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The New Jersey Kids Count 2013 Pocket Guide documents key measures of child well-being on the county and state levels. This handy pocket guide provides a quick glimpse at trends in major indicators of child well-being. Additional state and county data are available on our website at www.acnj.org and at datacenter.kidscount.org.

In addition to the Pocket Guide, ACNJ releases an annual state-level data report, *New Jersey Kids Count: The State of Our Children*. Please visit www.acnj.org to access the report.

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Introduction

Advocates for Children of New Jersey each year publishes *New Jersey Kids Count*, a report on child well-being in the state. While statewide data are helpful in tracking overall trends, it is also useful to go beyond state averages and look closer at the range of experiences of children in different parts of the state. The *New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide* measures how children are faring in each of New Jersey's 21 counties.

Although this year's data once again reveal different conditions for child well-being in each county, rising poverty persists in all but two counties — Atlantic and Cumberland. Increases in the percentage of children living in families earning too little to meet their children's needs ranged from a low of 4 percent in Gloucester County to a high of 129 percent in Somerset County. Hunterdon County, though it ranked number one in overall child well-being, still saw a 124 percent increase in the percentage of its children living in poor families.

Just one county — Cumberland — experienced a decline in the percent of children in poverty, dropping 22 percent from 2007 to 2011. Atlantic County saw no change in its child poverty rate but did see a slight 4 percent drop in the number of children living in poverty during this same time period.

In addition, the unemployment rate rose in every county in the state from 2008 to 2012. Warren had the smallest increase at 23 percent, while Atlantic County had the highest jump at 59 percent. As children and families continue to struggle, it is more important than ever to make sound decisions to improve children's lives and invest in their futures. The data throughout this guide should be used to shape our response to children's needs and guide investments of our limited state resources.

To view more Kids Count data, including county profiles, additional indicators and the state-level New Jersey Kids Count, visit www.acnj.org and click the Kids Count button on the top of the home page.

Other key trends:

- **School breakfast.** All but five counties posted positive increases in the percentage of eligible children receiving free- or reduced-price school breakfast. Increases ranged from 1 percent in Passaic County to 65 percent in Hunterdon. Camden, Cape May, Monmouth, Salem and Sussex saw disappointing drops in their school breakfast participation rates, ranging from a 1 percent drop in Sussex to 23 percent decline in Cape May.
- **Uninsured Children.** Only four counties — Burlington, Cape May, Middlesex and Morris — saw increases in the percentage of uninsured children. All other counties had fewer uninsured children, with decreases in the percent uninsured ranging from 2 percent in Atlantic County to 67 percent in Hunterdon.
- **Foster Care.** All but four counties had fewer children in the state's foster care system. Declines in out-of-home placements ranged from 1 percent in Morris to 48 percent in Salem and Essex counties. Atlantic, Gloucester, Hunterdon and Warren were the only counties to have more children in foster care from 2007 to 2011. Increases ranged from 1 percent in Warren to 44 percent in Hunterdon.
- **Child Care.** Only Cumberland and Hudson counties saw increases in the number of licensed child care centers, rising 5 and 4 percent, respectively. All other 19 counties had fewer child care centers available to working parents. Monmouth and Passaic saw the smallest drops, both at 1 percent from 2008 to 2012, while Warren had the highest decrease in child care centers at 16 percent.

In addition to this pocket guide, Advocates for Children of New Jersey produces county profiles and ranks each county on a set of 13 indicators of child well-being. This year, six counties improved in the Kids Count rankings, seven dropped and eight remained the same.

Following is a breakdown of the change and the overall rankings for each county.

Better	Worse	Unchanged
Atlantic	Cape May	Bergen
Burlington	Essex	Gloucester
Camden	Morris	Mercer
Cumberland	Passaic	Middlesex
Hudson	Salem	Monmouth
Hunterdon	Union	Ocean
	Warren	Somerset
		Sussex



County Rankings

New Jersey Kids Count Overall Rank, 2013

Hunterdon	1
Morris	2
Somerset	3
Bergen	4
Middlesex	5
Monmouth	6
Sussex	7
Burlington	8
Union	9
Gloucester	10
Warren	11
Mercer	12
Ocean	13
Hudson	14
Essex	15
Camden	16
Passaic	17
Cape May	18
Atlantic	19
Cumberland	20
Salem	21

New Jersey Kids Count Overall County Ranks

	2012 Rank	2013 Rank
Atlantic	20	19
Bergen	4	4
Burlington	11	8
Camden	19	16
Cape May	17	18
Cumberland	21	20
Essex	14	15
Gloucester	10	10
Hudson	15	14
Hunterdon	2	1
Mercer	12	12
Middlesex	5	5
Monmouth	6	6
Morris	1	2
Ocean	13	13
Passaic	16	17
Salem	18	21
Somerset	3	3
Sussex	7	7
Union	8	9
Warren	9	11

