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## The State of Our Counties





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**The New Jersey Kids Count 2017 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. Data for additional indicators are available on our website at <u>www.acnj.org</u> and at <u>datacenter.kidscount.org</u>.

In addition to the Pocket Guide, ACNJ releases an annual state-level data report, **New Jersey Kids Count: A Statewide Profile of Child Well-Being.** Please visit <u>www.acnj.org</u> to access the report.

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## Want Even More Data?

To view more KIDS COUNT data, including county profiles, additional indicators and the state-level New Jersey KIDS COUNT, visit <u>www.acnj.org</u> and click the New Jersey KIDS COUNT badge on the home page. Every year, Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) produces its signature publication — *New Jersey Kids Count* a data book that tracks statewide trends in overall child health and well-being. While the report provides a snapshot of how well kids are faring across the Garden State, a closer look at the numbers beyond state averages reveal a range of experiences and outcomes depending on where they live. That's why along with the state data book, ACNJ also releases the *New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide*, measuring the state of children in each of the 21 counties. The county-by-county data help communities assess and identify areas of progress and concern for children.

### **Pocket Guide Key Trends:**

- High Rent Burdens. Many of New Jersey's residents continue to grapple with high housing costs. Statewide, 2015 data show that roughly 50 percent of renters spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing. In 13 of the state's 21 counties, households on average consume 50 percent or more of their income in order to maintain a roof over their heads. Atlantic County saw the highest rent burden—with 62 percent of households spending too much on rent. However, even in Morris county, which had the lowest rent burden, 42 percent of households spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent.
- Uninsured Children. The drastic reduction in the number of uninsured children throughout the state has been a major success story. And while the majority of counties fall in line with or below the state average of 3.7 percent, a handful of counties saw child uninsured rates higher than 4 percent. Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson and Union counties represent some of the state's highest rates of

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uninsured children. The number of children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare, the state's free or low-cost health insurance, saw increases across nearly every county.

**Chronic Absenteeism.** Students missing ten percent or more of enrolled school days are considered chronically absent; this equates to 18 days out of a 180-day school year, or just two days a month. For students in grades K-12, 11 counties had rates higher than the state's rate of 10 percent. Of those 11 counties, Cumberland and Essex had two of the highest rates of chronic absenteeism, each at roughly 15 percent.

Juvenile Justice. From 2011 to 2015, dramatic declines in the number of juvenile arrests existed in all 21 counties. Gloucester County experienced the most significant decrease, reducing the number of juvenile arrests by more than half. The number of commitments to state facilities run by the N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission dropped to a statewide figure below 150, with most county commitments in the single digits. Camden and Essex counties had the highest number of commitments—each at 28 for 2015.

Accompanying the New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide, Advocates for Children of New Jersey ranks each county on a set of indicators of child well-being. This year, rather than provide an overall county ranking that cuts across different areas of child well-being, ACNJ organized and ranked according to four different domains: child and family economics, child health, safety and well-being, and education. Inspired by the rankings from the National KIDS COUNT project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, each domain includes three indicators, for a total of 12. A first place ranking indicates a positive performance. while a 21st place ranking indicates poor performance. For example, a county placing 21st in children without health insurance indicates that county has the highest percentage of uninsured kids, while the county ranked number one would have the lowest percentage of uninsured kids.

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The new ranking system allows for a more robust view of the strengths and weaknesses of individual counties by looking at several indicators in each area. For example, Ocean county ranks 18th in education, but first in safety and well-being. Similarly, there may be variation within a single domain. Cumberland county ranks last in the overall education domain, but places 2nd for serving a high percentage of eligible children free or reduced-price breakfast (a contributing indicator to the education domain). A breakdown of the 2017 county rankings follows.

## **Overall Domain Ranks**

#### **Child and Family Economics Domain**

	2017 Rank
Atlantic	19
Bergen	3
Burlington	10
Camden	15
Cape May	17
Cumberland	20
Essex	18
Gloucester	11
Hudson	12
Hunterdon	4
Mercer	6

	2017 Rank
Middlesex	5
Monmouth	9
Morris	1
Ocean	16
Passaic	20
Salem	13
Somerset	2
Sussex	7
Union	13
Warren	8
New Jersey	

#### **Child Health Domain**

	2017 Rank	
Atlantic	9	_
Bergen	8	_
Burlington	13	
Camden	18	_
Cape May	15	_
Cumberland	18	
Essex	20	
Gloucester	21	_
Hudson	16	
Hunterdon	1	
Mercer	7	

	2017 Rank
Middlesex	12
Monmouth	4
Morris	5
Ocean	2
Passaic	11
Salem	9
Somerset	14
Sussex	2
Union	16
Warren	5
New Jersey	

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## Safety and Well-Being Domain

	2017 Rank
Atlantic	17
Bergen	5
Burlington	15
Camden	19
Cape May	21
Cumberland	18
Essex	14
Gloucester	12
Hudson	9
Hunterdon	10
Mercer	10

	2017 Rank
Middlesex	3
Monmouth	7
Morris	3
Ocean	1
Passaic	16
Salem	19
Somerset	2
Sussex	6
Union	12
Warren	8
New Jersey	

## **Education Domain**

	2017 Rank
Atlantic	16
Bergen	6
Burlington	9
Camden	14
Cape May	12
Cumberland	21
Essex	19
Gloucester	8
Hudson	10
Hunterdon	3
Mercer	19

