



# Trenton Kids Count 2023

A City Profile of Child Well-Being



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# Where do we get our data?

## Federal Sources:

- US Census Bureau
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Internal Revenue Services

## State Sources:

- NJ Dept. of Education
- NJ Dept. of Health
- NJ Dept. of Children and Families
- NJ Dept. of Human Services

## Local Sources:

- Trenton Police Department



## COVID-19 and Data...

- Data often lag because of collection windows and quality checks.
- Many data not available or not comparable:
  - School meals
  - Chronic absenteeism

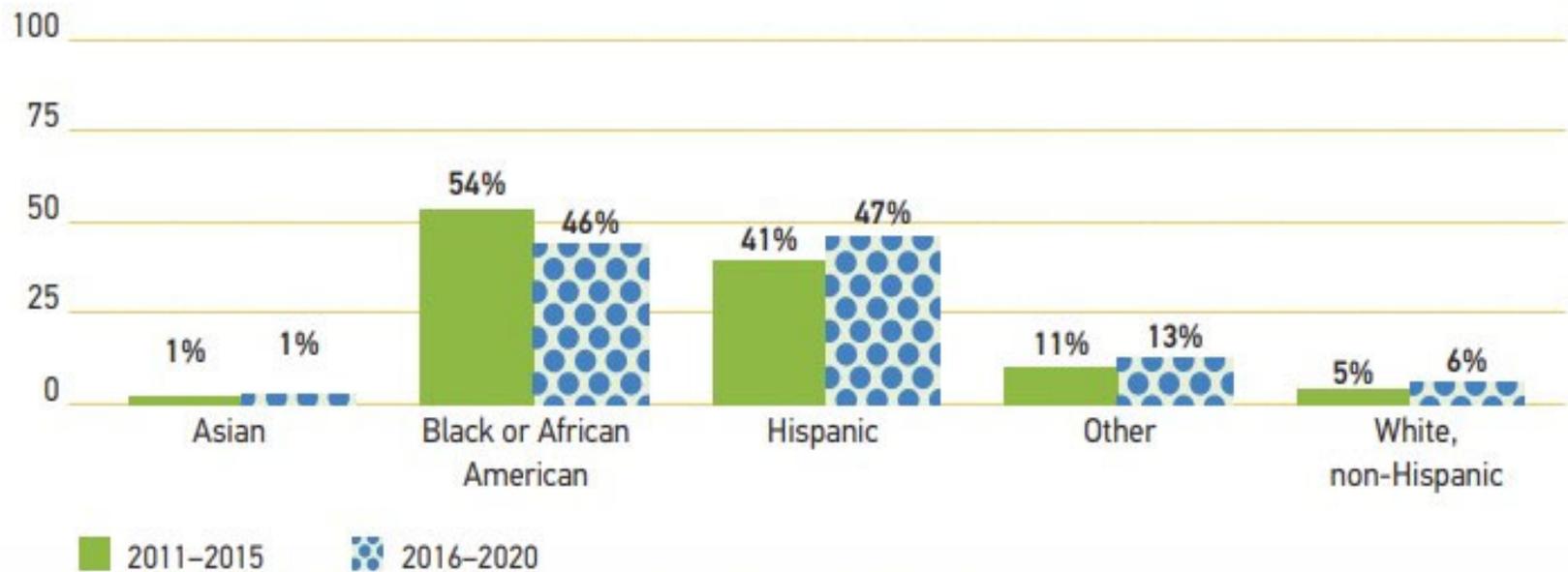
# Demographics

- 2021 total population of Trenton = 90,458
- 2021 child population of Trenton = 22,323
  - 27% of Trenton's total population are children



# Child Population by Race

Trenton's Child Population Under 18 by Race

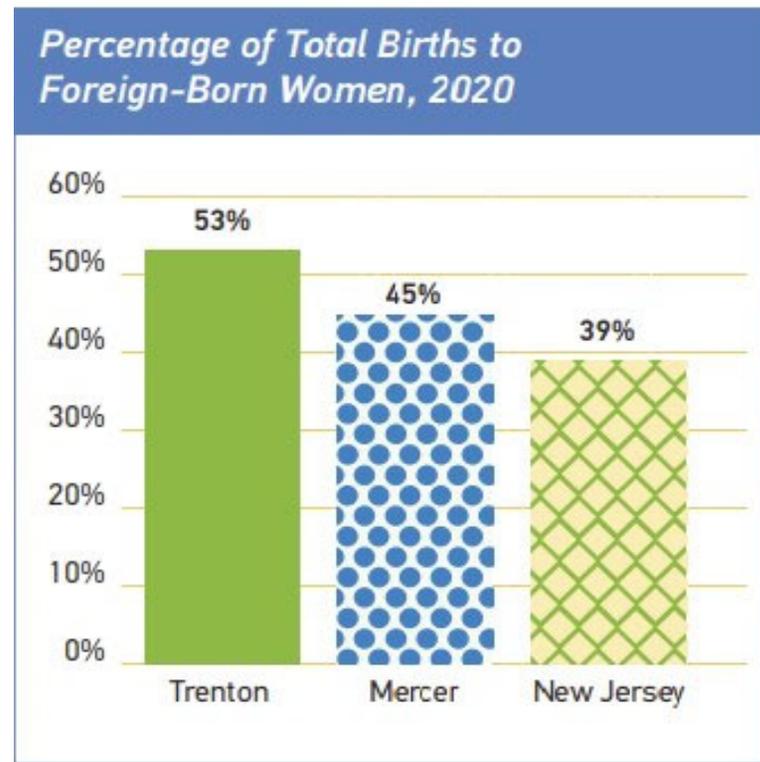


Note: Total percentages for each year may exceed 100% as Hispanics can be of any race.



