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The New Jersey Kids Count 2019 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 all-new data dashboard at www.acnj.org and at datacenter.kidscount.org.

In addition to the **Pocket Guide**, ACNJ published two city-level reports: **Newark Kids Count 2019** and **Trenton Kids Count 2019**. Please visit www.acnj.org to access the publications.

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To view more KIDS COUNT data, including county profiles and our brand new NJ Kids Count Data Dashboard featuring additional indicators and data broken down by race, visit www.acnj.org and click the New Jersey KIDS COUNT badge on the home page.

Introduction

Every year, Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) produces its New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide, measuring the state of children in each of the 21 counties. These data provide a closer look at the numbers beyond state averages and reveal a range of experiences and outcomes depending on where children live. The county-by-county data help communities assess and identify areas of progress and concern for children.

Pocket Guide Key Trends:

- **Rising Median Incomes and Declining Unemployment Rates.** With the exceptions of Mercer and Salem Counties, median incomes for families with children rose since 2014. Median incomes for families ranged from a high of \$166,766 in Hunterdon County and a low of \$49,521 in Cumberland County. In addition to

rising median incomes, unemployment rates are on the decline. All 21 counties saw at least a 30 percent decline in unemployment rates since 2014, with Atlantic County experiencing the greatest decrease of 44 percent. As of 2018, New Jersey had an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.

- **Declining Teen Births.** Mirroring national trends, New Jersey continues to see a decline in births to teens ages 10-19, making up 2.8 percent of all births in 2017. In 2013, that figure was 4.2 percent. Still, declines have been sharper in some counties than in others. In Hunterdon County, fewer than 1 percent of all births were to teens, whereas in Cumberland County, it was 8.4 percent.
- **Fewer Children in Out-of-Home Placements.** New Jersey has seen its child population in placement decrease by 24 percent since 2014. As of 2018, 5,586 children were in out-of-home placements statewide, and counties like Burlington, Hudson, Middlesex and Somerset saw declines of more than 40 percent in their child foster care placement populations. Though foster care placements are declining, racial disparities are still present. In 2018, 2,286 children in placement were black or African American, comprising 41 percent of the state's total foster care population. Less than 15 percent of the state's total child population is black or African American. For more data disaggregated by race, view our new County Dashboard on our website at acnj.org.
- **Rising Teen STD Rates.** Increasing by 20 percent since 2014, rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis amongst teens ages 15-19 rose in 2018 to 1,965.5 per 100,000. Rates of sexually transmitted diseases amongst teens increased for all but 3 counties—Cape May, Cumberland and Warren County. Several counties saw increases of more than 50 percent between 2014 and 2018, with Salem County's teen STD rate rising by 96 percent.

Do you value our data?

A quick glance at the data sources behind the County Pocket Guide shows that much of our county level data come from the U.S. Census Bureau. ACNJ wants you to know—the 2020 Census is coming. And for the first time, the Census can be completed online or over the phone. Households will begin receiving mailed invitations to complete their Census questionnaires this March, so it is imperative that we begin to spread the word: the Census is safe, easy and important. We have a once-in-a-decade opportunity to make sure all kids count!

The 2020 Census: what's at stake for kids?

Census counts are used to decide where to send more than \$22 billion in federal funding for New Jersey's schools, hospitals, roads and more. An undercount in 2020 could result in communities losing their fair share of funding for the next ten years. Census population counts are also used to determine federal government representation for our state. In fact, the Garden State lost a congressional seat and electoral vote after the 2010 Census count.

Snapshot of Annual Federal Funding Received by New Jersey in FY 2016*:

NJ FamilyCare**:	\$9.6B
SNAP:	\$1.2B
Section 8 Housing Vouchers:	\$741M
Special Education Grants:	\$370M
National School Lunch Program:	\$261M
Head Start:	\$164M
WIC:	\$151M
Child Care:	\$120M
+ many more federal programs	
\$22.7 Billion	

*Source: Andrew Reamer, George Washington University, "Counting for Dollars"

** Includes Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Why should we focus on young children?

In 2010, it is estimated that more than 2 million children under the age of 5 were missed nationally in the Census count, more than any other age group. Many young children were missed because they were simply not included on their household's form. Moreover, many of New Jersey's young children are more likely to be part of a low-income family or live in a "complex household." This refers to homes where the child might not be the child of the person completing the Census questionnaire. These factors increase the risk of being missed in the Census.

What can be done?

Census 2020 may feel like a long way away, but planning should start now! The Census Bureau is relying on local partners within communities to spread the word about the importance of being counted. There are several things you can do now to prepare for the upcoming count:

- **Join or start a local complete count committee.**
- **Apply for a Census job or host a Census job fair.**
- **Visit ACNJ's Census website at www.census2020nj.org:**
 - View resources to share with your networks.
 - Sign up for our outreach campaign.
 - View a list of established local complete count committees.
 - Download our Census Ambassador Toolkit.

Demographics

Total Population

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	272,656	265,429	-3
Bergen	923,757	936,692	1
Burlington	448,224	445,384	-1
Camden	508,554	507,078	0
Cape May	94,923	92,560	-2
Cumberland	156,086	150,972	-3
Essex	788,975	799,767	1
Gloucester	290,530	291,408	0
Hudson	660,502	676,061	2
Hunterdon	125,847	124,714	-1
Mercer	369,017	369,811	0
Middlesex	824,349	829,685	1
Monmouth	625,647	621,354	-1
Morris	494,982	494,228	0
Ocean	584,449	601,651	3
Passaic	504,758	503,310	0
Salem	64,328	62,607	-3
Somerset	329,342	331,164	1
Sussex	144,578	140,799	-3
Union	548,282	558,067	2
Warren	106,994	105,779	-1
New Jersey	8,866,780	8,908,520	0

