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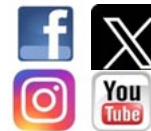
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Introduction

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 communities.

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 (such as 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 they 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



Mary Coogan
President & CEO
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Dr. Jennifer Robinson
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of New Jersey

This year, Advocates for Children of New Jersey is excited to release its first-ever translated *Newark Kids Count* in Spanish. With 32% of Newark public school students speaking Spanish primarily at home, our hope is that this data book will serve as a bridge to reach a wider audience, helping Spanish-speaking residents understand the data in their community, as well as the resources available to them. Whenever possible, *Newark Kids Count* disaggregates data by race and ethnicity to take a closer look and identify disparities in child well-being outcomes.

Newark is rich in its diversity with 42% of children identified as Hispanic or Latino and 22% of its public school students identified as multilingual learners — more than double the state average. More than half of all births in the city were to foreign-born women and of those births, 64% were of Hispanic descent.

Data is a powerful tool that can measure progress, drive change, and empower others. Advocates and concerned residents can use this resource to strengthen community bonds and start conversations on what can be done to improve the lives of the city's children.

In this year's report, there are bright spots such as a decrease in unemployment and the number of families living below the poverty line, as well as an increase in median household income. However, more work remains. Roughly 56% of all Newark families continue to spend 30% or more of their income on rent and 34% of young adult Latinos, age 25 and older, do not have a high school diploma, compared to Newark's overall average of 23%.

Since its first publication 27 years ago, *Newark Kids Count* has served as a data resource for policymakers, direct service providers, and community members alike. It provides a glimpse of how well we are taking care of our children, what is working, and where we can make positive change. We thank the Prudential Foundation and the Victoria Foundation for their generous support of the *Newark Kids Count* data reports.

A Letter from Senator M. Teresa Ruiz



Senator M. Teresa Ruiz
Senate Majority Leader
New Jersey State Legislature –
District 29

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to ACNJ on presenting another comprehensive *Newark Kids Count 2024* report. It is a resource that illustrates the accomplishments and challenges facing families and children in our city every year, and this year's report is special because it is the first time the findings will be published in Spanish, making this information more accessible to our state's population. I thank ACNJ for understanding the importance of breaking down language barriers so that all our families can gain valuable insight into our surrounding community.

It is encouraging to see that there has been continued progress in reducing the number of families with children living below the poverty level in Newark. Yearly income levels for families continued to rise, and the unemployment rate for the city returned to pre-pandemic levels. This demonstrates that Newark is making progress, but there is more ground to cover.

Wealth inequality continues to burden our families at a higher rate than in greater New Jersey, with families of color feeling the most pronounced effects of poverty. In Newark, fewer women are receiving vital prenatal care services and the infant mortality rate is disproportionately higher than in other areas of the state. Our students continue to struggle in reading and mathematics, highlighting the enduring impact of the pandemic on educational performance. These findings demonstrate how pervasive economic disparities are, making success in parenthood, school, and work more challenging.

Health, economic success, and scholastic achievement are intertwined, and improving each area for the benefit of our children requires a holistic approach. The New Jersey Legislature has worked hard to address these longstanding inequities by reducing barriers to building new affordable housing, increasing perinatal resources for mothers and their babies, and introducing legislation to combat pandemic learning loss. This year's *Kids Count* report reaffirms the urgency of addressing these matters, and bolsters my commitment to creating policy that invests in women and children and the infrastructure that supports great outcomes for all of our families.

I firmly believe that the next generation is our greatest treasure, and our children embody the finest qualities of New Jersey. I am optimistic the *Newark Kids Count 2024* report will help inform and guide pressing policy matters in New Jersey and move us forward on the path of continued progress.

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Ruiz
Senate Majority Leader (D-Essex/Hudson)

A Letter from the Mayor



Ras J. Baraka
Mayor
City of Newark



Dear Friends:

Thank you for reading the *Newark Kids Count 2024* report, prepared by our partners at Advocates for Children of New Jersey. By taking the time to examine these data findings, you exhibit your commitment to collaborating with us to make Newark an equitable city for all. I would like to thank the organizations that make this report possible each year, particularly the Victoria Foundation and the Prudential Foundation, so that we can track our progress and identify data trends that need additional resources and attention.

I am pleased to see that overall poverty and unemployment trends are moving in the right direction, but we have much more work to do. Newark's income gap, along with the State of New Jersey's wealth gap, are unacceptable relics of systemic failures in this state over decades that have left too many people on the sidelines of our economy. We must re-double our efforts to engage our residents in today's workforce with living-wage jobs and access to wealth creation strategies. In the meantime, we should be expanding immediate support for our families by expanding the New Jersey Child Tax Credit, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, and considering new strategies like baby bonds.

In Newark, we are focused on affordable housing for our residents, and we are getting creative to make it a reality. We amended our Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to give residents the first right at new affordable units. We created a \$1 home initiative and a Section 8 Homeownership Program to help residents achieve the dream of homeownership, and our Equitable Investments in Newark Neighborhoods Initiative is acquiring land and helping local Newark developers to create new affordable opportunities for residents as we speak.

Under the leadership of Director Ketlen Alsbrook, the Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness is expanding access to healthcare with neighborhood-based clinics and mobile health vans. First Lady Linda Baraka and a network of partners are prioritizing maternal health to improve outcomes noted in this report. The 10-Point Literacy Plan, released in the summer of 2023, served as a call to action to our education community to develop a plan to improve our children's literacy skills. I again call on district and charter schools to come together and reinstitute a single enrollment system so that we can enable equitable access to all schools in Newark and ensure that none of our children fall through the cracks.

While I am heartened that my administration is addressing the challenges that arise from this report head on, there is always more to do. I call on all of our partners — nonprofit, business, university, education — to join with us to continue to think boldly to dramatically improve the lives of our children and families. Only our collective strength will allow us to keep moving the ball forward.

Sincerely,

Ras J. Baraka
Mayor

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Demographics

Demographic Trends

The population of Newark children under 18 has been relatively consistent, increasing by 5% between 2017 and 2022. The number of births to foreign-born women saw an increase of 4% between 2018 and 2022. In addition to this, 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 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Total Population*

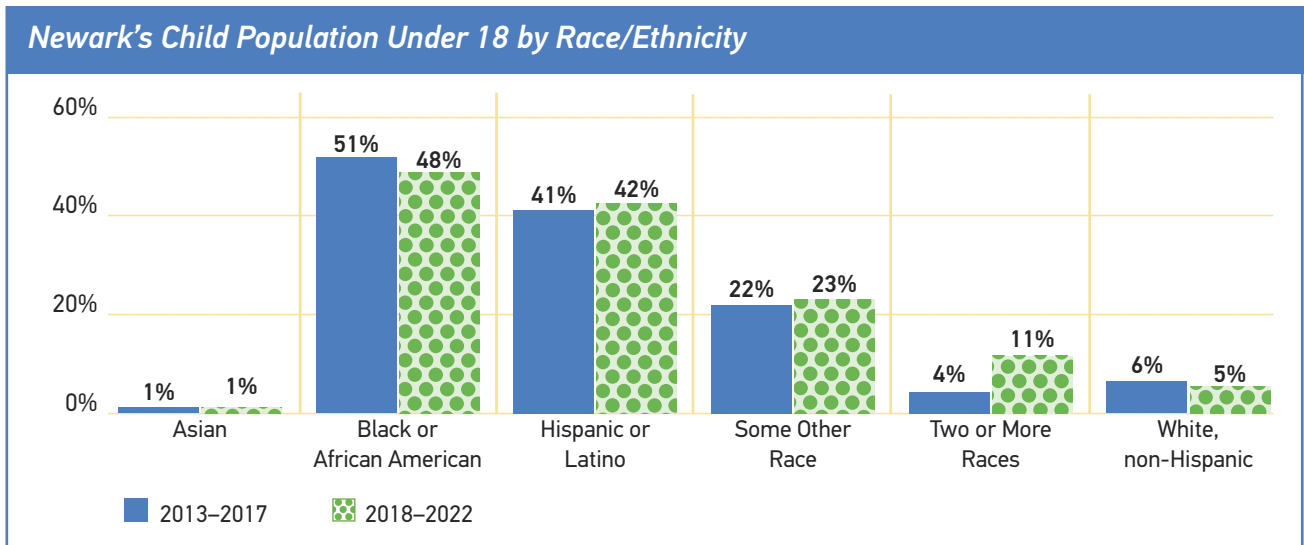
	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	% Change 17-22
Newark	285,156	282,102	281,999	307,216	305,339	7%
Essex	808,285	799,767	798,975	854,917	849,477	5%
New Jersey	9,005,644	8,908,520	8,882,190	9,267,130	9,261,699	3%
Newark's % of Essex	35%	35%	35%	36%	36%	
Newark's % of NJ	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	

**The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.*

Child Population Under Age 18*

	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	% Change 17-22
Newark	70,129	69,941	69,322	75,069	73,751	5%
Essex	190,780	188,978	189,378	202,466	197,900	4%
New Jersey	1,978,796	1,951,005	1,938,024	2,020,876	1,990,177	1%
Newark's % of Essex	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%	
Newark's % of NJ	4%	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*

	2017		2018		2019		2021		2022		% Change 17-22
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	6,610	9%	6,895	10%	9,766	14%	10,253	14%	7,981	11%	21%
Essex	17,937	9%	14,522	8%	16,948	9%	19,504	10%	16,207	8%	-10%
New Jersey	121,525	6%	115,455	6%	119,079	6%	130,371	6%	128,879	6%	6%

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1 Demographics

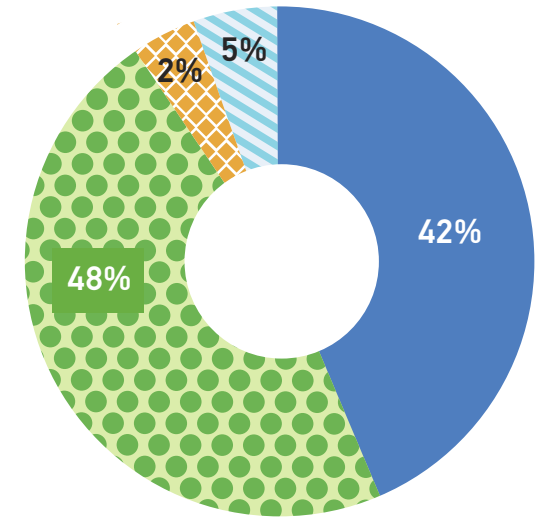
Total Births

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	4,302	3,950	3,860	3,696	3,900	-9%
Essex	10,399	9,890	9,618	9,720	10,134	-3%
New Jersey	101,172	99,305	97,146	101,330	102,890	2%

Births to Foreign-Born Mothers

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	2,041	1,930	1,930	1,882	2,128	4%
Essex	4,785	4,524	4,430	4,391	4,798	0%
New Jersey	40,744	39,691	37,530	38,552	36,936	-9%

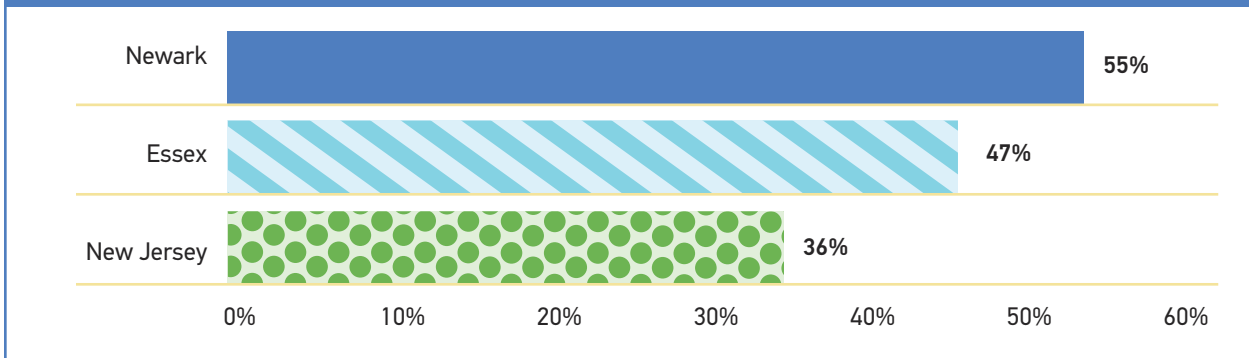
Total Births by Race/Ethnicity in Newark, 2022



- Black, non-Hispanic
- Hispanic (of any race)
- White, non-Hispanic
- Other Single Race, non-Hispanic

Some racial groups saw few births and are excluded from the graph above.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2022



64% of the births to foreign-born women in Newark were to those of Hispanic descent. (2022)

The rest were:

- 25% Black, non-Hispanic
- 4% Other Single Race, non-Hispanic
- 4% White, non-Hispanic
- 2% Asian, non-Hispanic
- 2% Two or More Races, non-Hispanic

Number of Births by Marital Status

	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022			% Change 18-22		
	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown
Newark	1,447	2,771	84	1,367	2,487	96	1,322	2,425	113	1,183	2,496	17	1,210	2,682	<10	-16%	-3%	-90%
Essex	5,233	4,797	369	5,061	4,453	376	4,886	4,342	390	5,064	4,604	52	5,203	4,905	26	-1%	2%	-93%
New Jersey	64,651	31,307	5,214	63,460	30,594	5,251	62,186	30,383	4,577	67,870	31,583	1,877	68,490	33,867	533	6%	8%	-90%

Languages Spoken in the Home, Newark

	2013-2017	2018-2022
Percentage of population age 5 and over who speak a language other than English in the home	47%	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*

	2017		2018		2019		2021		2022		% Change 17-22
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	19,801	56%	21,339	63%	18,716	53%	25,287	63%	19,883	53%	0%
Essex	39,391	39%	43,153	44%	40,628	40%	46,490	42%	40,136	38%	2%
New Jersey	318,643	30%	303,097	30%	305,494	30%	323,543	30%	321,081	30%	1%

*The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren

	2013-2017	2018-2022	% Change
Newark	2,609	2,263	-13%
Essex	5,597	4,699	-16%
New Jersey	49,236	40,478	-18%

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2013-2017	2018-2022	% Change
Newark	6,709	6,437	-4%
Essex	14,715	14,468	-2%
New Jersey	126,543	128,559	2%

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Total Population, 2017-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001 using 1-year estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

Child Population Under Age 18, 2017-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001 using 1-year estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race/Ethnicity, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001D, B01001F, B01001G, B01001H, and B01001I using 5-year estimates. Asian, Black or African American, Other, and Two or More Races categories may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

Foreign-Born Children, 2017-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003 using 1-year estimates. The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

Total Births, 2018-2022. As reported per year by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Total Births by Race/Ethnicity in Newark, 2022. As reported by the N.J. Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Births to Foreign-Born Mothers, 2018-2022. As reported per year by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women, 2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Percentage of Births to Foreign-Born Women by Race/Ethnicity in Newark, 2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Number of Births by Marital Status, 2018-2022. As reported per year by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 16, 2024.

