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Introduction

Portrait of Newark Children Can Guide Education Reform

Newark is at a critical crossroads.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg thrust the city into the national spotlight with a $100 million grant to improve education in the Brick City. This is being matched by private donors — all with the goal of providing a quality education to all Newark children.

We applaud these efforts and see this as an incredible opportunity to give all city children the chance to succeed in school. So, as city leaders, school officials, teachers, parents, donors and others come together to discuss how to meet this challenge, we offer our annual look at the state of Newark children.

For 15 years, ***Newark Kids Count*** has provided insight into the challenges facing Newark's children and families. We have highlighted progress and setbacks. We have seen some measures improve; others worsen. Most consistently, we have seen poverty persist.

In 2000, we wrote that more than one in three Newark children live in poverty. We say it again in this report, 10 years later. This poverty infects nearly every other aspect of child well-being, including academic success.

In designing education reforms, then, we must remember to look at the whole child, the whole family. The set of measures of child well-being compiled in ***Newark Kids Count 2010*** provides the most comprehensive picture of the needs of the city's children and families.

To be successful, we need to truly coordinate efforts to meet these needs at different levels and in different settings — the classroom, the kitchen, the neighborhood, the mayor's office, the Statehouse. The information in this report provides a portrait that can help us begin drawing a map to achieve an informed approach to reform — one that will finally give real opportunity to children across the city.

We are especially pleased to present a special section this year on Newark charter schools. Our goal in choosing this topic was to inform the state's conversation on education reform. The decision to focus on charter schools was made before the $100 million announcement. It is even more relevant now due to this new effort underway in the city. Again, we hope these data will be used to inform public discussion, focusing solely on our first concern — the children. We look forward to continuing our work with all our many Newark partners and turning our collective vision into a bright future for the city's 70,000 children.

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Charter Schools in Newark

Approximately 20 percent of all New Jersey charter schools are located in Newark, more than any other city or county in the state. During the 2009–10 school year, roughly 14 percent of all Newark students attended a charter school. Newark charter school students comprise one-quarter of the 21,000 New Jersey students attending charter schools statewide.

As debate intensifies over how to reform public education, ACNJ offers this statistical look at charter and district schools in Newark. The intent is to provide objective information that will inform this discussion and lead to the most effective solutions to achieving the common goal of giving every child the quality education that paves the way to a brighter future.

A Primer on NJ Charter Schools

In 1996, Governor Whitman signed New Jersey's Charter School Program Act into law. The law allowed for 135 charter schools to be established in four years. The first cohort of 13 charter schools opened in the 1997–1998 school year, with 10 of those schools located in New Jersey's poorest districts.

In 2000, Whitman signed the Charter School Funding and Research bill, which eliminated caps on the total number of charter schools. Today, New Jersey has 75 charter schools, educating roughly 21,000 children, or about 1 percent of New Jersey's nearly 1.4 million school children.

Two Newark charter schools — North Star Academy and Robert Treat Academy — were among the first round of charters to open in New Jersey in 1997. Currently, Newark is home to 15 charters, operating 22 schools around the city. In the 2009–10 school year, about 5,300 Newark students attended charters schools, including 132 students going to schools outside district borders. Newark charter students account for 25 percent of the total charter school enrollment statewide.

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a public school open to all students on a space-available basis that operates independent of the district board of education under a charter granted by the Commissioner of Education. Once approved, charter schools are governed by a board of trustees authorized by the State Board of Education to supervise and control the school, according to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Funding for the charter school comes from state and local taxes and passes through the district board of education. Charters receive approximately 90 percent of a district's per pupil spending. They do not receive any public funding for facilities and only some of the specialized aid that most districts receive.

Charter schools typically use lotteries to determine which students may attend. Many have waiting lists. Preference is given to students who live in the district in which the charter school is located.

The data provide a clear message: Student achievement varies from school to school, regardless of whether the school is a charter or district school. Some Newark charter schools outperform state averages and so do some district schools. Likewise, there are both charter and district schools that are underperforming. This underscores the need to identify what is working in the successful schools — charters and districts alike — and replicate those elements in all Newark schools.

To the extent possible, this special section of our annual ***Newark Kids Count*** report presents data on a range of indicators for each charter school in Newark, as an average for all Newark charter schools and as an average for the Newark district schools and the state.

Charter schools are considered districts by the state Department of Education. Like many regular districts, some charter operators have more than one school. Others operate only a single school. Like public school districts, the charter school data include all the schools run by a particular operator, except for test score data, which only capture statistics from schools that educate students in the relevant grade (4th, 8th or 11th). In addition, Section 8 of this report provides more information on Newark schools, including a school-by-school breakdown of tests scores in the 4th, 8th and 11th grades.

It is our hope that this information will be used to promote healthy debate that can lead to smart decisions for all Newark children.

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Charter School Facts

- Charter schools cannot charge tuition.
- A private or parochial school may not convert to a charter school, but a public school may.
- A charter school is open to all students on a space-available basis with preference being given to students from the charter school's district or region of residence and for sibling groups where a sibling is already attending the school.
- All classroom teachers and professional support staff must hold appropriate New Jersey certification.

For more information about charter schools, go to www.nj.gov/education/chartsch/

Source: NJ Department of Education

Charter School Profiles

	Grades Served 2008–09 School Year	Year Opened	Total Enrollment 2008–09	Total Enrollment 2009–10
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	K – 3	2007	176	221
Discovery Charter School	4 – 8	1999	74	72
Gray Charter School	K – 8	2000	290	280
Greater Newark Charter School	5 – 8	2000	160	155
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	K – 8	2001	423	431
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	4 – 8	1999	206	289
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	K – 8	1999	468	510
Newark Educators' Community Charter School	N/A	2009	N/A	192
New Horizons Community Charter School	K – 5	1999	454	448
North Star Academy Charter School	K - 1; 5 – 12	1997	758	906
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	K – 8	1997	450	500
TEAM Academy Charter School	5 – 10	2002	758	1,028
University Heights Charter School	K – 5	2006	205	190

Enrollment

Charter school enrollment in Newark is on the rise. During the 2009–10 school year, 5,354, or 14 percent of Newark students, attended charter schools. Enrollment will likely continue to increase as two additional charter schools in Newark opened their doors for the 2010–11 school year. Newark students continue to comprise about one-quarter of all charter school students in the state. In the 2008–09 school year, more than 6,500 Newark children were on waiting lists for admission to a Newark charter school.

Enrollment

	2008–09	2009–10
Newark Students Attending Charter Schools Outside of Newark	138	132
Total Charter School Enrollment for Newark Students	4,560	5,354
Percentage of Newark Students Attending Charter Schools	11	14
State Charter School Enrollment	18,793	21,109
Newark Charter School Students as a Percent of All Charter School Students	24	25
Newark District Enrollment (Excludes Charters)	35,432	34,086
State Enrollment (Excludes Charters)	1,358,935	1,362,596

Number of Students on Waiting List for Admission — 2008–09

Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	*
Gray Charter School	933
Greater Newark Charter School	108
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	273
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	100
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	180
New Horizons Community Charter School	212
North Star Academy Charter School	1,775
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	1,047
TEAM Academy Charter School	1,800
University Heights Charter School	161
Total:	**6,589**

** Data not available.*
Note: Discovery Charter School did not have a school report card for the 2008–09 school year. Therefore data on many indicators for the school were not available.

Student Characteristics

Newark charter schools have a lower percent of students with disabilities than Newark district schools and the state average. On average, 5.6 percent of Newark's charter school students were classified with disabilities and eligible for special education, compared to the Newark district average of 12.3 percent and the state average of 15.4 percent.

The data also show that a lower percent of charter school students change schools during the school year. The school mobility rate, or the percentage of students who both entered and left during the school year, was 10 percent for charter students, compared to 20 percent in district schools. Research shows that students perform better when they have school stability and do not frequently change schools.

On average, 84 percent of all charter school students in Newark were eligible for free- or reduced-priced school meals in the 2009–10 school year, compared to 82 percent in district schools. While some charter schools reported that 100 percent of their students were eligible for school meals, others reported only 68 percent of their students were eligible.

Student Characteristics

	Percentage of Students with Disabilities 2008–09	Student Mobility Rate 2008–09	Percentage of Students Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals, 2009–10
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	0	17.7	80
Gray Charter School	0	6.6	*
Greater Newark Charter School	11.5	0	84
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	8.1	15.4	100
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	4.1	18.3	92
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	5.6	9.8	81
New Horizons Community Charter School	2.8	16.1	92
North Star Academy Charter School	7.8	8.2	79
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	6.6	1.2	68
TEAM Academy Charter School	7.7	5.5	80
University Heights Charter School	7.3	8.3	79
Newark Charter School Average	5.6	9.7	84
Newark District Average	12.3 △	20.4 △	82 ○
State Average	**15.4**	**10.7**	**32** ○

* *For the 2009–10 school year, the number of students eligible for free- or reduced-price school lunch for Gray Charter School was left blank in the Department of Education enrollment data.*

△ *For comparison purposes, Newark district average only includes Newark schools serving grades K-8.*

○ *For comparison purposes, Newark district and state numbers do not include charter schools or private schools.*

School Characteristics

On average, Newark charter school students spend more time at school each day and attend school more days out of the year, with school days ranging from seven to nine and a half hours and the school year ranging from 180 to 210 days, compared to the Newark district and state average of six and a half hours per day, 180 days a year.

Average class sizes in Newark charters ranged from 6.1 students to 38.4 students, with an average of 21 students for Newark charter schools, compared to 18.4 students statewide. No comparable figure was available for Newark district schools.

School Characteristics — 2008–09

	Length of School Day (Hours)	Length of School Year (Days)	Average Class Size
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	8	185	24
Gray Charter School	8	193	16.1
Greater Newark Charter School	8	200	17.3
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	8	187	17.5
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	7.5	198	16.8
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	7.8	181	21.8
New Horizons Community Charter School	7.5	190	6.1
North Star Academy Charter School	8	196	24.9
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	7	201	26.8
TEAM Academy Charter School	9.5	210	38.4
University Heights Charter School	8	180	19.8
Newark Charter School Average	7.9	193	20.9
Newark District Average	6.5	180	*
State Average	**6.5**	**180**	**18.4**

* *Data not available.*

Attendance and Suspensions

The rate of student attendance was roughly the same among Newark charter and district schools and schools across the state in 2008–09. On average, approximately 95 percent of students in Newark charter schools and public schools statewide were reported as attending school each day, compared to 92 percent of students in Newark district schools.

Conversely, the average percent of student suspensions in Newark charter schools, at 11 percent, was almost double the Newark district average of 6 percent and almost three times the state average of 4 percent. While some charter schools reported zero percent of student suspensions, one school reported that 33 percent of its students were suspended at least once during the 2008–09 school year.

Attendance and Suspensions — 2008–09

	Attendance Rate	Percentage of Student Suspensions
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	94	12
Gray Charter School	95.2	3
Greater Newark Charter School	97	17
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	91.8	33
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	95.3	1
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	94.2	18
New Horizons Community Charter School	93.5	3
North Star Academy Charter School	96.5	27
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	96.5	0
TEAM Academy Charter School	95.6	0
University Heights Charter School	94.1	7
Newark Charter School Average	94.9	11
Newark District Average	92.1*	6
State Average	**94.6**	**N/A**
State Average for K-8 Schools△	**N/A**	**4**
State Average for High Schools△	**N/A**	**14**

* *For comparison purposes, Newark district average only includes Newark schools serving grades K-8.*
△ *State average for student suspensions is reported separately for K-8 schools and high schools.*

Test Scores

Newark students, in both charter and public schools, continue to perform lower, on average, on standardized tests than their peers across the state. While the average percent of 4th grade students passing standardized language arts tests in Newark charter schools and in Newark district schools was roughly the same, at 41 and 40 percent respectively, both were lower than the state average of 63 percent. The situation is similar with regard to 4th grade math. Both the Newark charter school and district average was 54 percent, compared to 73 percent statewide.

This picture shifts, however, when examining 8th grade test scores. With 78 percent of students passing 8th grade language arts tests and 69 percent passing 8th grade math tests, Newark charter schools outperformed the Newark district average of 56 percent passing language arts and 42 percent passing math tests.

While these averages are important, it is critical to examine test scores by school. As the data show, student achievement varies greatly from school to school, both among charter schools and among Newark district schools. For example, the percent of 4th graders passing language arts tests ranged from 11 to 80 percent in charter schools and from 12 to 82 percent in Newark district schools. For 4th grade math, the range was 11 to 90 percent in charter schools and 15 to 93 percent in district schools.

The percent of 8th graders passing language arts tests ranged from 57 to 99 percent in charter schools and from 19 to 100 percent in Newark district schools. For 8th grade math, the range was 39 to 98 percent in charter schools and 12 to 95 percent in district schools.

Since most Newark charter schools do not yet serve high school students, 11th grade scores are not included.

Test Scores — 2008–09

	Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests		Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	
	Language Arts	Math	Language Arts	Math
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Discovery Charter School	55	65	71	64
Gray Charter School	51	74	88	92
Greater Newark Charter School	N/A	N/A	74	67
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	38	53	57	43
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	22	41	65	39
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	30	45	80	71
New Horizons Community Charter School	40	50	N/A	N/A
North Star Academy Charter School	N/A	N/A	99	96
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	80	90	94	98
TEAM Academy Charter School	N/A	N/A	72	56
University Heights Charter School	11	11	N/A	N/A
Newark Charter School Average	41	54	78	69
Newark District Average	40	54	56	42
State Average	**63**	**73**	**83**	**72**

N/A indicates that the school did not serve children in the respective grade.

