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Introduction

How to use the Newark Data Book

Since 1997, Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) has published the Newark Kids Count Data Book, a one-stop source for child well-being data on the state's largest city. Newark Kids Count includes the latest statistics, along with five-year trend data, in the following areas: demographics, family economic security, child health, child protection, child care, education, and teens.

Policymakers, including elected officials and government agencies, use the data to make informed decisions.

Service providers use the data to improve their response to emerging child-related issues in their communities or cities.

Grant writers use the data to write proposals and solicit support for programs that help children and families.

Concerned residents become better, more informed advocates using the data to identify and address problems facing children and families in their community.

A few things to remember:

- **Moments and Trends.** ACNJ collects and displays data for multiple years, including the most recent year available. The most recent moment may tell us one fact (such as the number of births in a given year), while the trend line tells us something else (births to teens declined over the last five years).
- **Newark vs. Essex vs. New Jersey Data.** ACNJ compares Newark data to Essex County and New Jersey statewide data where available. These comparisons help tell whether trends are occurring equally in all places (such as the unemployment rate, p. 15) or whether trends are changing faster in one place (such as the number of foreign-born children, p. 7).
- **Calculations and Data Sources.** When using this book, please take into account that some percentages and numbers are based on estimates. Smaller geographies, like cities, counties, or school districts, sometimes result in suppressed data or significant margins of error. Additionally, certain indicators represent different points in time such as school years, fiscal years, or calendar years. Please review the data sources listed at the end of each section for further information on individual indicators.



Letters from...



A Letter from Advocates for Children of New Jersey



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The first Newark Kids Count was published in 1997 when a group of local community advocates, led by ACNJ, recognized the need to analyze data trends to illustrate the well-being of children in New Jersey's largest city. Since then, our report has grown to feature nearly 100 indicators related to seven domains. In highlighting demographics, family economic security, health, child protection, child care, education, and teen data, we hope to continue to encourage and empower the community to identify the strengths of Brick City, as well as seek areas for further growth.

The rich diversity of Newark continues to grow, as data trends show an increase in foreign-born children, making up nearly 14% of the total child population in the city. Although the median income of families with children continues to lag behind the rest of the state, unemployment is down and parents are earning more in 2021 compared to five years ago, illustrating some positive momentum.

It is also important to acknowledge the struggles that the city currently faces. More Black and Brown children are born preterm than their white counterparts. Newark students consistently underperform on the state-administered assessment test in comparison to New Jersey. When breaking down juvenile arrests according to race, 92% of the arrests of the total 283 arrests were Black youth.

Although these snapshots do not tell the whole story, they do offer a good starting point. In order to continue its efforts to empower residents, ACNJ is holding community conversations, taking deeper dives into the data and discussing ways we can all work together to improve outcomes for children and the people that support them in Newark and Essex County. Dates and locations will be listed on the ACNJ website at www.acnj.org as details are confirmed.

We thank the Prudential Foundation and the Victoria Foundation for their ongoing support of the Newark Kids Count project. It is our hope that by informing others, we can offer a glimpse on ways to further improve outcomes for our children.

A Letter from the Mayor



Ras J. Baraka
Mayor
City of Newark

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the people of Newark, I would like to welcome everyone to this year's *Newark Kids Count 2023* report.

Our city's greatest asset and most important investment are its children, and the annual Newark Kids Count report provides us with statistics and data to address their critical needs, allowing us to celebrate our strides and re-double our efforts where more needs to be done. My administration prioritizes collaboration as a key governing principle, and I look forward to working with Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) and all partners reading this report to continue our collective charge to make Newark an equitable city for our families.

I am particularly proud to see that this report reflects Newark's growing population, maintaining us as the largest city in the State of New Jersey and demonstrating our hard work during Census 2020. I am also heartened by unemployment data that shows a steep decline from 14.1% at the height of the pandemic to 5.8% in 2022.

While Newark's median income grew on par with the state from a percentage basis, we must continue to grapple with unacceptable income and wealth inequity in New Jersey. This is the issue of our time. These systemic inequities are what lead to too many of our households with children living in rent-burdened environments and struggling to make ends meet. Whether through our successful guaranteed income pilot, the Newark Movement for Economic Equity, our innovative home ownership initiatives, our Equitable Investment in Newark Communities Initiative, or our inclusionary growth policies, we chip away at these realities every day.

The *Newark Kids Count 2023* report points the way, and we will follow the course. We are grateful to ACNJ, the Prudential Foundation, and the Victoria Foundation for their tremendous support of this report in particular and Newark in general. They have long been committed members of our community.

I urge readers of this report to study it closely, learn from it what we are doing and what we need, and collaborate with us to build equity in our community. Newark and its children can only move forward when all of us move forward together.

Sincerely,
Ras J. Baraka
Mayor

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Demographics

Demographic Trends

Since 2016, the population of Newark children under 18 has been relatively consistent, increasing by 14% between 2016 and 2021. The number of births to foreign-born women saw a decrease of 6% between 2017 and 2021. Despite this decrease, more than half of the births in Newark were to foreign-born women. About 51% of Newark's population ages 5 and older spoke a language other than English in their own home according to five-year 2017-2021 American Community Survey estimates.

Total Population*

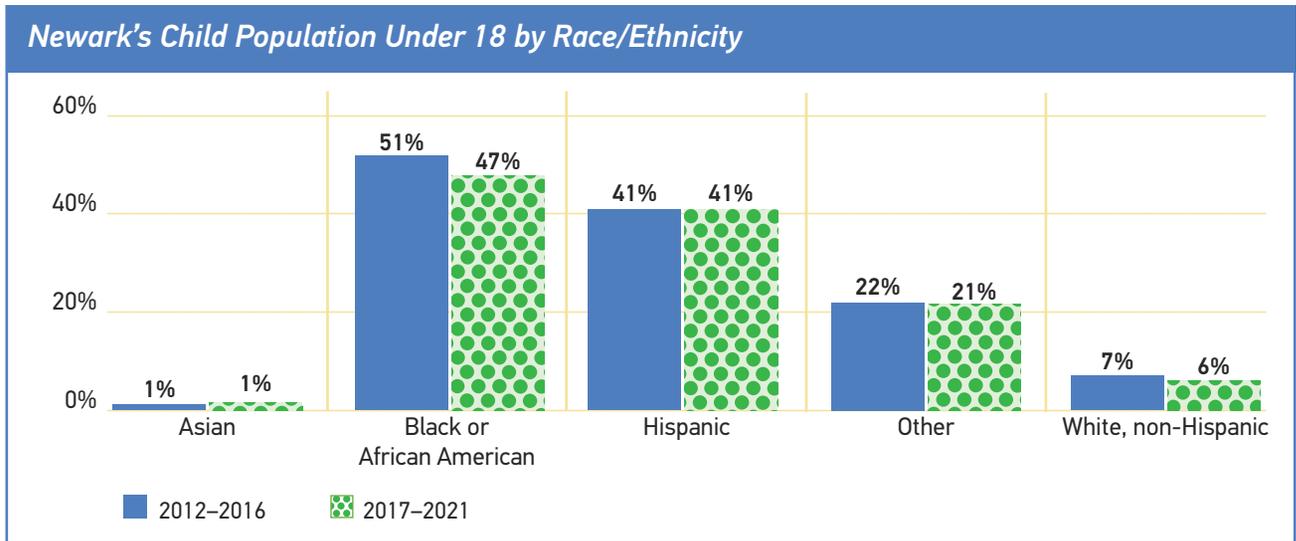
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change 16-21
Newark	281,770	285,156	282,102	281,999	307,216	9
Essex	796,914	808,285	799,767	798,975	854,917	7
New Jersey	8,944,469	9,005,644	8,908,520	8,882,190	9,267,130	4
Newark's % of Essex	35	35	35	35	36	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

**The U.S. Census Bureau did not release one-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.*

Child Population Under Age 18*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change 16-21
Newark	65,706	70,129	69,941	69,322	75,069	14
Essex	189,492	190,780	188,978	189,378	202,466	7
New Jersey	1,984,439	1,978,796	1,951,005	1,938,024	2,020,876	2
Newark's % of Essex	35	37	37	37	37	
Newark's % of NJ	3	4	4	4	4	

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

Foreign-Born Children*

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2021		% Change 16-21
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Newark	5,378	8	6,610	9	6,895	10	9,766	14	10,253	14	91
Essex	11,686	6	17,937	9	14,522	8	16,948	9	19,504	10	67
New Jersey	108,663	5	121,525	6	115,455	6	119,079	6	130,371	6	20

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1 Demographics

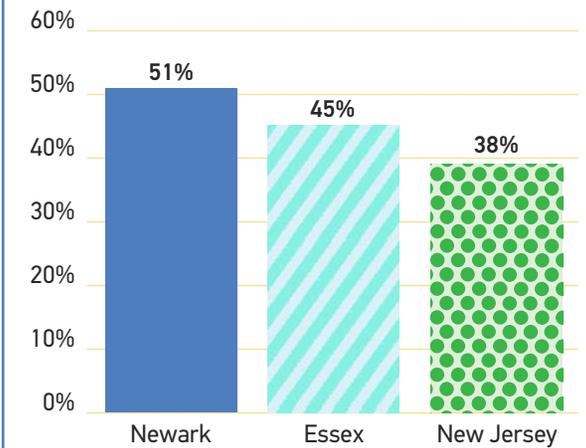
Total Births

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	4,179	4,302	3,950	3,860	3,696	-12
Essex	10,277	10,399	9,890	9,618	9,720	-5
New Jersey	101,159	101,172	99,305	97,146	101,330	0

Births to Foreign-Born Women

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	2,007	2,041	1,930	1,930	1,882	-6
Essex	4,677	4,785	4,524	4,430	4,391	-6
New Jersey	41,150	40,744	39,691	37,530	38,552	-6

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2021



Number of Births by Marital Status

	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			% Change 17-21		
	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown												
Newark	1,377	2,700	102	1,447	2,771	84	1,367	2,487	96	1,322	2,425	113	1,183	2,496	17	-14	-8	-83
Essex	5,223	4,669	385	5,233	4,797	369	5,061	4,453	376	4,886	4,342	390	5,064	4,604	52	-3	-1	-86
New Jersey	64,712	31,511	4,936	64,651	31,307	5,214	63,460	30,594	5,251	62,186	30,383	4,577	64,642	30,882	5,797	0	-2	17

Languages Spoken in the Home, Newark

	2012-2016	2017-2021
Percentage of population age 5 & over who only speak English in the home	54%	49%
Percentage of population age 5 & over who speak a language other than English in the home	46%	51%
Percentage of those ages 5-17 who speak a language other than English by language spoken		
Spanish	6%	6%
Other Indo-European languages	1%	2%
Asian & Pacific Islander languages	0%	0%
Other languages	<1%	<1%

Households Headed by One Parent*

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2021		% Change 16-21 Number
	Number	%									
Newark	19,288	61	19,801	56	21,339	63	18,716	53	25,287	63	31
Essex	41,360	44	39,391	39	43,153	44	40,628	40	46,490	42	12
New Jersey	322,303	31	318,643	30	303,097	30	305,494	30	323,543	30	0

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Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren

	2012-2016	2017-2021	% Change
Newark	2,751	2,219	-19
Essex	5,679	4,510	-21
New Jersey	49,086	42,888	-13

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2012-2016	2017-2021	% Change
Newark	6,895	6,980	1
Essex	14,618	14,996	3
New Jersey	123,571	131,752	7

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Total Population, 2016–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001 using 1-year estimates.

Child Population Under Age 18, 2016–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001 using 1-year estimates.

Newark’s Child Population Under 18 by Race/Ethnicity, 2012–2016 and 2017–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001D, B01001B, B01001F, B01001H, and B01001I using 5-year estimates. Black or African American and Other categories may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

Foreign-Born Children, 2016–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003 using 1-year estimates.

Total Births, 2017–2021. The total number of live births, as reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 10, 2023.

Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2017–2021. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 11, 2023.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2021. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 11, 2023.

Number of Births by Marital Status, 2017–2021. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 10, 2023.

Languages Spoken in the Home, Newark, 2012–2016 and 2017–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart S1601 using 5-year estimates. Data are for languages spoken in the home for population 5 years and above. Languages are specified for ages 5 to 17. Data accessed as of February 1, 2023.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2016–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005. Includes family and non-family households. Data are for households with children under age 18 using 1-year estimates. Data accessed as of January 19, 2023.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren, 2012–2016 and 2017–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050 using 5-year estimates. Data accessed as of January 19, 2023.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2012–2016 and 2017–2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001 using 5-year estimates. Data accessed as of January 19, 2023.



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Family Economic Security

How is Poverty Defined?