Languages Spoken in the Home, Newark, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. 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.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2017-2022. 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. The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050 using 5-year estimates.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001 using 5-year estimates.



2 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 \$59,000 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*

	2017		2018		2019		2021		2022		% Change 17-22
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	76,159	28%	66,255	25%	67,923	25%	74,066	25%	70,767	24%	-7%
Essex	124,367	16%	118,156	15%	108,531	14%	126,854	15%	130,921	16%	5%
New Jersey	882,673	10%	832,133	10%	798,262	9%	930,602	10%	882,045	10%	0%

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2022 Federal Poverty Thresholds for a Family of Four:

50%	\$14,839
100%	\$29,678
200%	\$59,356

Number of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18*

Newark	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	% Change 17-22
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	13,687	10,590	12,323	10,669	8,448	-38%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	24,799	24,661	23,731	25,184	23,617	-5%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	44,854	43,400	46,000	50,857	41,948	-6%
Essex						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	18,802	18,452	18,638	18,961	16,181	-14%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	39,770	40,393	34,918	39,993	40,522	2%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	78,932	75,112	75,346	79,943	73,694	-7%
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	117,191	113,607	102,571	130,749	105,008	-10%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	272,251	264,253	235,470	284,150	253,875	-7%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	586,647	562,853	551,219	580,800	562,356	-4%

FPL = Federal Poverty Level

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Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18*

Newark	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	20%	15%	18%	14%	12%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	36%	36%	35%	34%	33%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	65%	63%	67%	69%	58%
Essex					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	21%	22%	19%	20%	21%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	42%	40%	40%	40%	38%
New Jersey					
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	14%	14%	12%	14%	13%
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	30%	29%	29%	29%	29%

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2 Family Economic Security

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level*

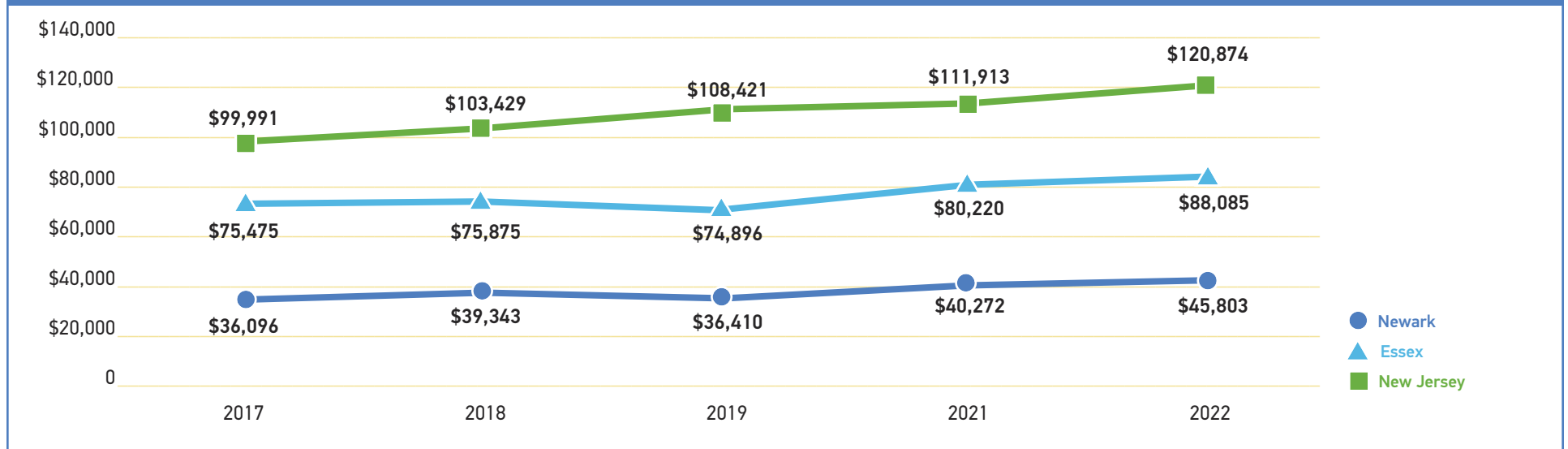
	2017		2018		2019		2021		2022		17-22 % Change
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	11,322	32%	10,164	30%	10,604	30%	12,302	31%	9,595	26%	-15%
Essex	17,348	17%	17,445	18%	15,988	16%	18,872	17%	17,648	17%	2%
New Jersey	116,491	11%	111,523	11%	97,580	10%	124,948	12%	110,164	10%	-5%

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Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level by Race/Ethnicity, 2018-2022

	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	White, non-Hispanic
Newark	22%	31%	31%	31%	34%	21%
Essex	5%	24%	25%	27%	24%	4%
New Jersey	5%	18%	20%	22%	16%	6%

Median Income of Families with Children*

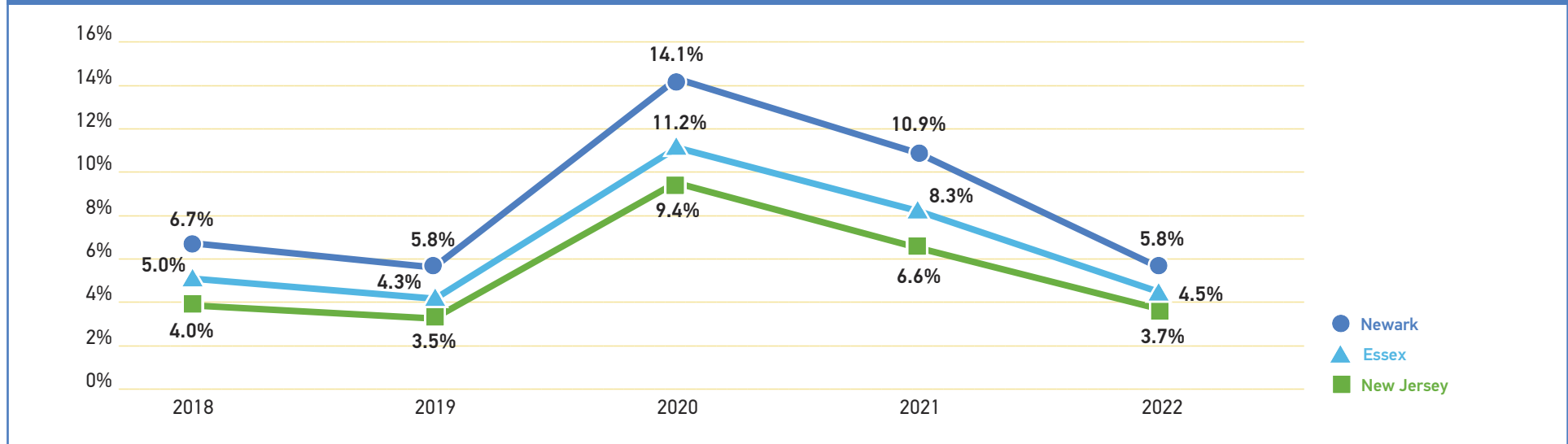


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Number Unemployed

	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 2022, the average credit amount received among Newark families with at least one dependent under age 19 was \$1,355.

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

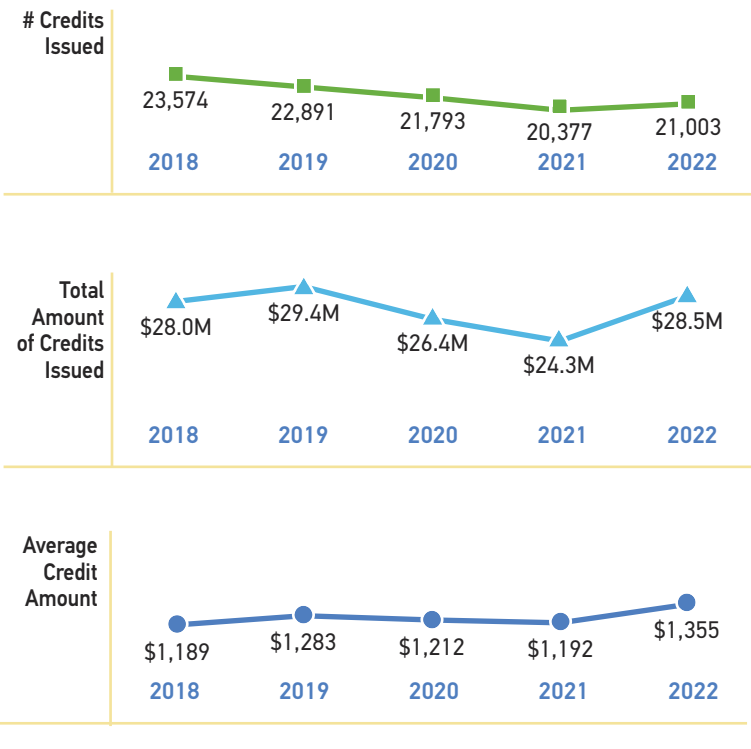
	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	2018		2022		% Change 18-22		
			Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.
Newark	23,574	\$28,019,301	\$1,189	21,003	\$28,465,750	\$1,355	-11%	2%	14%
Essex	47,139	\$53,733,285	\$1,140	41,132	\$53,525,410	\$1,301	-13%	0%	14%
New Jersey	345,869	\$391,301,464	\$1,131	304,788	\$391,347,033	\$1,284	-12%	0%	13%

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	Number of Claims	2017		2021		% Change 17-21	
		Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.	Number of Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.	
Newark	41,350	\$2,713	42,550	\$2,293	3%	-15%	
Essex	81,580	\$2,535	86,330	\$2,127	6%	-16%	
New Jersey	613,480	\$2,313	692,360	\$1,935	13%	-16%	

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

A Closer Look at Newark, 2018-2022:



Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	2,178	2,277	1,890	1,717	1,644	-25%
Essex	3,086	3,069	2,694	2,323	2,658	-14%
New Jersey	19,113	22,079	17,301	19,465	19,784	4%

Median Rent*

	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	% Change 17-22
Newark	\$1,063	\$1,093	\$1,129	\$1,215	\$1,293	22%
Essex	\$1,143	\$1,187	\$1,233	\$1,319	\$1,376	20%
New Jersey	\$1,284	\$1,336	\$1,376	\$1,457	\$1,555	21%

*The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

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

	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
Newark	59%	55%	52%	56%	56%
Essex	53%	52%	48%	53%	54%
New Jersey	49%	49%	47%	49%	50%

*The U.S. Census Bureau did not release 1-year estimates for the 2020 American Community Survey due to data quality concerns.

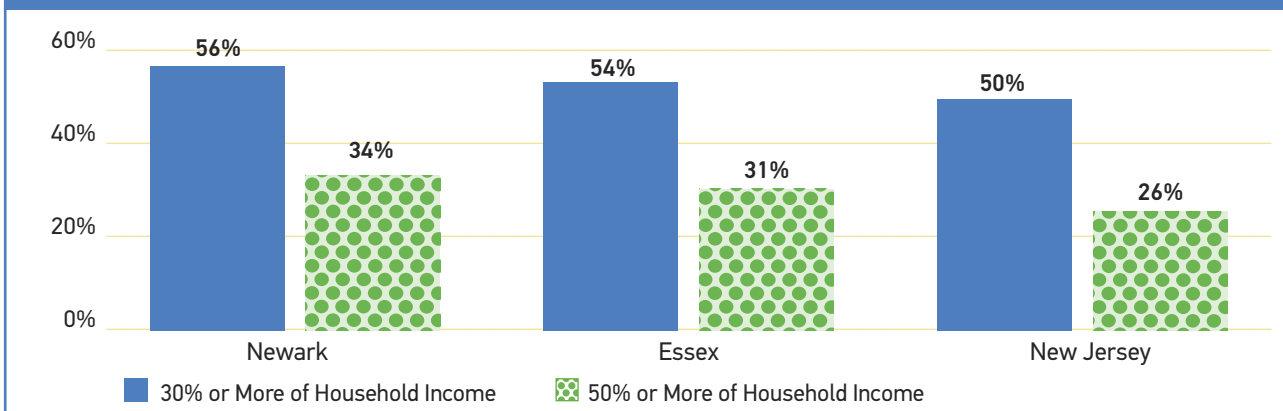
Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending 30% or More of Their Income on Housing Costs

	2013-2017	2018-2022
Newark	58%	54%
Essex	43%	39%
New Jersey	38%	33%

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2013-2017	2018-2022
Newark	23%	24%
Essex	45%	45%
New Jersey	64%	64%

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent, 2022



Reported WIC Participants

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		% Change 19-23 Number
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
Newark	10,546	82%	10,080	83%	10,814	88%	11,302	87%	12,694	90%	20%
Essex	17,576	82%	16,598	82%	17,914	87%	19,226	86%	22,073	89%	26%
New Jersey	135,450	84%	129,789	85%	142,467	89%	149,768	89%	166,839	91%	23%

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 \$55,500 for a family of four in 2023. The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides supplemental nutritious food to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, and to 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 2023, 90% of Newark enrollees in WIC received benefits through the program, an increase from 82% of enrollees in 2019. For more information on SNAP and WIC, visit <https://fns.usda.gov>.