School Staffing and Funding

During the 2008–09 school year, the student/faculty ratio for Newark charter schools ranged from 9.5 to 19.2 students per faculty member, with an average of 13, higher than the Newark district and state averages of 10.3 and 10.8, respectively. Newark charter schools also had higher average class sizes than the state average.

While the estimated cost per pupil was $18,378 to educate each Newark district student, Newark charter schools' estimated per pupil cost was $13,571 during the 2008–09 school year. Per pupil expenditures ranged from $12,564 to $15,961 among the Newark charter schools.

School Staffing and Funding — 2008–09

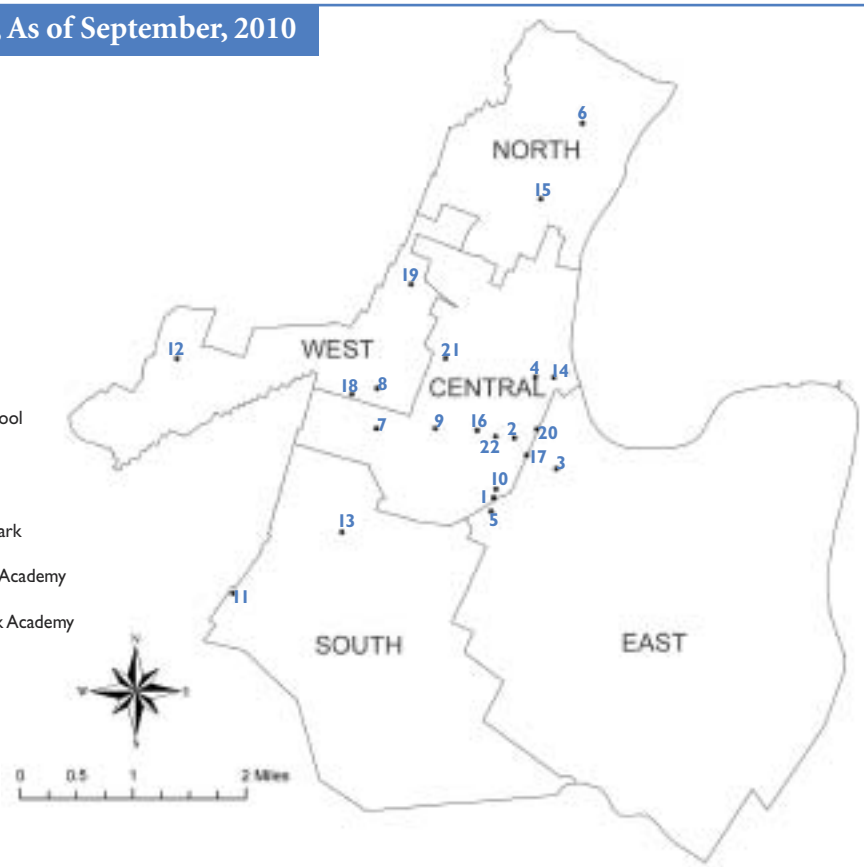
	Number of Students Per Faculty Member	Total Cost Per Pupil Estimated Budget
Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School	10.7	$12,564
Gray Charter School	12.6	$12,831
Greater Newark Charter School	13.9	$13,795
Lady Liberty Academy Charter School	9.9	$13,545
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School	12.1	$15,348
Marion P. Thomas Charter School	17.1	$13,391
New Horizons Community Charter School	11.8	$12,679
North Star Academy Charter School	12.4	$13,524
Robert Treat Academy Charter School	14.2	$12,879
TEAM Academy Charter School	19.2	$15,961
University Heights Charter School	9.5	$12,761
Newark Charter School Average	13	$13,571
Newark District Average	10.3 *	$18,378
State Average	**10.8**	**$15,168**

**For comparison purposes, Newark district average only includes Newark schools serving grades K-8.*

Newark Charter Schools by Ward, As of September, 2010

Charter Schools

1. Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School
2. Discovery Charter School
3. Gray Charter School
4. Greater Newark Academy
5. Lady Liberty Academy Charter School
6. Maria L. Rogers Varisco Charter School
7. Marion P. Thomas Charter School Elementary School
8. Marion P. Thomas Charter School Middle School
9. New Horizons Community Charter
10. Newark Educators Community Charter
11. Newark Legacy Charter School
12. North Star Academy Vailsburg Campus: Elementary School, Middle School, Elementary School II
13. North Star Academy Clinton Hill Campus: Middle School
14. North Star Academy Downtown Campus: Middle School and High School
15. Robert Treat Academy North Ward Campus
16. Robert Treat Academy Central Ward Campus
17. TEAM Academy Charter Schools (KIPP Region): Newark Collegiate Academy
18 TEAM Academy Charter Schools (KIPP Region): RISE Academy Charter School
19. TEAM Academy Charter Schools (KIPP Region): Spark Academy Elementary School
20. TEAM Academy Charter Schools (KIPP Region): TEAM Academy Middle School
21. University Heights Charter School
22. Visions Academy Charter High School



I Population and Demographics

After increasing slightly in 2008, Newark's child population resumed its steady decline in 2009, with the number of Newark children dropping 9 percent from 2005 to 2009. The city is home to roughly 70,000 children. At the same time, the adult population climbed 9 percent, even as Essex's population remained unchanged.

An interesting trend is a drop in both the number and percent of African American children living in Newark and a rise in the number and percent of white, non-Hispanic and Hispanic children.

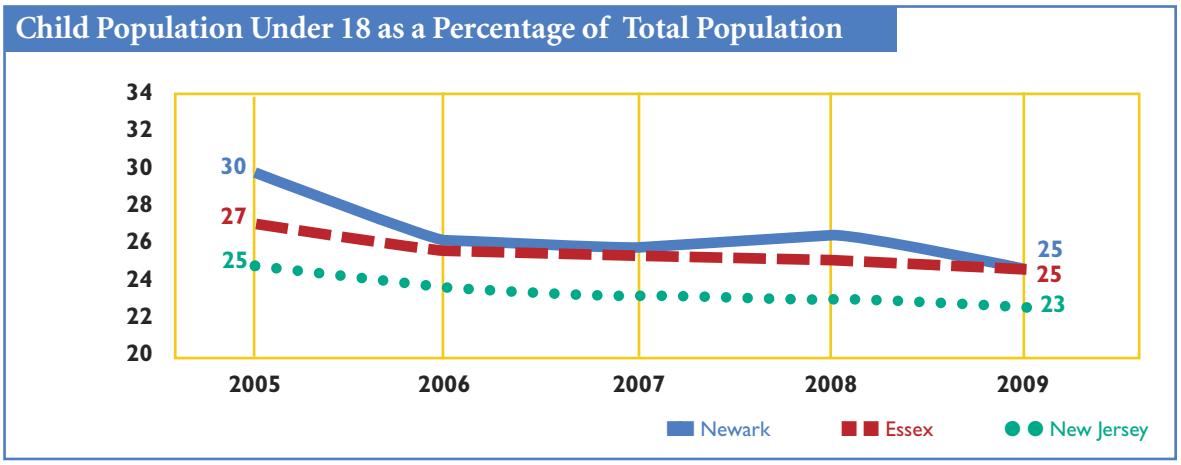
Births to unmarried women continue to rise, with a corresponding drop in married mothers. At the same time, the number of grandparents responsible for raising their grandchildren has seen a steep and steady drop since peaking in 2007 when about 4,200 grandparents were raising their grandchildren. That number dropped to 1,500 in 2009 — a substantial 60 percent decline.

Total Population

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	254,217	266,736	270,007	264,128	278,157	9
Essex	769,628	786,147	776,087	770,675	769,644	0
New Jersey	8,521,427	8,724,560	8,685,920	8,682,661	8,707,740	2
Newark's % of Essex	33	34	35	34	36	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	77,194	70,528	70,627	71,201	70,528	-9
Essex	211,284	204,470	198,457	195,635	192,890	-9
New Jersey	2,154,683	2,089,653	2,062,768	2,046,908	2,046,141	-5
Newark's % of Essex	37	34	36	36	37	
Newark's % of NJ	4	3	3	3	3	



Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05–09	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
African American	45,062	58	42,485	60	40,899	58	40,842	57	36,755	52	-18	-10
White, non Hispanic	5,810	8	3,266	5	4,082	6	5,732	8	6,638	9	14	18
Hispanic	26,101	34	24,678	35	25,215	36	26,166	37	27,115	38	4	13
Other	17,947	23	14,406	20	17,141	24	7,457	10	5,549	8	-69	-66

Note 1: *Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as survey participants could indicate more than one choice.*
Note 2: *The decrease in "Other" for 2008 and 2009 could be attributable to changes made in the 2008 survey questionnaire.*

Total Births

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	4,780	4,655	4,578	4,851	4,917	3
Essex	12,147	12,050	11,518	11,464	11,944	-2
New Jersey	116,823	114,443	113,652	109,422	115,908	-1

** Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

Births to Unmarried Women

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	3,268	3,144	3,167	3,459	3,510	7
Essex	5,690	5,619	5,513	5,873	6,092	7
New Jersey	33,879	34,087	35,298	36,942	39,183	16

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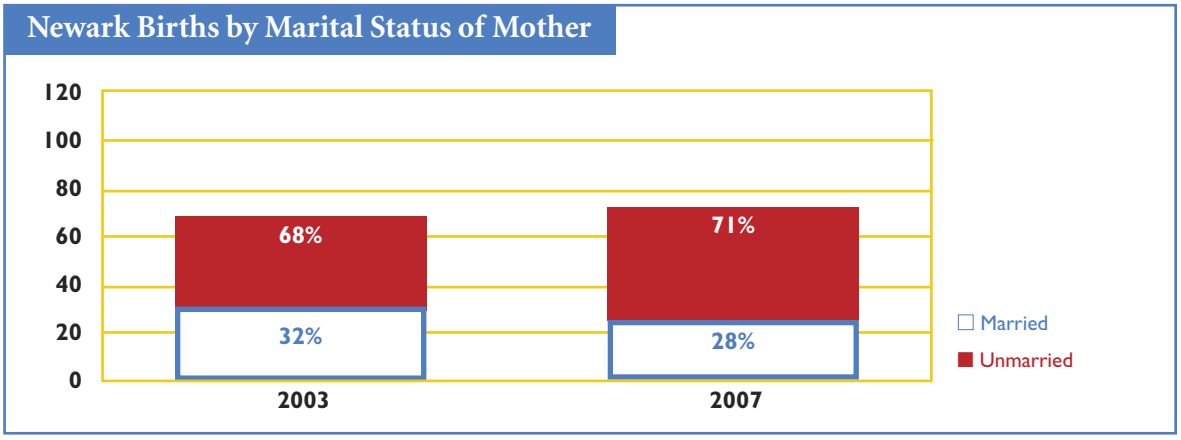


Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	3,743	2,593	4,187	3,066	1,504	-60
Essex	7,844	5,606	8,344	6,826	5,178	-34
New Jersey	57,140	53,859	49,732	50,674	50,138	-12
Newark's % of Essex	48	46	50	45	29	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	5	8	6	3	

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	8,110	6,022	8,674	5,808	3,578	-56
Essex	17,104	13,204	16,226	11,885	11,013	-36
New Jersey	116,830	109,011	109,630	106,819	114,430	-2
Newark's % of Essex	47	46	53	49	32	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	6	8	5	3	

2 Family Economic Security

Bucking national, state and county trends, the number and percent of Newark children growing up in families earning less than the federal poverty level dropped 3 percent since 2005. The number of poor Newark children peaked in 2008 with roughly 24,600 children in poverty, compared to 23,200 in 2009.

Newark families, however, are far from prospering. Even with the slight decline in child poverty, one in three Newark children are growing up in families that cannot afford the basics — far higher than the 13 percent statewide average.

Newark families with children, on average, earn about $50,000 less per year than the average New Jersey family. And their median income has remained stagnant for the past five years, while the average statewide income has grown 10 percent. Unemployment in Newark, while rising slower than the state and Essex County, is still 15 percent, compared to 9.5 percent statewide.

