Monmouth County

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2011 Kids Count County Profiles

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	Year	County	NJ	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2009	153,862	2,045,848	4	**4**
Total Population	2009	644,105	8,707,739	4	**4**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	9	13	8	**6**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$104,052	$83,742	4	**4**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	7.9	8.7	7	**7**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	53	50	16	**13**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	26	28.7	N/A	**8**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	84.2	76.8	7	**6**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	4.49	6.59	9	**8**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	3	5	10	**5**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	34	44	6	**7**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	2.07	3.47	7	**6**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	25	24	15	**15**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	679	640	10	**7**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	81	77	8	**6**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	86	78	6	**6**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	88	82	5	**5**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

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

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Monmouth Holds Steady at 6th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Monmouth County held steady at 6th place in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measures 15 areas of child well-being.

The county saw improvements in the percentage of women receiving early prenatal care, going from 78 percent in 2006 to 84 percent in 2006. Monmouth moved from 7th to 6th in the Kids Count rankings on this indicator.

Monmouth also improved on its infant mortality rate, amount of foster care placements and availability of child care.

The county, however, saw a slight increase in child poverty, which rose from 8 percent in 2008 to 9 percent in 2009. Despite this increase, Monmouth moved up in the rankings from 8th to 6th, as other counties saw larger increases in the percentage of children living in families that struggled to provide basic needs.

"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."

"Monmouth saw some very positive movement this year on several indicators of child well-being, including early prenatal care, infant mortality, teen births, foster care placements and child care supply," Zalkind said. "That's good news."

Some key Monmouth County findings follow.

Infant Mortality. The county's infant mortality rate fell from 5 deaths per 1,000 live births during a child's first year in 2006 to 3 in 2007. That moved the county from 10th to 5th place in the Kids Count rankings.

Foster Care. The rate at which children were placed into foster care dropped from 3 per 1,000 children in 2008 to about 2 in 2010. The county moved up from 7th to 6th place on this indicator.

Child Care. Monmouth parents had more child care to choose from, with the supply going from 621 slots per 1,000 children ages 0-4 in 2009 to 679 in 2010. That moved the county from 10th to 7th on this measure.

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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