

# Teens

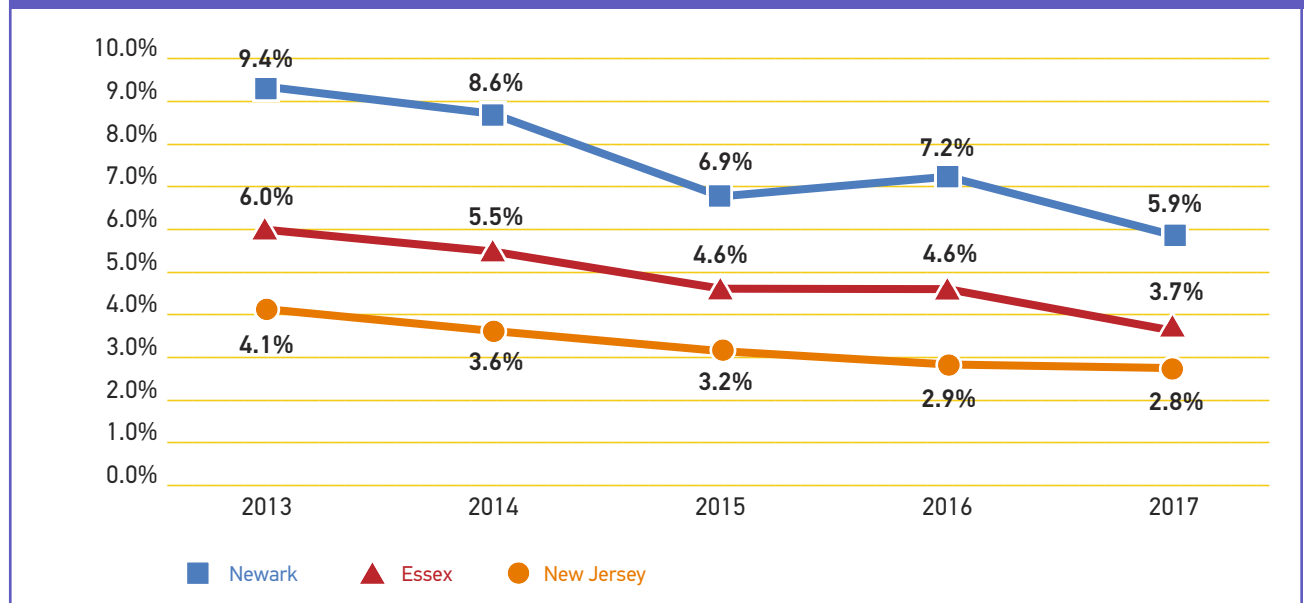
## Data Trends for Teens

Consistent with trends from previous years, the most recent data show a decline in the number of teen births and fewer juvenile arrests. Juvenile admissions to county detention continue to decrease, with 2017 admissions in Newark dropping by 45 percent from 2013 figures. Yet, Newark admissions continue to comprise more than 60 percent of Essex County’s annual juvenile detention admissions. African American youth represented 91 percent of Newark’s admissions to detention—even though only 48 percent of Newark’s population under age 18 were African American.

*Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)*

|            | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | % Change 13-17 |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Newark     | 394   | 358   | 292   | 306   | 245   | -38            |
| Essex      | 617   | 559   | 474   | 478   | 385   | -38            |
| New Jersey | 4,216 | 3,688 | 3,261 | 2,952 | 2,818 | -33            |

*Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births*



*Teen Deaths (Ages 15-19)*

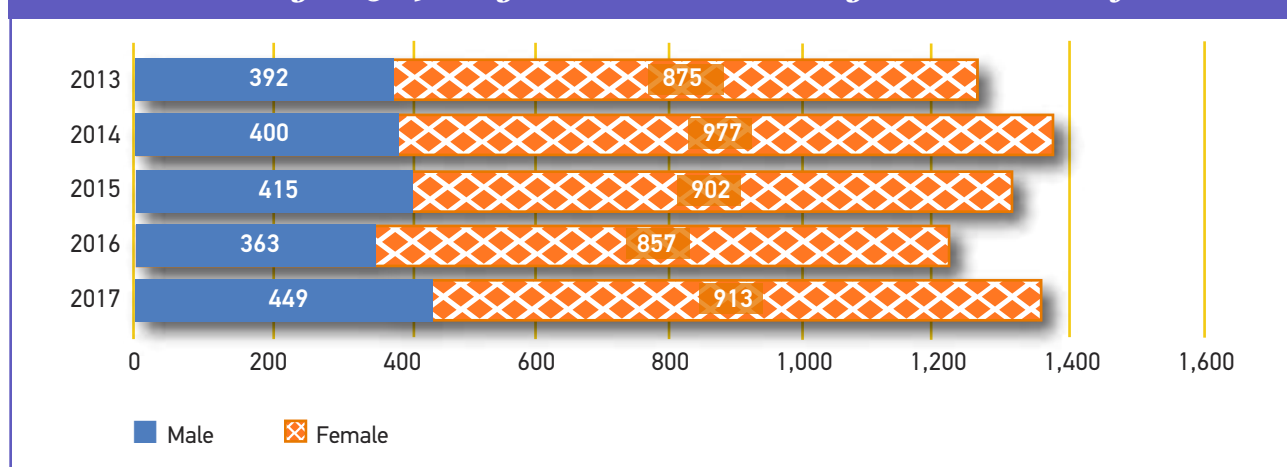
|            | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Newark     | 15   | 13   | 17   | 12   | 15   |
| Essex      | 27   | 26   | 33   | 19   | 29   |
| New Jersey | 213  | 193  | 199  | 184  | 194  |

*Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, By Gender*

|            | 2013  |        | 2014  |        | 2015  |        | 2016  |        | 2017  |        | % Change 13-17 |        |
|------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|--------|
|            | Male  | Female | Male  | Female | Male  | Female | Male  | Female | Male  | Female | Male           | Female |
| Newark     | 392   | 875    | 400   | 977    | 415   | 902    | 363   | 857    | 449   | 913    | 15             | 4      |
| Essex      | 616   | 1,407  | 651   | 1,555  | 677   | 1,530  | 601   | 1,500  | 719   | 1,523  | 17             | 8      |
| New Jersey | 1,931 | 6,497  | 2,181 | 7,204  | 2,346 | 7,140  | 2,560 | 7,915  | 2,803 | 7,930  | 45             | 22     |

*Note: Data are not comparable to prior publications due to a change in age designation.*

*Newark Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection*

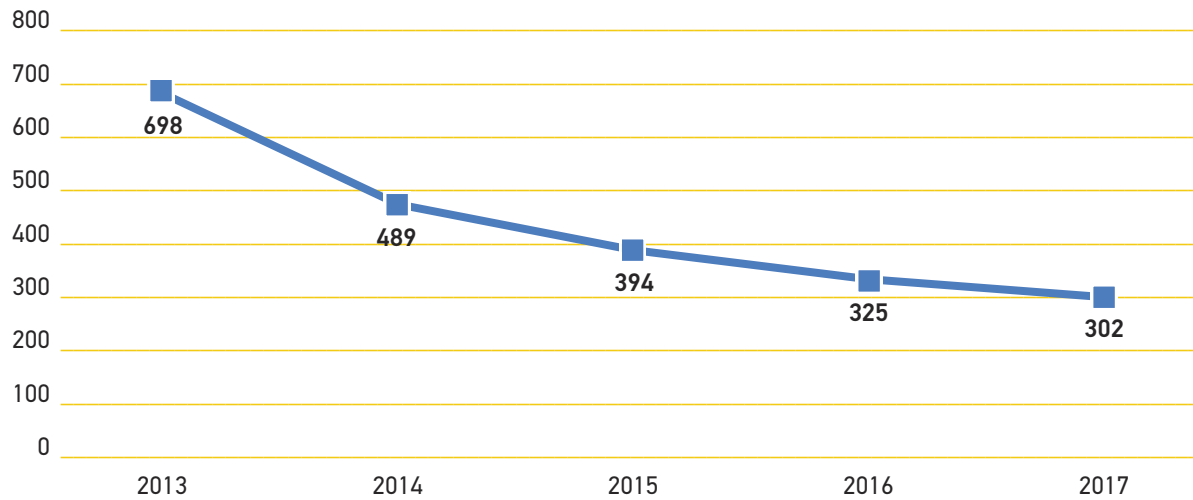


*Juvenile Arrests*

|            | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017* | % Change 13-17 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------------|
| Newark     | 698    | 489    | 394    | 325    | 302   | -57            |
| Essex      | 2,622  | 2,440  | 1,942  | 1,901  | N/A   | N/A            |
| New Jersey | 24,795 | 24,306 | 21,411 | 20,025 | N/A   | N/A            |

\* Please note that 2017 data only reported for Newark.