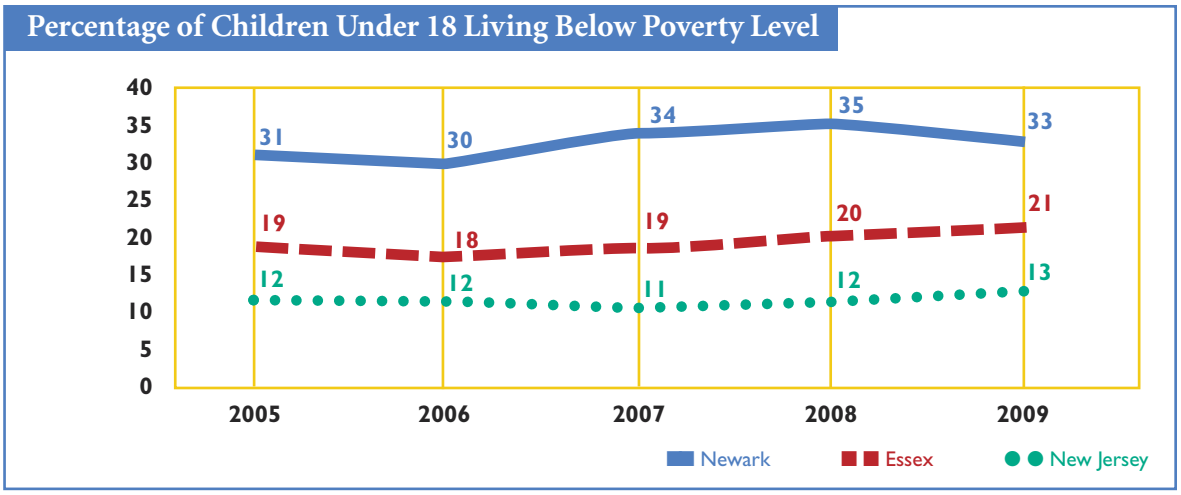
Newark residents get some relief through state and federal tax credits, with more residents claiming this critical asset builder. At the same time, the number of children in families receiving food stamps and welfare rose in 2010, even as the total number of Newark children declined.

The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010
For families with more than 8 persons, add $3,740 for each additional person.	

Children Living Below the Poverty Line, Under 18

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	24,044	21,188	24,172	24,665	23,205	-3
Essex	40,056	37,630	36,807	39,053	40,171	0
New Jersey	251,999	244,074	236,098	253,378	272,697	8
Newark's % of Essex	60	56	66	63	58	
Newark's % of New Jersey	10	9	10	10	9	



Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05–09	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	62,866	25	61,803	23	61,406	23	66,022	25	62,973	23	0	-8
Essex	112,648	15	111,249	14	100,383	13	111,000	14	108,369	14	-4	-4
New Jersey	738,969	9	741,873	9	729,211	8	741,472	9	799,099	9	8	6
Newark's % of Essex		56		56		61		59		58		
Newark's % of New Jersey		9		8		8		9		8		

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

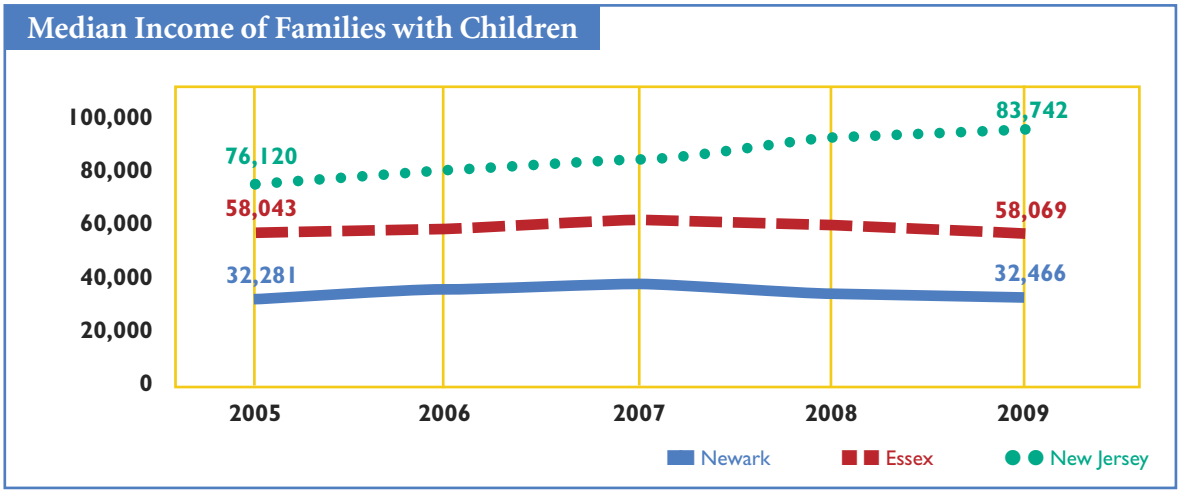
	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05–09	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	2,529	13	2,597	11	1,533	7	3,363	14	2,721	11	8	-18
Essex	5,333	7	4,377	5	2,606	3	4,655	6	4,266	5	-20	-22
New Jersey	35,369	3	33,504	3	31,785	3	28,949	3	35,095	3	-1	-4
Newark's % of Essex		47		59		59		72		64		
Newark's % of New Jersey		7		8		5		12		8		

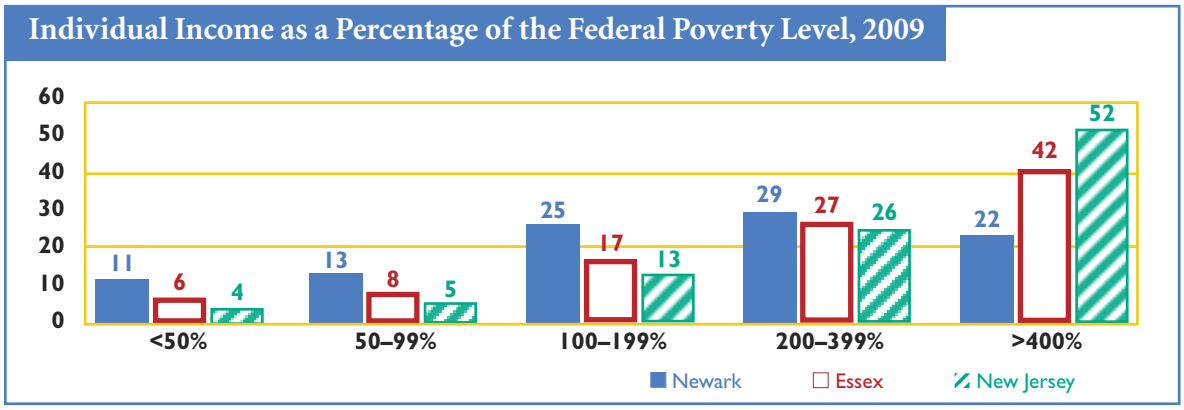
Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05–09	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	10,438	28	8,747	26	10,278	29	10,270	28	10,382	28	-1	1
Essex	17,735	16	15,910	16	15,802	15	16,821	16	17,776	17	0	5
New Jersey	111,972	10	107,060	9	106,572	9	106,302	10	115,909	11	4	7
Newark's % of Essex		59		55		65		61		58		
Newark's % of New Jersey		9		8		10		10		9		

Median Income of Families with Children

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	32,281	33,530	35,080	32,165	32,466	1
Essex	58,043	58,626	61,268	59,368	58,069	0
New Jersey	76,120	79,079	82,555	86,613	83,742	10





Number Unemployed

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	8,930	8,293	10,189	15,666	16,809	88
Essex	21,150	19,386	24,054	38,682	41,472	96
New Jersey	207,055	190,528	245,806	418,294	436,429	111

**2010 preliminary average through June.*

Unemployment Rate

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	8.5	7.8	9.5	14.3	15.2	79
Essex	5.8	5.3	6.6	10.5	11.2	93
New Jersey	4.6	4.3	5.5	9.2	9.5	107

**2010 preliminary average through June.*

U.S. Earned Income Tax Credit

	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		% Change 04–08
	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers
Newark	34,635	1,989	34,611	2,042	35,320	2,130	36,829	2,199	36,814	2,297	6
Essex	67,686	1,895	67,663	1,941	68,306	2,022	71,119	2,083	71,021	2,174	5
New Jersey	465,854	1,757	470,626	1,804	470,763	1,870	498,013	1,921	505,607	2,020	9

N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit, All Recipients

	2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 06–09
	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers
Newark	16,789	581	33,942	448	34,433	526	36,157	627	115
Essex	30,580	577	66,091	427	67,008	499	71,422	595	133
New Jersey	196,060	577	476,786	397	486,190	458	520,969	548	165

N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit, Recipients With At Least One Dependant

	2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 06–09
	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers	Avg. Check	Filers
Newark	15,945	585	28,088	509	28,781	595	29,795	713	86
Essex	29,157	581	53,461	495	54,597	578	57,542	692	97
New Jersey	189,057	579	365,470	485	373,471	563	398,581	674	110

Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Newark in 2010

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Children in Families Receiving Welfare

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06–10
Newark	9,263	10,100	9,712	9,774	9,823	6
Essex	14,928	15,420	14,927	13,795	14,125	-5
New Jersey	67,037	66,976	64,959	63,556	67,632	1
Newark's % of Essex	62	65	65	71	70	
Newark's % of NJ	14	15	15	15	15	

3 Affordable Housing

Median rents rose faster in Newark than in the county and statewide, with Newark residents facing a 22 percent increase in rents from 2005 to 2009. During the same time, the average income for Newark families with children rose only 1 percent.

The city saw a corresponding 16 percent rise in the percent of households spending too much income on rent, again outpacing state and county trends.

There is some good news. The percent of owner-occupied units increased 9 percent since 2005, but is still lower than in 2007. More than half of these homeowners also spend a disproportionate share of their income on housing costs, although that percentage has decreased since 2005.

Median Rent

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	769	787	845	878	938	22
Essex	852	859	932	959	996	17
New Jersey	935	974	1,026	1,068	1,108	19

Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30% of Their Income on Rent

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	49	48	55	54	57	16
Essex	49	46	49	51	54	10
New Jersey	48	47	49	50	53	10

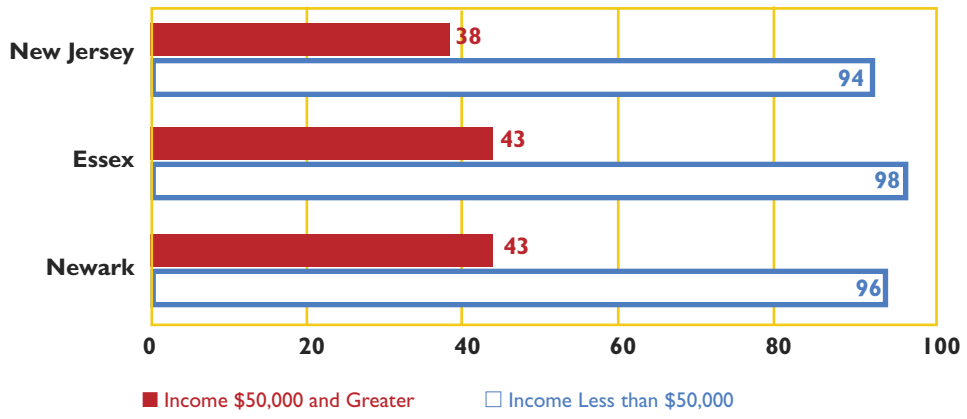
Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	23	25	29	25	25	9
Essex	47	48	48	46	46	-2
New Jersey	67	67	67	67	66	-1

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	65	62	69	64	58	-11
Essex	47	51	51	54	52	11
New Jersey	41	45	46	46	47	15

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2009



4 Food Insecurity

The number of children receiving school meals and food stamps jumped dramatically over the past five years in both Newark and in the state. Children receiving food stamps through the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) increased 33 percent in Newark and 58 percent statewide. This increase was most pronounced from 2008 to 2010, which likely reflects the worsening economy.

Long trailing in providing free- or reduced-priced school breakfast to students, New Jersey has made gains in this area and Newark has outpaced those gains, posting a 64 percent jump since 2005 in the number of children getting a healthy breakfast at school, compared to 33 percent statewide. Likewise, the number of children receiving school lunch jumped 57 percent in Newark and 24 percent statewide.

At the same time, the number of eligible children also spiked, with Newark showing a 77 percent increase in eligible children, compared to 19 percent statewide. This again is likely an indication of the recession.

While more children are receiving school meals since 2006, the percent of eligible children actually enrolled in the program has dropped, indicating that more children in need are going without these healthy meals.

Children receiving formula and other nutrition assistance from the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program remained relatively unchanged in Newark, compared to a 14 percent statewide increase.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06–10
Newark	23,880	25,118	25,697	27,008	31,649	33
Essex	39,500	38,827	39,886	45,180	54,011	37
New Jersey	201,755	208,790	220,593	253,684	317,819	58
Newark's % of Essex	60	65	64	60	59	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	12	11	10	

Women, Infants and Children Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06–10
Newark	13,497	12,658	13,755	13,732	13,614	1
Essex	24,215	22,934	24,523	24,797	24,543	1
New Jersey	166,028	166,890	176,358	187,865	189,116	14
Newark's % of Essex	56	55	56	55	55	
Newark's % of NJ	8	8	8	7	7	

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 06–10
Newark	13,604	19,697	17,742	22,876	21,295	57
Essex	34,797	39,809	43,406	48,367	48,510	39
New Jersey	293,802	302,999	316,873	342,475	365,276	24

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 06–10
Newark	12,218	16,846	15,606	20,374	20,024	64
Essex	20,443	24,792	26,115	30,352	33,235	63
New Jersey	102,367	108,831	115,138	127,101	136,248	33

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals in Newark Public Schools

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
Breakfast	67	56	55	62	62
Lunch	74	65	63	70	66

Number of Children Eligible For Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 06–10
Newark	18,265	30,227	28,326	32,792	32,258	77
Essex	46,525	55,311	57,442	62,132	58,338	25
New Jersey	373,954	379,429	387,866	416,612	445,064	19

5 Child Health

Health measures for Newark children showed mixed results. The city saw a 5 percent increase in both the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care and the number of babies born with low-birth weight. Nearly half of pregnant Newark women received late or no prenatal care, compared to 22 percent of women statewide. Newark's rate of low-birth weight babies also remained above the state average.

