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Child Well-Being



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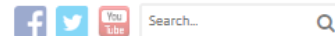
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Learn how kids from New Jersey's largest city are faring...

Newark Kids Count tracks key trends in child health and well-being. This year's program will include a special data presentation on lead poisoning prevention in Newark. Register to attend.



Think Babies and Act

On Monday, May 21st, join us to urge our policymakers to *Think Babies*, starting with an investment in quality child care.

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Right From The Start NJ

Join the campaign to ensure that every child in NJ, birth to 3, has the supports necessary for healthy growth and development.

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By The Numbers

NJ Kids Count provides statistics in key areas of child well-being to help measure progress and identify areas needing attention.

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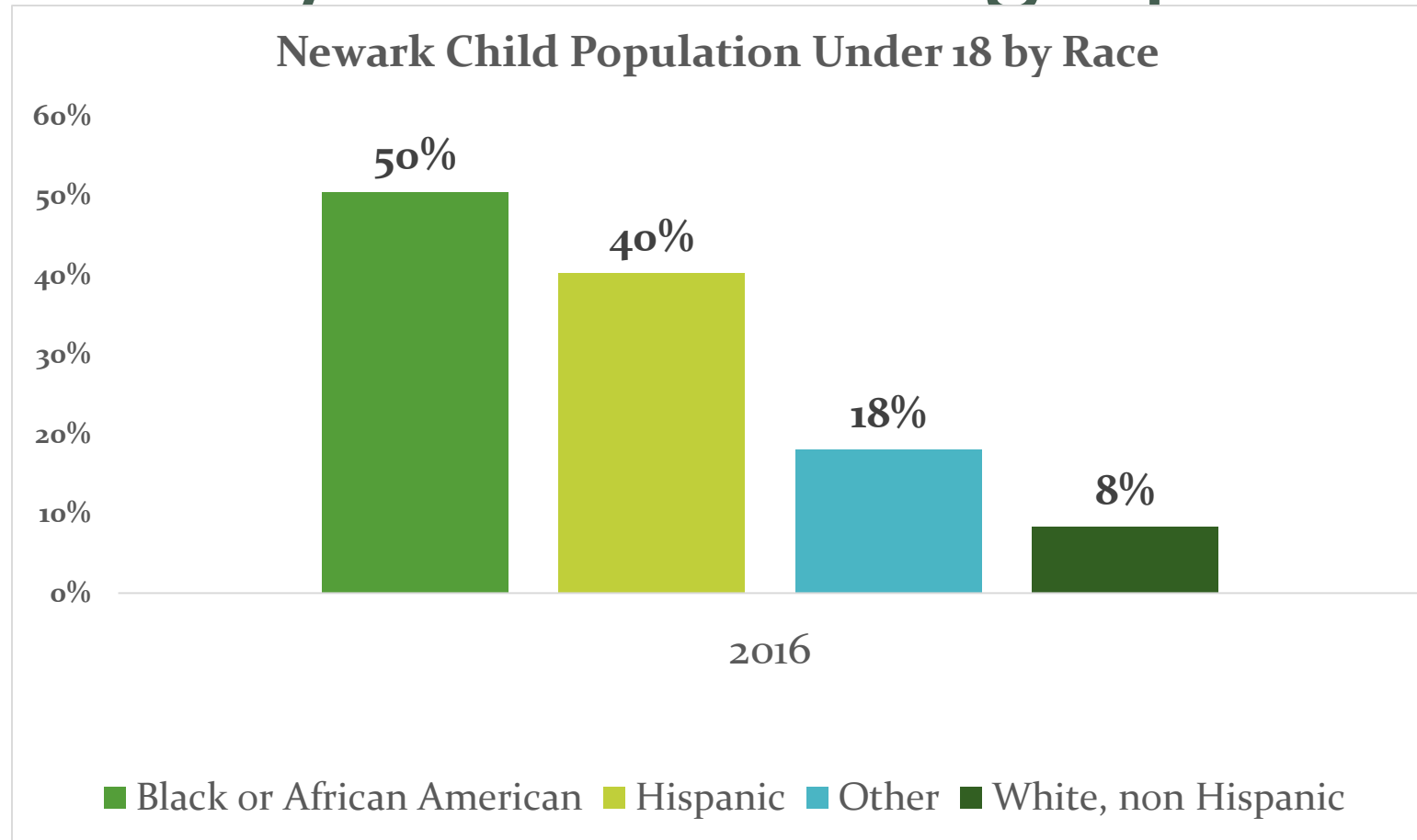
Why are statistics and data so important?

