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The New Jersey Kids Count 2011 Pocket Guide documents key measures of child well-being on the county and state levels. This handy pocket guide provides a quick glimpse at trends in major indicators of child well-being. Data for additional indicators are available on our website at www. acnj.org and at datacenter.kid-scount.org.

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Introduction

NJ Child Poverty Spreads to the Suburbs

The New Jersey Kids Count Pocket Guide measures how children are faring in New Jersey's 21 counties. While statewide data are useful in tracking overall trends and published in Advocates for New Jersey's annual state Kids Count report, the county data document the wide range of experiences of children living in different parts of the state.

This year's guide reveals a striking shift: child poverty has migrated from New Jersey's urban and southern rural areas to its suburban and northwestern rural regions. Several counties with traditionally low child poverty saw enormous jumps, while several counties with historically high concentrations posted drops or only slight increases.

In 2009 there were more than 1,500 children living in poor families in Hunterdon County. This was an increase of 410 percent since 2005, the largest increase in the state, followed by Sussex with a 112 percent jump and Warren with a 95 percent rise.

By contrast, four counties with traditionally high concentrations of child poverty experienced decreases. Hudson County led with a 20 percent reduction in child poverty, followed by Camden, Cape May and Union.

This striking and unprecedented trend is likely due, at least in part, to the prolonged economic recession. These statistics should be used to shape our response to the growing number of families struggling all across New Jersey to meet their children's basic needs.

Other county-level key trends:

- Somerset led the state in expanding health insurance coverage to low-income children, with a 53 percent increase in children enrolled in NJ FamilyCare. All counties improved on this measure.
- Somerset saw the steepest decline in the number of children in foster care with a 75 percent drop, while Cape May had the largest increase at 57 percent.
- Warren posted the highest jump in the percent of children enrolled in full-day kindergarten, with a 53 percent increase, while Atlantic and Salem posted the largest declines at 11 percent each.

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- Passaic saw the steepest drop in juvenile arrests at 40 percent. All but one county — Somerset — improved on this measure.
- The percentage of women receiving early prenatal care saw a disappointing decline in all but four counties. Gloucester posted the most positive increase at 7 percent.

In addition to this pocket guide, Advocates for Children of New Jersey ranks each county on a set of 14 indicators of child well-being. The overall rankings for each county follow. To view individual county profiles and rankings on specific indicators, go to www.acnj.org and click the Kids Count button on the top of the home page.

NJ Kids Count Rankings

	2010 Rank	2011 Rank
Atlantic	21	**19**
Bergen	4	**3**
Burlington	11	**8**
Camden	17	**16**
Cape May	15	**18**
Cumberland	20	**21**
Essex	13	**15**
Gloucester	12	**12**
Hudson	18	**14**
Hunterdon	3	**1**
Mercer	9	**11**
Middlesex	5	**5**
Monmouth	6	**6**
Morris	1	**2**
Ocean	14	**13**
Passaic	16	**17**
Salem	19	**20**
Somerset	2	**4**
Sussex	7	**7**
Union	8	**10**
Warren	10	**9**

Demographics

Total Population

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	268,318	271,712	1
Bergen	887,322	895,250	1
Burlington	446,462	446,108	0
Camden	514,960	517,879	1
Cape May	98,558	96,091	-3
Cumberland	152,489	157,745	3
Essex	778,819	769,644	-1
Gloucester	276,680	289,920	5
Hudson	596,488	597,924	0
Hunterdon	128,734	130,034	1
Mercer	361,882	366,222	1
Middlesex	778,018	790,738	2
Monmouth	641,823	644,105	0
Morris	483,198	488,518	1
Ocean	556,525	573,678	3
Passaic	489,211	491,778	1
Salem	65,465	66,342	1
Somerset	314,967	326,869	4
Sussex	150,764	151,118	0
Union	521,987	526,426	1
Warren	109,167	109,638	0
New Jersey	**8,621,837**	**8,707,739**	**1**

