



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

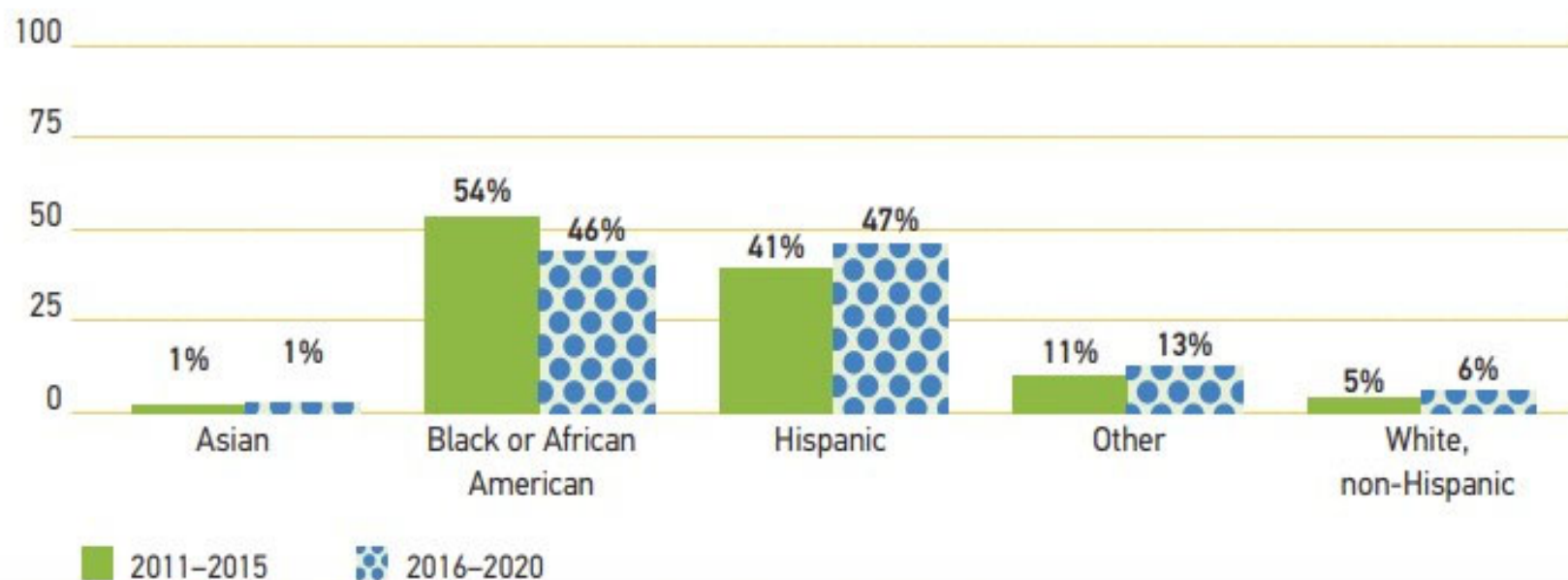
Demographics

- 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

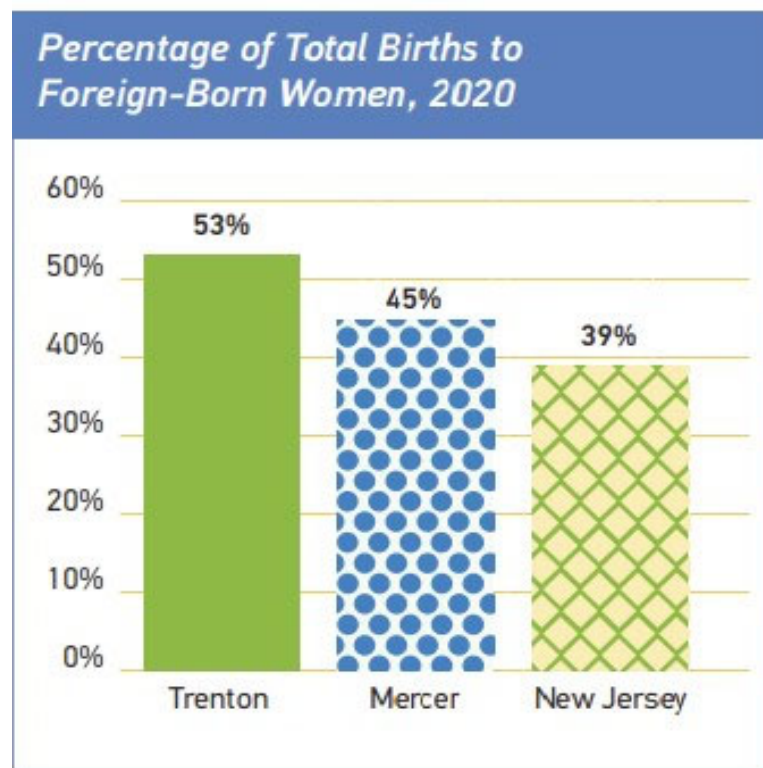
Trenton's Child Population Under 18 by Race



