

Pocket Guide



New Jersey KIDS
COUNT 2020:
The State of our Counties

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Who are we?

An independent, non-profit, non-partisan organization working to put children's needs first at the local, state and federal levels.

ACNJ's goal: To give every child the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated.



What is KIDS COUNT?



THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

- KIDS COUNT has comprehensive data related to children and families in one place
- Assess change over time with trend data; provide a baseline for future comparisons
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families
- Easily accessible and meaningful

KIDS COUNT Data Center



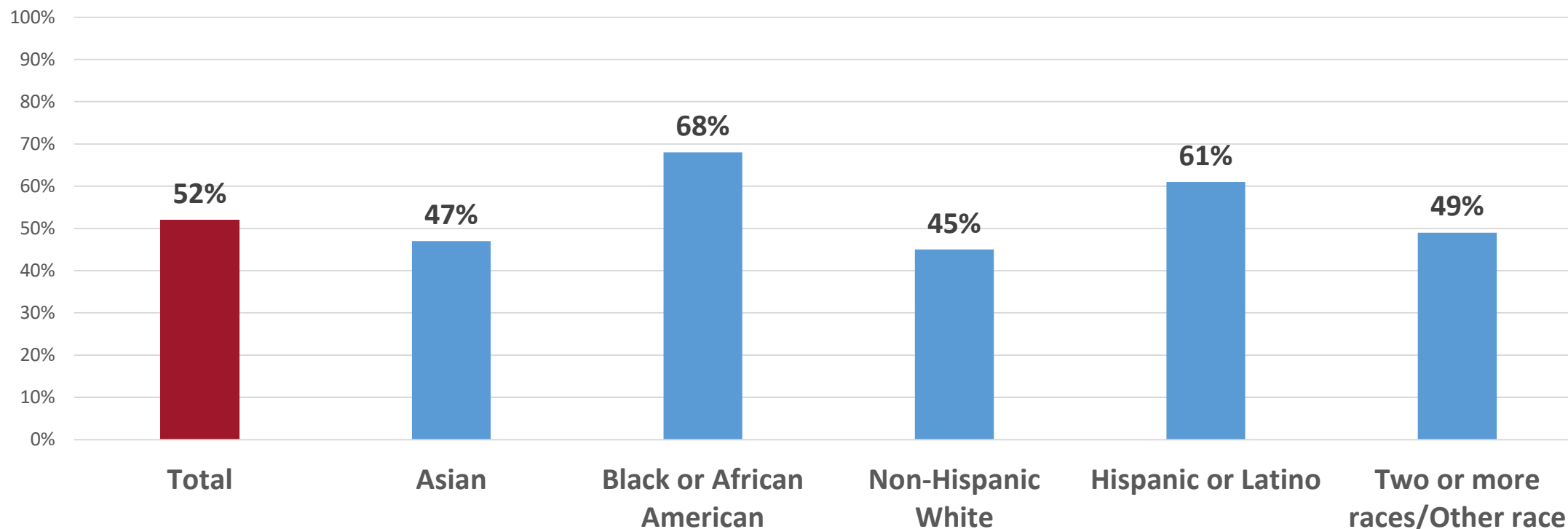
The screenshot shows the Kids Count Data Center website. At the top, there is a yellow banner with the text "KIDS COUNT data center" and "A PROJECT OF THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION". Below this is a navigation menu with tabs for "DATA BY LOCATION", "DATA BY TOPIC", "PUBLICATIONS", and "UPDATES", along with links for "Help", "About", and "Contact". A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Enter any location, topic and/or keywords here" and a "SEARCH DATA CENTER" button. Below the search bar, there is a breadcrumb trail "Home > Locations" and a section titled "CHOOSE A STATE". This section includes a map of the United States with state abbreviations and a list of state abbreviations on the right side. A button labeled "VIEW U.S. DATA" is located at the bottom right of the map area.

Household Pulse Survey

- The Annie E. Casey Foundation released: *Kids, Families and COVID-19: Pandemic Pain Points and the Urgent Need to Respond*
 - Looks at HH Pulse data across all 50 states.
- Experimental data product designed to collect information quickly during COVID-19.
- Data collected over several “phases” through internet response.
- Avoid comparisons with other Census Bureau surveys.
- Data available by presence of children in household, not for children themselves.