- 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

Newark Demographics

- In 2016, **65,706** children lived in Newark.
 - **3 percent** of N.J.'s overall child population, and **35 percent** of Essex.
- **8 percent** of Newark's children were born in a foreign country, compared to **6 percent** 5 years ago.

Racial/Ethnic Demographics



Economically Disadvantaged Kids

- 2016, Federal Poverty Thresholds:
 - 2 adults, 2 children
 - 50 percent: \$12,170
 - 100 percent: \$24,339
 - 200 percent: \$48,678
- **37 percent** of Newark children lived below 100 percent of the poverty threshold, and **68 percent** lived below 200 percent of threshold.
 - Compared to **15 percent** and **31 percent** for the state.

N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit

- EITC helps put money back in the pockets of struggling families.
- In 2016:
 - Close to **23,000** Newark recipients (with at least one dependent <19 yrs. old)
 - Average credit amount jumped from **\$620** in 2014 to **\$1,111** in 2016.
 - Jump in refund amount due to an increase in NJ refund as a percentage of the Federal EITC

Housing Costs

- In 2016, the median rent in Newark was **\$1,013** a month, lower than the New Jersey median figure of **\$1,244**.
- **59** percent of Newark's households spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent. **54 percent of Essex** and **49 percent** of NJ's residents can say the same.

Nutritional Benefits

- In 2017, **31,573** children received NJ SNAP, an **8 percent** decrease from 2013.
- In 2017, there were **12,137** WIC enrollees in Newark, while **10,707** individuals actually participated in WIC.