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

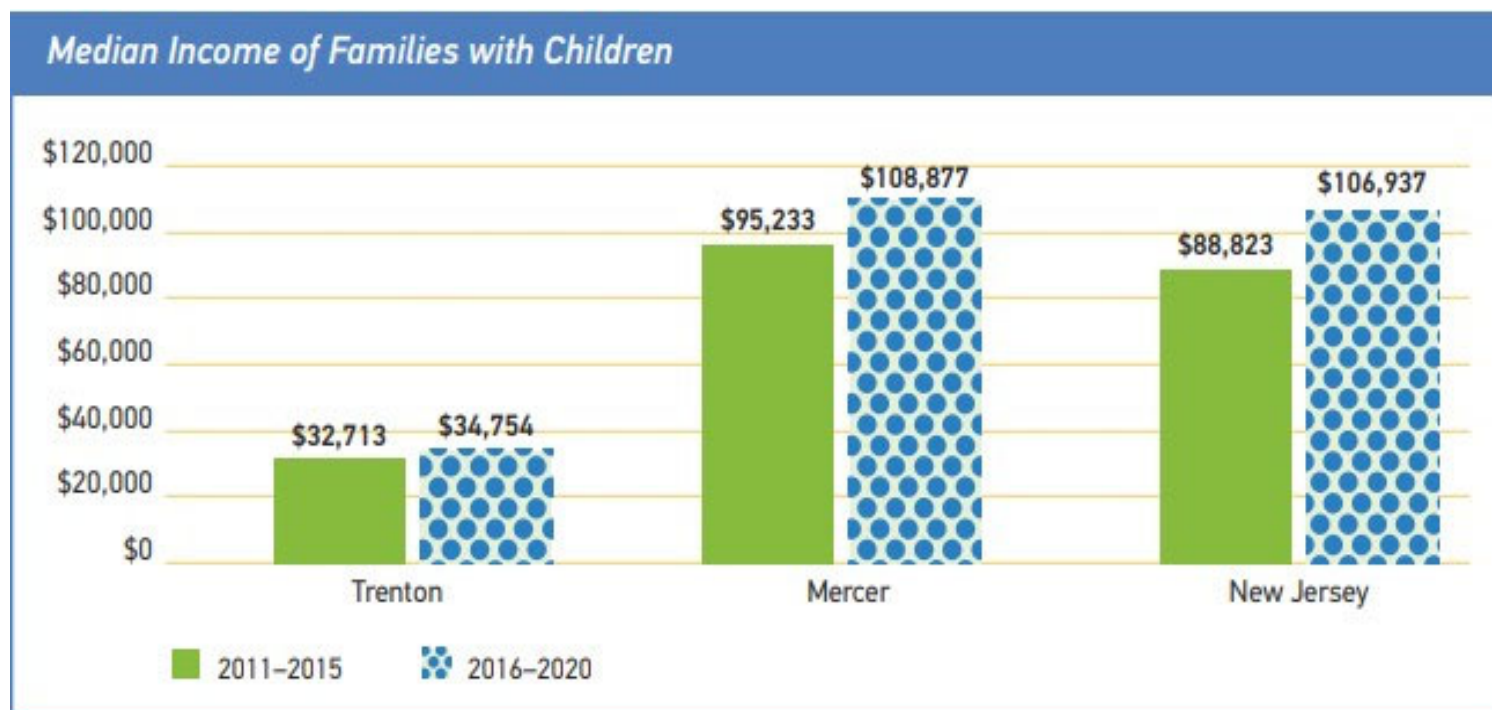
| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Trenton Public Schools | 30.0 | 27.1 | 27.0 |
| New Jersey | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 |

Family Economic Security

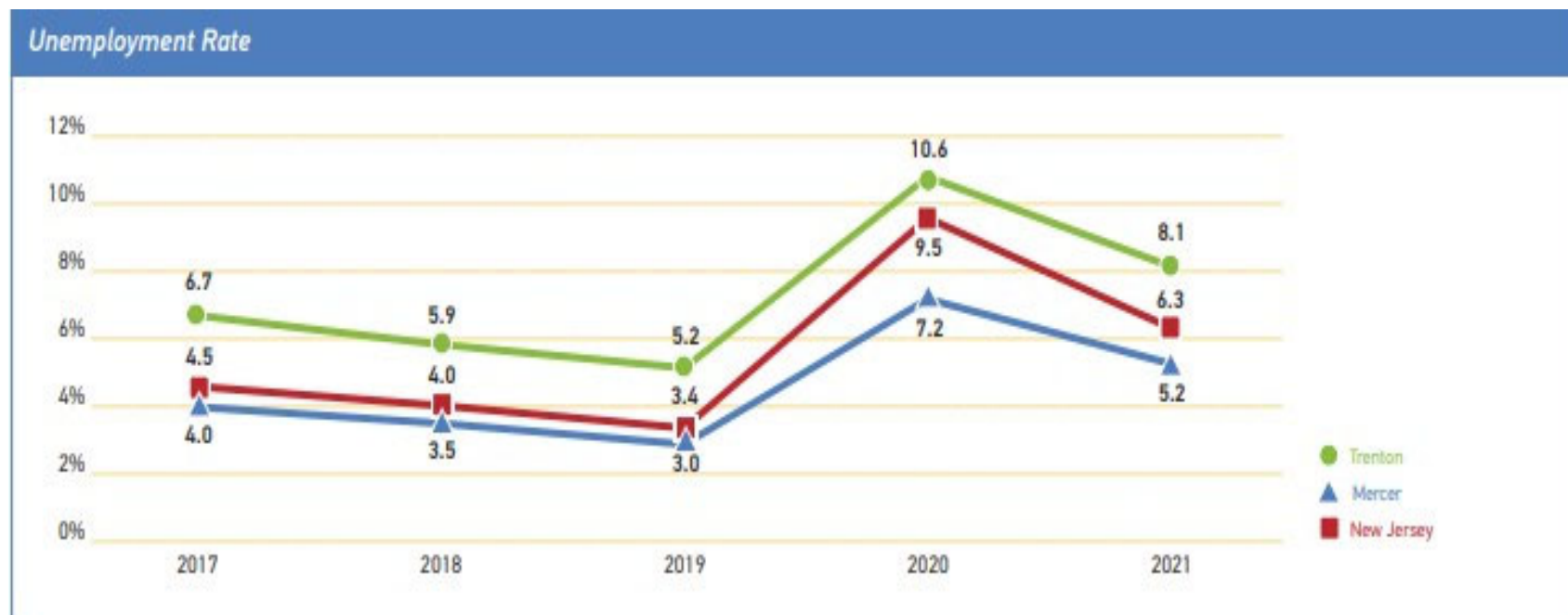
Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children, Under Age 18