*Newark Juvenile Arrests*



**The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot**

The Office of Adolescent Services, within the N.J. Department of Children and Families, has a website specially geared for youth and those who work with them. The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot (<http://www.njyrs.org/>) is where youth and stakeholders can easily learn about relevant policy, resources in their communities and CP&P services for which they may be eligible. Visit the site to learn more.

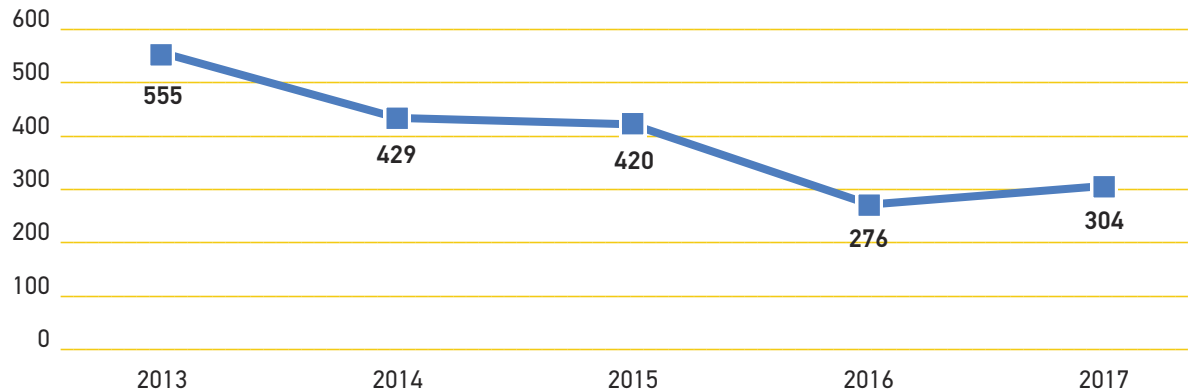
*Newark Annual Admissions to Detention*

|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | % Change 13-17 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| <b>Total Admissions:</b>                       | 555  | 429  | 420  | 276  | 304  | -45            |
| <b>By Gender:</b>                              |      |      |      |      |      |                |
| Male   | 486  | 377  | 379  | 248  | 268  | -45            |
| Female   | 69   | 52   | 41   | 28   | 36   | -48            |
| <b>By Race:</b>                                |      |      |      |      |      |                |
| African American                               | 495  | 381  | 390  | 250  | 277  | -44            |
| Caucasian                                      | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 200            |
| Hispanic                                       | 59   | 47   | 29   | 25   | 24   | -59            |
| <b>Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions</b> | 63   | 57   | 60   | 52   | 61   |                |

*Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention*

|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | % Change 13-17 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
|  | 882  | 753  | 703  | 529  | 498  | -44            |

### Newark Juvenile Admissions to Detention



## What is the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative?

New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), was formed in 2004 with the support and leadership of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is managed by the state's Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). Since the program's inception, JDAI has resulted in a dramatic decrease in detention populations throughout New Jersey without risk to public safety. JDAI fosters a fundamental shift in the way law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and public defenders handle juvenile crime cases by moving the focus from locking kids up to returning them to their communities and addressing the issues that led to criminal behavior. Detention centers are reserved only for more serious youth offenders. JDAI has helped reduce costs considerably, due to the reduction in the daily population in detention and subsequent closure of many county detention centers. To learn more about the JJC and JDAI, visit <http://www.nj.gov/oag/jjc/index.html>.

### Data Sources and Technical Notes:

**Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2013-2017.** The number of births to teenagers as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 5, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

**Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2013-2017.** As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of December 5, 2018. Data for 2017 are preliminary.

**Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2012-2016.** The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Death Certificate Database. Data accessed as of November 9, 2018.

**Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2012-2016, (Chart and Table).** Youth under age 20 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported. Data from prior reports are not comparable due to a change in age designation. Data accessed as of September 4, 2018.

**Juvenile Arrests, 2013-2017.** Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data as reported by the N.J. Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Report. Annual 2017 data for Essex and New Jersey were not yet available.

**Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2013-2017.** The number of youth admitted to detention. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

**Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2013-2017.** As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.