

Education

Early Education in Newark

All 3- and 4-year-olds have access to free, full-day, high-quality preschool in Newark. Since 1999 when the existing state-funded preschool program began, tens of thousands of Newark children have benefitted from this strong start. With qualified early learning teachers, small class sizes and a strong curriculum, New Jersey's nationally recognized preschool model helps young children attain the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. To meet the local needs of families, Newark uses a "mixed-delivery system," meaning young children can attend preschool through Newark Public Schools, Head Start or a qualified private child care center in their neighborhoods. During the 2017-18 school year, just over 6,300 students benefitted from Newark's preschool program, a decline from the prior two years.

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% Change 14-18
Newark	6,541	6,180	6,821	7,024	6,318	-3
Essex	10,017	9,664	10,206	10,484	9,676	-3
New Jersey	51,924	51,232	51,952	51,371	51,580	-1

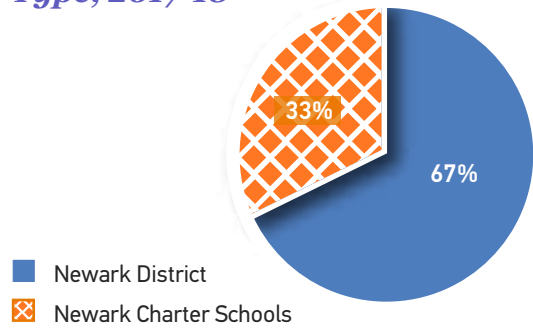
Kindergarten Enrollment

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% Change 14-18
Newark District	1,505	1,137	2,508	2,423	2,450	63
Newark Charter Schools	1,373	1,562	1,606	1,744	1,826	33
Newark Total	2,878	2,699	4,114	4,167	4,276	49
Essex	8,828	8,876	9,980	9,995	9,959	13
New Jersey	92,018	91,570	91,703	90,740	90,831	-1

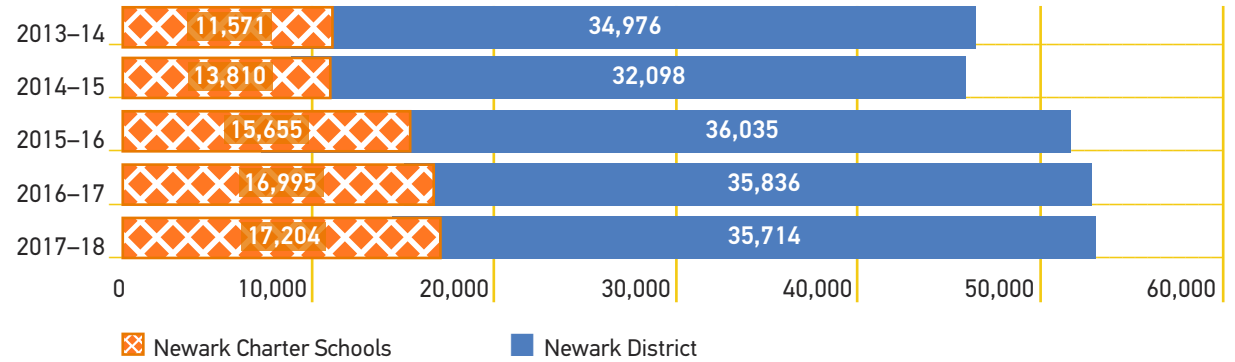
Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% Change 14-18
Newark District	34,976	32,098	36,035	35,836	35,714	2
Newark Charter Schools	11,571	13,810	15,655	16,995	17,204	49
Newark Total	46,547	45,908	51,690	52,831	52,918	14

Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2017-18



Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

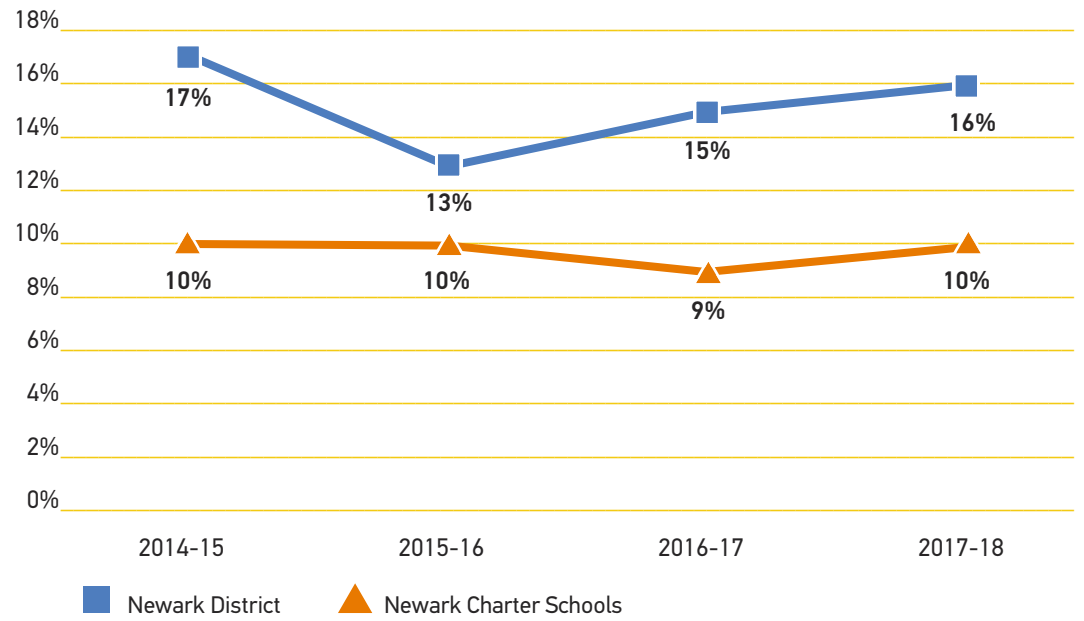


Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Newark District	5,725	5,400	5,812	6,419
Newark Charter Schools	1,339	1,511	1,561	1,219
Newark Total	7,064	6,911	7,373	7,638

Note: Includes public and non-public students.

Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment



Number of Homeless Students

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% Change 14-18
Newark District	585	664	580	683	776	33

Note: Data are cumulative as of June of each year.

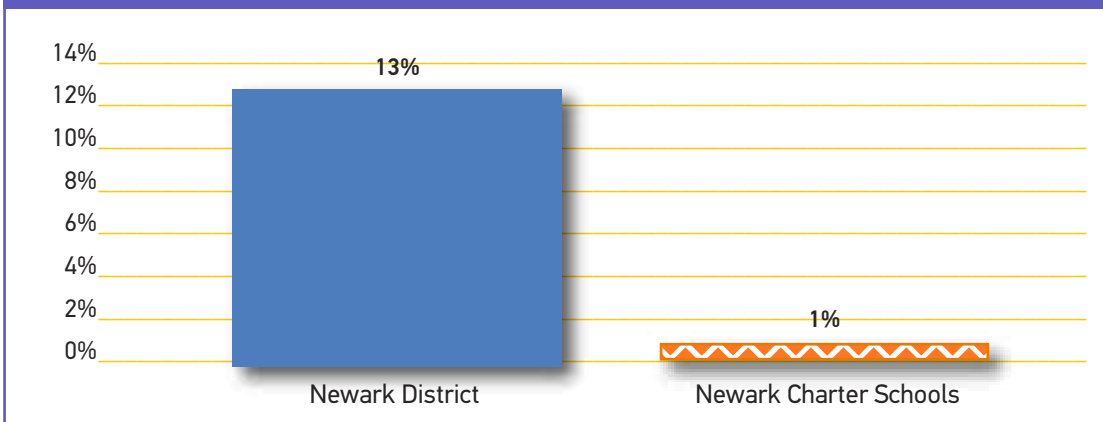
Who is a Homeless Student?