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



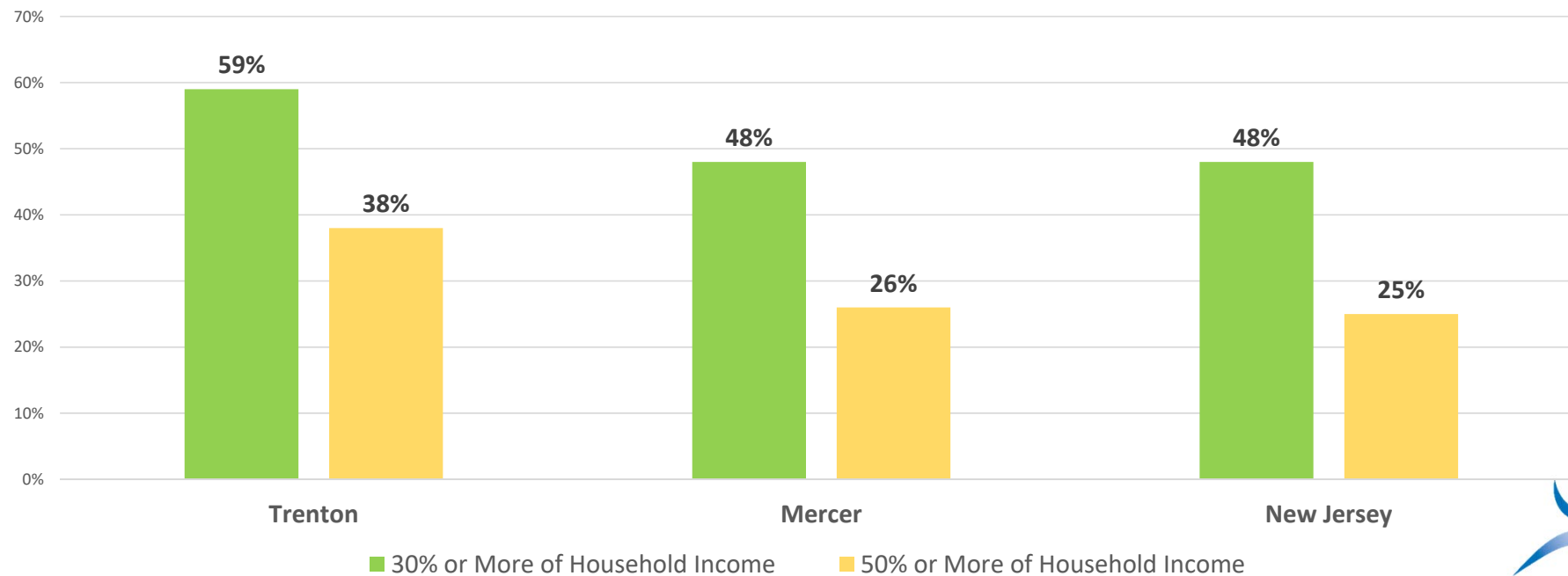
Unemployment Rate



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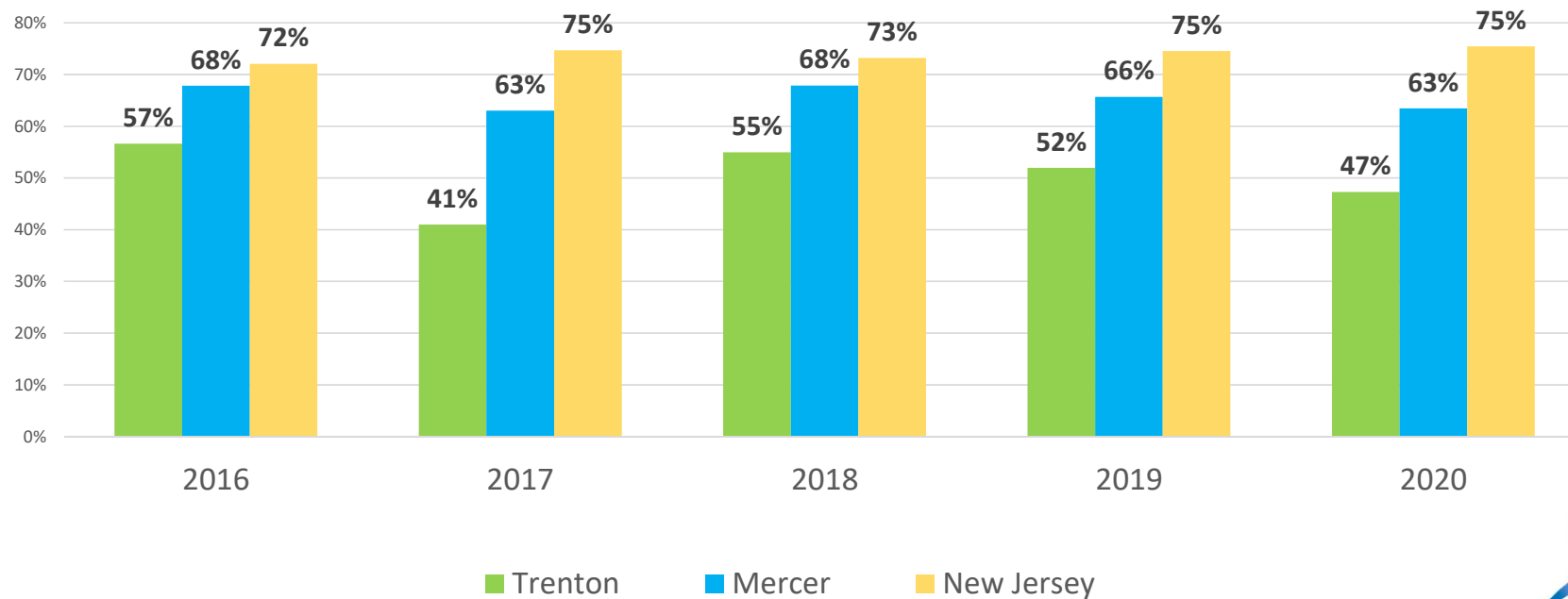
Too much on rent?