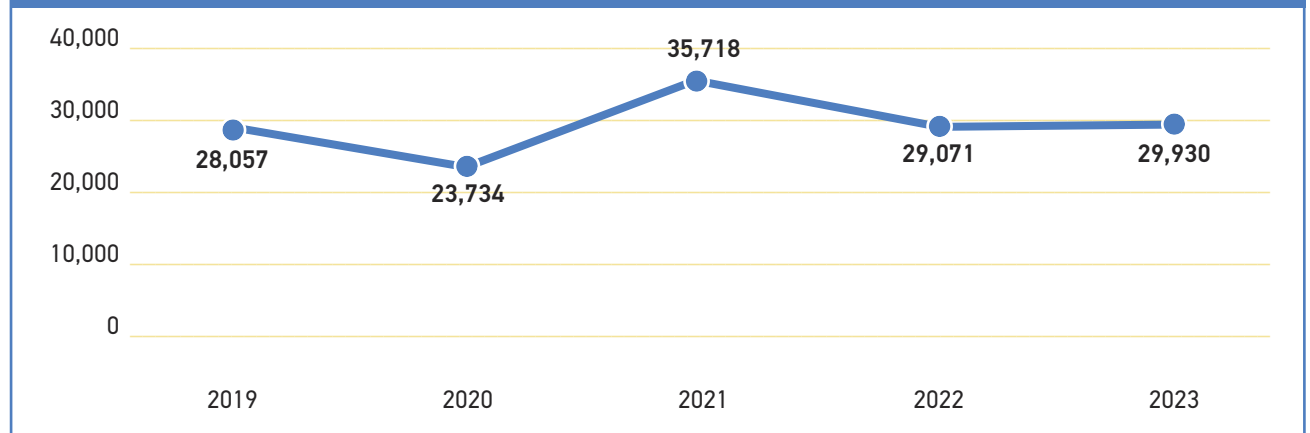
Individuals Enrolled in WIC

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	12,826	12,205	12,316	12,997	14,135	10%
Essex	21,491	20,314	20,550	22,275	24,780	15%
New Jersey	161,366	152,498	159,622	168,458	184,181	14%

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	28,057	23,734	35,718	29,071	29,930	7%
Essex	49,283	47,559	61,505	55,679	54,296	10%
New Jersey	317,566	326,357	393,310	351,378	343,009	8%

Newark Children Receiving NJ SNAP



School Breakfast and Lunch Participation in Newark, 2023

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	17,160	19,669	87%
Discovery Charter School	77	82	94%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	883	1,179	75%
LEAD Charter School	79	72	110%
Link Community Charter School	188	209	90%
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	144	290	50%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	699	955	73%
New Horizons Community Charter School	199	287	69%
Newark Educators Charter School	69	104	66%
North Star Academy Charter School	1,942	2,414	80%
People's Achieve Charter School	412	461	89%
Philip's Academy Charter School	116	344	34%
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	109	429	25%
Roseville Community Charter School	162	254	64%
TEAM Academy Charter School	3,431	4,506	76%
The Gray Charter School	92	173	53%

Note: Achieve Community Charter School and People's Preparatory Charter High School merged and starting in the 2023-24 school year, became known as People's Achieve Charter School.

How is School Breakfast and Lunch Participation Changing in New Jersey?

In the beginning of 2024, Governor Murphy signed legislation that requires public and non-public schools participating in the National School Lunch program and/or the Federal School Breakfast program to now provide free school lunch/breakfast to students whose families have an annual income of up to

224% of the federal poverty level, or no more than \$67,200 per year. This change will be enacted for the 2024-2025 school year and is part of the Working Class Families Anti-Hunger Act. This is the second time in the past two years that the state has expanded eligibility by raising the income level so that more students

can receive free school meals. The first time was in 2022, when the eligibility went from 185% of the federal poverty level to 199%. Because of these changes, it is advised not to compare the data in the table shown to previous years due to differing eligibility levels.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001 using 1-year estimates.

2022 Federal Poverty Thresholds for a Family of Four. Threshold for a family of four, with two adults and two children, living in poverty. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024 using 1-year estimates.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010 using 1-year estimates.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level by Race/Ethnicity, 2018–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010B, B17010D, B17010F, B17010G, B17010H, and B17010I using 5-year estimates. Asian, Black or African American, Other, and Two or More Races categories may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125 using 1-year estimates.

Number Unemployed, 2018–2022. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an unemployed person as someone who does not have a job, has actively looked for work in the prior 4 weeks, and is currently available for work. Numbers are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages.

Unemployment Rate, 2018–2022. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least One Dependent Under Age 19, 2018 and 2022. Number of New Jersey tax-payers with at least one dependent under age 19 receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least One Dependent Under age 19: A Closer Look at Newark, 2018–2022. Number of New Jersey tax-payers living in Newark with at least one dependent under age 19 receiving state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), 2017 and 2021. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2019–2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Median Rent, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064 using 1-year estimates.

Percentage of Households Spending 30% or More of Their Income on Rent, 2017–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070 using 1-year estimates.

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent, 2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070 using 1-year estimates.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending 30% or More of Their Income on Housing Costs, 2013–2017 and 2018–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25070: Using 5-year estimates.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2013–2017 and 2018–2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP04 using 5-year estimates.

Reported WIC Participants, 2019–2023. The number and percentage of women, infants, and children receiving nutritional benefits through the Women, Infants, and Children program. As reported by the NJ Department of Health for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Individuals Enrolled in WIC, 2019–2023. Number of women, infants, and children enrolled in the Women, Infants, and Children program, which includes healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling, and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2019–2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Newark Children Receiving NJ SNAP, 2019–2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

School Breakfast and Lunch Participation in Newark, 2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture for October of the year indicated. Data represent children attending public schools, including charter schools. Rates represent the total number of students receiving a free or reduced price breakfast per every 100 participating in free or reduced price lunch.



3 Child Health

The Importance of Prenatal Care

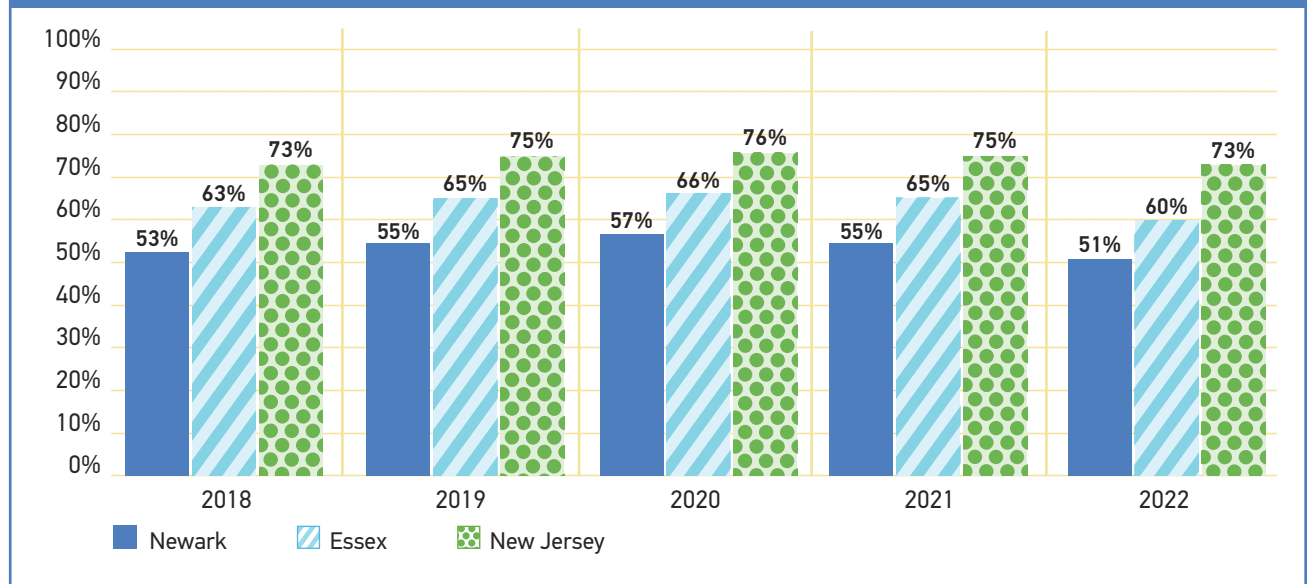
Healthy starts for Newark infants begin with quality prenatal care early in a mother's pregnancy. Women who receive late prenatal care — or who do not receive prenatal care at all — expose their babies to a greater chance of health problems later in life. In 2022, 51% of expectant Newark moms received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester compared to 73% of expectant moms in the state.

In 2022,
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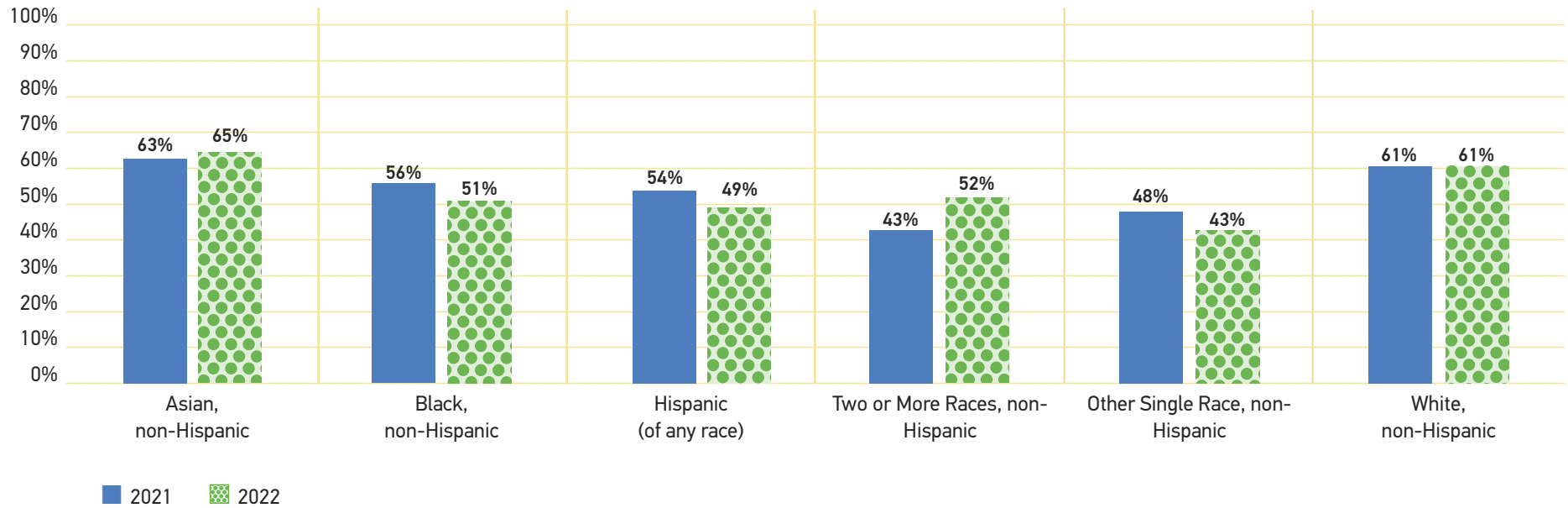
Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	2,293	2,166	2,193	2,032	1,974	-14%
Essex	6,593	6,389	6,371	6,296	6,073	-8%
New Jersey	74,082	74,047	73,312	75,853	74,568	1%

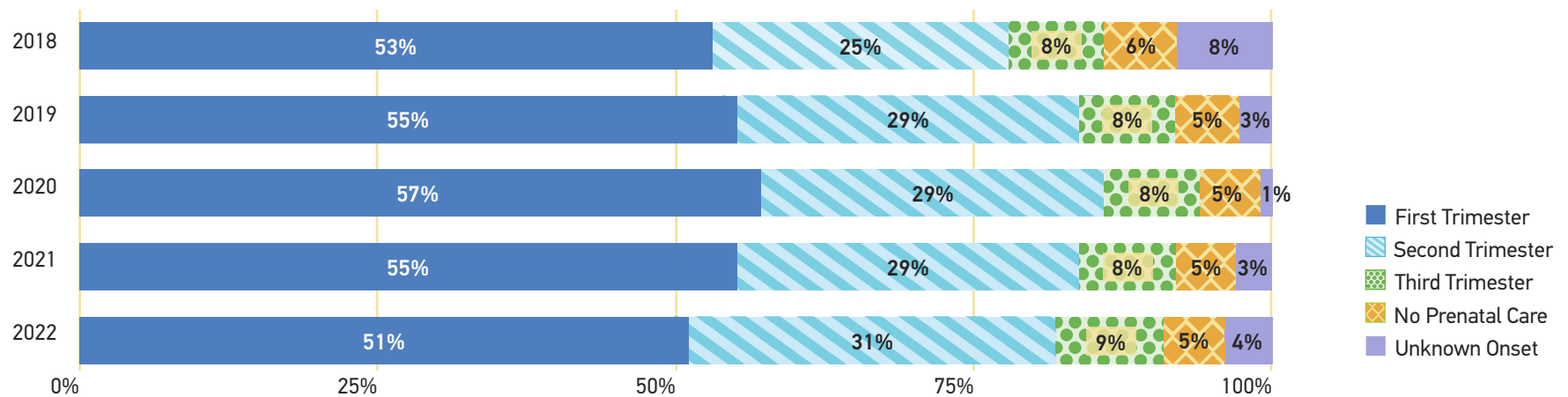
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



Percentage of Newark Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care by Race/Ethnicity



Percentage of Births by Prenatal Care Onset in Newark



Percentage of Births That Were Preterm

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Newark	11.8%	12.7%	12.2%	12.0%	11.2%
Essex	10.9%	11.1%	10.7%	10.4%	10.2%
New Jersey	9.5%	9.5%	9.3%	9.2%	9.3%

Percentage of Newark Births That Were Preterm by Race/Ethnicity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black, non-Hispanic	14.0%	15.1%	15.5%	13.1%	14.5%
Hispanic of any race	9.8%	10.9%	8.9%	11.0%	8.9%
White, non-Hispanic	9.4%	11.7%	11.1%	7.4%	8.5%
Other Races, non-Hispanic	6.2%	5.5%	9.0%	12.9%	8.0%

Note: Other Races, non-Hispanic combines Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, other single race, and two or more races for reporting purposes due to smaller population sizes in these groups.

