



# Paterson Kids Count

A City Profile of Child Well-Being



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# Introduction

This first edition of *Paterson Kids Count* provides a comprehensive look at the well-being of Paterson children and youth.

While the city has seen a small decline in the number of children who call Paterson home, more than 40,000 children live in the city, accounting for 32 percent of Passaic County children. More than half — 58 percent — of these children are Hispanic, while 30 percent are African American and 7 percent are white, non-Hispanic.

## Paterson Child Poverty Dips

Paterson has seen an encouraging 4 percent drop in child poverty in recent years, even as poverty grew statewide. Still, the city's child poverty rate of 39 percent is nearly three times higher than the statewide average of 14 percent.

This poverty is reflected in a significant 37 percent increase in the number of Paterson children living in families receiving welfare and a 32 percent increase in children receiving food stamps.

Despite this significant evidence of a growing need for food assistance, Paterson lags far behind in providing free- or reduced-price school breakfast to children. In the 2010-11 school year, only 27 percent of eligible Paterson students received this healthy start to their school day through the federally-funded School Breakfast Program.

Paterson schools have done a much better job of providing free- and reduced-price lunch to its children. In the same school year, 85 percent of eligible Paterson students received school lunches, on par with the statewide average of 86 percent.

## Mixed Results for Child Health

Health measures for Paterson children showed mixed results. The city saw a negative 7 percent increase in the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care, but a positive 7 percent decrease in the number of low-birth weight babies.

On the health insurance front, Paterson saw a disappointing 5 percent increase in uninsured children, even though many of the city's children are eligible for NJ FamilyCare, the state's free- or low-cost health coverage program. In 2010, 10 percent of Paterson children lacked health insurance, compared to 6 percent statewide.

## Paterson Students Lag in Academic Achievement

Public school enrollment across the city increased slightly over the past five years. At the same time, Paterson students continue to perform below statewide averages on achievement tests.

In 2009-10, roughly 29 percent of Paterson 4<sup>th</sup> graders passed language arts tests and 53 percent passed math tests, compared to statewide averages of roughly 60 and 77 percent, respectively.

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Paterson 8<sup>th</sup> graders improved their language arts and math pass rates. Still, with 58 percent of students passing state language arts tests and 42 percent passing math tests, Paterson continued to trail state averages of about 83 percent for language arts and 69 percent for math.

Paterson 11<sup>th</sup> graders passing language arts test decreased slightly to about 52 percent in 2009-10, compared to 87 percent statewide. At the same time, 46 percent of Paterson 11<sup>th</sup> graders passed math tests, compared to 76 percent statewide.

## Paterson Teens

More Paterson teenagers gave birth in 2008 compared to 2004, with 15 percent of all Paterson births to a teen between the ages of 15 and 19. At the same time, teen deaths in the city decreased from nine deaths in 2004 to three deaths in 2008, reflecting a 67 percent decrease, outpacing the county and state decreases of 5 and 19 percent, respectively.

In 2010, 586 female and 122 male youth in Paterson were diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection. In both instances, Paterson youth, between the ages of 16 and 20, comprise almost three-quarters of all youth diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection in Passaic County.

Of the 354 Paterson youth admitted to detention in 2010, the overwhelming majority were African-American males. Sixty-three percent of the admissions to detention in Passaic County were from Paterson.

## How to Use This Report

This report contains data for Paterson, Passaic County and New Jersey. It calculates Paterson's share of both the county and the state for each indicator (i.e. the percentage of all New Jersey children in poor families who are living in Paterson). This can help to compare Paterson to both the county and state. When possible, we have also provided a 5-year comparison, which is useful in identifying trends within Paterson, as well as statewide and on a county level.

This profile of child well-being can be used to build on successes and target issues that require the collective attention of the many people in Paterson who work each day to improve the lives and well-being of Paterson children.



# A Letter from the Paterson Alliance

We are delighted to share the first *Paterson Kids Count* with you. This comprehensive look at the state of the children of Paterson is a significant achievement for the Paterson Alliance and its member organizations. It is a sobering reminder of the challenges our children and our community face every day. It calls us to work both harder and smarter for the children and families we serve.



*Paterson Kids Count 2011* has been our dream for a long time. It helps us make the connections of our collective work to advance the state of Paterson's children. Early on, as we looked at the first *Newark Kids Count*, Barbara Dunn of Habitat of Humanity said it very well. "We may think we don't have the same interests but when you put the children in the center, they need all of our services: housing, food, education, health and safety. We are all in this together."

We want to thank our partner, Advocates for the Children of NJ, which worked its usual magic in compiling and presenting the data. Paterson Alliance members and our community partners worked diligently to collect the data from across our community.

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As we review this report, we understand that it has identified significant issues that will require the collaborative efforts of the entire Paterson community to address. This includes the ability to find the best way to provide children a nutritious breakfast daily, reduce the rising number of teen births in our city and increase the number of children reading proficiently by third grade, for example.

*Paterson Kids Count 2011* is only a first step in our plan to improve the conditions of our children and families. Following the publication, there will be a meeting of statewide stakeholders who will assist the Alliance in prioritizing an implementation agenda. We will then host a series of community meetings to present the findings and the agenda. From those meetings, the Paterson Alliance will build an action agenda and collaborative teams to align and leverage our collective resources to improve the outcomes of children and families in the City of Paterson.

Armed with the valuable information in this report, the Paterson Alliance and its members will collaborate to set a child focused city wide agenda.

Our children will remake our beloved city. How well they are prepared for the task is up to us. Please join us as we make every Paterson kid count.

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**T**he number of children living in Paterson dropped 4 percent from 2006 to 2010 when roughly 40,000 children under age 18 called Paterson home. The drop was even steeper for children under age 5, which declined 13 percent. During the same time, the total population decreased by 2 percent.

The percentage of African American children living in Paterson dropped to 30 in 2010, while the percentage of white, non-Hispanic and Hispanic children inched up. Fifty-eight percent of Paterson children identify as Hispanic, while white, non-Hispanic children make up just 7 percent of the city's child population.

Total births increased slightly but it is important to note that the latest available data on this indicator is from 2008, so it does not yet reflect the decline in child population. Births to unmarried women increased 9 percent. Families headed by one parent grew 10 percent from 2006 to 2010 and the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren increased significantly — 24 percent.

### Total Population

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	149,426	135,831	148,985	145,836	146,377	-2
Passaic County	497,093	492,115	490,948	491,778	501,860	1
New Jersey	8,724,560	8,685,920	8,682,661	8,707,740	8,801,624	1
Paterson's % of Passaic	30	28	30	30	29	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

# Population and Demographics

## Child Population Under Age 5

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	12,928	10,642	14,461	13,762	11,200	-13
Passaic County	37,153	34,952	37,210	37,761	34,107	-8
New Jersey	559,872	555,549	557,482	555,018	538,571	-4
Paterson's % of Passaic	35	30	39	36	33	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	3	2	2	

## Child Population Under Age 18

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	42,106	39,173	42,349	40,836	40,333	-4
Passaic County	130,470	145,193	127,248	124,835	124,319	-5
New Jersey	2,089,653	2,062,768	2,046,908	2,046,141	2,062,812	-1
Paterson's % of Passaic	32	27	33	33	32	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

## Foreign-born Children in Paterson

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Foreign-born children	4,069	3,788	1,894	2,405	3,564	-12
Percentage foreign-born children	10	10	5	6	9	-10

## Paterson's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
African American	15,122	36	11,049	28	13,282	31	11,471	28	12,055	30	-20	-17
White, non Hispanic	2,655	6	2,640	7	2,503	6	4,218	10	2,788	7	5	10
Hispanic	23,274	55	24,851	63	25,097	59	24,284	59	23,362	58	0	5
Other	16,739	40	19,261	49	18,653	44	9,931	24	2,243	6	-87	-86

**Note 1:** Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as survey participants could indicate more than one choice.

**Note 2:** The decrease in "Other" for 2008, 2009 and 2010 could be attributable to changes made in the 2008 survey questionnaire.

# Population and Demographics

## Total Births

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	2,768	2,725	2,806	2,834	2,849	3
Passaic County	7,519	7,499	7,459	7,732	7,538	0
New Jersey	109,748	108,431	109,422	110,185	112,351	2

\* Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Births to Unmarried Women

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	1,734	1,755	1,832	1,839	1,887	9
Passaic County	3,074	3,227	3,294	3,502	3,471	13
New Jersey	33,911	35,084	36,942	38,883	38,660	14

\* Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Families Headed by One Parent

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	10,087	10,144	9,368	9,260	11,057	10
Passaic County	20,767	19,391	19,196	20,024	23,138	11
New Jersey	329,198	328,709	320,807	330,773	329,184	0
Paterson's % of Passaic	49	52	49	46	48	
Paterson's % of New Jersey	3	3	3	3	3	

## Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	2,003	1,157	N/A*	1,205	2,475	24
Passaic County	4,813	2,114	2,863	3,133	4,020	-16
New Jersey	53,859	49,732	50,674	50,138	51,189	-5
Paterson's % of Passaic	42	55	N/A*	38	62	
Paterson's % of New Jersey	4	2	N/A*	2	5	

\*N/A - These data are not available due to the sample size being too small.

## Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	4,284	3,999	4,799	3,616	4,134	-4
Passaic County	8,909	7,025	9,892	9,694	9,201	3
New Jersey	109,011	109,630	106,819	114,430	121,938	12
Paterson's % of Passaic	48	57	49	37	45	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	4	4	3	3	



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As child poverty grew statewide, the number of Paterson children living in poverty fell 4 percent from 2006 to 2010. The decrease was even more significant from 2009 to 2010. In one year, the number of children living in poor homes dropped 14 percent. In 2010, 15,685 children were living in poverty, representing 39 percent of the city's children. Despite this positive movement, Paterson still has a much higher child poverty rate than the statewide average of 14 percent.