Child Population

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	65,454	63,321	-3
Bergen	204,494	198,585	-3
Burlington	108,357	102,366	-6
Camden	131,682	125,759	-4
Cape May	20,238	18,368	-9
Cumberland	38,125	39,208	3
Essex	201,934	193,289	-4
Gloucester	68,856	68,703	0
Hudson	128,903	122,659	-5
Hunterdon	32,401	30,701	-5
Mercer	86,184	83,985	-3
Middlesex	184,850	184,267	0
Monmouth	163,516	153,862	-6
Morris	120,719	116,662	-3
Ocean	128,971	132,162	2
Passaic	126,551	124,538	-2
Salem	16,109	15,559	-3
Somerset	81,344	80,771	-1
Sussex	39,538	35,792	-9
Union	130,997	129,639	-1
Warren	27,297	25,652	-6
New Jersey	**2,106,520**	**2,045,848**	**-3**

Children Living Below the Poverty Line

	2005		2009		% Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Atlantic	6,464	10	10,709	17	66	71
Bergen	13,632	7	16,478	8	21	24
Burlington	5,784	5	7,577	7	31	39
Camden	24,874	19	21,797	17	-12	-8
Cape May	2,516	12	2,235	12	-11	-2
Cumberland	6,273	16	8,945	23	43	39
Essex	40,056	20	40,171	21	0	5
Gloucester	4,750	7	7,776	11	64	64
Hudson	34,897	27	27,747	23	-20	-16
Hunterdon	302	1	1,539	5	410	438
Mercer	10,191	12	12,891	15	26	30
Middlesex	17,264	9	19,126	10	11	11
Monmouth	13,802	8	13,807	9	0	6
Morris	3,362	3	3,695	3	10	14
Ocean	13,807	11	16,566	13	20	17
Passaic	26,630	21	31,953	26	20	22
Salem	2,719	17	2,736	18	1	4
Somerset	2,627	3	3,432	4	31	32
Sussex	1,535	4	3,252	9	112	134
Union	19,238	15	17,774	14	-8	-7
Warren	1,276	5	2,491	10	95	108
New Jersey	**251,999**	**12**	**272,697**	**13**	**8**	**11**

Median Income of Families with Children

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	$ 54,810	$ 58,459	7
Bergen	$ 93,623	$ 102,247	9
Burlington	$ 84,120	$ 94,776	13
Camden	$ 63,125	$ 74,390	18
Cape May	$ 58,204	$ 52,974	-9
Cumberland	$ 49,994	$ 54,345	9
Essex	$ 58,043	$ 58,069	0
Gloucester	$ 82,831	$ 88,771	7
Hudson	$ 39,347	$ 49,164	25
Hunterdon	$ 119,560	$ 130,527	9
Mercer	$ 83,390	$ 88,173	6
Middlesex	$ 80,421	$ 96,005	19
Monmouth	$ 95,945	$ 104,052	8
Morris	$ 105,471	$ 130,121	23
Ocean	$ 69,089	$ 76,656	11
Passaic	$ 56,743	$ 60,751	7
Salem	$ 52,464	$ 68,309	30
Somerset	$ 112,169	$ 115,347	3
Sussex	$ 91,317	$ 91,913	1
Union	$ 76,657	$ 73,397	-4
Warren	$ 74,719	$ 81,741	9
New Jersey	**$ 76,120**	**$ 83,742**	**10**

Child and Family Economics

Percentage Unemployed

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	5.7	12.5	119
Bergen	3.0	7.3	143
Burlington	3.5	8.1	131
Camden	4.5	9.7	116
Cape May	8.2	13.2	61
Cumberland	6.4	12.8	100
Essex	5.0	10.2	104
Gloucester	4.0	9.3	133
Hudson	4.5	9.9	120
Hunterdon	2.6	6.2	138
Mercer	3.6	7.3	103
Middlesex	3.4	7.7	126
Monmouth	3.3	7.9	139
Morris	2.6	6.3	142
Ocean	4.3	9.9	130
Passaic	4.6	10.2	122
Salem	4.6	10.8	135
Somerset	2.8	6.4	129
Sussex	3.4	8.6	153
Union	4.0	9.0	125
Warren	3.4	8.4	147
New Jersey	**3.9**	**8.7**	**123**

