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Each year Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) gathers and publishes data on numerous indicators in *Newark's Kids Count* to give the residents of Newark, policymakers and the general public a snapshot of how Newark's children are faring.

Over 72,000 children call Newark, New Jersey's largest city, home, and most of them are children of color. Slightly more than half of Newark's children are black or African American, followed by 41 percent Hispanic and 6 percent non-Hispanic white. The majority of households continue to be single-parent families although that number has decreased in recent years.

In our *2015 Newark Kids Count*, we made a list of indicators for which the data showed improvement, i.e. the measure was "better," and a list of indicators which were "worse." The better list was longer than the worse list. This year, most of the indicators on the 2015 "better" list continue to show improvement, and several indicators on the 2015 "worse" list can be moved to the "better" column. Progress is being made.

Births to unmarried mothers and births to teens continue to drop and more children have health insurance. The data for infant mortality and babies born with low-birth weight continue to show a decreasing trend. Fewer children have elevated lead levels, and the number of abatements of lead burdened housing has significantly increased. Of concern is that fewer children between the critical ages of 6–26 months are being tested.

Graduation rates continue to improve, and there are fewer reports of violent incidents in schools. The most current numbers for Newark district schools show that the incidents of vandalism and substance abuse are decreasing. (We do not have prior data to compare current reports of violent incidents in Newark charter schools.) Juvenile arrests continue to decrease as does the annual number of admissions to juvenile detention, although African American males continue to be overrepresented in the detention population.

Introduction

The number of claims for both the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, as well as the average claim amounts, continue to increase. The unemployment rate in Newark continues to decrease. Of concern is that the unemployment data does not include those who are no longer actively looking for work. The median rent paid in Newark continues to rise, as does the percentage of households spending more than 30 percent of their household income on rent.

Most troubling is the data concerning child care. Since 2011, the number of licensed child care centers in Newark has declined steadily, from 202 to 156, and the overall capacity is down 7 percent. The number of registered providers of child care in their own homes has decreased by 20 percent since 2011, although there was an increase between 2014 and 2015. The number of vouchers to help families pay for child care has increased since 2011, but decreased between 2013 and 2014.

While our *2016 Newark Kids Count* shows a trend in a positive direction for the children of Newark, our work is far from done. Pervasive poverty still persists in Newark. Eighteen percent of Newark children live in extreme poverty, compared to 7 percent of New Jersey children overall. Extreme poverty, or 50 percent of the 2014 federal poverty level, was an annual household income of \$11,925 or less for a family of four. The percentage of Newark's children living in low-income households (annual household earnings of \$47,700 for a family of four) was more than double that of the state average of 32 percent in 2014. And while the median income of Newark's families with children grew by 16 percent, Newark's median income of \$31,329, remained far below the state's median income of \$89,020.

Focused attention and resources continue to be needed to help ensure that children living in Newark have the same opportunity as their peers living elsewhere in New Jersey to grow up safe, healthy and educated. ACNJ urges policymakers and government officials, as well as community organizations, to continue to use the Kids Count data to determine how best to allocate resources for the betterment of all children in our state.

1 Demographics



In 2014, over 72,000 children called Newark home—an increase over the 2013 child population. Yet, Newark’s total population witnessed little change over the years, increasing 1 percent from 2010. Children of color continued to comprise the majority of the city’s population under 18: Black or African American children represented 51 percent of the city’s child population, followed by 41 percent Hispanic and 6 percent non-Hispanic white children. Those under 18 who self-identified as “some other race” continued to increase, growing 172 percent from 2010 to 2014. While the number of foreign-born children decreased from 2013 to 2014, the 2014 figures were substantially higher than those of 2010—increasing by 40 percent.

The number of births to Newark mothers declined by 9 percent from 2008 to 2012, following a statewide trend of declining births. Single-parent families constituted the majority of Newark households with children in 2014. The number of grandchildren cared for by their grandparents decreased by 6 percent over the years. However, the number of Newark children living with their grandparents increased significantly in 2014, indicating that grandparents may cohabitate with their grandchildren but may not be their primary caretakers.

1 Demographics

Total Population

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	277,232	277,545	277,718	278,436	280,577	1
Essex	784,228	785,137	787,744	789,565	795,723	1
New Jersey	8,801,624	8,821,155	8,864,590	8,899,339	8,938,175	2
Newark's % of Essex	35	35	35	35	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	72,937	72,204	73,052	69,780	72,446	-1
Essex	195,135	193,366	192,736	191,944	192,125	-2
New Jersey	2,062,812	2,042,425	2,026,738	2,021,897	2,012,197	-2
Newark's % of Essex	37	37	38	36	38	
Newark's % of NJ	4	4	4	3	4	

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
African American	41,047	56	39,215	54	37,176	51	36,954	53	36,989	51	-10
White, non-Hispanic	4,065	6	4,488	6	5,173	7	4,393	6	4,152	6	2
Hispanic	26,237	36	26,295	36	27,989	38	29,172	42	29,635	41	13
Other	6,549	9	10,440	14	17,001	23	15,162	22	17,803	25	172

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

Foreign-Born Children

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Newark	2,923	4	4,817	7	4,412	6	4,698	7	4,091	6	40
Essex	12,283	6	12,428	6	9,521	5	11,566	6	9,522	5	-22
New Jersey	116,910	6	110,117	5	111,291	5	112,675	6	103,338	5	-12
Newark's % of Essex	24		39		46		41		43		
Newark's % of NJ	3		4		4		4		4		

1 Demographics

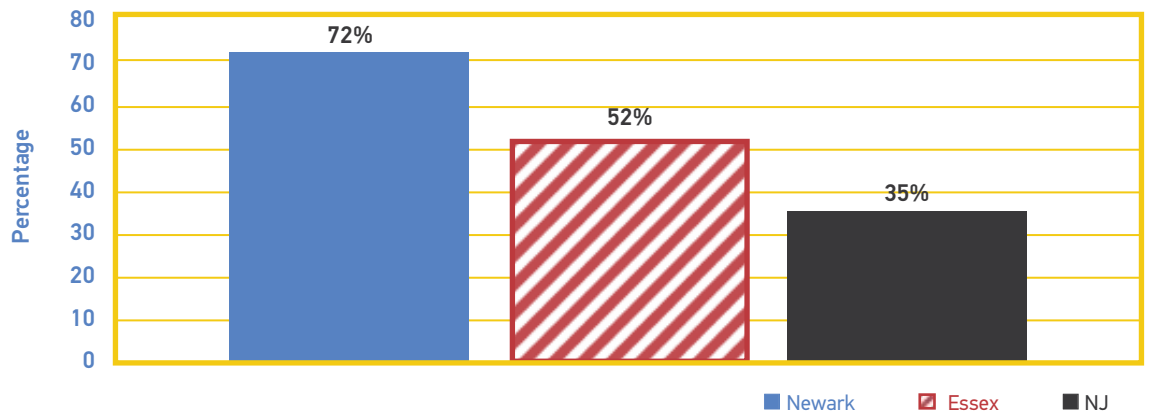
Total Births

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	4,811	4,648	4,202	4,353	4,358	-9
Essex	11,780	11,455	10,431	10,534	10,392	-12
New Jersey	112,428	109,543	106,571	105,474	103,778	-8

Births to Unmarried Women

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	3,426	3,316	3,031	3,146	3,129	-9
Essex	5,937	5,743	5,427	5,508	5,441	-8
New Jersey	38,658	38,027	37,081	37,245	36,559	-5
Newark's % of Essex	58	58	56	57	58	
Newark's % of NJ	9	9	8	8	9	

Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women Newark Vs. Essex Vs. NJ, 2012



Households Headed by One Parent

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Newark	25,619	71	22,749	66	23,969	64	22,302	65	21,937	60	-14
Essex	45,256	45	46,528	47	46,575	45	44,771	45	42,489	43	-6
NJ	329,184	30	343,040	32	339,668	31	333,412	31	334,596	31	2
Newark's % of Essex	57		49		51		50		52		
Newark's % of NJ	8		7		7		7		7		

1 Demographics

Grandchildren Being Cared for by Their Grandparents

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	2,817	2,919	2,428	3,552	2,659	-6
Essex	6,012	4,593	5,109	6,457	5,091	-15
New Jersey	51,189	45,869	48,550	53,032	49,690	-3
Newark's % of Essex	47	64	48	55	52	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	5	7	5	

Grandchildren Under Age 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	6,082	6,507	6,272	6,576	7,557	24
Essex	11,909	12,514	12,890	15,677	15,135	27
New Jersey	121,938	112,587	115,005	131,546	127,307	4
Newark's % of Essex	51	52	49	42	50	
Newark's % of New Jersey	5	6	5	5	6	

2 Family Economic Security



In 2014, many Newark families continued to struggle financially: 18 percent of Newark's children lived in extreme poverty (50 percent of the federal poverty level, or a family of four earning \$11,925 or less) and 69 percent lived in low-income families (200 percent of the federal poverty level, or a family of four earning \$47,700 or less). The percentage of Newark's low-income child population was more than double that of the state average—currently, 32 percent of New Jersey's children are low-income. Yet, some strides were made. The number of Newark children living in poverty declined by 7 percent since 2010. Meanwhile, the median income of Newark's families with children grew by 16 percent. However, the median income for Newark's families with children, \$31,329, remained far below the state average of \$89,020. Newark's unemployment decreased, with the number of unemployed residents decreasing by 49 percent.