Total Population

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	270,644	274,338	1
Bergen	895,744	911,004	2
Burlington	446,817	449,576	1
Camden	513,769	513,241	0
Cape May	96,422	96,601	0
Cumberland	155,544	157,095	1
Essex	776,087	785,137	1
Gloucester	285,753	289,104	1
Hudson	598,160	641,224	7
Hunterdon	129,348	128,038	-1
Mercer	365,449	367,063	0
Middlesex	788,629	814,217	3
Monmouth	642,030	631,020	2
Morris	488,475	494,976	1
Ocean	565,493	579,369	2
Passaic	492,115	502,007	2
Salem	66,016	65,902	0
Somerset	323,552	324,893	0
Sussex	151,478	148,517	-2
Union	524,658	539,494	3
Warren	109,737	108,339	-1
New Jersey	8,685,920	8,821,155	2

Child Population

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	65,045	63,158	-3
Bergen	197,496	202,352	2
Burlington	103,709	102,342	-1
Camden	128,429	123,261	-4
Cape May	19,428	17,855	-8
Cumberland	38,024	37,698	-1
Essex	198,343	193,366	-3
Gloucester	67,124	69,093	3
Hudson	130,946	132,198	1
Hunterdon	30,035	29,088	-3
Mercer	84,231	82,122	-3
Middlesex	181,367	184,390	2
Monmouth	154,596	147,109	-5
Morris	116,696	115,516	-1
Ocean	131,100	134,965	3
Passaic	127,258	123,703	-3
Salem	15,127	15,242	1
Somerset	80,895	79,587	-2
Sussex	36,728	34,400	-6
Union	130,760	130,571	0
Warren	26,452	24,794	-6
New Jersey	2,063,789	2,042,810	-1

Children Living Below the Poverty Line

	2007		2011		% Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Atlantic	11,417	18	10,927	18	-4	0
Bergen	11,319	6	13,543	7	20	17
Burlington	5,231	5	6,720	7	28	31
Camden	19,157	15	24,267	20	27	31
Cape May	1,838	10	3,469	20	89	102
Cumberland	12,502	34	9,311	26	-26	-22
Essex	36,807	19	46,293	24	26	29
Gloucester	6,889	10	7,395	11	7	4
Hudson	26,458	20	31,159	24	18	16
Hunterdon	703	2	1,522	5	117	124
Mercer	11,852	14	14,049	17	19	22
Middlesex	13,489	8	19,708	11	46	43
Monmouth	11,509	7	13,440	9	17	23
Morris	4,599	4	5,481	5	19	20
Ocean	17,022	13	27,751	21	63	57
Passaic	22,475	18	30,891	25	37	42
Salem	2,310	16	3,282	22	42	37
Somerset	1,679	2	3,728	5	122	129
Sussex	2,501	7	2,540	7	2	7
Union	14,163	11	18,026	14	27	27
Warren	2,178	8	2,696	11	24	32
New Jersey	236,098	12	296,198	15	25	27

Median Income of Families with Children

	2007	2011	% Change
	Atlantic	\$ 66,465	\$ 54,999
Bergen	\$ 101,985	\$ 100,756	-1
Burlington	\$ 88,769	\$ 91,564	3
Camden	\$ 67,920	\$ 73,338	8
Cape May	\$ 59,394	\$ 72,986	23
Cumberland	\$ 41,569	\$ 50,236	21
Essex	\$ 61,268	\$ 60,302	-2
Gloucester	\$ 80,902	\$ 88,032	9
Hudson	\$ 48,958	\$ 50,770	4
Hunterdon	\$ 117,511	\$ 112,196	-5
Mercer	\$ 84,335	\$ 86,486	3
Middlesex	\$ 92,430	\$ 92,345	0
Monmouth	\$ 97,702	\$ 102,751	5
Morris	\$ 119,250	\$ 113,463	-5
Ocean	\$ 75,482	\$ 71,626	-5
Passaic	\$ 61,372	\$ 53,171	-13
Salem	\$ 63,922	\$ 63,007	-1
Somerset	\$ 119,034	\$ 118,356	-1
Sussex	\$ 85,049	\$ 100,606	18
Union	\$ 73,952	\$ 74,835	1
Warren	\$ 83,483	\$ 87,120	4
New Jersey	\$ 82,555	\$ 81,983	-1

2 Child and Family Economics

Percentage Unemployed

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	9.4	14.9	59
Bergen	5.2	7.7	48
Burlington	6.1	9	48
Camden	7.4	10.4	41
Cape May	12.4	17.3	40
Cumberland	10.2	14.5	42
Essex	7.6	10.5	38
Gloucester	6.7	9.7	45
Hudson	7.5	10.3	37
Hunterdon	4.6	6.6	43
Mercer	5.8	7.5	29
Middlesex	6	7.8	30
Monmouth	6	8.9	48
Morris	4.9	7	43
Ocean	7.7	10.9	42
Passaic	8.1	11.1	37
Salem	8.3	11.4	37
Somerset	5	6.8	36
Sussex	6.3	8.7	38
Union	7	9.3	33
Warren	6.4	7.9	23
New Jersey	6.7	9.3	39

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	53	52	-3
Bergen	47	48	3
Burlington	49	54	10
Camden	51	53	4
Cape May	53	54	2
Cumberland	57	52	-9
Essex	49	55	12
Gloucester	46	49	7
Hudson	46	45	-2
Hunterdon	48	45	-6
Mercer	51	49	-2
Middlesex	44	49	13
Monmouth	49	54	11
Morris	38	48	28
Ocean	55	61	10
Passaic	55	60	9
Salem	52	57	11
Somerset	43	44	3
Sussex	54	61	14
Union	52	50	-2
Warren	47	54	15
New Jersey	49	51	6