A homeless student is defined as any youth lacking a regular and adequate nighttime residence. Included in this definition is a broad set of living arrangements—children living in hotels or motels, public places or sharing housing with other families due to a lack of suitable housing or financial stability. This definition was provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and amended through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2016. Under the ESSA amendment, children awaiting foster care placement are no longer defined as homeless. Legally, the state is required to provide a number of services to homeless children including the appointment of a homeless student liaison who helps students and parents with enrollment, transportation arrangements and accessing services. For more information on homeless students, visit <http://nche.ed.gov/> or for more information on homeless students at the state level, visit <https://nj.gov/education/homeless/index.html>.

Students with Limited English Proficiency

	2016-17	2017-18
Newark District	4,221	4,592
Newark Charter Schools	192	206
Newark Total	4,413	4,798
Essex	7,527	8,314
New Jersey	72,257	93,584

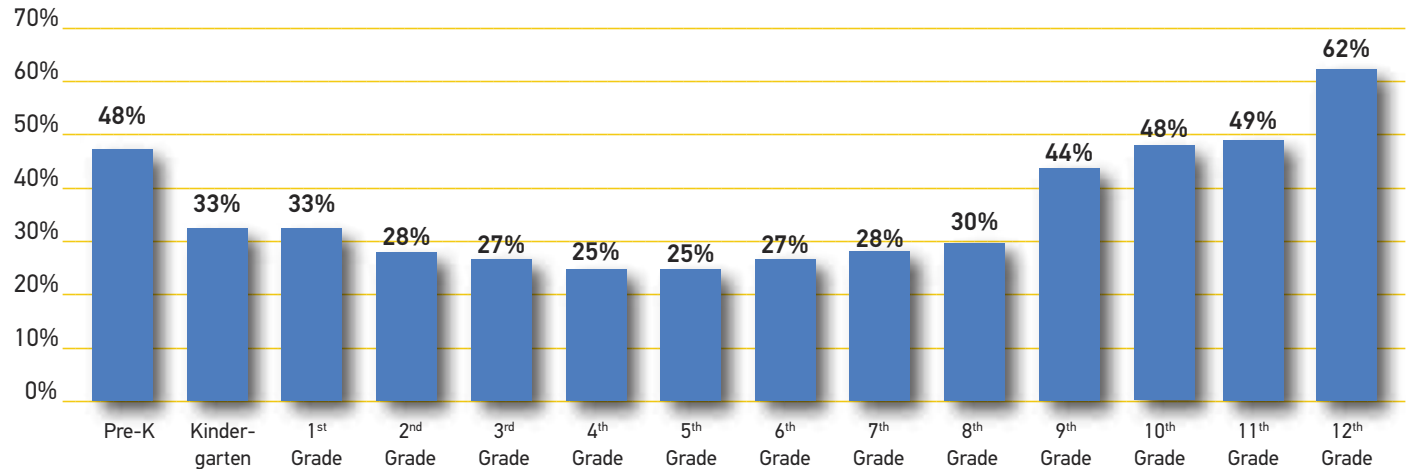
Percentage of Students with Limited English Proficiency, 2017-18



When is a Student “Limited English Proficient?”

The N.J. Department of Education uses the term limited English proficient (LEP) to describe students whose first language is other than English or who has difficulty reading, writing and understanding English. The State of New Jersey administers an annual survey to assess the languages spoken in students’ homes in an effort to identify LEP students. Children with limited English proficiency may require additional services to allow them to be successful in the district’s academic program. For the 2017-18 school year, 4,592 LEP students attended Newark Public Schools (NPS), compared to 206 LEP students in the city’s charter schools. Both NPS and Newark’s charter schools saw an increase in the number of LEP students enrolled.