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	46	55	20
Bergen	46	47	2
Burlington	47	47	0
Camden	49	47	-4
Cape May	39	48	23
Cumberland	51	59	16
Essex	49	52	6
Gloucester	46	55	20
Hudson	47	44	-6
Hunterdon	46	47	2
Mercer	46	48	4
Middlesex	45	44	-2
Monmouth	50	53	6
Morris	44	43	-2
Ocean	55	60	9
Passaic	54	61	13
Salem	48	57	19
Somerset	43	52	21
Sussex	54	53	-2
Union	46	53	15
Warren	36	46	28
New Jersey	**48**	**50**	**4**

Child and Family Economics

Children Receiving Welfare (TANF)

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	3,136	3,546	13
Bergen	1,802	2,012	12
Burlington	1,945	2,152	11
Camden	7,538	7,299	-3
Cape May	642	837	30
Cumberland	2,645	2,709	2
Essex	14,928	14,125	-5
Gloucester	1,818	2,090	15
Hudson	9,098	8,249	-9
Hunterdon	117	216	85
Mercer	4,109	4,163	1
Middlesex	2,700	2,771	3
Monmouth	2,277	2,209	-3
Morris	488	546	12
Ocean	1,465	2,119	45
Passaic	6,018	6,477	8
Salem	850	881	4
Somerset	560	831	48
Sussex	263	344	31
Union	4,136	3,529	-15
Warren	502	527	5
New Jersey	**67,037**	**67,632**	**1**

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	9,014	14,036	56
Bergen	5,565	11,500	107
Burlington	4,985	9,178	84
Camden	20,587	26,719	30
Cape May	1,965	3,744	91
Cumberland	8,711	13,319	53
Essex	39,500	54,011	37
Gloucester	4,819	8,046	67
Hudson	27,661	41,004	48
Hunterdon	298	849	185
Mercer	8,620	12,503	45
Middlesex	8,173	17,010	108
Monmouth	7,216	11,454	59
Morris	1,795	4,497	151
Ocean	9,379	20,923	123
Passaic	26,264	40,248	53
Salem	2,226	3,464	56
Somerset	1,909	4,188	119
Sussex	912	1,774	95
Union	10,523	16,812	60
Warren	1,633	2,540	56
New Jersey	**201,755**	**317,819**	**58**

Child and Family Economics

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast

	2008–09	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	37.0	36.6	-1
Bergen	18.3	19.8	8
Burlington	20.1	19.7	-2
Camden	29.0	28.7	-1
Cape May	63.4	44.5	-30
Cumberland	43.1	43.3	0
Essex	46.7	50.3	8
Gloucester	21.9	20.5	-6
Hudson	20.0	20.3	1
Hunterdon	7.8	8.4	7
Mercer	21.7	22.0	1
Middlesex	21.3	23.6	11
Monmouth	29.4	26.0	-12
Morris	14.8	14.4	-3
Ocean	19.3	19.1	-1
Passaic	24.9	24.3	-3
Salem	27.7	26.2	-5
Somerset	10.4	11.7	13
Sussex	11.1	10.5	-5
Union	32.7	32.4	-1
Warren	24.0	22.3	-7
New Jersey	**28.6**	**28.7**	**0**

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Lunch

	2008–09	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	83.3	80.1	-4
Bergen	73.6	76.5	4
Burlington	81.4	79.0	-3
Camden	79.2	80.2	1
Cape May	97.3	78.8	-19
Cumberland	86.8	84.3	-3
Essex	73.5	72.1	-2
Gloucester	79.5	77.1	-3
Hudson	69.9	73.8	6
Hunterdon	72.8	71.8	-1
Mercer	80.7	76.2	-6
Middlesex	80.7	82.0	2
Monmouth	80.2	77.3	-4
Morris	70.7	70.7	0
Ocean	79.8	75.9	-5
Passaic	82.7	83.7	1
Salem	83.9	80.9	-4
Somerset	79.0	82.5	4
Sussex	74.2	74.2	0
Union	78.3	78.6	0
Warren	77.8	76.7	-1
New Jersey	77.9	77.8	0

Child and Family Economics

State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Claims, Recipients with at Least One Dependant