2 Child and Family Economics

Children Receiving Welfare (TANF)

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	3,312	3,746	13
Bergen	1,692	1,954	15
Burlington	1,587	2,070	30
Camden	6,998	8,012	14
Cape May	673	784	16
Cumberland	2,739	2,388	-13
Essex	14,927	13,919	-7
Gloucester	1,739	2,096	21
Hudson	8,521	7,693	-10
Hunterdon	128	209	63
Mercer	3,923	4,010	2
Middlesex	2,357	2,831	20
Monmouth	2,131	1,793	-16
Morris	517	522	1
Ocean	1,449	2,696	86
Passaic	6,078	8,052	32
Salem	835	893	7
Somerset	697	885	27
Sussex	282	346	23
Union	3,905	3,241	-17
Warren	469	552	18
New Jersey	64,959	68,692	6

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	10,075	18,360	82
Bergen	6,729	14,385	114
Burlington	5,716	12,455	118
Camden	21,656	33,444	54
Cape May	2,442	4,318	77
Cumberland	9,809	15,282	56
Essex	39,886	61,225	53
Gloucester	5,456	10,589	94
Hudson	29,195	49,507	70
Hunterdon	413	1,214	194
Mercer	8,963	15,715	75
Middlesex	8,979	24,075	168
Monmouth	7,666	15,240	99
Morris	2,475	6,070	145
Ocean	12,280	26,093	112
Passaic	30,029	49,777	66
Salem	2,422	4,153	71
Somerset	2,439	5,920	143
Sussex	989	2,234	126
Union	11,163	22,622	103
Warren	1,811	3,321	83
New Jersey	220,593	395,999	80

2 Child and Family Economics

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2008-09	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	7,201	8,970	25
Bergen	3,672	5,609	53
Burlington	2,790	3,538	27
Camden	9,198	10,678	16
Cape May	2,345	2,119	-10
Cumberland	6,915	9,411	36
Essex	29,039	33,185	14
Gloucester	2,271	3,069	35
Hudson	10,790	11,925	11
Hunterdon	84	194	131
Mercer	3,661	4,726	29
Middlesex	6,942	11,914	72
Monmouth	5,214	5,491	5
Morris	1,121	1,505	34
Ocean	3,065	4,903	60
Passaic	10,255	11,462	12
Salem	1,120	1,248	11
Somerset	770	1,321	72
Sussex	288	382	33
Union	11,488	15,122	32
Warren	801	1,074	34
New Jersey	119,030	147,846	24

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2008-09	2011-12	% Change 09-12
Atlantic	37.0	38.0	3
Bergen	18.3	22.2	21
Burlington	20.1	20.8	4
Camden	29.0	28.5	-2
Cape May	63.4	48.9	-23
Cumberland	43.1	51.3	19
Essex	46.7	52.5	12
Gloucester	21.9	25.3	16
Hudson	20.0	20.6	3
Hunterdon	7.8	12.9	65
Mercer	21.7	23.2	7
Middlesex	21.3	31.2	47
Monmouth	29.4	26.8	-9
Morris	14.8	16.8	13
Ocean	19.3	23.7	23
Passaic	24.9	25.1	1
Salem	27.7	26.2	-5
Somerset	10.4	14.3	38
Sussex	11.1	11.0	-1
Union	32.7	37.2	14
Warren	24.0	26.5	11
New Jersey	28.6	31.0	8

2 Child and Family Economics

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2008-09	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	16,192	19,455	20
Bergen	14,764	19,749	34
Burlington	11,287	14,098	25
Camden	25,107	29,485	17
Cape May	3,595	3,738	4
Cumberland	13,926	15,820	14
Essex	45,659	51,550	13
Gloucester	8,260	9,892	20
Hudson	37,658	40,661	8
Hunterdon	780	1,187	52
Mercer	13,643	15,368	13
Middlesex	26,290	30,475	16
Monmouth	14,205	16,597	17
Morris	5,338	6,749	26
Ocean	12,667	16,152	28
Passaic	34,041	38,932	14
Salem	3,398	3,881	14
Somerset	5,871	7,527	28
Sussex	1,929	2,604	35
Union	27,488	33,379	21
Warren	2,601	3,189	23
New Jersey	324,699	380,488	17

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Lunch

	2008-09	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	83.3	82.5	-1
Bergen	73.6	78.2	6
Burlington	81.4	83.0	2
Camden	79.2	78.7	-1
Cape May	97.3	86.3	-11
Cumberland	86.8	86.3	-1
Essex	73.5	81.6	11
Gloucester	79.5	81.4	2
Hudson	69.9	70.2	1
Hunterdon	72.8	78.9	8
Mercer	80.7	75.5	-7
Middlesex	80.7	79.9	-1
Monmouth	80.2	81.0	1
Morris	70.7	75.4	7
Ocean	79.8	78.2	-2
Passaic	82.7	85.3	3
Salem	83.9	81.6	-3
Somerset	79.0	81.5	3
Sussex	74.2	75.0	1
Union	78.3	82.2	5
Warren	77.8	78.8	1
New Jersey	77.9	79.7	2