# Births to Foreign-Born Women

- 14% increase since 2016 in Trenton
  - Mercer County and New Jersey have seen a decline



# Languages Spoken in the Home

## Languages Spoken in the Home, Trenton

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Percentage of population age 5 & over who only speak English in the home	61.9	61.6
Percentage of population age 5 & over who speak a language other than English in the home	38.1	38.4
Percentage of those ages 5-17 who speak a language other than English by language spoken		
Spanish	6.7	8.3
Other Indo-European languages	0.7	0.1
Asian & Pacific Islander languages	0.1	0.1
Other languages	0	0.4

## Trenton English Language Learner Enrollment as a Percentage of Total Enrollment

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Trenton Public Schools	30.0	27.1	27.0
New Jersey	6.9	7.0	7.4

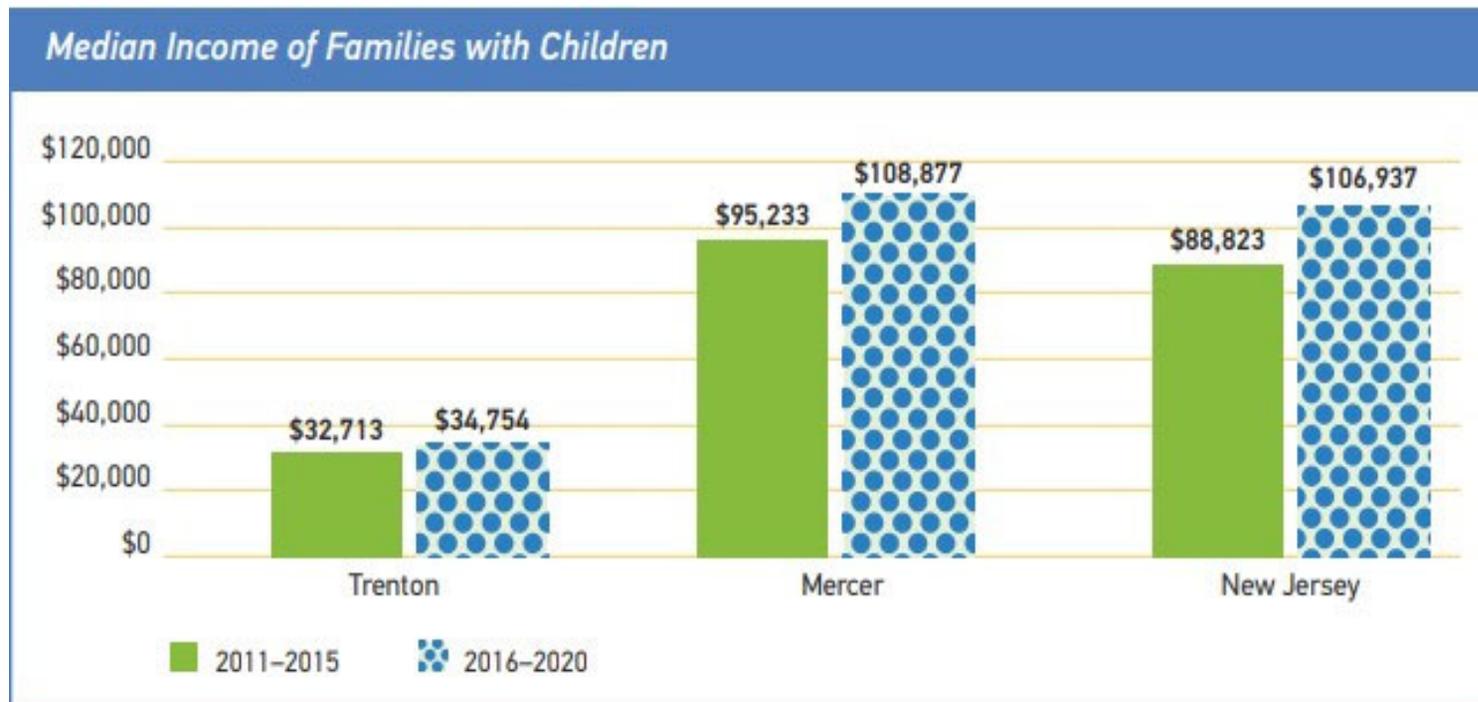
# Family Economic Security

## Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children, Under Age 18

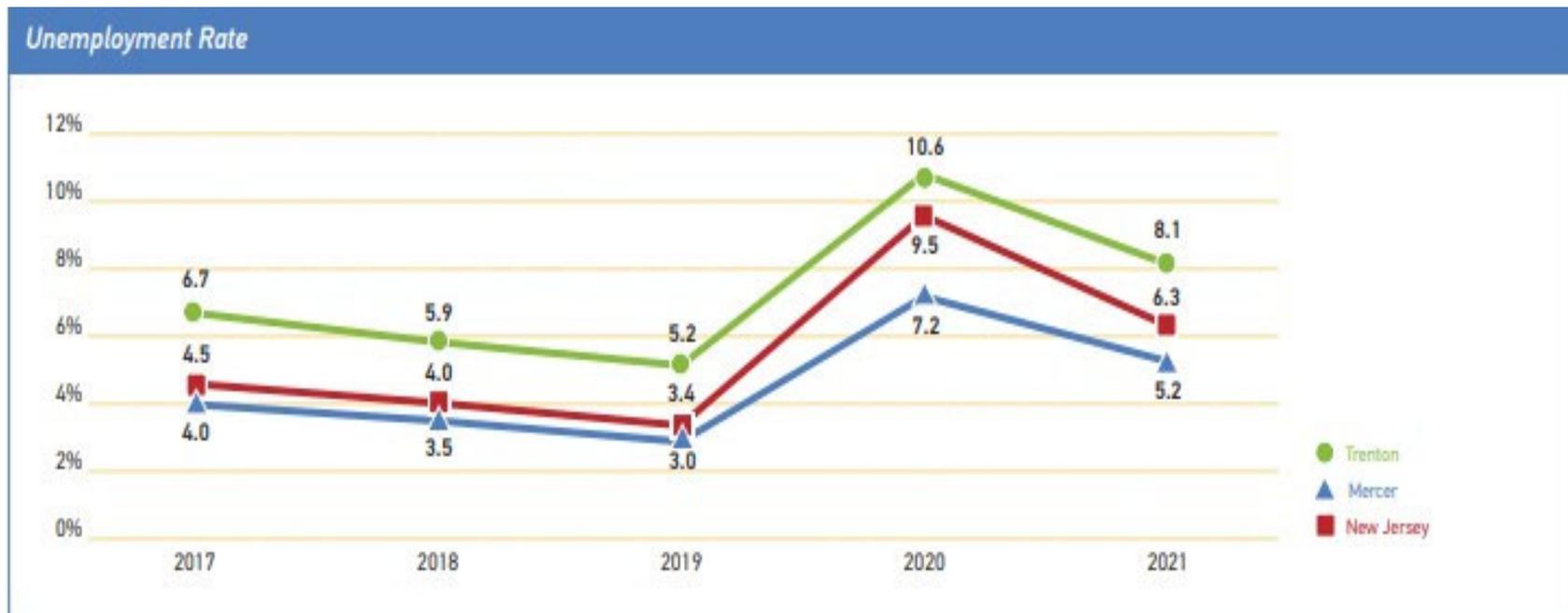
	2011-2015	2016-2020
<b>Trenton</b>		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	22	16
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	41	37
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	71	67
<b>Mercer</b>		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	8	7
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	16	15
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	32	32
<b>New Jersey</b>		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	7	6
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	16	13
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	32	29