	2008	2010	% Change
Atlantic	19,257	19,915	3
Bergen	22,423	23,058	3
Burlington	12,782	13,159	3
Camden	28,615	28,899	1
Cape May	4,066	4,172	3
Cumberland	11,260	11,515	2
Essex	53,947	56,867	5
Gloucester	9,193	9,223	0
Hudson	41,810	44,207	6
Hunterdon	1,439	1,443	0
Mercer	15,054	15,746	5
Middlesex	28,019	29,565	6
Monmouth	14,902	14,831	0
Morris	7,540	7,718	2
Ocean	18,443	18,390	0
Passaic	34,531	36,498	6
Salem	2,987	3,044	2
Somerset	6,056	6,319	4
Sussex	3,074	3,024	-2
Union	26,415	27,536	4
Warren	2,944	3,014	2
New Jersey	**375,149**	**382,095**	**2**

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Claims

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	23,268	25,569	10
Bergen	30,621	38,688	26
Burlington	18,091	21,049	16
Camden	37,326	40,658	9
Cape May	5,430	6,611	22
Cumberland	13,656	14,717	8
Essex	67,665	73,585	9
Gloucester	11,624	13,554	17
Hudson	56,165	61,140	9
Hunterdon	2,112	2,681	27
Mercer	19,111	21,747	14
Middlesex	35,244	42,662	21
Monmouth	21,299	24,714	16
Morris	10,769	13,575	26
Ocean	22,529	28,173	25
Passaic	42,922	48,241	12
Salem	3,737	4,481	20
Somerset	6,969	8,631	24
Sussex	4,063	5,138	26
Union	34,200	39,835	16
Warren	3,824	4,859	27
New Jersey	**470,625**	**561,644**	**19**

Number of Infant Deaths

	2003	2007*	% Change
Atlantic	21	31	48
Bergen	40	32	-20
Burlington	26	27	4
Camden	60	54	-10
Cape May	7	6	-14
Cumberland	25	27	8
Essex	113	93	-18
Gloucester	19	16	-16
Hudson	66	39	-41
Hunterdon	5	3	-40
Mercer	28	37	32
Middlesex	47	42	-11
Monmouth	24	24	0
Morris	29	22	-24
Ocean	23	34	48
Passaic	52	38	-27
Salem	4	9	125
Somerset	12	8	-33
Sussex	8	4	-50
Union	45	45	0
Warren	8	10	25
New Jersey	**662**	**601**	**-9**

**Data for 2007 are preliminary.*

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birth Weight

	2003	2007	% Change
Atlantic	7.9	9.4	19.0
Bergen	7.6	7.3	-3.9
Burlington	6.9	8.6	24.6
Camden	8.8	9.5	8.0
Cape May	4.7	7.3	55.3
Cumberland	9.2	9.9	7.6
Essex	11.2	10.7	-4.5
Gloucester	6.9	7.5	8.7
Hudson	8.0	8.6	7.5
Hunterdon	4.8	7.6	58.3
Mercer	9.2	8.6	-6.5
Middlesex	7.3	8.0	9.6
Monmouth	7.9	7.1	-10.1
Morris	7.4	7.9	6.8
Ocean	6.8	6.4	-5.9
Passaic	8.4	9.3	10.7
Salem	6.2	8.8	41.9
Somerset	6.8	7.4	8.8
Sussex	6.3	8.1	28.6
Union	7.9	8.0	1.3
Warren	6.2	7.5	21.0
New Jersey	**8.0**	**8.4**	**5.0**

Child Health

Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

	2003	2007	% Change
Atlantic	65.5	66.8	2.0
Bergen	86.1	82.8	-3.8
Burlington	78.8	77.5	-1.6
Camden	70.5	70.3	-0.3
Cape May	79.1	77.4	-2.1
Cumberland	70.2	62.0	-11.7
Essex	68.8	65.1	-5.4
Gloucester	75.9	81.3	7.1
Hudson	75.6	74.9	-0.9
Hunterdon	88.5	88.3	-0.2
Mercer	78.5	77.8	-0.9
Middlesex	83.7	83.5	-0.2
Monmouth	89.9	84.2	-6.3
Morris	90.9	86.8	-4.5
Ocean	85.1	79.0	-7.2
Passaic	72.2	71.8	-0.6
Salem	64.6	66.2	2.5
Somerset	87.2	87.6	0.5
Sussex	91.7	87.0	-5.1
Union	73.8	71.0	-3.8
Warren	88.3	86.7	-1.8
New Jersey	**79.2**	**76.8**	**-3.0**

