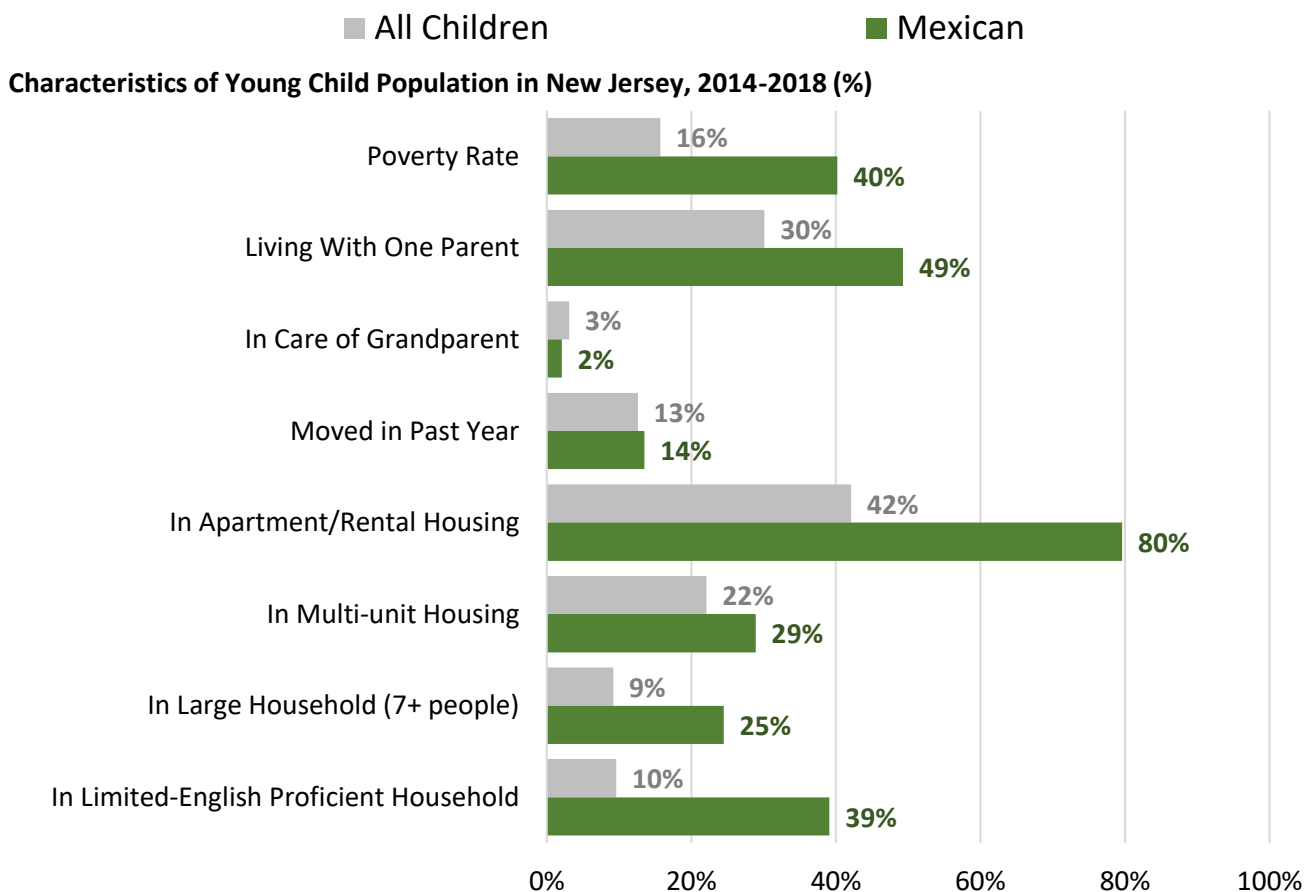# Characteristics of Mexican Children Ages 0-9 in New Jersey

It is important to make sure everyone living in the United States is counted in the 2020 Census. The results from the census will be used to distribute billions of dollars to states and localities and to allocate political power through redistricting and reapportionment.