Since 1965, the federal government has used the poverty threshold to determine the number of individuals living in poverty within the United States. The measure is based on the cost of a basic food diet and adjusted for inflation and family size. The same poverty threshold is used for the entire nation and does not account for the higher cost of living in certain states like New Jersey, where 200% of the poverty threshold, or an annual income of roughly \$55,000 for a

family of four, is more reflective of the families struggling to make ends meet. While the poverty threshold is produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, federal poverty guidelines — used to determine eligibility for certain federal programs — are released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's thresholds.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level*

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2021		% Changed 16-21
	Number	%	Number								
Newark	76,005	28	76,159	28	66,255	25	67,923	25	74,066	25	-3
Essex	127,170	16	124,367	16	118,156	15	108,531	14	126,854	15	0
New Jersey	915,913	10	882,673	10	832,133	10	798,262	9	930,602	10	2

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Number of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change 16-21
Newark						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	12,445	13,687	10,590	12,323	10,669	-14
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	23,802	24,799	24,661	23,731	25,184	6
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	43,824	44,854	43,400	46,000	50,857	16
Essex						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	16,579	18,802	18,452	18,638	18,961	14
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	39,423	39,770	40,393	34,918	39,993	1
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	82,595	78,932	75,112	75,346	79,943	-3
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	114,533	117,191	113,607	102,571	130,749	14
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	285,479	272,251	264,253	235,470	284,150	0
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	616,618	586,647	562,853	551,219	580,800	-6

FPL = Federal Poverty Level

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Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Newark					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	19%	20%	15%	18%	14%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	37%	36%	36%	35%	34%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	68%	65%	63%	67%	69%
Essex					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	21%	21%	22%	19%	20%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	44%	42%	40%	40%	40%
New Jersey					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	15%	14%	14%	12%	14%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	31%	30%	29%	29%	29%

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2 Family Economic Security

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level*

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2021		% Change 16-21
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	9,715	31	11,322	32	10,164	30	10,604	30	12,302	31	27
Essex	16,722	18	17,348	17	17,445	18	15,988	16	18,872	17	13
New Jersey	121,653	12	116,491	11	111,523	11	97,580	10	124,948	12	3

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Median Income of Families with Children*

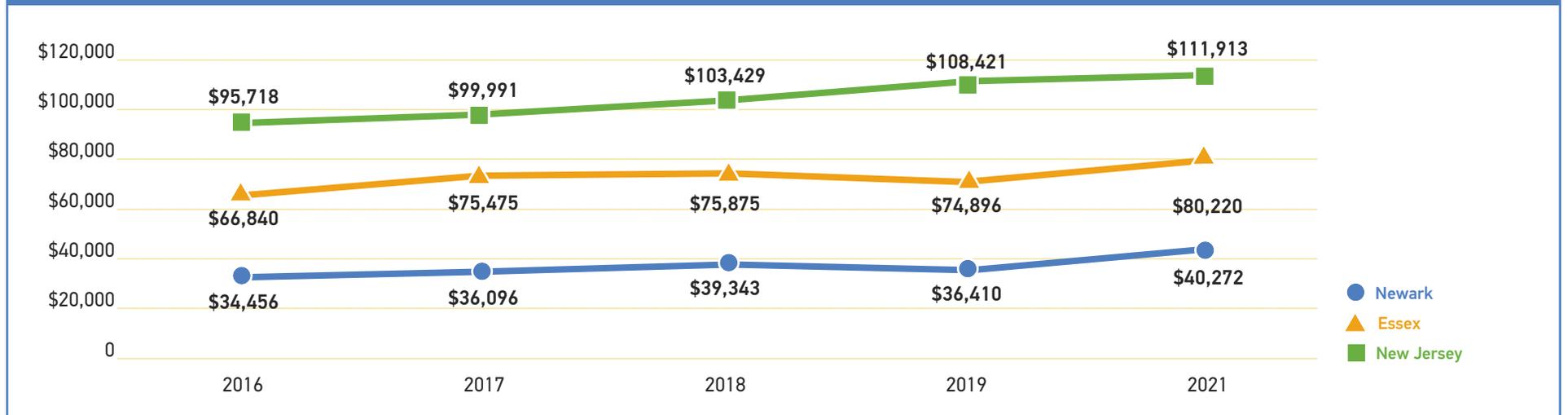
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change 16-21
Newark	\$34,456	\$36,096	\$39,343	\$36,410	\$40,272	17
Essex	\$66,840	\$75,475	\$75,875	\$74,896	\$80,220	20
New Jersey	\$95,718	\$99,991	\$103,429	\$108,421	\$111,913	17

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2021 Federal Poverty Thresholds for a Family of Four:

50%	\$13,740
100%	\$27,479
200%	\$54,958

Median Income of Families with Children*



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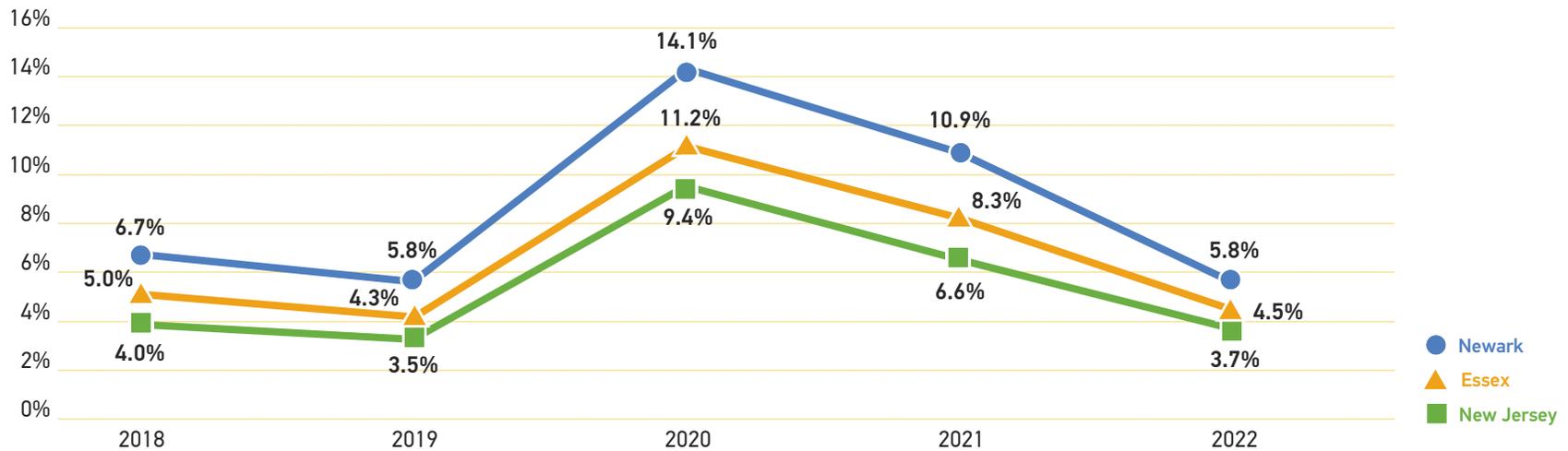
Unemployment Rate

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	6.7	5.8	14.1	10.9	5.8	-13
Essex	5.0	4.3	11.2	8.3	4.5	-10
New Jersey	4.0	3.5	9.4	6.6	3.7	-8

Number Unemployed

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	8,051	7,075	17,506	13,441	7,061	-12
Essex	18,937	16,705	43,611	31,962	17,487	-8
New Jersey	184,074	161,970	437,937	308,891	175,691	-5

Unemployment Rate



The New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit

Tax credits are a vital economic support for many low-income working families and an advantage to New Jersey businesses, as many of these dollars are spent in the communities where these families live. The New Jersey State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) rewards work and increases take-home pay for

families by lowering the amount of taxes owed and, in some instances, providing a refund. In 2021, the average credit amount received among Newark families with at least one dependent under age 19 was \$1,192.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	Number of Claims	2016 Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	2017 Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	2018 Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	2019 Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	2020 Avg. Claim Amt.	% Change 16-20 Number of Claims Avg. Claim Amt.	
Newark	41,370	\$2,703	41,350	\$2,713	40,570	\$2,752	40,610	\$2,716	38,920	\$2,481	-6	-8
Essex	81,960	\$2,521	81,580	\$2,535	80,110	\$2,561	79,830	\$2,520	76,930	\$2,309	-6	-8
New Jersey	618,500	\$2,296	613,480	\$2,313	599,490	\$2,338	602,850	\$2,320	580,090	\$2,138	-6	-7

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, All Recipients

	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			% Change 17-21		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.
Newark	31,744	\$27,591,202	\$869	32,578	\$30,512,096	\$937	32,614	\$32,111,131	\$985	32,901	\$29,168,645	\$887	36,390	\$30,746,550	\$845	15	11	-3
Essex	65,930	\$53,720,122	\$815	67,855	\$59,259,435	\$873	67,587	\$61,984,567	\$917	69,213	\$56,731,879	\$820	77,898	\$60,910,940	\$782	18	13	-4
New Jersey	527,918	\$401,994,016	\$761	535,604	\$437,879,738	\$818	533,696	\$458,061,028	\$858	552,559	\$420,844,796	\$762	654,652	\$473,677,034	\$724	24	18	-5

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least One Dependent Under Age 19

	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			% Change 17-21		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.
Newark	22,564	\$25,293,721	\$1,121	23,574	\$28,019,301	\$1,189	22,891	\$29,370,211	\$1,283	21,793	\$26,411,822	\$1,212	20,377	\$24,293,138	\$1,192	-10	-4	6
Essex	44,912	\$48,544,685	\$1,081	47,139	\$53,733,285	\$1,140	45,477	\$55,902,307	\$1,229	43,207	\$50,545,605	\$1,170	40,179	\$46,023,536	\$1,145	-11	-5	6
New Jersey	335,848	\$358,780,285	\$1,068	345,869	\$391,301,464	\$1,131	334,737	\$407,595,791	\$1,218	317,886	\$367,807,942	\$1,157	295,567	\$336,080,999	\$1,137	-12	-6	6

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	2,684	2,178	2,277	1,890	1,717	-36
Essex	3,952	3,086	3,069	2,694	2,323	-41
New Jersey	23,582	19,113	22,079	17,301	19,465	-17

Median Rent*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change 16-21
Newark	\$1,013	\$1,063	\$1,093	\$1,129	\$1,215	20
Essex	\$1,093	\$1,143	\$1,187	\$1,233	\$1,319	21
New Jersey	\$1,244	\$1,284	\$1,336	\$1,376	\$1,457	17

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Newark	59%	59%	55%	52%	56%
Essex	54%	53%	52%	48%	53%
New Jersey	49%	49%	49%	47%	49%

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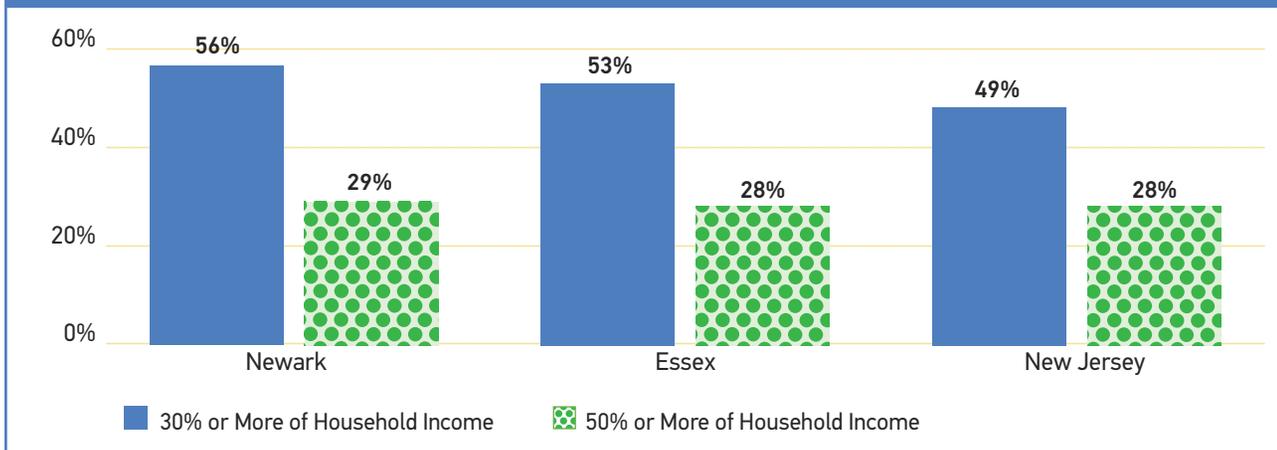
Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing Costs*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Newark	56%	54%	55%	58%	61%
Essex	43%	39%	40%	39%	41%
New Jersey	37%	34%	34%	33%	33%

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2 Family Economic Security

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent, 2021



Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Newark	21%	25%	22%	24%	21%
Essex	43%	45%	45%	45%	45%
New Jersey	63%	64%	64%	63%	64%

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WIC Reported Participants

	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		% Change 18-22 Number
	Number	%									
Newark	11,156	90	10,546	82	10,080	83	10,814	88	11,302	87	1
Essex	18,417	89	17,576	82	16,598	82	17,914	87	19,226	86	4
New Jersey	140,157	89	135,450	84	129,789	85	142,467	89	149,768	89	7

What are SNAP and WIC?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest food safety net program in the United States, providing low-income families with nutritious food. Eligible New Jersey applicants have an income of no more than 185% of the federal poverty guidelines or roughly \$51,338 for a family of four in 2022. The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides supplemental nutritious food to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to the age of five. WIC is available to New Jersey households with incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. In 2022, 87% of Newark enrollees in WIC received benefits through the program, a decline from 90% of enrollees in 2018. For more information on SNAP and WIC, visit <http://fns.usda.gov>.