In 2022,
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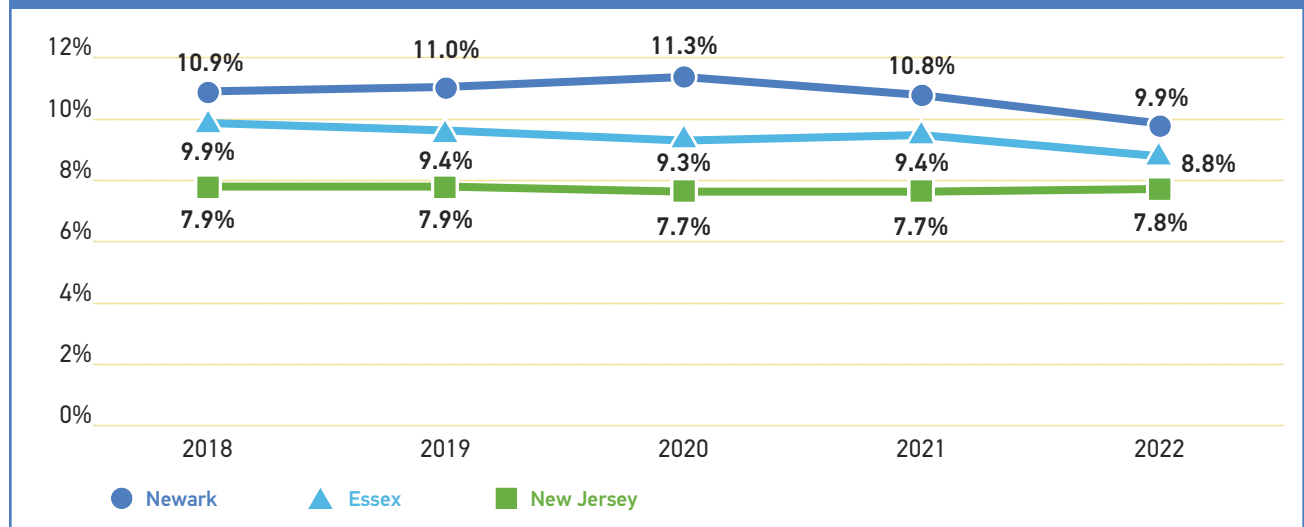
What is a Low Birthweight?

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 2022, 9.9% of Newark babies were born with low birthweights, compared to 7.8% of babies born statewide.

Babies Born with Low Birthweights

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	471	434	436	400	386	-18%
Essex	1,033	932	894	914	894	-13%
New Jersey	8,000	7,816	7,464	7,842	7,999	0%

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights



Percentage of Newark Babies Born with Low Birthweights by Race/Ethnicity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Black, non-Hispanic	14.1%	13.7%	15.2%	13.2%	13.2%
Hispanic of any race	8.1%	8.4%	6.8%	8.4%	7.2%
White, non-Hispanic	5.4%	10.6%	10.1%	8.0%	9.6%
Other Races, non-Hispanic	8.1%	6.0%	12.5%	10.4%	8.5%

Note: Other Races, non-Hispanic combines Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, other single race, and two or more races for reporting purposes due to smaller population sizes in these groups.

Births by Method of Delivery

	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022		
	Vaginal	C-Section	Unknown	Vaginal	C-Section	Unknown	Vaginal	C-Section	Unknown	Vaginal	C-Section	Unknown	Vaginal	C-Section	Unknown
Newark	2,791	1,507	<10	2,598	1,351	<10	2,578	1,281	<10	2,439	1,257	N/A	2,535	1,359	<10
Essex	6,618	3,773	<10	6,461	3,424	<10	6,283	3,330	<10	6,304	3,411	<10	6,517	3,601	16
New Jersey	65,811	35,318	43	65,600	33,537	168	64,851	32,248	47	68,398	32,856	76	68,922	33,798	170

Note: Vaginal includes vaginal and 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/>. Since 2018, more than 60% of babies born to Newark mothers were delivered vaginally.

Low-Risk C-Section Delivery Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2021-2022

	New Jersey		2021	Essex 2022	Newark	
	2021	2022			2021	2022
Asian, non-Hispanic	28%	30%	27%	28%	**	33%
Black, non-Hispanic	29%	31%	32%	30%	29%	28%
Hispanic of any race	26%	25%	26%	25%	22%	25%
White, non-Hispanic	24%	25%	27%	31%	21%	35%
Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	29%	24%	27%	18%	19%	**
Two or more Races, non-Hispanic	25%	27%	30%	25%	**	**
Total*	26%	26%	28%	28%	25%	26%

* includes all races/ethnicities, including unknown.

** indicates data are suppressed.

Infant Mortality Rates*

	2012-2016 Rate	2017-2021 Rate
Newark	8.1	6.8
Essex	6.0	5.2
New Jersey	4.4	4.0

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

Newark Infant Mortality Rates* by Race/Ethnicity

	2012-2016	2017-2021
Newark Average	8.1	6.8
Black, non-Hispanic	10.6	9.4
Hispanic (of any race)	5.3	3.6

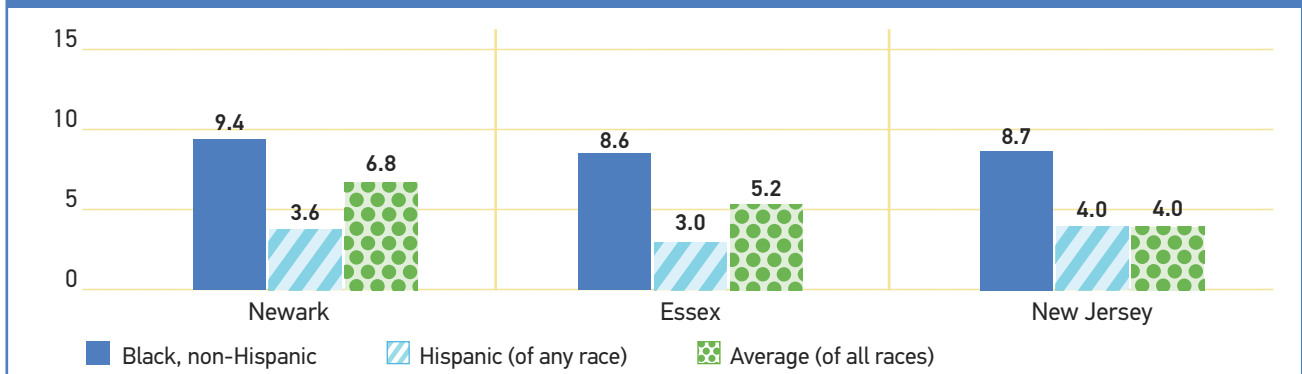
Note: Some racial groups saw few births resulting in suppressed data and are excluded from the table.
*Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

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 nonprofit 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 of infants born to Hispanic women in Essex and Newark are both below that of the average of all races.

Infant Mortality Rates* for Select Racial Groups, 2017-2021



Note: Some racial groups saw few births resulting in suppressed data and are excluded from the table.
*Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Child Deaths, Ages 1-14

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newark	<10	10	10	13	<10
Essex	11	25	20	17	27
New Jersey	158	194	169	138	178

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 include 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 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While 2021 saw an increase in asthma-related hospital visits from 2020, the numbers are still lower than pre-pandemic.

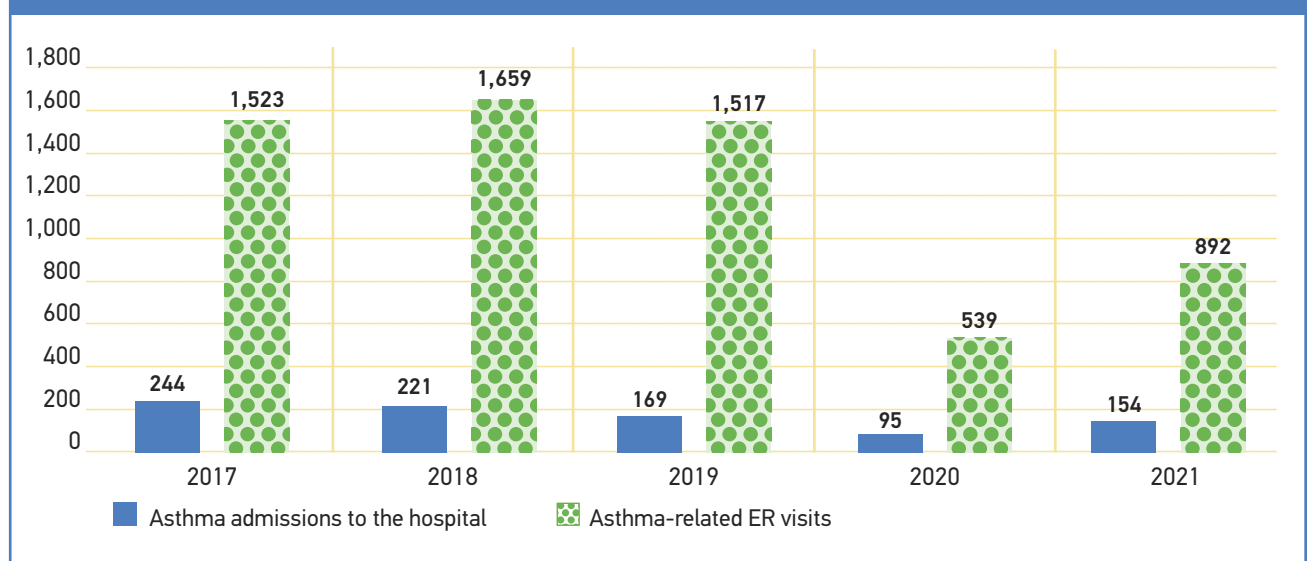
Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, Ages 0-17

	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%

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%

Newark Asthma-Related Hospital Visits, Ages 0-17



Importance of Lead Testing

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health, including damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and complications with hearing and speech. It is important and required that children be tested. To learn more visit <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/lead/lead-faq/> and <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/opm-rdd/health/leadout.html>.

Asthma-Related Hospital Visits by Race/Ethnicity, Ages 0-17, 2021

	Emergency Room Visits			Admissions to the Hospital		
	New Jersey	Essex	Newark	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black, non-Hispanic	40%	72%	75%	38%	67%	74%
Hispanic (of any race)	29%	18%	18%	25%	15%	15%
White, non-Hispanic	20%	4%	1%	21%	6%	**
Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	5%	1%	1%	5%	3%	3%
Unknown	3%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%

** indicates that data are suppressed.

Children 6-26 Months Tested for Lead

	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		% Change 18-22 # Tested
	# 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	4,522	5.2%	4,567	4.3%	4,155	3.4%	3,877	3.8%	3,859	3.4%	-15%
Essex	10,210	4.2%	10,218	3.7%	9,397	3.1%	9,644	3.2%	9,416	3.2%	-8%
New Jersey	84,211	2.3%	77,845	2.1%	78,847	1.8%	86,737	1.8%	83,463	1.6%	-1%

Children <6 Years of Age Tested for Lead

	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		% Change 18-22 # Tested
	# 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	13,223	4.4%	13,190	3.9%	11,208	3.5%	11,053	3.5%	11,362	3.2%	-14%
Essex	25,612	4.1%	25,592	4.0%	21,759	3.5%	22,832	3.3%	22,978	3.3%	-10%
New Jersey	161,790	2.5%	150,952	2.3%	139,596	2.1%	155,481	1.9%	150,805	1.9%	-7%

Newark Environmental Case Activity Status

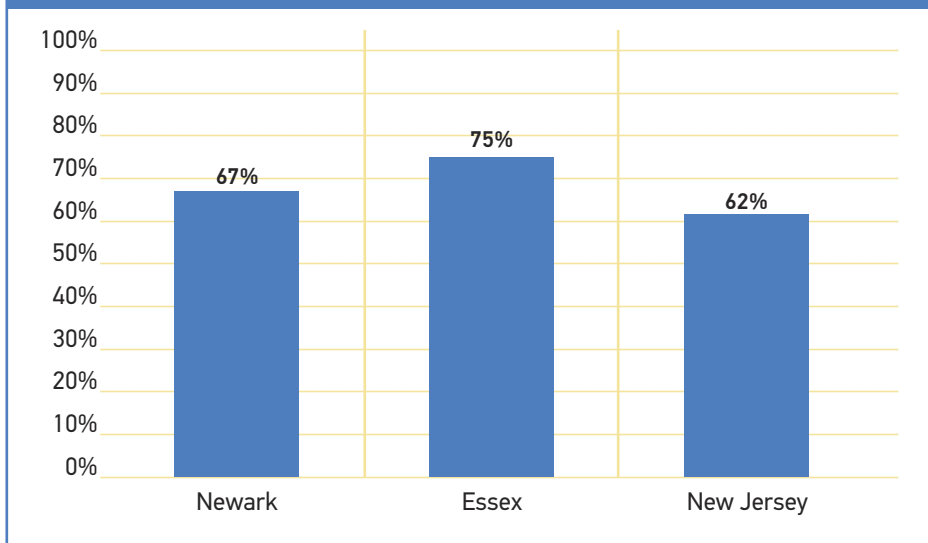
	Cases Referred	Investigation Required	Investigation Completed	Abatement Required	Abatement Completed	% Abatement Completed
2018	159	84	25	38	24	63%
2019	226	132	33	40	33	83%
2020	139	118	89	66	63	95%
2021	164	164	112	59	58	98%
2022	113	98	89	33	10	30%

Lead Paint in Housing

In 1978, the United States banned the use of lead paint. Prior to that, lead paint and varnish were regularly used in homes and businesses—before their detrimental health effects were well understood. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, cracking, damaged, or damp) can create lead dust or chips that can

be ingested or inhaled. This is a hazard, especially for young children, and needs immediate attention. American Community Survey data indicate that 67% of Newark’s housing was constructed prior to 1980, compared to 75% of Essex County’s and 62% of New Jersey’s.

