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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.

Strolling Thunder
New Jersey

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.

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.

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

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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

Newark Child Population Under 18 by Race

- Black or African American: 50%
- Hispanic: 40%
- Other: 18%
- White, non Hispanic: 8%

2016
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 =
  - # of infant deaths in a given year \times 1000
  # of live births in a given year
Child Asthma

Newark Asthma Related Hospital Visits (Ages 0-17)

- **Asthma admissions to the hospital**
- **Asthma-related ER visits**

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Child Protection

Children Under Supervision

- **In-Home Supervision**
  - 2013: 3,421
  - 2014: 3,377
  - 2015: 3,289
  - 2016: 2,948
  - 2017: 3,145

- **Out-of-Home Placement**
  - 2013: 866
  - 2014: 809
  - 2015: 836
  - 2016: 810
  - 2017: 815

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Child Care

  - 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.

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School Trends

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

- **2012-13**: 9,738 (Pre-K-12 Charter) + 36,427 (District) = 46,165
- **2013-14**: 11,571 (Pre-K-12 Charter) + 34,976 (District) = 46,547
- **2014-15**: 13,810 (Pre-K-12 Charter) + 32,098 (District) = 45,908
- **2015-16**: 15,655 (Pre-K-12 Charter) + 36,035 (District) = 51,690
- **2016-17**: 16,995 (Pre-K-12 Charter) + 35,836 (District) = 52,831

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School Trends

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

- Newark District: 68%
- Newark Charter Schools: 32%
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

- Pre-K: 44%
- K: 30%
- 1st: 26%
- 2nd: 24%
- 3rd: 22%
- 4th: 22%
- 5th: 20%
- 6th: 23%
- 7th: 23%
- 8th: 24%
- 9th: 35%
- 10th: 39%
- 11th: 46%
- 12th: 59%

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Teen Births

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births

- Newark
- Essex
- New Jersey

2011: 10.7%
2012: 10.2%
2013: 9.4%
2014: 8.6%
2015: 6.9%

0.0% 2.0% 4.0% 6.0% 8.0% 10.0% 12.0%

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

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Juvenile Arrests

Newark Juvenile Arrests

- 2012: 714
- 2013: 698
- 2014: 489
- 2015: 394
- 2016: 325

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Juvenile Admissions to Detention

Newark Admissions to Detention

2016 Admissions to Detention

Newark 52%
Remainder of Essex 48%

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