	2017 Rank
Middlesex	5
Monmouth	4
Morris	2
Ocean	18
Passaic	15
Salem	17
Somerset	1
Sussex	12
Union	10
Warren	6
New Jersey	

# Section 1 Demographics

## **Total Population**

	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	274,338	274,219	0
Bergen	911,004	938,506	3
Burlington	449,576	450,226	0
Camden	513,241	510,923	0
Cape May	96,601	94,727	-2
Cumberland	157,095	155,854	-1
Essex	785,137	797,434	2
Gloucester	289,104	291,479	1
Hudson	641,224	674,836	5
Hunterdon	128,038	125,488	-2
Mercer	367,063	371,398	1
Middlesex	814,217	840,900	3
Monmouth	631,020	628,715	0
Morris	494,976	499,509	1
Ocean	579,369	588,721	2
Passaic	502,007	510,916	2
Salem	65,902	64,180	-3
Somerset	324,893	333,654	3
Sussex	148,517	143,673	-3
Union	539,494	555,786	3
Warren	108,339	106,869	-1
New Jersey	8,821,155	8,958,013	2

## **Child Population**

onitar oputation	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	63,026	60,132	-5
Bergen	202,266	201,429	0
Burlington	102,341	96,373	-6
Camden	123,159	118,299	-4
Cape May	17,854	16,672	-7
Cumberland	37,464	36,586	-2
Essex	193,366	191,267	-1
Gloucester	69,317	65,884	-5
Hudson	132,104	136,391	3
Hunterdon	29,088	26,677	-8
Mercer	82,039	80,760	-2
Middlesex	184,390	183,993	0
Monmouth	147,052	138,156	-6
Morris	115,516	109,586	-5
Ocean	135,213	138,279	2
Passaic	123,596	123,779	0
Salem	15,290	14,052	-8
Somerset	79,586	76,121	-4
Sussex	34,399	30,293	-12
Union	130,572	131,997	1
Warren	24,787	22,139	-11
New Jersey	2,042,425	1,998,865	-2

# Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold

Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold						
	2011		2015		% Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	
Atlantic	10,927	18	13,145	22	20	
Bergen	13,543	7	17,092	9	26	
Burlington	6,720	7	10,997	12	64	
Camden	24,267	20	23,652	20	-3	
Cape May	3,469	20	2,191	14	-37	
Cumberland	9,311	26	8,741	25	-6	
Essex	46,293	24	45,258	24	-2	
Gloucester	7,395	11	5,350	8	-28	
Hudson	31,159	24	35,570	26	14	
Hunterdon	1,522	5	2,479	10	63	
Mercer	14,049	17	12,434	16	-11	
Middlesex	19,708	11	18,640	10	-5	
Monmouth	13,440	9	13,681	10	2	
Morris	5,481	5	6,448	6	18	
Ocean	27,751	21	25,950	19	-6	
Passaic	30,891	25	33,002	27	7	
Salem	3,282	22	2,291	17	-30	
Somerset	3,728	5	5,929	8	59	
Sussex	2,540	7	2,054	7	-19	
Union	18,026	14	20,803	16	15	
Warren	2,696	11	2,531	12	-6	
New Jersey	296,198	15	308,238	16	4	

## Median Income of Families with Children

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	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	\$54,999	\$58,522	6
Bergen	\$100,756	\$117,472	17
Burlington	\$91,564	\$90,759	-1
Camden	\$73,338	\$79,071	8
Cape May	\$72,986	\$71,941	-1
Cumberland	\$50,236	\$52,610	5
Essex	\$60,302	\$60,300	0
Gloucester	\$88,032	\$95,819	9
Hudson	\$50,770	\$55,886	10
Hunterdon	\$112,196	\$120,249	7
Mercer	\$86,486	\$92,341	7
Middlesex	\$92,345	\$95,718	4
Monmouth	\$102,751	\$119,590	16
Morris	\$113,463	\$140,322	24
Ocean	\$71,626	\$77,355	8
Passaic	\$53,171	\$61,844	16
Salem	\$63,007	\$77,535	23
Somerset	\$118,356	\$130,191	10
Sussex	\$100,606	\$101,666	1
Union	\$74,835	\$78,666	5
Warren	\$87,120	\$91,982	6
New Jersey	\$81,983	\$90,270	10

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## Percentage Unemployed

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

	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	52	62	19
Bergen	48	45	-6
Burlington	54	51	-6
Camden	53	50	-6
Cape May	54	55	2
Cumberland	52	60	15
Essex	55	56	2
Gloucester	49	57	16
Hudson	45	46	2
Hunterdon	45	50	11
Mercer	49	46	-6
Middlesex	49	47	-4
Monmouth	54	52	-4
Morris	48	42	-13
Ocean	61	58	-5
Passaic	60	60	0
Salem	57	46	-19
Somerset	44	44	0
Sussex	61	51	-16
Union	50	51	2
Warren	54	47	-13
New Jersey	51	50	-2

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	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	3,746	2,629	-30
Bergen	1,954	932	-52
Burlington	2,070	1,361	-34
Camden	8,012	4,299	-46
Cape May	784	443	-43
Cumberland	2,388	1,583	-34
Essex	13,919	6,442	-54
Gloucester	2,096	1,030	-51
Hudson	7,693	3,912	-49
Hunterdon	209	67	-68
Mercer	4,010	2,098	-48
Middlesex	2,831	1,584	-44
Monmouth	1,793	615	-66
Morris	522	284	-46
Ocean	2,696	1,145	-58
Passaic	8,052	4,799	-40
Salem	893	381	-57
Somerset	885	469	-47
Sussex	346	127	-63
Union	3,241	1,751	-46
Warren	552	267	-52
New Jersey	68,692	36,218	-47