Percentage of Housing Structures Built Before 1980, as of 2022



Newark Water Testing for Lead, 2023

	Total # of Samples Tested	# of Samples ≥ 15 ppb*	% of Sample ≥ 15 ppb
January-June	111	1	1%
July-December	109	0	0%

*Parts per billion

Children Under Age 19 Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	58,970	54,793	58,696	59,954	62,337	6%
Essex	103,192	96,568	105,215	109,177	115,989	12%
New Jersey	782,866	776,976	851,417	885,881	934,905	19%

Children Under 19 Without Health Insurance

	Number	2018–2022 %
Newark	7,963	10%
Essex	13,604	6%
New Jersey	87,643	4%

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 <http://www.njfamilycare.org>.

As of January 1, 2023, children under 19 may apply for NJ FamilyCare regardless of their

immigration status. All other requirements for NJ FamilyCare still apply. Visit nj.gov/CoverAllKids to learn more. Multilingual support is available.

During the nationwide public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid recipients were able to maintain health insurance coverage without going through the traditional annual redetermination of eligibility. The redetermination process for eligibility began again 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 Stay-CoveredNJ website, <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/staycoverednj/>.

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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 CP&P Supervision

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	3,053	1,945	1,611	1,439	1,633	-47%
Essex	4,896	3,031	3,074	2,839	3,035	-38%
New Jersey	44,632	31,049	32,138	30,996	32,407	-27%
Newark's % of Essex	62%	64%	52%	51%	54%	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	

Percentage of Children Under CP&P Supervision by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black or African American	32%	60%	62%
Hispanic	35%	29%	32%
White	24%	6%	3%
Another Race	4%	2%	<1%
Missing or Undetermined	5%	3%	2%

Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	2,493	1,492	1,263	1,178	1,408	-44%
Essex	4,144	2,435	2,605	2,461	2,678	-35%
New Jersey	40,174	27,332	28,925	28,050	29,468	-27%

Percentage of Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black or African American	31%	58%	61%
Hispanic	36%	31%	34%
White	24%	6%	2%
Another Race	4%	2%	<1%
Missing or Undetermined	5%	3%	3%

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement

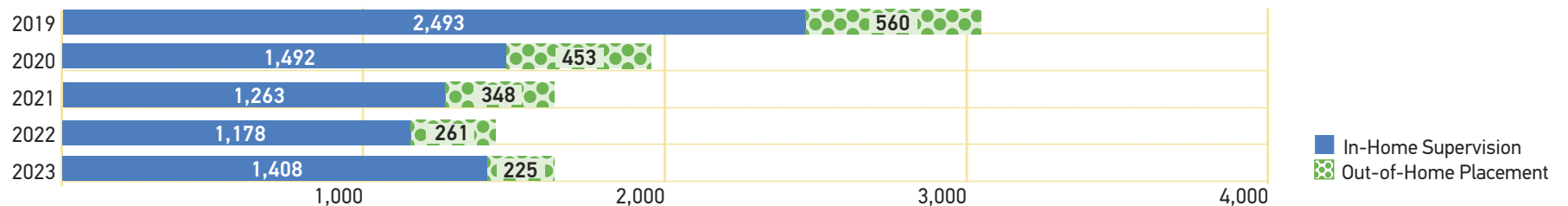
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	560	453	348	261	225	-60%
Essex	752	596	469	378	357	-53%
New Jersey	4,458	3,717	3,213	2,946	2,939	-34%

Percentage of Children Receiving Out-of-Home CP&P Services by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black or African American	41%	76%	72%
Hispanic	25%	18%	19%
White	27%	6%	8%
Another Race	7%	1%	<1%
Missing or Undetermined	<1%	N/A	N/A

N/A indicates data are not available.

Newark Children Under CP&P Supervision



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

The federal court oversight of New Jersey’s child welfare system has ended after 20 years. 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 Exit Plan and Agreement and prior monitoring reports, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/welfare/>.

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/>.

Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	6,412	4,642	4,911	5,348	6,012	-6%
Essex	10,982	7,708	8,322	9,587	10,288	-6%
New Jersey	96,060	73,726	84,162	90,950	98,583	3%

Percentage of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black or African American	29%	58%	62%
Hispanic	36%	31%	33%
White	26%	7%	2%
Another Race	4%	2%	1%
Missing or Undetermined	4%	2%	2%

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	386	229	225	257	213	-45%
Essex	592	354	357	397	337	-43%
New Jersey	4,897	3,134	3,232	3,186	2,641	-46%

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Newark	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Essex	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%
New Jersey	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%

Percentage of Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect by Race/Ethnicity, 2023

	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Black or African American	3%	3%	4%
Hispanic	3%	3%	3%
White	3%	3%	9%
Another Race	3%	7%	13%
Missing or Undetermined	2%	1%	1%

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 who 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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Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect, 2019-2023. 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 for each year.

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Child Care

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

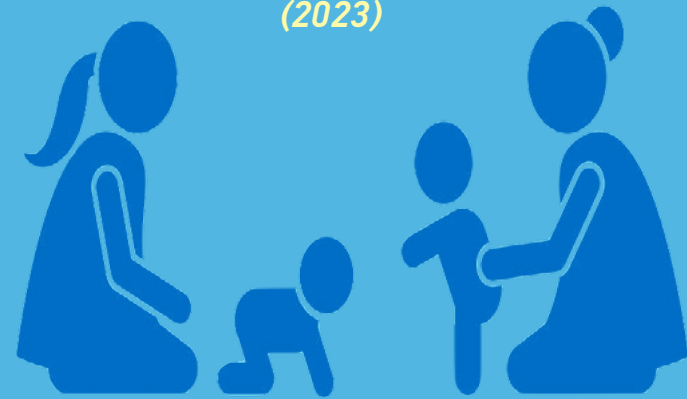
Licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers both offer child care to children under the age of 13. However, there are key differences in the number of children they are permitted to serve and the locations in which they operate. Licensed child care centers serve a minimum of 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.

New Jersey's child care system is in a long-standing crisis which can be characterized by a lack of accessibility, staffing shortages, and affordability challenges. These factors make access to affordable child care more difficult, which hinders parents' participation in the workforce, increases financial strain on families, and most importantly, limits children's access to early care and education. To learn more, visit ACNJ's website at www.acnj.org.

27%

of Essex's licensed child care centers are in Newark.

(2023)



Licensed Child Care Centers

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	147	64	129	130	131	-11%
Essex	472	316	478	471	480	2%
New Jersey	4,171	3,150	4,036	4,057	4,067	-2%

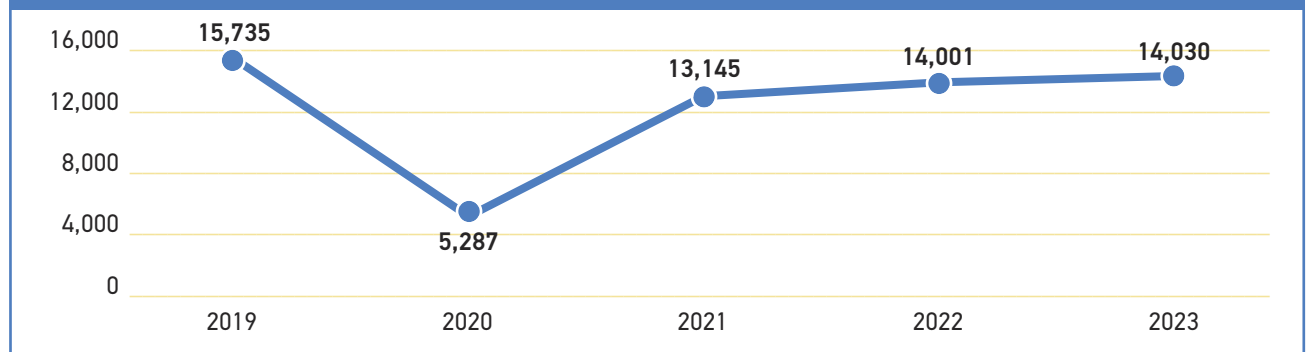
Child Care Center Capacity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	15,735	5,287	13,145	14,001	14,030	-11%
Essex	43,525	27,903	43,957	44,811	44,967	3%
New Jersey	387,092	297,465	387,678	392,798	395,730	2%

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	156	120	98	96	94	-40%
Essex	268	168	190	195	186	-31%
New Jersey	1,492	1,292	1,190	1,225	1,317	-12%

Child Care Capacity in Newark



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. All three geographies have seen a gradual decrease in the number of families receiving any state-funded home visitation programs. In 2023, the number of Newark families participating in home visitation programs decreased by 54% since 2019.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs*

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 19-23
Newark	386	333	298	242	177	-54%
Essex	744	648	590	491	381	-49%
New Jersey	6,666	6,246	5,534	4,925	4,314	-35%

*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 is housed within the NJ Department of Children and Families. New Jersey's universally offered home visiting program allows 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 addresses 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:

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Child Care Center Capacity, 2019-2023. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December for each year.

Registered Family Child Care Providers, 2019-2023. 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, 2019-2023. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers in Newark. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December for each year.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs, 2019-2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.



6 Education

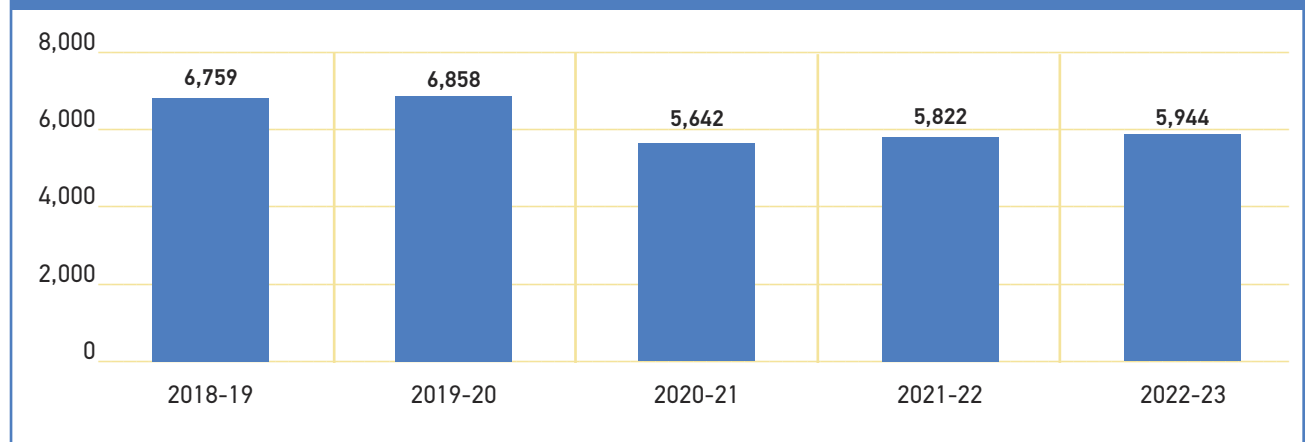
The Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic moved all students to remote learning for more than one school year, and the data are continuing to reflect the impact of the shutdown. However, while Newark did see a decline in preschool enrollment in 2020-21, the number of children enrolling in preschool has since begun to increase. During the Spring of 2023, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) were administered. The tests show that there has been little improvement seen in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations.

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% Change 19-23
Newark	6,759	6,858	5,642	5,822	5,944	-12%
Essex	10,046	10,303	8,314	9,010	9,753	-3%
New Jersey	53,177	56,178	46,898	53,258	58,387	10%

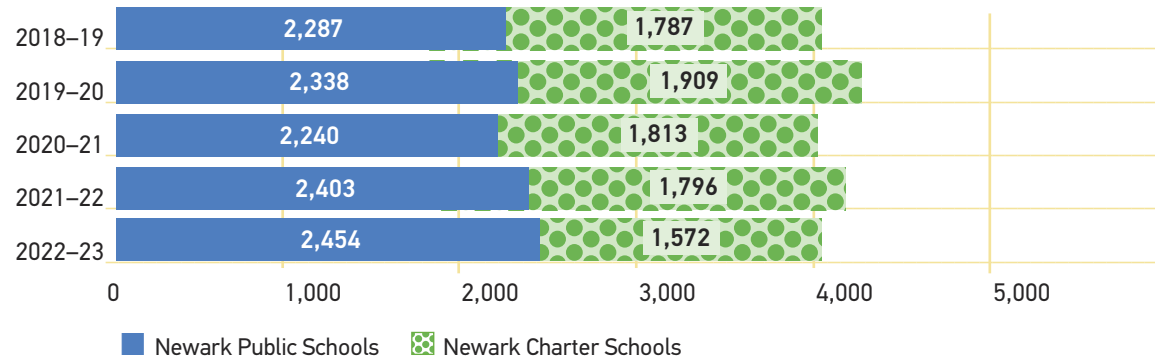
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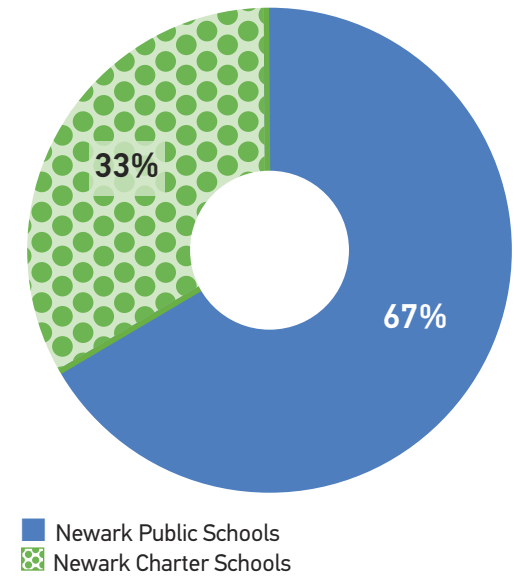
Kindergarten Enrollment

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% Change 19-23
Newark Public Schools	2,287	2,338	2,240	2,403	2,454	7%
Newark Charter Schools	1,787	1,909	1,813	1,796	1,572	-12%
Newark Total	4,074	4,247	4,053	4,199	4,026	-1%
Essex	9,816	9,939	9,154	9,626	9,455	-4%
New Jersey	89,294	90,818	82,604	86,202	85,873	-4%

Newark Kindergarten Enrollment



Percentage of Newark Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2022-23



Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment in Newark

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% Change 19-23
Newark Public Schools	35,664	36,676	40,085	40,607	41,430	16%
Newark Charter Schools	18,477	19,404	20,095	20,491	20,378	10%
Newark Total	54,141	56,080	60,180	61,098	61,808	14%

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.