The percent of children with high levels of lead fell significantly from 2006 to 2009, possibly reflecting effective lead prevention efforts. In 2009, just 2 percent of the roughly 5,000 Newark children tested were lead poisoned, compared to 6 percent in 2006. Statewide, just 1 percent of children tested had high levels of lead in 2009.

In 2010, more Newark children received health coverage through NJ FamilyCare, the state's free- or low-cost health insurance program, which includes Medicaid. Since 2006, the number of enrolled Newark children increased 9 percent. While this is positive, statewide, the number of children enrolled in this program jumped 22 percent.

This is especially important since the number of uninsured Newark children jumped 17 percent in 2009. This number, however, does not reflect the additional children who were enrolled in NJ FamilyCare during 2010.

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	2,105	2,049	2,007	2,254	2,204	5
Essex	4,021	4,193	3,769	4,065	4,030	0
New Jersey	27,685	27,740	23,603	24,786	25,692	-7
Newark's % of Essex	52	49	53	55	55	
Newark's % of NJ	8	7	9	9	9	

Late prenatal care is defined as prenatal care beginning in the second trimester or later.

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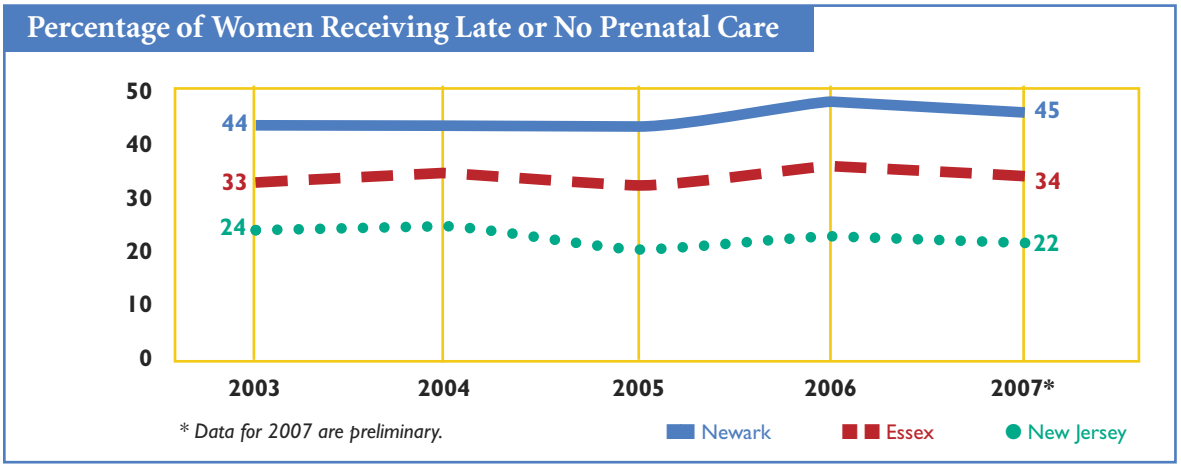

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	551	535	545	613	577	5
Essex	1,321	1,170	1,183	1,296	1,257	-5
New Jersey	9,244	9,157	8,930	9,525	9,511	3
Newark's % of Essex	42	46	46	47	46	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	6	6	

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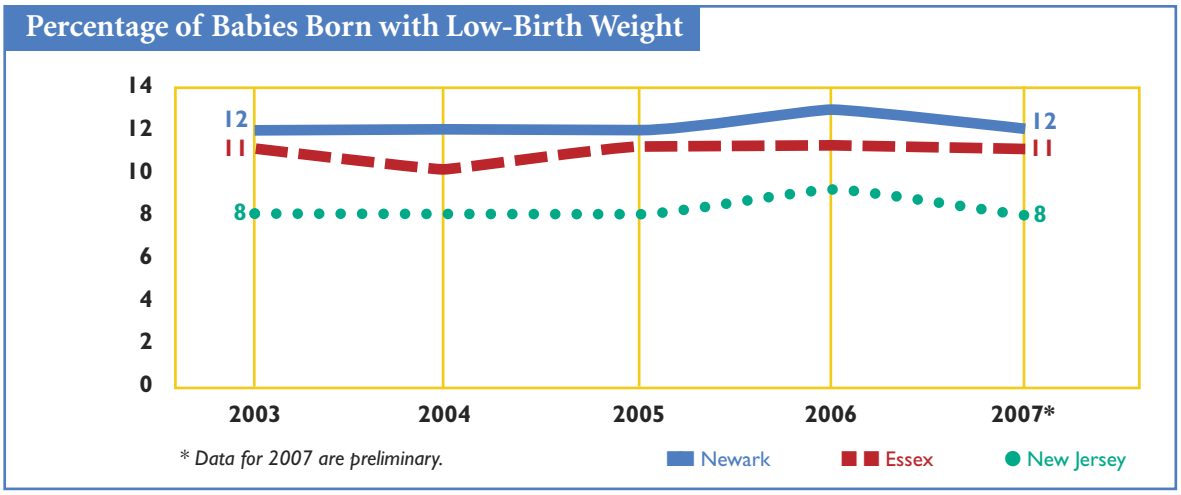


Infant Mortality

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	55	41	34	25	49	-11
Essex	113	94	73	69	86	-24
New Jersey	662	651	589	604	556	-16
Newark's % of Essex	49	44	47	36	57	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	6	6	4	9	

**Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	14	10	17	18	7	-50
Essex	39	30	38	25	36	-8
New Jersey	255	228	232	195	211	-17
Newark's % of Essex	36	33	45	72	19	
Newark's % of New Jersey	5	4	7	9	3	

**Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	534	738	715	429	440	-18
Essex	915	944	904	746	811	-11

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead

	2006		2009		% Change 06–09	
	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned
Newark	4,151	6	5,217	2	26	-67
Essex	10,551	4	11,457	2	9	-50
New Jersey	101,498	2	100,479	1	-1	-50

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

	2008	2009
Newark Housing Abatements	145	98

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06–10
Newark	48,960	48,617	49,767	49,986	53,412	9
Essex	85,461	84,176	86,127	82,686	94,605	11
New Jersey	538,020	548,236	565,893	565,281	657,443	22
Newark's % of Essex	57	58	58	60	56	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	9	8	

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2008		2009		% Change 08–09
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Newark	8,810	12	10,343	15	17
Essex	17,730	9	17,092	9	-4
New Jersey	147,720	7	129,835	6	-12
Newark's % of Essex	50		61		
Newark's % of NJ	6		8		

6 Child Welfare

Following statewide trends, the number of Newark children under the supervision of the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) dropped significantly over the past five years. Newark, however, far outpaced statewide averages. The total number of children under DYFS supervision fell 32 percent in Newark, compared to 11 percent statewide. The number of Newark children in foster care dropped a startling 43 percent, compared to 24 percent statewide.

At the same time that the number of child abuse/neglect investigations increased in Newark and statewide, the rate of "substantiated" allegations dropped. This means that fewer investigations resulted in a finding that abuse or neglect had occurred. In fact, the rate at which allegations of abuse or neglect of Newark children were proven, or "substantiated," dropped from about 22 percent in 2005 to a little over 11 percent in 2009, the latest year for which data are available. Statewide, the substantiation rate fell from about 17 percent to 10 percent.

These trends emerged as the state has been engaged in sweeping reforms of its child protection system. State officials say such drops are common in a system under reform. According to state officials, cases are now more appropriately evaluated so that only those families in need of supervision enter the system. Still, these statistics, both in Newark and the state as a whole, warrant further investigation to ensure that children who are in need of state protection are receiving it.

Children Under State Supervision

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	6,085	4,604	4,322	3,935	4,127	-32
Essex	9,688	7,347	6,707	6,114	6,273	-35
New Jersey	53,698	52,210	47,163	46,139	47,976	-11
Newark's % of Essex	63	63	64	64	66	
Newark's % of New Jersey	11	9	9	9	9	

**2010 data are as of June.*

Children Receiving In-Home Services

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	4,398	3,170	2,981	2,762	3,162	-28
Essex	7,174	5,215	4,715	4,381	4,778	-33
New Jersey	43,308	42,745	38,317	37,786	40,115	-7
Newark's % of Essex	61	61	63	63	66	
Newark's % of New Jersey	10	7	8	7	8	

**2010 data are as of June.*

Children in Out-of-Home Placement

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	1,687	1,434	1,341	1,173	965	-43
Essex	2,514	2,132	1,992	1,733	1,495	-41
New Jersey	10,390	9,465	8,846	8,353	7,861	-24
Newark's % of Essex	67	67	67	68	65	
Newark's % of New Jersey	16	15	15	14	12	

**2010 data are as of June.*

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	4,443	5,049	5,457	4,871	5,321	20
Essex	7,756	9,328	9,663	8,599	9,497	22
New Jersey	66,498	83,325	89,194	80,351	89,287	34
Newark's % of Essex	57	54	56	57	56	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	6	6	6	6	

Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	985	892	777	608	611	-38
Essex	1,575	1,479	1,316	1,062	1,044	-34
New Jersey	11,023	11,038	9,942	9,015	9,286	-16
Newark's % of Essex	63	60	59	57	59	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	8	8	7	7	

Percentage of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Substantiated

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	22	18	14	12	11	-48
Essex	20	16	14	12	11	-46
New Jersey	17	13	11	11	10	-37

Newark Families Receiving Home Visitation Services

2007	2008	2009	% Change 07–09
148	173	202	36

7 Child Care

Newark families have fewer child care options, with a drop in both licensed centers and registered family child care providers. While the city has 4 percent fewer licensed centers in 2010, those centers served 5 percent more children since 2006.

At the same time, the number of people caring for children in their own homes who have registered with the state declined 28 percent from 2005 to 2009. This follows statewide trends, although Newark's decrease was sharper than both Essex County and the state.

The good news is that more Newark parents are receiving help in paying for child care, with the number of vouchers increasing steadily over the past five years. The number of child care vouchers issued statewide in 2007 nearly doubled from the year before, as the state began issuing vouchers for wrap-around child care for preschool children in New Jersey's poorest cities. Since then, the number of vouchers has steadily increased, although at a slower rate.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	204	219	209	203	195	-4
Essex	544	564	558	550	537	-1
New Jersey	4,259	4,141	4,268	4,264	4,209	-1

**2010 data are as of June.*

Child Care Center Capacity

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	% Change 06–10
Newark	15,864	17,415	17,770	17,633	16,598	5
Essex	41,448	43,501	45,123	46,345	45,358	9
New Jersey	329,917	321,519	348,800	357,568	353,706	7

**2010 data are as of June.*

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	311	280	228	253	225	-28
Essex	596	555	452	467	469	-21
New Jersey	3,411	3,150	3,028	2,999	2,938	-14
Newark's % of Essex	52	50	50	54	48	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	8	8	8	

Child Care Vouchers

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	1,025	987	6,749	7,387	7,968	677
Newark — DYFS*	225	232	450	305	303	35
New Jersey	6,254	6,212	11,904	13,048	14,197	127

**These are vouchers are for children under supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services.*

8 Education

Enrollments

Consistent with its drop in child population, Newark's total school enrollment dipped 6 percent from 2006 to 2010. Preschool enrollments also saw a 1 percent drop, even while the number of children attending preschool climbed 19 percent statewide. Newark kindergarten enrollments, however, increased 12 percent, compared to just 2 percent statewide.

Of note, students receiving special education services dropped a significant 23 percent in Newark since 2005, compared to a 6 percent drop statewide. For the first time since ACNJ has tracked this measure, Newark has fewer special education students as a percentage of total enrollment than the state as a whole. In just one school year, from 2007–08 to 2008–09, Newark special education enrollments dropped 28 percent.

In the 2009–10 school year, Newark educated 511 homeless students, or 7 percent of all homeless students statewide.