Percentage of NPS Students Chronically Absent by Grade, 2017-18

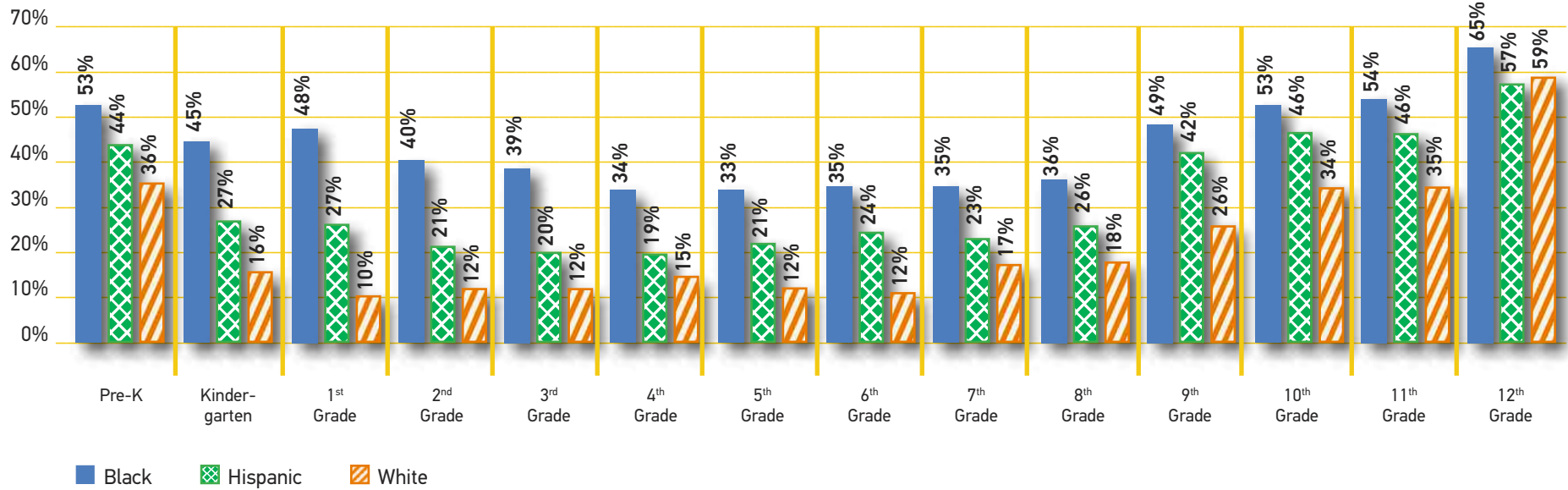


Chronic Absenteeism in Newark

Students who miss 10 percent of school days (about two days a month) are considered chronically absent and are more likely to fall behind in school and not graduate on time. In the early grades, preschool students show some of the highest rates of absenteeism, with 48 percent being chronically absent during the 2017-18 school year. Among high school students, ninth graders had the lowest rate of chronic absenteeism at 44 percent of students. High school seniors posted a 62 percent chronic

absenteeism rate, the highest out of all grades. In Newark, racial disparities exist within absenteeism rates for different groups, with white and Hispanic students maintaining lower absenteeism rates at every grade level than black students. For more information on chronic absenteeism in Newark and New Jersey, read ACNJ's series of reports—*Showing Up Matters*—at our website www.acnj.org/issues/school-attendance/.

% of NPS Students Chronically Absent, by Race, 2017-18



School Violence Incidents

	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	2012-13 HIB*	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	2016-17 HIB*
Newark District	197	81	39	30	172	161	29	36	28	135
Newark Charter Schools	100	11	10	4	63	225	17	5	23	28
Newark Total	297	92	49	34	235	386	46	41	51	163
Essex	814	190	127	197	500	710	100	84	192	438
New Jersey	7,895	1,751	1,047	3,358	7,740	8,245	1,348	1,093	3,157	6,419

*Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying incidents.