2 Child and Family Economics

State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Claims, Recipients with Dependents Under Age 19

	2009	2012	% Change
Atlantic	19,552	16,737	-14
Bergen	23,182	17,012	-26
Burlington	13,152	11,308	-14
Camden	28,019	24,470	-13
Cape May	4,162	3,472	-17
Cumberland	11,246	10,032	-11
Essex	53,434	46,332	-13
Gloucester	9,607	7,916	-18
Hudson	41,441	34,419	-17
Hunterdon	1,559	1,281	-18
Mercer	15,394	13,348	-13
Middlesex	28,879	23,319	-19
Monmouth	15,149	11,953	-21
Morris	7,961	5,872	-26
Ocean	19,529	14,283	-27
Passaic	34,894	29,402	-16
Salem	2,958	2,692	-9
Somerset	6,673	5,072	-24
Sussex	3,254	2,255	-31
Union	27,105	22,440	-17
Warren	3,114	2,599	-17
New Jersey*	380,416	308,247	-19

Data prior to 2009 are not available.

*NOTE: State totals include claims not identified by county

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) All Claims

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	24,139	25,771	7
Bergen	32,812	40,645	24
Burlington	19,377	22,392	16
Camden	39,539	40,622	3
Cape May	5,967	6,660	12
Cumberland	14,278	14,915	4
Essex	71,119	77,447	9
Gloucester	12,697	14,079	11
Hudson	57,706	63,911	11
Hunterdon	2,356	2,978	26
Mercer	20,401	22,145	9
Middlesex	37,784	44,685	18
Monmouth	22,348	26,226	17
Morris	11,212	14,170	26
Ocean	24,351	29,224	20
Passaic	44,916	49,985	11
Salem	4,321	4,738	10
Somerset	7,450	9,320	25
Sussex	4,419	5,375	22
Union	36,529	42,300	16
Warren	4,292	5,306	24
New Jersey	498,013	562,894	13

Number of Infant Deaths

	2005	2009*	% Change
Atlantic	24	32	33
Bergen	23	39	70
Burlington	28	18	-36
Camden	71	48	-32
Cape May	4	7	75
Cumberland	23	25	9
Essex	73	87	19
Gloucester	23	14	-39
Hudson	53	39	-26
Hunterdon	4	1	-75
Mercer	34	48	41
Middlesex	54	31	-43
Monmouth	35	26	-26
Morris	18	13	-28
Ocean	27	30	11
Passaic	34	31	-9
Salem	6	7	17
Somerset	8	13	63
Sussex	5	10	100
Union	40	39	-3
Warren	3	5	67
New Jersey	590	563	-5

*Data for 2009 are preliminary.

Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)

	2005	2009*	% Change
Atlantic	6.6	8.6	29
Bergen	2.3	4.1	78
Burlington	5.3	3.7	-31
Camden	9.8	7.0	-28
Cape May	4.2	7.2	69
Cumberland	9.4	10.7	13
Essex	6.3	7.6	20
Gloucester	7.0	4.3	-38
Hudson	5.8	4.0	-31
Hunterdon	3.0	1.0	-66
Mercer	7.6	10.7	42
Middlesex	5.1	3.0	-41
Monmouth	4.6	4.0	-15
Morris	3.1	2.6	-18
Ocean	3.5	3.7	8
Passaic	4.5	4.2	-6
Salem	7.7	9.3	20
Somerset	1.9	3.5	82
Sussex	3.1	7.3	132
Union	5.4	5.3	-2
Warren	2.4	5.1	111
New Jersey	5.2	5.1	-1

*Data prior to 2009 are preliminary.

3 Child Health

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	8.6	8.3	-4
Bergen	6.4	6.9	7
Burlington	8.1	7.4	-9
Camden	8.9	8.9	0
Cape May	7.7	6.3	-18
Cumberland	8.7	9.3	6
Essex	10.3	9.9	-4
Gloucester	8.7	7.9	-9
Hudson	6.8	7.1	4
Hunterdon	6.6	5.5	-15
Mercer	9.4	9.2	-2
Middlesex	7.9	7.9	0
Monmouth	6.9	7.3	6
Morris	7.1	7.8	10
Ocean	5.7	5.6	-1
Passaic	8.6	7.9	-8
Salem	7.1	8.6	22
Somerset	7.8	7.4	-5
Sussex	6.5	7.4	14
Union	8.7	8.6	-2
Warren	7.6	9.0	19
New Jersey	7.9	7.9	-1

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	67.2	68.1	1
Bergen	76.9	79.3	3
Burlington	77.3	80.9	5
Camden	69.9	75.1	7
Cape May	77.4	80.6	4
Cumberland	62.1	67.4	9
Essex	63.8	65.0	2
Gloucester	77.9	80.8	4
Hudson	66.9	67.5	1
Hunterdon	88.0	86.1	-2
Mercer	77.1	77.7	1
Middlesex	80.7	83.8	4
Monmouth	83.0	84.3	2
Morris	86.4	88.3	2
Ocean	80.5	80.0	-1
Passaic	69.9	72.4	4
Salem	74.1	66.6	-10
Somerset	87.4	89.5	2
Sussex	88.1	87.2	-1
Union	71.4	75.6	6
Warren	84.5	83.3	-1
New Jersey	75.1	76.9	2