Percentage of Pre-K-12 Newark Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23

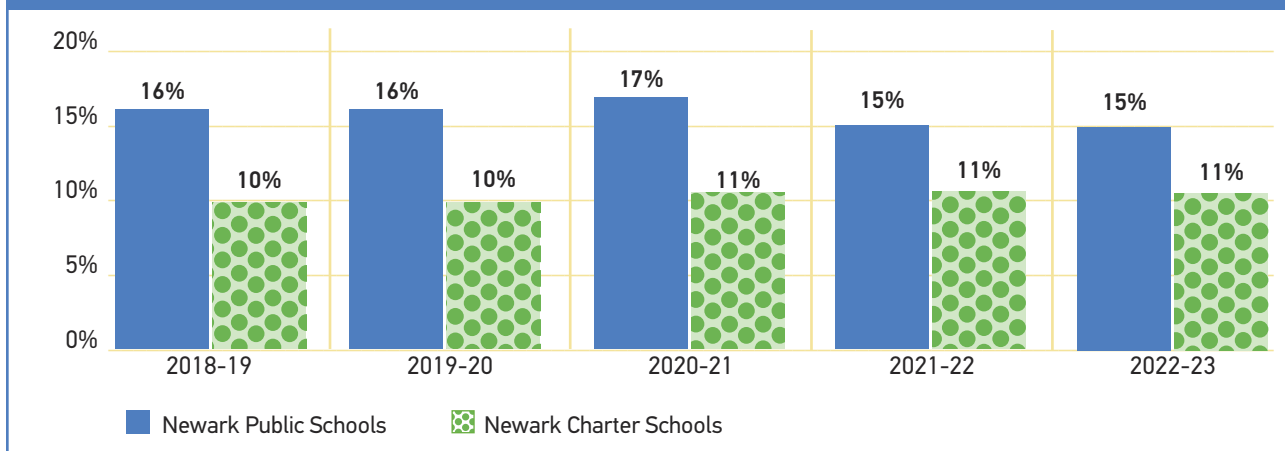
	Newark Public Schools	Newark Charter Schools
Asian	1%	<1%
Black or African American	36%	77%
Hawaiian Native	<1%	<1%
Hispanic	55%	19%
Native American	<1%	<1%
White	7%	1%
Two or More Races	<1%	2%

Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% Change 19-23
Newark District	6,557	6,487	6,679	6,232	6,315	-4%
Newark Charter Schools	1,840	1,955	2,181	2,192	2,185	19%
Newark Total	8,397	8,442	8,860	8,424	8,500	1%

Note: Includes public and non-public students

Special Education Classification Rate, Ages 3-21



Percentage of Special Education Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Ages 3-21, 2022-23

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	White
Newark Public Schools	0%	42%	52%	<1%	<1%	<1%	6%
Newark Charter Schools	<1%	75%	20%	N/A	<1%	2%	<1%

N/A indicates that data are not available.

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

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Newark Public Schools	2%	2%	2%	<1%	1%

Does not include charter school data.



Newark Multilingual Learner* Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Newark Public Schools	16%	17%	22%
Achieve Community Charter School	0%	0%	4%
Discovery Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Gray Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	2%	2%	2%
LEAD Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Link Community Charter School	0%	0%	<1%
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	16%	20%	19%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	0%	<1%	2%
New Horizons Community Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Newark Educators Community Charter School	4%	5%	9%
North Star Academy Charter School	2%	2%	2%
People's Preparatory Charter School	5%	6%	8%
Philip'S Academy Charter School	0%	0%	0%
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	1%	1%	1%
Roseville Community Charter School	19%	20%	18%
Team Academy Charter School	2%	2%	3%
University Heights Charter School	6%	8%	**
NJ State	7%	7%	9%

*Formerly known as English Language Learner. **University Heights is no longer a charter school as of 2022.

When is a Student Considered a Multilingual Learner?

Schools are required to provide Multilingual Learners (MLs) formerly known as English Language Learners (ELL), access to equity and excellence in education. A ML is a student whose primary language is other than English and is identified as a student who does not have English language proficiency in listening, speaking and writing. Once identified, he or she will be provided with English language services to be successful in the district's academic program. MLs are to be assessed annually to measure progress toward English language proficiency and to determine readiness for exiting the program.

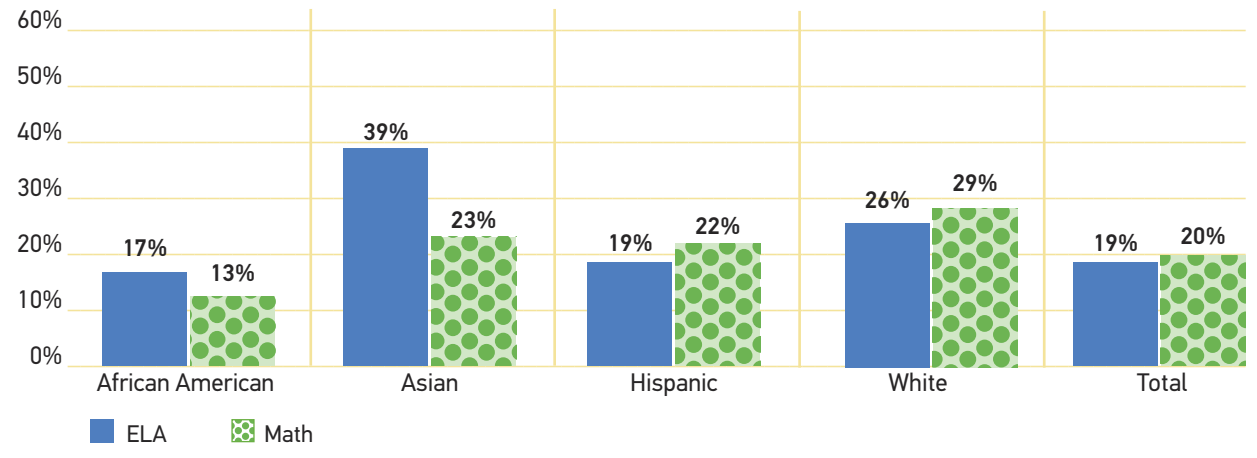
32% of Newark Public School students' primary home language was Spanish. (2022-23)

In the **2022-23** school year, **22%** of Newark Public School students were multilingual learners, **more than double** than that of the state.

School Violence Incidents, 2022-23

	Violence	Weapons	Vandalism	Substances	Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	Total Unique Incidents	Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled
Newark Public Schools	453	40	70	79	197	789	2
Achieve Community Charter School	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Discovery Charter School	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Gray Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	0	0	1	1	1	3	0
LEAD Charter School	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Link Community Charter School	19	0	1	3	3	26	8
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	64	3	1	11	4	83	6
New Horizons Community Charter School	13	0	1	0	0	14	4
Newark Educators Community Charter School	12	0	0	0	0	12	7
North Star Academy Charter School	152	13	30	43	5	243	4
People's Preparatory Charter School	48	6	6	19	9	87	26
Philip's Academy Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	18	0	0	0	2	20	3
Roseville Community Charter School	4	0	0	0	0	4	1
Team Academy Charter School	325	16	33	50	20	444	7
New Jersey	14,532	1,537	2,052	9,243	9,011	36,039	3

Percentage of 3rd Grade Newark Public School Students who Met or Exceeded Expectations on the NJSLA English Language Arts and Math by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23



Percentage of Newark Public School Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on the NJSLA

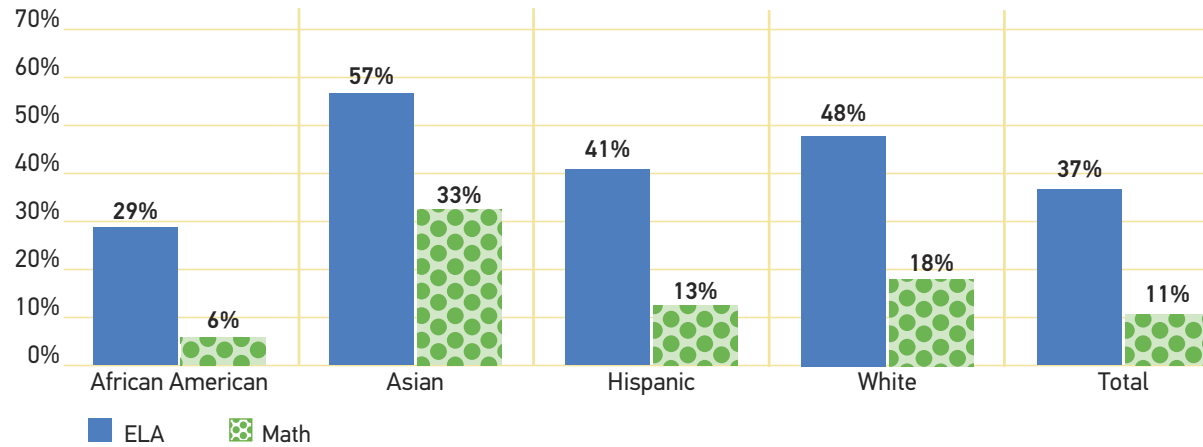
ELA		
	2021-22	2022-23
3rd Grade	19%	19%
8th Grade	32%	37%
Math		
	2021-22	2022-23
3rd Grade	15%	20%
8th Grade	11%	11%

Percentage of 3rd Grade Newark Charter School Students who Met or Exceeded Expectations on the NJSLA English Language Arts and Math by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23

Charter School	African American		Hispanic		Total	
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
Gray Charter School	75%	75%	67%	60%	66%	69%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	22%	26%	*	*	22%	25%
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	*	*	63%	50%	63%	51%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	22%	11%	20%	0%	21%	10%
New Horizons Community Charter School	14%	17%	*	*	18%	15%
Newark Educators Community Charter School	50%	46%	*	*	50%	42%
North Star Academy Charter School	60%	61%	56%	60%	59%	61%
Phillip's Academy Charter School	15%	31%	*	*	16%	31%
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	50%	32%	54%	22%	55%	28%
Roseville Community Charter School	38%	38%	50%	37%	43%	38%
Team Academy Charter School	27%	N/A	29%	34%	28%	29%

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Percentage of 8th Grade Newark Public School Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on NJSLA English Language Arts and Math, 2022-23

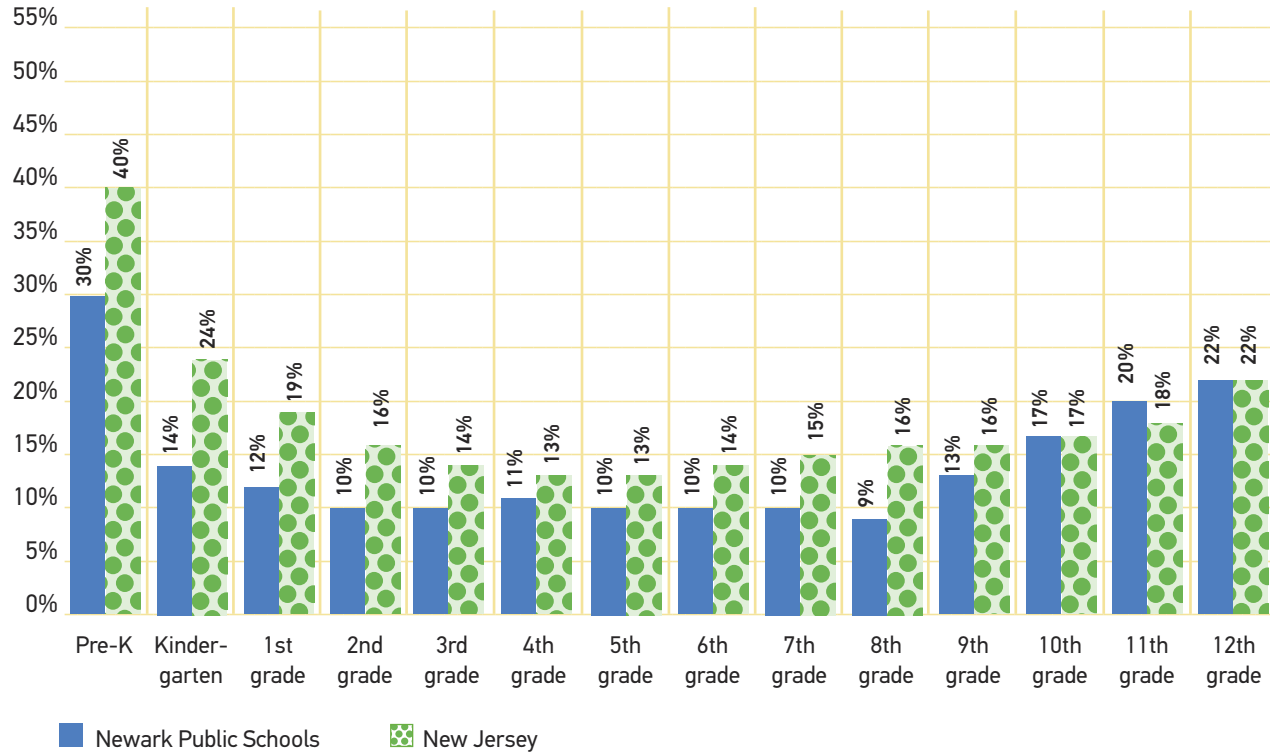


Percentage of 8th Grade Newark Charter School Students who Met or Exceeded Expectations on the NJSLA English Language Arts and Math by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23

	African American		Hispanic		Total	
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
Discovery Charter School	83%	43%	*	*	79%	42%
Gray Charter School	*	*	N/A	91%	100%	88%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	54%	4%	*	*	53%	5%
Link Community Charter School	55%	18%	*	*	55%	21%
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	*	*	75%	0%	75%	0%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	41%	10%	46%	15%	42%	11%
New Horizons Community Charter School	34%	5%	30%	10%	33%	6%
North Star Academy Charter School	74%	19%	75%	21%	74%	19%
Phillip's Academy Charter School	67%	13%	N/A	*	64%	12%
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	91%	47%	83%	46%	86%	46%
Team Academy Charter School	51%	15%	61%	17%	54%	16%

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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade, 2022-23



Does not include charter school data.