Child Population

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	60,200	56,347	-6
Bergen	200,640	198,355	-1
Burlington	97,686	92,652	-5
Camden	118,218	115,090	-3
Cape May	17,021	16,215	-5
Cumberland	37,044	36,107	-3
Essex	189,991	188,977	-1
Gloucester	66,945	63,440	-5
Hudson	136,665	138,221	1
Hunterdon	26,479	24,097	-9
Mercer	80,039	78,695	-2
Middlesex	182,530	180,190	-1
Monmouth	139,371	131,723	-5
Morris	110,074	104,322	-5
Ocean	137,389	144,247	5
Passaic	122,318	119,860	-2
Salem	14,287	13,379	-6
Somerset	76,744	72,515	-6
Sussex	31,029	27,874	-10
Union	130,386	130,522	0
Warren	22,878	20,815	-9
New Jersey	1,997,934	1,953,643	-2

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Total Births

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	3,163	2,808	-11
Bergen	9,204	9,319	1
Burlington	4,551	4,446	-2
Camden	6,309	5,969	-5
Cape May	834	767	-8
Cumberland	1,948	1,817	-7
Essex	10,210	10,277	1
Gloucester	2,963	2,920	-1
Hudson	10,149	10,151	0
Hunterdon	860	945	10
Mercer	4,107	4,021	-2
Middlesex	9,344	9,214	-1
Monmouth	5,951	5,650	-5
Morris	4,586	4,680	2
Ocean	8,010	8,593	7
Passaic	6,907	6,786	-2
Salem	697	720	3
Somerset	3,386	3,118	-8
Sussex	1,254	1,200	-4
Union	6,879	6,847	0
Warren	1,014	911	-10
New Jersey	102,326	101,159	-1

Child and Family Economics

Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold*

	2014		2018		% Change from #
	#	%	#	%	
Atlantic	15,250	25	10,661	19	-30
Bergen	17,559	9	17,117	9	-3
Burlington	8,816	9	7,545	8	-14
Camden	22,787	19	22,258	20	-2
Cape May	3,219	19	1,924	13	-40
Cumberland	10,972	29	7,197	21	-34
Essex	44,471	23	40,393	22	-9
Gloucester	6,697	10	5,600	9	-16
Hudson	35,963	27	29,869	22	-17
Hunterdon	1,462	5	1,503	6	3
Mercer	13,547	17	11,329	14	-16
Middlesex	19,040	10	21,813	12	15
Monmouth	14,773	11	12,584	10	-15
Morris	5,145	5	5,760	6	12
Ocean	29,442	21	23,134	16	-21
Passaic	34,723	28	26,453	22	-24
Salem	3,294	23	2,046	16	-38
Somerset	3,300	4	2,980	4	-10
Sussex	1,821	6	1,359	5	-25
Union	20,949	16	11,536	9	-45
Warren	2,333	10	1,192	6	-49
New Jersey	315,563	16	264,253	14	-16

*For a family of four in 2018, 100 percent of the federal poverty threshold was \$25,465.

Median Income of Families with Children

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	\$55,345	\$60,888	10
Bergen	\$110,304	\$135,017	22
Burlington	\$102,288	\$107,808	5
Camden	\$71,911	\$77,503	8
Cape May	\$64,065	\$77,360	21
Cumberland	\$44,606	\$49,521	11
Essex	\$64,127	\$75,875	18
Gloucester	\$109,125	\$123,210	13
Hudson	\$54,083	\$71,832	33
Hunterdon	\$146,665	\$166,766	14
Mercer	\$95,795	\$91,175	-5
Middlesex	\$97,494	\$110,349	13
Monmouth	\$118,564	\$133,287	12
Morris	\$136,268	\$153,524	13
Ocean	\$76,405	\$90,922	19
Passaic	\$56,723	\$74,308	31
Salem	\$75,821	\$67,428	-11
Somerset	\$119,546	\$160,595	34
Sussex	\$101,854	\$111,475	9
Union	\$71,140	\$98,168	38
Warren	\$97,395	\$109,387	12
New Jersey	\$89,020	\$103,429	16

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Unemployment Rate

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	10.6	5.9	-44
Bergen	5.4	3.4	-37
Burlington	6.4	3.8	-41
Camden	7.7	4.6	-40
Cape May	12.2	8.4	-31
Cumberland	9.9	6.5	-34
Essex	8.0	5.2	-35
Gloucester	7.3	4.2	-42
Hudson	6.4	3.9	-39
Hunterdon	4.9	3.3	-33
Mercer	5.9	3.7	-37
Middlesex	6.1	3.6	-41
Monmouth	6.1	3.7	-39
Morris	5.0	3.3	-34
Ocean	7.4	4.3	-42
Passaic	8.3	5.1	-39
Salem	8.5	5.4	-36
Somerset	5.2	3.4	-35
Sussex	6.4	4.0	-38
Union	7.0	4.3	-39
Warren	6.3	3.8	-40
New Jersey	6.8	4.1	-40

Percentage of Households Spending 30% or More of Income on Rent

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	60	60	0
Bergen	46	44	-4
Burlington	51	45	-12
Camden	51	57	12
Cape May	54	59	9
Cumberland	57	67	18
Essex	53	52	-2
Gloucester	55	51	-7
Hudson	46	43	-7
Hunterdon	46	45	-2
Mercer	52	48	-8
Middlesex	45	44	-2
Monmouth	51	53	4
Morris	40	40	0
Ocean	56	59	5
Passaic	56	49	-13
Salem	62	55	-11
Somerset	44	43	-2
Sussex	52	49	-6
Union	54	40	-26
Warren	47	46	-2
New Jersey	50	49	-2

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Children in Families Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	3,783	1,842	-51
Bergen	1,474	528	-64
Burlington	1,960	864	-56
Camden	6,170	3,149	-49
Cape May	668	221	-67
Cumberland	2,599	1,034	-60
Essex	11,949	3,952	-67
Gloucester	1,817	653	-64
Hudson	6,555	2,680	-59
Hunterdon	158	46	-71
Mercer	3,543	1,366	-61
Middlesex	2,612	1,008	-61
Monmouth	1,317	457	-65
Morris	453	218	-52
Ocean	2,230	652	-71
Passaic	6,234	2,762	-56
Salem	812	307	-62
Somerset	870	343	-61
Sussex	292	80	-73
Union	2,868	1,158	-60
Warren	584	262	-55
New Jersey	58,948	23,582	-60