# Median Income of Families with Children

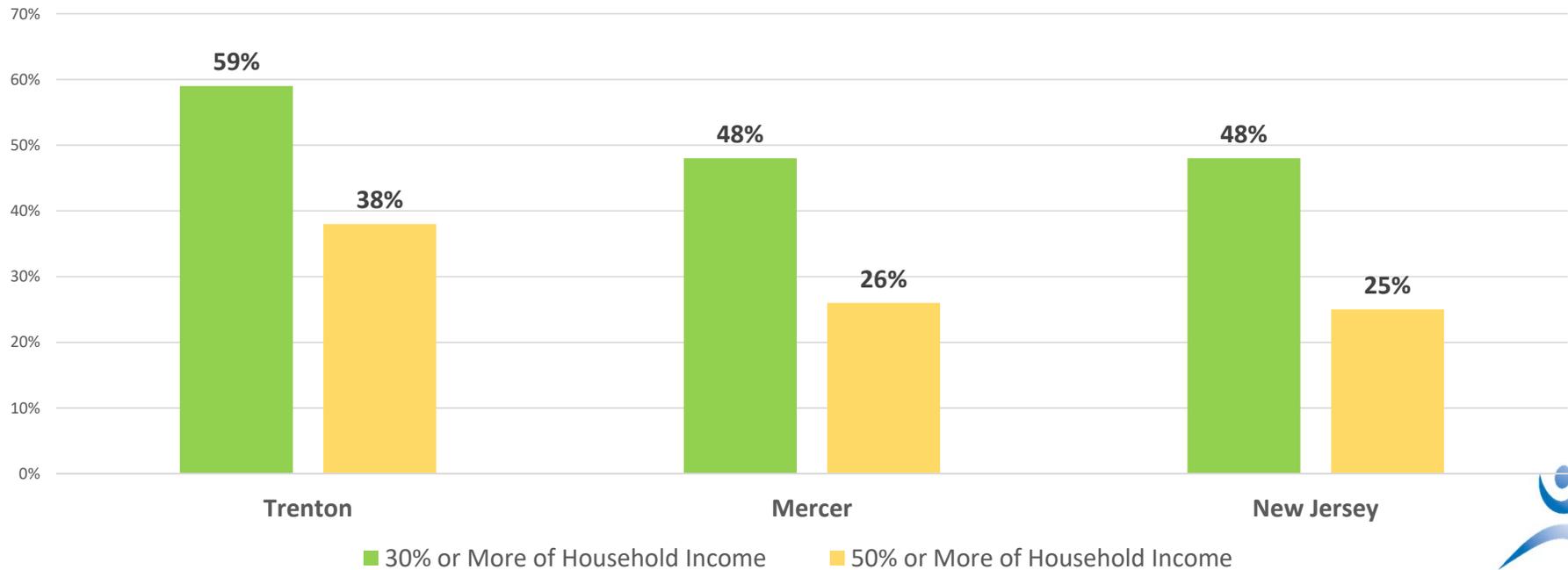


# Unemployment Rate



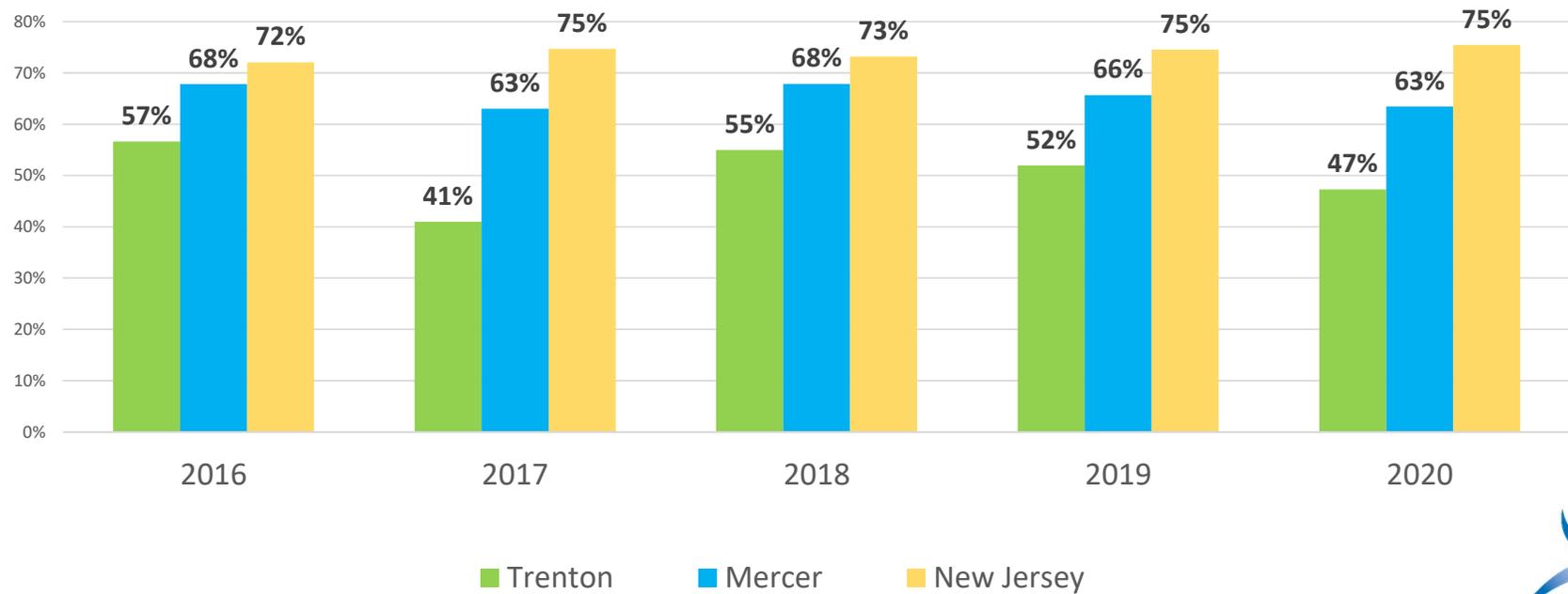
# Too much on rent?

