Demographics

Demographic Trends

The city of Newark saw a decrease in its child population from 2014 to 2018, dropping from more than 72,000 children to just under 70,000. Births to unmarried women also decreased by 6 percent during the same time period. In 2018, births to unmarried women comprised 65 percent of the city's total births. The number of births to foreign-born Newark mothers saw a dramatic increase, growing by 22 percent since 2014 and comprising 47 percent of Newark's total births.
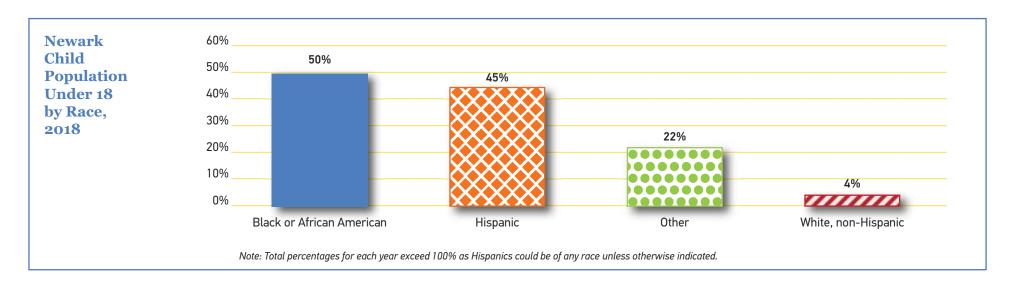
Total Population

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
Newark	280,577	281,913	281,770	285,156	282,102	1
Essex	795,723	797,434	796,914	808,285	799,767	1
New Jersey	8,938,175	8,958,013	8,944,469	9,005,644	8,908,520	0
Newark's % of Essex	35	35	35	35	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
Newark	72,446	68,415	65,706	70,129	69,941	-3
Essex	192,125	191,267	189,492	190,780	188,978	-2
New Jersey	2,012,197	1,998,865	1,984,439	1,978,796	1,951,005	-3
Newark's % of Essex	38	36	35	37	37	
Newark's % of NJ	4	3	3	4	4	

Child Population Under Age 18 as a Percentage of Total Population

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Newark	26	24	23	25	25
Essex	24	24	24	24	24
New Jersey	23	22	22	22	22

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		% Change 14-18
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Black or African American	36,989	51	34,861	51	33,162	50	33,419	48	35,037	50	-5
White, non-Hispanic	4,152	6	4,556	7	5,477	8	4,547	6	3,112	4	-25
Hispanic	29,635	41	28,200	41	26,423	40	29,919	43	31,710	45	7
Other	17,803	25	13,189	19	11,866	18	16,483	24	15,586	22	-12

Note: Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as Hispanics could be of any race unless otherwise indicated.

Newark Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2018

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Foreign-Born Children

	2014 Number	2014 %	2015 Number	2015 %	2016 Number	2016 %	2017 Number	2017 %	2018 Number	2018 %	% Change 14-18 Number
Newark	4,091	6	6,301	9	5,378	8	6,610	9	6,895	10	69
Essex	9,522	5	13,199	7	11,686	6	17,937	9	14,522	8	53
New Jersey	103,338	5	108,649	5	108,663	5	121,525	6	115,455	6	12

Births to Foreign-Born Women

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*	% Change 14-18
Newark	1,667	1,779	1,920	2,007	2,041	22
Essex	3,976	4,103	4,564	4,677	4,786	20
New Jersey	34,396	36,337	41,443	41,150	40,738	18

*Indicates preliminary data.

Total Births

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*	% Change 14-18
Newark	4,154	4,245	4,277	4,179	4,313	4
Essex	10,218	10,293	10,422	10,277	10,413	2
New Jersey	102,813	102,200	102,473	101,159	101,171	-2

*Indicates preliminary data.

Births to Unmarried Women

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*	% Change 14-18
Newark	2,974	2,819	2,856	2,700	2,782	-6
Essex	5,245	5,081	4,999	4,669	4,812	-8
New Jersey	35,583	33,831	32,617	31,511	31,353	-12

*Indicates preliminary data.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2018*

	Newark	Essex	New Jersey
	47%	46%	40%

Households Headed by One Parent

	2014 Number	2014 %	2015 Number	2015 %	2016 Number	2016 %	2017 Number	2017 %	2018 Number	2018 %	% Change 14–18 Number
Newark	21,968	61	22,338	64	19,288	61	19,801	56	21,339	63	-3
Essex	42,724	43	43,960	45	41,360	44	39,391	39	43,153	44	1
New Jersey	341,498	32	326,222	31	322,303	31	318,643	30	303,097	30	-11

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14–18
Newark	2,659	2,857	2,008	2,242	1,532	-42
Essex	5,091	6,106	4,463	5,341	3,431	-33
New Jersey	49,690	47,118	45,734	53,399	40,124	-19

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14–18
Newark	7,557	7,652	6,555	6,968	5,049	-33
Essex	15,135	14,388	15,894	15,210	12,234	-19
New Jersey	127,307	123,318	128,874	136,243	133,185	5

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