Preschool Enrollments

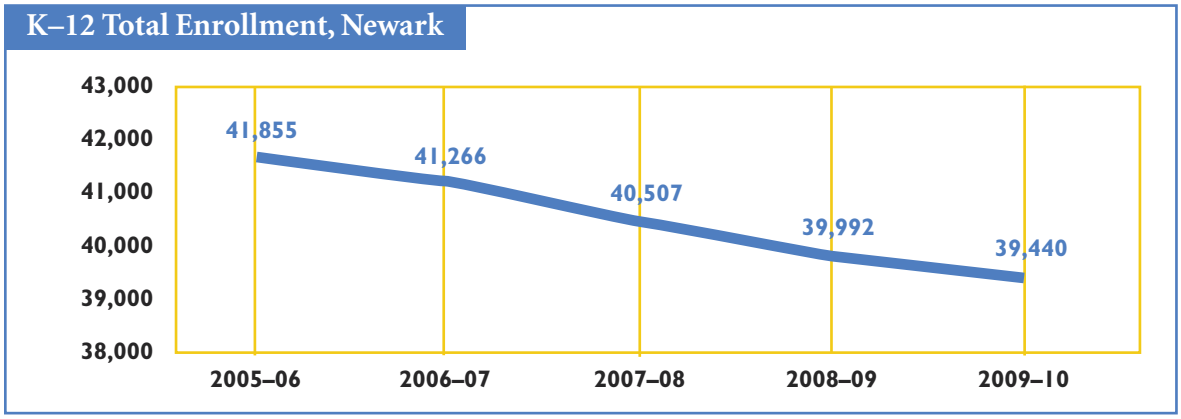
	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 05–10
Newark	5,953	5,658	5,658	5,813	5,864	-1
Essex	9,661	9,517	9,019	9,234	9,269	-4
New Jersey	49,636	49,166	46,908	49,080	59,209	19
Newark's % of Essex	62	59	63	63	63	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	12	12	10	

Kindergarten Enrollments

	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 06–10
Newark	3,334	3,426	3,513	3,506	3,724	12
Essex	8,916	9,059	9,106	9,487	9,708	9
New Jersey	93,166	92,934	91,402	93,502	94,917	2
Newark's % of Essex	37	38	39	37	38	
Newark's % of NJ	4	4	4	4	4	

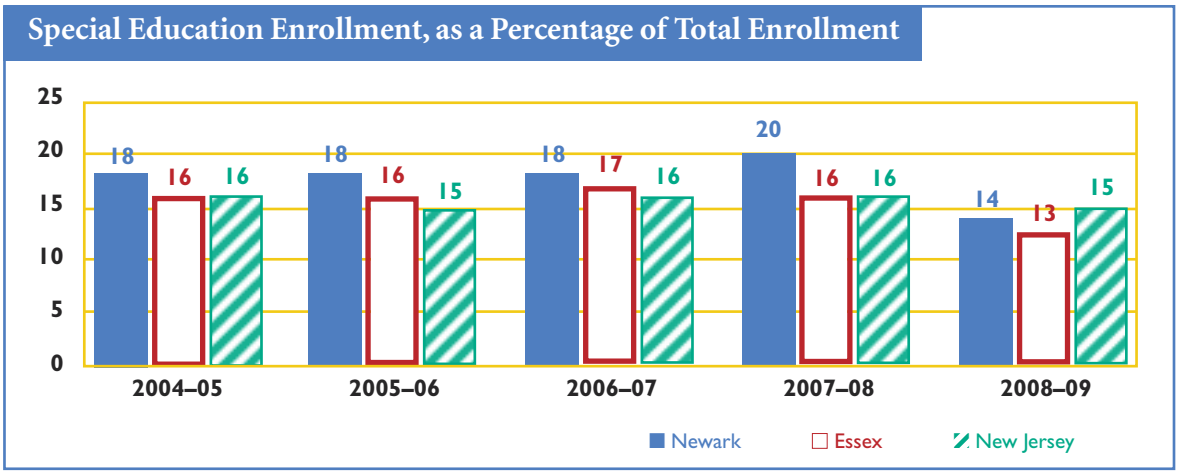
K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	% Change 06–10
41,855	41,266	40,507	39,992	39,440	-6



Special Education Enrollment

	2004–05	2005–06	2006–-07	2007–08	2008–09	% Change 05–09
Newark	7,434	7,651	7,625	8,043	5,749	-23
Essex	20,709	20,380	21,409	19,884	16,571	-20
New Jersey	223,873	214,907	215,539	217,274	209,538	-6
Newark's % of Essex	36	38	36	40	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	4	4	4	3	



Number of Homeless Students

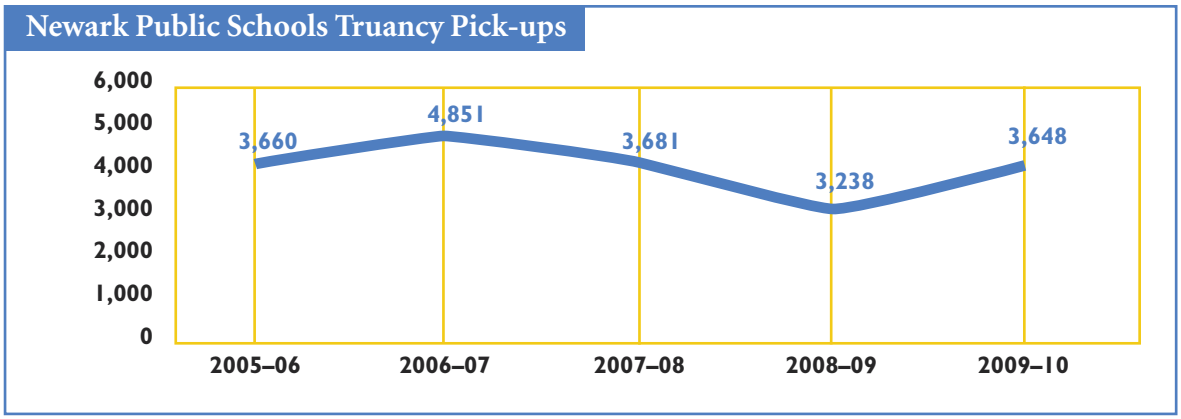
	2009–10
Newark	511
Essex	745
New Jersey	6,397
Newark's % of Essex	68
Newark's % of NJ	7

School Truancy/Violence

After a spike in 2006–07, the number of times Newark students were picked up for truancy dropped for two years, but increased slightly in the 2009–10 school year, with more than 3,600 truancy "pick-ups" — a 13 percent increase from 2008–09. This includes 256 students who were rounded up more than once for truancy.

Fewer Newark students reportedly engaged in violent behavior and vandalism while in school and fewer were caught with a weapon in school. The number of students involved in substance-related instances, including drugs and alcohol, increased, but still represented the smallest number of school-based incidents.

In Newark, school incidents involving substance abuse rose 80 percent from 2004–05 to 2008–09, while the number of weapons incidents dropped 64 percent. Violence and vandalism were also reportedly down, 22 and 36 percent, respectively.



School Violence Incidents

	2004–05				2008–09				% Change 05–09			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Newark	154	118	81	15	120	75	29	27	-22	-36	-64	80
Essex	812	328	198	104	1,002	268	88	134	23	-18	-56	29
New Jersey	10,953	3,493	1,478	2,725	10,404	2,922	995	2,928	-5	-16	-33	7
Newark % of Essex	19	36	41	14	12	28	33	20				
Newark % of NJ	1	3	5	1	1	3	3	1				

Test Scores

While student scores on standardized tests do not present a complete picture of how students are faring academically, it is one of very few consistent statistical measures currently available. ACNJ presents an expanded look at test scores in this year's ***Newark Kids Count*** to help inform discussions about student achievement in Newark.

This report offers a 10-year look at test scores in grades 4 and 8. It is important to note that changes in test "standards" occurred during this time in these two grades. When the state changes tests standards, this can mean changing the content of the tests, the number of correct answers needed to be deemed proficient or both.

In the 2007–08 school year, the 8th grade math and language arts test standards were changed. In the year the change was made, the percent of students passing the test increased slightly in both Newark and statewide.

In the 2008–09 school year, the state changed the standards for the 4th grade math and language arts tests. In the year the change was made, student performance dropped significantly, both in Newark and statewide, especially on the language arts test. The drop caused some school district administrators to question the reliability of the test scores.

The state changed the 11th grade test in 2001–02 so drastically that comparisons are not appropriate prior to that year, so only eight years of data are presented for this grade.

While changes in testing methods should prompt caution in comparing years, these data still capture student achievement beginning two years after the New Jersey Supreme Court's 1997 decision that resulted in widespread urban school reform in New Jersey. This information is important as debate continues over the effects of those reforms.

Average Pass Rates

From 1999 to 2009, the percent of Newark 4th graders passing state language arts tests increased 35 percent, even after the 1-year drop in passing rates from 68 to 40 percent when the state changed the test. Statewide, 4th graders posted a 14 percent improvement in its passing rate. Newark's scores jumped significantly in the first few years after reforms began and then leveled off, remaining in the low 60s for several years. In 2008-09, 40 percent of Newark 4th graders passed the language arts test, compared to 63 percent statewide.

Newark 4th graders' performance on math tests increased steadily and significantly since 1999–2000, going from 33 percent passing to 74 percent in 2007–08. That number dropped to 54 percent in 2008–09 when the test was changed. Statewide, New Jersey 4th graders followed similar trends, but consistently scored higher than Newark students. The achievement gap narrowed, however. In 1999–2000, 33 percent of Newark 4th graders passed state math tests, compared to 66 percent statewide. By 2007-08, that gap had narrowed to 11 percentage points, but bumped up to 19 points in 2008–09.

Newark 8th graders posted much less significant improvements on language arts tests, with the achievement gap actually increasing during this time. In 1999–2000, 57 percent of Newark 8th graders passed language arts tests, compared to 75 percent statewide. In 2008–09, 56 percent of Newark 8th graders passed these tests, compared to 83 percent statewide.

Newark 8th graders showed much more significant gains on math tests, with a 109 percent increase in the passing rate, going from 20 percent in 1999–2000 to 42 percent in 2008–09. Statewide, the pass rate increased 20 percent. While the achievement gap has narrowed on this front, Newark students still have a passing rate that is 30 percentage points lower than the statewide average.

Newark 11th graders have shown narrow improvements over the past eight years, with passing rates on language arts tests ranging from the upper 40s to upper 50s. Statewide, New Jersey high schoolers have passed tests at a consistent 80 to 85 percent. More significant improvements have occurred in math test pass rates, which have risen from 27 percent in 2001–02 to 44 percent in 2008–09. Statewide, pass rates went from 69 percent in 2001–02 to 74 percent in 2008–09.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests

Language Arts	1999–00	2007–08	2008–09*	% Change 00–09
Newark	30	68	40	35
New Jersey	55	83	63	14

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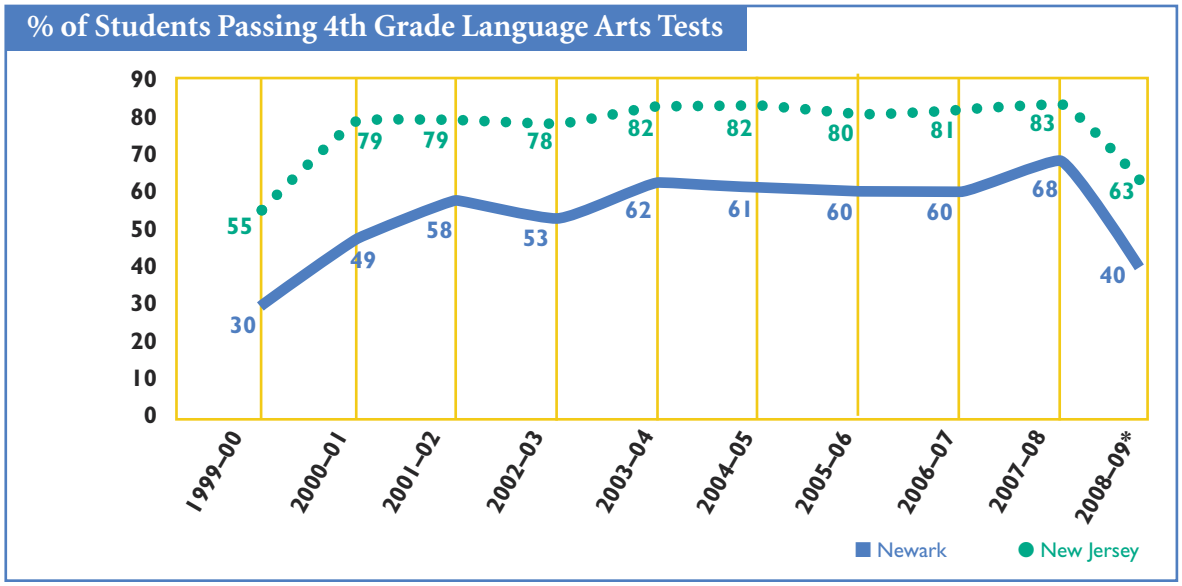

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests

Math	1999–00	2007–08	2008–09	% Change 00–09
Newark	33	74	54	67
New Jersey	66	85	73	11

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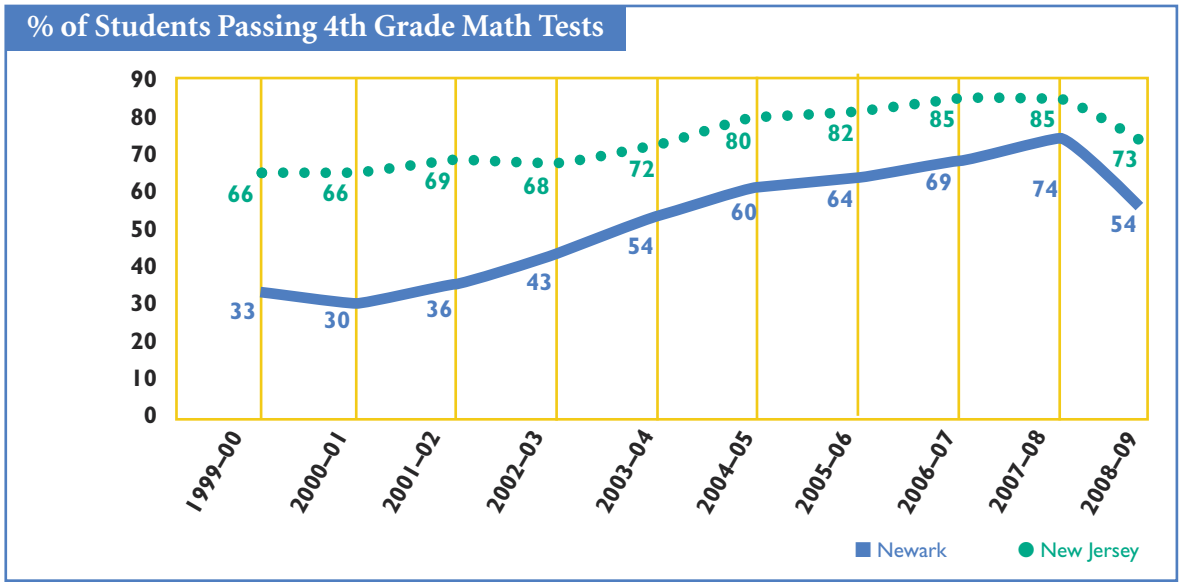