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	19,858	16,963	-15
Bergen	13,798	11,796	-15
Burlington	11,560	9,276	-20
Camden	32,085	29,612	-8
Cape May	3,394	3,281	-3
Cumberland	15,682	13,420	-14
Essex	64,464	54,425	-16
Gloucester	10,515	7,898	-25
Hudson	52,193	42,258	-19
Hunterdon	1,294	963	-26
Mercer	15,754	14,107	-10
Middlesex	26,725	23,808	-11
Monmouth	16,944	13,712	-19
Morris	5,513	4,771	-13
Ocean	34,309	27,970	-18
Passaic	52,662	46,733	-11
Salem	4,417	3,730	-16
Somerset	6,407	4,589	-28
Sussex	2,004	1,417	-29
Union	24,111	20,188	-16
Warren	3,355	2,966	-12
New Jersey	417,044	353,883	-15

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N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19*

	2014		2017		% Change	
	# Cr. Issued	Avg. Cr. Amt	# Cr. Issued	Avg. Cr. Amt	# Cr. Issued	Avg. Cr. Amt
Atlantic	17,217	\$603	16,354	\$1,100	-5	82
Bergen	20,948	\$565	20,715	\$1,038	-1	84
Burlington	13,164	\$538	12,660	\$970	-4	80
Camden	25,424	\$590	25,633	\$1,063	1	80
Cape May	3,835	\$576	3,733	\$1,048	-3	82
Cumberland	9,910	\$586	9,570	\$1,060	-3	81
Essex	44,192	\$603	44,912	\$1,081	2	79
Gloucester	9,228	\$553	8,805	\$1,004	-5	82
Hudson	35,887	\$625	34,959	\$1,137	-3	82
Hunterdon	1,561	\$520	1,512	\$965	-3	86
Mercer	14,456	\$573	14,985	\$1,048	4	83
Middlesex	27,384	\$580	27,977	\$1,053	2	82
Monmouth	14,182	\$571	13,599	\$1,027	-4	80
Morris	7,719	\$546	7,532	\$990	-2	81
Ocean	19,387	\$628	19,425	\$1,117	0	78
Passaic	31,345	\$616	32,162	\$1,124	3	82
Salem	2,788	\$569	2,862	\$1,032	3	81
Somerset	6,147	\$550	5,996	\$1,000	-2	82
Sussex	3,104	\$529	2,956	\$956	-5	81
Union	24,372	\$582	24,210	\$1,054	-1	81
Warren	3,111	\$555	3,050	\$1,005	-2	81
New Jersey	337,388	\$590	335,848	\$1,068	0	81

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

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit*

	2012		2016		% Change	
	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt	Claims	Avg. Claim Amt
Atlantic	27,410	\$2,320	26,830	\$2,438	-2	5
Bergen	44,450	\$1,934	47,080	\$2,009	6	4
Burlington	24,110	\$1,941	24,380	\$2,075	1	7
Camden	41,920	\$2,228	43,930	\$2,381	5	7
Cape May	7,010	\$1,975	7,410	\$2,114	6	7
Cumberland	14,950	\$2,363	15,100	\$2,501	1	6
Essex	80,740	\$2,391	81,960	\$2,521	2	5
Gloucester	15,790	\$2,008	16,400	\$2,141	4	7
Hudson	66,590	\$2,284	66,470	\$2,392	0	5
Hunterdon	3,330	\$1,533	3,440	\$1,579	3	3
Mercer	24,050	\$2,145	25,310	\$2,297	5	7
Middlesex	47,980	\$2,089	50,860	\$2,219	6	6
Monmouth	28,210	\$1,886	28,610	\$1,992	1	6
Morris	16,330	\$1,776	16,630	\$1,849	2	4
Ocean	32,480	\$2,248	34,490	\$2,392	6	6
Passaic	51,890	\$2,380	55,060	\$2,529	6	6
Salem	4,810	\$2,159	4,960	\$2,308	3	7
Somerset	12,530	\$1,924	13,300	\$2,021	6	5
Sussex	5,850	\$1,771	6,190	\$1,822	6	3
Union	43,470	\$2,197	44,490	\$2,323	2	6
Warren	5,410	\$1,950	5,700	\$2,066	5	6
New Jersey	599,250	\$2,173	618,500	\$2,296	3	6

*Please note, information on this chart has been revised since prior ACNJ publications due to new data availability.

Child Health

Number of Infant Deaths

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	24	19	-21
Bergen	31	26	-16
Burlington	25	27	8
Camden	37	52	41
Cape May	3	5	67
Cumberland	12	17	42
Essex	65	62	-5
Gloucester	16	15	-6
Hudson	40	42	5
Hunterdon	1	3	200
Mercer	29	23	-21
Middlesex	38	27	-29
Monmouth	28	20	-29
Morris	13	16	23
Ocean	16	17	6
Passaic	29	23	-21
Salem	3	1	-67
Somerset	12	17	42
Sussex	7	7	0
Union	29	30	3
Warren	6	3	-50
New Jersey	464	452	-3

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweight

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	8.1	8.4	4
Bergen	8.1	7.7	-5
Burlington	8.2	8.5	4
Camden	9.4	9.4	0
Cape May	7.7	6.8	-12
Cumberland	9.2	10.4	13
Essex	9.6	9.2	-4
Gloucester	9.1	8.6	-5
Hudson	9.0	8.4	-7
Hunterdon	6.3	6.5	3
Mercer	9.0	8.7	-3
Middlesex	8.1	8.3	2
Monmouth	7.6	8.0	5
Morris	6.3	5.9	-6
Ocean	6.1	6.1	0
Passaic	9.0	7.9	-12
Salem	6.7	8.2	22
Somerset	7.4	7.6	3
Sussex	6.2	5.9	-5
Union	8.4	6.8	-19
Warren	8.1	8.3	2
New Jersey	8.3	8.0	-4