The number of children receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits declined by 34 percent. Federal tax credits may have offered some relief, as both the number of credits issued and the average credit amount increased in 2014.

2 Family Economic Security

Number of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL*)	14,799	13,574	16,619	13,656	12,941	-13
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	30,571	31,375	31,450	30,313	28,572	-7
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	48,402	49,579	51,544	48,487	49,260	2
Essex						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	21,966	20,308	24,213	21,487	18,693	-15
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	44,524	46,293	48,110	47,116	44,471	0
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	76,469	83,625	87,637	83,568	83,324	9
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	131,256	141,122	152,777	151,706	139,456	6
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	295,346	296,198	310,226	333,375	315,563	7
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	619,003	630,790	645,985	654,284	640,897	4

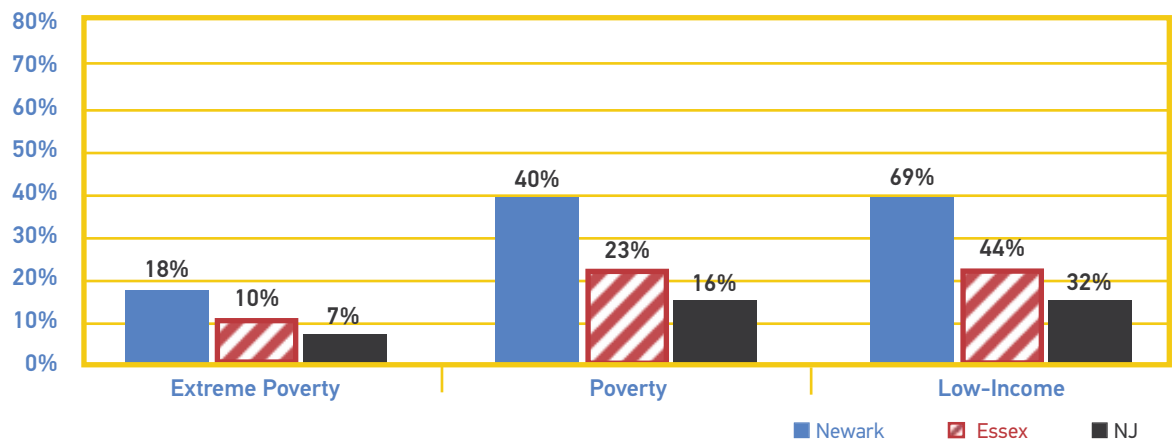
*FPL (Federal Poverty Level)

Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Newark					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	21	19	23	20	18
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	44	44	44	44	40
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	70	70	71	71	69
Essex					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	12	11	13	11	10
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	23	24	25	25	23
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	40	44	46	44	44
New Jersey					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	6	7	8	8	7
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	14	15	15	17	16
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	30	31	32	33	32

2 Family Economic Security

Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children, 2014



Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Newark	79,243	29	83,669	30	81,038	29	81,061	29	76,086	27	-4
Essex	127,116	16	134,875	17	134,527	17	137,499	17	130,789	16	3
New Jersey	884,789	10	897,376	10	934,943	11	998,549	11	972,903	11	10
Newark's % of Essex	62		62		60		59		58		
Newark's % of New Jersey	9		9		9		8		8		

Households with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Newark	14,085	39	13,079	38	13,730	37	12,851	38	11,964	33	-15
Essex	20,323	21	20,416	21	21,630	21	20,736	21	19,043	19	-6
New Jersey	131,931	12	129,801	12	140,595	13	145,619	14	134,517	13	2
Newark's % of Essex	69		64		63		62		63		
Newark's % of New Jersey	11		10		10		9		9		

Households without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

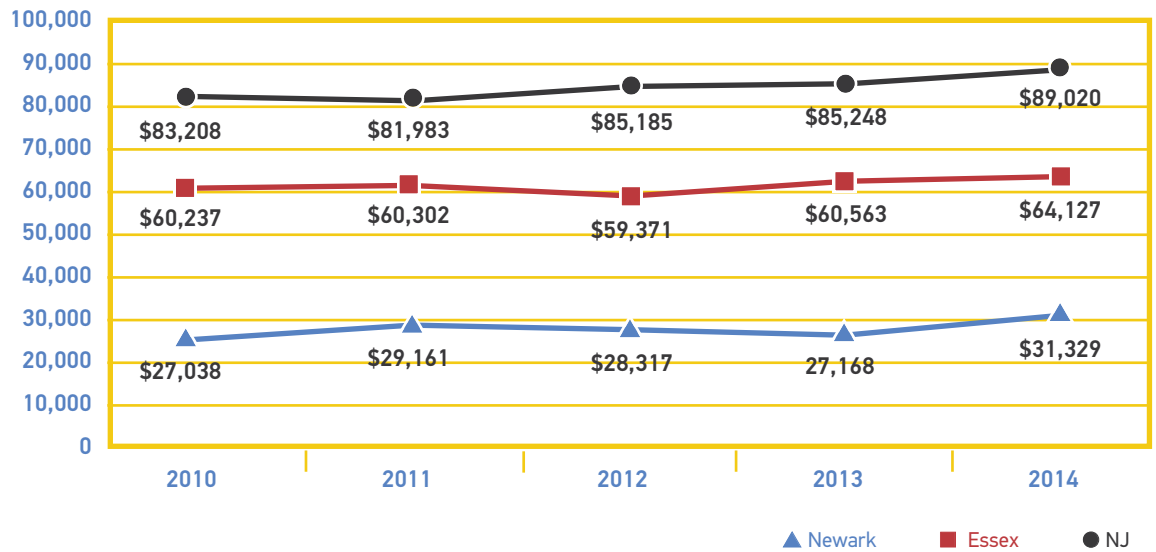
	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Newark	1,823	8	2,823	13	2,278	10	2,437	10	2,673	12	47
Essex	4,112	5	5,342	7	4,484	6	5,535	6	5,199	7	26
New Jersey	38,186	3	41,758	4	41,779	4	45,957	4	48,605	4	27
Newark's % of Essex	44		53		51		44		51		
Newark's % of New Jersey	5		7		5		5		5		

2 Family Economic Security

Median Income of Families with Children (in Dollars)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	27,038	29,161	28,317	27,168	31,329	16
Essex	60,237	60,302	59,371	60,563	64,127	6
New Jersey	83,208	81,983	85,185	85,248	89,020	7

Median Income of Families with Children



Number Unemployed

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	16,082	16,145	12,493	10,910	8,199	-49
Essex	39,061	39,041	29,831	26,729	19,491	-50
New Jersey	405,508	403,749	301,775	272,058	197,870	-51

*Data as of December for each year.

Unemployment Rate

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	13.1	13.2	10.6	9.2	6.9	-47
Essex	10.2	10.2	8.0	7.1	5.2	-49
New Jersey	8.9	8.8	6.8	6.0	4.3	-52

*Data as of December for each year.

