Sussex 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	35,792	2,045,848	17	**17**
Total Population	2009	151,118	8,707,739	17	**17**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2009	9	13	2	**7**
Median Income of Families with Children	2009	$91,913	$83,742	11	**8**
Percentage Unemployed	2010	8.6	8.7	9	**10**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2009	53	50	5	**13**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2009-10	10.5	28.7	N/A	**20**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2007	87	76.8	2	**3**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2007	3.26	6.59	5	**4**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2007	3	5	3	**3**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2009	43	44	14	**8**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2010	1.84	3.47	5	**4**
Juvenile Arrests*	2009	16	24	7	**5**
Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2010	556	640	14	**14**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2009-10	82	77	5	**5**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2009-10	87	78	4	**4**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2009-10	86	82	6	**6**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

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

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Sussex Holds Steady at 7th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Sussex held steady at 7th place in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measures 15 areas of child well-being.

The county made gains in some areas and lost ground in others. Child poverty rose from 3 percent in 2008 to 9 percent in 2009, moving the county from 2nd to 7th place on this important measure of child well-being.

More Sussex households also paid too much for rent, rising from 45 percent in 2008 to 53 percent in 2009. The county's rank dropped from 5th to 13th on this measure.

Sussex posted improvements on a reduction in juvenile arrests and a rise in median family income.

"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 significant rise in child poverty in Sussex County in concerning and could have broad implications for how the county responds to struggling families," Zalkind said. "The positive improvements in juvenile arrests and family income are encouraging."

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Some key Sussex County findings follow.

Family Income. Sussex's median family income rose from $84,034 in 2008 to $91,913 in 2009, moving the county from 11th to 8th place on this indicator.

Juvenile Arrests. Sussex's juvenile arrest rate dropped from 20 youth per 1,000 in 2008 to 16 in 2009, moving the county from 7th to 5th place on this measure in the Kids Count rankings.

Education. Pass rates on state tests for students in 4th, 8th and 11th grades remained relatively stable and the county saw no change in its ranking on these measures.

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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