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	19,470	25,039	29
Bergen	26,861	36,481	36
Burlington	17,199	22,058	28
Camden	45,183	49,694	10
Cape May	6,097	7,401	21
Cumberland	18,413	20,938	14
Essex	85,461	94,605	11
Gloucester	13,159	16,966	29
Hudson	63,013	73,853	17
Hunterdon	1,771	2,554	44
Mercer	22,973	26,891	17
Middlesex	37,985	50,855	34
Monmouth	24,192	30,037	24
Morris	9,763	14,522	49
Ocean	34,474	47,301	37
Passaic	52,749	63,478	20
Salem	4,795	5,789	21
Somerset	7,516	11,489	53
Sussex	4,122	5,418	31
Union	38,456	46,796	22
Warren	4,368	5,278	21
New Jersey	**538,020**	**657,443**	**22**

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	2,704	4,237	57
Bergen	3,452	4,562	32
Burlington	3,272	4,582	40
Camden	6,174	8,533	38
Cape May	1,130	1,508	33
Cumberland	2,691	3,651	36
Essex	7,756	9,497	22
Gloucester	2,221	3,613	63
Hudson	4,626	6,191	34
Hunterdon	554	680	23
Mercer	3,438	3,992	16
Middlesex	4,244	6,150	45
Monmouth	4,283	5,268	23
Morris	2,231	3,709	66
Ocean	4,326	6,071	40
Passaic	5,035	6,074	21
Salem	958	1,184	24
Somerset	1,371	2,405	75
Sussex	1,272	1,553	22
Union	3,300	4,260	29
Warren	1,267	1,515	20
New Jersey	**66,498**	**89,287**	**34**

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2006	2009	% Change
Atlantic	12.8	9.8	-24
Bergen	12.9	10.6	-18
Burlington	10.5	8.0	-24
Camden	14.5	12.7	-13
Cape May	16.3	14.4	-12
Cumberland	10.8	11.1	3
Essex	15.9	11.0	-31
Gloucester	12.7	10.8	-15
Hudson	15.1	12.0	-21
Hunterdon	21.1	12.5	-41
Mercer	14.5	9.8	-32
Middlesex	13.8	11.0	-20
Monmouth	12.3	10.2	-17
Morris	9.9	12.0	22
Ocean	14.4	6.4	-56
Passaic	10.0	7.7	-23
Salem	11.1	8.7	-22
Somerset	17.8	12.6	-29
Sussex	9.1	6.9	-25
Union	11.6	12.2	5
Warren	12.3	7.3	-40
New Jersey	**13.3**	**10.4**	**-22**

Child Protection

Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	263	320	22
Bergen	504	306	-39
Burlington	630	332	-47
Camden	661	741	12
Cape May	98	154	57
Cumberland	330	245	-26
Essex	2,125	1,223	-42
Gloucester	353	283	-20
Hudson	524	608	16
Hunterdon	84	46	-45
Mercer	411	328	-20
Middlesex	556	385	-31
Monmouth	440	311	-29
Morris	193	201	4
Ocean	439	304	-31
Passaic	469	397	-15
Salem	135	87	-36
Somerset	617	153	-75
Sussex	143	66	-54
Union	584	487	-17
Warren	105	156	49
New Jersey	**9,664**	**7,171**	**-26**

Children Enrolled in Publicly-Funded Preschool

	2005–06	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	1,530	1,543	1
Bergen	1,758	1,330	-24
Burlington	1,703	1,213	-29
Camden	3,340	3,081	-8
Cape May	424	494	17
Cumberland	2,739	3,195	17
Essex	9,661	9,291	-4
Gloucester	730	663	-9
Hudson	8,152	8,928	10
Hunterdon	99	14	-86
Mercer	2,133	2,111	-1
Middlesex	2,725	2,950	8
Monmouth	2,448	2,458	0
Morris	252	261	4
Ocean	524	813	55
Passaic	5,242	5,337	2
Salem	468	404	-14
Somerset	524	488	-7
Sussex	25	0	-100
Union	4,736	5,026	6
Warren	423	340	-20
New Jersey	**49,636**	**49,940**	**1**