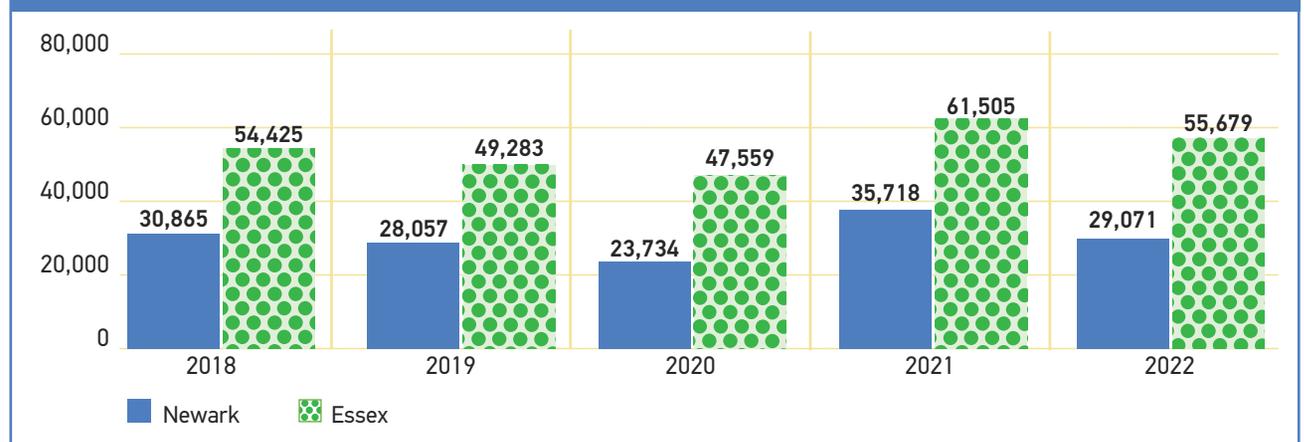
Individuals Enrolled in WIC

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	12,363	12,826	12,205	12,316	12,995	5
Essex	20,657	21,491	20,314	20,550	22,275	8
New Jersey	157,267	161,366	152,498	159,622	168,458	7

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	30,865	28,057	23,734	35,718	29,071	-6
Essex	54,425	49,283	47,559	61,505	55,679	2
New Jersey	353,883	317,566	326,357	393,310	351,378	-1

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)



School Breakfast and Lunch Participation, October 2022

School District	# Receiving Free or Reduced-Price Breakfast	# Receiving Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	Free and Reduced-Price Eligible Student Participation in Breakfast per 100 Participating in Lunch*
Newark Public Schools	13,869	15,240	91
Achieve Community Charter School	261	384	68
Discovery Charter School	86	90	96
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	684	1,022	67
LEAD Charter School	<10	<10	100
Link Community Charter School	162	190	85
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	192	383	50
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	678	1,112	61
New Horizons Community Charter School	203	281	72
Newark Educators Charter School	83	127	65
North Star Academy Charter School	1,407	2,514	56
People's Preparatory Charter High School	128	199	64
Philip's Academy Charter School	72	261	28
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	97	407	24
Roseville Community Charter School	181	244	74
TEAM Academy Charter School	2,858	3,561	80
The Gray Charter School	83	191	43

Note: Data under 10 are suppressed to protect student privacy. Achieve Community Charter School has a Consolidation agreement with Marion P. Thomas Charter School.

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3 Child Health

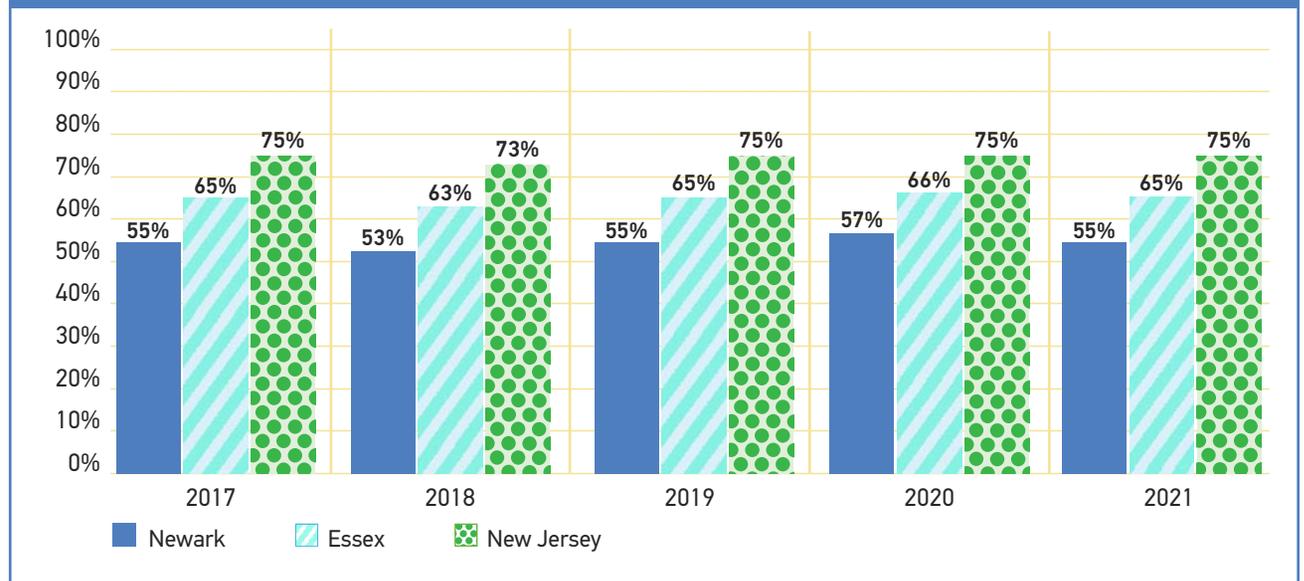
The Importance of Prenatal Care

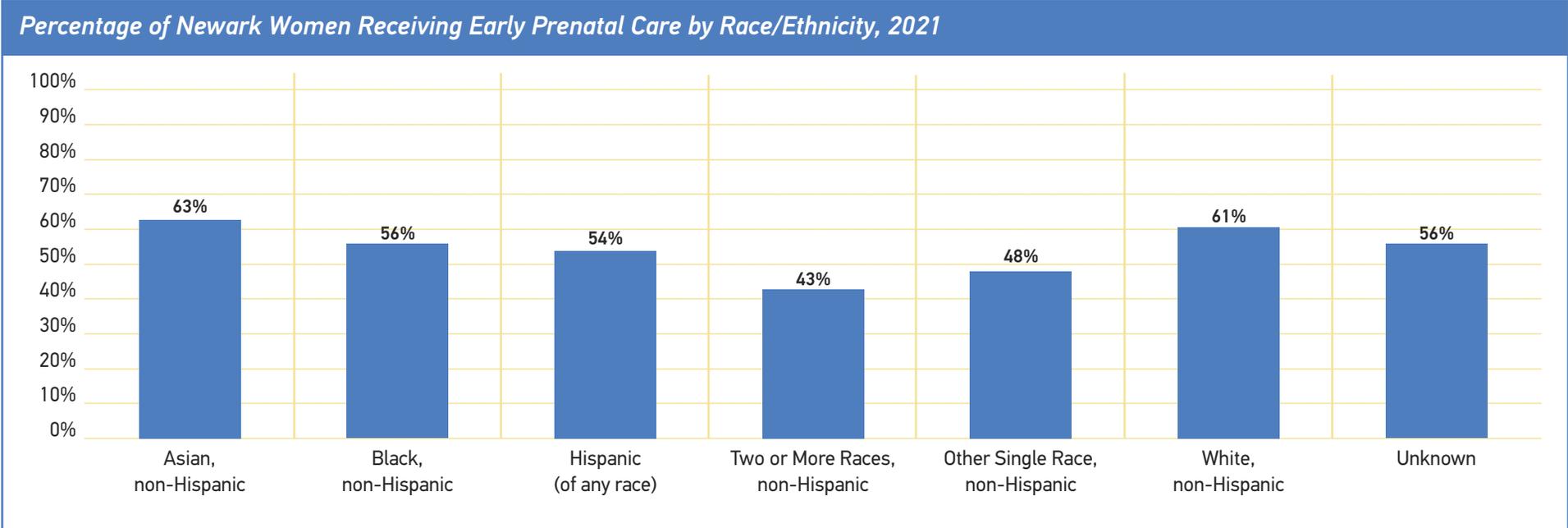
Healthy starts for Newark infants begin with quality prenatal care early in a mother's pregnancy. Women who receive late prenatal care — or who do not receive prenatal care at all — expose their babies to a greater chance of health problems later in life. In 2021, 55% of expectant Newark moms received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.

Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	2,297	2,293	2,166	2,193	2,032	-12
Essex	6,657	6,593	6,389	6,371	6,296	-5
New Jersey	75,582	74,082	74,047	73,312	75,853	0

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

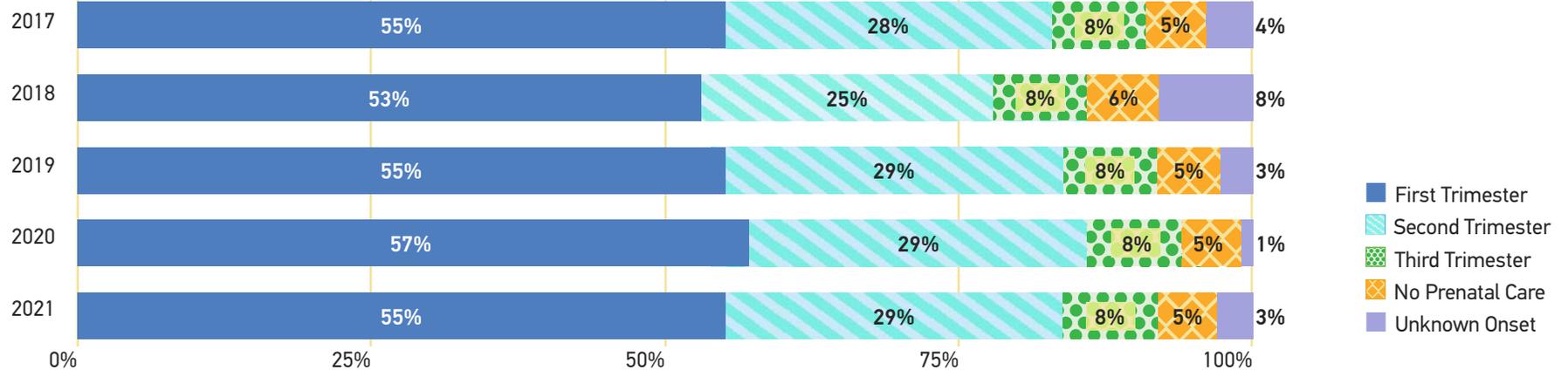




Trimester of Pregnancy in Which Prenatal Care for Newark Births Began

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
First Trimester	2,297	2,293	2,166	2,193	2,032	-12
Second Trimester	1,166	1,083	1,155	1,113	1,069	-8
Third Trimester	315	353	324	320	292	-7
No Prenatal Care	215	241	196	185	177	-18
Unknown Onset	186	332	109	49	126	-32

Percentage of Births by Prenatal Care Onset in Newark



Percentage of Births That Were Preterm

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newark	12.2%	11.8%	12.7%	12.2%	12.0%
Essex	10.6%	10.9%	11.1%	10.7%	10.4%
New Jersey	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%	9.3%	9.2%

Percentage of Newark Births That Were Preterm by Race/Ethnicity

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Asian, non-Hispanic	**	**	**	9.8%	**
Black, non-Hispanic	14.9%	14.0%	15.1%	15.5%	13.1%
Hispanic of any race	9.4%	9.8%	10.9%	8.9%	11.0%
White, non-Hispanic	10.2%	9.4%	11.7%	11.1%	7.4%
Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	19.0%	**	**	**	16.2%
Two or More Races, non-Hispanic	**	**	**	12.7%	**
Unknown	9.2%	18.5%	14.0%	14.0%	26.5%

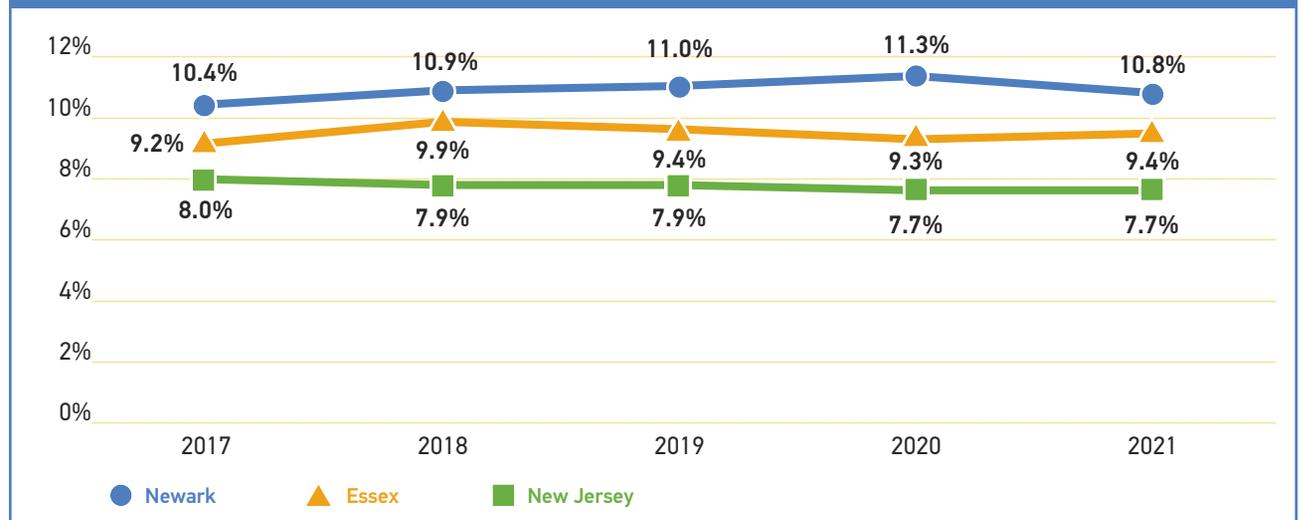
What is a Low Birthweight?

A low birthweight baby is any infant born weighing less than 2,500 grams, or roughly 5.5 pounds. Low birthweight babies may be more likely to develop certain health problems, such as respiratory distress syndrome, than infants born with normal birthweights. Long term, low birthweight babies may be at greater risk of developing chronic conditions such as diabetes.¹ In 2021, 10.8% of Newark babies were born with low birthweights, compared to 7.7% of babies born statewide.