3 Child Health

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	21,454	27,454	28
Bergen	29,591	40,450	37
Burlington	18,715	24,988	34
Camden	45,175	52,003	15
Cape May	6,496	7,795	20
Cumberland	19,339	22,036	14
Essex	87,410	98,320	12
Gloucester	14,651	18,458	26
Hudson	65,184	79,008	21
Hunterdon	2,019	2,839	41
Mercer	23,580	29,126	24
Middlesex	43,621	56,026	28
Monmouth	26,043	32,239	24
Morris	11,915	15,166	27
Ocean	39,439	55,118	40
Passaic	57,326	68,429	19
Salem	5,230	6,381	22
Somerset	9,690	12,873	33
Sussex	4,363	5,703	31
Union	40,322	51,421	28
Warren	4,571	5,685	24
New Jersey	576,134	711,518	23

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2009		2011		% Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Atlantic	4,877	7.7	4,744	7.5	-3	-2
Bergen	12,619	6.4	8,504	4.2	-33	-34
Burlington	5,213	5.1	6,350	6.3	22	23
Camden	9,242	7.3	4,137	3.4	-55	-54
Cape May	1,008	5.5	1,028	5.8	2	5
Cumberland	2,529	6.5	1,900	5.1	-25	-21
Essex	17,092	8.9	14,138	7.3	-17	-17
Gloucester	3,564	5.2	2,408	3.5	-32	-33
Hudson	11,159	9.1	11,368	8.6	2	-5
Hunterdon	522	1.7	163	0.6	-69	-67
Mercer	4,295	5.1	2,377	2.9	-45	-43
Middlesex	11,120	6.0	11,812	6.4	6	7
Monmouth	7,705	5.0	5,293	3.6	-31	-28
Morris	3,596	3.1	3,994	3.5	11	12
Ocean	6,738	5.1	4,362	3.2	-35	-37
Passaic	11,148	9.0	8,727	7.1	-22	-21
Salem	1,372	8.8	1,000	6.6	-27	-25
Somerset	3,333	4.1	2,921	3.7	-12	-11
Sussex	1,426	4.0	1,122	3.3	-21	-18
Union	9,489	7.3	7,785	6.0	-18	-18
Warren	1,788	7.0	1,032	4.2	-42	-40
New Jersey	129,835	6.4	105,165	5.2	-19	-19

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	3,903	4,388	12
Bergen	4,250	4,816	13
Burlington	4,770	4,767	0
Camden	8,517	8,463	-1
Cape May	1,562	1,591	2
Cumberland	3,420	3,391	-1
Essex	9,663	9,584	-1
Gloucester	3,192	3,888	22
Hudson	6,656	6,780	2
Hunterdon	709	847	19
Mercer	4,022	4,156	3
Middlesex	6,077	6,224	2
Monmouth	5,157	5,457	6
Morris	3,144	3,343	6
Ocean	5,663	6,309	11
Passaic	6,163	5,982	-3
Salem	1,270	1,403	10
Somerset	1,869	2,391	28
Sussex	1,751	1,744	0
Union	4,649	4,580	-1
Warren	1,846	1,485	-20
New Jersey	89,194	91,680	3

*Please note that New Jersey totals also include out-of-state numbers.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	9.79	8.50	-13
Bergen	10.31	14.14	37
Burlington	9.58	9.52	-1
Camden	12.29	12.14	-1
Cape May	16.97	12.82	-24
Cumberland	9.65	8.67	-10
Essex	13.62	12.18	-11
Gloucester	13.00	10.85	-17
Hudson	11.33	13.94	23
Hunterdon	11.57	16.17	40
Mercer	11.88	8.78	-26
Middlesex	10.98	9.16	-17
Monmouth	11.01	9.49	-14
Morris	7.95	9.33	17
Ocean	10.58	4.55	-57
Passaic	8.28	7.22	-13
Salem	8.58	6.70	-22
Somerset	15.03	8.62	-43
Sussex	11.76	10.95	-7
Union	11.27	12.38	10
Warren	8.83	9.56	8
New Jersey	11.15	10.27	-8

4 Child Protection

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	263	376	43
Bergen	436	333	-24
Burlington	417	370	-11
Camden	830	672	-19
Cape May	170	150	-12
Cumberland	310	223	-28
Essex	2,336	1,211	-48
Gloucester	233	286	23
Hudson	667	631	-5
Hunterdon	39	56	44
Mercer	481	279	-42
Middlesex	561	319	-43
Monmouth	542	304	-44
Morris	189	188	-1
Ocean	599	319	-47
Passaic	460	402	-13
Salem	184	96	-48
Somerset	158	142	-10
Sussex	110	68	-38
Union	725	421	-42
Warren	141	143	1
New Jersey*	9,871	7,018	-29

*Please note that New Jersey totals also include adoption subsidy numbers, as well as numbers by county.

