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Introduction

The 2011 edition of ***Newark Kids Count*** provides a comprehensive look at the well-being of Newark children and youth. Following are some key trends highlighted in this year's report.

After decreasing slightly in 2009, Newark's child population resumed its steady rise in 2010, with the number of Newark children increasing 3 percent from 2006 to 2010. In 2010, the city was home to nearly 73,000 children — or about one-quarter of the total population.

Between 2006 and 2010, the number and percentage of foreign-born children living in Newark dropped significantly from 7,000 to 3,000.

Child Poverty Grows

Following a surprising decrease in child poverty in 2009, the number of Newark children growing up in families earning less than the federal poverty level grew an alarming 32 percent in one year alone. In 2010, more than 30,000 children — 42 percent of all Newark children — lived in poverty.

As Newark families earned less, taking home about $56,000 fewer dollars than the average New Jerseyan, they paid more for rent. Median rents rose faster in Newark than in Essex County and statewide, with Newark residents facing a 19 percent increase from 2006 to 2010. The city saw a corresponding 21 percent rise in the percentage of households spending too much on rent.

Newark residents received some relief through state and federal tax credits, with more residents claiming this critical asset builder, although the average state claim amount decreased slightly from 2008 to 2010.

More Children Receiving Food Assistance

The increase in child poverty is reflected in a sharp rise in children receiving food stamps. In 2011, more than 33,000 Newark children received this nutritional benefit, a 33 percent jump since 2007.

Newark does better than the rest of the state in providing children with school breakfast. In the 2010-11 school year, 68 percent of eligible Newark children received this healthy start to their day, compared to 30 percent statewide.

Mixed Results in Child Health

Health measures for Newark children showed mixed results with a 13 percent drop in the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care, but a slight increase in the number of low birth-weight babies from 2004 to 2008.

Fewer Newark children lack health insurance, with an 18 percent drop in uninsured children from 2008 to 2010. This corresponds with a 12 percent increase in the number of Newark children receiving health coverage through NJ FamilyCare, the state's free- or low-cost health insurance program that includes Medicaid, from 2007 to 2011.

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Fewer Children in Child Protection System

Following county and statewide trends, the number of Newark children under the supervision of the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) decreased 5 percent from 2007 to 2011. This number, however, has slowly increased each year since 2009. The number of Newark children in an out-of-home placement continued its steady decline, dropping by almost half — 46 percent — from 2007 to 2011, compared to 24 percent statewide.

Newark 8th Graders Post Gains

While Newark children continue to score lower than their wealthier peers on statewide standardized tests, 8th graders have posted considerable gains in both Newark traditional and charter schools.

From 2005-06 to 2009-10, 30 percent more Newark 8th graders attending traditional schools passed math tests, while charter school 8th graders posted a 51 percent increase. Newark charter school 8th graders surpassed the statewide average pass rate, with 72 percent passing, compared to 69 percent statewide. Similar trends were seen in 8th grade language arts tests.

Rise in Teen Births, Drop in Juvenile Arrests

The number of Newark teenagers giving birth rose 4 percent from 2004 to 2008, compared to a 1 percent increase statewide. In 2008, 13 percent of all births in Newark were to a teen between the ages of 15 and 19.

Juvenile arrests dropped a significant 52 percent from 2006 to 2010 in the city, consistent with trends across Essex County and statewide. The number of youth in detention also continued to show steep declines. However, the majority of youth admitted to detention in Newark continue to be African American males.

How to Use this Report

This report provides data for Newark, Essex County and New Jersey. It calculates Newark's share of both the county and the state for most indicators (i.e. the percentage of all New Jersey children in poor families who are living in Newark). This can help to compare Newark to both the county and the state. When possible, we have also provided a 5-year comparison, which is useful in identifying trends within Newark, as well as the state and county.

This profile of child well-being can be used to build on successes and target issues that require the collective attention of the many people in Newark who work each day to improve the lives and well-being of Newark children.