Paterson's median income of children with families rose 9 percent, outpacing the statewide increase of 5 percent. At the same time, the median income for Passaic County families fell 5 percent. Still, Paterson's median annual income of roughly \$29,500 remained far below the state average of \$83,208.

Like most of New Jersey, Paterson experienced a sharp increase — 110 percent — in unemployment, but was still below both the county and state increases of 115 and 133 percent, respectively. Still, Paterson's unemployment rate of 16.3 percent is nearly double the statewide average of 9.7 percent.

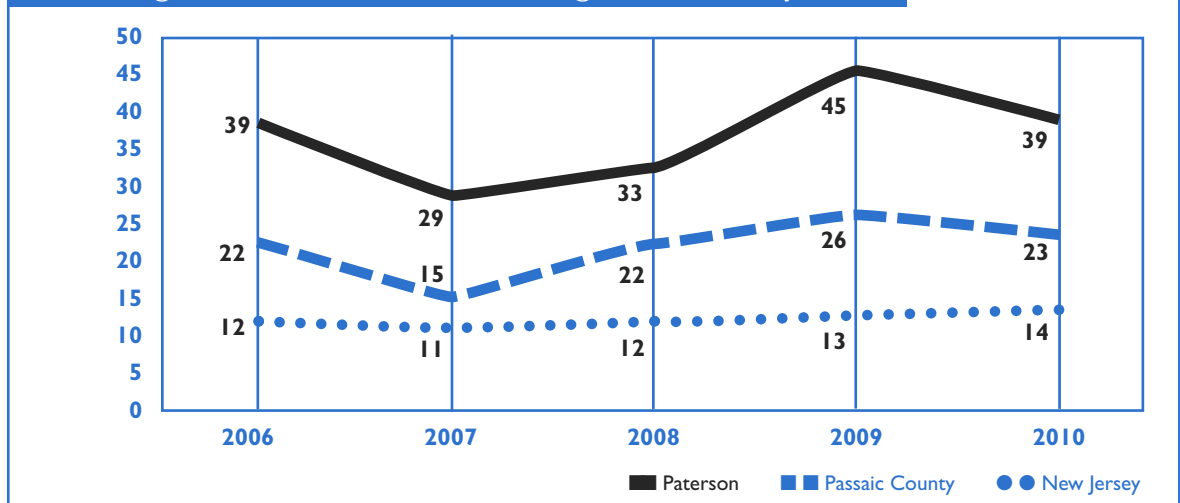
The number of Paterson children living in families receiving welfare increased 37 percent, much higher than the statewide increase of 11 percent. In 2011, 5,236 Paterson children were living in families receiving welfare.

## 2 Family Economic Security

### Children Living Below the Poverty Line, Under 18

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	16,368	11,197	14,008	18,281	15,685	-4
Passaic County	29,245	22,475	27,873	31,953	29,099	0
New Jersey	244,074	236,098	253,378	272,697	295,346	21
Paterson's % of Passaic	56	50	50	57	54	
Paterson's % of New Jersey	7	5	6	7	5	

### Percentage of Children Under 18 Living Below Poverty Level



### Total Population Living Below Poverty Level

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Paterson	37,416	25	31,642	23	36,114	24	43,888	30	40,891	28	9	12
Passaic County	72,411	15	65,784	13	69,430	14	82,882	17	77,461	15	7	6
New Jersey	741,873	9	729,211	8	741,472	9	799,099	9	884,789	10	19	18
Paterson's % of Passaic	52		48		52		53		53			
Paterson's % of NJ	5		4		5		5		5			

## 2 Family Economic Security

### The 2010 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.

### Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Paterson	1,649	12	1,687	14	1,370	11	2,049	16	1,757	14	7	22
Passaic County	2,882	6	3,488	6	2,490	5	4,365	8	2,899	6	1	-2
New Jersey	33,504	3	31,785	3	28,949	3	35,095	3	38,186	3	14	9
Paterson's % of Passaic	57		48		55		47		61			
Paterson's % of NJ	5		5		5		6		5			

### Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Paterson	5,744	32	4,626	28	5,302	31	5,947	35	5,884	30	2	-8
Passaic County	10,479	17	8,845	16	9,996	19	10,542	19	11,204	18	7	10
New Jersey	107,060	9	106,572	9	106,302	10	115,909	11	131,931	12	23	28
Paterson's % of Passaic	55		52		53		56		53			
Paterson's % of NJ	5		4		5		5		4			

### Median Income of Families with Children

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	26,973	31,515	36,026	29,529	29,519	9
Passaic County	60,220	61,372	60,973	60,751	57,250	-5
New Jersey	79,079	82,555	86,613	83,742	83,208	5



## 2 Family Economic Security

### Number Unemployed

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	% Change 07-11
Paterson	4,720	6,017	9,778	9,848	9,935	110
Passaic County	12,726	16,295	26,854	27,344	27,383	115
New Jersey	191,055	245,361	410,120	425,736	444,275	133

\*2011 preliminary average through June.

### Unemployment Rate

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	% Change 07-11
Paterson	8.1	10.2	16	16.2	16.3	101
Passaic County	5.4	6.8	11	11.3	11.2	107
New Jersey	4.3	5.5	9.1	9.5	9.7	126

\*2011 preliminary average through June.

### State Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) – 2010

	Number of EITC Claims, Recipients with at Least One Dependant	Average EITC Claim, Recipients with at Least One Dependant	Number of EITC Claims, All Recipients	Average EITC Claim, All Recipients
Paterson	20,447	\$565	24,210	\$500
Passaic County	36,498	\$563	44,343	\$484
New Jersey	382,095	\$543	484,751	\$449

### Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) – 2009

	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount
Paterson	25,596	\$2,409
Passaic County	48,241	\$2,309
New Jersey	561,644	\$2,101

### Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Paterson in 2011

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### Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-11
Paterson	3,828	4,558	5,236	37
Passaic County	5,619	6,477	7,550	34
New Jersey	63,556	67,632	70,831	11
Paterson's % of Passaic	68	70	69	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	7	7	



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The median rent for Paterson residents rose 7 percent from 2006 to 2010 to \$1,028 a month, which is slightly less than the statewide average of \$1,114. Paterson saw a 3 percent increase in the percentage of households spending more than the recommended 30 percent on rent, which was lower than the statewide increase of 15 percent. Still, two-thirds of Paterson residents spend too much on rent, compared to 54 percent statewide.

Paterson saw a small drop — 3 percent — in the percentage of housing units that are owner-occupied. Just 29 percent of Paterson housing units are owner-occupied, compared to 66 percent statewide. The percentage of people paying more than 30 percent of their income on mortgages also increased 18 percent, with nearly three-quarters of all Paterson homeowners spending too much on a mortgage, far exceeding the statewide average of 4 percent.

### Median Rent

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	957	986	967	1,040	1,028	7
Passaic County	986	1,029	1,029	1,106	1,089	10
New Jersey	974	1,026	1,068	1,108	1,114	14

### 3 Affordable Housing

#### Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30% of Their Income on Rent

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	64	60	65	69	66	3
Passaic County	60	55	59	65	64	7
New Jersey	47	49	50	53	54	15

#### Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	30	28	35	30	29	-3
Passaic County	55	56	58	56	54	-2
New Jersey	67	67	67	66	66	-1

#### Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing Costs

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	61	61	82	72	72	18
Passaic County	52	52	55	56	53	2
New Jersey	45	46	46	47	47	4