Children Enrolled in State-Funded Preschool

	2007-08	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	1,403	1,514	8
Bergen	1,265	1,320	4
Burlington	1,237	1,342	8
Camden	2,593	3,157	22
Cape May	395	463	17
Cumberland	2,915	3,269	12
Essex	9,019	9,656	7
Gloucester	700	753	8
Hudson	8,275	9,470	14
Hunterdon	9	18	100
Mercer	2,000	2,117	6
Middlesex	2,684	3,120	16
Monmouth	2,319	2,378	3
Morris	196	246	26
Ocean	528	654	24
Passaic	5,296	5,243	-1
Salem	416	424	2
Somerset	553	501	-9
Sussex	0	0	0
Union	4,726	5,660	20
Warren	379	337	-11
New Jersey	46,908	51,642	10

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

	2007-08	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	3,186	3,170	-1
Bergen	8,671	8,587	-1
Burlington	4,612	4,656	1
Camden	5,622	5,751	2
Cape May	908	937	3
Cumberland	2,046	1,687	-18
Essex	9,106	9,765	7
Gloucester	3,199	3,173	-1
Hudson	5,712	6,650	16
Hunterdon	1,399	1,270	-9
Mercer	4,227	4,238	0
Middlesex	7,701	8,037	4
Monmouth	6,285	6,239	-1
Morris	5,384	4,521	-16
Ocean	4,883	4,855	-1
Passaic	5,539	5,897	6
Salem	822	786	-4
Somerset	3,423	3,179	-7
Sussex	1,510	1,367	-9
Union	5,856	5,892	1
Warren	1,311	1,177	-10
New Jersey	91,402	91,834	0

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Percentage of Children Enrolled in Full-Day Public Kindergarten

	2007-08	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	83	84	1
Bergen	73	81	12
Burlington	54	64	19
Camden	63	60	-5
Cape May	100	100	0
Cumberland	100	100	0
Essex	86	98	14
Gloucester	48	50	2
Hudson	100	100	0
Hunterdon	28	40	43
Mercer	73	75	3
Middlesex	65	61	-7
Monmouth	50	66	31
Morris	46	44	-6
Ocean	45	51	14
Passaic	83	87	5
Salem	83	100	21
Somerset	63	65	3
Sussex	26	44	71
Union	72	80	10
Warren	54	63	16
New Jersey	68	74	8

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	111	97	-13
Bergen	434	423	-3
Burlington	164	150	-9
Camden	261	221	-15
Cape May	33	28	-15
Cumberland	60	63	5
Essex	560	533	-5
Gloucester	137	128	-7
Hudson	295	306	4
Hunterdon	80	77	-4
Mercer	220	216	-2
Middlesex	324	314	-3
Monmouth	288	286	-1
Morris	284	263	-7
Ocean	171	152	-11
Passaic	232	229	-1
Salem	24	22	-8
Somerset	189	176	-7
Sussex	78	73	-6
Union	298	281	-6
Warren	55	46	-16
New Jersey	4,298	4,084	-5

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Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers

	2008	2012	% Change
Atlantic	6,930	5,896	-15
Bergen	36,163	38,278	6
Burlington	13,427	12,881	-4
Camden	23,455	19,820	-15
Cape May	1,612	1,394	-14
Cumberland	5,451	6,528	20
Essex	45,397	46,201	2
Gloucester	9,453	9,162	-3
Hudson	19,656	21,839	11
Hunterdon	6,670	6,970	4
Mercer	18,920	19,812	5
Middlesex	27,987	28,752	3
Monmouth	22,640	23,899	6
Morris	22,395	21,495	-4
Ocean	12,947	11,410	-12
Passaic	23,540	22,094	-6
Salem	1,362	1,464	7
Somerset	17,588	19,687	12
Sussex	4,474	4,118	-8
Union	23,583	23,747	1
Warren	3,283	2,634	-20
New Jersey	346,933	348,081	0

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Special Education

	2007-08	2011-12	% Change
Atlantic	15	15	-5
Bergen	14	15	0
Burlington	17	17	-3
Camden	18	16	-8
Cape May	20	16	-19
Cumberland	18	15	-17
Essex	16	14	-12
Gloucester	16	16	-2
Hudson	13	12	-5
Hunterdon	15	15	3
Mercer	16	15	-8
Middlesex	14	13	-8
Monmouth	15	15	0
Morris	16	15	-2
Ocean	17	16	-2
Passaic	16	14	-9
Salem	16	15	-7
Somerset	14	15	3
Sussex	16	17	4
Union	13	12	-8
Warren	16	15	-7
New Jersey	15	15	-5

