

Section 8 Teens

Data Trends for Teens

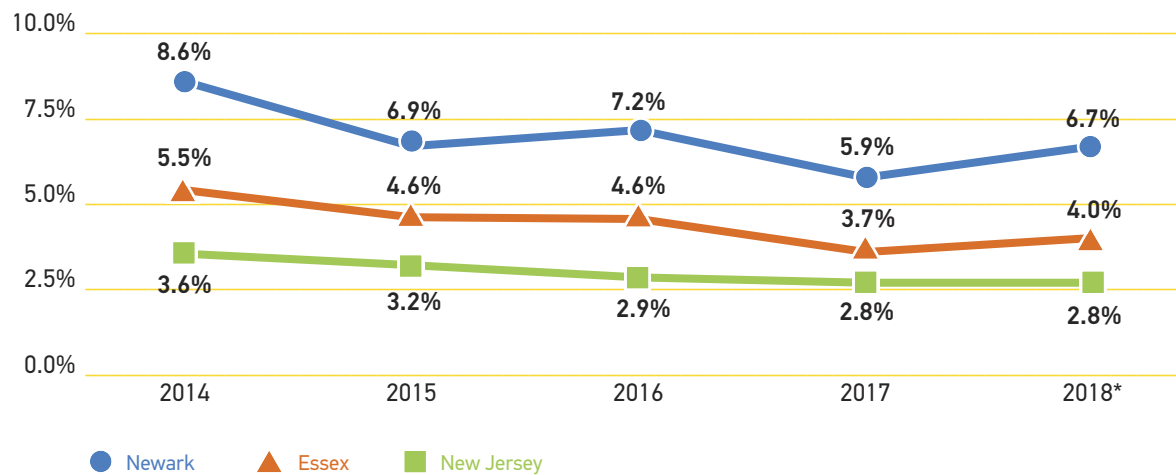
Consistent with trends from previous years, the most recent data show a decline in the number of teen births and fewer juvenile arrests. Juvenile admissions to county detention continue to decrease, with 2018 admissions in Newark dropping by 30 percent from 2014 figures. Yet Newark admissions continue to comprise more than 60 percent of Essex County’s annual juvenile detention admissions. African American youth represented 87 percent of Newark’s admissions to detention—even though only 50 percent of Newark’s population under age 18 were African American.

Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*	% Change 14-18
Newark	358	292	306	245	291	-19
Essex	559	474	478	385	420	-25
New Jersey	3,688	3,261	2,952	2,818	2,806	-24

**Indicates preliminary data.*

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



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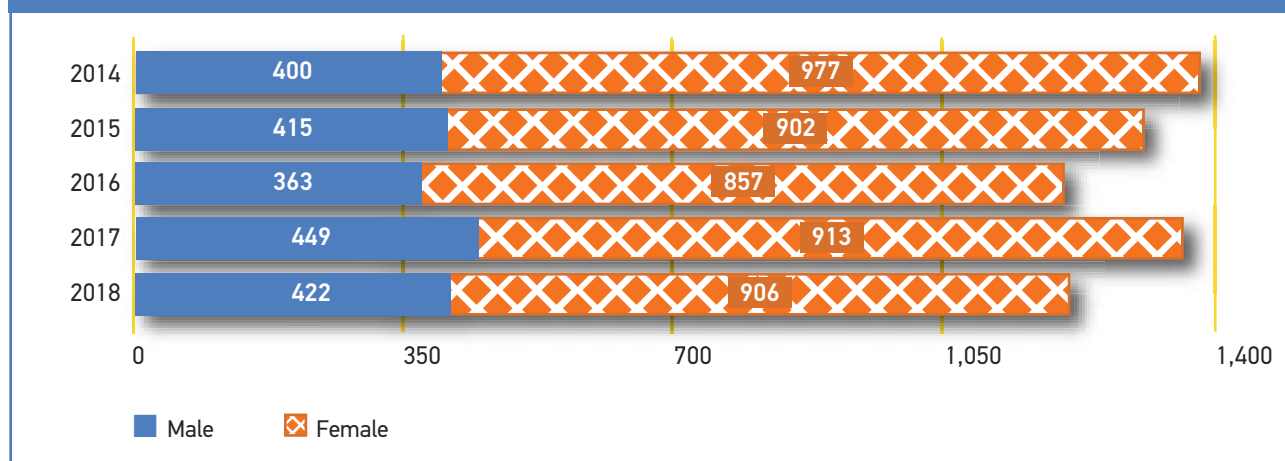
Teen Deaths (Ages 15-19)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Newark	13	17	12	15	7
Essex	26	33	19	29	19
New Jersey	193	199	184	194	184

Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		% Change 14-18	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newark	400	977	415	902	363	857	449	913	422	906	6	-7
Essex	651	1,555	677	1,530	601	1,500	719	1,523	680	1,539	4	-1
New Jersey	2,181	7,204	2,346	7,140	2,560	7,915	2,803	7,930	2,759	8,202	27	14

Newark Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection

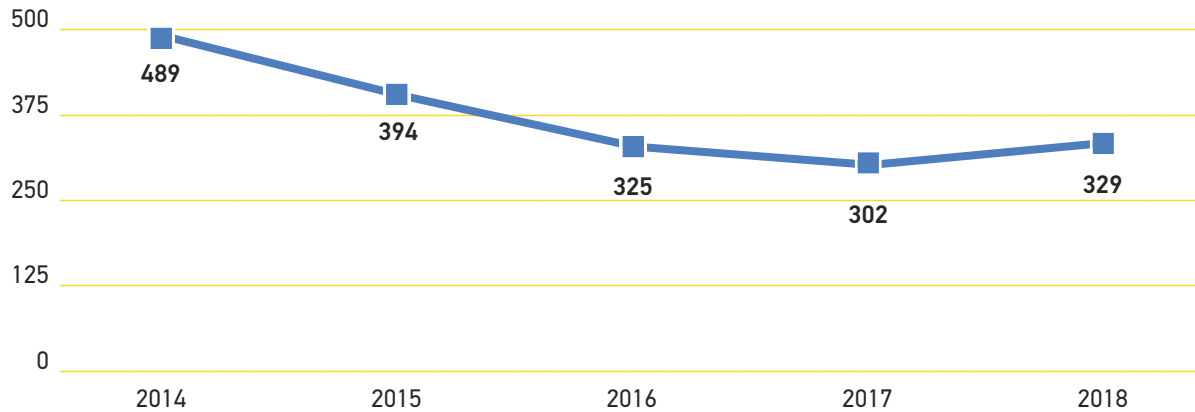


Juvenile Arrests

	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018*	% Change 14-18
Newark	489	394	325	302	329	-33
Essex	2,440	1,942	1,901	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	24,306	21,411	20,025	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Please note that 2017 and 2018 data only reported for Newark.

Newark Juvenile Arrests



Newark Arrests by Subgroup, 2018

Subgroup	# of Arrests	% out of Total
Male	280	85
Female	49	15
Total	329	100
Black	288	88
White	9	3
Hispanic	32	10

The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot

The Office of Adolescent Services, within the N.J. Department of Children and Families, has a website specially geared for youth and those who work with them. The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot (<http://www.njyrs.org/>) is where youth and stakeholders can easily learn about relevant policy, resources in their communities and CP&P services for which they may be eligible. Visit the site to learn more.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
Total Admissions:	429	420	276	304	301	-30
By Gender:						
Male	377	379	248	268	271	-28
Female	52	41	28	36	30	-42
By Race:						
African American	381	390	250	277	261	-31
Caucasian	1	1	1	3	0	-100
Hispanic	47	29	25	24	40	-15
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions	57	60	52	61	61	

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change 14-18
	753	703	529	498	493	-35

What is the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative?

New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), was formed in 2004 with the support and leadership of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is managed by the state's Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). Since the program's inception, JDAI has resulted in a dramatic decrease in detention populations throughout New Jersey without risk to public safety. JDAI fosters a fundamental shift in the way law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and public defenders handle juvenile crime cases by moving the focus from locking kids up to returning them to their communities and addressing the issues that led to criminal behavior. Detention centers are reserved only for more serious youth offenders. JDAI has helped reduce costs considerably, due to the reduction in the daily population in detention and subsequent closure of many county detention centers. To learn more about the JJC and JDAI, visit <http://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/index.html>.

● Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2014-2018. The number of births to teenagers as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of November 26, 2019.

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, as a Percentage of All Births, 2014-2018. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of November 26, 2019.

Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2013-2017. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Death Certificate Database. Data accessed as of November 26, 2019.

Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2014-2018, (Chart and Table). Youth under age 20 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported. Data from prior reports are not comparable due to a change in age designation. Data accessed as of December 2, 2019.

Juvenile Arrests, 2014-2018. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data as reported by the N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Report. Annual 2017 and 2018 data for Essex and New Jersey were not yet available.

Newark Arrests by Sub-Group, 2018. As reported by the Newark Police Department.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2014-2018. The number of youth admitted to detention. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2014-2018. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.