#### Number of Foreclosure Complaints Filed in Paterson 2010

304

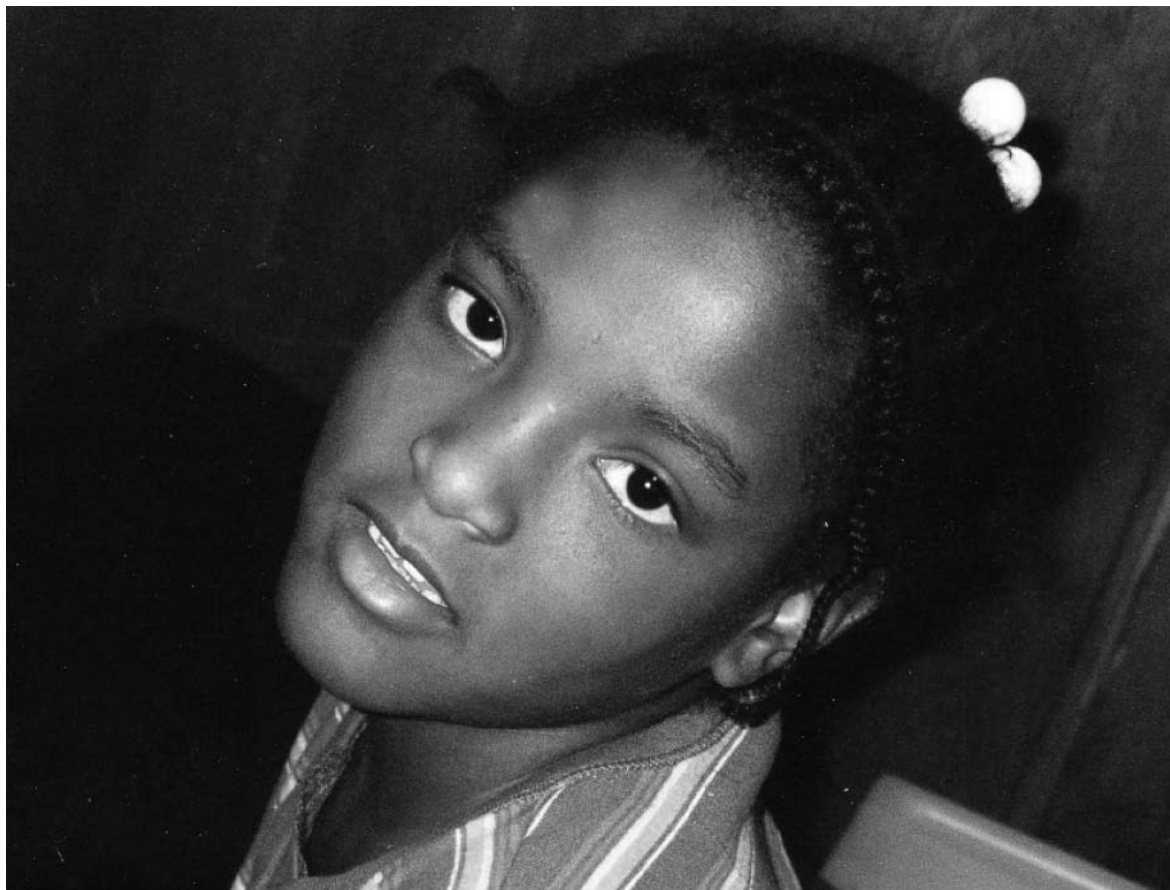


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**T**he number of children receiving food stamps through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) continues to increase dramatically in Paterson, Passaic County and across the state. In 2011, more than 25,000 Paterson children were receiving this nutritional benefit, a 32 percent jump since 2009. More than half — 56 percent — of the children receiving food stamps in Passaic County were Paterson children.

At the same time, the city saw a slight decrease in the number of women, infants and children receiving formula and other nutritional assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants and Children (WIC), also consistent with statewide trends.

In the 2010–11 school year, roughly 21,000 Paterson students were eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals. New Jersey has long trailed the nation in providing school breakfast and Paterson lags even farther behind the state. In 2010–11, only 27 percent of eligible Paterson children received this healthy start to their day, compared to 33 percent statewide.

Paterson schools have done a much better job of providing free- and reduced-price lunch to its children. In the same school year, 85 percent of eligible Paterson students received school lunches, on par with the statewide average of 86 percent.

## 4 Food Insecurity

### Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-11
Paterson	19,306	22,947	25,484	32
Passaic County	33,389	40,248	45,892	37
New Jersey	253,684	317,819	368,173	45
Paterson's % of Passaic	58	57	56	
Paterson's % of NJ	8	7	7	

### Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2010	2011	% Change 10-11
Paterson	10,488	10,340	-1
Passaic County	19,221	18,953	-1
New Jersey	189,116	186,247	-2
Paterson's % of Passaic	55	55	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	6	

### Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2010-11

	Number of Children Eligible	Number of Children Receiving	Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving School Breakfast
Paterson	21,003	5,679	27
Passaic County	45,156	10,898	24
New Jersey	445,755	145,092	33
Paterson's % of Passaic	47	52	
Paterson's % of NJ	5	4	

### Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2010-11

	Number of Children Eligible	Number of Children Receiving	Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving School Lunch
Paterson	21,003	17,850	85
Passaic County	45,156	39,127	87
New Jersey	445,755	385,099	86
Paterson's % of Passaic	47	46	
Paterson's % of NJ	5	5	

# 4 Food Insecurity

## Instances of Food Accessed through a Food Pantry in Paterson, 2010\*

Instances of Food Accessed by Children Under 18	Total Instances of Food Accessed All Ages
91,445	233,584

*\*Please note that data are self-reported to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and only include data from certain agencies. Please see the technical note on this indicator for more information.*







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**H**ealth measures for Paterson children show mixed results. The city saw a negative 7 percent increase in the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care. In 2008, 39 percent of all women received late or no prenatal care in the city, higher than the state average of 21 percent.

There is good news, though. Between 2004 and 2008 Paterson saw a positive 7 percent decrease in the number of low-birth weight babies, despite a statewide increase. In 2008, 9 percent of all babies born in Paterson had low-birth weight, compared to 8 percent statewide.

Paterson also showed positive results in its infant and child mortality, consistent with county and statewide trends. The city posted 19 and 25 percent decreases in the number of infant and child deaths, respectively. Despite this, the city comprised roughly half of all of Passaic County's infant and child deaths in 2008.

While more children were tested for high levels of lead in Paterson, fewer tested positive for lead poisoning between 2008 and 2010, likely reflecting effective lead prevention efforts statewide.

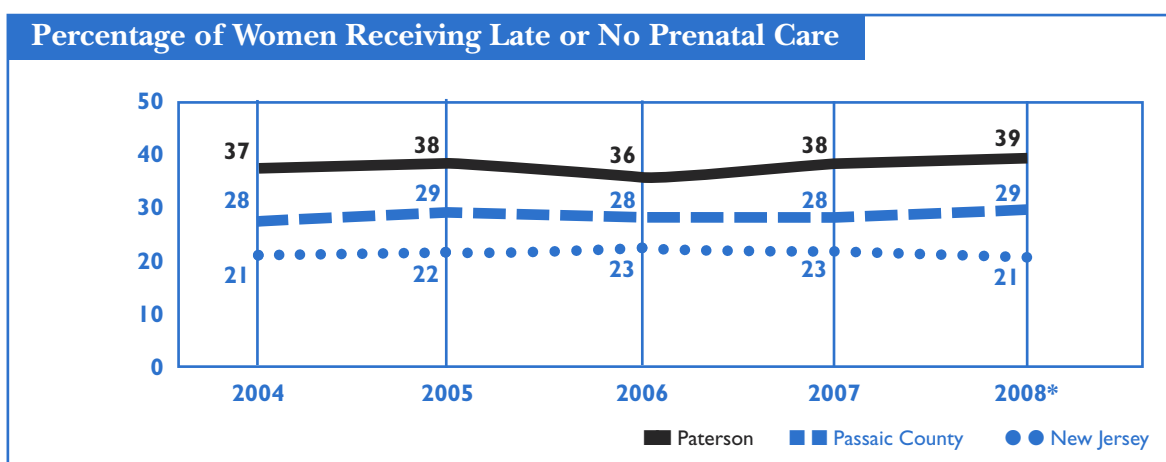
As the number and percentage of children without health insurance dropped in Passaic County and the state, Paterson saw a negative increase in the number of uninsured children under the age of 18. In 2010, 10 percent of children did not have health insurance, compared to 6 percent statewide.

# 5 Child Health

## Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	1,037	1,047	1,004	1,065	1,109	7
Passaic County	2,076	2,159	2,085	2,175	2,174	5
New Jersey	23,337	23,395	24,786	25,371	23,224	0
Paterson's % of Passaic	50	48	48	49	51	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	4	4	4	5	

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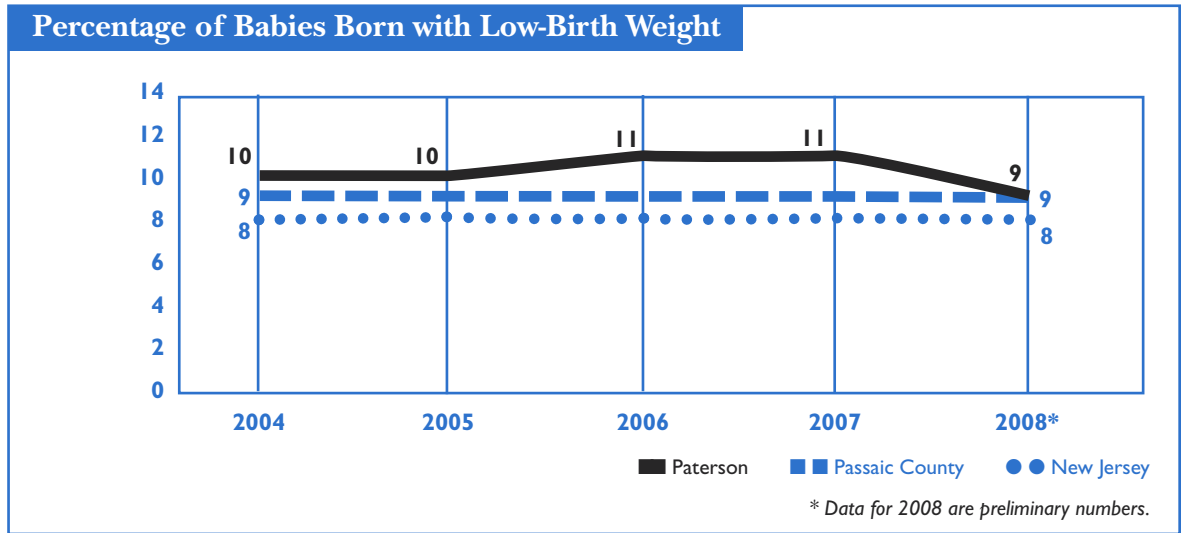


## Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	288	276	306	318	268	-7
Passaic County	659	652	643	722	645	-2
New Jersey	8,936	8,797	9,257	9,232	9,114	2
Paterson's % of Passaic	44	42	48	44	42	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

\*Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

# 5 Child Health



## Infant Mortality

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	21	13	21	20	17	-19
Passaic County	43	34	43	38	34	-21
New Jersey	648	590	604	590	593	-8
Paterson's % of Passaic	49	38	49	53	50	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	2	3	3	3	

\*Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	8	6	6	5	6	-25
Passaic County	15	16	12	10	13	-13
New Jersey	228	232	195	218	188	-18
Paterson's % of Passaic	53	38	50	50	46	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	3	3	2	3	

\*Data for 2008 are preliminary.