2 Family Economic Security

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount
Newark	38,706	\$2,499	39,425	\$2,534	38,638	\$4,380	39,982	\$2,689	40,325	\$2,762	4	11
Essex	75,674	\$2,345	77,447	\$2,388	76,686	\$4,291	79,791	\$2,523	79,799	\$2,585	5	10
New Jersey	548,004	\$2,127	562,894	\$2,170	563,291	\$3,195	589,026	\$2,283	594,723	\$2,318	9	9

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, All Recipients

	2013			2014			% Change 13-14		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Newark	30,394	\$14,354,610	\$472	30,497	\$14,778,195	\$485	0	3	3
Essex	63,054	\$28,181,686	\$447	64,133	\$29,418,289	\$459	2	4	3
New Jersey	506,712	\$212,611,235	\$420	522,732	\$222,577,939	\$426	3	5	1

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19

	2013			2014			% Change 13-14		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Newark	21,920	\$13,144,479	\$600	21,877	\$13,555,111	\$620	0	3	3
Essex	43,862	\$25,521,399	\$582	44,192	\$26,630,632	\$603	1	4	4
New Jersey	333,726	\$190,801,900	\$572	337,388	\$198,982,307	\$590	1	4	3

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	9,911	9,121	8,407	7,919	6,547	-34
Essex	14,508	13,919	12,738	11,949	9,668	-33
New Jersey	70,831	68,692	64,379	58,948	48,899	-31
Newark's % of Essex	68	66	66	66	68	
Newark's % of NJ	14	13	13	13	13	

3 Affordable Housing



Along with troubling economic realities for many of Newark's families, securing affordable housing remains a significant obstacle. As of 2014, more than half of Newark households faced significant rent or mortgage costs. A high housing cost burden is considered to be an amount that exceeds 30 percent of a household's income. The majority of Newark households were renter-occupied; only 23 percent of Newark homes were owner-occupied in 2014.

The cost of housing, alongside many families' economic situations, presents a discouraging picture. In 2014, Newark's median monthly rent was \$981, an increase over 2013's amount of \$934 a month. While \$981 a month was less than the state median rent of \$1,202, Newark's rent was still high relative to the significant number of poor and low-income families residing within the city.

Median Rent (in Dollars)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	934	963	927	934	981	5
Essex	991	1,035	999	1,034	1,077	9
New Jersey	1,114	1,135	1,148	1,171	1,202	8

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	56	58	56	55	57	2
Essex	53	55	54	53	53	0
New Jersey	51	51	51	51	50	-2

3 Affordable Housing

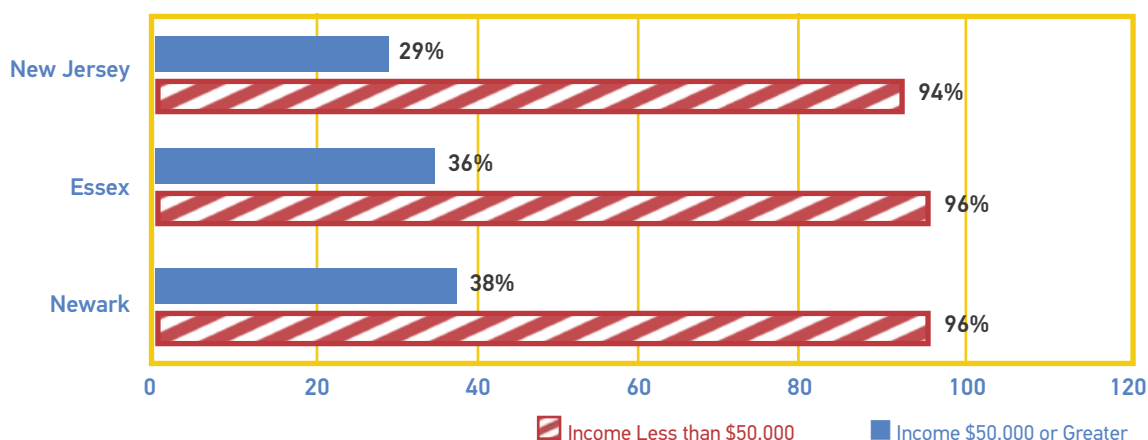
Percentage of Occupied Housing Units that are Owner-Occupied

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	24	21	22	22	23	-4
Essex	46	45	45	45	44	-4
New Jersey	66	65	65	64	63	-5

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	69	68	72	65	53	-23
Essex	54	51	50	47	46	-15
New Jersey	47	47	44	41	40	-15

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2014



4 Food Insecurity



In 2015, the number of children benefiting from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) decreased over the previous year—with no change occurring over the 2011–2015 five-year period. Since 2011, more than 50 percent of the children who resided in Essex County and received SNAP benefits were from Newark.

While SNAP numbers have remained relatively steady, those receiving assistance from the Supplemental Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) decreased by 4 percent since 2011. This follows a larger pattern of declining WIC enrollment numbers witnessed across the state.

Although the number of children eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals declined by 14 percent within Newark’s district schools, Newark’s charter schools saw their numbers of eligible children grow by more than 74 percent. This trend matched an increase in overall enrollment in charter schools and a slight decrease in enrollment in the city’s district schools. During the 2011–2012 school year, 35 percent of eligible charter school students received breakfast, and by the 2015–2016 school year that number increased to 50 percent of eligible students.

District schools, meanwhile, saw a drop in the percentage of students served breakfast during

the same period; however, the district percentage of students served breakfast—64 percent—still outperforms the state average of 44 percent served. Conversely, Newark’s district school participation in the school lunch program slipped below state participation rates, while charter schools increased their rates, serving a greater percentage of eligible students than the state average.

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (Formerly Food Stamps)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	33,436	32,255	34,215	35,612	33,390	0
Essex	58,414	61,225	64,362	64,464	62,064	6
New Jersey	368,173	395,999	419,410	417,044	415,927	13
Newark’s % of Essex	57	53	53	55	54	
Newark’s % of NJ	9	8	8	9	8	

4 Food Insecurity

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	13,379	13,857	13,552	12,849	12,889	-4
Essex	23,802	24,324	23,849	22,564	22,248	-7
New Jersey	186,247	189,399	185,097	180,154	178,852	-4
Newark's % of Essex	56	57	57	57	58	
Newark's % of NJ	7	7	7	7	7	

Number of Children Eligible For Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

Eligible for Free Meals	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 12-15
Newark District Schools	27,909	29,769	27,833	24,528	-12
Newark Charter Schools	5,429	7,019	8,020	9,864	82
Newark Total	33,338	36,788	35,853	34,392	3
Essex	55,774	61,979	62,577	61,944	11
New Jersey	398,259	428,447	448,685	441,620	11
Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 12-15
Newark District Schools	2,524	2,688	1,666	1,504	-40
Newark Charter Schools	1,127	1,367	1,322	1,529	36
Newark Total	3,651	4,055	2,988	3,033	-17
Essex	7,389	7,935	6,992	7,428	1
New Jersey	78,845	78,027	75,804	74,579	-5
Total Eligible for Free or Reduced Meals	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 12-15
Newark District Schools	30,433	32,457	29,499	26,032	-14
Newark Charter Schools	6,556	8,386	9,342	11,393	74
Newark Total	36,989	40,843	38,841	37,425	1
Essex	63,163	69,914	69,569	69,371	10
New Jersey	477,104	506,474	524,488	516,199	8

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% Change 12-16
Newark District Schools	20,927	21,228	20,382	17,906	16,555	-21
Newark Charter Schools	2,278	3,050	3,998	5,045	5,743	152
Newark Total	23,205	24,278	24,380	22,951	22,298	-4
Essex	33,185	35,193	36,300	35,957	35,132	6
New Jersey	147,846	171,555	197,058	215,604	228,675	55

4 Food Insecurity

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

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
Newark Public Schools	69	65	69	61	64
Newark Charter Schools	35	36	43	54	50
Newark Total	63	59	63	59	60
Essex	53	50	52	52	51
New Jersey	31	34	38	41	44

*Please note that the 2015-16 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of 2014-15 school year and receiving data as of October 2015.

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% Change 12-16
Newark District Schools	23,777	23,856	22,363	19,674	18,329	-23
Newark Charter Schools	5,517	6,000	7,284	8,839	10,166	84
Newark Total	29,294	29,856	29,647	28,513	28,495	-3
Essex	51,550	53,888	53,327	52,818	52,039	1
New Jersey	380,488	396,286	400,070	406,996	402,944	6

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

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
Newark Public Schools	78	74	76	67	70
Newark Charter Schools	84	72	78	95	89
Newark Total	79	73	76	73	76
Essex	82	77	77	76	75
New Jersey	80	78	77	78	78

*Please note that the 2015-16 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of 2014-15 school year and receiving data as of October 2015.