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent 2016-2020



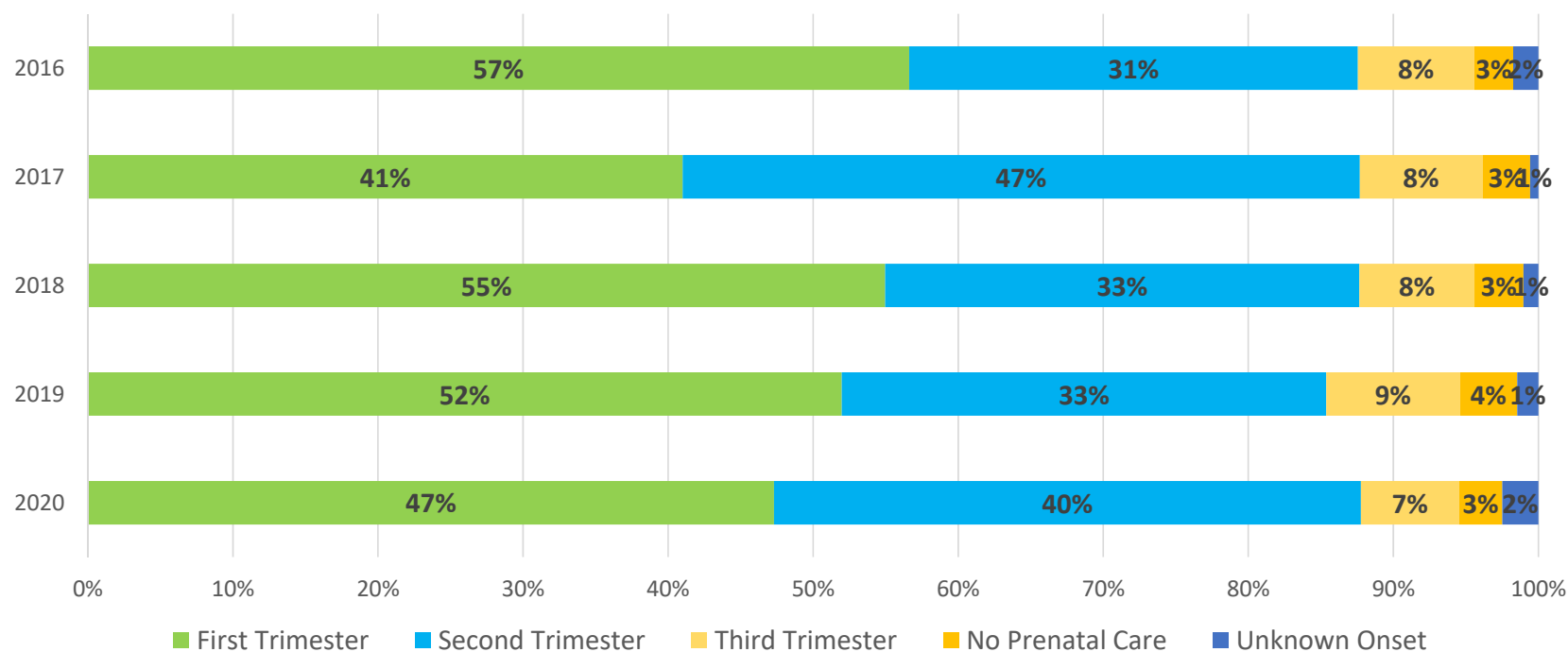
Child Health

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



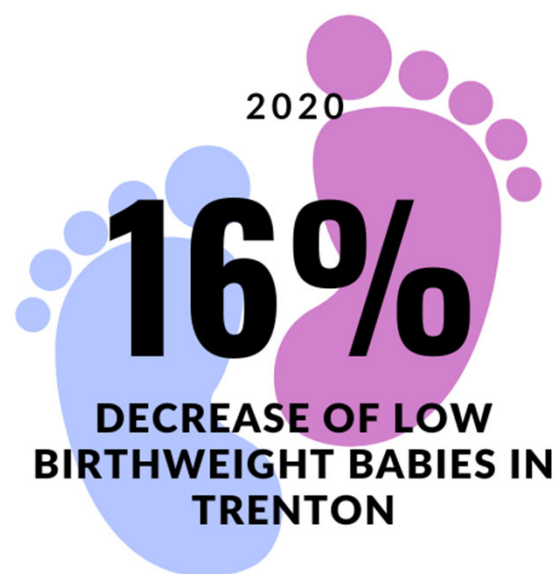
Prenatal Care Onset in Trenton