# 5 Child Health

## Children Admitted to the Hospital for Asthma

2010	
Paterson	198
Passaic County	382
New Jersey	4,175
Paterson's % of Passaic	52
Paterson's % of NJ	5

## Children Ages 6-29 Months Tested for Lead

	2008		2009		2010		% Change 08-10	
	# Tested	%Poisoned	# Tested	%Poisoned	# Tested	%Poisoned	# Tested	%Poisoned
Paterson	2,153	2	2,255	2	2,994	1	39	-50
Passaic County	6,519	1	6,756	1	8,073	1	24	0
New Jersey	99,856	1	100,479	1	101,521	1	2	0

## Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Paterson Lead Abatements

2010
39

## Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

2011	
Paterson	33,590
Passaic County	66,347
New Jersey	690,055
Paterson's % of Passaic	51
Paterson's % of NJ	5

## Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2008		2009		2010		% Change 08-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Paterson	4,020	9	3,783	9	4,015	10	0	5
Passaic County	12,045	9	11,148	9	8,662	7	-28	-26
New Jersey	147,720	7	129,835	6	123,456	6	-16	-17
Paterson's % of Passaic	33		34		46			
Paterson's % of NJ	3		3		3			



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**F**ollowing county and statewide trends, the number of Paterson children under the supervision of the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) increased slightly between 2009 and 2011.

The total number of children under DYFS supervision increased 2 percent in Paterson, compared to 6 percent in Passaic County and 5 percent statewide. This includes a slight increase in the number of living at home and receiving DYFS services.

Paterson also saw a 5 percent increase in the number of children in foster care, even as the number of children in out-of-home placement dropped 14 percent statewide. Although the number of children involved in child abuse/neglect investigations increased 12 percent in New Jersey, Paterson experienced a 10 percent decrease.

The number and rate of “substantiated” or proven allegations of child abuse/neglect also dropped. This means that fewer investigations resulted in a finding that abuse or neglect had occurred. The number of child abuse/neglect substantiations in Paterson dropped from 381 in 2006 to 207 in 2010, a 46 percent decline. Statewide, the number of substantiations dropped 16 percent.

## 6 Child Welfare

### Children Under State Supervision

	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-11
Paterson	1,516	1,622	1,539	2
Passaic County	2,468	2,499	2,607	6
New Jersey	46,139	47,976	48,318	5
Paterson's % of Passaic	61	65	59	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	

### Children Receiving In-Home Services

	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-11
Paterson	1,212	1,346	1,220	1
Passaic County	2,042	2,106	2,190	7
New Jersey	37,786	40,115	41,121	9
Paterson's % of Passaic	59	64	56	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	

### Children in Out-of-Home Placement

	2009	2010	2011	% Change 09-11
Paterson	304	276	319	5
Passaic County	426	393	417	-2
New Jersey	8,353	7,861	7,197	-14
Paterson's % of Passaic	71	70	76	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	4	4	

### Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	3,346	3,300	2,907	3,060	3,028	-10
Passaic County	5,944	6,163	5,475	6,074	6,030	1
New Jersey	83,325	89,194	80,351	89,287	93,699	12
Paterson's % of Passaic	56	54	53	50	50	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	4	4	3	3	



## 6 Child Welfare

### Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, Number of Children

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	381	338	232	305	207	-46
Passaic County	592	510	391	467	409	-31
New Jersey	11,038	9,942	9,015	9,286	9,326	-16
Paterson's % of Passaic	64	66	59	65	51	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	2	

### Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	11.39	10.24	7.98	9.97	6.84	-40
Passaic County	9.96	8.28	7.14	7.69	6.78	-32
New Jersey	13.25	11.15	11.22	10.40	9.95	-25

### Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services

	2010
Paterson	151
Passaic County	330



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In 2011, 78 licensed child care centers operated in Paterson, with the capacity to serve nearly 10,000 children. Thirty-three percent of Passaic County's centers were located in Paterson. There were also 112 Paterson child care providers who cared for children in their own homes and who were registered with the state in 2010. In addition, almost 5,000 Paterson parents received help in paying for child care in the form of child care vouchers that same year.

#### Licensed Child Care Centers

	2011
Paterson	78
Passaic County	237
New Jersey	4,213
Paterson's % of Passaic	33
Paterson's % of NJ	2

#### Child Care Center Capacity

	2011
Paterson	9,951
Passaic County	24,114
New Jersey	356,900
Paterson's % of Passaic	41
Paterson's % of NJ	3

# 7 Child Care

## Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2010
Paterson	112
Passaic County	263
New Jersey	2,892
Paterson's % of Passaic	43
Paterson's % of NJ	4

## Child Care Vouchers

	2010
Paterson	4,666
Passaic County	9,505
New Jersey	59,409

## Number of Children Enrolled in Head Start

	2010
Paterson	771



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### Enrollment

**P**ublic school enrollment across the city increased slightly over the past five years. The city saw a very small drop in the number of children enrolled in public preschool, while Passaic County and the state saw small increases in preschool enrollment from 2007 to 2011. Paterson kindergarten enrollments also dropped 4 percent, consistent with a 3 percent statewide decrease. Paterson's total K-12 enrollment increased 1 percent during this same time.

The number of students receiving special education services also decreased. Paterson posted a 6 percent drop in special education students, while the county and state also decreased 7 and 9 percent, respectively, from 2007 to 2011. During the 2010-11 school year, 14.8 percent of all Paterson students were enrolled in special education, down from 15.2 percent in 2006-07.

In the 2009-10 school year, Paterson educated 43 homeless youth — 42 percent of all homeless youth in Passaic County.

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## Public Preschool Enrollments

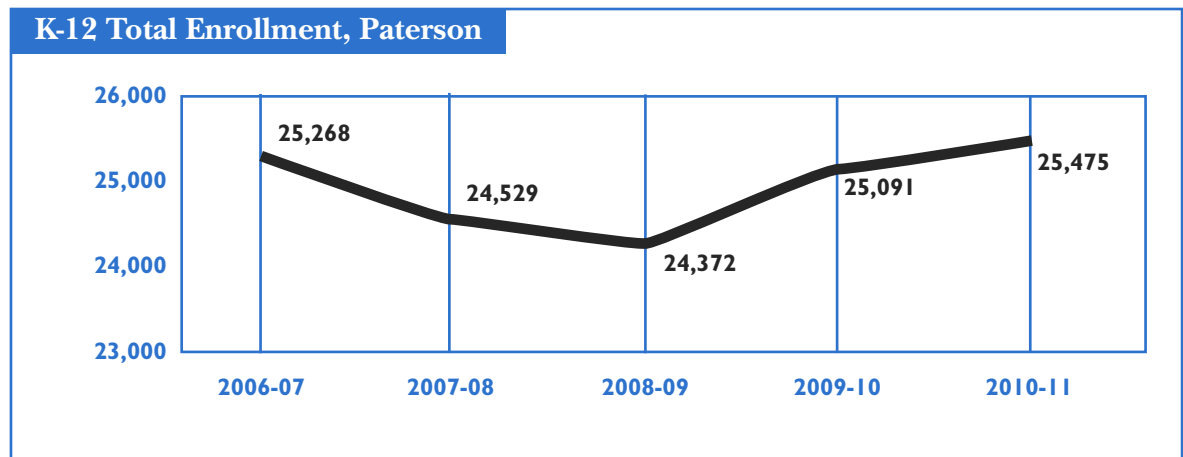
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Paterson	3,381	3,444	3,403	3,387	3,374	0
Passaic County	5,153	5,296	5,397	5,337	5,279	2
New Jersey	49,166	46,908	49,080	49,940	51,333	4
Paterson's % of Passaic	66	65	63	63	64	
Paterson's % of NJ	7	7	7	7	7	

## Children Enrolled in Public School Kindergarten (Full Day and Half Day)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Paterson	2,190	2,024	2,089	2,147	2,109	-4
Passaic County	5,766	5,539	5,939	6,063	5,990	4
New Jersey	92,935	91,402	93,501	94,917	90,222	-3
Paterson's % of Passaic	38	37	35	35	35	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

## K-12 Total Enrollment, Paterson

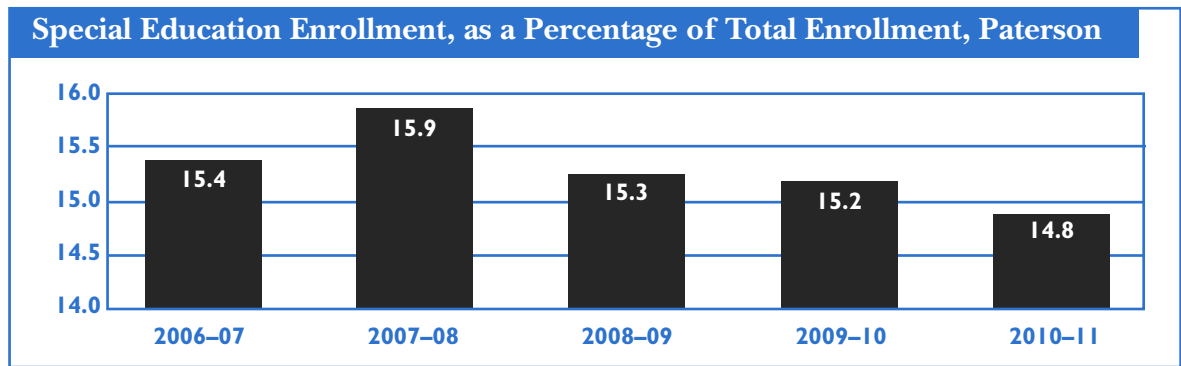
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Paterson	25,268	24,529	24,372	25,091	25,475	1



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## Special Education Enrollment

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Paterson	3,824	3,808	3,573	3,656	3,582	-6
Passaic County	13,184	13,585	12,042	11,672	12,306	-7
New Jersey	233,556	230,272	205,010	211,111	212,727	-9
Paterson's % of Passaic	29	28	30	31	29	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	



## Number of Homeless Students

2009-10	
Paterson	43
Passaic County	102
New Jersey	5,254
Paterson's % of Passaic	42
Paterson's % of NJ	1

## School Truancy/Violence

During the 2010-11 school year, Paterson students were picked up for truancy 249 times.

