Hunterdon County

2011 County Rank: 1

2011 Kids Count County Profiles

2010 County Rank: 3

	Year	County	NJ	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2009	30,701	2,045,848	18	**18**
Total Population	2009	130,034	8,707,739	18	**18**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	5	13	3	**3**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$130,527	$83,742	2	**1**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	6.2	8.7	1	**1**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	47	50	17	**5**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	8.4	28.7	N/A	**21**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	88.3	76.8	3	**1**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	1.41	6.59	1	**1**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	3	5	4	**2**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	22	44	2	**1**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	1.52	3.47	1	**2**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	11	24	2	**1**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	1,099	640	1	**1**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	87	77	1	**1**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	91	78	1	**1**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	93	82	1	**1**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

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

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Hunterdon Moves Back Up to 1st in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Hunterdon County reclaimed its 1st place position in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measures 15 areas of child well-being, after dropping to 3rd last year.

The county saw its best improvement in a drop in the percentage of households spending too much on rent, from 55 percent in 2008 to 47 percent in 2009. This moved Hunterdon from 17th to 5th place in the Kids Count rankings.

The county also posted gains in median family income, infant mortality 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."

"Families in Hunterdon County continue to benefit from above-average family income and other economic indicators that tend to improve outcomes for children across the board," Zalkind said.

Some key Hunterdon County findings follow.

Child Poverty. The percentage of Hunterdon children living in families earning too little to provide for their needs increased from 3 percent in 2008 to 5 percent in 2009. The

county's rank on this measure remained unchanged at 3rd, as most counties continued to have higher overall child poverty rates.

Family Income. In 2009, Hunterdon families earned a median income of $130,527 – the highest in the state. The county moved from 2nd to 1st place on this measure.

Education. Hunterdon students ranked 1st on passing state tests at all three grade levels – 4th, 8th and 11th -- surpassing statewide averages.

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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