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent 2016-2020



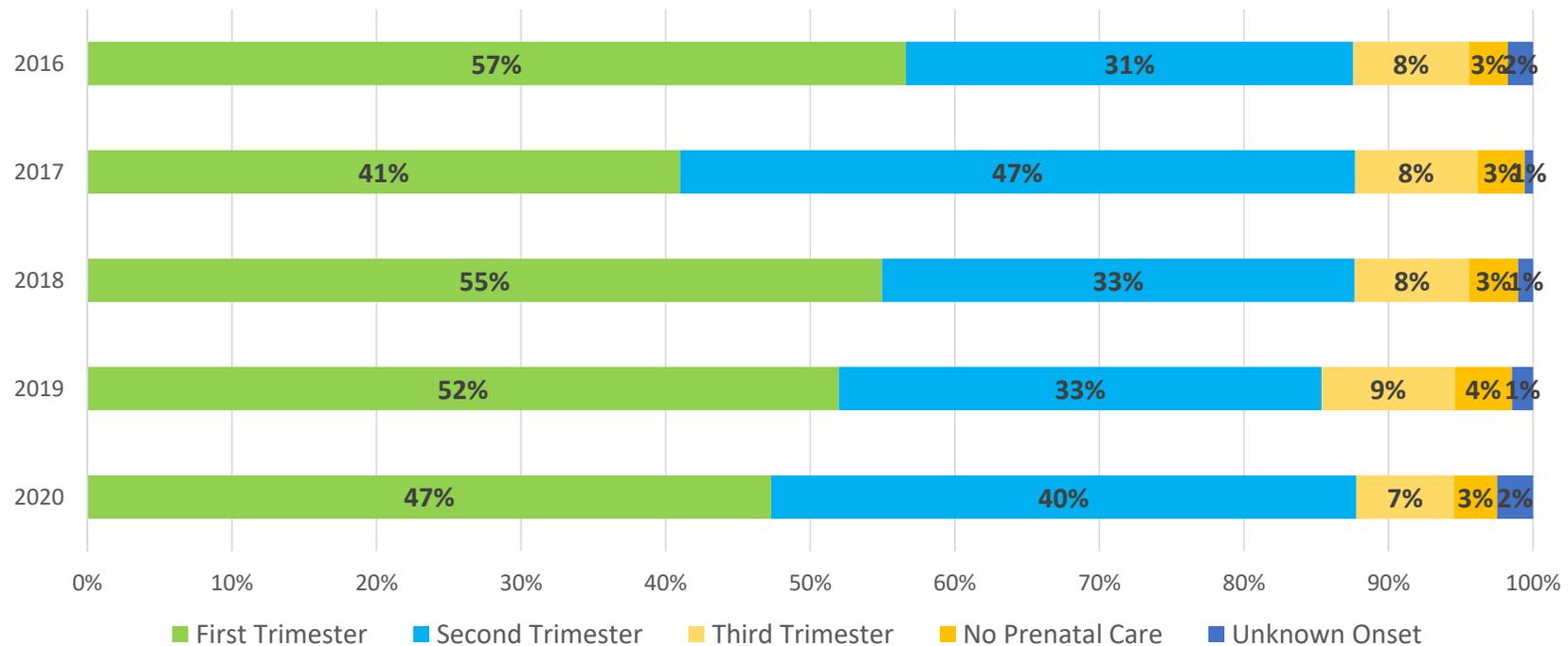
# Child Health

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



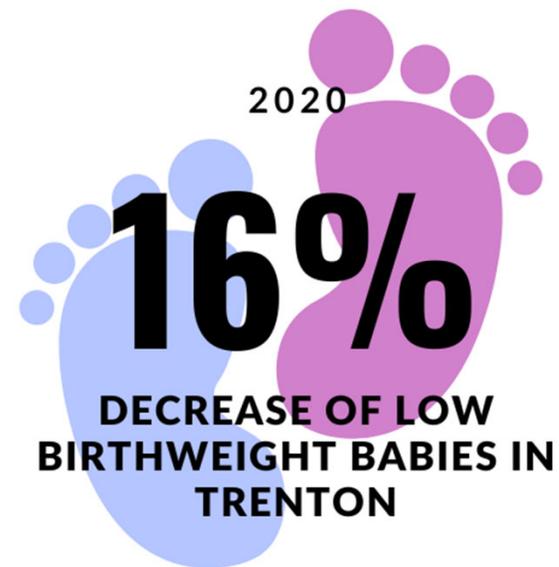
# Prenatal Care Onset in Trenton

Prenatal Care Onset Based on All Live Births in Trenton



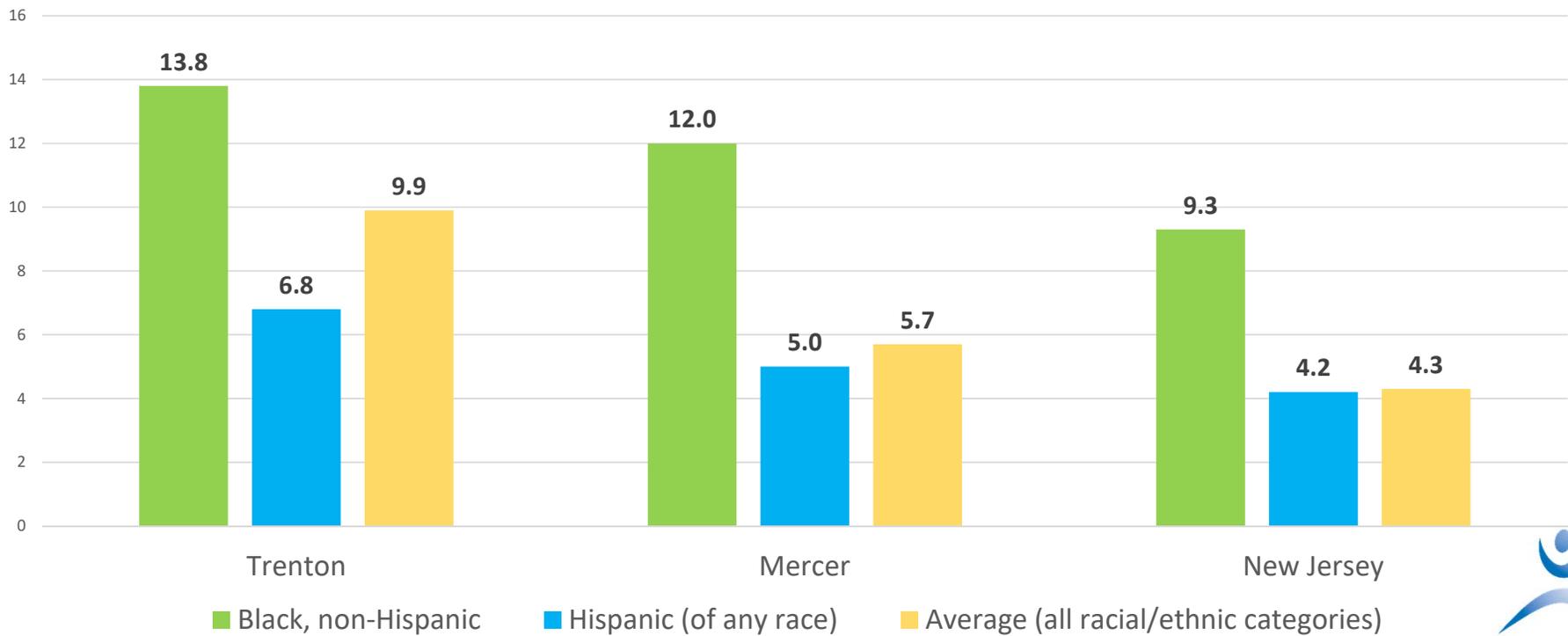
# Babies Born with Low Birthweights

- **Low birthweight** = infant weighing less than 2,500 grams, or about 5.5 pounds
- More likely to develop certain health problems
- All 3 geographies have seen a decrease since 2016



# Infant Mortality Rate

Infant Mortality Rate for Select Racial Groups, 2015-2019



## Health Insurance Coverage

- March 2020 – NJ residents enrolled in NJ FamilyCare able to maintain coverage without annual re-determination due to the nationwide public health emergency
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – Re-determination process for Medicaid Eligibility to begin
- Families need to make sure that NJ FamilyCare has their most current address and contact information.

Children Under Age 19 Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Trenton	11,786	11,268	11,520	13,125	13,771	<b>17</b>
Mercer County	34,385	33,288	34,234	37,825	39,296	14
New Jersey	805,080	782,866	776,976	851,417	885,881	10