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

A student is considered chronically absent when he/she has missed more than ten percent of total school days. While the number of school days varies by school district, the minimum number of required days by the state is 180 days.

A chronically absent student is at risk of failing and repeating the grade. Schools are required to track chronic absenteeism to address any schoolwide trends that can be impacting students' ability to attend school.

Newark Public Schools Chronic Absenteeism Demographics, 2022-23

Demographic Group	%
Districtwide	13%
American Indian or Alaska Native	15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	7%
Black or African American	17%
Hispanic	11%
White	8%
Two or More Races	16%
Male	13%
Female	13%
Economically Disadvantaged	13%
Homeless	29%
Multilingual Learners	10%
Students in Foster Care	21%
Students with Disabilities	18%

Does not include charter school data.

11% of Hispanic students in Newark Public Schools were chronically absent. (2022-23)

High School Graduation Rates

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Newark Public Schools	76%	81%	81%	85%	86%
New Jersey	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%

Does not include charter school data.

Graduation Rates by High School

	2021-22	2022-23
Newark Public Schools	85%	86%
American History High School	83%	98%
Arts High School	95%	95%
Bard Early College High School	99%	99%
Barringer High School	77%	76%
Central High School	83%	86%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	78%	63%
East Side High School	91%	94%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	95%	92%
LEAD Charter School	45%	35%
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	64%	72%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	94%	94%
Newark Vocational High School	N/A	91%
North Star Academy Charter School	82%	88%
People's Preparatory Charter School	81%	85%
Science Park High School	97%	98%
TEAM Academy Charter School	96%	94%
Technology High School	99%	97%
University High School	95%	91%
Weequahic High School	75%	68%
West Side High School	77%	72%
New Jersey	91%	91%

N/A indicates data are not available.

Graduation Rates by Demographic Group, Newark Public Schools

Demographic Group	21-22	22-23
Districtwide	85%	86%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	94%	94%
Black or African American	82%	82%
Hispanic	87%	88%
White	94%	93%
Two or More Races	*	*
Male	82%	83%
Female	89%	89%
Economically Disadvantaged	86%	87%
Multilingual Learners	84%	86%
Homeless	55%	82%
Students in Foster Care	43%	63%
Students with Disabilities	71%	73%

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Average SAT Score by High School

	2021-22			2022-23		
	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation
Newark Public Schools	425	438	84%	407	423	99%
American History High School	408	435	71%	397	428	79%
Arts High School	429	457	93%	421	452	100%
Bard Early College High School	468	481	100%	457	458	100%
Barringer High School	389	406	79%	365	382	100%
Central High School	382	388	76%	372	397	89%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	374	396	100%	386	406	100%
East Side High School	407	420	90%	391	404	100%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	440	446	100%	438	415	100%
LEAD Charter School	N/A	N/A	0%	*	*	12%
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	386	392	90%	373	395	100%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	383	403	95%	391	390	100%
Newark Vocational High School	*	*	N/A	373	402	100%
North Star Academy Charter School	525	514	100%	498	486	100%
People's Preparatory Charter School	*	*	4%	*	*	1%
Science Park High School	547	541	96%	562	564	100%
TEAM Academy Charter School	*	*	3%	*	*	2%
Technology High School	514	510	100%	503	497	100%
University High School	415	430	100%	421	430	100%
Weequahic High School	379	403	100%	372	396	100%
West Side High School	392	414	82%	370	396	100%
New Jersey	532	538	61%	525	533	62%

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Average ACT Score

	Reading		English		Math		Science		Percentage Participation	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
Newark Public Schools	22	22	20	22	21	21	20	20	2%	2%
People's Preparatory Charter School	16	15	14	14	16	15	15	15	79%	100%
Science Park High School	24	25	22	25	23	22	22	22	7%	12%
TEAM Academy Charter School	16	15	14	14	16	16	16	15	79%	86%
Technology High School	22	23	21	24	22	21	21	21	7%	7%
New Jersey	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	9%	8%

Note: Table only includes schools where data was available and not suppressed. NJDOE recommends taking caution when comparing data year to year.

Percentage of Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2022-23

School	% Schoolwide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities
Newark Public Schools	48.0-49.5%	48.9-50.4%	26.2-27.0%
American History High School	59.3-61.1%	60.6-62.5%	35.7-36.8%
Arts High School	68.0-70.1%	65.3-67.4%	57.1-58.9%
Bard Early College High School	69.6-71.7%	70.0-72.2%	*
Barringer High School	21.1-21.8%	23.7-24.4%	19.0-19.6%
Central High School	41.9-43.2%	44.3-45.7%	19.6-20.2%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	36.8-38.0%	*	*
East Side High School	42.9-44.2%	42.3-43.6%	33.8-34.8%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	77.9-80.3%	75.9-78.3%	81.3-83.8%
LEAD Charter School	17.3-17.8%	11.8-12.1%	30.0-30.9%
Malcom X Shabazz High School	30.4-31.4%	27.8-28.6%	19.0-19.6%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	55.1-56.8%	58.0-59.8%	50.0-51.5%
Newark Vocational High School	53.3-55.0%	54.7-56.4%	33.3-34.4%
North Star Academy Charter School	87.3-90.0%	88.0-90.7%	69.0-71.2%
People's Preparatory Charter School	52.6-54.2%	57.8-59.6%	30.0-30.9%
Science Park High School	90.2-93.0%	90.7-93.5%	*
TEAM Academy Charter School	68.9-71.0%	69.3-71.4%	56.1-57.8%
Technology High School	80.2-82.7%	83.5-86.1%	41.7-43.0%
University High School	69.0-71.1%	66.7-68.7%	*
Weequahic High School	50.0-51.5%	55.1-56.8%	11.8-12.1%
West Side High School	32.5-33.5%	32.4-33.4%	19.4-20.0%
New Jersey	69.8-72.0%	55.8-57.5%	47.1-48.6%

Notes: Post-secondary institutions include 2-year or 4-year institutions. Please also note that data looks different from previous years because NJDOE has changed how they represent the results. * indicates that data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy.

Advanced Course Participation and Performance, 2022-23

	Students enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	Students taking one or more AP or IB exam	Students with one or more exams with a score of at least a 3 on AP exams or 4 on IB exams	Students enrolled in one or more Dual Enrollment course
Newark Public Schools	19%	19%	*	17%
American History High School	40%	39%	*	4%
Arts High School	23%	25%	12%	<1%
Bard Early College High School	0%	0%	*	84%
Barringer High School	10%	8%	*	14%
Central High School	12%	13%	*	11%
Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark	48%	40%	*	30%
East Side High School	17%	16%	*	24%
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School	78%	43%	*	0%
LEAD Charter School	0%	0%	*	0%
Malcolm X Shabazz High School	23%	15%	*	0%
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	26%	24%	*	15%
Newark Vocational High School	11%	11%	*	0%
North Star Academy Charter School	86%	80%	38%	0%
People's Preparatory Charter School	8%	6%	*	0%
Science Park High School	52%	57%	36%	11%
TEAM Academy Charter School	39%	29%	*	34%
Technology High School	32%	37%	19%	8%
University High School	30%	32%	*	19%
Weequahic High School	27%	29%	*	20%
West Side High School	7%	11%	*	16%
New Jersey	35%	30%	21%	24%

Note: AP means Advanced Placement and IB means International Baccalaureate. Data are of 11th and 12th grade students. * indicates that data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy.

Newark Public Schools Advanced Course Participation by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23

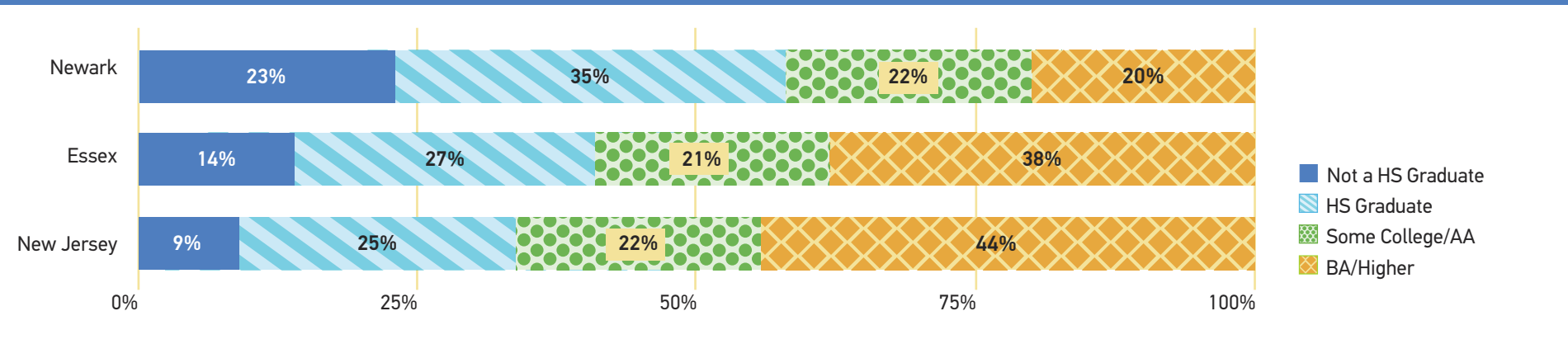
Demographic Group	Students enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	Students enrolled in one or more Dual Enrollment course
Districtwide	19%	17%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	50%	15%
Black or African American	16%	16%
Hispanic	19%	17%
White	30%	23%
Two or More Races	7%	20%
Female	23%	21%
Male	15%	13%
Economically Disadvantaged	19%	17%
Homeless	13%	11%
Multilingual Learners	10%	17%
Students in Foster Care	5%	10%
Students with Disabilities	3%	5%

Data are of 11th and 12th grade students. Does not include charter school data. * indicates data are unavailable.

About Advanced Placement Courses


Advanced placement courses provide students with rigorous courses that prepare them for success in college. Students who score at least a 3 on AP exams or a 4 on IB exams can get credits at many colleges and institutions. The number of students enrolled in AP or IB courses versus the number actually taking the exams in the Newark school district falls short of the state rate.

Highest Educational Attainment for People Ages 25+, 2022




Highest Educational Attainment for People Ages 25+ by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

	Black or African American			Hispanic or Latino			White, non-Hispanic		
	New Jersey	Essex	Newark	New Jersey	Essex	Newark	New Jersey	Essex	Newark
Not a HS Graduate	10%	12%	14%	24%	27%	34%	4%	6%	27%
HS Graduate	31%	34%	35%	31%	31%	34%	25%	18%	35%
Some College/AA	30%	29%	28%	22%	20%	19%	22%	14%	10%
BA/Higher	29%	25%	23%	23%	21%	12%	49%	62%	28%



34% of Hispanics in Newark do not have a high school diploma

and **12%** have a BA or higher. (2022)



Student-to-Staff Ratio

Ratio	Newark Public Schools		New Jersey	
	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
Students to Teachers	14:1	14:1	12:1	12:1
Students to Administrators	92:1	88:1	146:1	142:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists *	2,744:1	4,225:1	1,157:1	1,188:1
Students to Nurses *	443:1	469:1	482:1	479:1
Students to Counselors *	473:1	486:1	324:1	314:1
Students to Child Study Team Members **	22:1	22:1	28:1	29:1
Students to School Psychologists *	895:1	1,006:1	650:1	655:1
Students to School Social Workers *	269:1	264:1	564:1	534:1
Students to Student Assistance Coordinators	N	N	3,770:1	3,722:1
Students to School Safety Specialists	41,160:1	42,248:1	2,021:1	2,043:1

* 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 includes Students with Disabilities only, not all Students.

Student-to-Staff Ratios

The ratio of student-to-staff within a school has long been considered a marker of educational and instructional quality. During the 2022-23 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 486:1 and 314:1, respectively, during the 2022-23 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, 2018-19 through 2022-23.

Number of 3- and 4-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.

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Kindergarten Enrollment, 2018-19 through 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include students enrolled in half and full-day programs in both traditional district and charter schools.

Newark Kindergarten Enrollment, 2018-19 through 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include students enrolled in half- and full-day programs in both traditional district and charter schools.

Pre-K-12 Newark Total Enrollment, 2018-19 through 2022-23. 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, 2022-23. 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.

Percentage of Pre-K-12 Newark Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21, 2018-19 through 2022-23. 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 Classification Rate, Ages 3-21, 2018-19 through 2022-23. 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.

Percentage of Special Education Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Ages 3-21, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-5 and 6-21. Data includes both Newark Public Schools and Newark Charter Schools Counts of fewer than 10 students have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.