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests

Language Arts	1999–00	2007–08*	2008–09	% Change 00–09
Newark	57	57	56	-1
New Jersey	75	81	83	10

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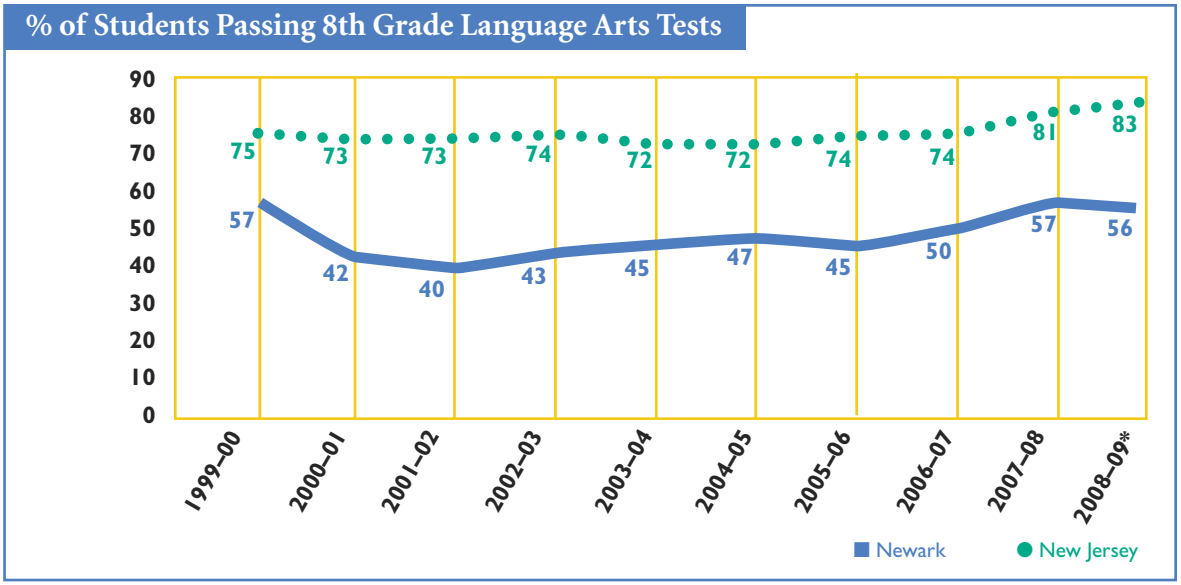

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests

Math	1999–00	2007–08*	2008–09	% Change 00–09
Newark	20	37	42	109
New Jersey	60	67	72	20

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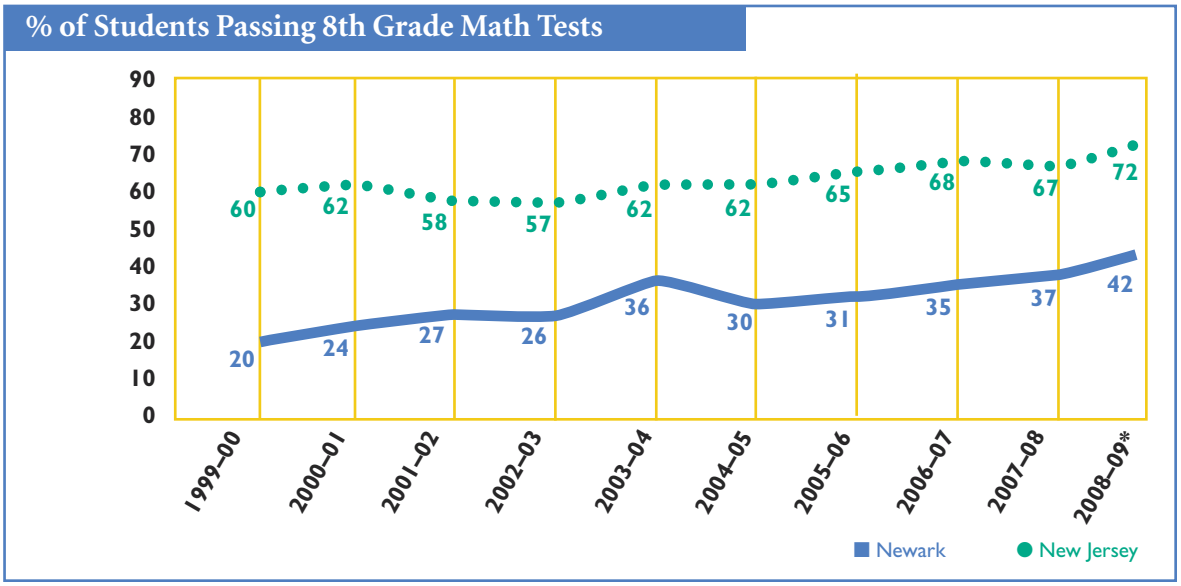

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests

Language Arts	2001–02	2007–08	2008–09	% Change 02–09
Newark	52	51	56	8
New Jersey	81	83	85	4

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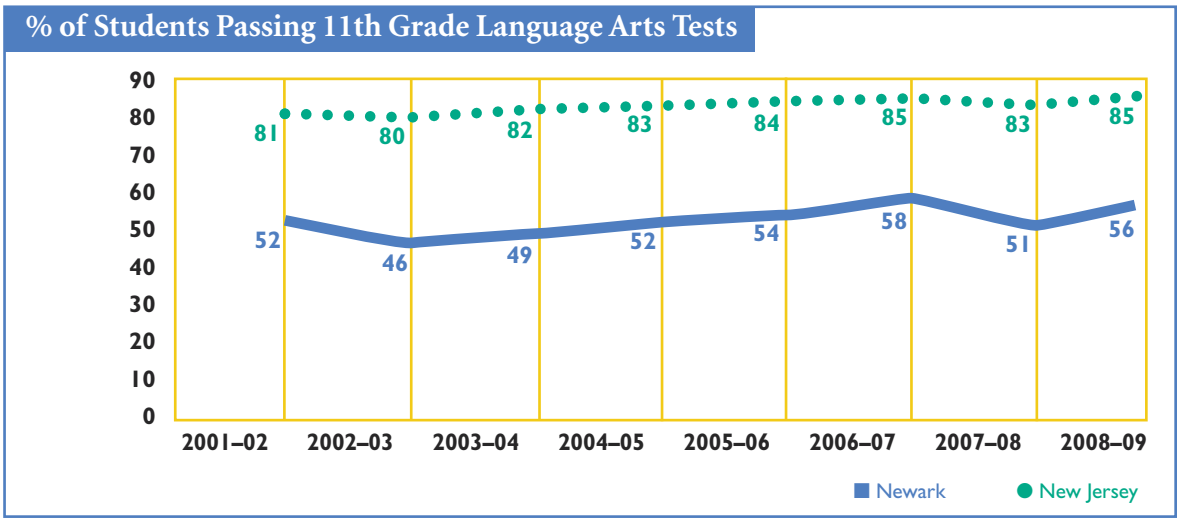
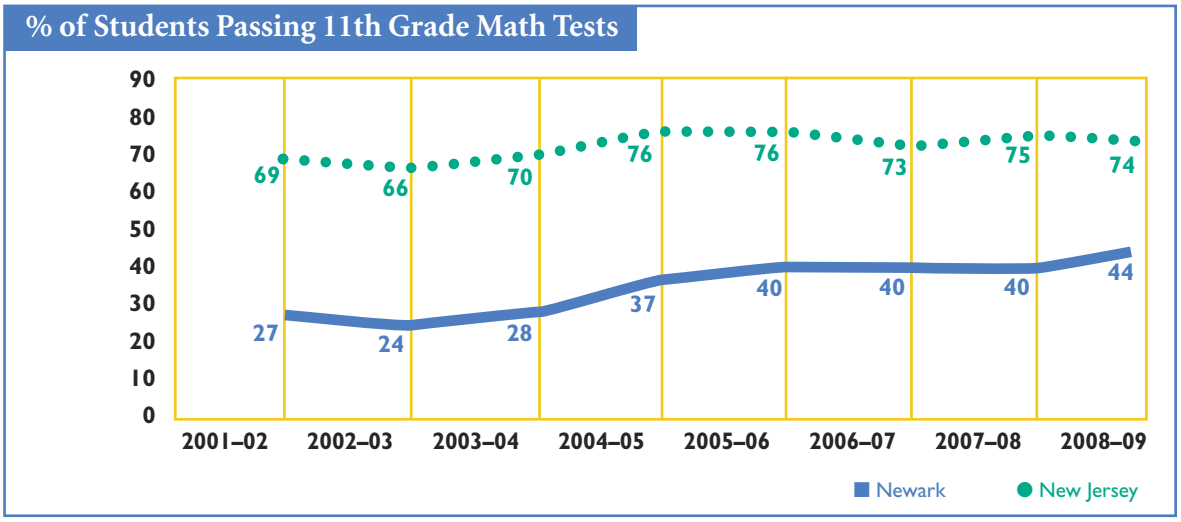


Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests

Math	2001–02	2007–08	2008–09	% Change 02–09
Newark	27	40	44	60
New Jersey	69	75	74	7



Individual School Scores

While it is important to examine district and state averages, perhaps the more telling data are the scores for individual schools. Following are charts that show the passing rates for 4th, 8th and 11th graders for nearly all of Newark's schools, including both district and charter schools. (Some schools did not report test results on their report cards).

For 4th graders, the pass rates on language arts tests ranged from 11 to 82 percent, with Oliver Street, Roberto Clemente and Robert Treat Academy Charter School ranking in the top three and Eighteenth Avenue, Dr. E Alma Flagg and University Heights Charter School ranking in the bottom three.

On 4th grade math tests, pass rates ranged from 11 to 93 percent, with Oliver Street, Abington Avenue and Robert Treat Academy ranking in the top three and Quitman Community School, Chancellor Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue and University Heights Charter School ranking in the bottom four. (Quitman and Chancellor had the same pass rate of 18 percent).

For 8th graders, pass rates on language arts ranged from 19 to 100 percent, with University High, North Star Academy Charter School, Robert Treat Academy Charter School and Science High School in the top four (Robert Treat and Science High had the same 94 percent passing rate). Martin Luther King Jr., Newton Street and Renaissance Academy ranked in the bottom three.

On 8th grade math tests, pass rates ranged from 12 to 98 percent, with Robert Treat, North Star and University High ranking in the top three and Newton Street, Peshine Avenue and Avon Avenue ranking in the bottom three.

On 11th grade language arts tests, the pass rates ranged from 23 to 100 percent, with North Star, Science High School and Arts High School scoring in the top three and Barringer, the Academy of Vocational Careers and Renaissance Academy ranking in the bottom three.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
OLIVER ST	82
ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	80
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	80
ABINGTON AVE	79
ANN ST	71
ROSEVILLE AVENUE E.S.	68
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	62
MT VERNON	56
FRANKLIN E.S.	56
DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL	55
LAFAYETTE ST	55
RIDGE ST	53
BRANCH BROOK H.	52
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	51
FIRST AVENUE	49
SUSSEX AVE	48
MILLER ST	45
SPEEDWAY AVENUE E.S.	42
MADISON ELEM.	42
LOUISE A. SPENCER	42
ALEXANDER ST	41
HARRIET TUBMAN	41
CAMDEN STREET E.S.	41
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	41
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	40
WILSON AVE	40
HAWKINS ST	39
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	38
LINCOLN	38
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	38
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	38
CHANCELLOR AVE	36
MCKINLEY	33
MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	30
SOUTH ST	28
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	27
NEWTON ST	27
BRAGAW AVE	26
BROADWAY E.S.	26
BELMONT RUNYON	26
DR WILLIAM H HORTON	26
BURNET ST	24
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	23
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	22
MARIA L. VARISCO-ROGERS CHARTER SCHOOL	22
FIFTEENTH AVE	21
QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	20
PESHINE AVE	20
CLEVELAND	18
THIRTEENTH AVE	16
HAWTHORNE AVE	15
EIGHTEENTH AVE	12
DR E ALMA FLAGG	12
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL	11

