Hudson County

2011 County Rank: 14

2011 Kids Count County Profiles

2010 County Rank: 18

	Year	County	NJ	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2009	122,659	2,045,848	6	**9**
Total Population	2009	597,924	8,707,739	5	**5**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	23	13	21	**19**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$49,164	$83,742	20	**21**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	9.9	8.7	16	**14**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	44	50	9	**2**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	20.3	28.7	N/A	**14**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	74.9	76.8	19	**14**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	8.59	6.59	13	**13**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	5	5	11	**9**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	50	44	12	**14**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	4.64	3.47	15	**14**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	20	24	11	**9**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	543	640	15	**15**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	69	77	19	**18**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	69	78	17	**19**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	72	82	19	**19**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

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

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Hudson Moves Up to 14th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Hudson County moved up to 14th place in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measures 15 areas of child well-being, from 18th last year.

The county saw its biggest improvement in a drop in the percentage of households paying too much for housing, declining from 49 percent in 2008 to 44 percent in 2009. The county moved up to 2nd place on this indicator, from 9th last year.

Hudson also saw improvements in its unemployment rate, the percentage of women receiving early prenatal care, children in foster care and juvenile arrests.

"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."

"This is good news for Hudson," Zalkind said. "These gains provide a foundation for strengthening efforts to improve the well-being of all Hudson County children."

Some key Hudson County findings follow.

Child Poverty. The percentage of children growing up in poor families remained unchanged in Hudson at 23 percent, but the county moved from last place to 19th on this indicator, as other counties saw significant increases in child poverty.

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Prenatal Care. Nearly 75 percent of Hudson women received early prenatal care in 2007, up from 65 percent in 2006. The county moved from 14th to 19th place on this measure of child well-being.

Juvenile Arrests. Hudson's juvenile arrest rate dropped from 23 youth per 1,000 in 2008 to 20 in 2009, moving the county from 11th to 9th place.

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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