Income Losses Among Families

Percentage of NJ Adults Living in Households with Children Who Lost Employment Income Since March 13, 2020, by Race/Ethnicity for Sept. 16- Oct. 12, 2020*



Difficulty Affording Basic Needs



19%

of NJ adults in households with children have little or no confidence in their ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment on time.

Data for Sept. 16 – Oct. 12

36%

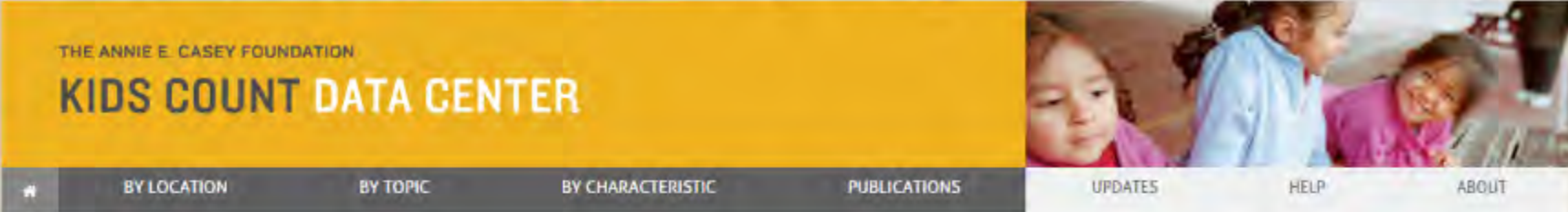
of NJ adults in households with children reported having difficulty paying for usual household expenses in the past week.



Data for Sept. 16 – Oct. 12

Four “Pain Points” Identified by AECF Report

- **FOOD SECURITY**
 - 9 percent of New Jersey’s households with children said they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat.
- **HOUSING STABILITY**
 - 19 percent of New Jersey’s households with children had slight or no confidence they would make the next rent or mortgage payment on time
- **AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE**
 - 10 percent of New Jersey’s adults living in households with children did not have health insurance
- **MENTAL HEALTH**
 - 14 percent of New Jersey’s adults living in households with children felt down, depressed or hopeless



Wondering where you can find Household Pulse Survey data?

Locations

New Jersey

Show indicators with data:

- For New Jersey
- By County
- By City
- By Congressional District (at Large)
- By Congressional District (109th-112th Congress)

Special Topics

- COVID-19

Topics

Choose one topic:

- See All Topics

Economic Well-Being Indicators

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

- Adults living in households with children who lost employment income since March 13, 2020
- Receiving pay for the time not working for adults living in households with children
- Adults living in households with children who were employed in the past week
- Adults ages 18 to 24 who lost employment income since March 13, 2020
- Receiving pay for the time not working for adults ages 18 to 24
- Adults ages 18 to 24 who were employed in the past week

HOUSING

2020 County Data



Where does ACNJ get its data?

- Federal sources:
 - U.S. Census Bureau
 - Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - Internal Revenue Services
- State Sources
 - N.J. Department of Health—NJSHAD
 - N.J. Department of Children and Families
 - N.J. Department of Human Services
 - N.J. Department of Education



County Demographics



Child Population Under Age 18, 2019

	#	% of Total Population
Atlantic	55,537	21%
Bergen	196,309	21%
Burlington	92,159	21%
Camden	114,223	23%
Cape May	15,950	17%
Cumberland	35,480	24%
Essex	189,397	24%
Gloucester	63,099	22%
Hudson	136,715	20%
Hunterdon	23,712	19%
Mercer	78,062	21%
Middlesex	178,792	22%
Monmouth	129,412	21%
Morris	102,477	21%
Ocean	146,690	24%
Passaic	119,018	24%
Salem	13,334	21%
Somerset	70,756	22%
Sussex	27,245	19%
Union	129,858	23%
Warren	20,353	19%
New Jersey	1,938,578	22%

Children of Color Increasing Statewide

Location	Race	Data Type	2000	2010	2015	2019
New Jersey	Non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaskan Native alone	Percent	<.5%	<.5%	<.5%	<.5%
	Non-Hispanic Asian alone	Percent	6%	9%	9%	10%
	Non-Hispanic Black alone	Percent	16%	14%	14%	13%
	Hispanic or Latino	Percent	16%	22%	25%	28%
	Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Percent	<.5%	<.5%	<.5%	<.5%
	Non-Hispanic White alone	Percent	60%	52%	48%	46%
	Non-Hispanic Two or More Race Groups	Percent	2%	3%	3%	3%