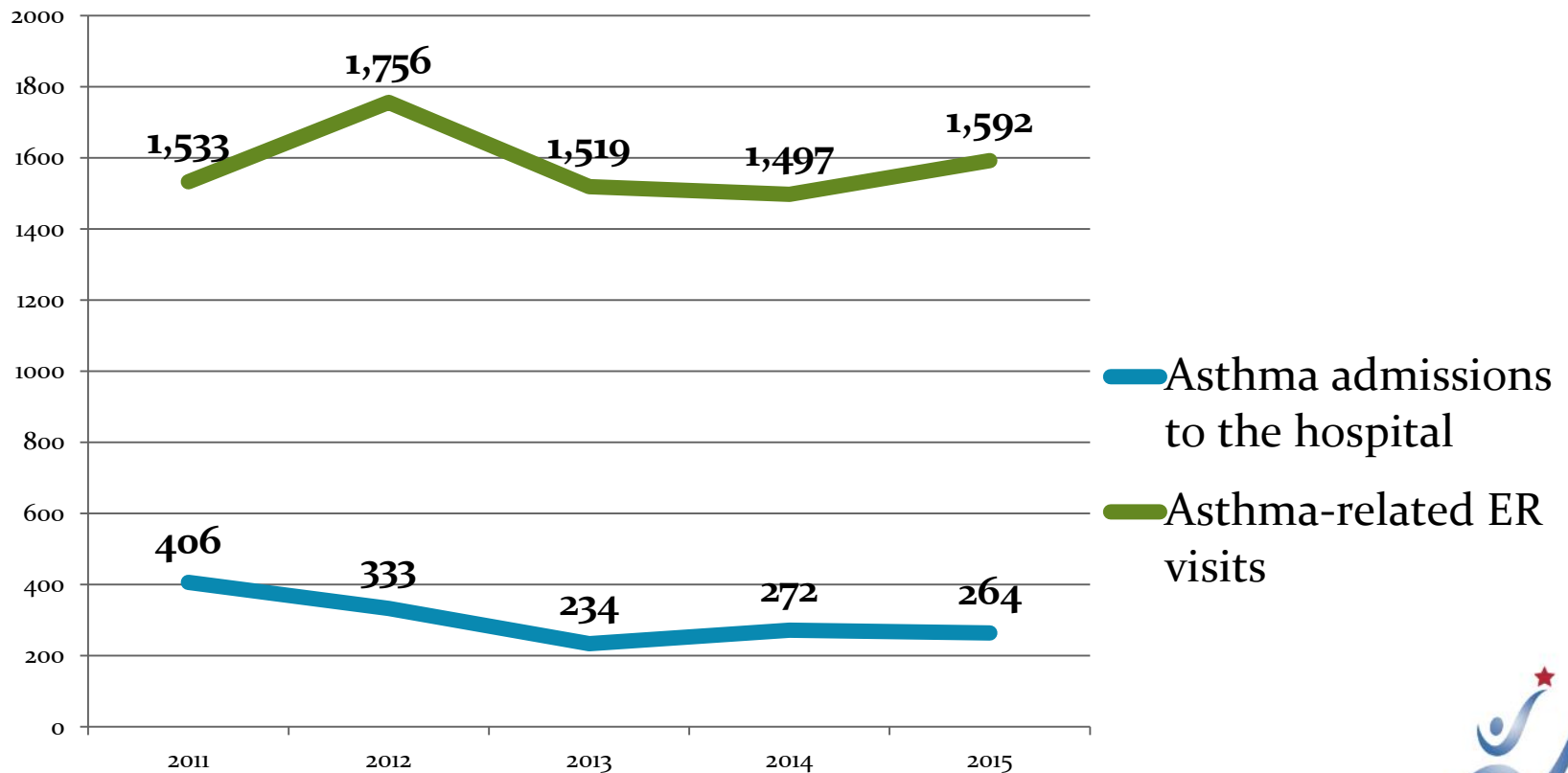


Infant Mortality

- Infant mortality rates for Newark rose in 2015 to **7.5** per 1,000 live births from **6.9** in 2011.
- Infant mortality =
 - $$\frac{\text{\# of infant deaths in a given year}}{\text{\# of live births in a given year}} \times 1000$$