Prenatal Care Onset Based on All Live Births in Trenton



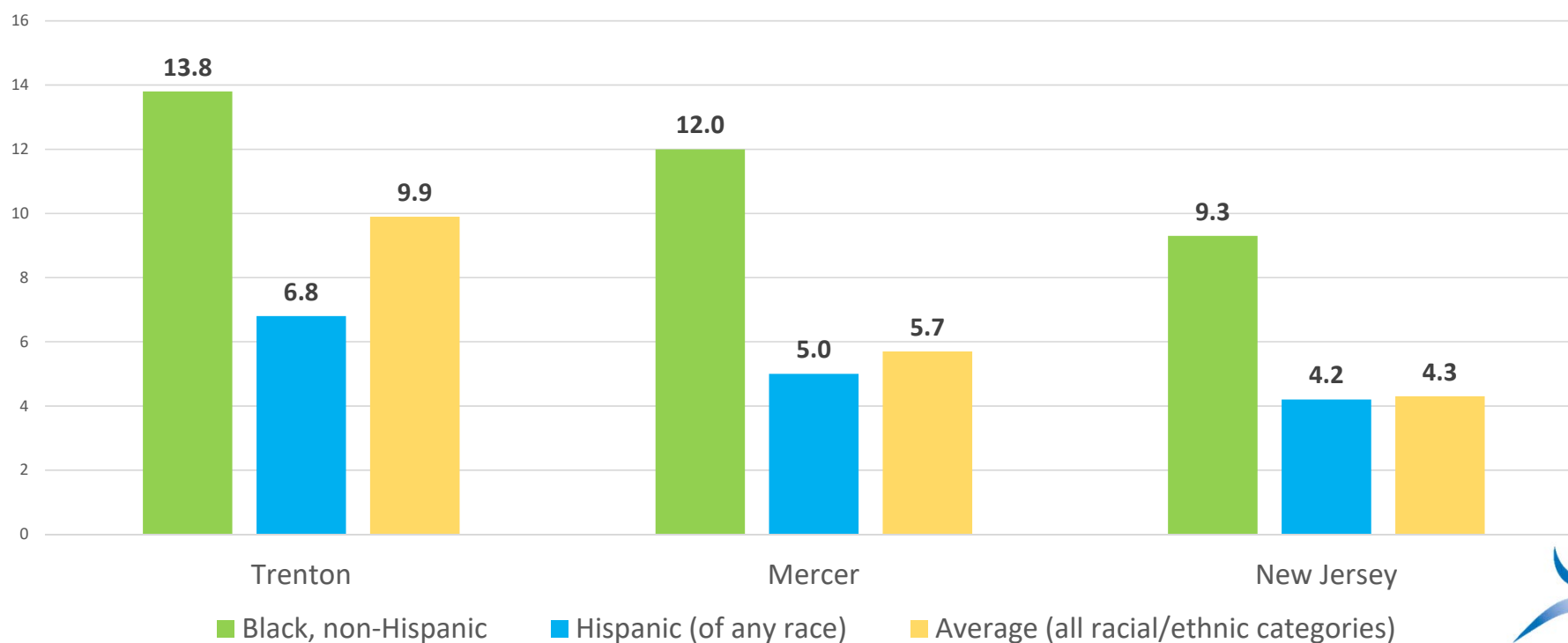
Babies Born with Low Birthweights

- 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 1st, 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.