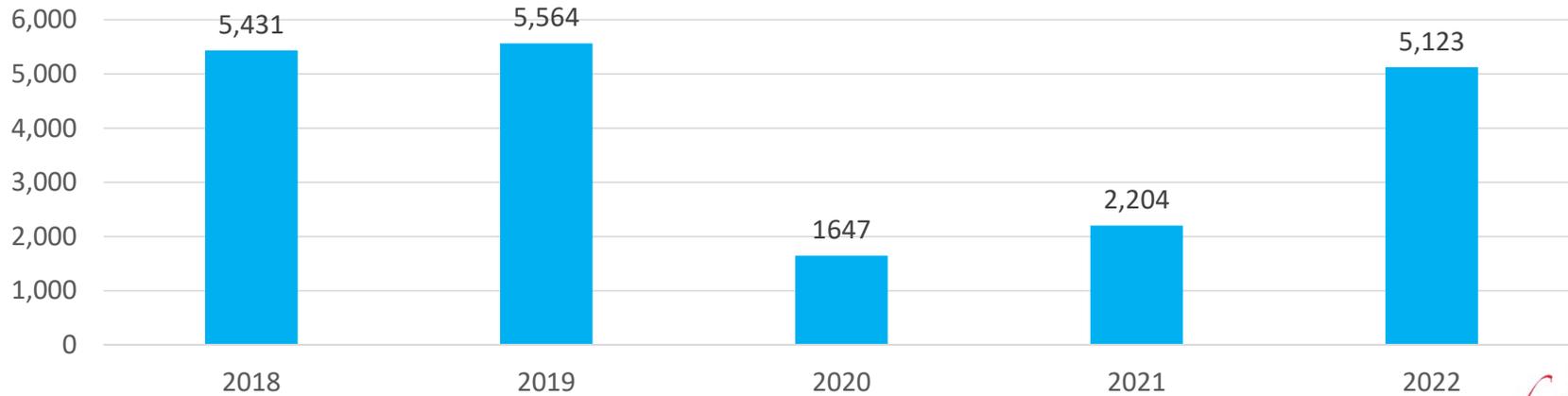
Children Under 19 Without Health Insurance		
	2016-20	
	#	%
Trenton	1,353	5.9
Mercer	2,640	3.1
New Jersey	81,278	3.9

# Child Care

## Licensed Child Care Centers

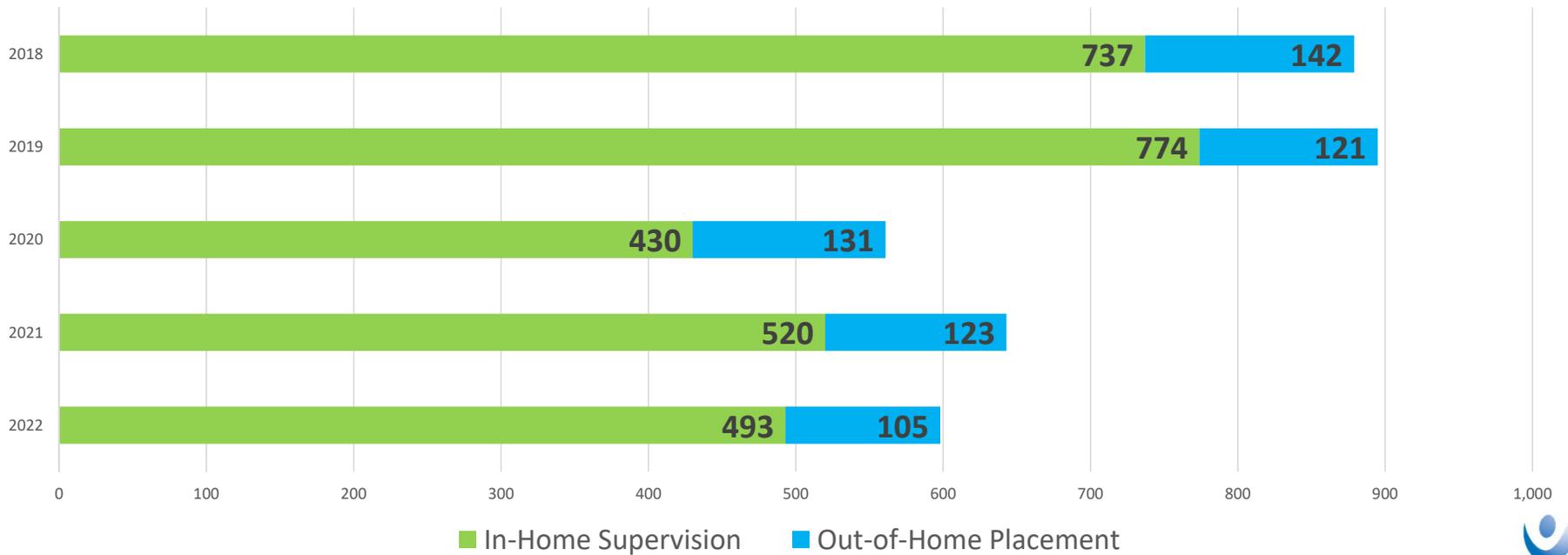
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Trenton	51	52	15	23	47	-8
Mercer County	205	210	87	148	190	-7
New Jersey	4,141	4,171	2,018	3,371	3,976	-4

## Child Care Capacity in Trenton



# Child Protection

## Trenton Children Under CP&P Supervision



*\*Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) was formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)*