5 Child Health



Newark's children demonstrated several meaningful health improvements. Beginning with maternal and infant health, 19 percent fewer low-birthweight babies were born to Newark mothers in 2012 than in 2008. While a slightly greater number of women went without prenatal care or received late prenatal care, the number of infant mortalities decreased substantially—by 64 percent.

Keeping with these same positive trends, the number of Newark children admitted to the hospital for asthma decreased by 31 percent from 2010 to 2014. Yet, the 2014 figures represent an increase in the number of asthma-related admissions from 2013.

Newark also improved in the areas of lead testing and lead abatement. Given the most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for reporting blood lead levels in children, 5.5 percent of children under 6 years of age who were tested for lead in 2015 had blood lead levels of 5 micrograms/deciliter (µg/dL) or higher. In comparison, 6.4 percent of children under age 6 had blood lead levels of 5 µg/dL or higher in 2012. Fewer children ages 6-26 months, however, were tested for lead, declining by 5 percent from 2012 to 2015. The CDC maintains that there is no safe blood lead level for children. Meanwhile, the Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness boosted the number of abatements occurring within the city; in 2014 the city abated 55 homes—in 2015 that number grew to 200.

The number of children under 18 without health insurance continued to shrink across the state and Newark. Contributing to this decrease was the number of children receiving NJ FamilyCare (which includes Medicaid benefits). From 2011 to 2015, Newark children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare grew by 30 percent.

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	1,744	1,861	1,659	1,687	1,768	1
Essex	3,305	3,433	3,090	3,100	3,065	-7
New Jersey	23,196	21,463	19,145	19,127	18,226	-21
Newark's % of Essex	53	54	54	54	58	
Newark's % of NJ	8	9	9	9	10	

Late prenatal care is defined as prenatal care beginning in the second trimester or later.

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Babies Born with Low-Birthweight

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	531	490	459	456	428	-19
Essex	1,173	1,129	1,088	1,064	963	-18
New Jersey	9,093	8,629	8,747	8,901	8,447	-7
Newark's % of Essex	45	43	42	43	44	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	5	5	5	

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birthweight

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Newark	11.0	10.5	10.9	10.5	9.8
Essex	10.0	9.9	10.4	10.1	9.3
New Jersey	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.1

Infant Mortality

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		% Change 08-12
	#	Rate*	#	Rate*	#	Rate*	#	Rate*	#	Rate*	#
Newark	56	11.6	50	10.8	36	8.6	30	6.9	20	4.6	-64
Essex	100	8.5	87	7.6	72	6.9	61	5.8	50	4.8	-50
New Jersey	591	5.3	559	5.1	513	4.8	528	5.0	454	4.4	-23
Newark's % of Essex	56		57		50		49		40		
Newark's % of New Jersey	9		9		7		6		4		

*Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	14	14	11	14	14	0
Essex	30	26	18	28	26	-13
New Jersey	187	177	180	196	195	4
Newark's % of Essex	47	54	61	50	54	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	8	6	7	7	

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital (Ages 0-17)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	395	406	333	234	272	-31
Essex	706	719	623	470	492	-30

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Children Tested for Lead (Ages 6–26 months)

	2012		2013		2014		2015		% Change 12-15	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL
Newark	5,435	7.1	5,337	6.8	5,228	6.1	5,163	6.1	-5	-14
Essex	11,730	6.8	10,835	5.9	10,678	5.5	10,664	5.2	-9	-23
New Jersey	103,380	3.6	92,572	3.0	90,683	2.9	93,128	2.8	-10	-23

*2012, age range reported was 6–29 months

Note: Prior to 2012, blood lead levels of 5–9 µg/dL not reported in childhood lead reports.

Children Tested for Lead (Ages < 6 years old)

	2012		2013		2014		2015		% Change 12-15	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5µg/dL
Newark	13,879	6.4	14,607	6.0	14,030	5.7	14,257	5.5	3	-13
Essex	26,790	6.6	26,847	5.7	25,407	3.6	26,095	5.2	-3	-21
New Jersey	183,617	3.8	176,520	3.4	171,271	3.2	172,859	3.1	-6	-19

Note: Prior to 2012, blood lead levels of 5–9 µg/dL not reported in childhood lead reports.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Newark Lead Abatements	5	26	46	55	200

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11–15
Newark	54,487	54,870	55,283	54,867	70,597	30
Essex	96,961	98,398	99,396	99,078	101,112	4
New Jersey	695,182	714,580	727,881	745,990	789,480	14
Newark's % of Essex	56	56	56	55	70	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	8	8	7	9	

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Newark	7,240	10	6,903	10	4,702	6	5,436	8	5,365	7
Essex	14,783	8	14,138	7	10,374	5	11,783	6	10,131	5
New Jersey	123,456	6	105,165	5	102,816	5	112,117	6	91,842	5
Newark's % of Essex	49		49		45		46		53	
Newark's % of NJ	6		7		5		5		6	

6 Child Protection



The number of Newark children under supervision by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) decreased from 2011 to 2015 by 5 percent. Essex County experienced similar trends, while the state overall saw a 5 percent increase in the number of children under DCP&P supervision. As the number of Newark children receiving DCP&P services in their own home decreased from 2011 to 2015, the number of children living in out-of-home placement, or foster care, increased by 9 percent. Over 3,000 children received in-home services in 2015, while 836 resided in foster care.

The number of children reported for abuse or neglect decreased from 6,047 in 2013 to 5,578 in 2014. Child victims of substantiated or established abuse or neglect, however, rose between 2010 to 2014. The rate of confirmed victims of abuse or neglect was 14.7 for 2014, a figure greater than the statewide rate of 12.8.

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Children Under Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)* Supervision

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	4,360	4,931	4,287	4,186	4,125	-5
Essex	6,500	7,195	6,564	6,598	6,410	-1
New Jersey	48,318	52,873	51,864	51,412	50,792	5
Newark's % of Essex	67	69	65	63	64	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	8	8	8	

*Formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Data as of June 30 for each year.

Children Receiving In-Home DCP&P Services

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	3,591	4,131	3,421	3,377	3,289	-8
Essex	5,298	5,925	5,214	5,327	5,180	-2
New Jersey	41,121	45,389	44,234	43,752	43,291	5
Newark's % of Essex	68	70	66	63	63	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	8	8	8	

*Data as of June 30 for each year.

Children in Out-of-Home DCP&P Placement

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	769	800	866	809	836	9
Essex	1,202	1,270	1,350	1,271	1,230	2
New Jersey	7,197	7,484	7,630	7,660	7,501	4
Newark's % of Essex	64	63	64	64	68	
Newark's % of New Jersey	11	11	11	11	11	

*Data as of June 30 for each year.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	5,355	5,353	5,939	6,047	5,578	4
Essex	9,699	9,584	10,344	10,479	9,627	-1
New Jersey	93,699	91,680	92,924	94,486	90,135	-4
Newark's % of Essex	55	56	57	58	58	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	6	6	

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Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse or Neglect

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Newark	622	743	680	944	821
Essex	1,080	1,167	1,100	1,443	1,305
New Jersey	9,326	9,414	9,250	11,972	11,556
Newark's % of Essex	58	64	62	65	63
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	8	7	8	7

Note: Data from 2013 onward include number of findings in which abuse was substantiated or established.

Rate of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse or Neglect

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Newark	11.6	13.9	11.0	15.6	14.7
Essex	11.1	12.2	11.0	13.8	13.6
New Jersey	10.0	10.3	10.0	12.7	12.8

Note: Data from 2013 onward include findings in which abuse was substantiated or established.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs*

	2013	2014	2015	% Change 13-15
Newark	273	299	291	7
Essex	538	615	659	22
New Jersey	5,339	6,489	6,857	28

**The state funds three home visitation programs in Newark and Essex County: Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families-TIP Program and Parents and Teachers. These data include families from all three programs.*

7 Child Care



For Newark's working families, affordable, quality child care is crucial. Unfortunately, the most recent data featured several critical declines in the number and capacity of child care providers. Since 2011, the number of licensed child care centers in Newark steadily decreased; as of 2015, there were 156 centers, compared to 202 in 2011. Additionally, the overall capacity of child care centers slowly eroded over time, falling by 7 percent since 2011.