# Children Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

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

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	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	18,360	19,273	5
Bergen	14,385	14,829	3
Burlington	12,455	11,324	-9
Camden	33,444	31,826	-5
Cape May	4,318	3,845	-11
Cumberland	15,282	14,767	-3
Essex	61,225	62,327	2
Gloucester	10,589	8,987	-15
Hudson	49,507	49,140	-1
Hunterdon	1,214	1,181	-3
Mercer	15,715	15,166	-3
Middlesex	24,075	27,848	16
Monmouth	15,240	16,569	9
Morris	6,070	5,680	-6
Ocean	26,093	33,325	28
Passaic	49,777	51,768	4
Salem	4,153	3,974	-4
Somerset	5,920	5,860	-1
Sussex	2,234	1,585	-29
Union	22,622	23,858	5
Warren	3,321	3,127	-6
New Jersey	395,999	406,259	3

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

		2014		2015	%	Change
	# Cr.	Avg.	# Cr.	Avg.	# Cr.	Avg.
	Issued	Cr. Amt	Issued	Cr. Amt	Issued	Cr. Amt
Atlantic	17,217	\$603	17,399	\$932	1	55
Bergen	20,948	\$565	21,571	\$876	3	55
Burlington	13,164	\$538	13,275	\$826	1	54
Camden	25,424	\$590	26,210	\$896	3	52
Cape May	3,835	\$576	3,948	\$881	3	53
Cumberland	9,910	\$586	9,874	\$898	0	53
Essex	44,192	\$603	45,649	\$924	3	53
Gloucester	9,228	\$553	9,317	\$851	1	54
Hudson	35,887	\$625	36,533	\$965	2	54
Hunterdon	1,561	\$520	1,583	\$810	1	56
Mercer	14,456	\$573	14,948	\$888	3	55
Middlesex	27,384	\$580	28,288	\$892	3	54
Monmouth	14,182	\$571	14,374	\$876	1	53
Morris	7,719	\$546	7,812	\$844	1	55
Ocean	19,387	\$628	19,716	\$968	2	54
Passaic	31,345	\$616	32,466	\$943	4	53
Salem	2,788	\$569	2,872	\$869	3	53
Somerset	6,147	\$550	6,185	\$847	1	54
Sussex	3,104	\$529	3,092	\$822	0	55
Union	24,372	\$582	25,155	\$893	3	53
Warren	3,111	\$555	3,145	\$869	1	57
New Jersey	337,388	\$590	345,042	\$907	2	54

\*Please note that counties may not add up to N.J. totals due to a number of credits where the county of residence was unknown.

## Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

		2011		2015	%	6 Change
	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.
Atlantic	25,771	\$2,290	26,498	\$2,496	3	9
Bergen	40,645	\$1,936	43,628	\$2,068	7	7
Burlington	22,392	\$1,927	23,628	\$2,115	6	10
Camden	40,622	\$2,220	43,406	\$2,414	7	9
Cape May	6,660	\$1,979	6,925	\$2,159	4	9
Cumberland	14,915	\$2,337	14,969	\$2,536	0	9
Essex	77,447	\$2,388	79,146	\$2,601	2	9
Gloucester	14,079	\$2,002	14,937	\$2,201	6	10
Hudson	63,911	\$2,288	65,039	\$2,465	2	8
Hunterdon	2,978	\$1,503	3,062	\$1,672	3	11
Mercer	22,145	\$2,122	24,199	\$2,352	9	11
Middlesex	44,685	\$2,106	48,639	\$2,259	9	7
Monmouth	26,226	\$1,866	27,764	\$2,027	6	9
Morris	14,170	\$1,752	14,820	\$1,890	5	8
Ocean	29,224	\$2,214	31,602	\$2,403	8	9
Passaic	49,985	\$2,383	53,202	\$2,575	6	8
Salem	4,738	\$2,081	4,939	\$2,328	4	12
Somerset	9,320	\$1,843	10,194	\$2,026	9	10
Sussex	5,375	\$1,766	5,816	\$1,873	8	6
Union	42,300	\$2,198	44,540	\$2,398	5	9
Warren	5,306	\$1,980	5,424	\$2,136	2	8
New Jersey	562,894	\$2,170	592,377	\$2,353	5	8

## Section 3 Child Health

#### **Number of Infant Deaths** % Change 2010 2014 Atlantic 27 20 -26 Bergen 16 28 75 Burlington 35 24 -31 Camden 49 46 -6 Cape May 4 4 0 Cumberland 21 8 -62 Essex 72 73 1 Gloucester 16 12 -25 Hudson 34 36 6 Hunterdon 2 2 0 Mercer 38 27 -29 Middlesex 47 35 -26 Monmouth 26 24 -8 Morris 17 13 -24 Ocean 15 24 60 Passaic 30 31 3 7 Salem 4 -43 Somerset 6 14 133 Sussex 10 2 -80 Union 38 23 -39 3 Warren 5 67 455 -11 New Jersey 513

#### Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights

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	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	8.3	8.7	5
Bergen	7.8	7.6	-3
Burlington	8.9	8.2	-8
Camden	9.3	9.0	-3
Cape May	6.1	6.5	7
Cumberland	10.8	9.3	-14
Essex	10.1	9.2	-9
Gloucester	8.0	8.0	0
Hudson	8.7	8.9	2
Hunterdon	8.3	6.4	-23
Mercer	8.7	8.4	-3
Middlesex	8.0	7.5	-6
Monmouth	7.7	6.8	-12
Morris	7.7	6.9	-10
Ocean	6.5	6.3	-3
Passaic	9.3	8.8	-5
Salem	8.0	9.1	14
Somerset	8.4	8.5	1
Sussex	7.8	5.6	-28
Union	8.4	8.6	2
Warren	7.5	7.3	-3
New Jersey	8.4	8.1	-4