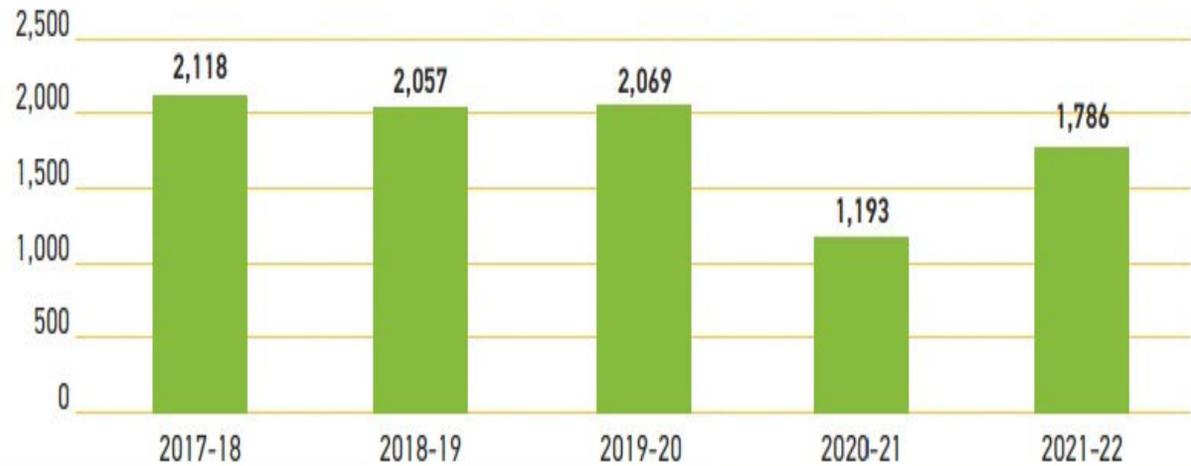


# Education



**100%**  
of preschool children in  
Trenton district are being  
served through 32  
contracts with community-  
based centers.

*Trenton State-Funded Preschool Enrollment*



# Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment

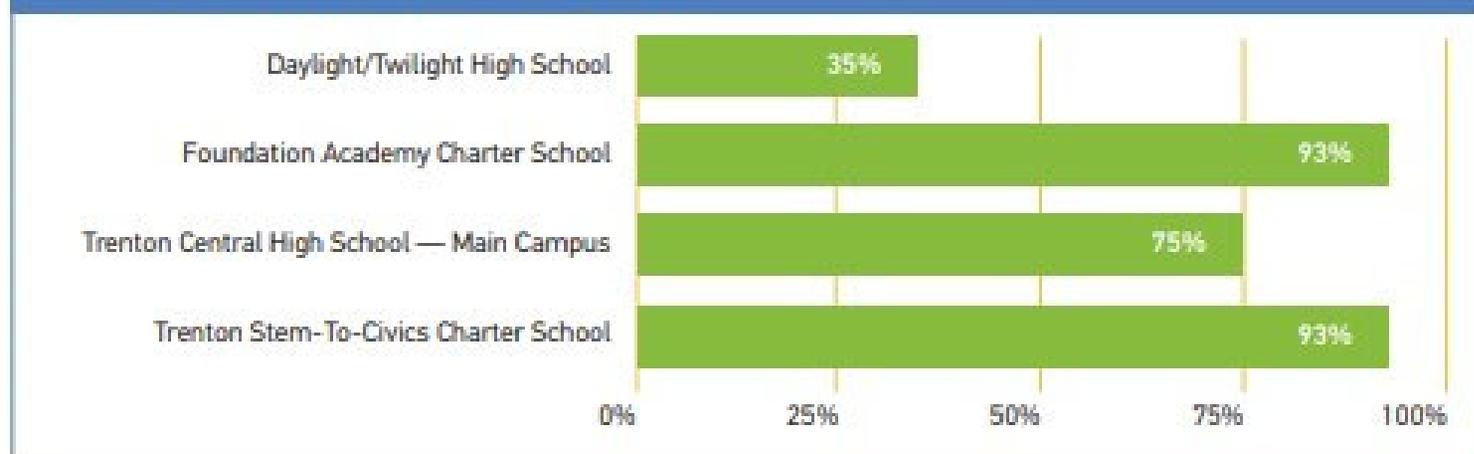
Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Trenton						
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Trenton Public Schools	11,119	11,923	12,653	14,119	14,470	30
Trenton Charter Schools	2,952	2,539	2,685	2,817	2,904	-2
Trenton Total	14,071	14,462	15,338	16,936	17,374	23

# High School Graduation Rates

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	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 17-21
Trenton Public Schools	70	68	64	64	62	-11
New Jersey	91	91	91	91	91	0

## Graduation Rates by High School, 2020-21



# Post-Secondary Enrollment

## Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution

	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20			2020-21		
	% School-Wide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities	% School-Wide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities	% School-Wide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities	% School-Wide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities	% School-Wide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities
<b>Trenton Public Schools</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>
Daylight/Twilight High School	9	10	5	12	15	*	12	14	32	5	4	0	9	11	0
Trenton Central High School — Main Campus	40	38	28	46	47	34	18	13	7	34	33	22	31	29	20
Foundation Academy Charter School	86	85	*	75	73	*	75	72	*	76	76	*	81	80	*
Trenton Stem-to-Civics Charter School	N/A	N/A	N/A	56	57	*	56	55	21	47	44	*	47	49	33
<b>New Jersey Average</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>

An "\*" indicates that data is not displayed to protect student privacy.

Due to a graduation date error during submission, the postsecondary enrollment rates for the Class of 2019 reflect only a portion of the graduation class and not the full graduation class.