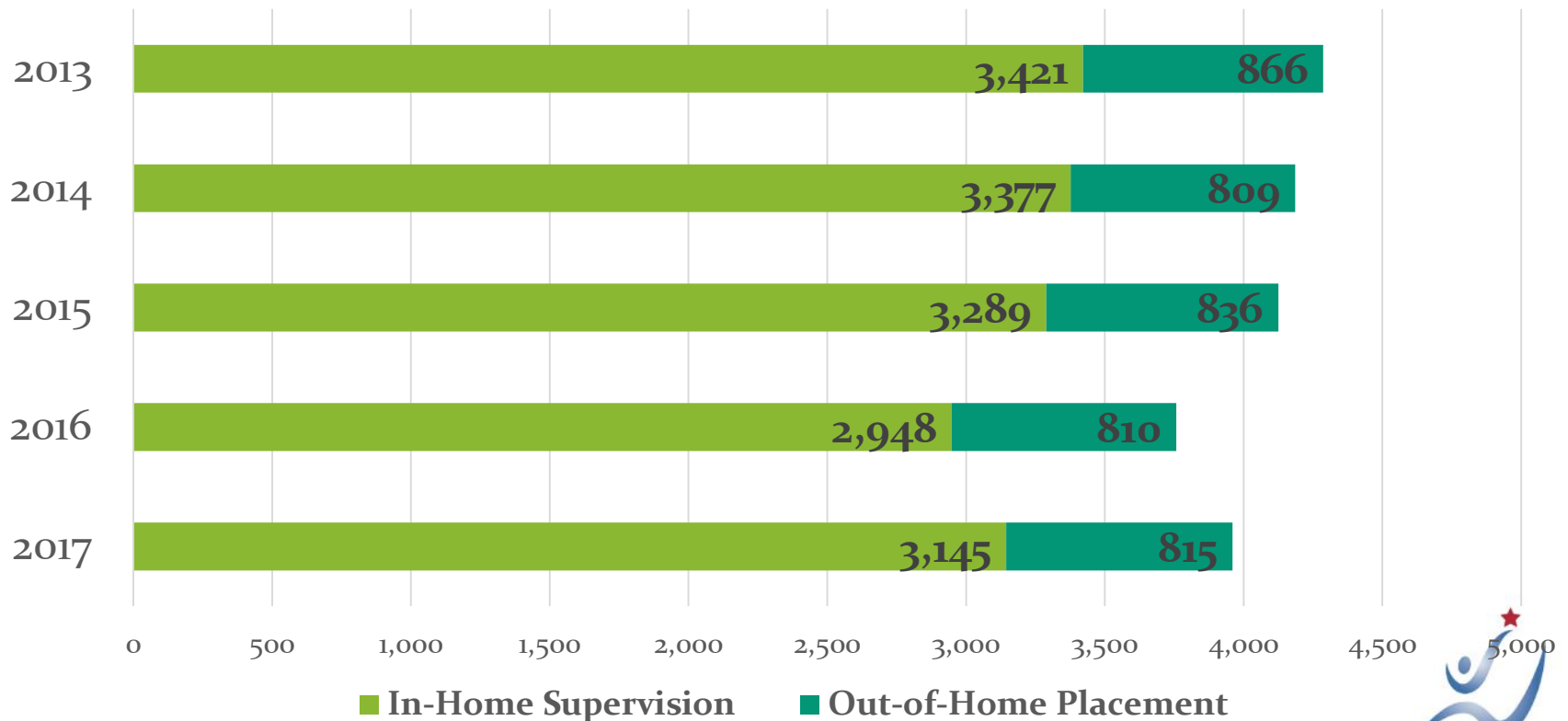
Child Asthma

Newark Asthma Related Hospital Visits (Ages 0-17)



Child Protection

Children Under Supervision



Child Care

- Fewer child care options for Newark parents in 2017.
 - Since 2013:
 - Licensed child care providers—24% decline
 - Registered family care providers—14% decline.