Newark District English Language Arts PARCC Results

	2016-17				
	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
3rd Grade					
Newark District	27	2,727	2,659	68	2
New Jersey	50	101,159	98,884	2,275	2
4th Grade					
Newark District	30	2,731	2,673	58	2
New Jersey	56	103,051	100,288	2,763	3
7th Grade					
Newark District	36	2,503	2,431	72	3
New Jersey	59	102,648	98,926	3,722	4
10th Grade					
Newark District	27	2,240	1,926	314	14
New Jersey	46	97,244	85,598	11,646	12
11th Grade					
Newark District	28	2,139	1,675	464	22
New Jersey	38	88,594	68,568	20,026	23

	2017-18				
	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
	30	2,724	2,680	44	2
	52	100,311	98,304	2,007	2
	34	2,749	2,686	63	2
	58	101,659	99,417	2,242	2
	39	2,426	2,373	53	2
	63	101,406	98,258	3,148	3
	32	2,295	2,123	172	7
	51	96,391	92,434	3,957	4
	35	2,208	1,889	319	14
	39	87,530	67,079	20,451	23

Newark District Math PARCC Results

	2016-17					2017-18				
	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
3rd Grade										
Newark District	35	2,812	2,734	78	3	31	2,794	2,730	64	2
New Jersey	53	102,212	99,991	2,221	2	53	101,278	99,250	2,028	2
4th Grade										
Newark District	26	2,816	2,744	72	3	28	2,827	2,747	80	3
New Jersey	47	104,071	101,323	2,748	3	49	102,560	100,336	2,224	2
7th Grade										
Newark District	20	2,597	2,515	82	3	25	2,492	2,435	57	2
New Jersey	40	99,701	95,955	3,746	4	43	97,947	94,796	3,151	3
Algebra I										
Newark District	21	2,347	2,165	182	8	25	2,383	2,202	181	8
New Jersey	42	115,108	110,215	4,893	4	46	114,684	110,912	3,772	3
Geometry										
Newark District	10	1,970	1,814	156	8	8	2,375	2,079	296	12
New Jersey	30	96,701	88,079	8,622	9	30	94,972	90,093	4,879	5
Algebra II										
Newark District	7	2,039	1,706	333	16	13	2,045	1,727	318	16
New Jersey	27	92,835	74,931	17,904	19	29	94,336	78,429	15,907	17

Newark Charter English Language Arts PARCC Results*

	2016-17		2017-18	
	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
3rd Grade				
Newark Charter	51	1,501	57	1,586
New Jersey	50	98,884	52	98,304
4th Grade				
Newark Charter	57	1,395	59	1,509
New Jersey	56	100,288	58	99,417
7th Grade				
Newark Charter	40	1,263	67	1,455
New Jersey	59	98,926	63	98,258
10th Grade				
Newark Charter	37	862	45	750
New Jersey	46	85,598	51	92,434
11th Grade				
Newark Charter	47	590	54	594
New Jersey	38	68,568	39	67,079

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Newark Charter Math PARCC Results*