The number of registered providers caring for children in their own homes also decreased, down 20 percent since 2011. However, the number of registered family care providers in 2015 improved over the previous year's figures.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	202	190	183	173	156	-23
Essex	543	536	520	505	483	-11
New Jersey	4,213	4,137	4,037	3,987	3,949	-6
Newark's % of Essex	37	35	35	34	32	
Newark's % of NJ	5	5	5	4	4	

**2015 Newark figures for Licensed Child Care Centers and Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers are as of 11/16/15.*

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Child Care Center Capacity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	% Change 11-15
Newark	18,317	17,231	15,867	17,214	17,103	-7
Essex	47,013	46,325	44,431	44,829	44,253	-6
New Jersey	356,900	353,159	344,610	346,337	347,861	-3

*2015 Newark figures for Licensed Child Care Centers and Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers are as of 11/16/15.

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Newark	204	160	160	138	163	-20
Essex	444	447	353	332	291	-34
New Jersey	2,431	2,289	2,120	2,054	2,020	-17
Newark's % of Essex	46	36	45	42	56	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	7	8	7	8	

Child Care Vouchers

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Newark	7,615	6,152	6,200	8,157	7,793	2
Newark – DCP&P*	231	256	362	538	266	15
Essex	14,124	11,829	13,198	17,443	18,083	28

*These are vouchers for children under supervision of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency.



Enrollment

Reflecting the importance of early education, Newark’s full-day state-funded preschool enrollment increased slightly from 2010–11 to 2014–15, yet decreased from the previous year. Meanwhile, grades PreK–12 enrollment numbers indicate several conflicting trends. For district schools, kindergarten enrollment fell by 41 percent; whereas charter school kindergarten numbers soared—increasing by 88 percent. Similarly, for all grades PreK–12, district enrollment decreased by 4 percent, while charter enrollment surged by 116 percent. Enrollment for Newark as a whole (district and charter) increased since the 2010–11 school year; however, the charter/district breakdowns for 2014–15 and the previous school year signal an increasing shift in students toward charter schools.

For special education students, enrollment amongst Newark’s district schools increased by 6 percent over the last 4 years. For this same time period, special education enrollment within charter schools increased as well. In 2011, only 412 special education students attended charter schools, by 2015 this number reached 1,264. Yet, the 2014–15 percentage of special education enrollments out of total enrollment for charter schools (9.2 percent) was still much lower than the district figure (17.8 percent).

Finally, the number of homeless students enrolled in schools within Newark, Essex County, and New Jersey decreased from the previous year. However, 62 percent of Essex County’s homeless student population were in Newark, according to the most recent data.

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State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Newark	6,134	6,235	6,404	6,541	6,180	1
Essex	9,678	9,656	9,961	10,017	9,664	0
New Jersey	51,333	51,642	51,860	51,924	51,232	0
Newark's % of Essex	63	65	64	65	64	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	12	13	12	

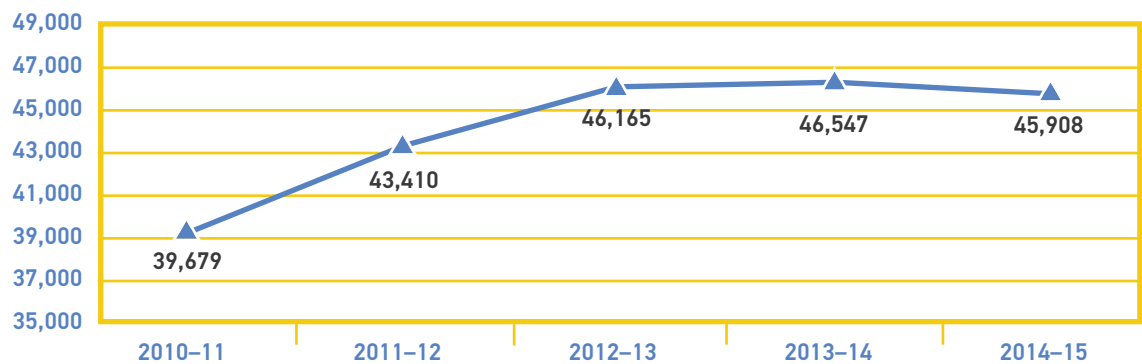
Kindergarten Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Newark District	1,940	2,627	2,767	1,505	1,137	-41
Newark Charter Schools	829	1,007	1,147	1,373	1,562	88
Newark Total	2,769	3,634	3,914	2,878	2,699	-3
Essex	8,798	9,765	10,236	8,828	8,876	1
New Jersey	90,663	91,859	95,101	92,018	91,570	1
Newark's % of Essex	31	37	38	33	30	
Newark's % of NJ	3	4	4	3	3	

PK-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Newark District	33,279	35,543	36,427	34,976	32,098	-4
Newark Charter Schools	6,400	7,867	9,738	11,571	13,810	116
Newark Total	39,679	43,410	46,165	46,547	45,908	16

PK-12 Total Enrollment, Newark*



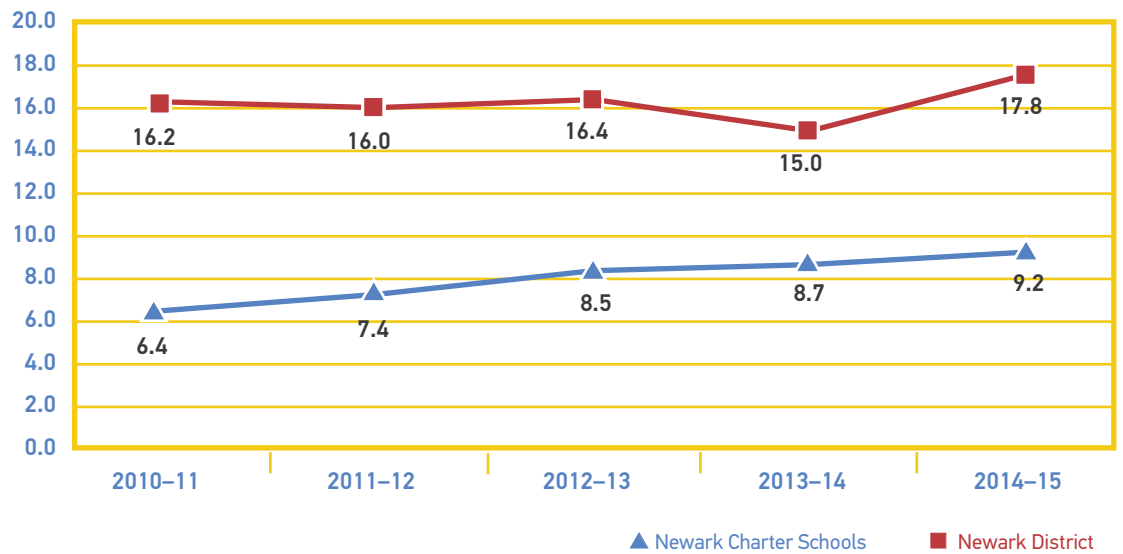
* Data include enrollment in both traditional Newark District and Newark charter schools.

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Special Education Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Newark District	5,394	5,688	5,963	5,246	5,725
Newark Charter Schools	412	582	823	1,012	1,264
Newark Total	5,806	6,270	6,786	6,258	6,989
Essex	18,120	18,934	19,386	19,008	19,681
New Jersey	216,278	217,940	220,932	220,253	219,506

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as Percentage of Total Enrollment



Number of Homeless Students

	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 14-15
Newark	575	416	-28
Essex	1,113	669	-40
New Jersey	10,303	8,412	-18
Newark's % of Essex	52	62	
Newark's % of NJ	6	5	

8 Education

Chronic Absenteeism

Regardless of age, when students miss too much school they are less likely to succeed. Recently, the Newark Public Schools has been focusing on addressing the family and school issues that impact attendance.

Percentage of Newark District School Students Chronically Absent, by School Year

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
Grades K-8	23	23	19
Grades 9-12 (High School)	44	49	39

Note: Includes inactive students. 2015-16 data are preliminary.

Percentage of Chronically Absent Newark District School Students, by Grade, 2014-15

Grade	%	Grade	%
Kindergarten	29	7th	20
1st	24	8th	24
2nd	21	9th	40
3rd	19	10th	46
4th	18	11th	48
5th	20	12th	61
6th	18		

Note: Includes inactive students; some students were excluded in grade analysis without grade assigned.

