Passaic County

2011 County Rank: 17

2011 Kids Count County Profiles

2010 County Rank: 16

	Year	County	NJ	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2009	124,538	2,045,848	9	**8**
Total Population	2009	491,778	8,707,739	9	**9**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	26	13	20	**21**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$60,751	$83,742	17	**16**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	10.2	8.7	17	**16**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	61	50	20	**21**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	24.3	28.7	N/A	**9**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	71.8	76.8	16	**15**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	9.35	6.59	15	**16**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	5	5	14	**10**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	49	44	10	**12**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	3.19	3.47	9	**10**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	25	24	16	**14**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	647	640	9	**8**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	66	77	20	**20**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	67	78	18	**20**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	74	82	17	**18**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

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

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Passaic Slips to 17th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

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

The county lost ground on child poverty, which rose from 22 percent in 2008 to 26 percent in 2009. The county ranked last in the state on this important measure of child well-being, down from 20th last year.

More Passaic households also spent too much money on rent, going from 59 percent in 2008 to 61 percent in 2009, dropping the county to last place from 20th last year. Passaic 8th graders also lost a little ground, with their pass rates on state tests dropping from 69 to 67 percent, moving Passaic into 20th place from 18th last year.

There was some positive movement, including a drop in unemployment and infant mortality and an increase in child care supply.

"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 rise in child poverty is concerning, as are high housing costs," Zalkind said. "But Passaic did see some positive movement and should try to build on those successes."

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Some key Passaic County findings follow.

Unemployment. Passaic's unemployment rate dropped from 12 percent in 2009 to about 10 percent in 2010, moving the county from 17th to 16th in the Kids Count rankings.

Infant Mortality. Passaic's infant mortality rate dropped from 6 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2006 to 5 in 2007, moving the county from 14th to 10th place in the rankings.

Child Care. Passaic parents had more child care to choose from, with the rate rising from 633 licensed slots per 1,000 children ages 0-4 in 2009 to 647 in 2010. The county moved from 9th to 8th 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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