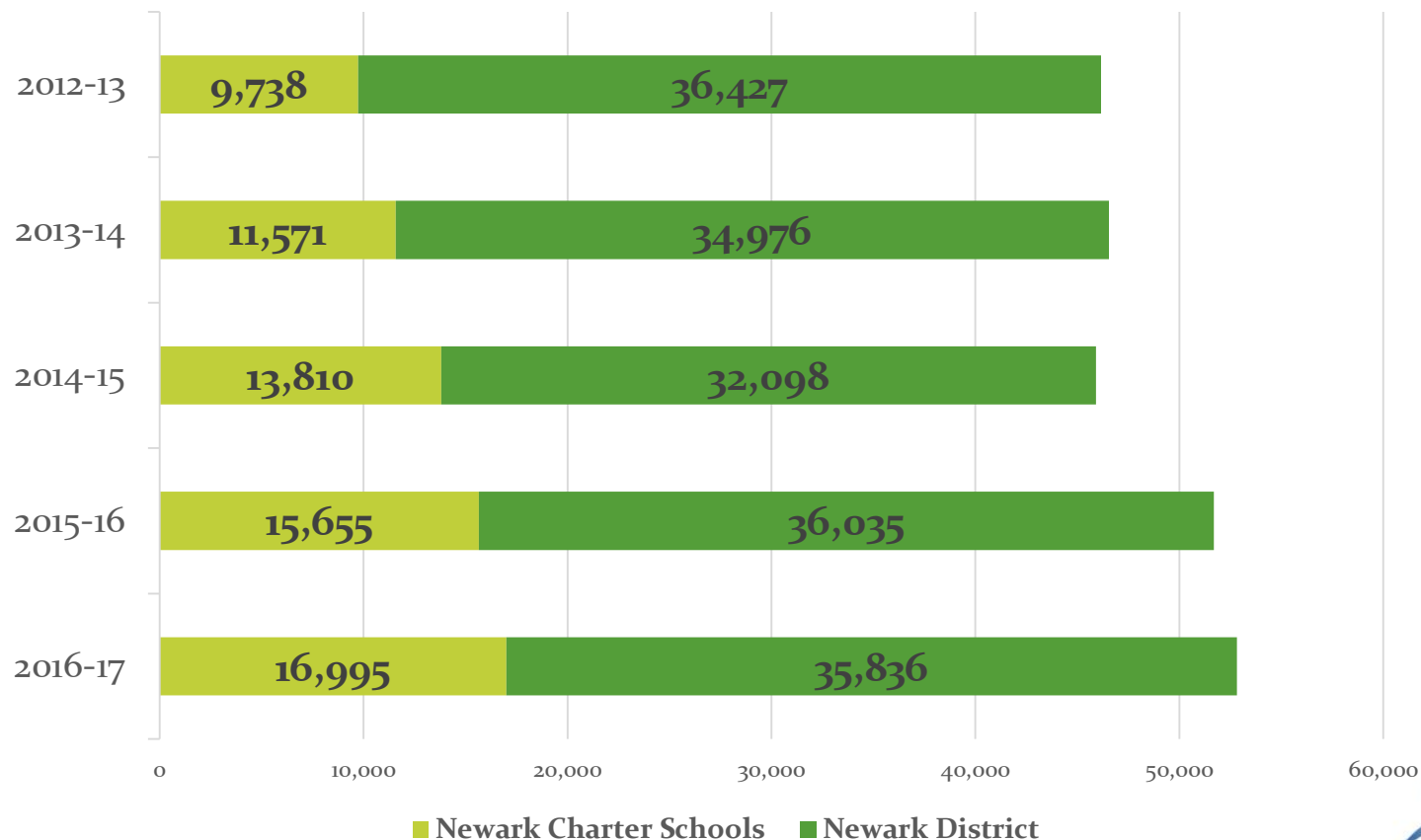
Early Childhood



- 2016-17 Newark Pre-K enrollment:
 - 7,024 students
- 2016-17 Kindergarten Enrollment:
 - 4,167 students
 - 2,423 enrolled in district schools.
 - 1,744 enrolled in charter schools.