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Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	75.8	73.8	-3
Bergen	82.4	82.2	0
Burlington	85.5	77.8	-9
Camden	80.3	70.4	-12
Cape May	73.0	78.2	7
Cumberland	71.0	66.8	-6
Essex	70.4	64.8	-8
Gloucester	79.8	79.5	0
Hudson	66.9	76.6	14
Hunterdon	87.9	87.2	-1
Mercer	76.6	63.0	-18
Middlesex	84.5	74.4	-12
Monmouth	83.3	83.0	0
Morris	91.6	83.3	-9
Ocean	78.2	77.1	-1
Passaic	79.3	72.3	-9
Salem	71.2	72.8	2
Somerset	90.4	77.9	-14
Sussex	88.7	81.8	-8
Union	80.0	67.9	-15
Warren	64.4	77.8	21
New Jersey	79.0	74.7	-5

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	29,830	30,194	1
Bergen	39,068	44,525	14
Burlington	24,238	26,117	8
Camden	50,772	59,144	16
Cape May	7,301	7,509	3
Cumberland	21,618	23,231	7
Essex	95,291	101,972	7
Gloucester	18,730	19,360	3
Hudson	74,517	76,731	3
Hunterdon	3,082	3,780	23
Mercer	30,255	33,010	9
Middlesex	53,717	60,302	12
Monmouth	32,841	35,306	8
Morris	14,969	17,316	16
Ocean	59,273	71,927	21
Passaic	69,584	71,329	3
Salem	6,212	6,559	6
Somerset	13,688	14,431	5
Sussex	5,565	5,832	5
Union	51,750	53,540	3
Warren	6,033	6,477	7
New Jersey	708,334	768,592	9

3 Child Health

Children Under Age 19 Without Health Insurance*

	2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%
Atlantic	3,310	5.3	3,766	6.4
Bergen	10,644	5.0	8,189	3.9
Burlington	2,409	2.4	2,321	2.4
Camden	2,997	2.4	4,885	4.1
Cape May	398	2.3	608	4.0
Cumberland	2,390	6.3	1,679	4.5
Essex	11,144	5.5	13,884	6.9
Gloucester	1,903	2.8	1,004	1.5
Hudson	5,946	4.1	7,093	4.9
Hunterdon	1,115	4.3	409	1.6
Mercer	2,196	2.5	2,776	3.3
Middlesex	7,183	3.7	3,941	2.1
Monmouth	3,297	2.3	4,622	3.3
Morris	1,761	1.5	2,999	2.7
Ocean	4,642	3.1	3,721	2.5
Passaic	6,439	5.0	8,780	6.9
Salem	1,108	7.7	311	2.2
Somerset	1,897	2.4	521	0.7
Sussex	723	2.4	457	1.5
Union	5,790	4.2	7,319	5.3
Warren	908	4.0	476	2.2
New Jersey	78,200	3.7	79,761	3.9

*Please note that the age range for this indicator has changed. Prior measures are not comparable.

Percentage of Children Under Age 6 Tested for Lead

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	26	21	-19
Bergen	22	24	9
Burlington	9	14	56
Camden	13	15	15
Cape May	14	19	36
Cumberland	26	24	-8
Essex	42	41	-2
Gloucester	7	12	71
Hudson	39	38	-3
Hunterdon	13	17	31
Mercer	23	24	4
Middlesex	21	24	14
Monmouth	17	15	-12
Morris	13	16	23
Ocean	25	28	12
Passaic	37	37	0
Salem	18	18	0
Somerset	13	18	38
Sussex	12	10	-17
Union	33	35	6
Warren	15	14	-7
New Jersey	27	26	-4

3 Child Health

Percentage of Tested Children Under Age 6 with Blood Lead Levels \geq 5 Micrograms/Deciliter

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	5.1	2.8	-45
Bergen	2.2	1.4	-36
Burlington	2.7	2.1	-22
Camden	2.9	2.2	-24
Cape May	3.7	1.5	-59
Cumberland	6.1	4.5	-26
Essex	5.7	4.8	-16
Gloucester	2.9	1.6	-45
Hudson	3.1	2.9	-6
Hunterdon	3.0	1.1	-63
Mercer	4.5	4.3	-4
Middlesex	2.4	2.2	-8
Monmouth	2.6	2.0	-23
Morris	1.8	1.5	-17
Ocean	1.3	0.8	-38
Passaic	4.3	3.5	-19
Salem	10.6	9.2	-13
Somerset	1.3	1.7	31
Sussex	1.1	0.7	-36
Union	3.3	2.9	-12
Warren	3.6	3.4	-6
New Jersey	3.4	2.8	-18

Child Protection

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect*

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	4,088	3,934	-4
Bergen	5,147	5,271	2
Burlington	4,921	4,852	-1
Camden	8,488	8,800	4
Cape May	1,485	1,359	-8
Cumberland	3,942	3,788	-4
Essex	10,479	10,646	2
Gloucester	4,404	3,983	-10
Hudson	7,010	5,781	-18
Hunterdon	762	710	-7
Mercer	4,002	4,020	0
Middlesex	6,400	6,479	1
Monmouth	5,812	5,314	-9
Morris	3,266	2,959	-9
Ocean	6,184	6,026	-3
Passaic	6,355	6,485	2
Salem	1,342	1,322	-1
Somerset	2,559	2,267	-11
Sussex	1,525	1,388	-9
Union	4,698	4,713	0
Warren	1,555	1,484	-5
New Jersey	94,486	91,585	-3

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

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

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	570	383	-33
Bergen	751	307	-59
Burlington	731	288	-61
Camden	1,300	862	-34
Cape May	210	168	-20
Cumberland	501	364	-27
Essex	1,443	948	-34
Gloucester	587	362	-38
Hudson	1,022	333	-67
Hunterdon	132	51	-61
Mercer	614	212	-65
Middlesex	738	240	-67
Monmouth	673	317	-53
Morris	355	169	-52
Ocean	485	260	-46
Passaic	669	337	-50
Salem	124	161	30
Somerset	217	106	-51
Sussex	185	143	-23
Union	526	341	-35
Warren	133	111	-17
New Jersey	11,972	6,463	-46