Children Enrolled in Public School Kindergarten (Full Day and Half Day)

	2005–06	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	3,181	3,181	0
Bergen	8,667	9,186	6
Burlington	4,855	4,953	2
Camden	5,813	5,892	1
Cape May	889	885	0
Cumberland	1,930	2,109	9
Essex	8,916	9,708	9
Gloucester	3,173	3,344	5
Hudson	5,668	6,101	8
Hunterdon	1,500	1,319	-12
Mercer	4,365	4,222	-3
Middlesex	7,896	8,338	6
Monmouth	6,491	6,483	0
Morris	5,508	5,234	-5
Ocean	5,132	5,056	-1
Passaic	5,791	6,063	5
Salem	876	777	-11
Somerset	3,491	3,479	0
Sussex	1,663	1,412	-15
Union	6,058	5,999	-1
Warren	1,304	1,176	-10
New Jersey	**93,166**	**94,917**	**2**

Early Care and Education

Percentage of Public Kindergarten Children Enrolled in Full-Day Program

	2005–06	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	84	75	-11
Bergen	63	73	16
Burlington	46	59	28
Camden	66	68	3
Cape May	100	100	0
Cumberland	100	100	0
Essex	85	95	12
Gloucester	43	50	15
Hudson	98	100	2
Hunterdon	25	32	30
Mercer	72	70	-3
Middlesex	61	73	21
Monmouth	48	64	33
Morris	42	44	6
Ocean	45	50	13
Passaic	72	85	17
Salem	81	72	-11
Somerset	58	64	10
Sussex	21	26	21
Union	72	78	9
Warren	40	62	53
New Jersey	**64**	**72**	**12**

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2006	2010	% Change
Atlantic	109	103	-6
Bergen	430	423	-2
Burlington	166	155	-7
Camden	255	245	-4
Cape May	33	28	-15
Cumberland	60	66	10
Essex	558	538	-4
Gloucester	142	135	-5
Hudson	295	306	4
Hunterdon	80	81	1
Mercer	229	223	-3
Middlesex	308	319	4
Monmouth	286	299	5
Morris	290	275	-5
Ocean	165	171	4
Passaic	227	235	4
Salem	24	21	-13
Somerset	190	186	-2
Sussex	73	77	5
Union	291	287	-1
Warren	58	50	-14
New Jersey	**4,269**	**4,223**	**-1**

Early Care and Education

Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers

	2006	2010	%Change
Atlantic	6,828	6,147	-10
Bergen	34,937	37,246	7
Burlington	13,058	13,394	3
Camden	21,453	21,857	2
Cape May	1,602	1,352	-16
Cumberland	5,175	6,900	33
Essex	43,231	44,865	4
Gloucester	9,857	9,853	0
Hudson	19,151	21,256	11
Hunterdon	6,536	7,136	9
Mercer	19,399	20,094	4
Middlesex	26,071	29,070	12
Monmouth	22,082	24,927	13
Morris	22,516	22,140	-2
Ocean	12,012	13,210	10
Passaic	21,915	24,247	11
Salem	1,427	1,372	-4
Somerset	17,430	19,016	9
Sussex	4,246	4,531	7
Union	22,414	23,681	6
Warren	3,236	3,134	-3
New Jersey	**334,576**	**355,428**	**6**

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Special Education

	2005–06	2009–10	% Change
Atlantic	15.0	14.8	-2
Bergen	14.0	13.7	-2
Burlington	17.0	15.9	-6
Camden	17.0	16.0	-6
Cape May	19.0	17.8	-6
Cumberland	19.0	16.3	-14
Essex	16.0	13.2	-18
Gloucester	17.0	14.9	-12
Hudson	14.0	12.6	-10
Hunterdon	15.0	14.4	-4
Mercer	19.0	15.1	-21
Middlesex	14.0	12.6	-10
Monmouth	15.0	14.5	-3
Morris	15.0	15.0	0
Ocean	16.0	16.1	1
Passaic	16.0	13.3	-17
Salem	16.0	14.1	-12
Somerset	14.0	13.8	-1
Sussex	15.0	15.9	6
Union	13.0	12.0	-8
Warren	16.0	15.3	-4
New Jersey	**15.0**	**14.2**	**-5**