Special Section

Reading by Third Grade: The Path to School Success

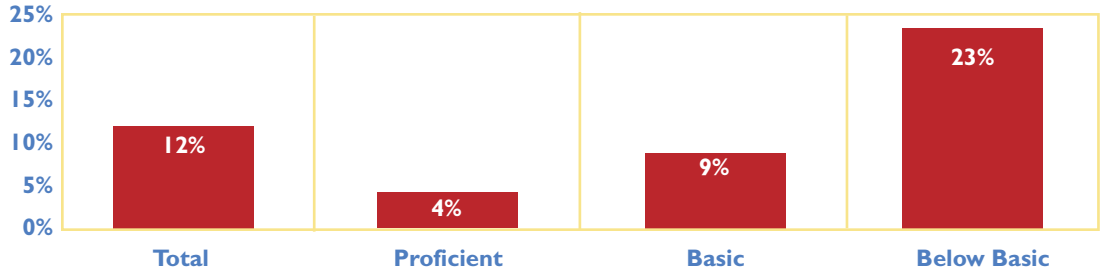
Students who read proficiently be 3rd grade are more likely to succeed academically and graduate from high school. Students who do not reach this important milestone struggle throughout their academic career and often fail to earn a high school diploma.

A recent study found that children who do not master reading by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school than their peers who are proficient readers. These children represent three-fifths of students who either drop-out or fail to graduate on time.[1]

This alarming statistic not only has a negative impact on individual students, but society as a whole. Young people who drop out of high school are more likely to become involved in the criminal justice system and rely on government assistance.

Because of the importance of this issue, Advocates for Children of New Jersey examined trends in the passing rates of Newark 3rd graders on the state's reading test for this year's special section of **Newark Kids Count.**

Percentage of Students Not Graduating From High School by Third Grade Reading Level



Source: Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2011.

Majority of Students Behind on Reading

In the 2009-10 school year, roughly 38 percent of Newark 3rd graders attending traditional public schools passed the 3rd grade language arts test, compared to 44 percent of Newark charter school students. Both are lower than the statewide average of about 60 percent.

This includes all students — general education, special education and limited English proficient.

A closer look at the data reveals that reading proficiency is lowest among Newark students with special education needs who attend traditional public schools (not charters). Just 15 percent of these students passed the 3rd grade language arts test in 2009-10. Similar data were unavailable for charter school students who receive special education.

Surprisingly, children with limited English proficiency scored just slightly lower than the Newark district average for all students, with 36 percent passing compared to 38 percent district-wide. Again, these numbers exclude charter schools, which have not published data specifically for this group of students.

[1] *Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2011.*

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A Downward Trend

For several years, Newark students were posting significant gains in reading proficiency.

From 2003-04 to 2007-08, the average district pass rate improved 27 percent, with nearly 69 percent of 3rd graders in traditional public schools passing the test that year. Charter school students performed even better at 81 percent, nearly matching the state average of 86 percent.

Those gains were lost, however, when the state changed the test to be more difficult in the 2008-09 school year. Students in traditional schools saw the average pass rate drop to about 41 percent, while charter school students declined to 49 percent passing. Declines were also seen statewide, going from 86 percent passing in 2007-08 to 63 percent in 2009-10. The same trend emerged for students in special education and those with limited English proficiency.

Interestingly, the pass rates, on average, continued to drop in the second year of the new test. It is unclear why this trend continued. New data expected in the beginning of 2012 may show a reversal of this trend with scores climbing again.

Percentage of Students Reading Proficient by Third Grade

	2003-04	2007-08	% Change 04-08	2008-09*	2009-10	% Change 09-10
General Education Students**						
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	59.8	75.3	25.9	44.6	42.7	-4.3
Newark Charter School Average	59.1	84.6	43.1	50.1	46.1	-8.0
New Jersey Average	86.4	91.2	5.6	69.3	66.5	-4.0
Economically Disadvantaged Students***						
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	51.6	69.4	34.5	39.8	36.9	-7.3
New Jersey Average	61.3	74.2	21.0	42.4	40.2	-5.2
Special Education Students***						
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	15.9	30	88.7	15.6	15.1	-3.2
New Jersey Average	50.1	61.4	22.6	34.9	32.5	-6.9
Limited English Proficient Students***						
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	50.7	69	36.1	47	36.2	-23.0
New Jersey Average	48.8	68	39.3	36.3	33.1	-8.8
All Students						
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	54.2	68.8	26.9	40.5	37.9	-6.4
Newark Charter School Average	64.3	81.1	26.1	48.5	44.1	-9.1
New Jersey Average	79.4	86	8.3	62.7	59.7	-4.8

** Please note that in the 2009 school year, the Department of Education changed the testing standards for 3rd grade Language Arts tests, therefore comparisons should only be made among years when the test was the same.*

*** General education excludes special education and limited English proficient students. Data on general education students for the Robert Treat Academy charter school was not available for the 2003-04 school year.*

****A Newark charter school average was not included as charter school data for economically disadvantaged students, special education students and limited English proficient student were not available from the Department of Education.*

Special Section

Reading Proficiency Varies by School

These averages begin to provide some insight into critical early literacy trends, but even more telling is the wide variation in 3rd grade reading proficiency by school.