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade State Tests

	2007-08			2011-12			% Change		
	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.
Atlantic	77	80	83	46	67	87	-40	-16	5
Bergen	89	90	91	71	86	95	-20	-4	5
Burlington	85	86	89	60	80	94	-30	-8	6
Camden	75	78	79	49	69	87	-34	-11	10
Cape May	81	89	92	54	79	94	-33	-11	3
Cumberland	70	75	71	35	59	83	-50	-22	16
Essex	78	80	80	54	70	86	-31	-13	7
Gloucester	84	89	89	58	82	94	-31	-8	6
Hudson	76	79	76	47	69	86	-38	-13	13
Hunterdon	92	93	95	71	90	98	-23	-2	4
Mercer	80	78	81	57	70	88	-29	-10	9
Middlesex	85	88	86	63	80	93	-27	-8	9
Monmouth	87	87	90	64	82	94	-27	-6	4
Morris	90	93	94	74	88	97	-18	-5	3
Ocean	87	91	91	58	83	95	-33	-8	4
Passaic	72	75	73	45	66	84	-38	-12	14
Salem	71	79	82	47	74	90	-34	-6	10
Somerset	89	91	90	69	85	95	-22	-7	5
Sussex	88	89	94	61	82	97	-30	-8	3
Union	80	83	79	58	79	91	-28	-5	15
Warren	86	86	91	57	81	96	-34	-7	5
New Jersey	83	85	85	59	77	91	-29	-9	7

In the 2008-09 school year, the Department of Education changed the testing standard for language arts and math tests for this grade.

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Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade State Tests

	2007-08			2011-12			% Change		
	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.
Atlantic	76	61	81	77	66	79	1	8	-2
Bergen	89	77	91	89	80	89	0	3	-2
Burlington	83	69	87	84	72	84	1	5	-3
Camden	75	61	78	76	64	75	1	5	-4
Cape May	82	69	87	84	76	86	3	9	-2
Cumberland	66	50	73	68	58	66	3	15	-10
Essex	71	53	74	74	62	73	4	18	-2
Gloucester	85	71	88	84	74	84	-2	4	-5
Hudson	73	58	74	75	63	70	3	9	-6
Hunterdon	92	82	95	94	87	95	2	5	0
Mercer	77	63	80	80	68	80	3	7	-1
Middlesex	83	70	85	84	74	83	1	6	-2
Monmouth	88	78	90	88	79	88	-1	1	-3
Morris	92	81	93	93	87	93	1	7	0
Ocean	85	71	89	84	73	85	-1	2	-5
Passaic	71	55	74	71	57	71	1	4	-4
Salem	76	60	81	76	66	79	-1	10	-2
Somerset	90	78	91	89	81	90	-1	4	-2
Sussex	88	76	93	90	78	92	2	3	-2
Union	75	60	78	80	69	80	7	15	3
Warren	84	68	90	87	74	88	4	9	-2
New Jersey	81	67	84	82	72	82	1	6	-2

In the 2008-09 school year, the Department of Education changed the testing standard for language arts and math tests for this grade.

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade State Tests

	2007-08		2011-12		% Change	
	LA	Math	LA	Math	LA	Math
Atlantic	79	69	89	72	13	5
Bergen	90	84	95	86	5	2
Burlington	84	76	92	78	10	3
Camden	80	70	89	73	11	6
Cape May	87	82	93	80	7	-2
Cumberland	65	58	80	59	23	2
Essex	71	59	87	72	23	23
Gloucester	87	81	93	83	7	3
Hudson	74	61	89	74	21	21
Hunterdon	93	89	98	92	6	2
Mercer	81	73	91	77	13	5
Middlesex	86	79	93	82	8	5
Monmouth	89	83	95	85	7	3
Morris	92	86	96	89	5	3
Ocean	84	76	92	80	9	4
Passaic	75	66	86	73	15	10
Salem	82	74	88	72	7	-3
Somerset	91	85	95	87	5	3
Sussex	89	84	94	83	6	-2
Union	79	69	88	74	13	7
Warren	86	78	93	82	8	5
New Jersey	83	75	92	79	11	6

Percentage of Births to Females 10–19

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	9.7	8.7	-10
Bergen	2.4	1.7	-28
Burlington	5.6	5.0	-11
Camden	9.9	9.9	0
Cape May	8.5	9.4	11
Cumberland	16.9	14.6	-13
Essex	8.3	8.8	6
Gloucester	5.0	5.2	3
Hudson	7.6	6.4	-15
Hunterdon	1.0	1.4	47
Mercer	7.8	6.7	-14
Middlesex	4.6	4.3	-8
Monmouth	4.2	4.0	-4
Morris	2.0	1.7	-12
Ocean	4.6	3.7	-20
Passaic	8.8	8.4	-5
Salem	10.3	10.1	-2
Somerset	2.7	3.7	40
Sussex	2.1	3.4	61
Union	6.0	5.8	-4
Warren	3.9	5.2	35
New Jersey	6.1	5.8	-4

Juvenile Arrests

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	2591	1,569	-39
Bergen	4256	2,865	-33
Burlington	2945	1,752	-41
Camden	7439	3,692	-50
Cape May	1041	716	-31
Cumberland	1847	924	-50
Essex	4756	2,679	-44
Gloucester	1820	1,334	-27
Hudson	3636	1,644	-55
Hunterdon	556	268	-52
Mercer	4268	2,404	-44
Middlesex	2912	1,873	-36
Monmouth	4284	2,668	-38
Morris	1767	1,336	-24
Ocean	2861	1,653	-42
Passaic	3925	2,582	-34
Salem	618	469	-24
Somerset	1684	1,116	-34
Sussex	778	367	-53
Union	2915	1,672	-43
Warren	560	310	-45
New Jersey	57480	32,893	-43

