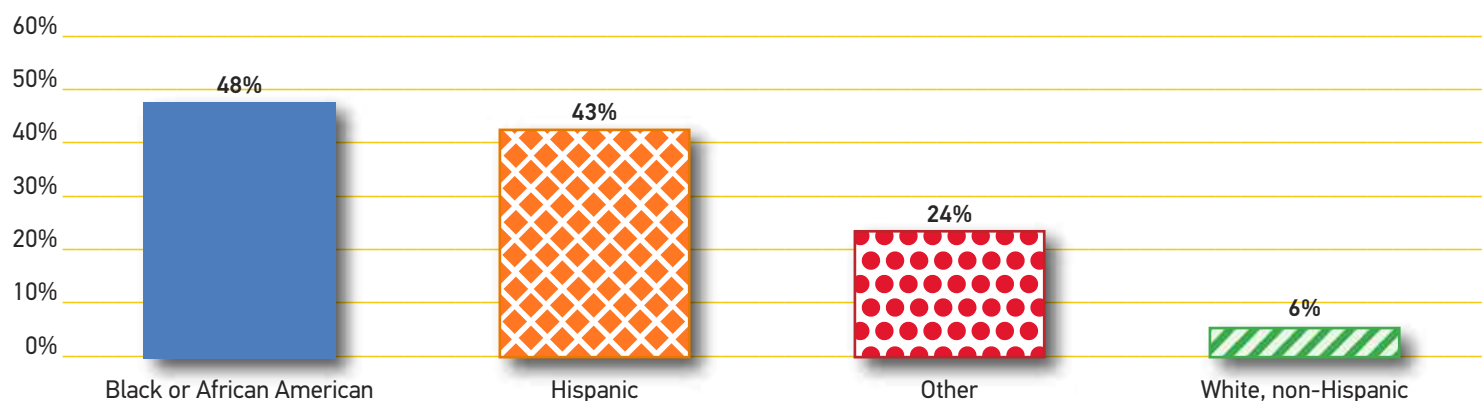
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Foreign-Born Children

| | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | % Change 13-17 |
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Newark	4,698	7	4,091	6	6,301	9	5,378	8	6,610	9	41
Essex	11,566	6	9,522	5	13,199	7	11,686	6	17,937	9	55
New Jersey	112,675	6	103,338	5	108,649	5	108,663	5	121,525	6	8

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2017
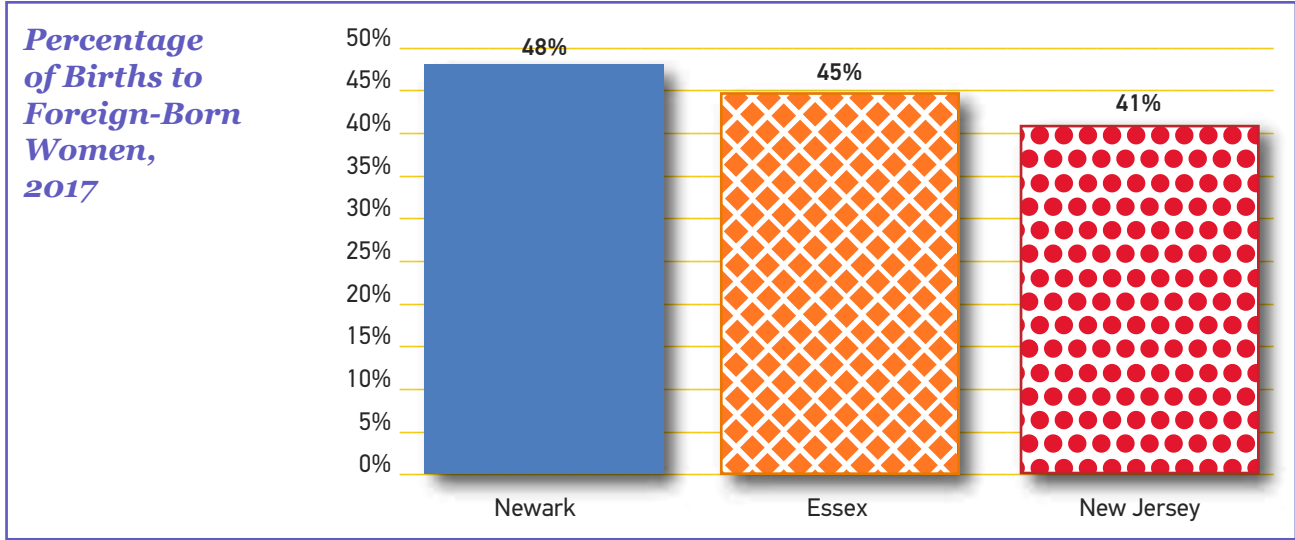
Total Births

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	4,193	4,154	4,245	4,277	4,184	0
Essex	10,210	10,218	10,293	10,422	10,279	1
New Jersey	102,326	102,813	102,200	102,473	101,154	-1

Births to Unmarried Women

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	2,966	2,974	2,819	2,856	2,706	-9
Essex	5,225	5,245	5,081	4,999	4,676	-11
New Jersey	35,577	35,583	33,831	32,617	31,530	-11

Households Headed by One Parent

| | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | | % Change 13-17 |
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Newark	22,789	66	21,968	61	22,338	64	19,288	61	19,801	56	-13
Essex	45,591	46	42,724	43	43,960	45	41,360	44	39,391	39	-14
New Jersey	341,570	32	341,498	32	326,222	31	322,303	31	318,643	30	-7

What is a Household?

Household is a specific term used by the U.S. Census Bureau in its surveys. 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.[1] For example, two unrelated roommates, a multigenerational family and a single individual are all considered households under the census definition.

Multigenerational Households

Many children in New Jersey live with a grandparent. Sometimes, that grandparent is the child's legal guardian, and in other cases, the child simply shares a home with that grandparent. We report two different census measures of these trends. The first tracks grandparents who cared for their grandchildren at any point during the year. The second refers to children who live in the same home as the grandparent.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	3,552	2,659	2,857	2,008	2,242	-37
Essex	6,457	5,091	6,106	4,463	5,341	-17
New Jersey	53,032	49,690	47,118	45,734	53,399	1

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change 13-17
Newark	6,576	7,557	7,652	6,555	6,968	6
Essex	15,677	15,135	14,388	15,894	15,210	-3
New Jersey	131,546	127,307	123,318	128,874	136,243	4

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■ Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Total Population, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population Under Age 18, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population Under Age 18, as a Percentage of Total Population, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2013–2017. 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, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 6, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

Total Births, 2013–2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 4, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

Births to Unmarried Women, 2012–2016. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 4, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women, 2017. The percentage of births to unmarried women out of the total number of live births. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 4, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005. Includes family and non-family households. Data are for households with children under age 18.

Number of Grandparents Caring for their Grandchildren, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Number of Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2013–2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.