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade State Tests

	2005–06			2009–10			% Change		
	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.
Atlantic	75	79	79	50	70	92	-33	-12	16
Bergen	88	89	89	72	86	97	-18	-4	9
Burlington	82	84	86	60	79	96	-27	-6	12
Camden	75	77	78	51	68	90	-32	-11	16
Cape May	76	84	85	54	77	95	-29	-8	12
Cumberland	65	71	69	39	62	86	-40	-13	25
Essex	74	76	74	54	70	89	-28	-8	21
Gloucester	82	86	88	62	80	96	-25	-7	9
Hudson	72	79	72	44	71	91	-38	-10	26
Hunterdon	89	91	93	73	88	99	-18	-4	6
Mercer	78	77	71	58	71	91	-25	-8	29
Middlesex	82	85	83	64	82	95	-22	-3	15
Monmouth	86	86	87	66	82	96	-23	-5	10
Morris	89	91	91	74	87	98	-17	-4	7
Ocean	84	87	89	64	82	96	-24	-6	8
Passaic	67	72	69	45	66	87	-34	-9	26
Salem	70	77	80	48	67	90	-32	-13	13
Somerset	86	89	90	70	86	97	-19	-4	8
Sussex	86	90	92	67	83	98	-22	-8	6
Union	77	79	76	58	75	91	-25	-5	20
Warren	83	84	88	62	79	96	-25	-6	9
New Jersey	**80**	**83**	**83**	**60**	**77**	**94**	**-26**	**-7**	**13**

School Children

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade State Tests

	2005–06			2009–10			% Change		
	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.	LA	Math	Sci.
Atlantic	69	61	77	78	66	80	14	7	4
Bergen	84	75	88	90	78	90	7	4	2
Burlington	79	69	84	85	70	86	7	1	2
Camden	68	57	73	77	61	69	13	8	-5
Cape May	73	67	81	87	72	87	19	8	8
Cumberland	56	45	65	70	51	67	24	13	3
Essex	60	47	64	75	59	74	24	25	16
Gloucester	78	67	85	85	69	86	9	4	2
Hudson	66	57	68	74	60	72	13	5	6
Hunterdon	89	83	93	94	84	95	5	1	2
Mercer	74	62	78	80	66	81	9	6	4
Middlesex	76	67	81	83	69	84	9	3	3
Monmouth	83	74	86	89	77	90	8	4	5
Morris	88	80	91	93	83	93	6	4	2
Ocean	79	70	85	85	73	88	8	4	3
Passaic	64	52	68	72	56	72	13	7	7
Salem	68	60	80	80	61	84	18	1	5
Somerset	84	76	87	91	81	90	8	6	3
Sussex	83	77	91	92	76	93	10	-1	2
Union	66	55	71	79	64	80	20	16	12
Warren	77	65	87	88	69	89	14	5	3
New Jersey	**75**	**65**	**79**	**83**	**69**	**83**	**11**	**6**	**5**

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade State Tests

	2005–06		2009–10		% Change	
	LA	Math	LA	Math	LA	Math
Atlantic	79	70	83	66	5	-5
Bergen	90	85	93	83	3	-2
Burlington	86	79	90	76	5	-3
Camden	81	71	84	67	4	-6
Cape May	86	80	90	76	4	-5
Cumberland	67	58	75	57	12	-1
Essex	72	60	78	64	9	7
Gloucester	88	82	91	80	3	-2
Hudson	75	65	81	64	8	-2
Hunterdon	94	90	97	90	3	0
Mercer	81	72	88	72	9	0
Middlesex	86	80	90	79	5	-1
Monmouth	89	85	93	82	4	-3
Morris	92	87	95	86	3	-1
Ocean	87	79	90	73	3	-7
Passaic	75	67	81	66	8	-1
Salem	84	72	87	69	3	-4
Somerset	91	85	94	86	4	1
Sussex	91	86	93	79	2	-8
Union	78	68	84	70	8	3
Warren	87	80	90	76	4	-5
New Jersey	**84**	**76**	**88**	**75**	**5**	**-1**