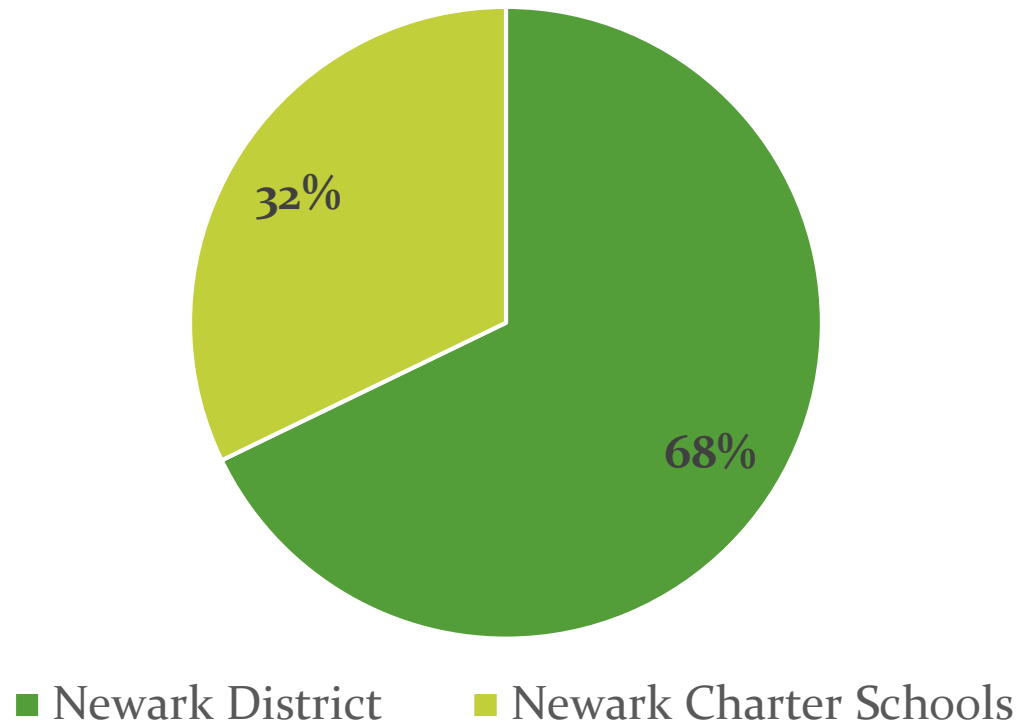
School Trends

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark



School Trends

Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2016-17

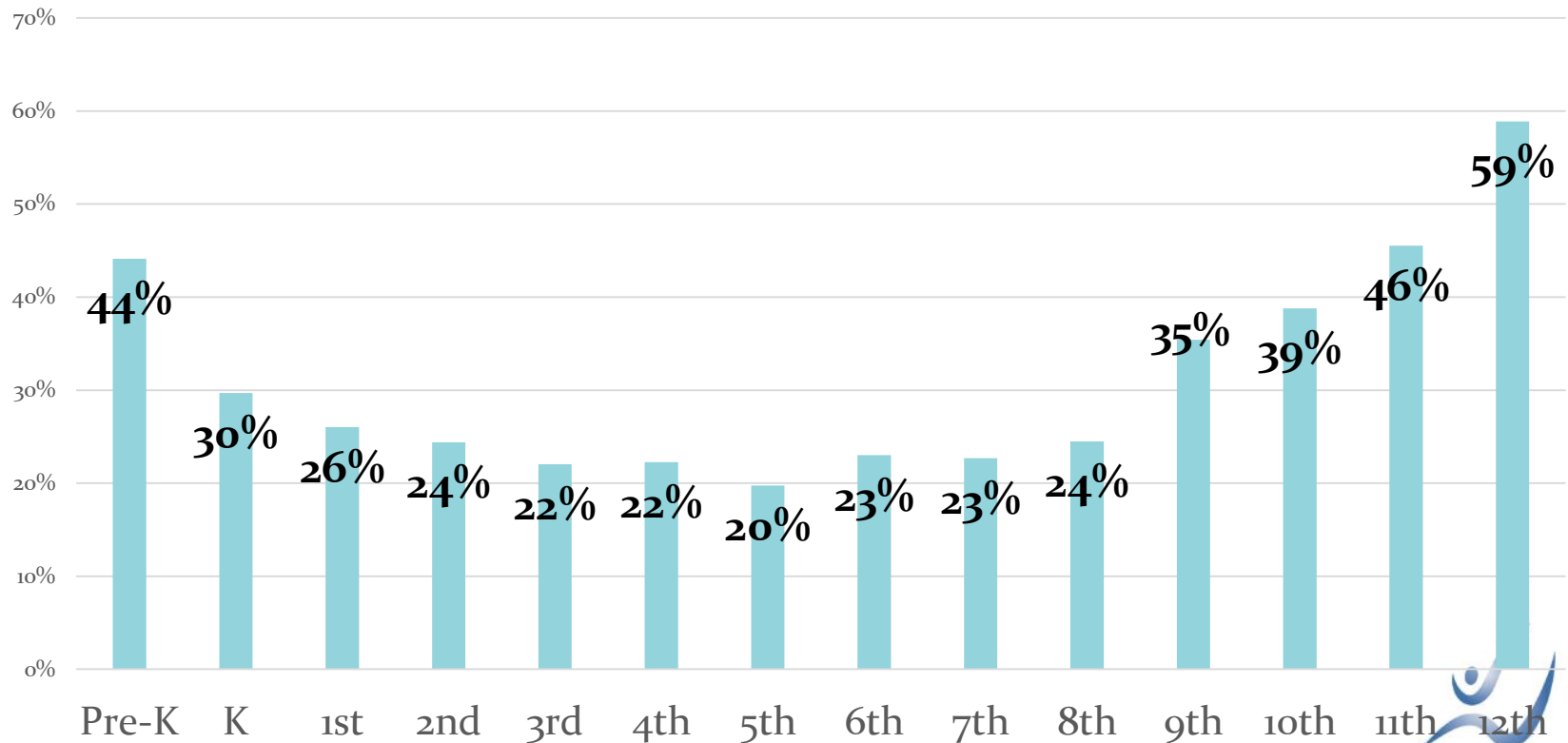


PARCC Scores

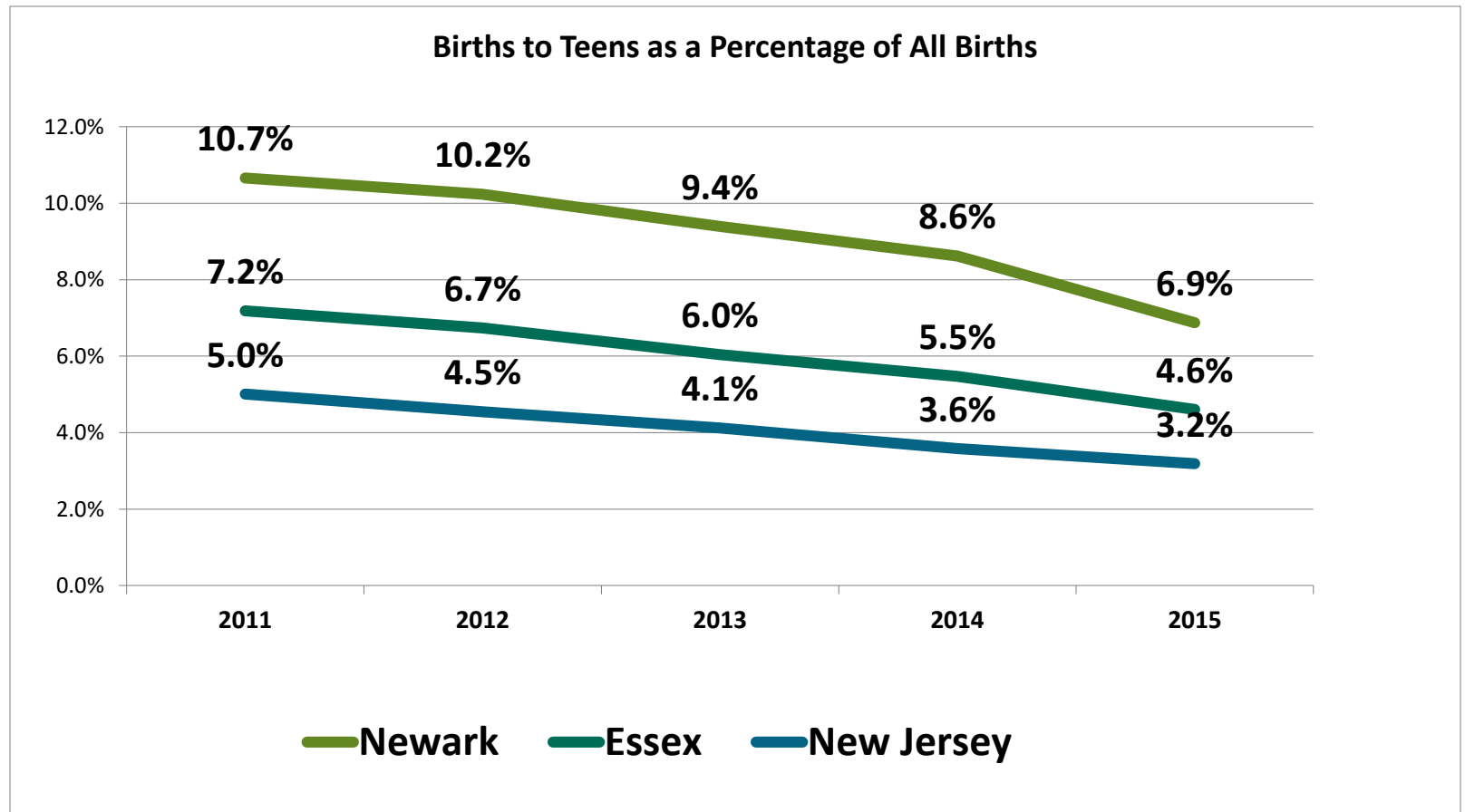
- Newark district PARCC scores below state avg. for '16-17
 - 4th Grade ELA: **30 percent** meeting or exceeding expectations, compared to **56 percent** of NJ students
- Improvement over district scores from previous year in.
 - 2015-16 3rd Grade Math: **28 percent**
 - 2016-17 3rd Grade Math: **35 percent**