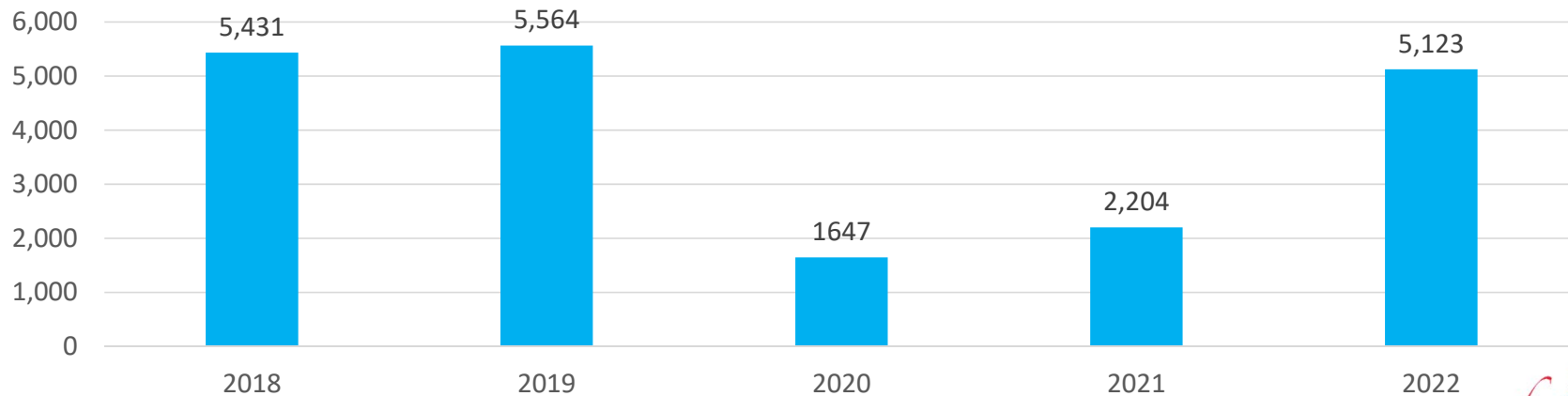
| Children Under Age 19 Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | % Change 18-22 |
| Trenton | 11,786 | 11,268 | 11,520 | 13,125 | 13,771 | 17 |
| Mercer County | 34,385 | 33,288 | 34,234 | 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 |

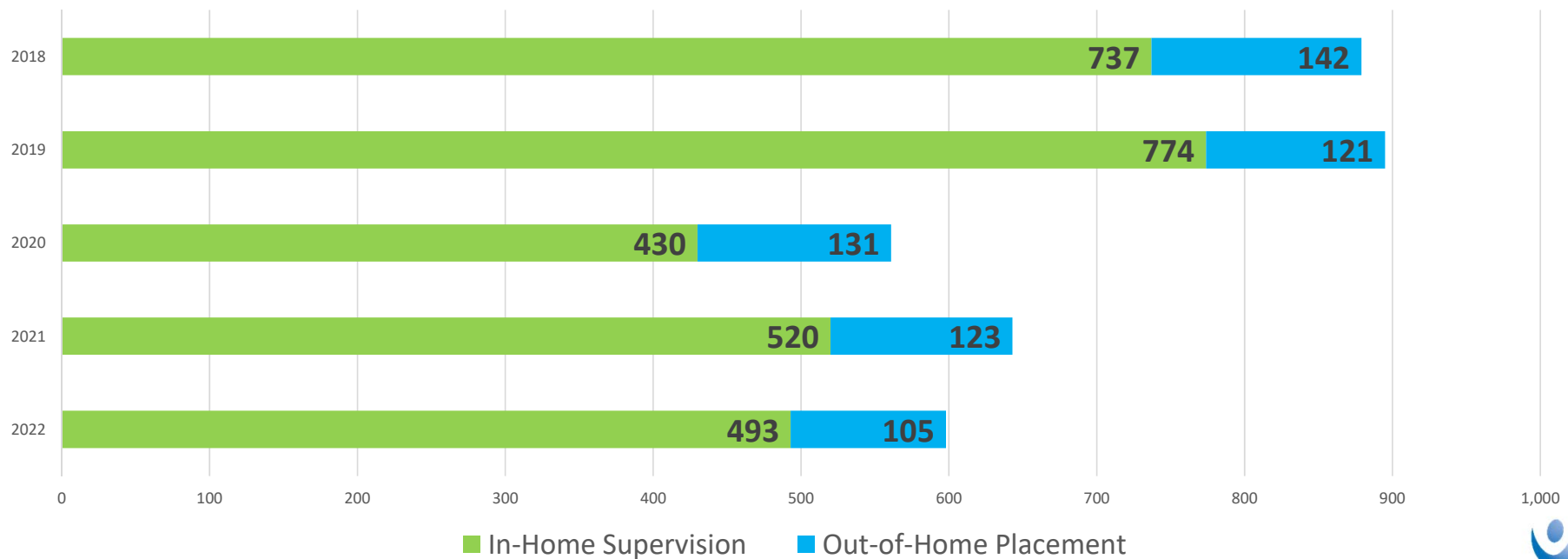
Child Care Capacity in Trenton



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Trenton Children Under CP&P Supervision



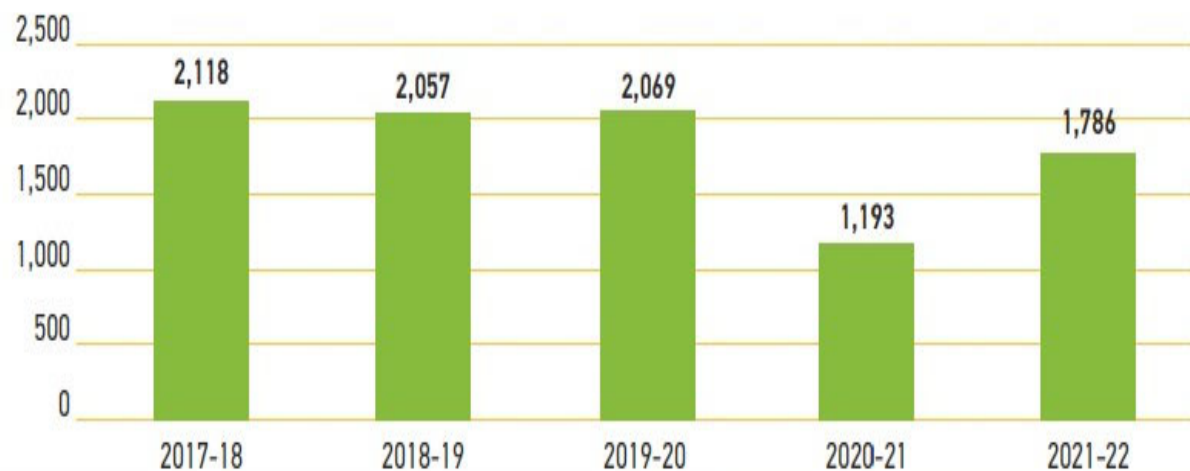
**Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) was formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)*