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Births to Foreign-Born Mothers

	2018	
	#	%
Atlantic	783	28
Bergen	4,500	49
Burlington	1,014	23
Camden	1,462	24
Cape May	118	14
Cumberland	435	23
Essex	4,785	46
Gloucester	487	17
Hudson	6,635	65
Hunterdon	222	23
Mercer	1,739	44
Middlesex	5,040	56
Monmouth	1,572	27
Morris	1,558	34
Ocean	1,466	16
Passaic	3,297	50
Salem	161	26
Somerset	1,535	47
Sussex	134	11
Union	3,391	50
Warren	409	41
New Jersey	40,743	40

COVID-19 & Important Considerations

- 2020 NJ County KIDS COUNT data do not reflect current conditions
 - Lag time for most official sources of data
- Data serve as a benchmark to assess the impact of the pandemic moving forward.
 - Limitations (some data will be difficult to compare):
 - Chronic absenteeism data
 - School meal data



But there are indicators that provide important context



High Rent Burdens Statewide Pre-Pandemic

Percentage of Households Spending 30% or More of Income on Rent			
	2015	2019	% Change
Atlantic	62	50	-19
Bergen	45	44	-2
Burlington	51	46	-10
Camden	50	51	2
Cape May	55	53	-4
Cumberland	60	54	-10
Essex	56	48	-14
Gloucester	57	45	-21
Hudson	46	43	-7
Hunterdon	50	41	-18
Mercer	46	47	2
Middlesex	47	43	-9
Monmouth	52	49	-6
Morris	42	43	2
Ocean	58	56	-3
Passaic	60	47	-22
Salem	46	64	39
Somerset	44	42	-5
Sussex	51	38	-25
Union	51	49	-4
Warren	47	44	-6
New Jersey	50	47	-6

TANF Usage

Children in Families Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				
	2016	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Atlantic	2,629	1,244	1,452	-45
Bergen	932	456	517	-45
Burlington	1,361	717	880	-35
Camden	4,299	2,648	2,885	-33
Cape May	443	182	211	-52
Cumberland	1,583	759	843	-47
Essex	6,442	3,086	3,069	-52
Gloucester	1,030	569	641	-38
Hudson	3,912	2,282	3,288	-16
Hunterdon	67	50	92	37
Mercer	2,098	1,107	1,344	-36
Middlesex	1,584	848	1,215	-23
Monmouth	615	413	423	-31
Morris	284	174	185	-35
Ocean	1,145	604	726	-37
Passaic	4,799	2,194	2,162	-55
Salem	381	235	274	-28
Somerset	469	301	451	-4
Sussex	127	62	69	-46
Union	1,751	929	1,043	-40
Warren	267	253	309	16
New Jersey	36,218	19,113	22,079	-39

SNAP Usage

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)				
	2016	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Atlantic	19,273	14,779	14,557	-24
Bergen	14,829	10,163	10,488	-29
Burlington	11,324	8,177	8,524	-25
Camden	31,826	27,068	29,299	-8
Cape May	3,845	2,977	3,112	-19
Cumberland	14,767	12,029	12,694	-14
Essex	62,327	49,283	47,559	-24
Gloucester	8,987	7,268	7,315	-19
Hudson	49,140	37,456	41,546	-15
Hunterdon	1,181	881	954	-19
Mercer	15,166	12,823	14,048	-7
Middlesex	27,848	20,524	21,186	-24
Monmouth	16,569	12,099	11,950	-28
Morris	5,680	4,045	4,241	-25
Ocean	33,325	25,460	25,900	-22
Passaic	51,768	42,924	43,178	-17
Salem	3,974	3,503	3,720	-6
Somerset	5,860	3,828	4,143	-29
Sussex	1,585	1,298	1,500	-5
Union	23,858	18,300	17,364	-27
Warren	3,127	2,681	3,079	-2
New Jersey	406,259	317,566	326,357	-20