Note: 4th grade language arts test scores not available for Avon Ave., Dayton St. and Martin Luther King Jr. schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
OLIVER ST	93
ABINGTON AVE	90
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	90
ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	89
HARRIET TUBMAN	82
FRANKLIN E.S.	82
ANN ST	81
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	80
ROSEVILLE AVENUE E.S.	79
RIDGE ST	76
WILSON AVE	76
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	74
LAFAYETTE ST	73
SUSSEX AVE	71
FIRST AVENUE	67
BRANCH BROOK H.	65
DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL	65
MCKINLEY	65
MT VERNON	65
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	61
MADISON ELEM.	58
ALEXANDER ST	56
MILLER ST	55
CLEVELAND	55
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	53
LOUISE A. SPENCER	53
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	50
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	50
NEWTON ST	49
CAMDEN STREET E.S.	47
BROADWAY E.S.	47
SPEEDWAY AVENUE E.S.	46
FIFTEENTH AVE	46
BURNET ST	46
MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	45
LINCOLN	43
DR WILLIAM H HORTON	41
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HAWKINS ST	39
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SOUTH ST	34
BELMONT RUNYON	33
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	31
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	30
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	30
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	30
DAYTON ST	28
PESHINE AVE	25
THIRTEENTH AVE	21
AVON AVE	19
QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	18
CHANCELLOR AVE	18
HAWTHORNE AVE	15
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL	11

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
UNIVERSITY HIGH	100
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	99
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	94
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL	94
ABINGTON AVE	88
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	88
LAFAYETTE ST	88
RIDGE ST	84
ANN ST	81
MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	80
WILSON AVE	77
GREATER NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL	74
MT VERNON	73
FIRST AVENUE	72
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LUIS MUNOZ MARIN MIDDLE	66
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THIRTEENTH AVE	61
OLIVER ST	61
DR WILLIAM H HORTON	59
CHANCELLOR AVE	59
CLEVELAND	57
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	57
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	57
BRAGAW AVE	56
SUSSEX AVE	53
MCKINLEY	53
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	52
HAWTHORNE AVE	48
FIFTEENTH AVE	47
VAILSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL	45
MILLER ST	44
EIGHTEENTH AVE	44
LOUISE A. SPENCER	43
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	42
DR E ALMA FLAGG	42
CAMDEN MIDDLE	42
WILLIAM H BROWN ACADEMY	42
QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	41
DAYTON ST	39
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	37
AVON AVE	33
BURNET ST	31
PESHINE AVE	30
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	29
NEWTON ST	26
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY	19

Note: 8th grade language arts test scores not available for Alexander St., Ivy Hill Elementary and Madison Elementary schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	98
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	96
UNIVERSITY HIGH	95
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	92
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL	92
LAFAYETTE ST	87
ABINGTON AVE	85
RIDGE ST	73
MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	71
ANN ST	69
WILSON AVE	68
GREATER NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL	67
DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL	64
OLIVER ST	61
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN MIDDLE	59
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	56
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	54
CLEVELAND	49
FIRST AVENUE	49
MCKINLEY	46
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DAYTON ST	19
HAWTHORNE AVE	19
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	18
NEWTON ST	16
PESHINE AVE	14
AVON AVE	12

Note: 8th grade math test scores not available for Alexander St., Fifteenth Ave., Ivy Hill Elementary, Madison Elementary and Renaissance Academy schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	100
SCIENCE H.S.	99
ARTS H.S.	90
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL	90
AMERICAN HISTORY HIGH	88
UNIVERSITY H.S.	85
EAST SIDE H.S.	49
WEEQUAHIC H.S.	43
NEWARK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	42
MALCOLM X. SHABAZZ H.S.	40
CENTRAL H.S.	37
WEST SIDE H.S.	35
BARRINGER H	33
THE ACADEMY OF VOCATIONAL CAREERS	26
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY	23

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09

School	% Passing
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	100
SCIENCE H.S.	96
UNIVERSITY H.S.	80
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL	75
ARTS H.S.	65
AMERICAN HISTORY HIGH	49
EAST SIDE H.S.	45
WEEQUAHIC H.S.	31
BARRINGER H	25
WEST SIDE H.S.	23
CENTRAL H.S.	23
MALCOLM X. SHABAZZ H.S.	22
THE ACADEMY OF VOCATIONAL CAREERS	19
NEWARK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	15

Note: 11th grade math test scores not available for Renaissance Academy school.

Graduation/Post Graduation

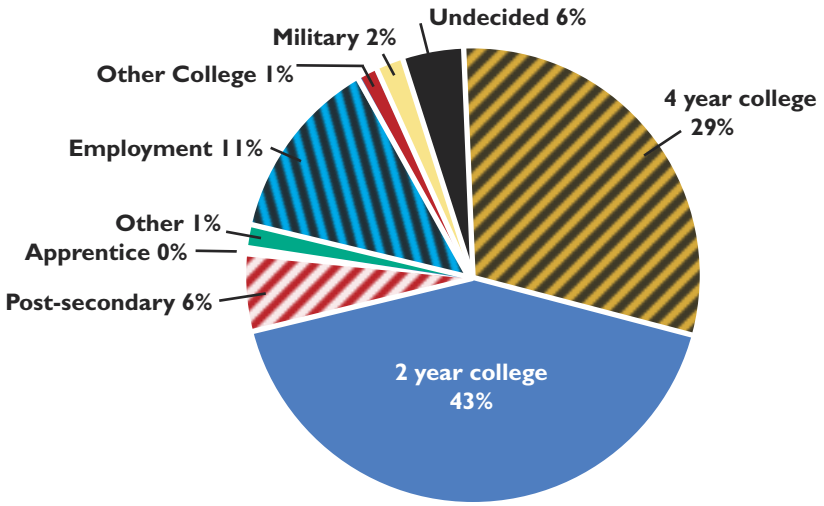
In 2009–10, 55 percent of Newark students graduated on time from high school. In 2008–09, about 72 percent of Newark high school seniors said they planned to attend college, with most — 43 percent — headed for a 2-year school. Eleven percent planned to get a job.

Newark students continued to score lower on SAT tests, compared to state averages. In 2008–2009, Newark students scored a combined 1,175 on all three sections — math, verbal and essay — while the statewide average was 1,503. Newark students taking the SATs ranged from 38 percent in Barringer High to 94 percent in North Star Academy Charter School. College enrollment among Newark students, ages 18 to 24, increased 30 percent from 2005 to 2009, compared to an 18 percent statewide increase.

Newark High School Graduation Rates

2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
52	54	55

Post–Graduation Plans, Newark Graduates, 2008–09



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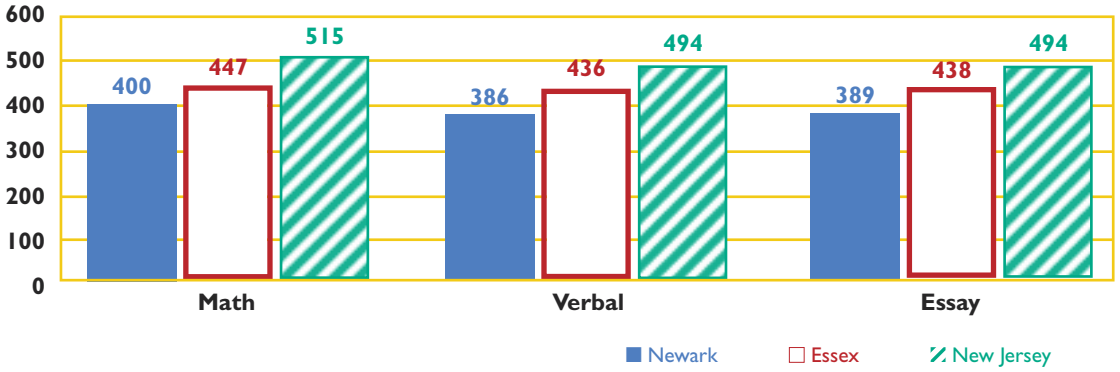


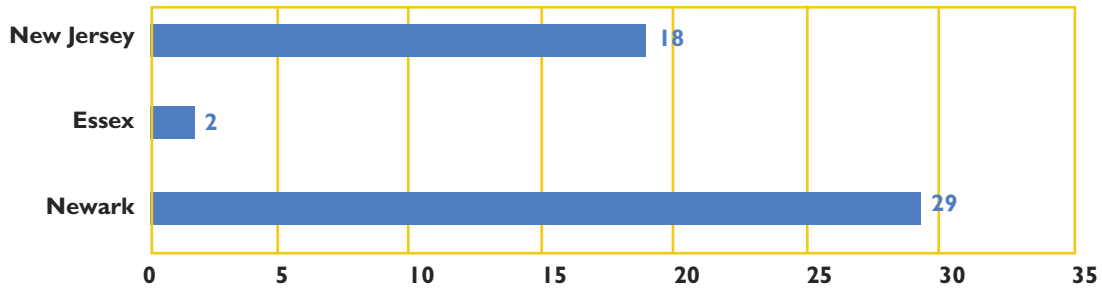
Average SAT Score, by High School

	2005–06			2008–09		
	Math	Verbal	% Participation	Math	Verbal	% Participation
Arts High School	402	401	75	400	402	67
Barringer High School	350	336	34	355	357	38
Central High School	350	334	55	342	347	45
East Side High School	369	353	37	406	377	38
Malcom X Shabazz High School	339	339	62	347	340	57
Newark Vocational School	n/a	n/a	n/a	329	323	54
North Star Academy Charter School	457	415	95	476	424	94
Science High School	523	476	96	531	496	92
Technology High School	385	386	79	424	408	71
University High School	458	414	92	481	453	87
Weequahic High School	345	345	62	360	354	52
West Side High School	346	339	46	349	350	46
Newark Average	393	376	67	400	386	62
Essex Average	450	435	77	447	436	68
NJ Average	516	494	74	515	494	63

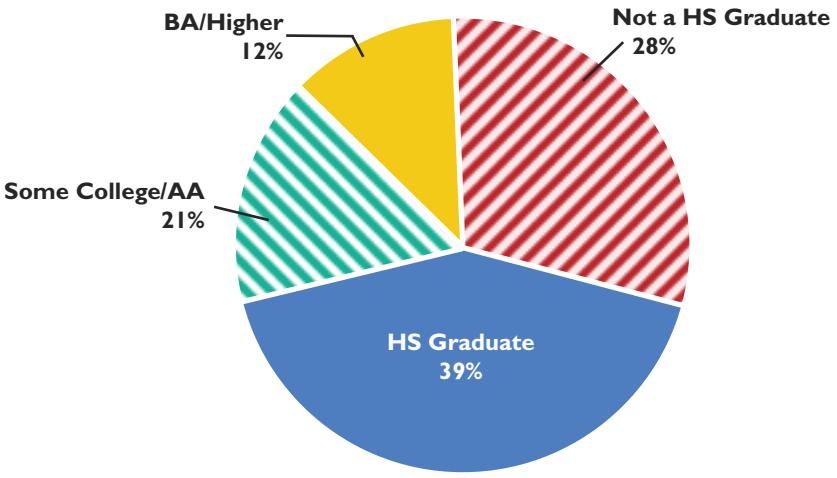
College Enrollment, Ages 18-24

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
Newark	7,480	9,233	7,782	9,778	9,714	29
Essex	25,745	28,819	26,793	28,984	26,273	2
New Jersey	282,975	332,364	346,915	343,577	333,932	18
Newark's % of Essex	29	32	29	34	37	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	2	3	3	

Percentage Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18-24, 2005–2009



Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2009



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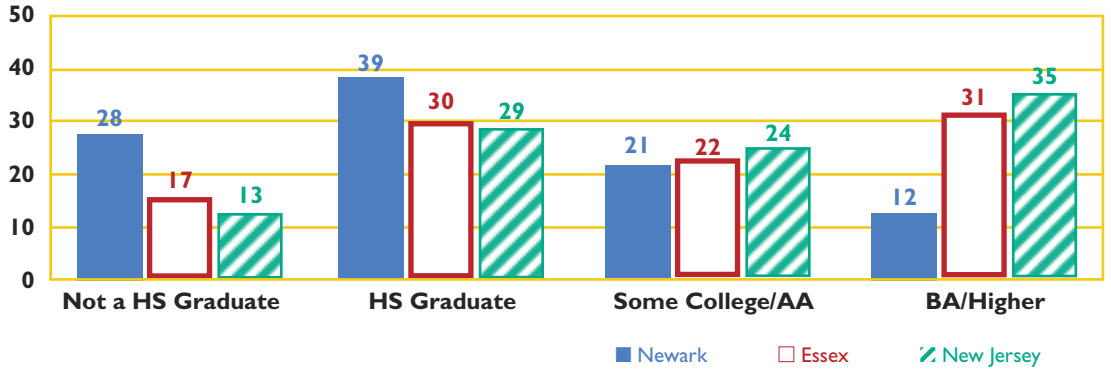


9 Teens

The number of Newark teenagers giving birth rose in 2007, posting a 4 percent increase since 2003 and a nearly 18 percent increase since 2005, when it was lowest in recent years. At the same time, more Newark teenagers are being diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted disease, although the increase in Newark was lower than in Essex County and statewide.

