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The State of Our Counties



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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](http://www.acnj.org) and at [datacenter.kidscount.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>8,866,780</b> | <b>8,908,520</b> | <b>0</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>1,997,934</b> | <b>1,953,643</b> | <b>-2</b> |



# 1 Demographics

## 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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>102,326</b> | <b>101,159</b> | <b>-1</b> |

## Child and Family Economics

### Children Living Below the Poverty Threshold\*

|                   | 2014           |           | 2018           |           | % Change<br>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                |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>315,563</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>264,253</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>-16</b>         |

\*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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>\$89,020</b> | <b>\$103,429</b> | <b>16</b> |

## 2 Child and Family Economics

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>6.8</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>-40</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>-2</b> |

## 2 Child and Family Economics

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>58,948</b> | <b>23,582</b> | <b>-60</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>417,044</b> | <b>353,883</b> | <b>-15</b> |

## 2 Child and Family Economics

### 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           |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>337,388</b> | <b>\$590</b> | <b>335,848</b> | <b>\$1,068</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>81</b>    |

\*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              |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>599,250</b> | <b>\$2,173</b> | <b>618,500</b> | <b>\$2,296</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b>       |

\*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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>464</b> | <b>452</b> | <b>-3</b> |

### 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         |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>8.3</b> | <b>8.0</b> | <b>-4</b> |

### 3 Child Health

#### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>79.0</b> | <b>74.7</b> | <b>-5</b> |

#### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>708,334</b> | <b>768,592</b> | <b>9</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>78,200</b> | <b>3.7</b> | <b>79,761</b> | <b>3.9</b> |

\*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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>-4</b> |



### 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         |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>-18</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>94,486</b> | <b>91,585</b> | <b>-3</b> |

\*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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>11,972</b> | <b>6,463</b> | <b>-46</b> |

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## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>12.7</b> | <b>7.1</b> | <b>-44</b> |

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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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>7,322</b> | <b>5,586</b> | <b>-24</b> |

\*Child Protection and Permanency

\*\*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.

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>51,924</b> | <b>51,580</b> | <b>-1</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>91,570</b> | <b>89,294</b> | <b>-2</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>3,964</b> | <b>4,169</b> | <b>5</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>347,952</b> | <b>386,738</b> | <b>11</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>409,596</b> | <b>68</b> |

\*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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>\$250</b> | <b>\$228</b> | <b>\$208</b> |

\*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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>215,604</b> | <b>224,416</b> | <b>4</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>406,996</b> | <b>392,143</b> | <b>-4</b> |

## 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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>8</b> |

\*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>52</b>                   | <b>53</b> |



## 6 School Children

### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 4<sup>th</sup> 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>58</b>                   | <b>49</b> |

### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on 7<sup>th</sup> 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>63</b>                   | <b>43</b> |

## 6 School Children

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

|                   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 11 <sup>th</sup> 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                     |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>51</b>              | <b>39</b>              |

### 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         |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>29</b>  |

## 6 School Children

### Chronically Absent Students, Grades K-12

|                   | 2015-16        |           | 2016-17        |           | % Change<br>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                 |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>128,665</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>135,675</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b>           |

### 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       |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>91</b> | <b>1</b> |

## Teens and Young Adults

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

|                   | #             | %         |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Atlantic          | 1,998         | 14        |
| Bergen            | 3,372         | 7         |
| Burlington        | 2,625         | 12        |
| Camden            | 3,005         | 12        |
| Cape May          | 814           | 19        |
| Cumberland        | 1,964         | 26        |
| Essex             | 4,956         | 12        |
| Gloucester        | 1,535         | 10        |
| Hudson            | 3,334         | 12        |
| Hunterdon         | 863           | 12        |
| Mercer            | 2,465         | 11        |
| Middlesex         | 3,882         | 9         |
| Monmouth          | 2,435         | 7         |
| Morris            | 1,773         | 6         |
| Ocean             | 3,126         | 12        |
| Passaic           | 3,344         | 12        |
| Salem             | 431           | 14        |
| Somerset          | 1,525         | 9         |
| Sussex            | 655           | 9         |
| Union             | 3,549         | 13        |
| Warren            | 732           | 13        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>48,383</b> | <b>11</b> |

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>4.2</b> | <b>2.8</b> | <b>-33</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>1,642.2</b> | <b>1,965.5</b> | <b>20</b> |

\*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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>29,961</b> | <b>20,025</b> | <b>-33</b> |

## 7 Teens and Young Adults

### 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        |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>314</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>-44</b> |

### 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          |
| <b>New Jersey</b> | <b>3,179</b> | <b>2,478</b> | <b>-22</b> |

\*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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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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