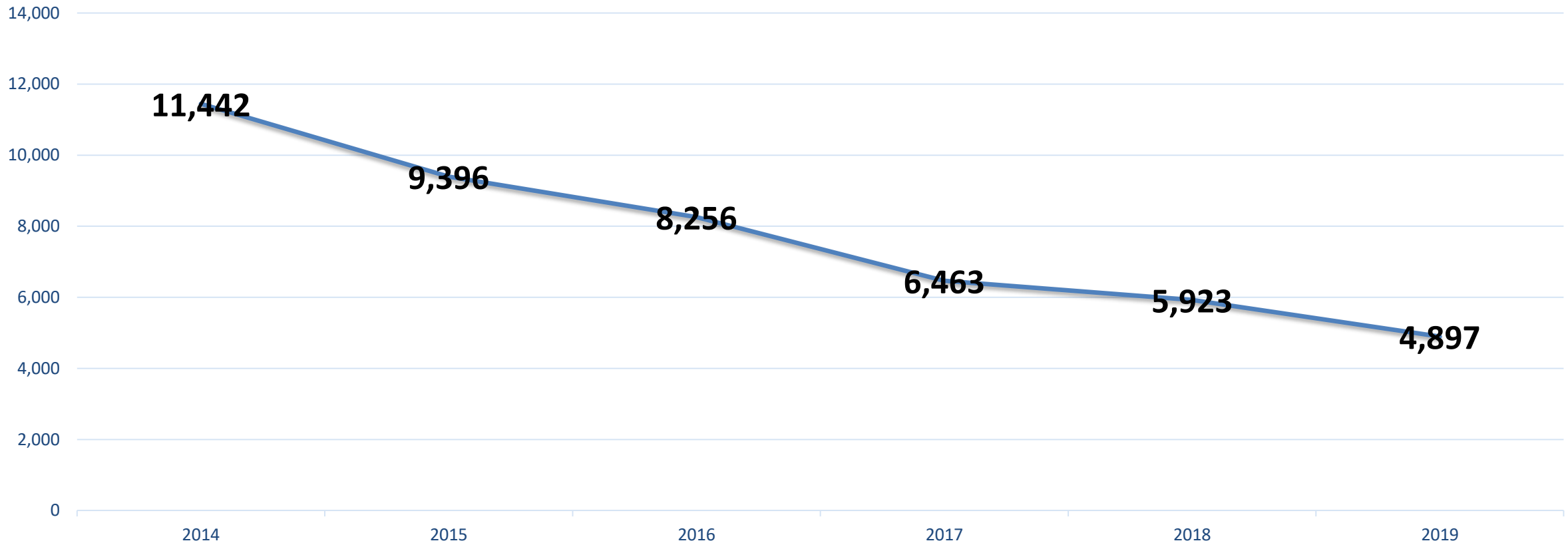


Other important trends



Declines in Substantiated/Established Cases of Abuse/Neglect

Number of Youth with Substantiated/Established Cases of Abuse/Neglect



Increases in Preschool Enrollment

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment			
	2015-16	2019-20	% Change
Atlantic	1,617	1,954	21
Burlington	1,158	1,397	21
Cape May	440	587	33
Gloucester	741	977	32
Hunterdon	16	22	38
Morris	184	496	170
Ocean	727	1,643	126
Salem	417	621	49
Somerset	510	621	22
New Jersey	51,952	56,279	8



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Data Disaggregated by Race



Disparities in Low Birthweights

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights by Race, 2018

	TOTAL	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic (of any race)	Asian, non-Hispanic	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	Two or More Races, non-Hispanic	Unknown
New Jersey	7.9%	6.2%	13.0%	7.5%	9.1%	14.5%	**	8.8%	9.5%	8.9%