Babies Born with Low Birthweights

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	434	471	434	436	400	-8
Essex	946	1,033	932	894	914	-3
New Jersey	8,054	8,000	7,816	7,464	7,842	-3

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights



Births by Method of Delivery

	Newark					Essex					New Jersey				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Vaginal	2,642	2,791	2,598	2,578	2,439	6,425	6,618	6,461	6,283	6,304	64,766	65,811	65,600	64,851	68,398
C-Section	1,533	1,507	1,351	1,281	1,257	3,845	3,773	3,424	3,330	3,411	36,347	35,318	33,537	32,248	32,856
Unknown	4	4	1	1	N/A	7	8	5	5	5	46	43	168	47	76

Note: Vaginal includes vaginal birth after a first pregnancy being a C-section. C-section includes primary C-section (first birth) and repeat C-section.

Reducing Low-Risk Cesareans in New Jersey

A low-risk C-section is a cesarean delivery when the baby is the mother’s first birth, full-term, one fetus, and cephalic (head first). Efforts to reduce low-risk cesareans have been underway in New Jersey for several years. A recommendation of the Nurture NJ Strategic Plan includes provisions for birthing hospitals to attain C-section rates below national rates. In order to accomplish this, the Strategic Plan emphasizes greater education efforts on the risks associated with C-sections, so that those giving birth understand the potential downsides to receiving the surgical procedure when not medically necessary. Conversely, vaginal births tend to result in shorter hospital stays and recovery time, as well as other benefits. For more information and data relating to maternal health, visit: <https://nj.gov/health/maternal/>. Although, most babies born to Newark mothers are delivered vaginally, a quarter of Newark mothers are having low risk C-sections when it is not medically necessary to do so.

Low Risk C-Section Delivery Rate

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newark	28%	25%	25%	24%	25%
Essex	31%	29%	28%	27%	28%
New Jersey	30%	28%	27%	26%	26%

Newark Births by Type of Birth Attendant

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medical Doctor	3,176	3,289	2,929	2,862	2,775
Doctor of Osteopathy	498	494	485	478	467
Certified Nurse Midwife	474	486	518	489	426
Other Midwife	N/A	<10	<10	<10	<10
Other	31	31	17	29	23

Infant Mortality Rates

	2011-2015 Rate*	2016-2020 Rate*
Newark	7.8	7.3
Essex	6.1	5.6
New Jersey	4.6	4.2

*Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Newark Infant Mortality Rate by Race/Ethnicity

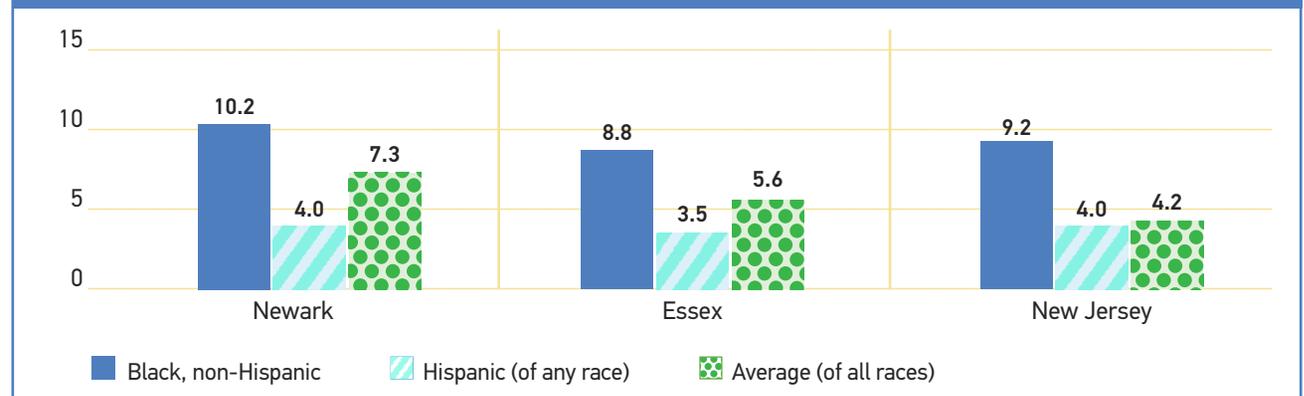
	2011-2015	2016-2020
Newark Average	7.8	7.3
Asian, non-Hispanic	**	N/A
Black, non-Hispanic	9.8	10.2
Hispanic (of any race)	5.4	4.0
Other Race, non-Hispanic	**	**
White, non-Hispanic	**	**

**Indicates data are suppressed.

What is New Jersey's Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board?

The New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board (CFNFRB) consists of six different teams, each with their own sets of responsibilities and areas of focus. Team members come from a variety of backgrounds, including law enforcement, medicine, education, and the non-profit sector. The board conducts in-depth reviews of select child death cases, such as when the cause of death may be a result of abuse or neglect or if the cause is undetermined. For more information on the CFNFRB and to review their annual reports, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/boards/fatality/>.

Infant Mortality Rate for Select Racial Groups, 2016-2020



Note: Some racial groups saw few births resulting in suppressed data and are excluded from the graph above.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Newark	10	7	10	10	13
Essex	23	11	25	20	17
New Jersey	185	158	194	169	138

Asthma-Related Admissions to the Hospital vs. Emergency Room Visits: How Do They Differ?

Asthma is a chronic health condition affecting many children in the city of Newark. Medication and preventive care can effectively manage asthma, but severe symptoms may require care at a hospital — by visiting the emergency room, or in serious cases, being admitted for in-patient care. Asthma-related emergency room visit data do not reflect child patients who were later admitted to the same hospital for in-patient care. According to the New Jersey Department of Health, the 2020 drop in both asthma admissions to the hospital and asthma related emergency room visits is mostly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital (Ages 0-17)*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	244	221	169	95	154	-37
Essex	406	412	307	148	269	-34
New Jersey	2,143	2,402	1,809	732	1,396	-35

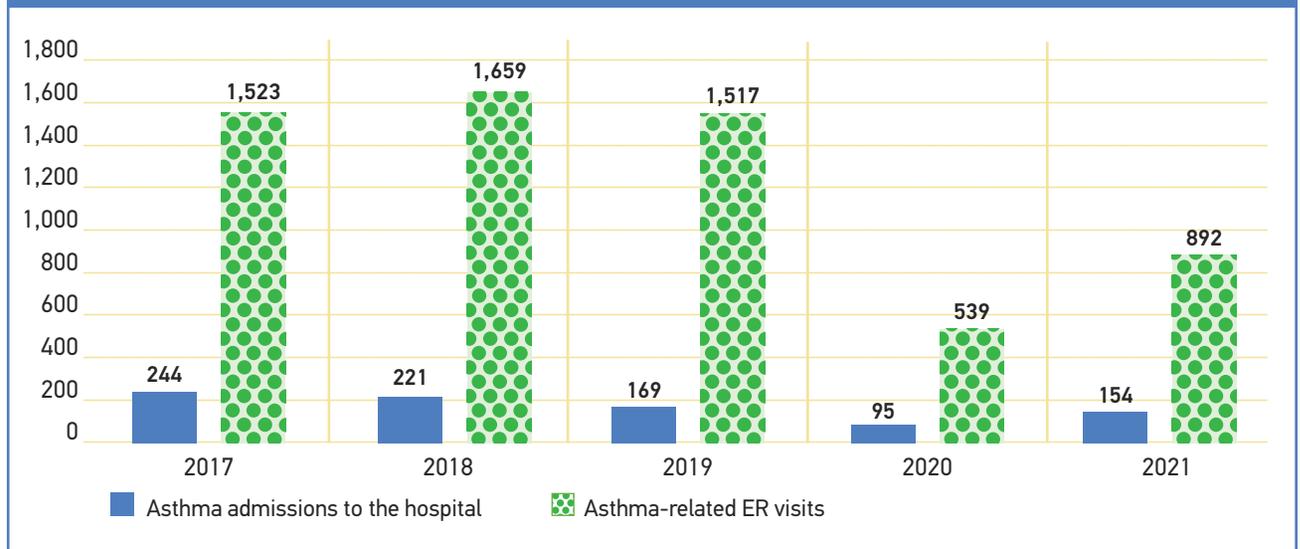
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Asthma-Related Emergency Room Visits (Ages 0-17)*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	1,523	1,659	1,517	539	892	-41
Essex	2,657	2,836	2,534	916	1,556	-41
New Jersey	15,493	15,635	13,837	5,312	8,547	-45

*Data from 2016 and later may not be comparable to pre-2016 data due to a change in diagnosis coding from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM.

Newark Asthma-Related Hospital Visits (Ages 0-17)



Children 6-26 Months Tested for Lead

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% Change 17-21	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	#Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL
Newark	4,405	5.7%	4,522	5.2%	4,567	4.3%	4,155	3.4%	3,877	3.8%	-12%	-34%
Essex	10,036	4.7%	10,210	4.2%	10,218	3.7%	9,397	3.1%	9,644	3.2%	-4%	-31%
New Jersey	87,652	2.7%	84,211	2.3%	77,845	2.1%	78,847	1.8%	86,737	1.8%	-1%	-32%

Children <6 Years of Age Tested for Lead

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% Change 17-21	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	#Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL
Newark	12,977	5.1%	13,223	4.4%	13,190	3.9%	11,208	3.5%	11,053	3.5%	-15%	-31%
Essex	25,395	4.8%	25,612	4.1%	25,592	4.0%	21,759	3.5%	22,832	3.3%	-10%	-30%
New Jersey	165,863	2.8%	161,790	2.5%	150,952	2.3%	139,596	2.1%	155,481	1.9%	-6%	-31%

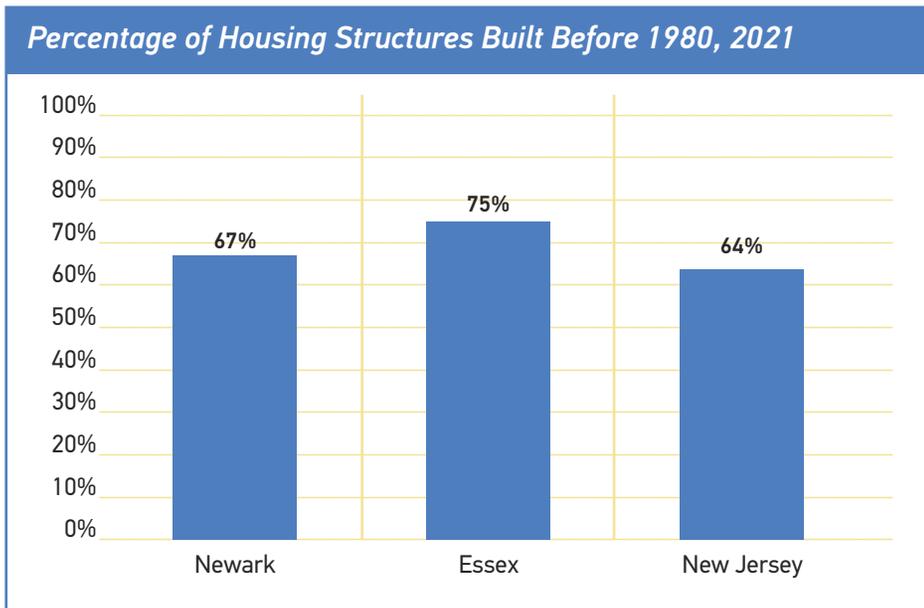
Newark Environmental Case Activity Status

	Cases Referred	Investigation Required	Investigation Completed	Abatement Required	Abatement Completed	% Abatement Completed
2017	59	45	15	21	13	62%
2018	159	84	25	38	24	63%
2019	226	132	33	40	33	83%
2020	139	118	89	66	63	95%
2021	164	164	112	59	58	98%

Lead Paint in Housing

In 1978, the United States banned the use of lead paint. Before then, lead paint and varnish were regularly used in homes and businesses. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, lead-based paint is not problematic unless it is decaying, i.e. chipping, peeling, etc. Children are often exposed to lead poisoning as a result of the dust found in these homes, or chewing on surfaces

coated with lead-based paint or the paint chips themselves. American Community Survey data indicate that 67% of Newark’s housing was constructed prior to 1980, compared to 75% of Essex County and 64% of New Jersey. Though not a perfect match to when lead paint was banned, these data provide some insight as to the presence of lead in homes.



Newark Water Testing for Lead, 2022

	Total # of Samples Tested	# of Samples ≥ 15 ppb*	% of Sample ≥ 15 ppb
January-June	212	10	5%
July-December	113	3	3%

*Parts per billion

Children Under 19 Without Health Insurance

	Number	2017–2021 %
Newark	7,392	9.2%
Essex	13,108	6.1%
New Jersey	85,134	4.0%

Children Under Age 19 Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	60,493	58,970	54,793	58,696	59,954	-1
Essex	106,534	103,192	96,568	105,215	109,177	2
New Jersey	805,080	782,866	776,976	851,417	885,881	10

What is NJ FamilyCare?

NJ FamilyCare is New Jersey’s publicly funded health insurance program, supported by federal Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) dollars and state funding, for children in families with a household income up to 355% of the federal poverty level. As of July 1, 2021, premiums are no longer required for NJ FamilyCare coverage. Qualified state residents of any age may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance, which covers doctor visits, prescriptions, vision, dental care, mental health and substance use services, and hospitalization. For more information, visit <https://www.njfamilycare.org>. NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid recipients have been able to

maintain health insurance coverage since March 2020 without traditional re-determination periods thanks to the provisions specified under the nationwide public health emergency (PHE) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the end of 2022, President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, an omnibus package that requires states to begin re-determining eligibility for Medicaid enrollees on April 1, 2023. This means that all members enrolled in an NJ FamilyCare program will be reviewed to see if they still qualify for coverage. It is important that NJ FamilyCare recipients confirm that their most current address and contact information is on file in order to ensure

they receive any correspondence regarding their healthcare coverage. Families on NJ FamilyCare can confirm or update their contact information by calling NJ FamilyCare at 1-800-701-0710. If a family receives mail from NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, they should respond promptly. Organizations, healthcare providers, and individuals who work closely with families can help spread the word about this process by sharing materials from NJ FamilyCare’s Stay Covered Toolkit. Find the most up-to-date information concerning the re-determining process from the New Jersey Department of Human Services on their StayCoveredNJ website.