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

4 Child Protection

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

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	13.9	9.7	-30
Bergen	14.6	5.8	-60
Burlington	14.9	5.9	-60
Camden	15.3	9.8	-36
Cape May	14.1	12.4	-12
Cumberland	12.7	9.6	-24
Essex	13.8	8.9	-36
Gloucester	13.3	9.1	-32
Hudson	14.6	5.8	-60
Hunterdon	17.3	7.2	-58
Mercer	15.3	5.3	-65
Middlesex	11.5	3.7	-68
Monmouth	11.6	6.0	-48
Morris	10.9	5.7	-48
Ocean	7.8	4.3	-45
Passaic	10.5	5.2	-50
Salem	9.2	12.2	33
Somerset	8.5	4.7	-45
Sussex	12.1	10.3	-15
Union	11.2	7.2	-36
Warren	8.6	7.5	-13
New Jersey	12.7	7.1	-44

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Number of Children in Out-of-Home CP&P* Placements**

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	427	315	-26
Bergen	330	211	-36
Burlington	472	258	-45
Camden	703	665	-5
Cape May	150	160	7
Cumberland	251	261	4
Essex	1,178	1,005	-15
Gloucester	423	308	-27
Hudson	565	291	-48
Hunterdon	37	29	-22
Mercer	367	331	-10
Middlesex	360	214	-41
Monmouth	333	235	-29
Morris	155	95	-39
Ocean	449	360	-20
Passaic	326	253	-22
Salem	97	114	18
Somerset	143	73	-49
Sussex	71	45	-37
Union	340	269	-21
Warren	128	80	-38
New Jersey	7,322	5,586	-24

*Child Protection and Permanency

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Early Care and Education

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2013-14	2017-18	% Change
Atlantic	1,519	1,665	10
Bergen	1,415	1,261	-11
Burlington	1,376	1,126	-18
Camden	3,153	3,310	5
Cape May	477	479	0
Cumberland	3,283	2,851	-13
Essex	10,017	9,676	-3
Gloucester	704	767	9
Hudson	9,570	9,660	1
Hunterdon	15	14	-7
Mercer	1,997	2,193	10
Middlesex	3,131	3,075	-2
Monmouth	2,402	2,160	-10
Morris	212	161	-24
Ocean	656	723	10
Passaic	5,237	5,821	11
Salem	443	478	8
Somerset	471	453	-4
Sussex	0	0	0
Union	5,509	5,390	-2
Warren	338	317	-6
New Jersey	51,924	51,580	-1

Public Kindergarten Enrollment

	2014-15	2018-19	% Change
Atlantic	3,055	2,650	-13
Bergen	8,965	8,830	-2
Burlington	4,537	4,313	-5
Camden	5,793	5,441	-6
Cape May	895	798	-11
Cumberland	2,236	1,857	-17
Essex	8,876	9,816	11
Gloucester	2,988	2,947	-1
Hudson	7,056	6,682	-5
Hunterdon	1,142	1,022	-11
Mercer	4,171	3,929	-6
Middlesex	8,181	7,994	-2
Monmouth	6,134	5,862	-4
Morris	4,686	4,658	-1
Ocean	4,397	4,379	0
Passaic	5,969	5,922	-1
Salem	731	767	5
Somerset	3,164	3,065	-3
Sussex	1,309	1,205	-8
Union	6,212	6,155	-1
Warren	1,073	1,002	-7
New Jersey	91,570	89,294	-2

5 Early Care and Education

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	84	107	27
Bergen	423	440	4
Burlington	138	149	8
Camden	223	231	4
Cape May	25	32	28
Cumberland	62	71	15
Essex	491	479	-2
Gloucester	126	130	3
Hudson	313	388	24
Hunterdon	69	67	-3
Mercer	207	206	0
Middlesex	316	351	11
Monmouth	275	268	-3
Morris	247	270	9
Ocean	144	159	10
Passaic	231	234	1
Salem	22	24	9
Somerset	174	171	-2
Sussex	68	64	-6
Union	279	278	0
Warren	47	50	6
New Jersey	3,964	4,169	5

Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	5,356	8,242	54
Bergen	39,147	41,134	5
Burlington	12,387	14,413	16
Camden	20,183	21,911	9
Cape May	1,270	2,143	69
Cumberland	6,896	7,864	14
Essex	44,344	44,291	0
Gloucester	9,116	10,454	15
Hudson	22,925	33,957	48
Hunterdon	6,263	6,234	0
Mercer	19,528	20,034	3
Middlesex	29,611	33,881	14
Monmouth	24,638	25,255	3
Morris	20,723	25,312	22
Ocean	11,563	14,164	22
Passaic	22,452	23,959	7
Salem	1,494	1,636	10
Somerset	19,607	19,650	0
Sussex	3,892	3,669	-6
Union	23,796	25,367	7
Warren	2,761	3,168	15
New Jersey	347,952	386,738	11

5 Early Care and Education

Children Ages 0-5 with All Parents in the Labor Force, 2018*

	#	%
Atlantic	11,598	75
Bergen	39,022	66
Burlington	20,072	73
Camden	24,283	70
Cape May	N/A	N/A
Cumberland	6,926	63
Essex	47,321	76
Gloucester	14,107	81
Hudson	35,452	66
Hunterdon	N/A	N/A
Mercer	16,155	74
Middlesex	36,578	63
Monmouth	23,111	67
Morris	19,787	70
Ocean	27,815	60
Passaic	24,303	61
Salem	N/A	N/A
Somerset	12,609	64
Sussex	5,565	74
Union	30,688	73
Warren	3,673	73
New Jersey	409,596	68

*Includes children in families where both parents work and children in single parent households where that parent works. N/A indicates that data have been suppressed.