## Child Health 3

Percentage of	women Receiving	Early Prena	ital Lare
	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	74.3	72.2	-3
Bergen	81.2	76.4	-6
Burlington	85.7	77.6	-9
Camden	78.9	74.8	-5
Cape May	80.6	73.1	-9
Cumberland	71.4	69.4	-3
Essex	68.0	65.3	-4
Gloucester	81.4	76.7	-6
Hudson	67.2	62.7	-7
Hunterdon	92.8	83.5	-10
Mercer	73.0	63.7	-13
Middlesex	86.2	78.4	-9
Monmouth	82.5	81.2	-2
Morris	91.1	82.3	-10
Ocean	78.4	79.3	1
Passaic	77.4	71.6	-7
Salem	70.3	55.6	-21
Somerset	91.2	82.7	-9
Sussex	88.6	81.4	-8
Union	78.5	74.2	-5
Warren	86.0	69.9	-19
New Jersey	78.6	73.6	-6

#### Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

## Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare

	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	27,751	31,864	15
Bergen	40,609	45,866	13
Burlington	25,213	27,950	11
Camden	52,272	58,474	12
Cape May	7,846	8,091	3
Cumberland	22,202	24,252	9
Essex	98,398	98,386	0
Gloucester	18,610	20,714	11
Hudson	79,092	84,184	6
Hunterdon	2,940	3,664	25
Mercer	29,402	33,353	13
Middlesex	56,201	60,729	8
Monmouth	32,458	36,848	14
Morris	15,403	17,011	10
Ocean	55,280	69,823	26
Passaic	68,457	72,920	7
Salem	6,466	6,621	2
Somerset	12,944	15,079	16
Sussex	5,808	6,107	5
Union	51,498	56,559	10
Warren	5,730	6,860	20
New Jersey	714,580	785,355	10

# 3 Child Health

## Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance

	•	2011		2015	% Change
	#	%	#	%	#
Atlantic	4,744	7.5	2,174	3.6	-54
Bergen	8,504	4.2	7,435	3.7	-13
Burlington	6,350	6.3	2,039	2.1	-68
Camden	4,137	3.4	2,953	2.5	-29
Cape May	1,028	5.8	676	4.1	-34
Cumberland	1,900	5.1	1,148	3.1	-40
Essex	14,138	7.3	11,613	6.1	-18
Gloucester	2,408	3.5	3,265	5.0	36
Hudson	11,368	8.6	7,017	5.2	-38
Hunterdon	163	0.6	524	2.0	221
Mercer	2,377	2.9	2,121	2.6	-11
Middlesex	11,812	6.4	7,062	3.8	-40
Monmouth	5,293	3.6	3,777	2.7	-29
Morris	3,994	3.5	2,106	1.9	-47
Ocean	4,362	3.2	5,146	3.7	18
Passaic	8,727	7.1	4,597	3.7	-47
Salem	1,000	6.6	261	1.9	-74
Somerset	2,921	3.7	1,724	2.3	-41
Sussex	1,122	3.3	574	1.9	-49
Union	7,785	6.0	7,875	6.0	1
Warren	1,032	4.2	507	2.3	-51
New Jersey	105,165	5.2	74,594	3.7	-29

## Percentage of Children < 6 Years Old Tested for Lead

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	2012	2015	% Change
Atlantic	27.7	24.5	-12
Bergen	21.3	20.4	-4
Burlington	11.0	11.3	3
Camden	15.3	13.8	-10
Cape May	15.7	12.8	-18
Cumberland	26.9	23.6	-12
Essex	41.5	40.4	-3
Gloucester	8.7	7.2	-17
Hudson	38.4	37.4	-3
Hunterdon	12.5	13.4	7
Mercer	25.6	23.7	-7
Middlesex	21.7	20.4	-6
Monmouth	17.4	17.4	0
Morris	13.6	11.5	-15
Ocean	26.5	23.9	-10
Passaic	38.2	35.9	-6
Salem	18.7	17.4	-7
Somerset	13.0	12.4	-5
Sussex	13.3	10.8	-19
Union	33.4	33.0	-1
Warren	15.0	14.0	-7
New Jersey	28.1	26.5	-6

## Child Health 3

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	2012	2015	% Change
Atlantic	5.0	4.6	-8
Bergen	2.4	1.8	-25
Burlington	3.5	1.9	-46
Camden	3.6	2.6	-28
Cape May	5.3	3.0	-43
Cumberland	7.1	5.6	-21
Essex	6.6	5.2	-21
Gloucester	2.9	2.8	-3
Hudson	3.3	2.9	-12
Hunterdon	4.0	1.8	-55
Mercer	4.8	4.0	-17
Middlesex	2.6	2.6	0
Monmouth	2.7	2.6	-4
Morris	2.0	2.0	0
Ocean	2.0	1.0	-50
Passaic	5.0	3.8	-24
Salem	8.0	10.3	29
Somerset	2.0	1.7	-15
Sussex	1.4	1.7	21
Union	3.9	3.1	-21
Warren	3.9	4.0	3
New Jersey	3.8	3.1	-18

#### Percentage of Children Tested < 6 Years Old with Blood Lead Levels ≥ 5 Micrograms/Deciliter

## Section 4 Child Protection

#### Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

Number of children Reported for Abuse/Reglect			
	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	4,388	3,998	-9
Bergen	4,816	4,751	-1
Burlington	4,767	4,692	-2
Camden	8,463	8,296	-2
Cape May	1,591	1,352	-15
Cumberland	3,391	3,553	5
Essex	9,584	10,044	5
Gloucester	3,888	4,030	4
Hudson	6,780	6,115	-10
Hunterdon	847	668	-21
Mercer	4,156	3,950	-5
Middlesex	6,224	6,183	-1
Monmouth	5,457	5,381	-1
Morris	3,343	2,937	-12
Ocean	6,309	6,131	-3
Passaic	5,982	6,349	6
Salem	1,403	1,370	-2
Somerset	2,391	2,316	-3
Sussex	1,744	1,495	-14
Union	4,580	4,200	-8
Warren	1,485	1,556	5
New Jersey	91,680	89,441	-2

\*Please note that totals for counties may not equal state totals due to cases where county of incident was not identified at the time of the report.

#### Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/ Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

Established i fila	ings of Abuse	negicei	
	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	8.5	13.2	55
Bergen	14.1	9.4	-33
Burlington	9.5	13.7	44
Camden	12.1	13.4	11
Cape May	12.8	16.3	27
Cumberland	8.7	13.1	51
Essex	12.2	10.8	-11
Gloucester	10.9	15.6	43
Hudson	13.9	9.5	-32
Hunterdon	16.2	16.2	0
Mercer	8.8	9.7	10
Middlesex	9.2	6.6	-28
Monmouth	9.5	7.7	-19
Morris	9.3	9.8	5
Ocean	4.5	6.5	44
Passaic	7.2	9.8	36
Salem	6.7	12.0	79
Somerset	8.6	6.6	-23
Sussex	11.0	8.4	-24
Union	12.4	10.5	-15
Warren	9.6	11.1	16
New Jersey	10.3	10.5	2

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## Child Protection

Findings of Abus	e/Negleci		
	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	373	526	41
Bergen	681	445	-35
Burlington	454	642	41
Camden	1,027	1,110	8
Cape May	204	220	8
Cumberland	294	466	59
Essex	1,167	1,084	-7
Gloucester	422	627	49
Hudson	945	581	-39
Hunterdon	137	108	-21
Mercer	365	385	5
Middlesex	570	406	-29
Monmouth	518	413	-20
Morris	312	288	-8
Ocean	287	400	39
Passaic	432	624	44
Salem	94	165	76
Somerset	206	154	-25
Sussex	191	125	-35
Union	567	441	-22
Warren	142	173	22
New Jersey	9,414	9,397	0

#### Number of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect\*

Number of Children i	n Out-of-Home	CP&P	Placements*
	2012	2016	% Change

	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	408	425	4
Bergen	374	273	-27
Burlington	450	343	-24
Camden	736	578	-21
Cape May	167	182	9
Cumberland	207	310	50
Essex	1,267	1,065	-16
Gloucester	331	426	29
Hudson	549	445	-19
Hunterdon	46	17	-63
Mercer	303	382	26
Middlesex	357	321	-10
Monmouth	333	319	-4
Morris	184	142	-23
Ocean	379	429	13
Passaic	391	323	-17
Salem	114	66	-42
Somerset	149	124	-17
Sussex	74	60	-19
Union	413	324	-22
Warren	115	89	-23
New Jersey	7,361	6,663	-9

\*Please note that totals for counties may not equal state totals due to cases where a county of assignment could not be identified at the time of the data extract.

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## Early Care and Education

## Children Enrolled in State-Funded Preschool

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	2011-2012	2015-2016	% Change
Atlantic	1,514	1,617	7
Bergen	1,320	1,331	1
Burlington	1,342	1,158	-14
Camden	3,157	3,413	8
Cape May	463	440	-5
Cumberland	3,269	3,198	-2
Essex	9,656	10,206	6
Gloucester	753	741	-2
Hudson	9,470	9,384	-1
Hunterdon	18	16	-11
Mercer	2,117	2,069	-2
Middlesex	3,120	3,260	4
Monmouth	2,378	2,293	-4
Morris	246	184	-25
Ocean	654	727	11
Passaic	5,243	5,320	1
Salem	424	417	-2
Somerset	501	510	2
Sussex	0	0	0
Union	5,660	5,335	-6
Warren	337	333	-1
New Jersey	51,642	51,952	1

## Public Kindergarten Enrollment

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	2011-2012	2015-2016	% Change
Atlantic	3,170	2,943	-7
Bergen	8,612	8,955	4
Burlington	4,656	4,398	-6
Camden	5,751	5,797	1
Cape May	937	888	-5
Cumberland	1,687	2,200	30
Essex	9,765	9,980	2
Gloucester	3,173	3,185	0
Hudson	6,650	6,951	5
Hunterdon	1,270	1,167	-8
Mercer	4,238	4,135	-2
Middlesex	8,037	7,984	-1
Monmouth	6,239	5,772	-7
Morris	4,521	4,764	5
Ocean	4,855	4,454	-8
Passaic	5,976	5,996	0
Salem	786	738	-6
Somerset	3,179	3,020	-5
Sussex	1,367	1,268	-7
Union	5,892	6,067	3
Warren	1,177	1,041	-12
New Jersey	91,938	91,703	0

## Early Care and Education **5**

Licenseu cintu ca	are centers		
	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	97	91	-6
Bergen	423	413	-2
Burlington	150	134	-11
Camden	221	210	-5
Cape May	28	26	-7
Cumberland	63	56	-11
Essex	533	461	-14
Gloucester	128	125	-2
Hudson	306	336	10
Hunterdon	77	68	-12
Mercer	216	202	-6
Middlesex	314	314	0
Monmouth	286	275	-4
Morris	263	243	-8
Ocean	152	141	-7
Passaic	229	222	-3
Salem	22	24	9
Somerset	176	167	-5
Sussex	73	66	-10
Union	281	272	-3
Warren	46	50	9
New Jersey	4,084	3,896	-5

#### **Licensed Child Care Centers**

#### **Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers**

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	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	5,896	6,273	6
Bergen	38,278	38,792	1
Burlington	12,881	12,517	-3
Camden	19,820	19,662	-1
Cape May	1,394	1,427	2
Cumberland	6,528	6,448	-1
Essex	46,201	41,960	-9
Gloucester	9,162	9,557	4
Hudson	21,839	26,180	20
Hunterdon	6,970	6,167	-12
Mercer	19,812	19,566	-1
Middlesex	28,752	29,888	4
Monmouth	23,899	25,154	5
Morris	21,495	20,922	-3
Ocean	11,410	11,447	0
Passaic	22,094	21,834	-1
Salem	1,464	1,727	18
Somerset	19,687	18,946	-4
Sussex	4,118	3,812	-7
Union	23,747	24,087	1
Warren	2,634	3,197	21
New Jersey	348,081	349,563	0.4