Percentage of Homeless Students Out of Total Enrollment, 2018-19 through 2022-23. 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 Multilingual Learner Enrollment as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2020-2021 through 2022-2023. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data.

School Violence Incidents, 2022-23. 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.

Percentage of Newark Public School Students Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on NJSLA, 2021-22 and 2022-23. As reported by the Department of Education. The NJSLA in English Language Arts, math, and Science were administered in Spring 2023. The grade levels shown in the report represent students' Spring 2023 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.

Percentage of 3rd Grade Newark Public School Students who Met or Exceeded Expectations on the NJSLA English Language Arts and Math by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Graph shows data for both 3rd and 8th graders. The NJSLA in English Language Arts, Math, and Science were administered in Spring 2023. The grade levels shown in the report represent students' Spring 2023 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.

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Chronic Absenteeism by Grade, 2022-23. 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 Schools Chronic Absenteeism Demographics, 2022-23. 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, 2018-19 through 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data.

Graduation Rates by Demographic Group, Newark Public Schools, 2021-22 and 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data.

Graduation Rates by High School, 2021-22 and 2022-23. 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 and 2022-23. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the SAT for the given school year. 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 and 2022-23. 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, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. These data reflect the percentage of 2023 high school graduates who were enrolled in post-secondary institutions the fall after high school graduation. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. NJDOE has changed how they represent the data by now reporting a range for overall post-secondary enrollment. The lower bound of the range is the percentage of students matched by NSC while the upper bound represents an estimate of the percentage of students who might have been enrolled, even if, given possible reasons, their enrollment could not be matched. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included. Data for some categories are unavailable.

Advanced Course Participation and Performance, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate participation and performance and dual enrollment coursework participation amongst 11th and 12th grade students.

Newark Public Schools Advanced Course Participation by Race/Ethnicity, 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report data. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate participation and dual enrollment coursework participation amongst 11th and 12th grader students.

Highest Educational Attainment for People Ages 25+, 2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002 using 1-year estimates.



Highest Educational Attainment for People Ages 25+, by Race/Ethnicity, 2022. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002B, B15002H, and B15002I using 1-year estimates. Black or African American category may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

Student-to-Staff Ratio, 2021-22 and 2022-23. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report.

7 Teens

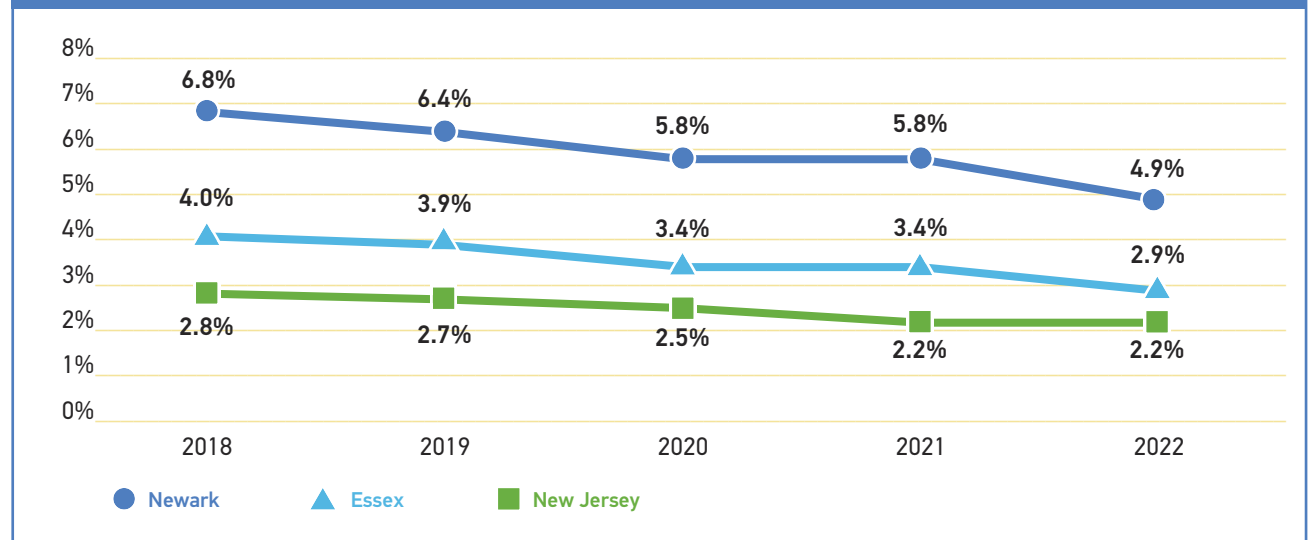
Data Trends for Teens

Teen births have decreased for all three geographies. In 2022, Newark has seen a 34% decrease in the number of teen births since 2018. In 2022, 4.9% of all Newark births were to teens ages 15-19, compared to 2.9% 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 2023, juvenile arrests in Newark had decreased by 13% since 2019.

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Newark	291	254	224	213	192	-34
Essex	420	385	330	326	295	-30
New Jersey	2,805	2,682	2,434	2,250	2,287	-18

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



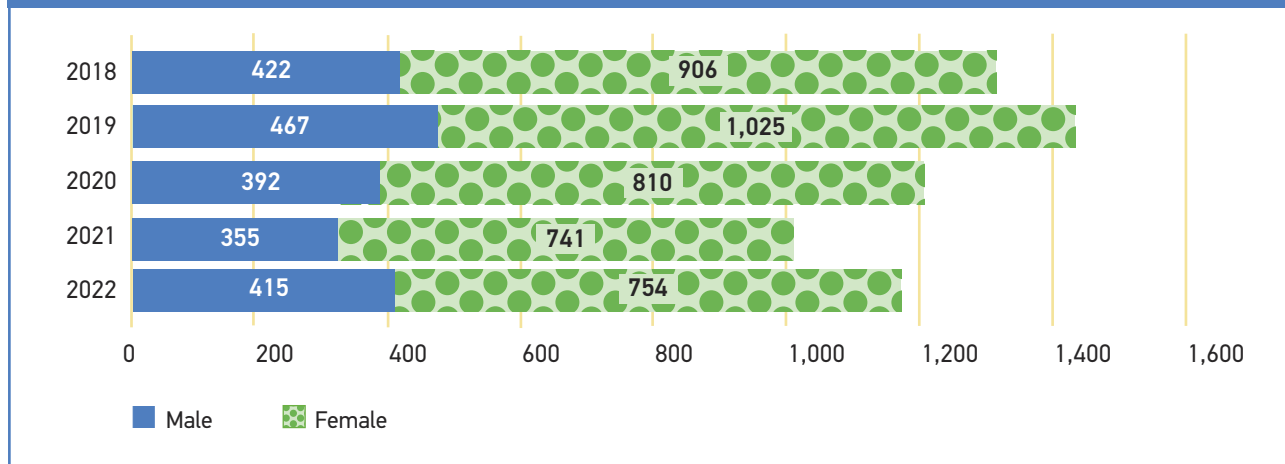
Teens Deaths, Ages 15-19

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Newark	<10	<10	12	14	14
Essex	19	19	22	24	31
New Jersey	184	153	178	189	192

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

	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		% Change 18-22	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newark	422	906	467	1,025	392	810	355	741	415	754	-2%	-17%
Essex	680	1,539	745	1,709	614	1,271	568	1,218	673	1,260	-1%	-18%
New Jersey	2,759	8,202	3,124	8,689	2,473	6,939	2,396	6,734	2,602	6,558	-6%	-20%

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

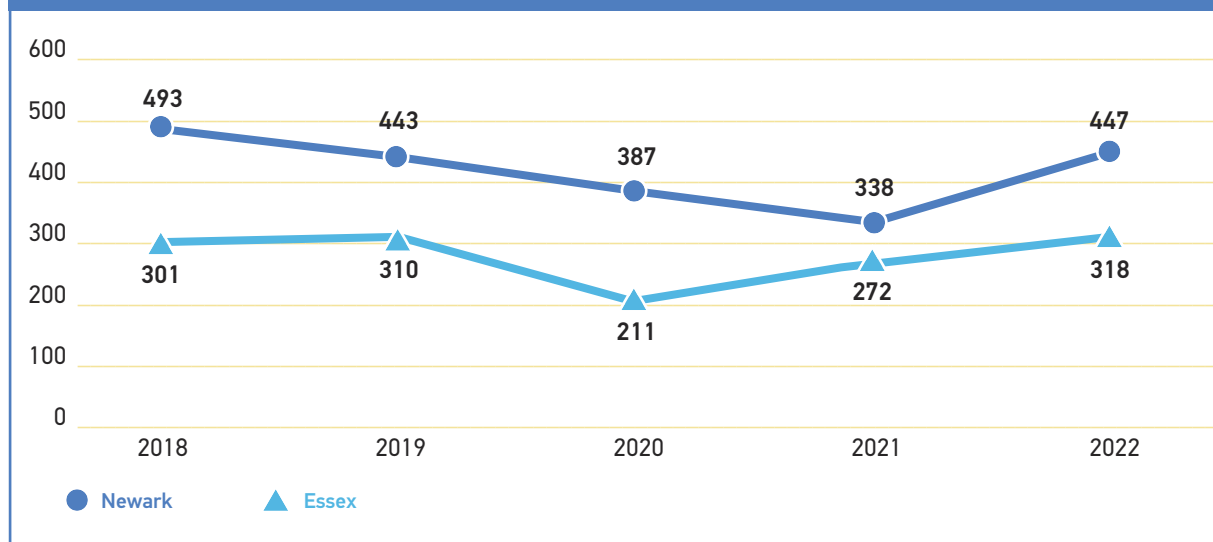


Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Total Admissions:	301	310	211	272	318	6%
By Gender:						
Male	271	280	190	243	294	8%
Female	30	30	21	29	24	-20%
By Race:						
African American	261	277	178	240	295	13%
Caucasian	N/A	<10	<10	<10	<10	N/A
Hispanic	40	32	32	31	21	-48%
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions	61%	70%	55%	80%	71%	

N/A means no data was available.

Newark and Essex County Admissions to Detention

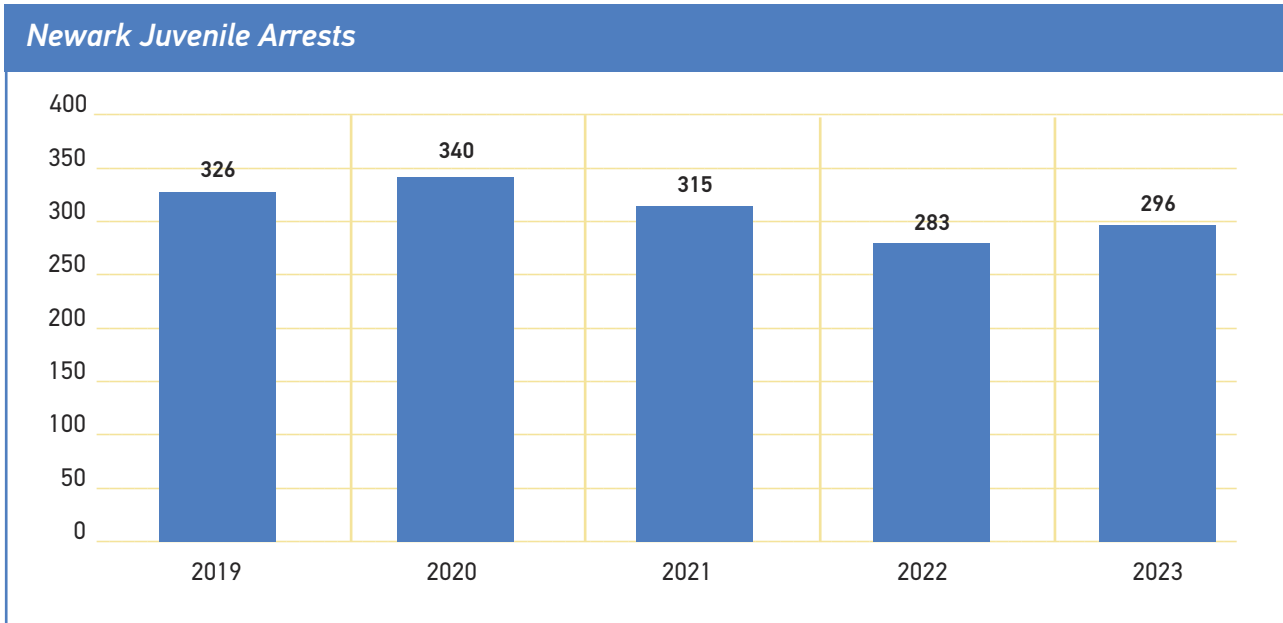


What is the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative?

New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), formed in 2004 with the support and leadership of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and managed by the state's Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), 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. 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/about-jjc/>.

Restorative and Transformative Justice Hub Opened in Newark

A 2021 law enabled four cities, including Newark, to receive grant funding from the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission to create Restorative and Transformative Justice Hubs that will provide a support system to help justice-involved young people grow into healthy and successful adults. The Newark/Essex County Hub opened in February and will be overseen by the Essex County Youth Services Commission and operated by United Community Corporation. Other Hubs are being developed in Camden, Paterson and Trenton.



Sub Group	# of Arrests	% Out of Total
Male	268	91%
Female	28	9%
Total	296	100%
Black	256	86%
White	10	3%
Hispanic	27	9%
Other	<10	<1%

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2018-2022. 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 May 22, 2024.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of Total Births, Ages 15-19, 2018-2022. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of May 22, 2024.

Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2017-2021. 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 15, 2024.

Youth Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection by Gender, Ages 15-19, 2018-2022. 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 20, 2024.

Newark Youth Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection by Gender, Ages 15-19, 2018-2022. Youth in Newark 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 20, 2024.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2018-2022. The number of youth admitted to detention. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Newark and Essex County Admissions to Detention, 2018-2022. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Newark Juvenile Arrests, 2019-2023. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department.

Newark Arrests by Demographics, 2023. Newark data as reported by the Newark Police Department.

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