School Violence

Newark's charter schools did not report incidences of school violence during the 2011–2012 year, making a comparison to the 2014–2015 year impossible. Incidences of violence for district schools decreased amongst all categories.

School Violence Incidents

	2011-12				2014-15*			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Newark District	126	54	31	15	89	42	16	14
Newark Charter Schools	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	231	37	9	7
Newark Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	320	79	25	21
Essex	671	224	127	182	815	165	125	201
New Jersey	8,252	1,924	1,125	3,482	7,262	1,359	1,037	2,982
Newark % of Essex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39	48	20	10
Newark % of NJ	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	6	2	1

**Data for 2014-15 for Essex and New Jersey includes charter schools.*

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Test Scores

The 2014–2015 school year marked the first statewide use of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). As with many policy changes, the inaugural year often comes with significant challenges, and the PARCC exams were no exception, with high numbers of students throughout New Jersey not taking the exams. For Newark district schools, student participation in the PARCC assessments tended to decrease as the students' grade level increased—similar to patterns witnessed at the state level. The state did not, however, report complete data on charter school participation due to concerns regarding student privacy/confidentiality.

Newark district schools performed well below the state average at all grade levels. In general, Newark charter school performance fell below the state average. The gap, however, between the state and charter averages was significantly smaller than that of the district schools and the state. For example, the 4th grade English Language Arts (ELA) results showed that 21 percent of district school students, 47 percent of charter school students, and 51 percent of statewide students met or exceeded expectations.

Newark District ELA PARCC Results (2014–15)

3rd Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	17	2,853	2,665	188	7
New Jersey	44	101,146	95,227	5,919	6
4th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	21	2,688	2,468	220	8
New Jersey	51	100,203	93,769	6,434	6
5th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	23	2,520	2,242	278	11
New Jersey	52	102,054	94,599	7,455	7
6th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	23	2,522	2,114	408	16
New Jersey	49	102,078	92,578	9,500	9
7th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	27	2,603	2,193	410	16
New Jersey	52	101,333	90,227	11,106	11
8th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	24	2,686	2,008	678	25
New Jersey	52	102,814	88,421	14,393	14
9th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	23	2,205	1,310	895	41
New Jersey	40	102,696	81,574	21,122	21

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Newark District ELA PARCC Results (2014-15) *continued from previous page*

10th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	20	2,132	1,040	1,092	51
New Jersey	37	97,621	71,659	25,962	27

11th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	28	1,851	985	866	47
New Jersey	41	94,625	61,768	32,857	35

Newark Charter ELA PARCC Results (2014-15)

3rd Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	37	1,158
New Jersey	44	95,227

4th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	47	1,006
New Jersey	51	93,769

5th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	38	1,205
New Jersey	52	94,599

6th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	48	895
New Jersey	49	92,578

7th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	49	1,116
New Jersey	52	90,227

8th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	48	895
New Jersey	52	88,421

9th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	22	678
New Jersey	40	81,574

10th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	25	573
New Jersey	37	71,659

11th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	34	465
New Jersey	41	61,768

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Newark District Math PARCC Results (2014–15)

3rd Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	22	2,902	2,721	181	6
New Jersey	45	101,833	95,932	5,901	6
4th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	17	2,733	2,533	200	7
New Jersey	41	100,938	94,484	6,454	6
5th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	19	2,568	2,299	269	10
New Jersey	41	102,741	95,293	7,448	7
6th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	18	2,572	2,174	398	15
New Jersey	41	102,636	93,128	9,508	9
7th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	17	2,669	2,269	400	15
New Jersey	37	98,261	87,300	10,961	11
8th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	19	2,612	2,010	602	23
New Jersey	24	69,091	58,078	11,013	16
Algebra I	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District (All Grades)	18	2,351	1,333	1,018	43
Newark District (8th Grade Only)	40	N/A	53	N/A	N/A
New Jersey (All Grades)	36	114,867	91,740	23,127	20
New Jersey (8th Grade Only)	72	30,826	27,498	3,328	11
Geometry	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	5	1,657	799	858	52
New Jersey	22	95,414	71,137	24,277	25
Algebra II	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Registered	# Tested	# Not Tested	% Not Tested
Newark District	6	1,835	932	903	49
New Jersey	24	83,256	58,026	25,230	30

Note: N/A indicates data unavailable.

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Newark Charter Math PARCC Results (2014-15)

3rd Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	46	1,158
New Jersey	45	95,932
4th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	34	1,004
New Jersey	41	94,484
5th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	31	1,206
New Jersey	41	95,293
6th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	32	1,103
New Jersey	41	93,128
7th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	31	1,112
New Jersey	37	87,300
8th Grade	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	32	587
New Jersey	24	58,078
Algebra I	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter (All Grades)	30	939
Charter (8th Grade Only)	63	302
New Jersey (All Grades)	36	91,740
New Jersey (8th Grade Only)	72	27,498
Geometry	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	14	592
New Jersey	22	71,137
Algebra II	% Met/Exceeded Expectations	# Tested
Charter	14	361
New Jersey	24	58,026

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Graduation/Post-Graduation

While the PARCC exams may have yielded conflicting results, Newark students demonstrated improvement in terms of graduation rates and post-secondary plans. With the class of 2015, Newark district high schools experienced a 1 percent increase in the graduation rate. Students taking the SATs also showed important gains: of the 15 high schools listed, 9 experienced an increase in the percentage of students participating in the SATs. Students with academic plans beyond high school varied; North Star Academy and Science Park represented the two schools with the greatest percentage of students enrolled in a 2- or 4-year institution—each at 89 percent. Weequahic High School had the lowest percentage, with 37 percent of students enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

High School Graduation Rates

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 12-15
Newark District	69	68	69	70	1
New Jersey	86	88	89	90	4

**In 2011, the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.*

Average SAT Score, by High School

	2009-10			2013-14		
	Math	Critical Reading	% Participation	Math	Critical Reading	% Participation
American History High School	393	407	71	403	409	100
Arts High School	414	418	70	417	410	100
Bard Early College High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	426	429	93
Barringer High School	358	332	35	350	329	20
Central High School	369	362	49	372	351	63
East Side High School	399	381	36	431	396	76
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	342	338	59	336	325	100
Newark Vocational High School	354	333	64	358	336	56
Newark Leadership Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	380	368	29
North Star Academy Charter School	516	474	100	551	503	100
Science Park High School	525	494	94	564	519	100
TEAM Academy Charter School	N/A	N/A	N/A	452	430	100
Technology High School	437	428	71	465	427	100
University High School	465	426	85	466	439	97
Weequahic High School	357	337	59	345	330	78
NJ Average	520	496	66	521	496	76

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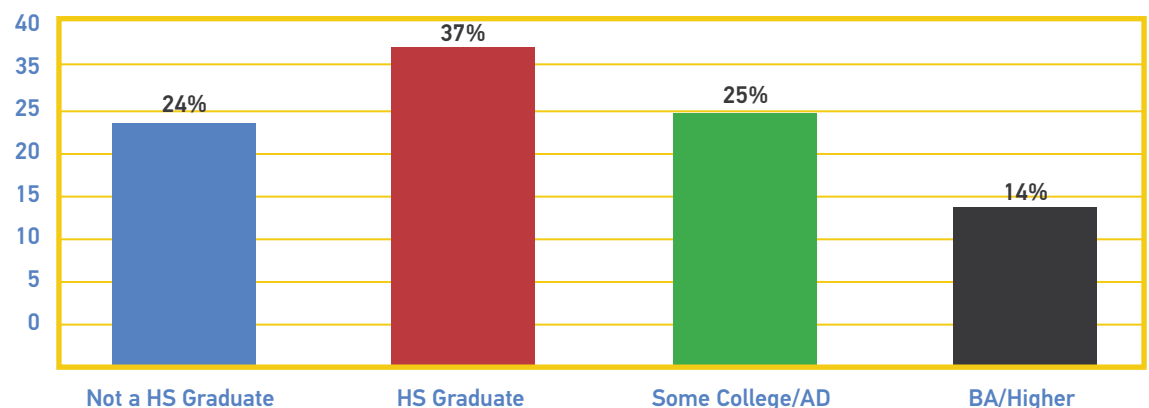
Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2013-14