# Staff-to-Student Ratio

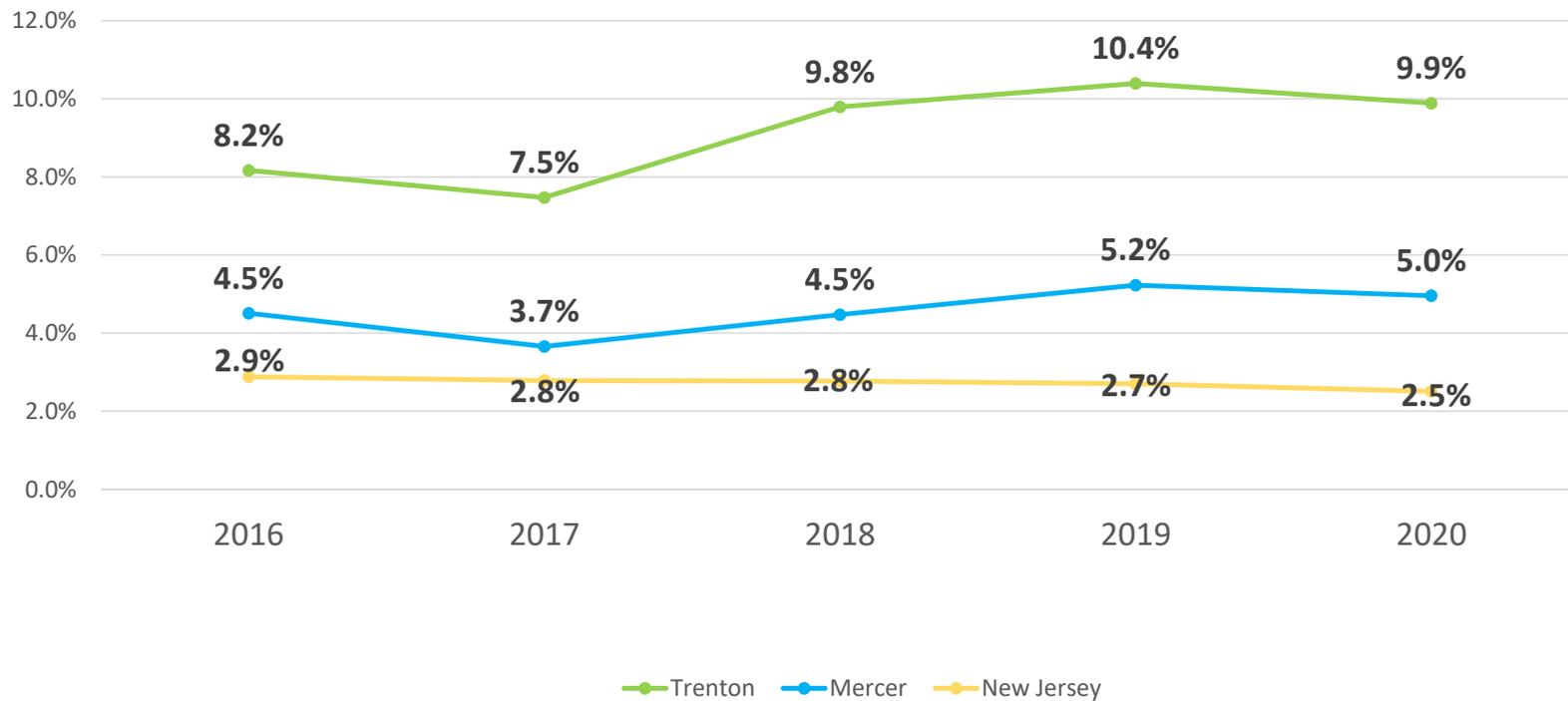
- American School Counselor Association recommends 250 students for every 1 counselor
  - New Jersey and Trenton Public Schools both exceed this

Staff-to-Student Ratio, 2020-21

	Trenton Public Schools	New Jersey
Students to Teachers	14:1	12:1
Students to Administrators	197:1	143:1
Students to Librarians/ Media Specialists	1,256:1	1,128:1
Students to Nurses	512:1	513:1
Students to Counselors	419:1	339:1
Students to Child Study Team Members	47:1	41:1

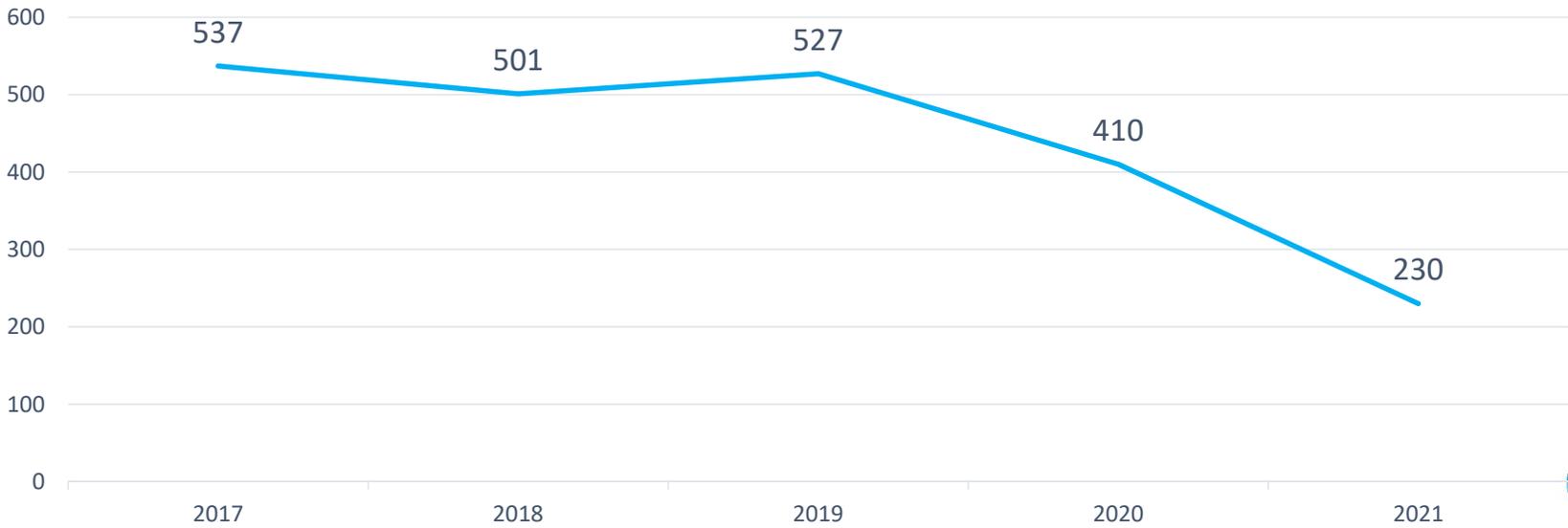
# Teens

Births to Teens (Ages 15-19) as a Percentage of All Births



# Juvenile Arrests

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