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

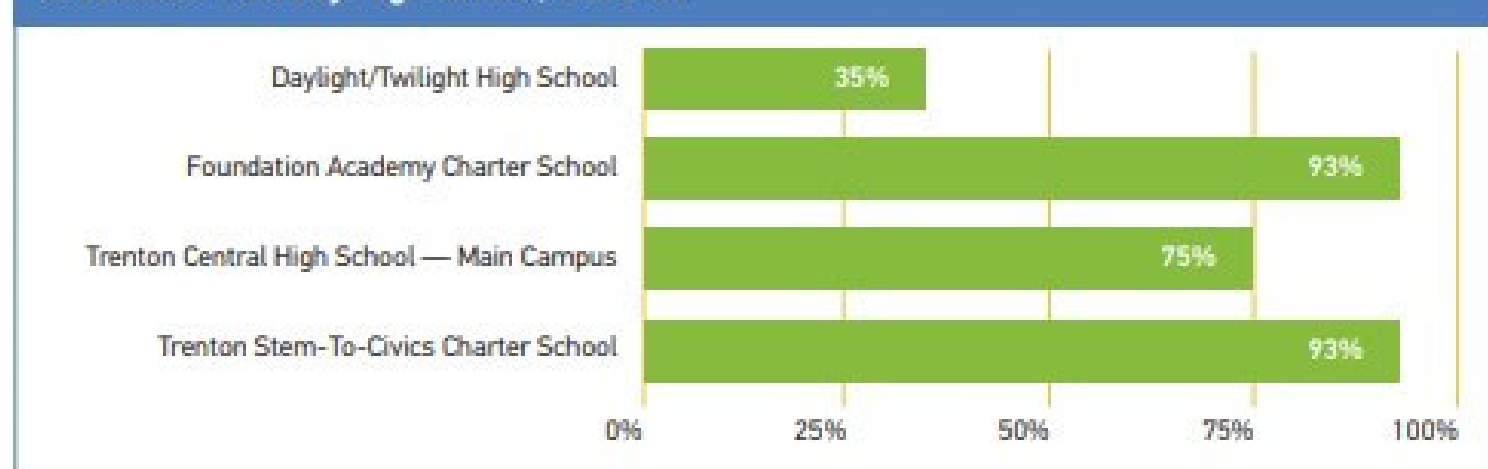
| Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, Trenton | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | % Change 18-22 |
| Trenton Public Schools | 11,119 | 11,923 | 12,653 | 14,119 | 14,470 | 30 |
| 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

High School Graduation Rates

| | 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 |
| Trenton Public Schools | 41 | 40 | 26 | 40 | 41 | 32 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 31 | 30 | 20 | 27 | 25 | 16 |
| 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 |
| New Jersey Average | 71 | 58 | 49 | 73 | 59 | 50 | 72 | 58 | 48 | 67 | 52 | 42 | 68 | 53 | 43 |