More Paterson students also engaged in violent behavior, vandalism and substance abuse while in school. Between the 2004-05 and 2008-09 school years, school incidents involving violence increased 23 percent, as did incidents involving vandalism. Incidents involving weapons increased 17 percent, and substance-related incidents, including drugs and alcohol, also increased slightly by 1 percent. These increases are counter to county and statewide trends where incidents involving violence, vandalism and weapons decreased. Substance-related incidents, however, did increase in Passaic County and across New Jersey.

## Paterson Public Schools Truancy Cumulative Pick-Ups

2010-11	
	249

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## School Violence Incidents

	2004-05				2008-09				% Change 05-09			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Paterson	80	31	18	72	98	38	21	73	23	23	17	1
Passaic County	525	251	85	199	450	154	63	208	-16	-39	-26	5
New Jersey	10,953	3,493	1,478	2,725	10,404	2,922	995	2,928	-5	-16	-33	7
Paterson's % of Passaic	15	12	21	36	22	25	33	35				
Paterson's % of NJ	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	2				

## Test Scores

It is important to note that in the 2008-09 school year, the state changed the test for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade math and language arts tests. In the 2007-08 school year, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and language arts tests were changed. Despite these changes, it can still be meaningful to compare the percentages of students passing tests in 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as comparing Paterson to state averages.

Fourth-graders in Paterson and across the state have seen declines in pass rates on both math and language arts tests over the past five years. Paterson's declines, however, outpace the state average. Far fewer Paterson students pass these tests when compared to statewide averages. From 2005-06 to 2009-10, the percentage of Paterson 4<sup>th</sup> graders passing state language arts tests dropped a significant 44.6 percent, compared to a 26 percent decline statewide. In 2009-10, roughly 29 percent of Paterson 4<sup>th</sup> graders passed language arts tests, compared to almost 60 percent statewide.

Paterson 4<sup>th</sup> graders saw a 12 percent decrease in pass rates on math tests, compared to a 6 percent drop statewide. In 2009-10, almost 53 percent of Paterson 4<sup>th</sup> graders passed state math tests, compared to 77 percent across New Jersey.

For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, pass rates improved both in Paterson and across the state during this same time. Paterson 8<sup>th</sup> graders improved their language arts pass rates by nearly 20 percent, with close to 58 percent of students passing in 2009-10. The percentage of Paterson 8<sup>th</sup> graders passing the math test increased about 21 percent, rising from roughly 35 percent in 2005-06 to 42 percent in 2009-10.

Still, Paterson students have a pass rate much lower than statewide averages. In 2009-10, 82.5 percent of students across New Jersey passed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts test and 68.5 percent passed math tests — both much higher than the Paterson rates.

The percentage of Paterson 11<sup>th</sup> graders passing language arts test decreased slightly — 1.7 percent — from 52.6 percent in 2005-06 to 51.7 percent in 2009-10. Statewide, the percentage of 11<sup>th</sup> graders passing this test increased about 4 percent. In 2005-06, close to 84 percent passed language arts tests statewide, rising to 87 percent in 2009-10.

Paterson's 11<sup>th</sup> graders fared even worse on math tests, seeing a significant 27.5 percent drop in pass rates between 2005-06 and 2009-10, from 45.5 percent to just 33 percent. By comparison, statewide pass rates went from 76 percent to 74 percent during that same time.

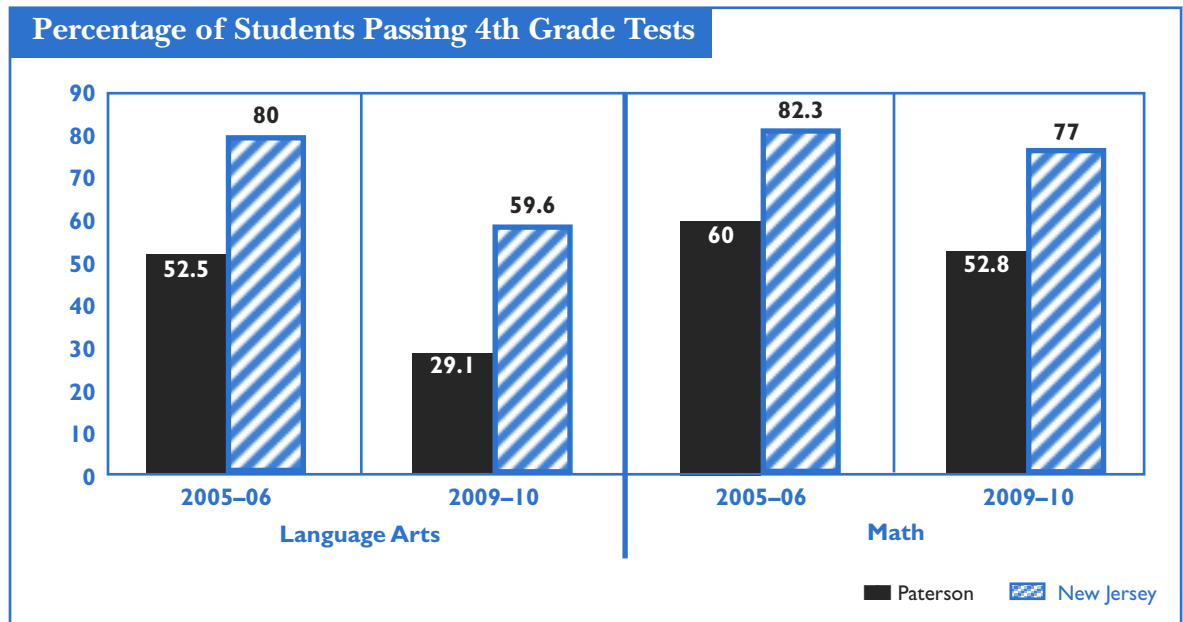


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## Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests

	Language Arts		Math		Language Arts	Math
	2005-06	2009-10	2005-06	2009-10	% Change 06-10	% Change 06-10
Paterson	52.5	29.1	60	52.8	-44.6	-12.0
New Jersey	80	59.6	82.3	77	-26	-6

\* In the 2008-09 school year, the Department of Education changed the testing standard for this grade.

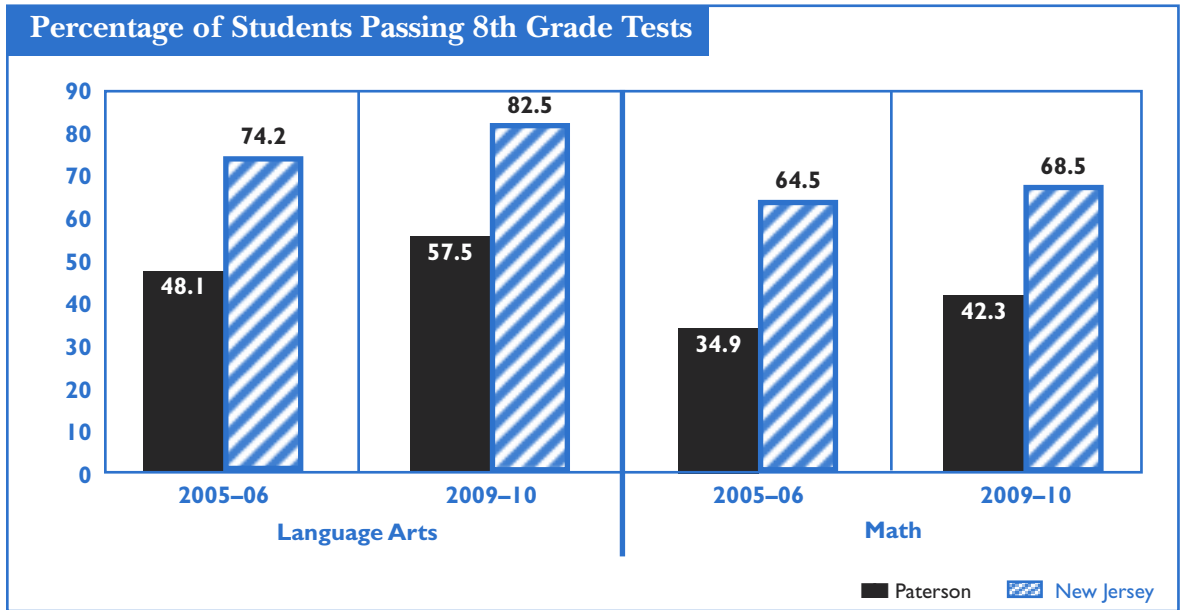


## Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests

	Language Arts		Math		Language Arts	Math
	2005-06	2009-10	2005-06	2009-10	% Change 06-10	% Change 06-10
Paterson	48.1	57.5	34.9	42.3	19.5	21.2
New Jersey	74.2	82.5	64.5	68.5	11.2	6.2