Median Weekly Child Care Costs, 2017*

	Infant	Toddler	Preschooler
Atlantic	\$217	\$207	\$179
Bergen	\$293	\$265	\$235
Burlington	\$285	\$259	\$220
Camden	\$240	\$220	\$198
Cape May	\$210	\$210	\$200
Cumberland	\$195	\$175	\$165
Essex	\$205	\$210	\$195
Gloucester	\$235	\$225	\$215
Hudson	\$195	\$175	\$160
Hunterdon	\$333	\$324	\$250
Mercer	\$310	\$274	\$241
Middlesex	\$250	\$235	\$225
Monmouth	\$301	\$268	\$228
Morris	\$319	\$297	\$254
Ocean	\$225	\$200	\$180
Passaic	\$225	\$208	\$185
Salem	\$190	\$185	\$185
Somerset	\$250	\$225	\$230
Sussex	\$236	\$210	\$195
Union	\$240	\$238	\$210
Warren	\$260	\$244	\$220
New Jersey	\$250	\$228	\$208

*The median weekly costs for full-time child care as provided by licensed child care centers.

School Children

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2014-15	2018-19	% Change
Atlantic	11,050	11,296	2
Bergen	5,547	6,033	9
Burlington	5,009	5,199	4
Camden	19,337	18,671	-3
Cape May	2,470	2,305	-7
Cumberland	10,455	10,912	4
Essex	35,957	38,498	7
Gloucester	4,784	4,388	-8
Hudson	31,237	29,935	-4
Hunterdon	268	171	-36
Mercer	8,128	8,609	6
Middlesex	18,755	18,659	-1
Monmouth	7,494	7,526	0
Morris	1,933	1,901	-2
Ocean	8,151	8,567	5
Passaic	22,475	27,792	24
Salem	1,672	2,005	20
Somerset	3,181	3,822	20
Sussex	550	657	19
Union	15,946	16,004	0
Warren	1,205	1,466	22
New Jersey	215,604	224,416	4

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2014-15	2018-19	% Change
Atlantic	19,901	18,697	-6
Bergen	20,729	19,081	-8
Burlington	14,737	13,378	-9
Camden	32,353	31,235	-3
Cape May	3,725	3,500	-6
Cumberland	16,063	16,442	2
Essex	52,818	54,869	4
Gloucester	10,371	8,992	-13
Hudson	41,241	39,094	-5
Hunterdon	1,338	1,195	-11
Mercer	17,988	16,871	-6
Middlesex	34,647	34,502	0
Monmouth	18,996	18,125	-5
Morris	7,566	6,923	-8
Ocean	17,224	16,022	-7
Passaic	44,022	42,953	-2
Salem	4,121	3,786	-8
Somerset	8,261	7,910	-4
Sussex	2,647	2,109	-20
Union	34,824	33,275	-4
Warren	3,424	3,184	-7
New Jersey	406,996	392,143	-4

6 School Children

Free and Reduced-Price Eligible Student Participation in Breakfast per 100 Participating in Lunch*

	2014-15	2018-19	% Change
Atlantic	56	60	7
Bergen	27	32	19
Burlington	34	39	15
Camden	60	60	0
Cape May	66	66	0
Cumberland	65	66	2
Essex	68	70	3
Gloucester	46	49	7
Hudson	76	77	1
Hunterdon	20	14	-30
Mercer	45	51	13
Middlesex	54	54	0
Monmouth	39	42	8
Morris	26	27	4
Ocean	47	53	13
Passaic	51	65	27
Salem	41	53	29
Somerset	39	48	23
Sussex	21	31	48
Union	46	48	4
Warren	35	46	31
New Jersey	53	57	8

*Please note, participation rates cannot be compared with prior publications due to a new methodology of calculating breakfast participation consistent with national methods.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 3rd Grade PARCC Exams 2017-18

	English Language Arts (ELA)	Math
Atlantic	40	41
Bergen	67	67
Burlington	50	51
Camden	46	45
Cape May	44	47
Cumberland	27	28
Essex	49	49
Gloucester	52	54
Hudson	49	46
Hunterdon	59	65
Mercer	48	50
Middlesex	55	57
Monmouth	56	61
Morris	65	67
Ocean	45	48
Passaic	39	42
Salem	43	47
Somerset	60	64
Sussex	53	55
Union	50	52
Warren	49	52
New Jersey	52	53

6 School Children

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 4th Grade PARCC Exams 2017-18

	English Language Arts (ELA)	Math
Atlantic	50	36
Bergen	74	63
Burlington	56	47
Camden	50	41
Cape May	55	46
Cumberland	31	22
Essex	55	45
Gloucester	56	48
Hudson	52	39
Hunterdon	64	59
Mercer	55	47
Middlesex	61	54
Monmouth	64	58
Morris	73	65
Ocean	53	46
Passaic	46	37
Salem	48	41
Somerset	68	63
Sussex	62	55
Union	57	49
Warren	57	48
New Jersey	58	49

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 7th Grade PARCC Exams 2017-18

	English Language Arts (ELA)	Math
Atlantic	50	34
Bergen	75	56
Burlington	60	43
Camden	52	36
Cape May	56	38
Cumberland	32	21
Essex	59	39
Gloucester	61	42
Hudson	57	34
Hunterdon	79	61
Mercer	60	42
Middlesex	63	43
Monmouth	71	51
Morris	79	61
Ocean	61	41
Passaic	53	32
Salem	50	37
Somerset	72	52
Sussex	67	46
Union	62	41
Warren	66	47
New Jersey	63	43

6 School Children

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on High School English Language Arts PARCC Exams 2017-18

	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
Atlantic	44	35
Bergen	65	51
Burlington	46	28
Camden	42	33
Cape May	41	22
Cumberland	31	20
Essex	46	41
Gloucester	44	24
Hudson	46	51
Hunterdon	65	41
Mercer	55	33
Middlesex	52	38
Monmouth	48	31
Morris	69	45
Ocean	46	35
Passaic	40	34
Salem	33	27
Somerset	62	42
Sussex	46	33
Union	52	46
Warren	54	47
New Jersey	51	39

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on High School Math PARCC Exams 2017-18