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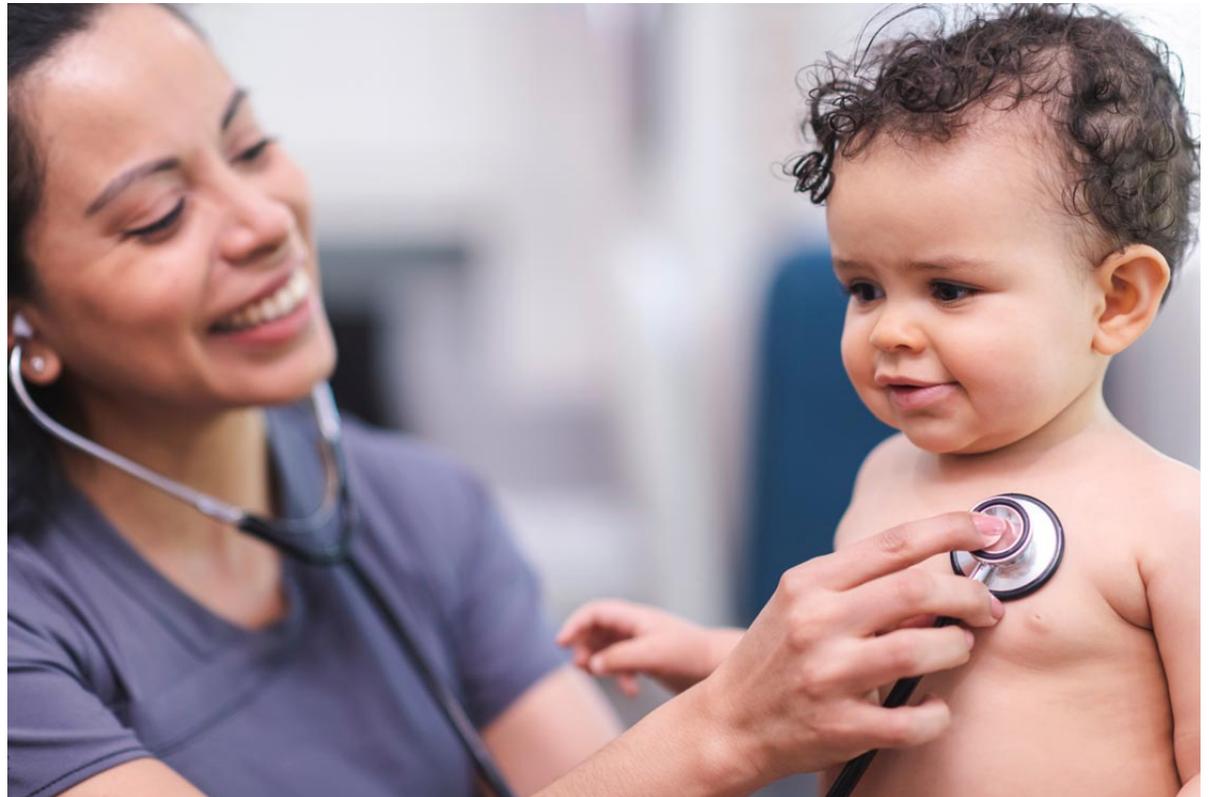
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4 Child Protection

What is CP&P?

The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P), formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), operates within the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) as the state's child welfare and protection agency. CP&P is responsible for investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and, if necessary, arranging for the child's protection and services for the family. When children cannot remain at home due to safety concerns, CP&P may ask the family court to place the child into foster care and to seek another permanent home for children who cannot be safely reunified with their parent(s) within the timeframes provided by law.

Children Under Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)* Supervision

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	4,018	3,769	1,933	1,739	1,475	-63
Essex	6,099	5,601	2,854	3,047	2,913	-52
New Jersey	48,256	47,151	29,282	33,790	31,830	-34

*Formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

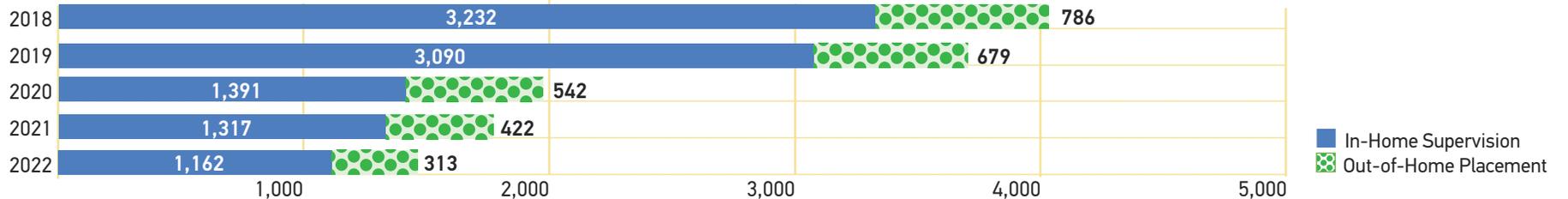
Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	3,232	3,090	1,391	1,317	1,162	-64
Essex	5,053	4,696	2,157	2,493	2,456	-51
New Jersey	42,202	42,036	25,074	30,185	28,676	-32

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	786	679	542	422	313	-60
Essex	1,046	905	697	554	457	-56
New Jersey	6,054	5,115	4,208	3,605	3,154	-48

Newark Children Under CP&P Supervision



Federal Court Oversight of NJ Department of Children and Families is Ending

The federal court oversight of New Jersey’s child welfare system is finally ending after 20 years. The final exit will occur no later than June 2023 according to an Agreement presented to the Honorable Stanley R. Chesler in federal court on March 22, 2022. DCF is in the process of redesigning many of its quality improvement processes to integrate a Solution Based Casework (SBC) approach with its Case Practice Model. To read the monitoring reports, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/welfare/federal/>. To read more about the SBC approach, visit <https://acnj.org/solution-based-casework-model-to-be-implemented-for-dcpp-involved-families/>.

DCF is working with the Judiciary and other stakeholders to address racial disparities that persist despite the overall reduction of children and families involved with CP&P. Other priorities of DCF’s Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer include primary prevention of maltreatment, staff health and wellness, and efforts to increase placement with relatives and kin should a child require placement due to safety concerns. To read more about the reforms underway, visit the DCF website at <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/>. To read more about the increased placement with kin, visit <https://acnj.org/blog-kinship-care-and-new-jerseys-revised-kinship-legal-guardianship-act/>.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	6,294	6,468	6,310	4,642	4,733	-25
Essex	10,646	10,985	10,982	7,703	8,322	-22
New Jersey	91,585	94,161	96,060	73,693	84,162	-8

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Newark	615	431	383	220	225	-63
Essex	948	706	592	344	357	-62
New Jersey	6,463	5,923	4,897	3,000	3,232	-50

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newark	9.8%	6.7%	6.1%	4.7%	4.6%
Essex	8.9%	6.4%	5.4%	4.5%	4.3%
New Jersey	7.1%	6.3%	5.1%	4.1%	3.8%

The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot

The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot (<https://www.njyrs.org/>) is a website created by members of the DCF Youth Council, specially geared for young people in New Jersey that have been involved with DCF and those who work with them.

Safe Babies Court Team – Prioritizing Family Reunification

Essex County is one of three counties to pilot the Safe Babies Court Team approach aimed at connecting children ages 0-3 involved with CP&P and their families to the community services and supports they need. To learn more, visit <https://www.njsafebabies.com/>.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

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Newark Children Under CP&P Supervision, 2018-2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2017-2021. Number of children who were reported for child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. Data are as of December 31 for each year.

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Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2017-2021. 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 NJ Department of Children and Families. Previously, investigators could only determine whether reported abuse/neglect was “substantiated” or “unfounded”. Data are as of December 31 of each year.



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Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers and Registered Family Child Care Providers: How Do They Differ?

Licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers both offer child care to children under the age of 13. However, there are key differences in the number of children they are permitted to serve and the locations in which they operate. Licensed child care centers serve a minimum of six children and must adhere to state licensing requirements. Registered family child care providers care for a maximum of five children at a time in their own homes. Family child care providers who register voluntarily through New Jersey's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are required to meet state regulations primarily related to health and safety concerns. Due to the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, in an effort to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 110 on March 25, 2020, requiring licensed child care centers to close on April 1, 2020 unless approved to serve the children of those classified as essential personnel.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	143	147	60	105	135	-6
Essex	461	472	225	397	474	3
New Jersey	4,141	4,171	2,018	3,371	3,976	-4

**See note regarding Executive Orders 110 and 149.*

Child Care Center Capacity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	15,435	15,735	4,967	10,211	14,447	-6
Essex	42,915	43,525	19,254	36,300	44,591	4
New Jersey	382,734	387,092	196,338	321,967	383,595	0

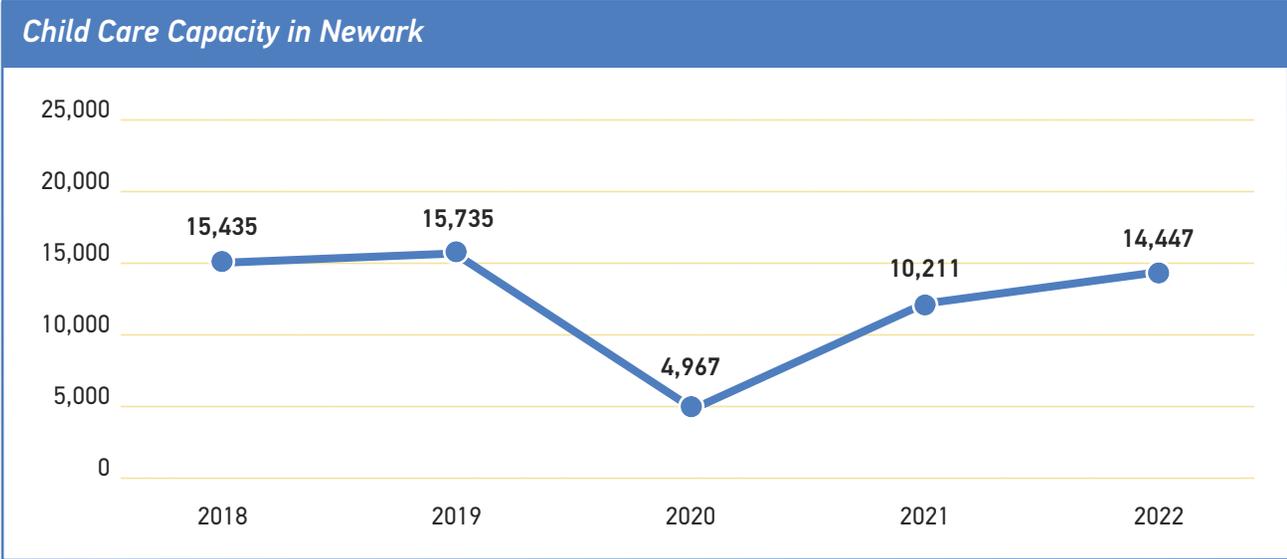
**See note regarding Executive Orders 110 and 149.*

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	83	43	92	88	86	4
Essex	226	184	171	181	189	-16
New Jersey	1,639	1,478	1,430	1,275	1,199	-27

On May 29, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 149, allowing licensed child care centers to resume normal operations beginning on or after June 15, 2020 subject to their compliance with specific COVID-19 health and

safety standards. This order also rescinded the emergency child care program under Executive Order No. 110. The impact of the executive orders can be seen in both the supply and capacity of child care across the state.



*See note regarding Executive Orders 110 and 149.



New Jersey's State-Funded Home Visitation Programs

Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse. The state's home visitation programs are designed to help mothers and fathers build healthy environments for their infants and young children by promoting infant and child health, nurturing positive parent-child relationships, and linking parents to resources and support. This is typically provided to families facing poverty and other risk factors, with visits starting before or immediately after birth. In 2022, the number of Newark families participating in home visitation programs decreased by 30% since 2018.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	344	386	333	298	242	-30
Essex	736	744	648	590	491	-33
New Jersey	6,997	6,666	6,246	5,534	4,925	-30

*The state funds three different home visitation programs in Newark and Essex.

New Jersey's Universally Offered Home Visitation Program

In July 2021, New Jersey became the second state in the country to offer a voluntary home visiting program for all parents of newborns. The program will be housed within the NJ Department of Children and Families. New Jersey's universally offered home visiting program will allow all new parents the opportunity to access individualized advice, expertise, and support to ensure both parent and child get off to the right start. This strength-based approach to supporting all families will address the period of time between the birth of the newborn and the mother's first visit to the obstetrician at six weeks. Such a proactive approach to supporting new families will reduce potential maternal and infant issues that may arise during this extended period.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2018-2022. The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2018-2022. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Registered Family Child Care Providers, 2018-2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Child Care Capacity in Newark, 2018-2022. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers in Newark. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June or each year.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs, 2018-2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.