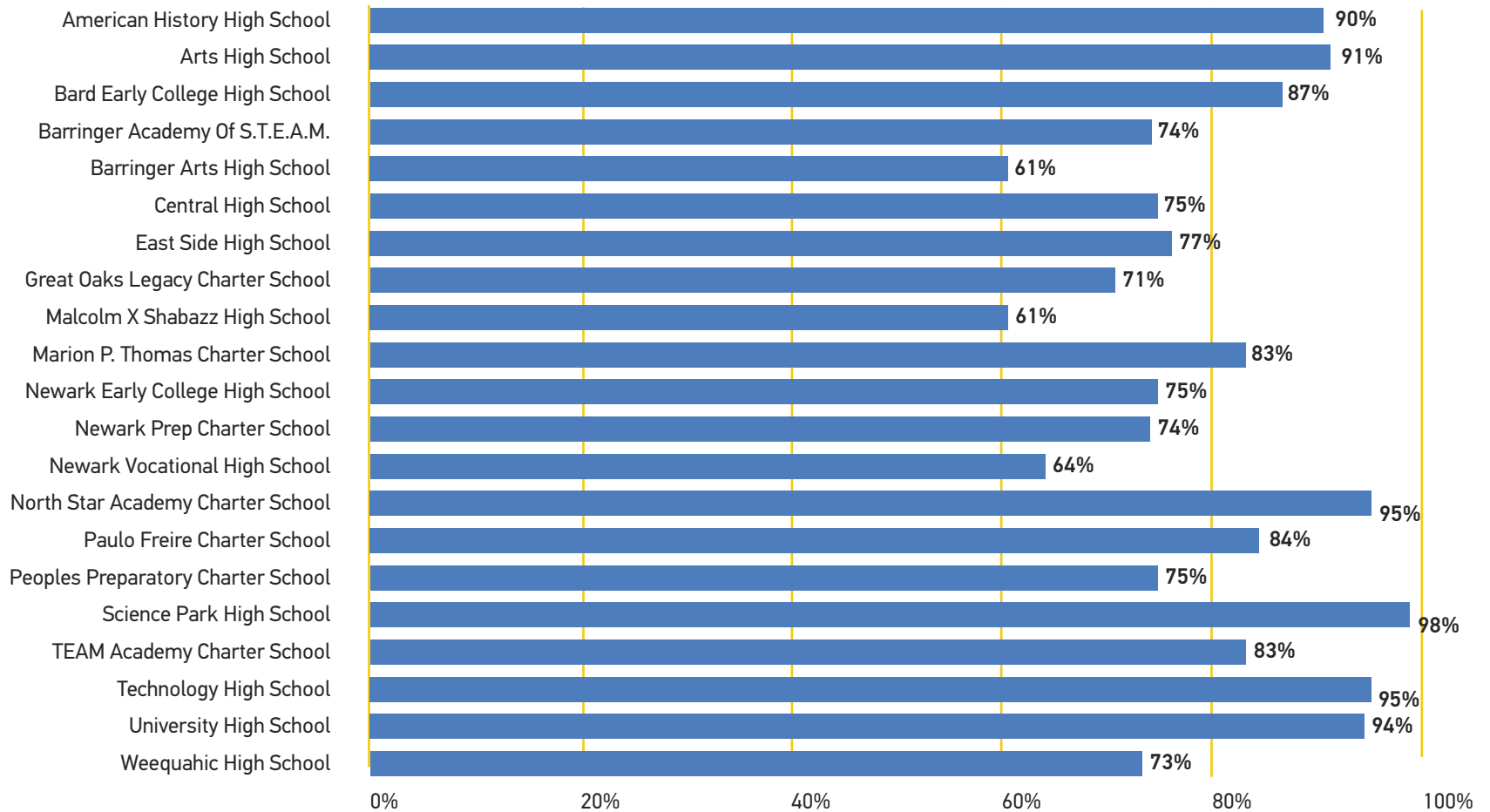
	2016-17		2017-18	
	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
3rd Grade				
Newark Charter	64	1,415	60	1,584
New Jersey	53	99,991	53	99,250
4th Grade				
Newark Charter	45	1,396	54	1,507
New Jersey	47	101,323	49	100,336
7th Grade				
Newark Charter	42	1,191	44	1,457
New Jersey	40	95,955	43	94,796
Algebra I				
Newark Charter	32	1,631	44	1,460
New Jersey	42	110,215	46	110,912
Geometry				
Newark Charter	21	861	24	622
New Jersey	30	88,079	30	90,093
Algebra II				
Newark Charter	10	499	17	736
New Jersey	27	74,931	29	78,429

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High School Graduation Rates

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Newark District	68	69	70	73	78
New Jersey	88	89	90	90	91