7 Teens and Young Adults

Juvenile Justice Commitments

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	51	30	-41
Bergen	12	18	50
Burlington	15	6	-60
Camden	208	109	-48
Cape May	10	1	-90
Cumberland	19	16	-16
Essex	69	27	-61
Gloucester	6	3	-50
Hudson	67	47	-30
Hunterdon	3	0	-100
Mercer	63	25	-60
Middlesex	78	32	-59
Monmouth	22	12	-45
Morris	2	7	250
Ocean	12	16	33
Passaic	56	46	-18
Salem	6	4	-33
Somerset	3	5	67
Sussex	2	1	-50
Union	45	14	-69
Warren	2	4	100
New Jersey	751	423	-44

Average Daily Juvenile Population in County Detention as % of Approved Capacity

	2007	2011	% Change
Atlantic	112	68	-40
Bergen	22	8	-65
Burlington	105	42	-60
Camden	120	73	-39
Cape May	0	0	0
Cumberland	83	67	-19
Essex	53	52	-3
Gloucester	97	0	-100
Hudson	80	49	-39
Hunterdon	0	0	0
Mercer	89	17	-81
Middlesex	70	58	-16
Monmouth	55	0	-100
Morris	31	43	39
Ocean	101	71	-30
Passaic	59	0	-100
Salem	0	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0
Sussex	65	0	-100
Union	72	50	-31
Warren	36	0	-100
New Jersey	67	50	-25

I Demographics

Total Population, 2007, 2011. As reported by the US Census Bureau, Population Division, Population Estimates Program. Data are as of July 1 for each year.

Child Population, 2007, 2011. As reported by the US Census Bureau, Population Division, Population Estimates Program and are as of July 1.

2 Child and Family Economics

Children Living Below the Poverty Line, 2007, 2011. The percentage of children under 18 living in families earning below 100 percent of the federal poverty line, as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, chart B17001.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2007, 2011. Includes families with children, as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Percentage Unemployed, 2008, 2012. As reported by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Data are not seasonally adjusted and are as of December for each year.

Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30% Percent of Income on Rent, 2007, 2011. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070.

Children Receiving Welfare (TANF), 2008, 2012. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. The number of children living in families receiving Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF). Data are from June of each year.

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2008, 2012. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2008-09, 2011-12. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October of each year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2008-09, 2011-12. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Participation data for only traditional public and charter schools were not available prior to 2008-09, so prior comparisons are not applicable.

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008-09, 2011-12. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October of each year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008-09, 2011-12. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Participation data for only traditional public and charter schools were not available prior to 2008-09, so prior comparisons are not applicable.

State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Claims, Recipients with Dependents Under Age 19, 2009, 2012. Number of New Jersey taxpayers with at least one dependent under the age of 19 claiming a state EITC, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2009 are not available.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) All Claims, 2007, 2011. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC, as reported by the US Internal Revenue Service.

3 Child Health

Number and Rate of Infant Deaths, 2005, 2009. Counts infants who die within the first year of life. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2009 data are preliminary.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2005, 2009. The percentage of babies 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.

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care, 2005, 2009. Percentage of live births for which the mother received prenatal care during the first trimester, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2008, 2012. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services as of 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 State Children's Health Insurance Program (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, 2009, 2012. Number and percentage of uninsured children. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001. Data prior to 2009 are not available by county.

4 Child Protection

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children, 2007, 2011. Children who were the subject of a child abuse/neglect investigation by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Calculated using data from the NJ Department of Children and Families and population data from the US Census Bureau, Population Division, Population Estimates Program.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate, 2007, 2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements, 2007, 2011.

Includes children under age 18 in all placements, including foster care, relative care, group homes, residential treatment and institutions, as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

5 Early Care and Education

Children Enrolled in Public Preschool, 2007-08, 2011-12. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day state-funded preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education. 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), 2007-08, 2011-12. The number of students enrolled in half- and full-day public kindergarten, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts of each year. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Children Enrolled in Full-Day Public Kindergarten, 2007-08, 2011-12. The percentage of public kindergarten children enrolled in a full-day public kindergarten. Includes children attending traditional public schools as well as charter schools. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts of each year.

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2008, 2012. The number of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers, 2008, 2012. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

6 School Children

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Special Education, 2007-08, 2011-12. The percentage of students ages 6 – 21 enrolled in special education. Includes traditional public schools as well as charter schools. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Special Education Data.

Percentage of Children Passing 4th Grade Tests, 2007-08, 2011-12. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Children Passing 8th Grade Tests, 2007-08, 2011-12. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Children Passing 11th Grade Tests, 2007-08, 2011-12. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

7 Teens and Young Adults

Percentage of Births to Females 10-19, 2005, 2009. The percentage of babies born to girls ages 10-19 as a percentage of all births in each county, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Juvenile Arrests, 2007, 2011. Number of juveniles under 18 arrested, as reported by the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reports.

Juvenile Justice Commitments, 2007, 2011. Children committed to facilities operated by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission. As reported by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission.

Average Daily Population in County Detention as % of Approved Capacity, 2007, 2011. As reported by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission, Detention Statistics Report for each year.

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