	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II
Atlantic	39	22	20
Bergen	60	40	40
Burlington	45	26	28
Camden	37	21	22
Cape May	38	21	21
Cumberland	28	19	8
Essex	40	25	23
Gloucester	46	24	24
Hudson	27	18	18
Hunterdon	65	49	47
Mercer	47	34	41
Middlesex	48	33	33
Monmouth	57	33	29
Morris	64	44	42
Ocean	42	23	23
Passaic	31	17	16
Salem	36	15	12
Somerset	58	45	46
Sussex	48	25	26
Union	43	28	26
Warren	43	27	22
New Jersey	46	30	29

6 School Children

Chronically Absent Students, Grades K-12

	2015-16		2016-17		% Change from #
	#	%	#	%	
Atlantic	5,466	13	5,863	14	7
Bergen	8,234	6	8,411	6	2
Burlington	6,009	9	5,779	9	-4
Camden	9,961	13	9,569	12	-4
Cape May	1,447	12	1,398	12	-3
Cumberland	4,058	16	4,104	16	1
Essex	18,098	14	19,977	15	10
Gloucester	3,756	8	3,774	8	0
Hudson	8,676	10	9,872	12	14
Hunterdon	784	4	808	4	3
Mercer	7,241	12	7,076	12	-2
Middlesex	9,860	8	10,521	9	7
Monmouth	8,522	9	9,310	10	9
Morris	3,907	5	4,404	6	13
Ocean	8,436	12	8,404	12	0
Passaic	8,416	10	9,361	11	11
Salem	1,110	11	1,094	11	-1
Somerset	2,772	5	2,911	6	5
Sussex	2,229	11	2,110	10	-5
Union	8,503	9	9,443	10	11
Warren	1,180	7	1,486	9	26
New Jersey	128,665	10	135,675	10	5

High School Graduation Rates

	2015-16	2017-18	% Change
Atlantic	90	91	1
Bergen	95	95	0
Burlington	94	95	1
Camden	89	88	-1
Cape May	88	89	1
Cumberland	82	83	1
Essex	84	87	4
Gloucester	92	93	1
Hudson	83	86	4
Hunterdon	97	95	-2
Mercer	89	90	1
Middlesex	91	92	1
Monmouth	94	95	1
Morris	95	95	0
Ocean	91	92	1
Passaic	86	88	2
Salem	88	90	2
Somerset	94	94	0
Sussex	94	95	1
Union	89	90	1
Warren	94	93	-1
New Jersey	90	91	1

Teens and Young Adults

Teens Ages 16 to 19 Not Working and Not in School 2013-2017

	#	%
Atlantic	1,085	8
Bergen	1,859	4
Burlington	1,330	6
Camden	1,659	7
Cape May	426	10
Cumberland	1,283	17
Essex	3,460	8
Gloucester	850	6
Hudson	1,986	7
Hunterdon	647	9
Mercer	1,344	6
Middlesex	2,020	4
Monmouth	1,086	3
Morris	863	3
Ocean	1,131	4
Passaic	2,009	7
Salem	262	8
Somerset	720	4
Sussex	312	4
Union	1,945	7
Warren	285	5
New Jersey	26,562	6

Percentage of Births to Females Ages 10-19

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	6.4	3.5	-45
Bergen	1.4	1.2	-14
Burlington	3.5	2.3	-34
Camden	6.6	4.0	-39
Cape May	7.6	3.7	-51
Cumberland	9.4	8.4	-11
Essex	6.2	3.8	-39
Gloucester	3.7	2.6	-30
Hudson	4.0	2.8	-30
Hunterdon	0.7	0.5	-29
Mercer	5.6	3.7	-34
Middlesex	3.3	2.3	-30
Monmouth	2.8	2.2	-21
Morris	1.3	1.2	-8
Ocean	2.7	1.4	-48
Passaic	6.5	5.0	-23
Salem	7.6	4.2	-45
Somerset	2.8	2.1	-25
Sussex	3.0	1.8	-40
Union	3.9	3.1	-21
Warren	5.8	2.3	-60
New Jersey	4.2	2.8	-33

7 Teens and Young Adults

STD Rates Teens Ages 15-19*

	2014	2018	% Change
Atlantic	2,209.3	2,701.1	22
Bergen	577.5	984.5	70
Burlington	1,678.4	1,848.1	10
Camden	3,119.2	3,870.8	24
Cape May	1,692.3	1,687.0	0
Cumberland	3,283.5	3,240.8	-1
Essex	4,299.9	4,425.9	3
Gloucester	1,390.7	1,883.7	35
Hudson	2,028.4	2,516.4	24
Hunterdon	345.4	465.5	35
Mercer	1,970.5	2,324.4	18
Middlesex	946.0	1,191.1	26
Monmouth	725.0	1,194.9	65
Morris	443.4	687.5	55
Ocean	685.3	801.7	17
Passaic	2,751.7	2,944.2	7
Salem	1,302.5	2,551.8	96
Somerset	681.6	1,022.2	50
Sussex	401.0	581.0	45
Union	1,584.2	2,069.2	31
Warren	846.4	777.2	-8
New Jersey	1,642.2	1,965.5	20

*Age-specific rates per 100,000 teens ages 15-19 for cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis (primary, secondary, early latent and late latent).