Graduation Rates by High School, 2017



Average SAT Score, by High School

	2015-16			2016-17		
	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation
American History High School	446	451	67	463	476	100
Arts High School	460	473	75	487	496	100
Bard Early College High School	493	494	71	497	518	100
Barringer Academy of S.T.E.A.M.	N	N	N	N	N	N
Barringer Arts High School	372	376	76	395	400	*
Central High School	387	392	47	406	413	68
East Side High School	426	419	48	447	439	57
Fast Track Success Academy	S	S	9	*	*	*
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	392	398	55	412	434	77
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	402	422	44	436	452	66
Newark Early College High School	N	N	N	448	486	26
Newark Leadership Academy	S	S	2	*	*	*
Newark Prep Charter School	433	446	100	438	458	100
Newark Vocational High School	443	456	13	412	433	44
North Star Academy Charter School	571	571	82	577	563	100
Paulo Freire Charter School	417	438	72	427	445	100
People's Preparatory Charter School	431	452	28	486	495	31
Science Park High School	590	570	87	600	585	100
TEAM Academy Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N
Technology High School	486	478	70	501	500	100
University High School	481	466	67	483	479	100
Weequahic High School	380	389	46	409	422	71
New Jersey Average	538	537	58	552	551	70

Note: An "S" indicates that data do not meet suppression rules. An "N" indicates that there are no data to display. An "*" indicates that data are not displayed to protect student privacy.

Average ACT Score, 2016-17

	Reading	English	Math	Science	Percentage Participation
Newark District*	17	15	18	17	38.9
New Jersey	24	24	24	23	28.3

*Does not include charter schools.

Percentage of Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2016-17

	% Schoolwide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities
American History High School	55	55	*
Arts High School	62	56	*
Bard Early College High School	75	68	*
Barringer Academy of S.T.E.A.M	20	22	19
Barringer Arts High School	29	29	15
Central High School	38	44	21
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	N	N	N
East Side High School	41	41	35
Fast Track Success Academy	9	*	*
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	89	85	*
Malcom X Shabazz High School	30	30	8
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	49	51	32
Newark Early College High School	46	57	25
Newark Leadership Academy	14	*	0
Newark Prep Charter School	56	56	*
Newark Vocational High School	35	42	24
North Star Academy Charter School	89	87	N
Paulo Freire Charter School	63	57	*
People's Preparatory Charter School	69	69	*
Science Park High School	85	85	N
TEAM Academy Charter School	80	79	63
Technology High School	65	68	20
University High School	67	70	*
Weequahic High School	50	57	27

Note: Post-secondary institutions include 2-year or 4-year institutions. An "N" indicates that there are no data to display. An "*" indicates that data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy.

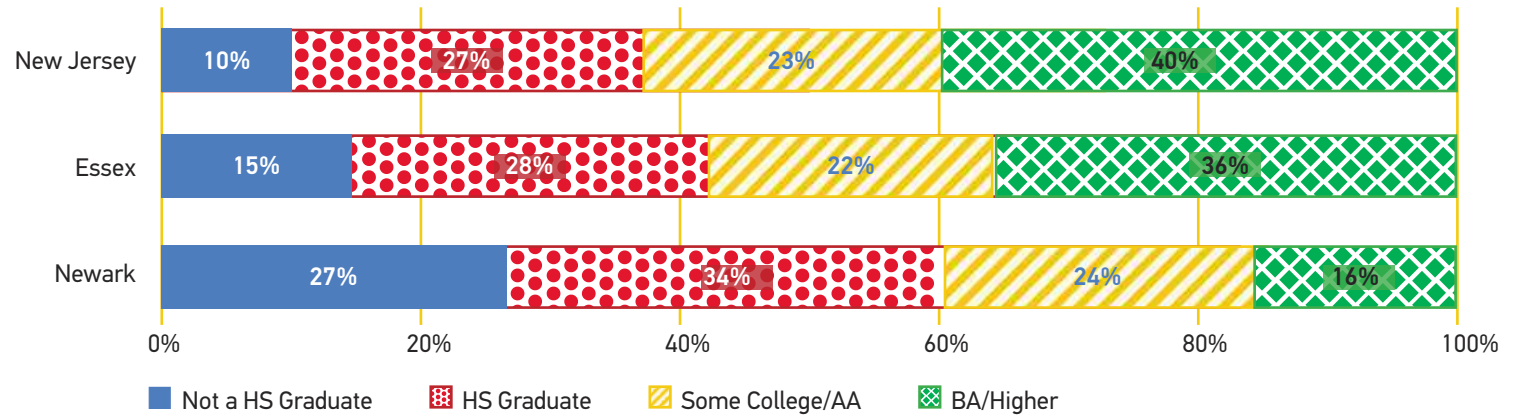
AP/IB Course Participation and Performance, 2016-17*