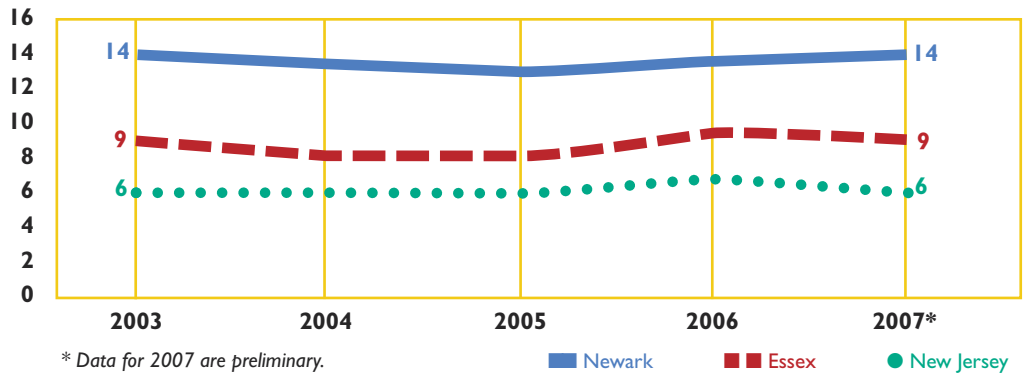
Juvenile arrests dropped 14 percent from 2005 to 2009, but were still slightly higher in 2009 than in 2008. The number of youth in detention continued to show steep declines in Newark and Essex County, largely due to the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, which provides safe alternatives to locking up youth in county detention. From 2007 to 2009, 39 percent fewer Newark youth were sent to the county detention facility. Declines were sharpest for Caucasian and Hispanic youth.

Births to Teens, Ages 15–19

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	675	614	594	666	700	4
Essex	1,081	993	948	1,058	1,065	-1
New Jersey	7,119	6,877	6,830	7,088	7,179	1
Newark's % of Essex	62	62	63	63	66	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	9	10	

** Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



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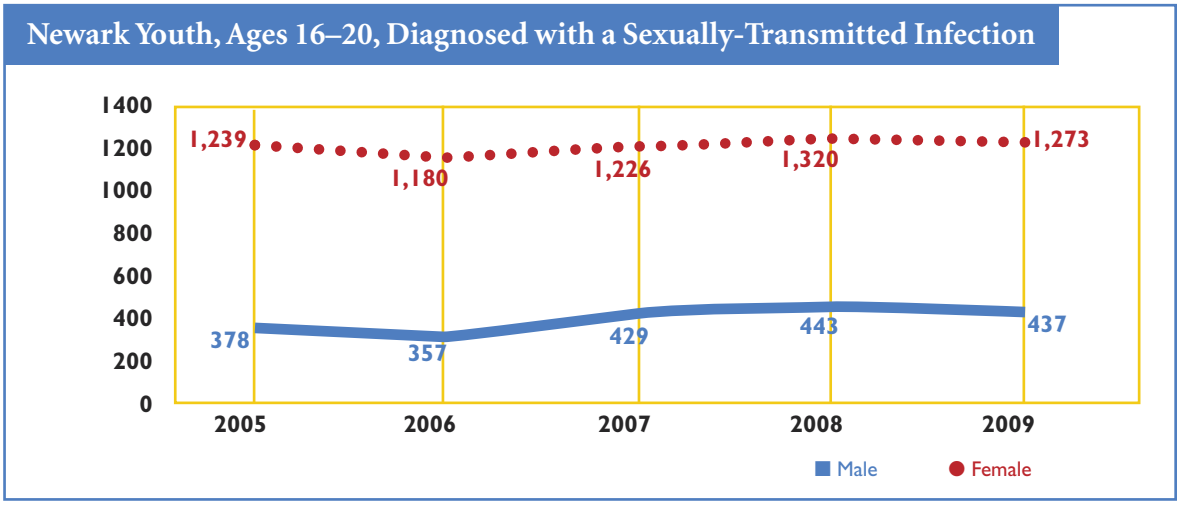
Teen Deaths, Ages 15–19

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*	% Change 03–07
Newark	16	26	24	26	28	75
Essex	29	46	38	46	40	38
New Jersey	240	290	268	287	256	7
Newark's % of Essex	55	57	63	57	70	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	9	9	9	11	

**Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

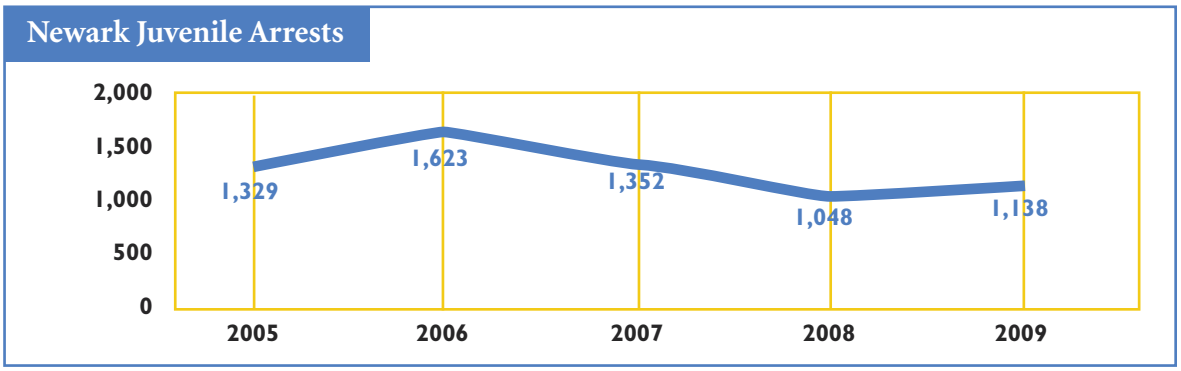
Youth, Ages 16–20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05–09	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newark	378	1,239	357	1,180	429	1,226	443	1,320	437	1,273	16	3
Essex	573	2,074	583	1,987	696	2,046	730	2,158	749	2,160	31	4
New Jersey	1,706	8,032	1,769	8,219	2,110	8,697	2,325	9,246	2,427	9,501	42	18
Newark's % of Essex	66	60	61	59	62	60	61	61	58	59		
Newark's % of NJ	22	15	20	14	20	14	19	14	18	13		



Juvenile Arrests

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05-09
Newark	1,329	1,623	1,352	1,048	1,138	-14
Essex	4,983	5,266	4,756	4,048	3,977	-20
New Jersey	60,717	62,350	57,480	52,684	48,923	-19
Newark's % of Essex	27	31	28	26	29	
Newark's % of NJ	2	3	2	2	2	



Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

		2007	2008	2009	% Change 07–09
Total Admissions:		1,265	875	773	-39
By Gender:					
	Boys	1,168	801	713	-39
	Girls	97	74	60	-38
By Race:					
African American		1,101	774	704	-36
Caucasian		1	4	0	-100
Hispanic		163	97	69	-58
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions		63	59	60	-5

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change 05–09
1,871	2,144	1,994	1,480	1,294	-31

10 Data Sources and Technical Notes

Special Section: Newark Charter Schools

Grades Served 2008–09 School Year. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Year Opened. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Charter Schools Directory.

Total Enrollment, 2008–09, 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data. Enrollment data for Gray Charter School came directly from the NJ Department of Education.

Newark Students Attending Charter Schools Outside of Newark, Total Charter School Enrollment for Newark Students, Percentage of Newark Students Attending Charter Schools, State Charter School Enrollment, Newark Charter School Students as a Percentage of All Charter School Students, Newark District Enrollment (Excludes Charters), State Enrollment (Excludes Charters), 2008–09, 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data.

Number of Students on Waiting List for Admission, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Length of School Day (Hours). As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Length of School Year (Days). As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data. Data on Adelaide L. Sanford came from the school.

Average Class Size. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students with Disabilities, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Student Mobility Rate, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Meals, 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data.

Attendance Rate. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Student Suspensions. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Number of Students Per Faculty Member. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data. Faculty includes classroom teachers, library personnel, school counselors/psychologists/social workers, speech/occupational/physical therapists, interpreters, athletic personnel, school nurses, reading specialists, learning disabilities personnel, substance abuse personnel and cooperative education personnel.

Total Cost Per Pupil, Estimated Budget. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data. The per pupil cost only includes public funds.

Section 1: Population and Demographics

Total Population, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population Under Age 18, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population Under Age 18, as a Percentage of Total Population, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Newark's Child Population Under Age 18, by Race, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey charts C01001B, C01001F, C01001H and C01001I.

Total Births, 2003–2007. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Births to Unmarried Women, 2003–2007. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Newark Births by Marital Status of Mother, 2003–2007. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B10001.

Section 2: Family Economic Security

Children Living Below the Poverty Line, Under 18, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Percentage of Children Under 18 Living Below Poverty Level, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Individual Income as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level, 2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B17002.

Number Unemployed, 2006–2010. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2010 data are through June and are preliminary.

Unemployment Rate, 2006–2010. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for years 2006-2009; 2010 is an average through June and is preliminary.

U.S. Earned Income Tax Credit, 2004–2008. Number of New Jersey taxpayers filing for federal EITC and average refund, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit, All Recipients, 2006–2009. Number of New Jersey taxpayers filing for the New Jersey state EITC and average refund, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Please note that previous Newark Kids Count reports included data that was erroneously reported by the NJ Department of Treasury for 2007 and 2008. This report corrects the Data.

New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit, Recipients With At Least One Dependant, 2006–2009. Number of New Jersey taxpayers that have at least one dependant filing for New Jersey state EITC and average refund, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Newark in 2010. As reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

Children in Families Receiving Welfare, 2006–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Section 3: Affordable Housing

Median Rent, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B25064.

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Their Income on Rent, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2005-2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Their Income on Housing Costs, 2005-2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B25101.

Section 4: Food Insecurity

Children Receiving Food Stamps, 2006-2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Women, Infants and Children Receiving Nutritional Benefits (WIC), 2006–2010. Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Lunch, 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Breakfast, 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals in Newark Public Schools, 2005–06 through 2009–10. Calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture.

Number of Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data.

Section 5: Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2003–2007. Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2003–2007. Percentage of total births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2003–2007. The number of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2003–2007. The percentage of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Infant Mortality, 2003–2007. The number of infants under one year who died during their first year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Child Deaths (Ages 1–14), 2003–2007. The number of children between ages one and 14 who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, 2005–2009. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

Children 6–29 Months Tested for Lead, 2006 and 2009. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal, Child and Community Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 ug/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) is suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow-up treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Newark Housing Abatements, 2008 and 2009. 2008 data are from the Newark Department of Child and Family Well Being Performance TRAC Monthly Management Report, Period Ending 12/31/2008, p.19. 2009 data are from the Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being, Division of Health Planning.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2006– 2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services. Data are from March of each year. Includes children enrolled in Medicaid, which is available to children living in families earning below 133% of the federal poverty level and children enrolled in the SCHIP portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning between 134% and 350% of the federal poverty level.

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance, 2008 and 2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Section 6: Child Welfare

Children Under State Supervision, 2006–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2006 through 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010.

Children Receiving In-Home Services, 2006–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2006 through 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010.

Children in Out-of-Home Placement, 2006–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2006 through 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010.

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, 2005–2009. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, 2005–2009. The number of child abuse/neglect investigations that are substantiated each year. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Percentage of Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Substantiated, 2005–2009. The percentage of child abuse/neglect investigations that are substantiated each year. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Newark Families Receiving Home Visitation Services, 2007–2009. As reported by Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey.

Section 7: Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2006–2010. The number of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. 2010 data are as of June.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2006–2010. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. 2010 data are as of June.

Registered Family Care Child Providers, 2005–2009. Newark and Essex data are reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Children and Families as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. State data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families and 2010 data are as of June. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Child Care Vouchers, 2005–2009. As reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Children and Families as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Section 8: Education

Preschool Enrollments, 2005–06 through 2009–10. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day NJ Department of Education-approved programs, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollments, 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data. Includes both full- and half-day programs. Please note that previous Newark Kids Count reports did not include charter school enrollment in the kindergarten enrollments for Newark. The data for all years have been updated to include charter schools enrollment.

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data. Newark data does not include charter school enrollment, only Newark district (non-charter) enrollment.

Special Education Enrollment, 2004–05 through 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of classified students, ages 3–21.

Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2004–05 through 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment that are classified, ages 3–21.

Number of Homeless Students, 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data.

Newark Public Schools Truancy Pick-ups, 2005–06 through 2009–10. As reported by the Newark Public Schools, Office of Attendance Truancy Task Force Program. Some students may have been picked up more than once and each pick-up is included in this number.

School Violence Incidents, 2004–05 through 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests in Language Arts, 1999–00 through 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data reports for each year. Newark data from school year 2002–03 on and for New Jersey in 2008-09 are from NJ Department of Education Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests in Math, 1999–00 through 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data reports for each year. Newark data from school year 2002–03 on and for New Jersey in 2008–09 is from NJ Department of Education Report Card data.

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Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Assessment Data.

Newark High School Graduation Rates, 2007–08, 2008–09. As reported by the Newark Public Schools district.

Post–Graduation Plans, Newark Graduates 2008-09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Graduation data.

SAT Scores, 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards data.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2005–06 and 2008–09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Cards data.

College Enrollment, Ages 18–24, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Percentage Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18–24, 2005–2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2009. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Education Levels for People Ages 25+, 2009, Percent. As reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Section 9: Teens

Births to Teens, Ages 15–19, 2003–2007. The number of births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2003–2007. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Teen Deaths, Ages 15–19, 2003–2007. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2007 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Youth, Ages 16–20, Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2005–2009. Youth under age 21 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Juvenile Arrests, 2005–2009. Newark data comes from the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data for 2005–2008 are from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reports for each year. 2009 Essex and New Jersey data reported by the New Jersey State Police.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2007–2009. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2005–2009. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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