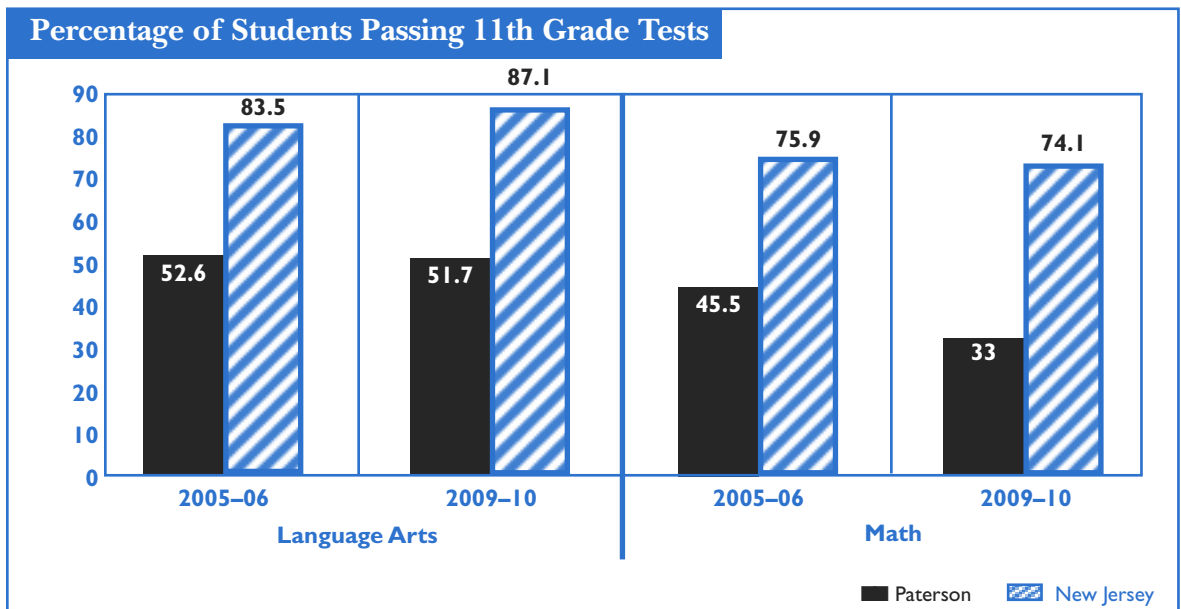
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**Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests**

	Language Arts		Math		Language Arts % Change 06-10	Math % Change 06-10
	2005-06	2009-10	2005-06	2009-10		
Paterson	52.6	51.7	45.5	33	-1.7	-27.5
New Jersey	83.5	87.1	75.9	74.1	4.3	-2.4



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## Individual Test Scores

While it is important to examine district and state averages, perhaps the more telling data are the scores for individual schools. Following are charts that show the passing rates for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders for nearly all of Paterson's schools, including both traditional district and charter schools. (Academy of Performing Arts school did not report test results for 4<sup>th</sup> grade language arts).

For 4<sup>th</sup> graders, the pass rates on language arts tests ranged from 10 to 73 percent, with Norman S. Weir, Roberto Clemente and Number 1 schools ranking in the top three and Build Academy, Number 12 and Number 11 schools ranking in the bottom three.

On 4<sup>th</sup> grade math tests, pass rates ranged from a high of 96 percent to a low of just 10 percent, with Norman S. Weir, Roberto Clemente and Number 1 schools again ranking in the top three and Number 12, Number 28 and the Academy of Performing Arts schools ranking in the bottom three.

For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, pass rates on language arts tests ranged from 27 percent to almost 84 percent, with Alexander Hamilton Academy, Norman S. Weir and Number 3 schools performing in the top three. Number 10, Academy of Performing Arts and Number 13 schools ranked in the bottom three.

Students passing 8<sup>th</sup> grade math tests ranged from a low of 17 percent to a high of 81 percent. Norman S. Weir, Martin Luther King and Alexander Hamilton Academy schools ranked in the top three, with Number 20, Number 4 and Number 13 schools ranking in the bottom three.

On 11<sup>th</sup> grade language arts tests, passing rates ranged from a high of 85 percent at Rosa Parks Arts High School to a low of about 39 percent at Eastside High School. Similarly, on 11<sup>th</sup> grade math tests, Rosa Parks Arts High School students had the highest passing rate at 63 percent and Eastside High School students had the lowest passing rate at 23 percent.

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### Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NORMAN S.WEIR	73.0	NUMBER 26	26.8
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	59.6	NUMBER 13	26.0
NUMBER 1	50.0	NUMBER 3	26.0
NUMBER 19	45.1	NUMBER 2	22.0
NUMBER 9	44.0	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	20.8
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	40.0	NUMBER 15	19.4
NUMBER 25	37.9	NUMBER 21	19.3
NUMBER 24	37.1	NUMBER 28	18.5
NUMBER 14	37.0	COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON	18.2
NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	32.9	NUMBER 20	18.0
NUMBER 5	30.4	NUMBER 29	14.9
NUMBER 8	29.8	BUILD ACADEMY	13.9
NUMBER 10	29.2	NUMBER 12	13.8
MARTIN LUTHER KING	28.6	NUMBER 11	10.0
NUMBER 27	27.3	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	*
NUMBER 18	27.1		

\*4th grade language arts test scores are not available for the Academy of Performing Arts school.

### Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NORMAN S.WEIR	96.1	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	51.4
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	82.6	NUMBER 15	51.4
NUMBER 1	81.3	NUMBER 8	50.9
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	80.0	NUMBER 2	50.9
NUMBER 9	74.2	NUMBER 27	50.0
NUMBER 29	70.2	NUMBER 21	45.5
NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	64.7	NUMBER 13	40.3
NUMBER 5	64.1	NUMBER 20	40.0
NUMBER 19	62.5	NUMBER 10	38.5
MARTIN LUTHER KING	61.4	NUMBER 26	33.4
NUMBER 24	60.6	BUILD ACADEMY	33.3
NUMBER 25	58.6	COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF PATERSON	32.6
NUMBER 3	57.4	NUMBER 12	21.3
NUMBER 11	55.0	NUMBER 28	20.7
NUMBER 14	54.4	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	10.4
NUMBER 18	51.4		

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## Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	83.9	NUMBER 12	62.5
NORMAN S.WEIR	76.2	NUMBER 8	60.0
NUMBER 3	74.5	NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	58.5
NUMBER 27	74.4	NUMBER 26	56.4
BUILD ACADEMY	73.2	NUMBER 11	56.0
MARTIN LUTHER KING	72.2	NUMBER 7	55.4
NUMBER 9	68.4	NUMBER 20	53.7
NUMBER 25	67.5	NUMBER 5	50.0
NUMBER 18	67.0	NUMBER 15	46.7
PATERSON CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	65.1	NUMBER 4	43.1
NUMBER 2	64.6	NUMBER 10	39.0
NUMBER 21	63.2	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	37.3
		NUMBER 13	27.1

## Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NORMAN S.WEIR	81.0	NUMBER 5	40.2
MARTIN LUTHER KING	75.9	PATERSON CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	39.7
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	74.2	NUMBER 2	37.5
NUMBER 27	57.9	NUMBER 21	35.3
NUMBER 9	57.4	NUMBER 10	33.3
NUMBER 11	56.0	NUMBER 8	31.0
NUMBER 12	54.1	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	29.8
NUMBER 3	52.9	NUMBER 15	29.7
NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	47.5	NUMBER 7	28.6
BUILD ACADEMY	43.9	NUMBER 20	26.0
NUMBER 26	42.9	NUMBER 4	24.1
NUMBER 18	42.6	NUMBER 13	17.1
NUMBER 25	41.3		

## 8 Education

### Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
ROSA PARKS ARTS H.S.	85.4	INTERNATIONAL H.S.	55.4
PATERSON CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	71.0	JOHN F. KENNEDY H.S.	44.1
PATERSON ACADEMY H.S.	67.2	EASTSIDE H.S.	38.6

### Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
ROSA PARKS ARTS H.S.	62.5	INTERNATIONAL H.S.	35.4
PATERSON CHARTER SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	43.4	JOHN F. KENNEDY H.S.	29.8
PATERSON ACADEMY H.S.	41.1	EASTSIDE H.S.	22.8

### Graduation/Post Graduation

In 2010-11, approximately 59 percent of Paterson students graduated on time from high school. This is a 16 percent increase from the previous school year, where 50 percent of students graduated on time in the city.