Percentage of Births to Girls 10–19

	2003	2007	% Change
Atlantic	10	10	0
Bergen	2	2	17
Burlington	7	5	-20
Camden	11	11	-2
Cape May	10	9	-11
Cumberland	17	16	-7
Essex	9	9	0
Gloucester	6	6	-5
Hudson	8	9	5
Hunterdon	2	1	-26
Mercer	8	9	12
Middlesex	5	4	-7
Monmouth	5	4	-11
Morris	2	2	20
Ocean	5	4	-9
Passaic	9	9	5
Salem	14	14	-3
Somerset	3	3	28
Sussex	2	3	37
Union	6	7	8
Warren	5	6	10
New Jersey	**6**	**7**	**3**

Juvenile Arrests

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	2,714	2,156	-21
Bergen	4,729	3,581	-24
Burlington	2,607	2,143	-18
Camden	8,725	7,271	-17
Cape May	1,255	842	-33
Cumberland	2,322	1,457	-37
Essex	4,983	3,977	-20
Gloucester	1,682	1,492	-11
Hudson	3,173	2,413	-24
Hunterdon	375	344	-8
Mercer	3,888	3,601	-7
Middlesex	2,783	2,781	0
Monmouth	4,398	3,921	-11
Morris	1,961	1,754	-11
Ocean	3,321	2,096	-37
Passaic	5,251	3,153	-40
Salem	579	578	0
Somerset	1,665	1,695	2
Sussex	750	566	-25
Union	3,145	2,439	-22
Warren	374	368	-2
New Jersey	**60,717**	**48,628**	**-20**

Teens and Young Adults

Juvenile Commitments

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	49	30	-39
Bergen	14	23	64
Burlington	12	4	-67
Camden	323	137	-58
Cape May	4	5	25
Cumberland	6	24	300
Essex	101	56	-45
Gloucester	14	5	-64
Hudson	86	69	-20
Hunterdon	0	3	300
Mercer	66	39	-41
Middlesex	79	51	-35
Monmouth	36	21	-42
Morris	2	2	0
Ocean	23	20	-13
Passaic	86	41	-52
Salem	20	6	-70
Somerset	15	3	-80
Sussex	4	1	-75
Union	89	39	-56
Warren	2	2	0
New Jersey	**1,031**	**581**	**-44**

Average Daily Juvenile Population in Detention as % of Approved Capacity

	2005	2009	% Change
Atlantic	111	60	-46
Bergen	44	19	-56
Burlington	85	82	-4
Camden	165	83	-50
Cape May	0	0	0
Cumberland	81	82	1
Essex	57	61	6
Gloucester	109	71	-35
Hudson	84	79	-6
Hunterdon	0	0	0
Mercer	94	47	-50
Middlesex	81	60	-26
Monmouth	62	64	4
Morris	34	43	25
Ocean	88	81	-8
Passaic	72	75	4
Salem	0	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0
Sussex	68	48	-30
Union	117	53	-55
Warren	27	0	-100
New Jersey	**75**	**63**	**-16**

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Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2008–09, 2009–10. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Participation data for only traditional public and charter schools were not available prior to 2008–09, so prior comparisons are not applicable.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008–09, 2009–10. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Participation data for only traditional public and charter schools were not available prior to 2008–09, so prior comparisons are not applicable.

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Child Protection

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children. Number of children who were alleged victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by NJ Department of Children and Families.

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Number of Children in Out-of-Home Placements, 2006, 2010. Includes children under age 18 in all placements, including foster care, relative care, group homes, residential treatment and institutions, as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Early Care and Education

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Percentage of Public Kindergarten Children Enrolled in Full-Day Program, 2005-06, 2009-10. The percentage of public kindergarten children enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program. Includes children attending traditional public schools as well as charter schools. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts of each year.

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2006, 2010. The number of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Capacity of Licensed Child Care Centers, 2006, 2010. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

School Children

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Special Education, 2005–06, 2009–10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Special Education Data.

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Percentage of Children Passing 8th Grade Tests, 2005–06, 2009–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Children Passing 11th Grade Tests, 2005–06, 2009–2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Includes children enrolled in traditional public schools as well as charter schools.

Teens and Young Adults

Percentage of Births to Girls 10–19, 2003, 2007. The percentage of babies born to girls ages 10-19 as a percent of all births in each county, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

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