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

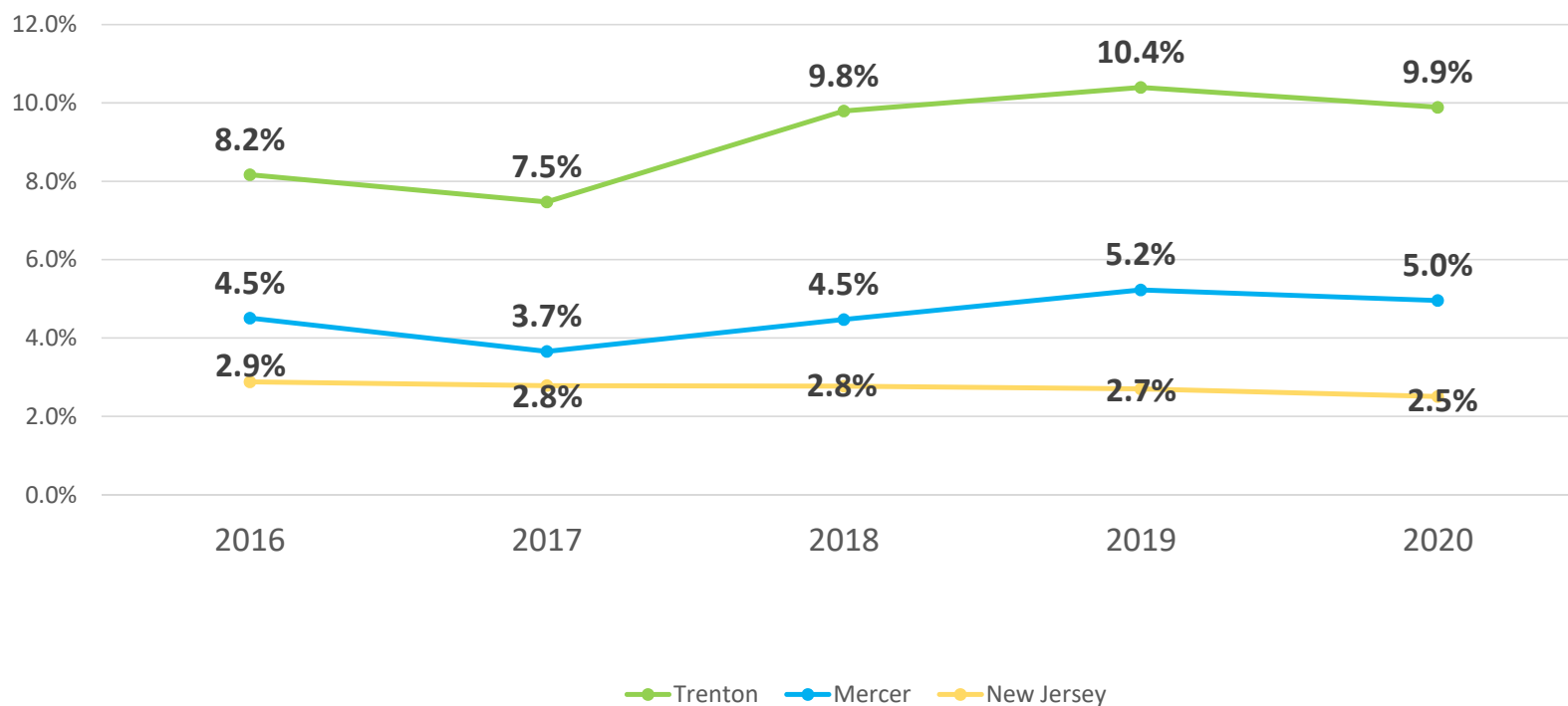
- American School Counselor Association recommends 250 students for every 1 counselor
 - New Jersey and Trenton Public Schools both exceed this

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 |

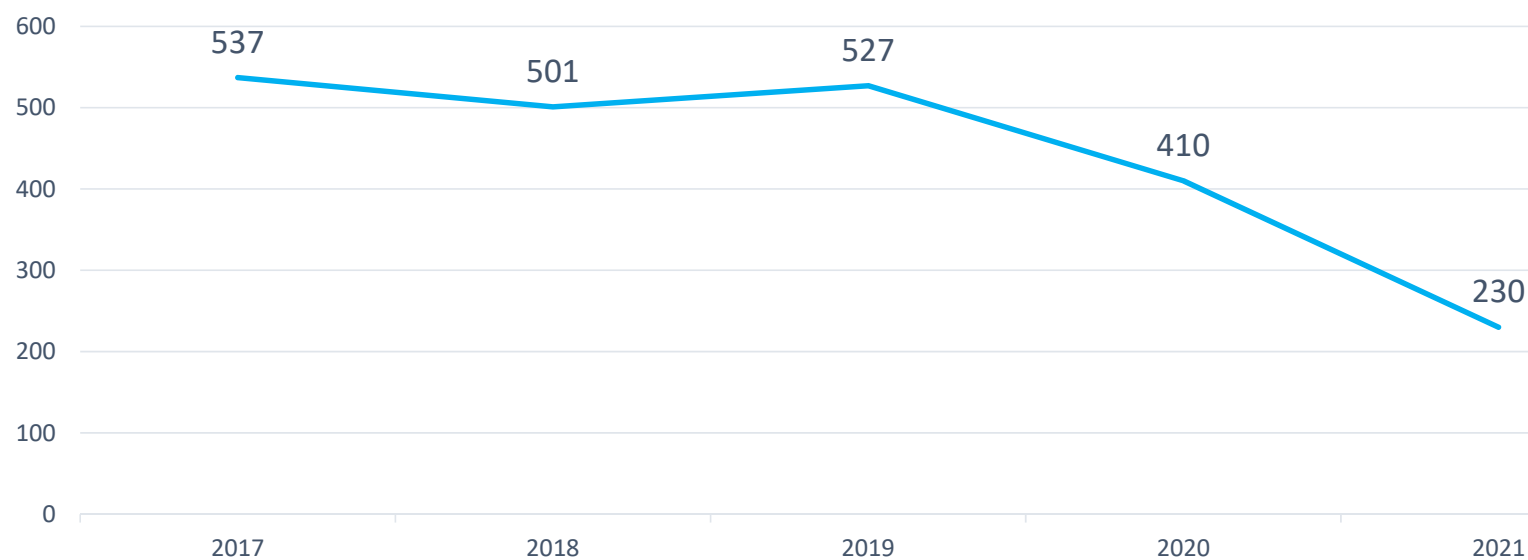
Teens

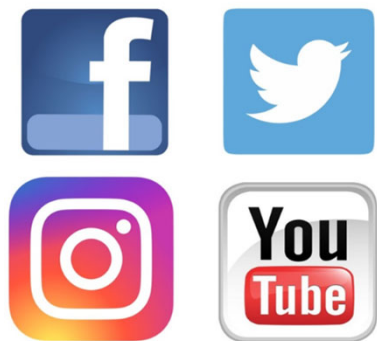
Births to Teens (Ages 15-19) as a Percentage of All Births



Juvenile Arrests

Trenton Juvenile Arrests





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