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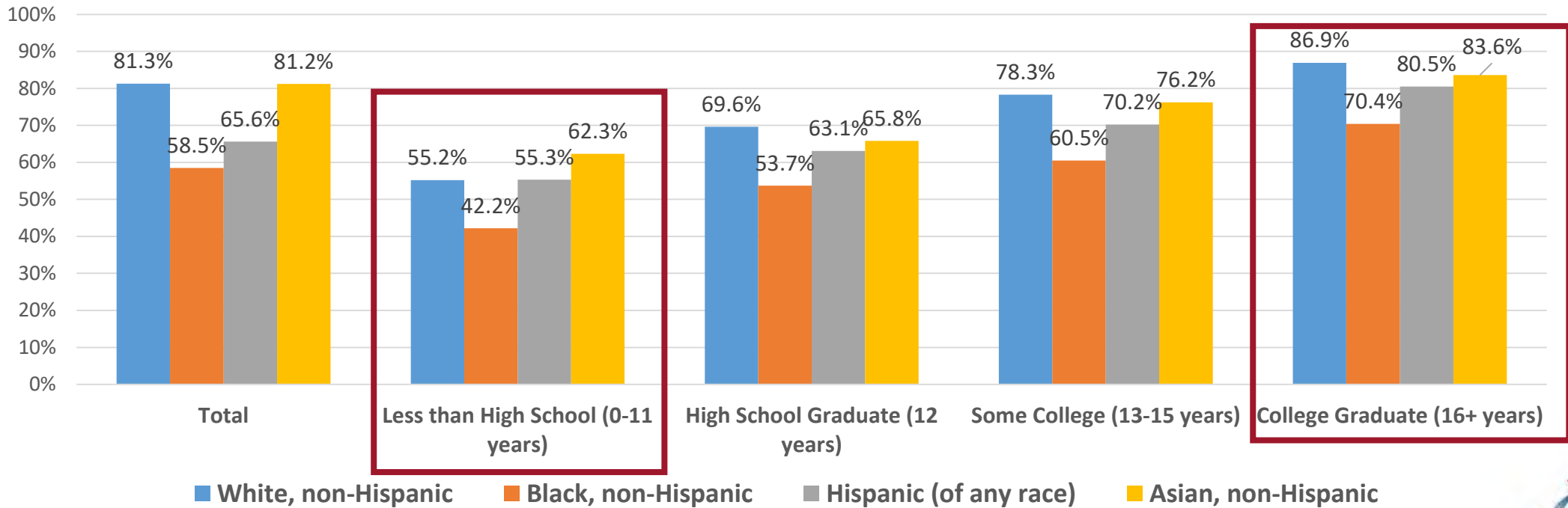
...and Prenatal Care onset

Percentage of Women Receiving Early* Prenatal Care, 2018

	TOTAL	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic (of any race)	Asian, non-Hispanic	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	Two or More Races, non-Hispanic	Unknown
New Jersey	73.2%	81.30%	58.50%	65.60%	81.20%	63.60%	76.70%	59.70%	64.70%	64.50%