Juvenile Arrests

	2012	2016	% Change
Atlantic	1,234	712	-42
Bergen	2,354	1,575	-33
Burlington	1,620	937	-42
Camden	3,838	2,742	-29
Cape May	636	510	-20
Cumberland	938	582	-38
Essex	2,721	1,901	-30
Gloucester	1,010	610	-40
Hudson	1,579	1,197	-24
Hunterdon	309	144	-53
Mercer	1,771	1,172	-34
Middlesex	1,605	1,225	-24
Monmouth	2,177	1,549	-29
Morris	1,090	706	-35
Ocean	1,303	717	-45
Passaic	2,363	1,806	-24
Salem	446	231	-48
Somerset	885	475	-46
Sussex	351	233	-34
Union	1,272	760	-40
Warren	221	137	-38
New Jersey	29,961	20,025	-33

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Juvenile Commitments

	2013	2017	% Change
Atlantic	14	8	-43
Bergen	14	9	-36
Burlington	11	10	-9
Camden	71	41	-42
Cape May	2	1	-50
Cumberland	12	7	-42
Essex	22	14	-36
Gloucester	4	1	-75
Hudson	16	6	-63
Hunterdon	0	0	N/A
Mercer	18	27	50
Middlesex	22	23	5
Monmouth	5	6	20
Morris	3	3	0
Ocean	17	9	-47
Passaic	19	3	-84
Salem	8	0	-100
Somerset	5	1	-80
Sussex	0	0	N/A
Union	51	7	-86
Warren	0	0	N/A
New Jersey	314	176	-44

Admissions to Juvenile County Detention*

	2014	2017	% Change
Atlantic	135	102	-24
Bergen	103	83	-19
Burlington	158	78	-51
Camden	446	358	-20
Cape May	28	21	-25
Cumberland	92	78	-15
Essex	753	498	-34
Gloucester	55	55	0
Hudson	341	278	-18
Hunterdon	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mercer	178	136	-24
Middlesex	168	144	-14
Monmouth	101	87	-14
Morris	N/A	36	N/A
Ocean	100	65	-35
Passaic	280	248	-11
Salem	N/A	37	N/A
Somerset	37	29	-22
Sussex	19	10	-47
Union	171	120	-30
Warren	14	15	7
New Jersey	3,179	2,478	-22

*Please note, N/A indicates counties that did not participate for the years indicated in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and for which data are not available.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

1 | Demographics

Total Population, 2014, 2018. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Population Estimates Program. Data are as of July 1 for each year.

Child Population, 2014, 2018. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Population Estimates Program. Data are as of July 1 for each year.

Total Births, 2013, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data retrieved April 16, 2019.

2 | Child and Family Economics

Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold, 2014, 2018. 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, 2014, 2018. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Unemployment Rate, 2014, 2018. 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 30 Percent or More of Income on Rent, 2014, 2018. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070.

Children in Families Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), 2014, 2018. 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), 2014, 2018. The number of children receiving NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

N.J. EITC, Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19, 2014, 2017. 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 EITC, 2012, 2016. 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, 2013, 2017. Counts of infants who die within the first year of life. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Death and Birth Certificate Databases. Data retrieved July 9, 2019.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweight, 2013, 2017. 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, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data retrieved April 16, 2019.

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care, 2013, 2017. 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, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data retrieved April 17, 2019.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare, 2014, 2018. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services as of March for each year. Data do not reflect any retroactivity. Includes children under age 18 enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning up to 355 percent of the federal poverty level. Data have been updated for prior years.

Children Under Age 19 Without Health Insurance, 2017, 2018. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Percentage of Children Under Age 6 Tested for Lead, 2013, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Public Health Services Branch, Division of Family Health Services, Annual Childhood Lead Exposure reports.

Percentage of Tested Children Under Age 6 with Blood Lead Levels \geq 5 Micrograms/Deciliter, 2013, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, Public Health Services Branch, Division of Family Health Services, Annual Childhood Lead Exposure reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal to or greater than 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) falls within the Centers for Disease Control reference levels for childhood blood lead levels.

4 | Child Protection

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2013, 2017. 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.

Number of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2013, 2017. 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".

Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2013, 2017. 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 in Out-of-Home CP&P Placements, 2014, 2018. As reported by the N.J. Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for each year.

5 | Early Care and Education

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2013-14, 2017-18.

Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and 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, 2014-15, 2018-19.

The number of students enrolled in half- and full-day public kindergarten, as reported by the N.J. Department of Education, October enrollment counts for each year.

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2014, 2018. 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, 2014, 2018.

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.

Children Ages 0-5 with All Parents in the Labor Force, 2018. 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.

Median Weekly Child Care Costs, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, New Jersey Child Care Market Price Study. Data represent weekly prices for full-time care at the 50th percentile for infants, toddlers and preschoolers at licensed child care centers.

6 | School Children

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2014-15, 2018-19.

As reported by the N.J. Department of Agriculture for October of each school year. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools.

Number of Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2014-15, 2018-19.

As reported by the N.J. Department of Agriculture for October of each school year. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools.

Free and Reduced-Price Eligible Student Participation in Breakfast per 100 Participating in Lunch, 2014-15, 2018-19.

As reported by the N.J. Department of Agriculture for October of each school year. Percentages represent the total number of students receiving a free or reduced-price breakfast out of the total number of students receiving a free or reduced-price lunch. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 3rd Grade PARCC Exams, 2017-18. 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 expectations calculated by ACNJ.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 4th Grade PARCC Exams, 2017-18. 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 expectations calculated by ACNJ.

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Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 7th Grade PARCC Exams, 2017-18. 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 expectations calculated by ACNJ.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 10th and 11th Grade English Language Arts PARCC Exams, 2017-18. 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 expectations calculated by ACNJ.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II PARCC Exams, 2017-18. 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 expectations calculated by ACNJ.

Chronically Absent Students, Grades K-12, 2015-16, 2016-17. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education end of year data submission. 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, 2017-18. As reported by the N.J. Department of Education, Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Data. County adjusted 4-year cohort graduation rates calculated by ACNJ.

7 | Teens and Young Adults

Teens Ages 16 to 19 Not Working and Not in School, 2013-2017. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14005.

Percentage of Births to Females Ages 10-19, 2013, 2017. 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, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data retrieved June 6, 2019.

STD Rates of Teens Ages 15-19, 2014, 2018. Age-specific rate of youth ages 15-19 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis per 100,000 total youth within the same age group. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System. Data retrieved July 25, 2019.

Juvenile Arrests, 2012, 2016. 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, 2013, 2017. Children committed to New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission facilities. As reported by the N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission.

Admissions to Juvenile County Detention, 2014, 2017. As reported by the N.J. Juvenile Justice Commission. Statewide data reflects only those counties participating in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

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