Camden County

2011 County Rank: 16

2011 Kids Count County Profiles

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	Year	County	NJ	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2009	125,759	2,045,848	8	**7**
Total Population	2009	517,879	8,707,739	8	**8**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	17	13	15	**16**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$74,390	$83,742	15	**13**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	9.7	8.7	14	**13**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	47	50	15	**5**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	28.7	28.7	N/A	**6**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	70.3	76.8	17	**17**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	10.73	6.59	19	**19**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	8	5	19	**15**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	68	44	18	**18**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	5.92	3.47	16	**17**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	58	24	20	**21**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	628	640	8	**10**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	70	77	18	**17**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	69	78	15	**17**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	76	82	14	**16**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

To view data sources and for more information, visit www.acnj.org

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Camden Moves Up to 16th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Camden County moved up to 16th place in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measures 15 areas of child well-being, from 17th last year.

Camden posted its best improvement with its drop in the percentage of households spending too much money on rent, going from 54 to 47 percent of households. The county's rankings improved significantly on this measure, moving up from 15th to 5th.

The county also moved up for a slight drop in its unemployment rate from 11 percent in 2009 to 9.7 percent in 2010, moving from 14th to 13th in the rankings.

However, the county saw more children living in poor families, which increased from 16 to 17 percent of all Camden County children. Its ranking fell to 16th on this important measure of child well-being, from 15th last year.

"We have been encouraged by the counties' increased interest in using the information presented in Kids Count to improve child well-being," said Cecilia Zalkind, executive director of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, which publishes the Kids Count reports. "Their commitment to children in these tough economic times is both critical and commendable."

"The county's positive drop in unemployment and households spending too much on rent are encouraging," Zalkind said. "Still, the county lost ground in a couple of key areas, including child poverty and the availability of child care."

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Some key Camden County findings follow.

Child Care. The number of licensed child care center slots available to parents declined from 659 per 1,000 children ages 0 to 4 in 2009 to 628 in 2010.

Education. Passing rates on state tests improved slightly in 4th and 11th grades, but dropped for 8th graders, going from 75 percent in 2008-09 to 69 percent last school year.

In addition to the county profiles, which measure progress over a 1-year period, ACNJ also released ***New Jersey Kids Count: The State of Our Counties,*** a pocket guide that provides a 5-year comparison of various measures of child well-being, including poverty, health, education and child protection.

"We encourage county leaders to use Kids Count data to understand the state of children in their county and to target resources to meet children's most pressing needs," Zalkind said. "Using data to drive decisions results in better outcomes for children and families."

To view the county profiles and the pocket guide, go to www.acnj.org.

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