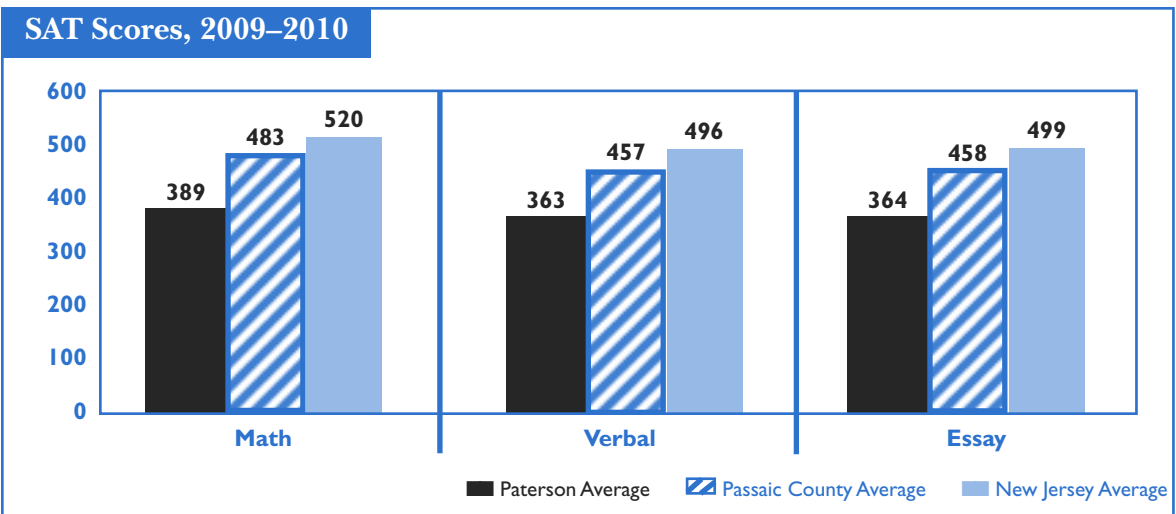
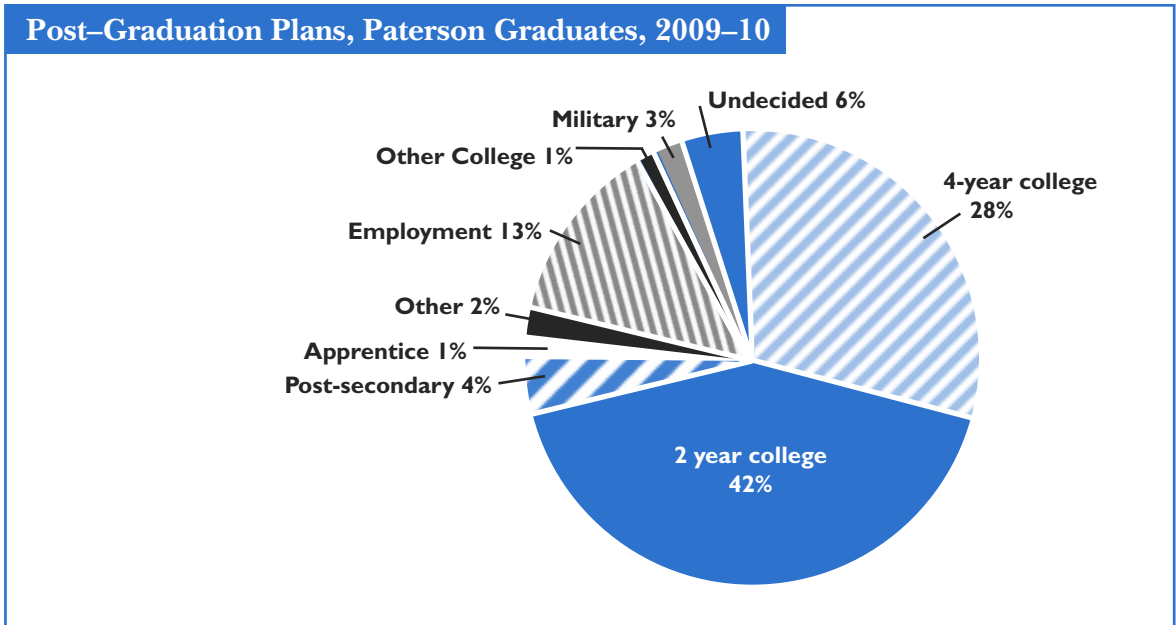
In 2009-10, about 70 percent of Paterson high school seniors said that they planned to attend college, with most — 42 percent — headed for a 2-year school. Thirteen percent planned to get a job.

Paterson students scored lower on SAT tests in 2009-10, compared to county and state averages. (The SAT is used as one determinant for college admission). In 2009-10, Paterson students scored a combined total of 1,115 on all three sections — math, verbal and essay — while the county average was 1,397 and the statewide average was 1,515. The percentage of Paterson students taking the SATs ranged from 33 percent at John F. Kennedy High to 80 percent at Rosa Parks Arts High School. College enrollment among Paterson students, ages 18 to 24, increased 36 percent from 2006 to 2010, compared to an 8 percent statewide increase.

### Graduation Rate, Paterson School District

2009-10	2010-11	% Change 10-11
50.4	58.7	16

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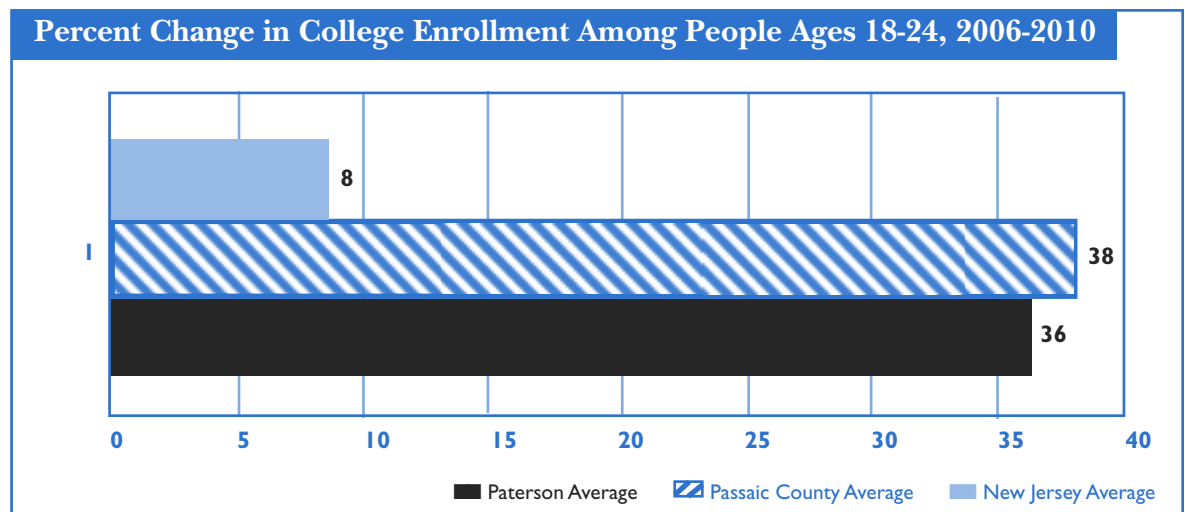
## Average SAT Score, by High School, 2009–10

	Math	Verbal	Percent Participation
Rosa Parks Arts High School	423	432	80
Paterson Charter School For Sci/Tech	400	380	68
Eastside High	371	345	61
International High	370	367	57
John F. Kennedy High	408	363	33
Paterson Average	389	363	55
Passaic County Average	483	457	66
NJ Average	520	496	66

Note: Data not available for Academy High School in Paterson.

## College Enrollment, Ages 18-24

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Paterson	3,170	1,972	4,166	3,900	4,323	36
Passaic County	17,104	18,653	19,202	18,674	23,606	38
New Jersey	332,364	346,915	343,577	333,932	359,255	8
Paterson's % of Passaic	19	11	22	21	18	
Paterson's % of NJ	1	1	1	1	1	



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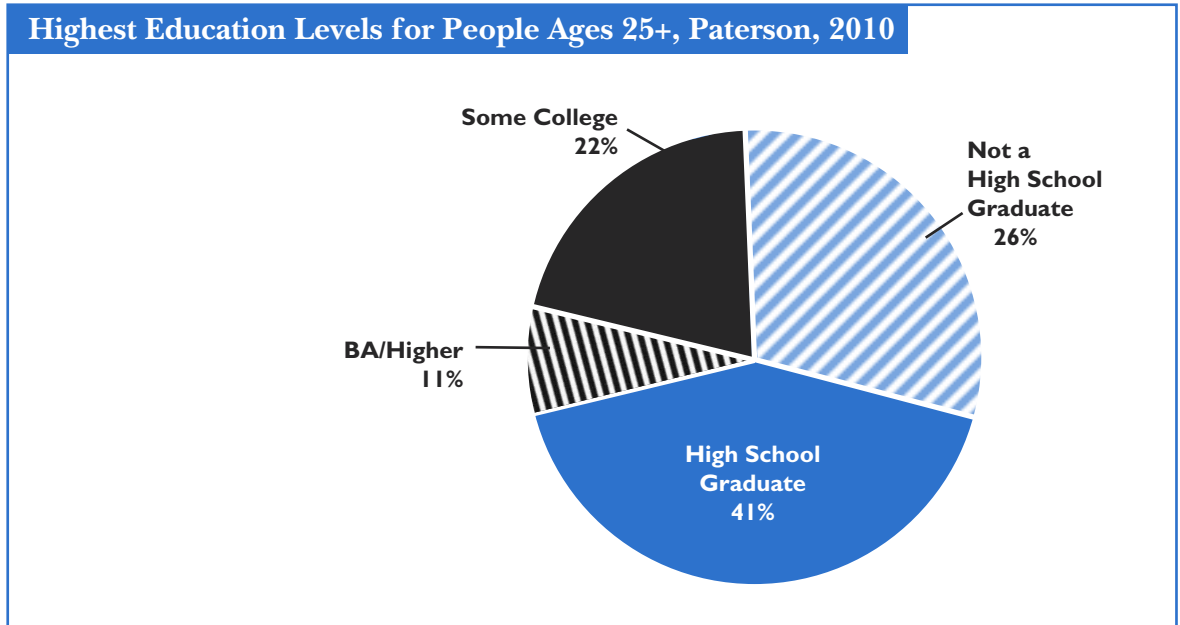




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**T**he number of Paterson teenagers giving birth rose 10 percent from 2004 to 2008, compared to a 1 percent increase statewide. In 2008, 15 percent of all births in Paterson were to a teen between the ages of 15 and 19. At the same time, teen deaths in the city decreased from nine deaths in 2004 to three deaths in 2008 reflecting a 67 percent decline, outpacing the county and state decreases of 5 and 19 percent, respectively.