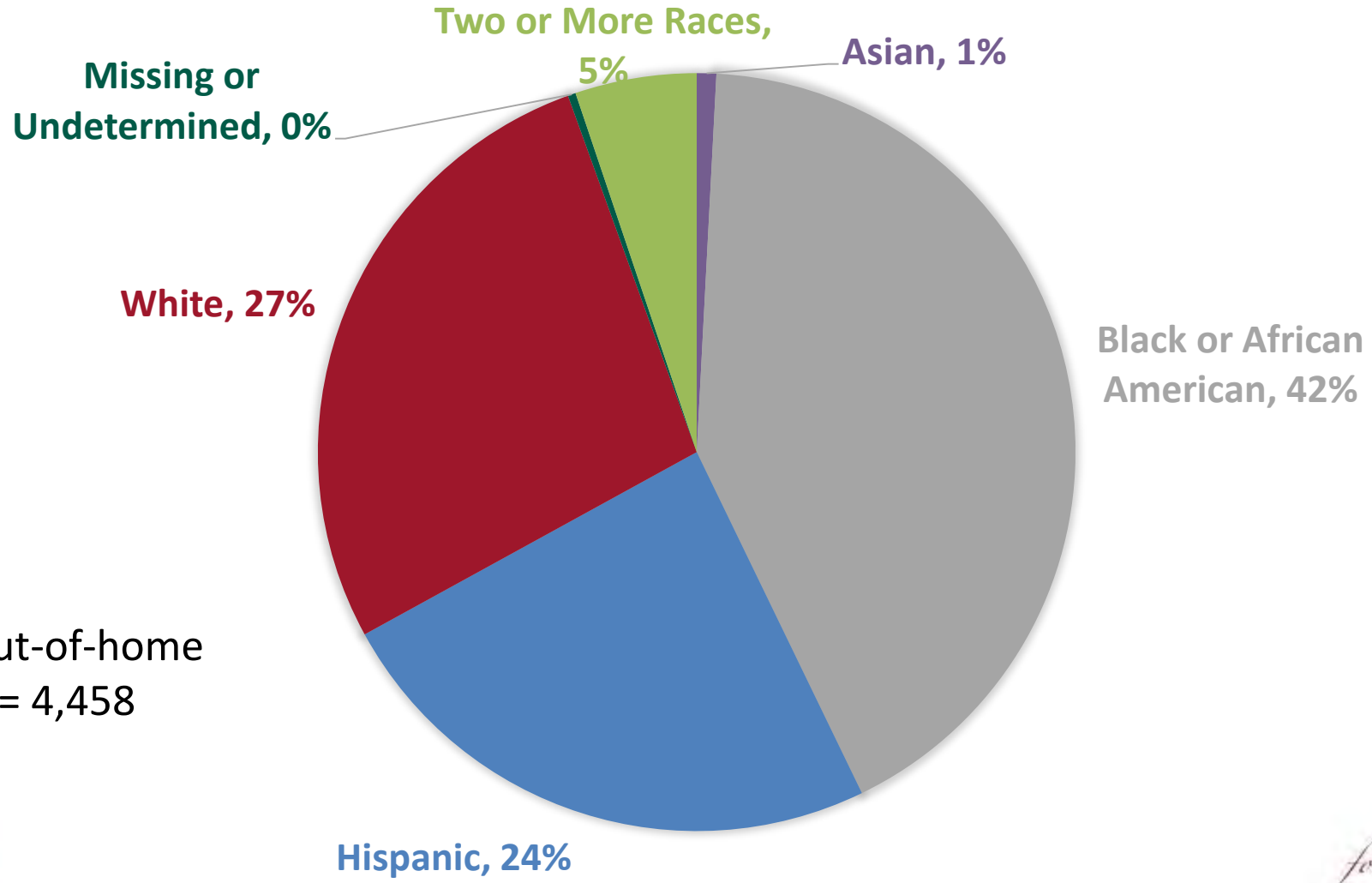
Prenatal care data disaggregated by race *and* education levels reveals other trends

First Trimester Prenatal Care by Race and Education Level, 2018



Source: NJ Dept. of Health, NJSHAD, Birth Certificate Database, Retrieved from <https://www-doh.state.nj.us/doh-shad/home/Welcome.html>

Percentage of Youth in CP&P Out-of-Home Placements by Race, 2019

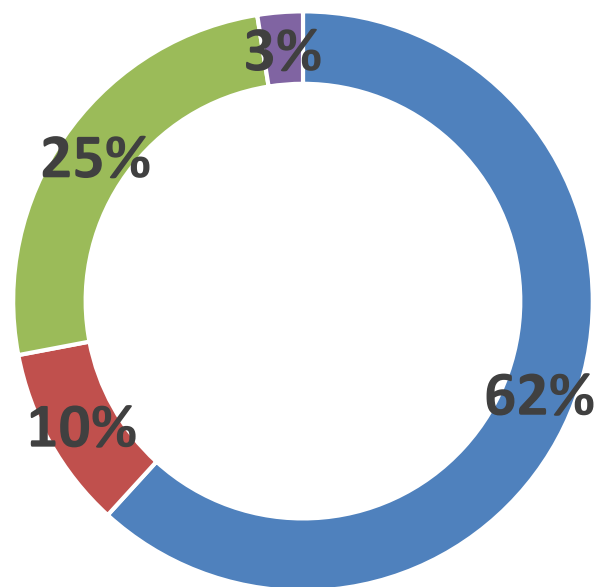


Total youth in out-of-home placements = 4,458

Youth of color comprise majority of admissions to detention

Percentage of NJ's Youth Admissions to Detention by Race, 2018

According to the KIDS COUNT Data Center, Black youth comprise fewer than 15 percent of NJ's population under age 18 and its population ages 12-17.



■ Black or African-American ■ White ■ Hispanic/Latino ■ Other

Total youth admissions=2,255

Looking for Even More Data?



- For more Household Pulse Survey Data, visit:
 - <https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products/household-pulse-survey.html>
 - [Datacenter.kidscount.org](https://datacenter.kidscount.org)

Visit [acnj.org](https://www.acnj.org) to view more of NJ's KIDS COUNT data.

Questions?

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