School	% Schoolwide	% Low-Income	% Students with Disabilities
American History High School	72	74	N/A
Arts High School	81	81	N/A
Bard Early College High School	N/A	N/A	N/A
Barringer High School	46	48	36
Central High School	60	61	N/A
East Side High School	49	47	35
Malcom X Shabazz High School	42	40	31
Newark Leadership Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A
Newark Vocational High School	56	57	N/A
North Star Academy	89	90	N/A
Science Park High School	89	92	N/A
TEAM Academy Charter School	82	81	N/A
Technology High School	76	76	N/A
University High School	85	84	N/A
Weequahic High School	37	37	15

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, 2014

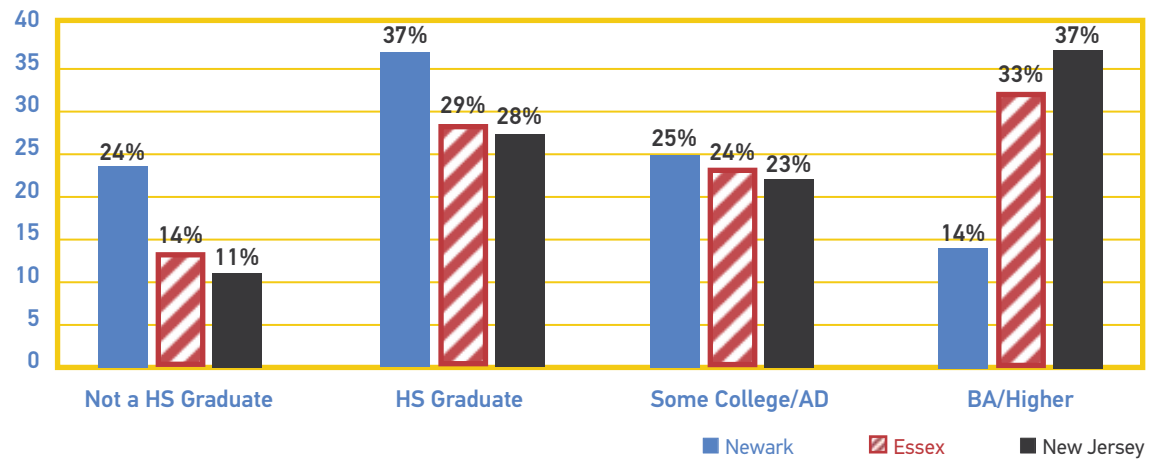
	Newark		Essex		New Jersey	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Not a HS Graduate	42,184	24	76,409	14	669,926	11
HS Graduate	64,916	37	154,723	29	1,729,723	28
Some College/AA	43,412	25	124,323	24	1,437,014	23
BA/Higher	23,961	14	172,558	33	2,291,268	37

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2014



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Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark vs. Essex vs. NJ, 2014



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females declined, and admissions also decreased for African Americans and Hispanics. For the 2010–2014 period, African American males constituted the overwhelming majority of admissions to detention, despite declines in the overall detention population.

The well-being of Newark's teenage residents continued to improve. In 2012, fewer births occurred to teenage mothers—down 30 percent from 2008. Similarly, deaths to Newark's 15- to 19-year-olds decreased by 21 percent for the 2008–2012 period. Teen deaths in Newark, however, constituted 56 percent of Essex County's teen deaths and 7 percent of teen deaths within the state overall.

Fewer Newark youth, since 2010, were diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection (STI) than in 2014; the number of diagnoses decreased by 21 percent for males and 17 percent for females. Similar to statewide data, a greater number of Newark's young females were diagnosed with an STI than young males. In 2014, the number of females with an STI was more than double that of their male counterparts.

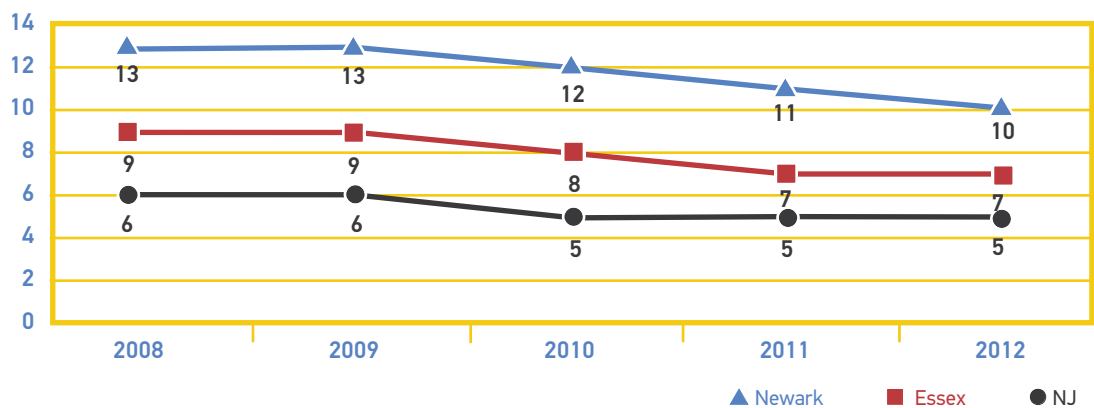
Newark experienced a number of important improvements in the area of juvenile delinquency. In 2014, there were fewer juvenile arrests in Newark, representing a 37 percent decrease in juvenile arrests since 2010. Total admissions to detention facilities for Newark also decreased, down to 429 in 2014 from 707 in 2010. A closer look at different subgroups admitted to detention reveals similar trends: admissions to detention for both males and

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Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	633	619	487	464	446	-30
Essex	1,064	995	793	757	700	-34
New Jersey	6,937	6,328	5,735	5,285	4,719	-32
Newark's % of Essex	59	62	61	61	64	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	10	8	9	9	

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



Teen Deaths (Ages 15-19)

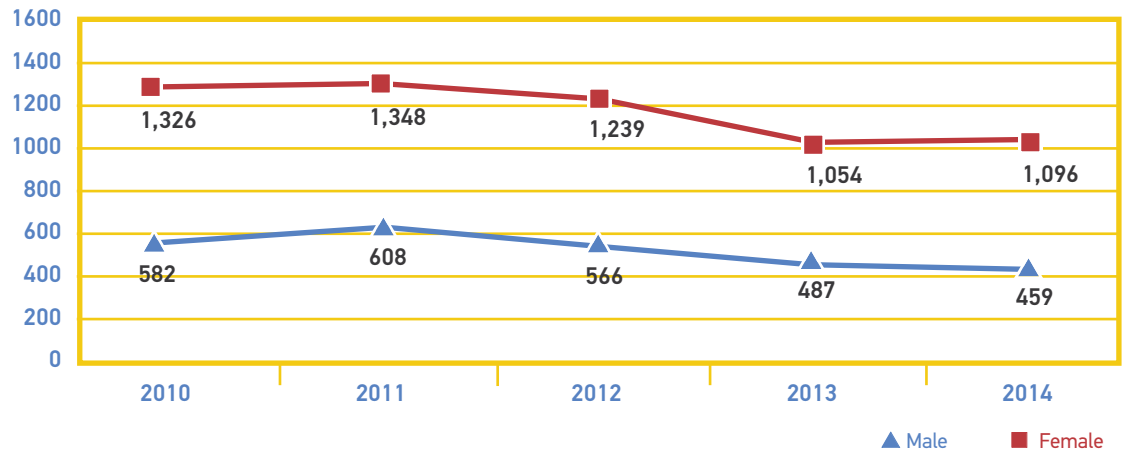
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change 08-12
Newark	19	15	19	10	15	-21
Essex	32	31	34	22	27	-16
New Jersey	236	207	209	208	210	-11
Newark's % of Essex	59	48	56	45	56	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	7	9	5	7	

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

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newark	582	1,326	608	1,348	566	1,239	487	1,054	459	1,096	-21	-17
Essex	917	2,207	932	2,213	856	2,078	776	1,767	744	1,790	-19	-19
New Jersey	2,793	10,267	3,290	10,532	3,004	9,773	2,943	9,340	2,921	8,990	5	-12
Newark's % of Essex	63	60	65	61	66	60	63	60	62	61		
Newark's % of NJ	21	13	18	13	19	13	17	11	16	12		

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Newark Youth, Ages 16-20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection

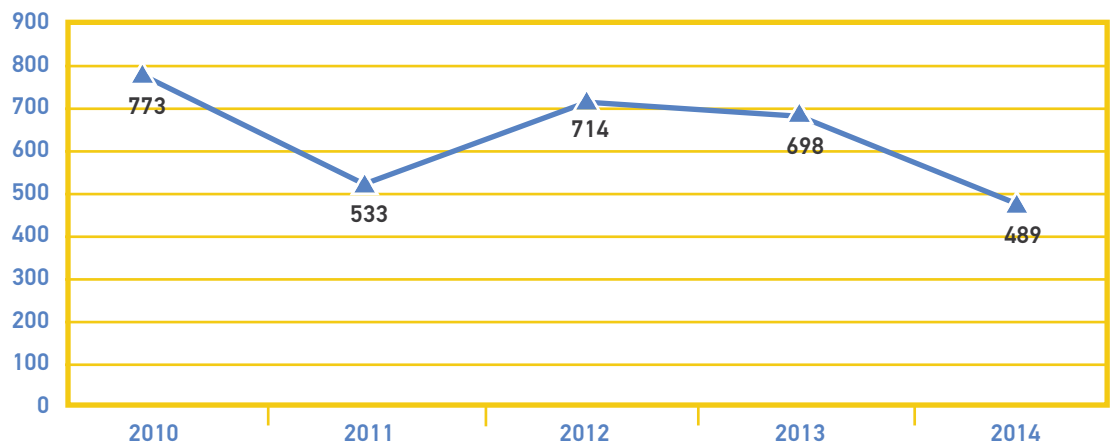


Juvenile Arrests

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	% Change 10-14
Newark	773	533	714	698	489	-37
Essex	3,377	2,679	2,721	2,622	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	40,702	34,140	29,961	24,795	N/A	N/A
Newark's % of Essex	23	20	26	27	N/A	
Newark's % of NJ	2	2	2	3	N/A	

*Please note that 2014 data only reported for Newark.

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Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Total Admissions:	707	574	540	555	429	-39
By Gender:						
Males	653	537	485	486	377	-42
Females	54	37	55	69	52	-4
By Race:						
African American	654	515	481	495	381	-42
Caucasian	1	3	0	1	1	0
Hispanic	52	56	59	59	47	-10
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions	59	62	62	63	57	

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
	1,191	919	874	882	753	-37

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Section 1: Population and Demographics

Total Population, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population Under Age 18, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2010-2014. For children under age 18 as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I.

Foreign-Born Children, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

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Births to Unmarried Women, 2008-2012. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005.

Grandchildren Being Cared for by Their Grandparents, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Grandchildren Under Age 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.

Section 2: Family Economic Security

Number of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Households with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Households without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Median Income of Families with Children, in Dollars, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Number Unemployed, 2011-2015. US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Numbers are not seasonally adjusted and are as of December for each year. Please note that data reported in previous Newark Kids Count reports have been updated to reflect revised inputs, re-estimation and new statewide controls, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines unemployed as someone who does not have a job, has actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and is currently available for work. For more information on the definition of unemployed, visit http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm.

Unemployment Rate, 2011-2015. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are as of December for each year. Please note that data reported in previous Newark Kids Count reports have been updated to reflect revised inputs, re-estimation and new statewide controls, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2010-2014. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), All Recipients, 2013-2014. Number of New Jersey taxpayers receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2012 are not available.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19, 2013-2014. Number of New Jersey taxpayers with at least one dependent under age 19 receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2012 are not available.

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2011-2015. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Section 3: Affordable Housing

Median Rent, in Dollars, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064.

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Their Income on Rent, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart, B25070.

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Percentage of Occupied Housing Units that are Owner-Occupied, 2010-2014. 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, 2010-2014. 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, by Income, 2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25101.

Section 4: Food Insecurity

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2011-2015. 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, 2011-2015. 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 30th of each year.

Number of Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals, 2011-12 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Breakfast, 2011-12 to 2015-16. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2011-12 to 2015-16. 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. Please note that the 2015-16 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of the 2014-15 school year and receiving data as of October 2015.

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Lunch, 2011-12 to 2015-16. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2011-12 to 2015-16. 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. Please note that the 2015-16 percentage data are preliminary and based upon the most recent data, which include school meal eligibility data as of the 2014-15 school year and receiving data as of October 2015.

Section 5: Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2008-2012. Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Babies Born with Low-Birthweight, 2008-2012. 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.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birthweight, 2008-2012. 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.

Infant Mortality, 2008-2012. The number of infants under one year who died during that year. Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14), 2008-2012. 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.

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, (Ages 0-17), 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

Children Tested for Lead (Ages 6-26 Months), 2012-2015. 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. Prior to 2012, 5-9 µg/dL designation was not included in the NJ Childhood Lead Poisoning in NJ report. For 2012, age designation of 6-29 months used. Data for 2015 are provisional.

Children Tested for Lead (Ages <6 Years Old), 2012-2015. 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. Prior to 2012, 5-9 µg/dL designation was not included in the NJ Childhood Lead Poisoning in NJ report. Data for 2015 are provisional.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Newark Lead Abatements, 2011-2015. As reported by the Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being, Division of Health Planning.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2011-2015. 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, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Section 6: Child Protection

Children Under Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) Supervision, 2011-2015. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children Receiving In-Home DCP&P Services, 2011-2015. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children in Out-of-Home DCP&P Placement, 2011-2015. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2010-2014. Number of children who were reported for child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for each calendar year.

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse or Neglect, 2010-2014. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. In 2013, the NJ Department of Children and Families added two possible findings of child abuse neglect investigations—established and not established. Previously, investigators could only determine whether reported abuse/neglect was substantiated or unfounded.

Rate of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse or Neglect, 2010-2014. Based on the number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. In 2013, the NJ Department of Children and Families added two possible findings of child abuse neglect investigations—established and not established. Previously, investigators could only determine whether reported abuse/neglect was substantiated or unfounded.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs, 2013-2015. As reported by the Department of Children and Families. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the NJ Department of Children and Families. Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN).

Section 7: Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2011-2015. The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year. 2012 Newark figures are as of September; 2015 Newark figures are as of November.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2011-2015. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year. 2012 Newark figures are as of September; 2015 Newark figures are as of November.

Registered Family Child Care Providers, 2011-2015. For 2011 through 2013, Newark data are reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for Essex County by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. 2014, 2015 Newark and 2011 through 2015 Essex and state data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families and are as of June. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Child Care Vouchers, 2010-2014. As reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Family Development as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Section 8: Education

State Funded Preschool Enrollments, 2010-11 through 2014-15. 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.

Kindergarten Enrollment, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Includes both full and half day programs. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

PK-12 Total Enrollment, Newark, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

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Special Education Enrollment, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools. Totals may not include data for districts where student count fewer than 10.

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Number of Homeless Students, 2013-14, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Homeless Survey data. Data include traditional district schools as well as charter schools. Please note that due to a change in the way in which the Department of Education collects data, previous data are not comparable and are not available prior to 2013-14.

Percentage of Newark District School Students Chronically Absent, by School Year 2013-14 through 2015-16. As reported by Newark Public Schools, PowerSchool, reported by school. Data includes inactive students (students who transferred out of Newark schools).

Percentage of Chronically Absent Newark District School Students by Grade, 2014-15. As reported by Newark Public Schools, initial NPS PowerSchool analysis, October 15 snapshot and End of Year snapshot.

School Violence Incidents, 2011-12, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools. More than one type of offense may be reported for a single incident.

Newark English Language Arts and Math PARCC Results, Grades 3-11, 2014-15. 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. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools. Percentage meeting or exceeding standards are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. Data suppressed in some instances to protect student confidentiality. The number of students untested refers to all students who did not receive a valid score. Charter data is the average of individual charter scores; data is unweighted.

High School Graduation Rates, 2011-12 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Data. Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011 the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2009-10 and 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. These data reflect the percentage of the 2013 high school graduation class that was enrolled in post-secondary institutions in October 2014. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included. Data for some categories unavailable.

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark, Essex, NJ, 2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Section 9: Teens

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2008-2012. 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.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2008-2012. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2008-2012. 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.

Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2010-2014. 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. Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported.

Newark Youth, Ages 16-20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program. Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported.

Juvenile Arrests, 2010-2014. Newark data are reported by the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data as reported by state law enforcement agencies. 2014 data for Essex and New Jersey were not yet available.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2010-2014. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2010-2014. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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