# **5** Early Care and Education

Young Chil	dren with Parents in	n the Labor Force - 2015
	# Children 0 - 5	% of Children 0 - 5
	with All in Labor Force	with All Parents in Labor Force
Atlantic	12,015	65
Bergen	38,930	64
Burlington	18,630	68
Camden	28,630	76
Cape May	3,092	76
Cumberland	7,219	68
Essex	44,569	75
Gloucester	12,464	68
Hudson	34,198	65
Hunterdon	3,796	67
Mercer	15,715	63
Middlesex	34,879	61
Monmouth	25,129	67
Morris	21,651	71
Ocean	27,639	61
Passaic	24,414	58
Salem	2,428	60
Somerset	13,133	64
Sussex	4,806	63
Union	29,599	70
Warren	3,543	60
New Jersey	406,479	66

## Section 6 School Children

# Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast\*

School Dicakiast			
	2011-12	2015-16	% Change
Atlantic	8,969	10,842	21
Bergen	5,791	5,795	0
Burlington	3,074	4,660	52
Camden	10,776	18,369	70
Cape May	2,109	2,178	3
Cumberland	9,918	10,782	9
Essex	33,174	35,782	8
Gloucester	3,064	4,750	55
Hudson	13,573	33,650	148
Hunterdon	21	41	95
Mercer	5,616	6,830	22
Middlesex	13,716	19,753	44
Monmouth	5,657	7,485	32
Morris	1,477	1,710	16
Ocean	5,643	9,250	64
Passaic	11,701	29,705	154
Salem	1,200	2,165	80
Somerset	1,420	4,103	189
Sussex	374	593	59
Union	14,611	19,195	31
Warren	982	1,271	29
New Jersey	152,866	228,909	50

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

	2011-12	2015-16	% Change
Atlantic	39	46	18
Bergen	29	26	-10
Burlington	27	36	33
Camden	33	49	48
Cape May	56	52	-7
Cumberland	55	55	0
Essex	56	54	-4
Gloucester	33	39	18
Hudson	24	55	129
Hunterdon	16	16	0
Mercer	37	32	-14
Middlesex	43	47	9
Monmouth	39	41	5
Morris	35	32	-9
Ocean	31	39	26
Passaic	29	57	97
Salem	27	47	74
Somerset	19	49	158
Sussex	25	26	4
Union	38	45	18
Warren	41	37	-10
New Jersey	37	47	27

\*Please note that county figures represent only those districts with 20 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast. Statewide figure represents the sum of the districts with 20 percent or more eligible students for each county.

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 3rd Grade PARCC Exams

Expectations on a	ia oraac i Aito		
2015-16	ELA	Math	
Atlantic	38	44	
Bergen	62	66	
Burlington	46	50	
Camden	40	43	
Cape May	41	45	
Cumberland	24	28	
Essex	45	48	
Gloucester	49	52	
Hudson	38	40	
Hunterdon	57	65	
Mercer	48	51	
Middlesex	51	57	
Monmouth	53	59	
Morris	62	67	
Ocean	43	47	
Passaic	35	41	
Salem	40	47	
Somerset	56	64	
Sussex	53	55	
Union	45	50	
Warren	46	53	
New Jersey	48	52	

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 4th Grade PARCC Exams

Expectations on 4th orace PARCE Exams				
2015-16	ELA	Math		
Atlantic	44	35		
Bergen	69	60		
Burlington	52	44		
Camden	45	35		
Cape May	49	42		
Cumberland	26	21		
Essex	49	41		
Gloucester	50	44		
Hudson	45	35		
Hunterdon	67	62		
Mercer	53	47		
Middlesex	58	54		
Monmouth	59	53		
Morris	70	62		
Ocean	49	42		
Passaic	40	34		
Salem	48	40		
Somerset	62	61		
Sussex	61	52		
Union	53	48		
Warren	56	45		
New Jersey	54	47		

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding	
Expectations on 7th Grade PARCC Exams	

Expectations on 7	III OI aue FARCC		
2015-16	ELA	Math	
Atlantic	47	32	
Bergen	69	50	
Burlington	53	38	
Camden	43	30	
Cape May	51	38	
Cumberland	33	19	
Essex	51	33	
Gloucester	52	35	
Hudson	49	30	
Hunterdon	77	60	
Mercer	53	36	
Middlesex	59	42	
Monmouth	64	45	
Morris	72	53	
Ocean	52	35	
Passaic	47	31	
Salem	44	30	
Somerset	67	46	
Sussex	61	38	
Union	56	36	
Warren	58	38	
New Jersey	56	39	

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on High School English Language Arts PARCC Exams

2015-16	10th Grade	11th Grade	
Atlantic	41	34	
Bergen	55	49	
Burlington	42	28	
Camden	33	32	
Cape May	37	32	
Cumberland	30	34	
Essex	39	36	
Gloucester	35	31	
Hudson	41	52	
Hunterdon	67	60	
Mercer	46	39	
Middlesex	48	39	
Monmouth	45	36	
Morris	51	45	
Ocean	40	35	
Passaic	35	37	
Salem	32	39	
Somerset	60	50	
Sussex	48	35	
Union	46	45	
Warren	46	49	
New Jersey	44	40	

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on High School Math PARCC Exams