In 2010, 586 female and 122 male youth in Paterson were diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection. In both instances, Paterson youth, between the ages of 16 and 20, comprise almost three-quarters of all youth diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection in Passaic County.

Of the 354 Paterson youth admitted to detention in 2010, the overwhelming majority were African-American males. Sixty-three percent of the admissions to detention in Passaic County were from Paterson.

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## Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	387	384	397	401	425	10
Passaic County	662	666	669	713	712	8
New Jersey	6,877	6,847	7,088	7,207	6,914	1
Paterson's % of Passaic	58	58	59	56	60	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	6	6	6	6	

\* Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Paterson	14	14	14	14	15
Passaic County	9	9	9	9	9
New Jersey	6	6	6	7	6

\*Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Paterson	9	5	7	5	3	-67
Passaic County	19	16	15	11	18	-5
New Jersey	290	268	287	259	236	-19
Paterson's % of Passaic	47	31	47	45	17	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	2	2	2	1	

\*Data for 2008 are preliminary numbers.

## Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2010	
	Male	Female
Paterson	122	586
Passaic County	171	798
New Jersey	2,793	10,267
Paterson's % of Passaic	71	73
Paterson's % of NJ	4	6

# 9 Teens

## Juvenile Arrests

	2010
Paterson	342
Passaic County	3,133
New Jersey	40,705
Paterson's % of Passaic	11
Paterson's % of NJ	1

## Paterson Annual Admissions to Detention

	2010
Total Admissions:	354
By Gender:	
Boys	314
Girls	40
By Race:	
African American	247
Caucasian	2
Hispanic	100
Other	5
Paterson's Percentage of Passaic Admissions	63

## Passaic County Annual Admissions to Detention

	2010
	558

**Section 1: Population and Demographics**

**Total Population, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Child Population (under Age 5), 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Child Population (under Age 18), 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Foreign-Born Children in Paterson, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

**Paterson's Child Population by Race, 2006-2010.** For children under age 18 as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I.

**Total Births, 2004-2008.** As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Births to Unmarried Women, 2004-2008.** As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Families Headed by One Parent, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005.

**Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

**Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.

**Section 2: Family Economic Security**

**Children Living Below the Poverty Level, Under 18, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

**Percentage of Children Under 18 Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

**Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

**Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

**Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

**Median Income of Families with Children, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

**Number Unemployed, 2007-2011.** US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2011 data are through July and are preliminary.

**Unemployment Rate, 2007-2011.** US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for years 2007-2010; 2011 is an average through July and is preliminary.

**State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2010.** Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a state EITC and average claim, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

**Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2009.** Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Paterson in 2011.** As reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2009-2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

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## Section 3: Affordable Housing

**Median Rent, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064.

**Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

**Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

**Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing Costs, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

**Number of Foreclosure Complaints Filed in Paterson, 2010.** As reported by the City of Paterson. The data represent the number of initial filings of foreclosure proceedings by the mortgage holder.

## Section 4: Food Insecurity

**Children Receiving NJ SPAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2009-2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

**Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits, 2010-2011.** Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for the quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2010-11.** Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

**Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2010-11.** Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

**Instances of Food Accessed through a Food Pantry in Paterson, 2010.** The following agencies self-reported to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey the number of instances where children and adults accessed food at each agency during 2010: Catholic Family & Community Service, CUMAC/ECHO, St. Paul's Community Corp., Hispanic Multipurpose Center, New AME Zion Church, The Salvation Army - Paterson, Fr. English Emergency Food Pantry, New Christian Baptist Church, Park Ave. Pantry/BNAI Israel, C.A.S.A., Paterson Ave. UMC Pantry, Christian Fellowship Center, Community Baptist Church, Pentecostal Church of God M.I., Love of Jesus, The First Seventh Day Adventist, Madison Park United Methodist, CANAAN Economic Community Development, Iglesia de Dios Nueva Vida, RCE Paterson, ALC Ministry, Madison Ave. Crossroads Community and Second Baptist Church. Please note that these data **only** include numbers from these agencies and therefore do not represent the total amount of food served throughout the city. Data for additional agencies were not available. Each of the reporting pantries provided data on the number of instances where food was accessed for each month in 2010 and that data was combined to get a total for 2010. These data do not represent individual people served, as a person may visit a pantry many times in a given year and the data may be duplicative. Also, in some cases, a person may be able to receive food from a pantry more than once each month, depending on the specific pantry's policy, which varies. The type and amount of food accessed through each pantry also varies.

## Section 5: Child Health

**Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2004-2008.** Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) or no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2004-2008.** Percent of total births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) or no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.



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**Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2004-2008.** The number of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birth Weight, 2004-2008.** The percent of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Infant Mortality, 2004-2008.** The number of infants under one year who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Child Deaths (Ages 1-14), 2004-2008.** The number of children between ages one and 14 who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Children Admitted to the Hospital for Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, 2010.** As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

**Children Ages 6-29 Months Tested for Lead, 2008-2010.** As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal, Child and Community Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 ug/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) is suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow-up treatment.

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Paterson Lead Abatements, 2010.** As reported by the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services.

**Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services. Data are from March of each year. Includes children enrolled in Medicaid, which is available to children living in families earning below 133% of the federal poverty level and children enrolled in the SCHIP portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning between 134% and 350% of the federal poverty level.

**Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance, 2008-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

## Section 6: Child Welfare

**Children Under State Supervision, 2009-2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

**Children Receiving In-Home Services, 2009-2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

**Children in Out-of-Home Placement, 2009-2011.** As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

**Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children, 2006-2010.** Number of children who were alleged victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

**Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, Number of Children, 2006-2010.** The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

**Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate, 2006-2010.** Based on the number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

**Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services, 2010.** As reported by the Northern NJ Maternal-Child Health Consortium. Home visitation is defined as families receiving a trained home visitor or nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN) for regularly scheduled visits. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the NJ Department of Children and Families.

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## Section 7: Child Care

**Licensed Child Care Centers, 2011.** The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for June 2011.

**Child Care Center Capacity, 2011.** The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for June 2011.

**Registered Family Care Child Providers, 2010.** Paterson and Passaic data are reported by 4Cs of Passaic County. State data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families for June 2010. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

**Child Care Vouchers, 2010.** Paterson and Passaic data are reported by 4Cs of Passaic County. State data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families for June 2010.

**Number of Children Enrolled in Head Start, 2010.** As reported by Concerned Parents for Head Start, Inc.

## Section 8: Education

**Public Preschool Enrollments, 2006-07 through 2010-11.** Number of 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 NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

**Children Enrolled in Public School Kindergarten (Full Day and Half Day), 2006-07 through 2010-11.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Includes both full and half day programs. Data include traditional public as well as charter schools.

**K-12 Total Enrollment, Paterson, 2006-07 through 2010-11.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data. Data include traditional public as well as charter schools.

**Special Education Enrollment, 2006-07 through 2010-11.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21.

**Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2006-07 through 2010-11.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21.

**Number of Homeless Students, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Homeless Survey data.

**Paterson Public Schools Truancy Cumulative Pick-ups, 2010-11.** As reported by Paterson Public Schools, Office of Student Attendance. Data are from the 2010-11 school year and are as of June 30, 2011.

**School Violence Incidents, 2004-05 and 2008-09.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools.

**Percentage of Students Passing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade State Tests, 2005-06 through 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students.

**Percentage of Students Passing 8<sup>th</sup> Grade State Tests, 2005-06 through 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students.

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**Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

**Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

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**Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

**Graduation Rate, Paterson School District, 2009-10 to 2010-11.** As reported by Paterson Public Schools. Please note that data only include the Paterson school district and do not include charter schools. The four-year graduation rate follows a cohort, or a group of students, who begin as first-time 9th graders in a particular school year and who graduate with a regular high school diploma in four years or less. The cohort is "adjusted" by adding any students transferring into the cohort and by subtracting any students who transfer out, emigrate to another country, or die during the years covered by the rate.

**Post-Graduation Plans, Paterson Graduates 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Graduation Data.

**SAT Scores, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

**Average SAT Score, by High School, 2009-10.** As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

**College Enrollment, Ages 18-24, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

**Percent Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18-24, 2006-2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

**Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Paterson, 2010.** As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

## Section 9: Teens

**Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2004-2008.** The number of births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2004-2008.** As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2004-2008.** The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

**Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2010.** Youth under age 21 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

**Juvenile Arrests, 2010.** Paterson data are reported by the Paterson Police Department. Passaic and New Jersey data as reported by state law enforcement agencies.

**Paterson Annual Admissions to Detention, 2010.** As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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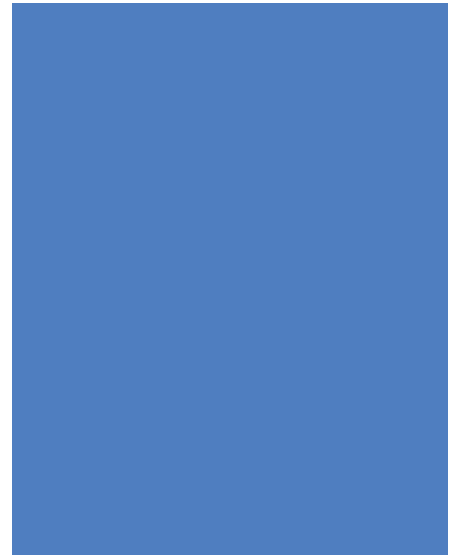


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