6 Education

The Impact of COVID-19

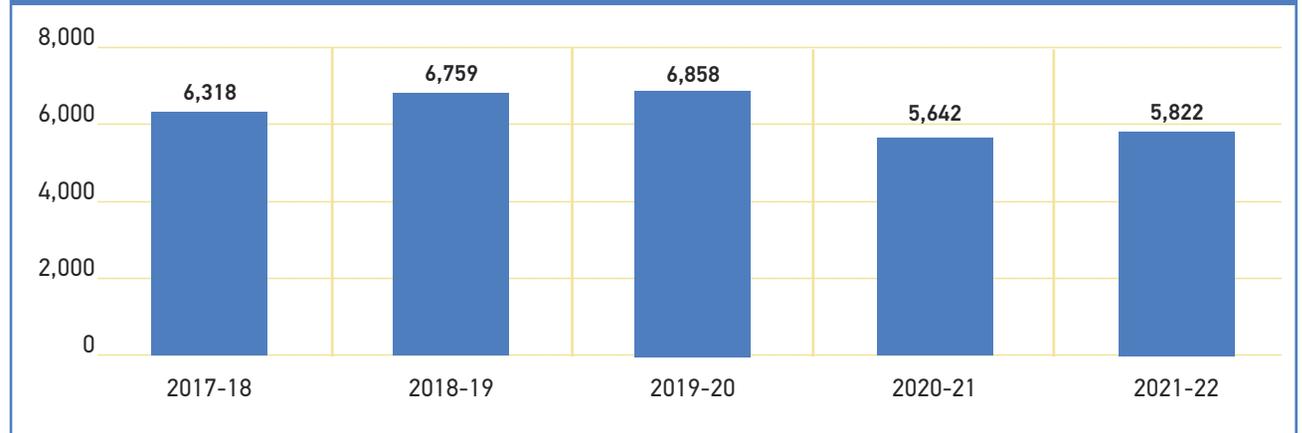
The COVID-19 pandemic moved all students to remote learning for more than one school year, and the data are beginning to reflect the impact of the shutdown. Newark saw a decrease in preschool enrollment between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years with 1,216 fewer students enrolling but saw a slight increase in 2021-22. During the Spring of 2022, the New Jersey State Learning Assessments (NJSLA) were administered. The tests show that there has been a decrease in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations.

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Newark	6,318	6,759	6,858	5,642	5,822	-8
Essex	9,676	10,046	10,303	8,314	9,010	-7
New Jersey	51,580	53,177	56,178	46,898	53,258	-3

**Data includes charter schools.*

Newark State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

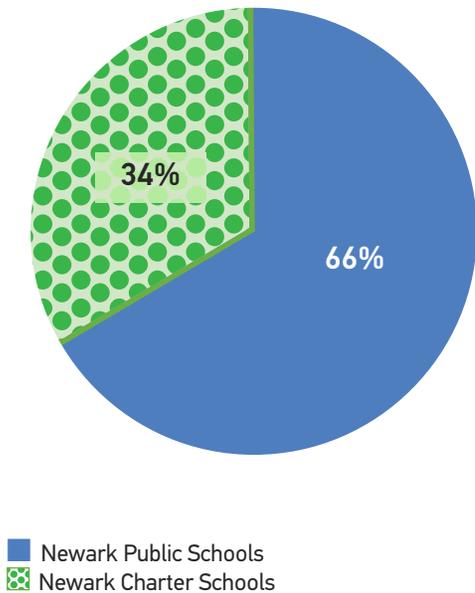


Kindergarten Enrollment

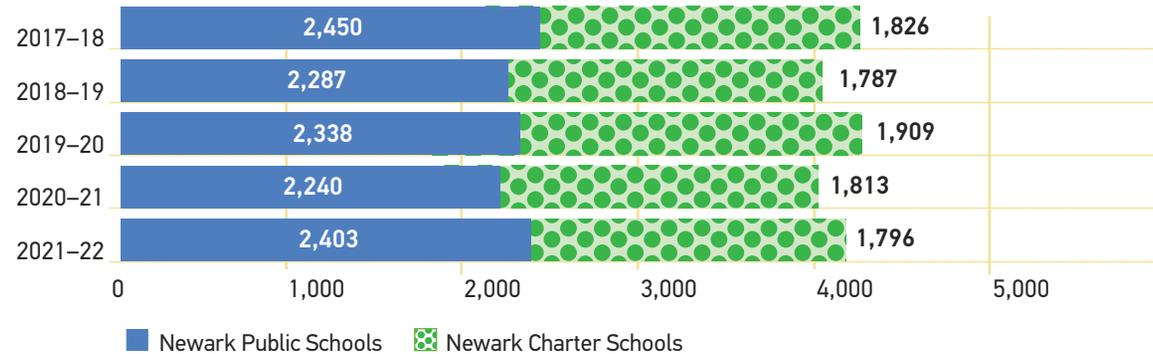
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Newark Public Schools	2,450	2,287	2,338	2,240	2,403	-2
Newark Charter Schools	1,826	1,787	1,909	1,813	1,796	-2
Newark Total	4,276	4,074	4,247	4,053	4,199	-2
Essex	9,959	9,816	9,939	9,154	9,626	-3
New Jersey*	90,828	89,294	90,818	82,604	86,202	-5

*New Jersey data includes both half- and full-day kindergarten enrollment.

Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2021-22



Kindergarten Enrollment



Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment

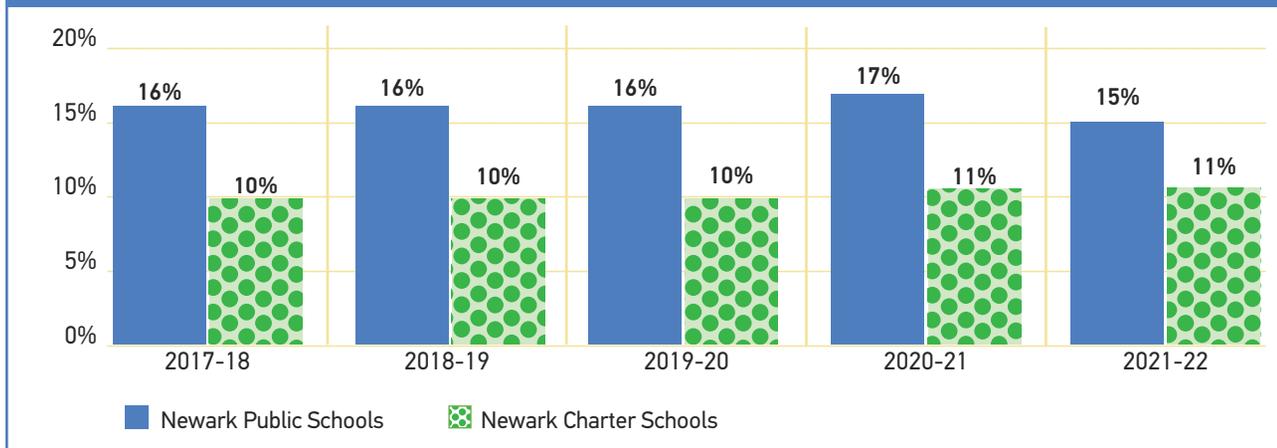
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Newark Public Schools	35,714	35,664	36,676	40,085	40,607	14
Newark Charter Schools	17,209	18,477	19,404	20,095	20,491	19
Newark Total	52,923	54,141	56,080	60,180	61,098	15

Note: When referring to Newark Public Schools, we include only data for the Newark Public School District and do not include charter school data. Charter schools are public schools that operate under a charter granted by the State Commissioner of Education. They are independent of the local school district, each is managed by its own Board of Trustees, and is treated as its own district.

Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Newark Public Schools	6,419	6,557	6,487	6,679	6,232	-3
Newark Charter Schools	1,698	1,840	1,955	2,181	2,192	29
Newark Total	8,117	8,397	8,442	8,860	8,424	4

Special Education Classification Rate



Newark Public Schools Special Education by Disability, 2021-22

	Autism	Deaf Blindness	Emotional Disturbance	Hearing Impairment	Multiple Disabilities	Intellectual Disability	Other Health Impairment	Orthopedic Impairment	Specific Learning Disability	Speech or Language Impairment	Traumatic Brain Injury	Visual Impairment	Developmental Delay
Ages 3-5	*	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	481
Ages 5-21	930	*	163	53	379	205	1,259	*	1,889	827	*	*	13

Note: Does not include charter school data. Ages 3-5 includes five-year-olds not in kindergarten and Ages 5-21 includes five-year-olds in kindergarten.

*Accounts of fewer than ten students have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.

What is a Homeless Student?

A homeless student is defined as any youth lacking a regular and adequate nighttime residence. Included in this definition is a broad set of living arrangements — children living in hotels or motels, public places, or sharing housing with other families due to a lack of suitable housing or financial stability. This definition was provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and amended through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2016. Under the ESSA amendment, children awaiting foster care placement are no longer defined as homeless. Legally, the state is required to provide a number of services to homeless children, including the appointment of a homeless student liaison who helps students and parents with enrollment, transportation, arrangements, and accessing services. For more information on homeless students, visit <https://nche.ed.gov/>. For more information on homeless students at the state level, visit <https://www.nj.gov/education/homeless/index.shtml>.

Percentage of Homeless Students Out of Total Enrollment

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Newark Public Schools	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	0.6%

Does not include charter school data.



Newark English Language Learner Enrollment as Percent of Total Enrollment

	2019–20 % of Total Enrollment	2020–21 % of Total Enrollment	2021–22 % of Total Enrollment
Newark Public Schools	16.8%	16.0%	17.2%
Achieve Community Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Discovery Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Gray Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	2.9%	2.1%	1.7%
LEAD Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Link Community Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	16.9%	15.7%	20.4%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	0.8%	0%	0.4%
New Horizons Community Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Newark Educators Community Charter School	0.8%	3.5%	4.6%
North Star Academy Charter School	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%
People’s Preparatory Charter School	5.4%	5.2%	6.3%
Philip’s Academy Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	0.9%	0.7%	0.6%
Roseville Community Charter School	27.3%	19.1%	19.6%
Team Academy Charter School	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%
University Heights Charter School	5.0%	6.4%	7.5%
NJ State Average	6.9%	7.0%	7.4%

When is a Student Considered an English Language Learner?

The NJ Department of Education uses the term English Language Learner (ELL) to describe students whose first language is other than English or who have difficulty reading, writing, and understanding English. The State of New Jersey administers an annual survey to assess the languages spoken in students’ homes in an effort to identify ELL students. An English Language Learner’s proficiency may require additional services to allow them to be successful in the district’s academic program.

Schools Violence Incidents, 2021-22

	Violence	Weapons	Vandalism	Substances	Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	Total Unique Incidents	Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled
Newark Public Schools	581	42	65	62	238	896	2.18
Achieve Community Charter School	14	1	0	0	1	16	3.56
Discovery Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Gray Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	3	3	0	1	0	7	0.43
LEAD Charter School	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.35
Link Community Charter School	20	1	2	2	5	30	9.43
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	28	0	0	4	1	33	2.50
New Horizons Community Charter School	6	0	0	4	0	10	2.37
Newark Educators Community Charter School	10	2	0	0	0	12	5.38
North Star Academy Charter School	251	10	23	17	7	308	4.94
People's Preparatory Charter School	62	6	3	32	11	113	32.47
Philip's Academy Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	14	1	1	1	2	16	2.33
Roseville Community Charter School	9	0	0	0	0	9	3.42
Team Academy Charter School	255	8	31	24	20	336	6.10
University Heights Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
New Jersey	13,451	1,372	1,815	6,639	7,672	30,568	2.18

N indicates that no data are available.

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations: English Language Arts

District Name	3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22
Newark Public Schools	29%	19%	33%	23%	32%	25%	35%	27%	44%	33%	44%	32%	33%	31%
New Jersey	50%	42%	57%	49%	58%	50%	56%	48%	63%	53%	63%	51%	56%	49%

Does not include charter school data.

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations: Mathematics

District Name	3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		Algebra I ¹		Algebra II ¹		Geometry ¹	
	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22
Newark Public Schools	35%	15%	32%	12%	24%	11%	21%	11%	25%	15%	26%	11%	21%	16%	44%	*	14%	33%
New Jersey	55%	45%	51%	39%	47%	36%	41%	31%	42%	34%	29%	15%	43%	35%	56%	58%	32%	45%

Does not include charter school data.

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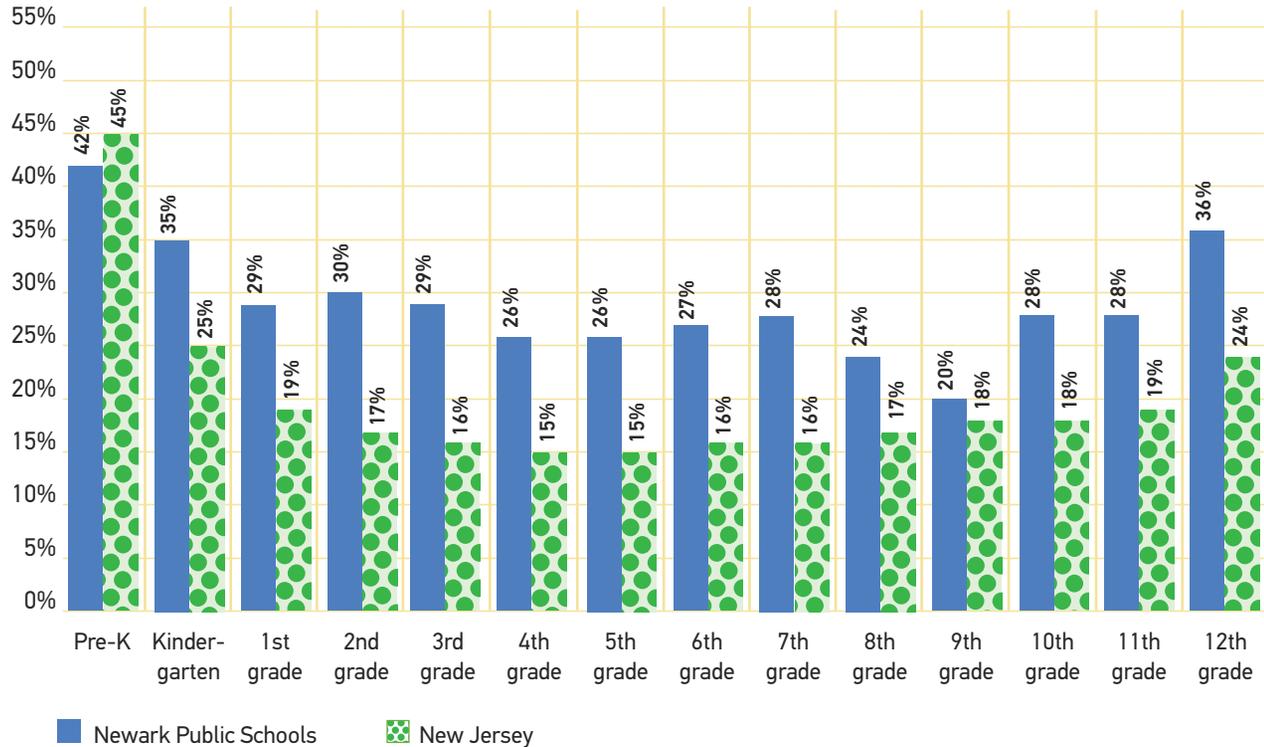
¹ NJSLA Spring 2022 Assessments were optional for Grade 11 students. The aggregated data does not include grade 11 students..