2015-16	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II
Atlantic	35	20	17
Bergen	53	37	37
Burlington	40	23	25
Camden	36	20	14
Cape May	34	14	21
Cumberland	26	12	10
Essex	36	22	16
Gloucester	40	22	22
Hudson	31	15	16
Hunterdon	59	54	50
Mercer	41	34	36
Middlesex	42	29	30
Monmouth	49	30	28
Morris	59	36	33
Ocean	37	24	19
Passaic	30	18	15
Salem	35	19	11
Somerset	55	45	42
Sussex	40	24	21
Union	35	27	22
Warren	38	27	25
New Jersey	41	27	25

#### Chronically Absent Students, Grades K-12, 2014-15

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Total # of Students	% of Students
	Chronically Absent
,	13
9,046	7
6,518	10
9,940	13
1,412	12
3,943	15
18,858	15
3,911	8
9,472	12
953	5
6,960	12
10,284	8
8,766	9
4,122	5
8,954	13
11,460	14
1,327	13
2,904	5
2,246	11
8,933	10
1,268	8
136,744	10
	Total # of Students Chronically Absent           5,467           9,046           6,518           9,940           1,412           3,943           18,858           3,911           9,472           953           6,960           10,284           8,766           4,122           8,954           11,460           1,327           2,904           2,246           8,933           1,268

## High School Graduation Rates, 2015-16

Atlantic	90	
Bergen	95	
Burlington	94	
Camden	89	
Cape May	88	
Cumberland	82	
Essex	84	
Gloucester	92	
Hudson	83	
Hunterdon	97	
Mercer	89	
Middlesex	91	
Monmouth	94	
Morris	95	
Ocean	91	
Passaic	86	
Salem	88	
Somerset	94	
Sussex	94	
Union	89	
Warren	94	
New Jersey	90	

# Teens and Young Adults

# Teens Ages 16 to 19 Not Working and Not in School, 2011-2015

2011-2013			
	#	%	
Atlantic	1,268	9	
Bergen	2,048	4	
Burlington	1,433	6	
Camden	2,100	8	
Cape May	535	11	
Cumberland	726	10	
Essex	3,391	8	
Gloucester	783	5	
Hudson	2,097	7	
Hunterdon	500	7	
Mercer	1,297	6	
Middlesex	2,606	6	
Monmouth	1,305	4	
Morris	856	3	
Ocean	1,215	5	
Passaic	2,559	9	
Salem	341	10	
Somerset	506	3	
Sussex	415	5	
Union	1,975	7	
Warren	341	6	
New Jersey	28,297	6	

#### Percentage of Births to Females 10-19

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	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	8.8	4.0	-55
Bergen	1.7	1.2	-29
Burlington	4.1	3.0	-27
Camden	8.7	5.3	-39
Cape May	7.1	5.3	-25
Cumberland	12.2	7.6	-38
Essex	7.3	4.7	-36
Gloucester	4.9	2.2	-55
Hudson	4.8	3.1	-35
Hunterdon	1.9	0.9	-53
Mercer	6.5	4.7	-28
Middlesex	3.4	2.7	-21
Monmouth	3.5	1.9	-46
Morris	1.5	1.3	-13
Ocean	3.2	1.9	-41
Passaic	8.3	5.6	-33
Salem	11.2	6.5	-42
Somerset	2.1	1.7	-19
Sussex	3.7	1.7	-54
Union	5.3	3.6	-32
Warren	2.9	2.3	-21
New Jersey	5.1	3.2	-37

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	2011	2015	% Change
Atlantic	1,569	712	-55
Bergen	2,865	1,559	-46
Burlington	1,752	1,286	-27
Camden	3,692	2,885	-22
Cape May	716	505	-29
Cumberland	924	601	-35
Essex	2,679	1,942	-28
Gloucester	1,334	529	-60
Hudson	1,644	1,189	-28
Hunterdon	268	134	-50
Mercer	2,404	1,090	-55
Middlesex	1,873	1,305	-30
Monmouth	2,668	1,536	-42
Morris	1,336	746	-44
Ocean	1,653	920	-44
Passaic	2,582	1,918	-26
Salem	469	297	-37
Somerset	1,116	598	-46
Sussex	367	226	-38
Union	1,672	1,117	-33
Warren	310	174	-44
New Jersey	34,140	21,411	-37

## **Juvenile Arrests**

#### Juvenile Commitments to State Detention Centers

	2011	2015	% Change	
Atlantic	30	7	-77	
Bergen	18	7	-61	
Burlington	6	2	-67	
Camden	109	28	-74	
Cape May	1	3	200	
Cumberland	16	1	-94	
Essex	27	28	4	
Gloucester	3	0	-100	
Hudson	47	8	-83	
Hunterdon	0	1	N/A	
Mercer	25	12	-52	
Middlesex	32	3	-91	
Monmouth	12	1	-92	
Morris	7	1	-86	
Ocean	16	3	-81	
Passaic	46	8	-83	
Salem	4	0	-100	
Somerset	5	0	-100	
Sussex	1	2	100	
Union	14	12	-14	
Warren	4	1	-75	
New Jersey	423	128	-70	

# 7 Teens and Young Adults

#### **Admissions to Juvenile County Detention**

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	2014	2015	% Change	
Atlantic	135	134	-1	
Bergen	103	117	14	
Burlington	158	124	-22	
Camden	446	356	-20	
Cape May	28	14	-50	
Cumberland	92	69	-25	
Essex	753	703	-7	
Gloucester	55	62	13	
Hudson	341	275	-19	
Hunterdon	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Mercer	178	138	-22	
Middlesex	168	188	12	
Monmouth	101	72	-29	
Morris	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Ocean	100	70	-30	
Passaic	280	242	-14	
Salem	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Somerset	37	35	-5	
Sussex	19	26	37	
Union	171	146	-15	
Warren	14	22	57	
New Jersey	3,179	2,793	-12	

\*Please note, N/A indicates counties that do not participate in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives initiative and for which data is not available.