Chronic Absenteeism

Percentage of NPS Students Chronically Absent by Grade, 2016-17

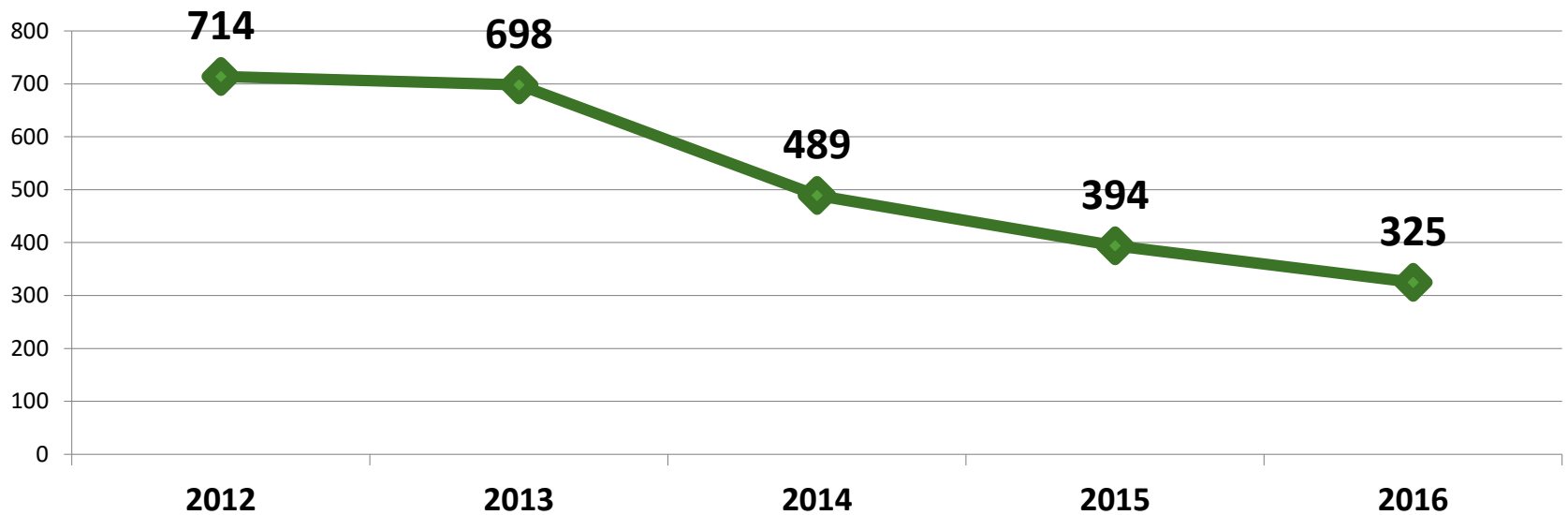


Teen Births



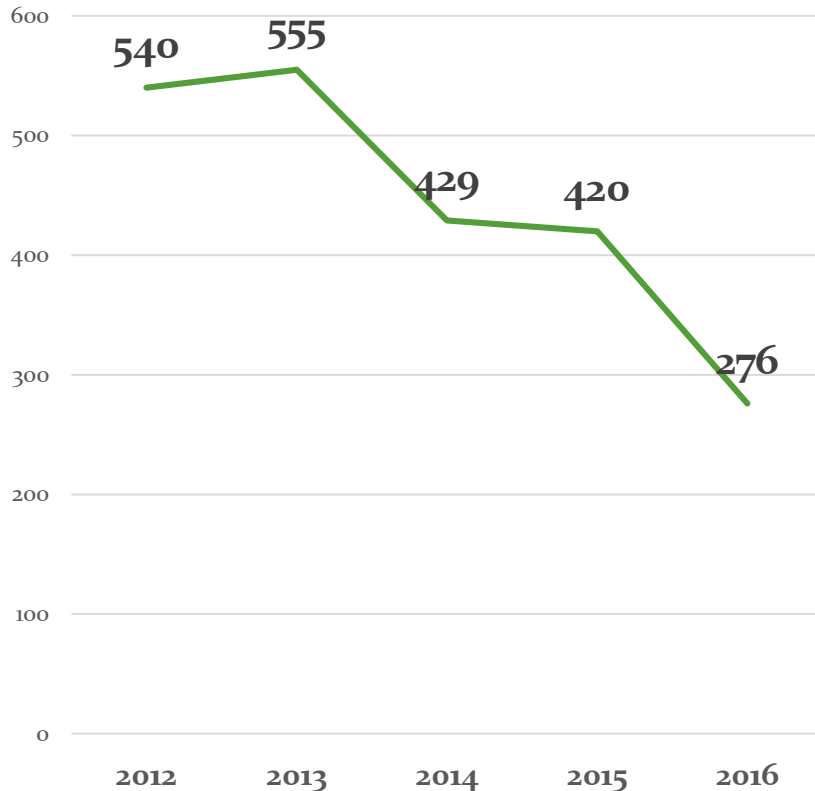
Juvenile Arrests

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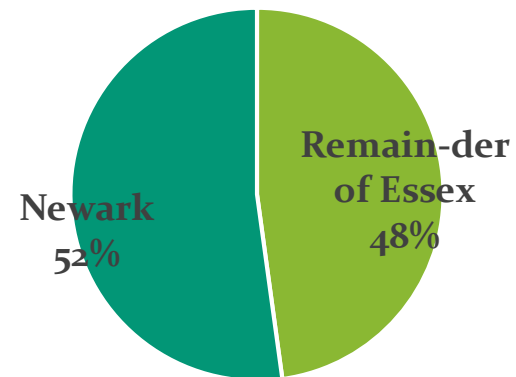


Juvenile Admissions to Detention

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2016 Admissions to Detention



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