	Newark District** (%)	New Jersey Average (%)
Students enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	21	42
Students taking one or more AP or IB exam	19	35
Students with one or more exams with a score of at least a 3 on AP exams or 4 on IB exams	6	24

*Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate

**Does not include charter schools.

Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Newark vs. Essex vs. NJ, 2017



■ Data Sources and Technical Notes:

State-Funded Preschool Enrollments, 2013-14 through 2017-18. Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollment, 2013-14 through 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools.

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark, 2013-14 through 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2017-18. The percentage of students enrolled in Newark district and Newark charter schools. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21, 2014-15 through 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional district schools and charter schools and public and non-public students. Charter totals may be higher due to suppression of districts with fewer than 10 students.

Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2014-15 through 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Special education counts include both traditional district schools and charter schools and public and non-public students. Charter figures may differ due to suppression of districts with fewer than 10 students. Total enrollment based on October general education enrollment data for each school year.

Number of Homeless Students, 2013-14 through 2017-18. As reported by Newark Public Schools. Data are as of June for each school year listed and do not include charter schools. Represents any student identified as homeless during the given school year.

Students with Limited English Proficiency, 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October enrollment counts.

Percentage of Students with Limited English Proficiency, 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October enrollment counts.

Percentage of NPS Students Chronically Absent, by Grade, 2017-18. Data for grades Pre-K-12. As reported by Newark Public Schools. Data do not include charter schools and are cumulative as of June.

Percentage of NPS Students Chronically Absent, by Race, 2017-18. Data for grades Pre-K-12. As reported by Newark Public Schools. Data do not include charter schools and are cumulative as of June.

School Violence Incidents, 2012-13, 2016-17. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in New Jersey Public Schools. More than one type of offense may be reported for a single incident.

Newark English Language Arts and Math PARCC Results, Grades 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, and Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II Math Exams, 2016-17 through 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students, and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district as well as charter schools. Percentage meeting or exceeding standards are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. Data suppressed in some instances to protect students' confidentiality. The number of untested students refers to all students who did not receive a valid score. Charter data are averages and/or totals from individual charter schools; charter data are weighted and calculated by ACNJ. Due to suppressed data in some charter schools, the percent not tested was not calculated.

High School Graduation Rates, 2012-13 through 2016-17. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data. Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011, the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Graduation Rates by High School, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data. Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011, the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. Data include both traditional district as well as charter schools.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2015-16 through 2016-17. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the SAT for the given school year or for prior years. Average scores reflect the highest scoring test by subject area. The score range for the SAT is from 400 to 1600 for a total score. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Average ACT Score, 2016-17. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the ACT for the given school year or for prior years. Average scores reflect the highest scoring test by subject area. The score range for the ACT is from 1 to 36 for each subject. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Percentage of Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2016-17. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, N.J. School Performance Report Data. These data reflect the percentage of the 2017 high school graduates that were enrolled in post-secondary institutions the fall after high school graduation. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included. Data for some categories are unavailable.

AP/IB Course Participation and Performance, 2016-17. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate participation and performance amongst 11th and 12th grade students. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark, Essex, N.J., 2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