## Data Sources and Technical Notes

### 1 | Demographics

**Total Population**, **2011**, **2015**. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

**Child Population**, **2011**, **2015**. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

## 2 | Child and Family Economics

**Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold, 2011, 2015.** The percentage of children under 18 living in families earning below 100 percent of the federal poverty threshold, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, chart B17001.

**Median Income of Families with Children, 2011, 2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

**Unemployed Rate, 2012, 2016.** As reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an unemployed person as someone who does not have a job, has actively looked for work in the prior four weeks, and is currently available for work. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for each year.

**Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30 Percent of Income on Rent, 2011, 2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070.

**Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2012, 2016.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

**Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)**, **2012**, **2016**. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

**N.J. Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19 – 2014, 2015.** Number of New Jersey taxpayers with at least one dependent under the age of 19 receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and the average credit amount, as reported by the N.J. Department of Treasury.

**Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2011, 2015.** Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and the average claim amount, as reported by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

## 3 | Child Health

**Number of Infant Deaths, 2010, 2014.** Counts of infants who die within the first year of life. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. Data retrieved April 27, 2017.

**Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweight, 2011, 2015.** The percentage of babies weighing less than 2,500 grams out of total live births for the given year, as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. Data retrieved April 27, 2017. **Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care, 2011, 2015.** Percentage of live births for which the mother received early prenatal care (onset in first trimester), as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. Data retrieved April 27, 2017.

**Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare, 2012, 2016.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services as of March for each year. Includes children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare which includes Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

**Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, 2011, 2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

**Percentage of Children < 6 Years Old Tested for Lead, 2012, 2015.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Childhood Lead Exposure reports.

Percentage of Children Tested < 6 Years Old with Blood Lead Levels  $\geq$  5 Micrograms/Deciliter, 2012, 2015. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Childhood Lead Exposure reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal to or greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) falls within the Centers for Disease Control reference levels for childhood blood lead levels.

## 4 | Child Protection

**Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2011, 2015**. The number of children who were reported for child abuse/neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families for each calendar year.

**Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/ Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2011, 2015.** Based on the number of children found to be substantiated or established victims of child abuse/neglect out of the number of children reported for abuse or neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. In 2013, the N.J. 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.

Number of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2011, 2015. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. In 2013, the N.J. 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.

**Number of Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placements, 2012, 2016.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December for each year.

## Data Sources and Technical Notes

### **5** | Early Care and Education

**State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2011-12, 2015-16.** Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in halfand full-day N.J. Department of Education approved programs, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October enrollment counts for each year. Excludes children enrolled in federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

**Public Kindergarten Enrollment, 2011-12, 2015-16.** The number of students enrolled in half- and full-day public kinder-garten, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October enrollment counts of each year.

**Licensed Child Care Centers, 2012, 2016.** The number of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31.

**Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers, 2012, 2016.** The capacity of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31.

**Young Children with Parents in the Labor Force, 2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, chart B23008. Includes children ages 0-5 in two parent households where both parents are in the labor force and children in single-parent households where that parent is in the labor force.

## 6 | School Children

**Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2011-12, 2015-16.** As reported in ACNJ's *Healthy Food, Strong Kids: Building a Community Response to Childhood Hunger*, County Profiles, October 2016. Original source data as reported by the N.J. Department of Agriculture for April 2015. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools.

**Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2011-12, 2015-16.** Rates calculated using eligibility data from the N.J. Department of Education and participation data from the N.J. Department of Agriculture, as reported in ACNJ's *Healthy Food, Strong Kids: Building a Community Response to Childhood Hunger*, County Profiles, October 2016. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools.

**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade PARCC Results, 2015-16.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage meeting or exceeding expectations are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. County percentage meeting or exceeding expectation calculated by ACNJ.

**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 4<sup>th</sup> Grade PARCC Results, 2015-16.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage meeting or exceeding expectations are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. County percentage meeting or exceeding expectation calculated by ACNJ. **Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade PARCC Results, 2015-16.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage meeting or exceeding expectations are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. County percentage meeting or exceeding expectation calculated by ACNJ.

**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts PARCC Results, 2015-16.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage meeting or exceeding expectations are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. County percentage meeting or exceeding expectation calculated by ACNJ.

**Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II PARCC Results, 2015-16.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education. Percentage meeting or exceeding expectations are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. County percentage meeting or exceeding expectation calculated by ACNJ.

**Chronically Absent Students, Grades K-12, 2014-15.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Education end of year data submission and specific district data from Community Charter School of Paterson, Closter Borough, Freehold Township, Maria Varisco-Rogers Charter School, Newark Prep Charter School, Pace Charter School of Hamilton, Palisades Park and Wharton Borough. Chronically absent students are those missing 10 percent or more of total enrolled school days, including suspensions and both excused and unexcused absences.

**High School Graduation Rates**, **2015-16**. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Data.

## 7 | Teens and Young Adults

**Teens Ages 16 to 19 Not Working and Not in School, 2011-2015.** As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14005.

**Percentage of Births to Females 10-19, 2011, 2015.** The number of babies born to females ages 10-19 as a percentage of all births in each county, as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. Data retrieved April 27, 2017.

**Juvenile Arrests, 2010, 2014.** Number of juveniles under age 18 arrested, as reported by the N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reports.

**Juvenile Commitments, 2011, 2015.** Children committed to New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission facilities. As reported by the N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission.

Admissions to Juvenile County Detention, 2014, 2015. As reported by the N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission, JDAI Annual Reports for each year. Statewide data reflects only those counties participating in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. for reference only: this is the inside back cover (this text to be deleted)



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