In the 2010 Census, young children were more likely to be missed than any other age group. The net undercount rate (the percent of children who were missed minus the percent who were erroneously included) for young children has been increasing while that for adults has been improving since the 1980 Census. We also know that certain factors, including the eight shown below, are closely correlated with the risk of young children being undercounted.

Characteristics of Young Child Population in New Jersey, 2014-2018 (%)

Legend: ■ All Children ■ Mexican

Characteristic	All Children	Mexican
Poverty Rate	16%	40%
Living With One Parent	30%	49%
In Care of Grandparent	3%	2%
Moved in Past Year	13%	14%
In Apartment/Rental Housing	42%	80%
In Multi-unit Housing	22%	29%
In Large Household (7+ people)	9%	25%
In Limited-English Proficient Household	10%	39%

This profile shows the share of children experiencing each of the eight undercount risk characteristics--both for the demographic group (shown in green), and in relation to the total population of young children in New Jersey (shown in gray). These data are provided to help those promoting a complete and accurate census. Since there are no undercount data available for young children by detailed race/ethnicity, these profiles can be used to help understand the relative risk of being missed for different demographic groups.

The notation S indicates that data have been suppressed in cases where the margin of error exceeds +/-5 percentage points or there are fewer than three children in that category in the survey.

Source: Analysis by PRB of data from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample, 2014-2018.

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Child Population by County, 2014-2018

	Mexican	All Children
New Jersey	53,600	1,057,700
Atlantic and Cape May Counties	2,700	39,700
Bergen County	2,000	105,000
Burlington County	1,400	49,300
Camden County	2,900	63,100
Cumberland and Salem Counties	5,000	28,300
Essex County	1,900	104,300
Gloucester County	700	33,900
Hudson County	4,100	83,800
Hunterdon County	<100	11,000
Mercer County	1,500	41,700
Middlesex County	7,200	98,100
Monmouth County	4,900	67,800
Morris County	1,600	52,700
Ocean County	5,000	79,300
Passaic County	9,200	67,500
Somerset County	600	36,100
Sussex County	<100	14,200
Union County	2,500	71,000
Warren County	100	10,900

Values are rounded to nearest 100.

Characteristics for Selected Counties, 2014-2018

Mexican
Percent of Children Ages 0-9

	Poverty Rate	Living With One Parent	In Care of Grand-parent	Moved in Past Year	In Apt./ Rental Housing	In Multi-unit Housing	In Large Household	In Limited-English Proficient Household
Essex	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hudson	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

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Subject Definitions

Net Undercount
Net undercounts are a product of people missed (omissions) on the one hand and erroneous enumerations (mostly double counted) along with whole-person imputations.

Poverty Rate
Percent of children living in families with incomes below the federal poverty threshold.
The federal poverty threshold was $25,465 for a family of two adults and two children in 2018.
Poverty status is not determined for some children; for details, see How the Census Bureau Measures Poverty <https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty/guidance/poverty-measures.html>.

Living With One Parent
Percent of children living in families living with only one parent.
Number of parents present is not determined for some children, including those who live in group quarters.

In Care of Grandparent
Percent of children who are in the primary care of their grandparent in a grandparent-headed household.

Moved in Past Year
Percent of children who lived at a different address one year ago.

In Apartment/Rental Housing
Percent of children living in a household that pays rent for their housing.

In Multi-unit Housing
Percent of children who live in apartment buildings with three or more apartments.
Single-family attached structures, such as rowhomes and townhomes are not included.
Apartment buildings with only two units are not included.

In Large Household (7+ people)
Percent of children who live in households of seven or more people (child plus at least 6 other people).

In Limited-English Proficient Household
Percent of children living in households in which no person age 14 or older speaks English "very well."

The eight characteristics shown here were selected based on analysis by the U.S. Census Bureau.
For more information, see "Investigating the 2010 Undercount of Young Children – A Comparison of Demographic, Social, and Economic Characteristics of Children by Age," available at
https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/planning-management/final-analysis/2020-report-2010-undercount-children-characterisitcs-by-age.html

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