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations: Science

District Name	5th		8th		11th	
	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22	18-19	21-22
Newark Public Schools	10%	7%	4%	3%	11%	11%
New Jersey	29%	26%	20%	16%	27%	29%

Does not include charter school data.

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade, 2021-22



Does not include charter school data.

Newark Public Schools
Chronic Absenteeism Demographics, 2021-22

Demographic Group	%
Districtwide	28%
American Indian or Alaska Native	30%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	18%
Black or African American	36%
Hispanic	25%
White	19%
Two or More Races	◇
Male	29%
Female	27%
Economically Disadvantaged	28%
English Language Learners	19%
Homeless	55%
Students in Foster Care	48%
Students with Disabilities	39%

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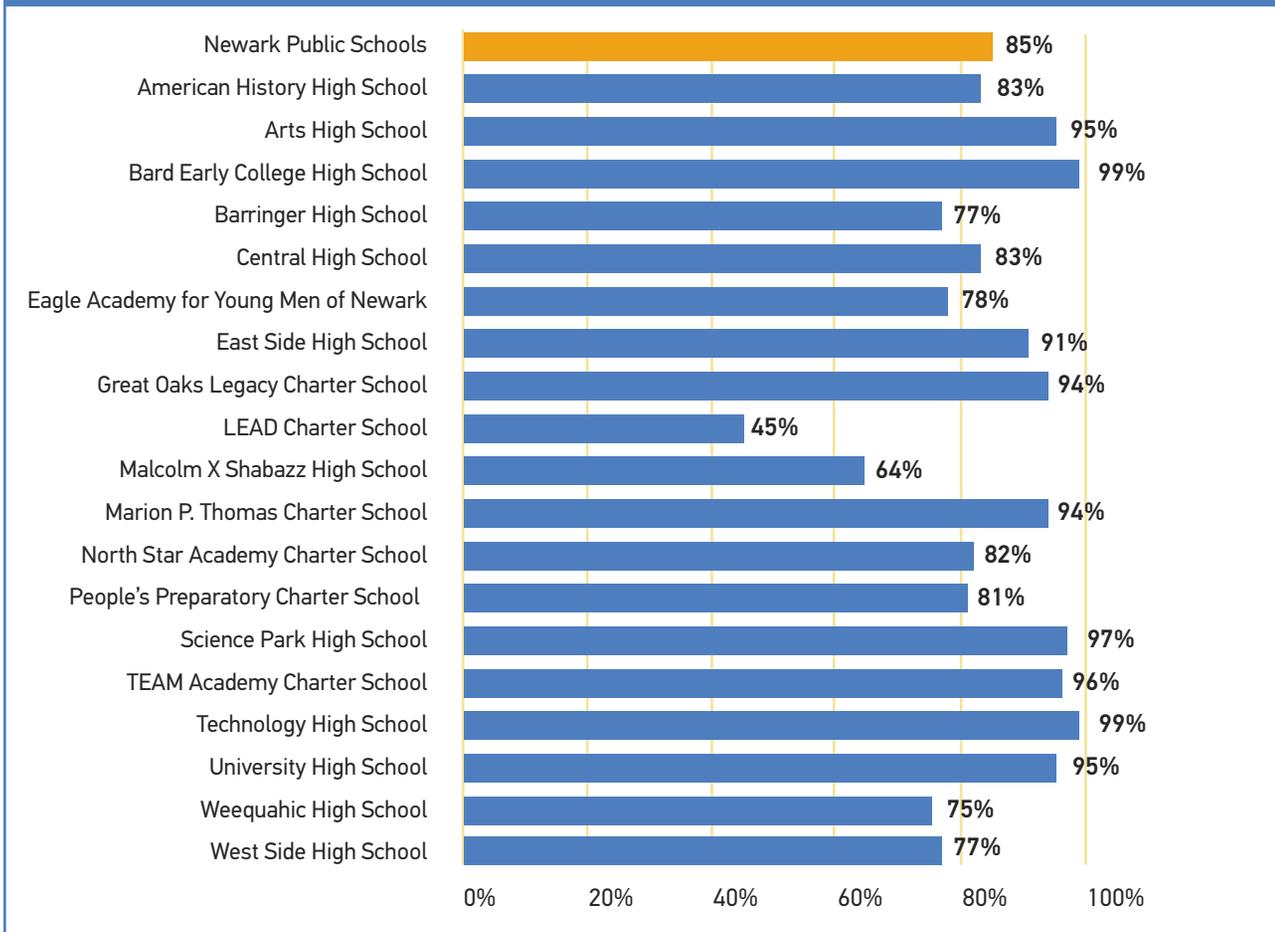
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High School Graduation Rates

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% Change 18-22
Newark Public Schools	76%	76%	81%	81%	85%	12
New Jersey	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	0

Does not include charter school data.

Graduation Rates by High School, 2021-22



Graduation Rates by Demographic Group, Newark Public Schools, 2021-22

Demographic Group	Rate
Districtwide	85%
American Indian or Alaska Native	◇
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	94%
Black or African American	82%
Hispanic	87%
White	94%
Two or More Races	◇
Male	82%
Female	89%
Economically Disadvantaged	86%
English Language Learners	84%
Homeless	55%
Students in Foster Care	43%
Students with Disabilities	71%

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Average SAT Score by High School, 2021-22

	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation
Newark Public Schools	425	438	84%
American History High School	408	435	71%
Arts High School	429	457	93%
Bard Early College High School	468	481	100%
Barringer High School	389	406	79%
Central High School	382	388	76%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	374	396	100%
East Side High School	407	420	90%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	440	446	100%
LEAD Charter School	N	N	0%
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	386	392	90%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	383	403	95%
Newark Vocational High School	*	*	N
Newark School of Global Studies	N	N	N
North Star Academy Charter School	525	514	100%
People's Preparatory Charter School	*	*	4.3%
Science Park High School	547	541	96%
TEAM Academy Charter School	*	*	2.6%
Technology High School	514	510	100%
University High School	415	430	100%
Weequahic High School	379	403	100%
West Side High School	392	414	82%
New Jersey Average	532	538	61%

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Average ACT Score, 2021-22

	Reading	English	Math	Science	Percentage Participation
Newark Public Schools*	22	20	21	20	1.6%
New Jersey Average	25	25	24	24	8.8%

*Does not include charter school data.

Percentage of Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2021–22

School	% Schoolwide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities
Newark Public Schools	46%	46%	25%
American History High School	45%	45%	20%
Arts High School	63%	56%	50%
Bard Early College High School	69%	63%	*
Barringer High School	25%	27%	15%
Central High School	30%	30%	21%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	42%	47%	*
East Side High School	42%	44%	33%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	61%	60%	53%
LEAD Charter School	7.3%	3.1%	*
Malcom X Shabazz High School	49%	55%	17%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	38%	37%	31%
North Star Academy Charter School	85%	83%	55%
People's Preparatory Charter School	51%	44%	35%
Science Park High School	83%	80%	*
TEAM Academy Charter School	58%	56%	28%
Technology High School	77%	77%	*
University High School	58%	48%	44%
Weequahic High School	37%	37%	13%
West Side High School	30%	31%	17%
New Jersey Average	69%	60%	50%

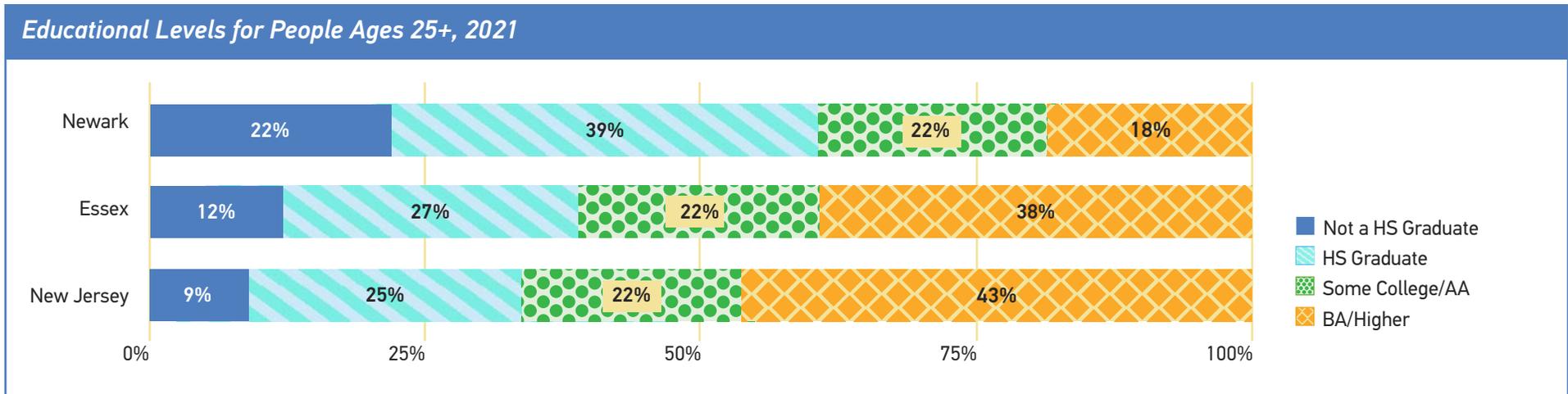
Note: Post-secondary institutions include 2-year or 4-year institutions. An "N" indicates that there are no data to display. An (*) indicates that data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy.

Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Course Participation and Performance, 2021-22

	Newark Public Schools*	New Jersey Average
Students enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	20%	35%
Students taking one or more AP or IB exam	20%	28%
Students with one or more exams with a score of at least a 3 on AP exams or 4 on IB exams	**	20%

*Does not include charter school data.

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Staff-to-Student Ratio, 2021-22

Ratio	Newark Public Schools	New Jersey
Students to Teachers	14:1	12:1
Students to Administrators	92:1	146:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists	2,744:1*	1,157:1
Students to Nurses	443:1*	482:1
Students to Counselors	473:1*	324:1
Students to Child Study Team Members **	22:1*	28:1
Students to School Psychologists	895:1*	650:1
Students to School Social Workers	269:1*	564:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators	N	3,770:1
Students to School Safety Specialists	41,160:1*	2,021:1

* In some districts, staff members in these roles who work in multiple schools may be assigned only to the district and not to individual schools. As a result, a School Ratio may show N, but there may be district-assigned staff working in the school.

** Child Study Team members include school psychologists, school social workers, and learning disabilities teacher consultants. Also note that this ratio compares Students with Disabilities instead of all students. Does not include charter school data.

Staff-to-Student Ratios

The ratio of staff to students within a school has long been considered a marker of educational and instructional quality. During the 2021-22 school year, Newark Public Schools reported a ratio of 14 students for every one teacher, just above the state ratio of 12 to 1. The ratio of guidance counselors to students is also of importance, given the critical role counselors play in preparing students for college and career. The American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of 250 students for every one counselor. Both Newark Public Schools and the state of New Jersey exceeded this recommendation, with ratios of 473:1 and 324:1, respectively, during the 2021-22 school year. To read more about the importance of student to school counselor ratios, visit <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/About-School-Counseling/School-Counselor-Roles-Ratios>.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Newark State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include students enrolled in full and half-day programs in both traditional district and charter schools.

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools. Please note that total enrollment figures do not include students enrolled in public preschool programs operating within community-based providers.

Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2021-22. The percentage of students enrolled in Newark Public Schools and Newark charter schools. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include both public district and charter schools. Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education.

Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21. Data include both traditional district schools and charter schools and public and non-public students. Charter totals may be higher due to suppression of districts with fewer than 10 students. Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education.

Special Education Classification Rate, Ages 3-21. Special education counts include both traditional district schools and charter schools and public and non-public students. Charter figures may differ due to suppression of districts with fewer than 10 students. Total enrollment based on October general education enrollment data for each school year.

Newark Public Schools Special Education Students by Disability, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-5 and 6-21. Data do not include charter schools. Counts of fewer than 10 students have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.

Percentage of Homeless Students Out of Total Enrollment, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. Data are as of June for each school year listed and do not include charter schools. Represents any student identified as homeless during the given school year.

Newark English Language Learner Enrollment as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2019-20 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts.

School Violence Incidents, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. A single incident may be counted under multiple incident types; the total unique incidents row provides an unduplicated count of incidents.

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations, English Language Arts, 2018-19 and 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. The NJSLA in English Language Arts, Math, and Science were administered in Spring 2022. The grade levels shown in the report represent students' spring 2022 grade level enrollment. Percentage meeting or exceeding standards are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. Data suppressed in some instances to protect students' confidentiality.

