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Kids Count Data Center
A New Kids Count Layout

- Horizontal (landscape) orientation.

- New explanations for indicators.
  - Gives indicators context and explains what each means.

- Data sources listed at the end of each section.

- Stand alone chapters
  - Available for download on our website

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Why are statistics and data so important?

- Draw attention to a problem and identify a need
- Inform decisions and develop solutions
- Make your case more persuasive
- Highlight a success
- Assess change over time and provide a baseline for future comparisons.
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families
Demographics

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Children in Poverty

- As of 2015:
  - 7 percent of children below 50% of poverty level
  - 16 percent of children below 100% of poverty level
  - 32 percent of children below 200% of poverty level
    - Compared to 43 percent of children for the U.S. as a whole.
But racial disparities persist...

- 200% of poverty level:
  - Asian/Pacific Islander: **17 percent**
  - White, non-Hispanic: **18 percent**
  - Two or More Races: **37 percent**
  - Black/African American: **51 percent**
  - Hispanic or Latino: **56 percent**
Housing Costs

- 81 percent of children in low-income families spend more than 30 percent of family income on housing costs.
  - Compared to 62 percent for the nation overall.

- More than half of all black or African American and Hispanic children live in families spending too much on housing.
  - Compared to 42 percent of the state overall.
Nutritional Supports

- From 2012 to 2016:
  - 3 percent increase in the number of children receiving SNAP benefits.
  - 9 percent decrease in the number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits.
Early Care and Education

- Over 51,000 3 and 4 yr. olds enrolled in state-funded preschool programs during 2015-16.
  - Continued increase in enrollments for full-day programs and decrease in half-day enrollments.

- The number of licensed child care centers dropped slightly from 2012 to 2016 (5 percent decrease)
Public School Enrollment

- Overall N.J. public school enrollment has remained steady—roughly 1.3 million over the last 4 years.

- N.J. charter enrollment continues to climb.
  - 26,266 students during 2011-2012 school year
  - 42,117 students during 2015-16 school year
    - A 60 percent increase.

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## Chronic Absenteeism 2014-15

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PARCC 2015-16

• Improved scores over 2014-15 testing, fewer untested students.
  • Still higher number of untested students for high school level tests.
• Significant differences between state average scores and scores from economically disadvantaged students, LEP students, and certain racial/ethnic groups
## Graduation Rates

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<td>Statewide Total</td>
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Gains in Health

- Uninsured children at a low of 3.7 percent.

- More than 780,000 children enrolled in NJ Family Care as of March 2016.

- More:
  - Children receiving immunizations by age 2.
  - Infants being breastfed.
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Child Welfare

- 48,049 children under state supervision
  - 6,663 in out-of-home placements
  - 41,386 receiving in-home services

- Higher percentage of black or African American children in out-of-home placement (or foster care).

- Decrease in percentage of children with established/substantiated abuse or neglect from 2014 to 2015.

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Teens Making Progress

- Decrease in idle youth for ages 16-19 and 18-24.
  - Dropping by 12 percent for 18-24 year olds and 13 percent for 16 to 19 year olds.

- Significant decrease in 19-24 year olds living without health insurance.
  - In 2011, 24 percent without insurance
  - In 2015, 14 percent without insurance
Continued Declines in Teen Births

- 2010: 5.5% of all live births
- 2013: 4.2% of all live births
- 2014: 3.6% of all live births
Juvenile Justice

- Statewide: juvenile arrests are down 40 percent.
  - In 2014:
    - 54 percent of arrests were to white youth.
    - 45 percent of arrests were to black youth.
    - 23 percent of all arrests were to Hispanic youth—77 percent were to non-Hispanics.
Immigrant Families

• Approximately 108,649 foreign-born children live in New Jersey (about 5 percent of all children)

• 89 percent of children in immigrant families are citizens

• Only 11 percent of children 5-17 in immigrant families report difficulty speaking English
  • 5 percent of 2015-2016 N.J. school enrollment was to LEP students

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