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations: Mathematics, 2018-19 and 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. The NJSLA was administered in during the Spring of each respective school year. Percentage meeting or exceeding standards are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. Data suppressed in some instances to protect students' confidentiality.

New Jersey State Learning Assessment, Percentage Meeting or Exceeding Expectations: Science, 2018-19 and 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. The NJSLA was administered in during the Spring of each respective school year. Percentage meeting or exceeding standards are those students scoring Level 4 or Level 5. Data suppressed in some instances to protect students' confidentiality.

Chronic Absenteeism, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. Chronic absenteeism refers to being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

Newark Public District Chronic Absenteeism Demographics, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. Chronic absenteeism refers to being absent for 10% or more of the days enrolled during the school year.

High School Graduation Rates, 2017-18 through 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Data. In 2011, the Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data.

Graduation Rates by Demographic Group, Newark District, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data. Average SAT Score by High School, 2016-17 through 2020-21. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the SAT for the given school year or for prior years. The score range for the SAT is from 400 to 1600 for a total score. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Graduation Rates by High School, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Average SAT Score by High School, 2021-22. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the SAT for the given school year or for prior years. The score range for the SAT is from 400 to 1600 for a total score. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Average ACT Score, 2021-22. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the ACT for the given school year. The score range for the ACT is from 1 to 36 for each subject. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. These data reflect the percentage of 2021 high school graduates that were enrolled in post-secondary institutions the fall after high school graduation. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included. Data for some categories are unavailable. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Course Participation and Performance, 2021-22. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate participation and performance amongst 11th and 12th grade students.

Education Levels for People Ages 25+, 2021. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002 using 1-year estimates.

Staff-to-Student Ratio, 2021-22. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance report.



7 Teens

Data Trends for Teens

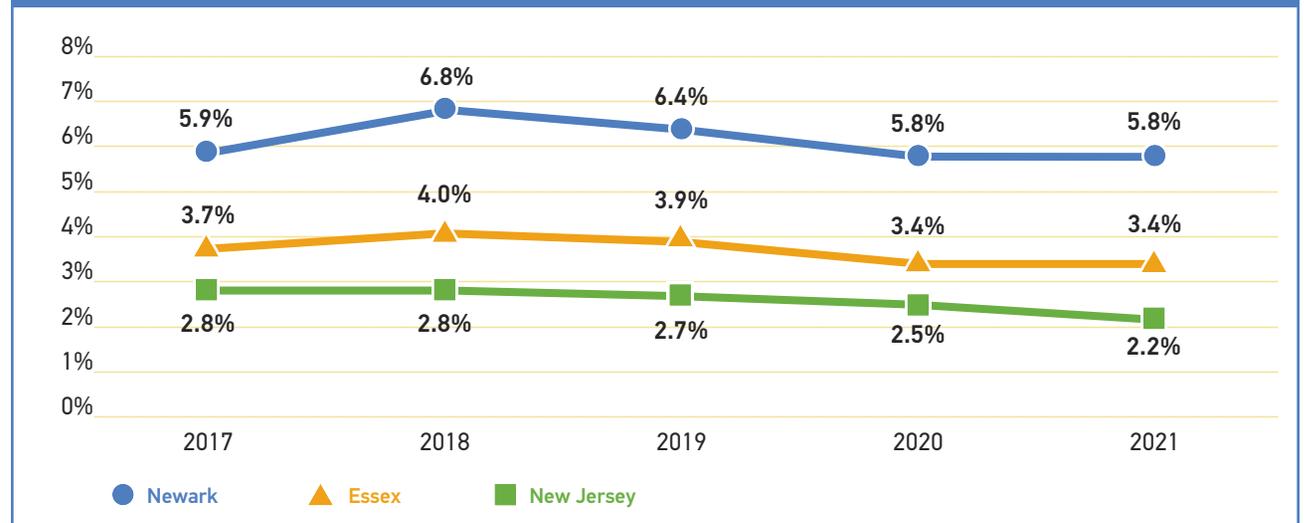
Teen births have decreased for all three geographies. In 2021, Newark has seen a 13% decrease in the number of teen births since 2017. In 2021, 5.8% of all Newark births were to teens ages 15-19, compared to 3.4% and 2.2% of Essex County and New Jersey, respectively. The number of teens ages 15-19 diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection has also seen a decrease for both males and females living in Newark. In 2022, juvenile arrests in Newark has decreased by 14% since 2018.



Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*	% Change 17-21
Newark	245	291	254	224	213	-13
Essex	385	420	385	330	326	-15
New Jersey	2,818	2,805	2,682	2,434	2,251	-20

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



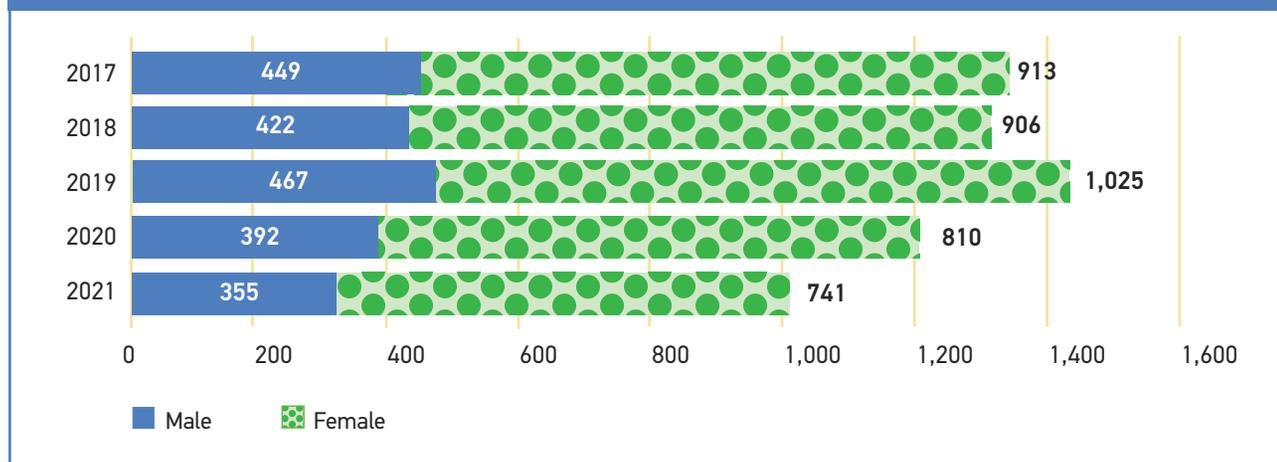
Teens Deaths (Ages 15-19)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Newark	15	7	7	12	14	-7
Essex	29	19	19	22	24	-17
New Jersey	194	184	153	178	189	-3

Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% Change 17-21	
	Male	Female	Male	Female								
Newark	449	913	422	906	467	1,025	392	810	355	741	-21	-19
Essex	719	1,523	680	1,539	745	1,709	614	1,271	568	1,218	-21	-20
New Jersey	2,803	7,930	2,759	8,202	3,124	8,689	2,473	6,939	2,396	6,734	-15	-15

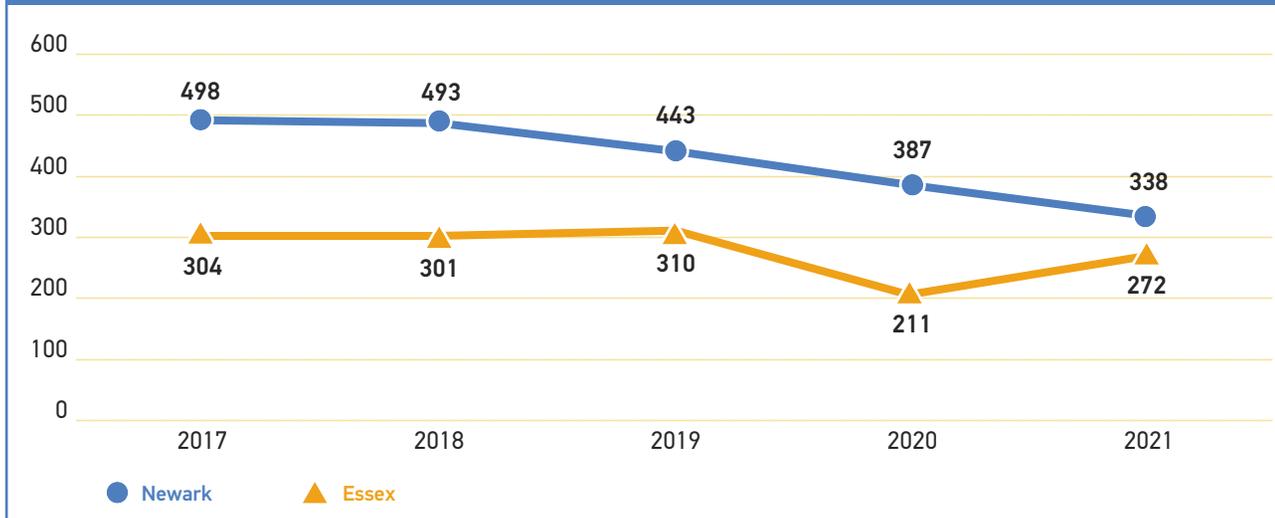
Newark Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection



Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Total Admissions:	304	301	310	211	272	-11
By Gender:						
Male	268	271	280	190	243	-9
Female	36	30	30	21	29	-19
By Race:						
African American	277	261	277	178	240	-13
Caucasian	3	0	1	1	1	-67
Hispanic	24	40	32	32	31	29

Newark and Essex County Admissions to Detention



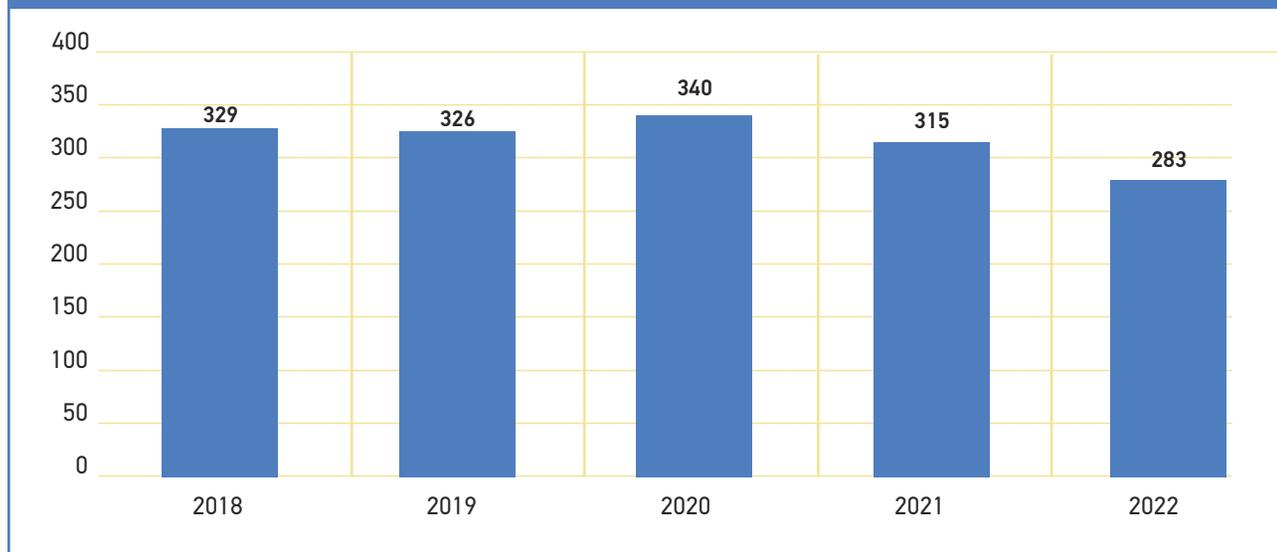
What is the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative?

New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) was formed in 2004 with the support and leadership of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is managed by the state's Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). Since the program's inception, JDAI has resulted in a dramatic decrease in detention populations throughout New Jersey without risk to public safety. JDAI fosters a fundamental shift in the way law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and public defenders handle juvenile crime cases by moving the focus from locking kids up to returning them to their communities and addressing the issues that led to criminal behavior. Detention centers are reserved only for more serious youth offenders. JDAI has helped reduce costs considerably, due to the reduction in the daily population in detention and subsequent closure of many county detention centers. In 2018, the Annie E. Casey Foundation recognized New Jersey as the first state to implement JDAI resulting in a decrease in the average daily detention center population by nearly 70% between 2003 (pre-JDAI) and 2017. Find other data and learn more about NJ's Juvenile Justice System at <https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/juvenile-justice-commission-home/>.

Juvenile Arrests

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	329	326	340	315	283	-14

Newark Juvenile Arrests



Newark Arrests by Subgroup, 2022

Subgroup	# of Arrests	% of Total
Male	259	92%
Female	24	8%
Total	283	100
Black	260	92%
White	8	3%
Hispanic	14	5%
Other	1	0%

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Births to Teens (Ages 15-19), 2017-2021. The number of live births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of March 14, 2023.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2017-2021. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of March 14, 2023.

Teen Deaths (Ages 15-19), 2016-2020. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Death Certificate Database. Data accessed as of March 14, 2023.

Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2017-2021. Youth ages 15-19 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis, as reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported. Data from prior reports are not comparable due to a change in age designation. Data accessed as of March 14, 2023.

Newark Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, 2017-2021. Youth ages 15-19 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis, as reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Does not include youth whose gender was unknown or unreported. Data from prior reports are not comparable due to a change in age designation. Data accessed as of March 14, 2023.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2017-2021. The number of youth admitted to detention. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Newark and Essex County Admissions to Detention, 2017-2021. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Juvenile Arrests, 2018-2022. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department.

Newark Arrests by Subgroup, 2022. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department.

Newark Juvenile Arrests, 2018-2022. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department.

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