Just six Newark elementary schools had pass rates of 70 percent or more in the 2009-10 school year. They were Branch Brook, 14th Avenue, Robert Treat Academy, Roseville Avenue, Ann Street and Alexander Street. Pass rates ranged from 85 percent at Branch Brook to 71 percent at Ann Street and Alexander Street schools in these top-performing schools.

Half of Newark's elementary schools saw less than 35 percent of their 3rd graders passing literacy tests in 2009-10. In 10 of these schools, pass rates were 20 percent or lower. The five lowest performing schools were Camden Street, Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. E Alma Flagg, Quitman Street and Avon Avenue where pass rates ranged from 10 percent at Camden Street to 15 percent at Avon.

It may be useful to examine the early literacy programs used at the top-performing schools to help inform reforms at other schools with much lower pass rates.

Academic Disparities Persist

The low performance of Newark children on 3rd grade language arts tests is seen on a broader scale across New Jersey, with low-income students less likely to master reading than their wealthier peers. In 2009-10, only 40 percent of New Jersey children living in low-income families read at a level that would enable them to succeed in school.

Children who grow up in poverty often lack adequate housing, food, clothing, child care, preschool and healthcare. They often live in dangerous neighborhoods with low-performing schools. These factors all negatively affect students' ability to succeed in school.

Clearly, more needs to be done to close this significant achievement gap. While New Jersey's preschools for low-income 3- and 4- year olds are top in the nation, it is time to broaden our state's "early learning lens." By developing strong systems of early learning in which high-quality preschool, quality full-day kindergarten and strong 1st through 3rd grade classes work together, we can ensure that all children have the greatest opportunity to be proficient readers by 3rd grade.

Only in this way can we ensure that every 3rd grader has the chance to succeed in school and in life.

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Percentage of Students Reading Proficient by Third Grade, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing
BRANCH BROOK H.	85.2
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	81.5
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	74
ROSEVILLE AVE E.S.	71.8
ANN ST E.S.	70.9
ALEXANDER ST E.S.	70.5
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	68.6
FRANKLIN E.S.	61.6
RIDGE ST E.S.	59.4
OLIVER ST E.S.	57.6
ABINGTON AVE E.S.	54.4
LAFAYETTE ST E.S.	52.4
MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	52.4
WILSON AVE E.S.	52.3
NEWTON ST E.S.	51.4
MT VERNON E.S.	50
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL	50
HARRIET TUBMAN E.S.	48.2
ADELAIDE L. SANFORD CHARTER SCHOOL	47
MAPLE AVE E.S.	46.7
HAWKINS ST E.S.	42.6
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ E.S.	41.7
MILLER ST E.S.	38.8
FIRST AVENUE E.S.	38.7
BROADWAY E.S.	38.2
LINCOLN E.S.	37.2
EIGHTEENTH AVE E.S.	37
BRAGAW AVE E.S.	36.7
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER E.S.	35.4
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	34.1
MARIA L. VARISCO-ROGERS CHARTER SCHOOL	33.3

School	% Passing
MCKINLEY E.S.	32.1
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST E.S.	30.4
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	29.8
SOUTH ST E.S.	29.3
NEW PARK SCHOOL	29.1
NEWARK EDUCATORS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	28
CLEVELAND E.S.	27.8
PESHINE AVE E.S.	27.1
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	26.5
SUSSEX AVE E.S.	26.3
BURNET ST E.S.	25.6
MADISON E.S.	24.3
DR WILLIAM H HORTON E.S.	24.2
ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	23.9
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	23.6
FIFTEENTH AVE E.S.	23.3
SPEEDWAY AVE E.S.	22
CHANCELLOR AVE E.S.	20
HAWTHORNE AVE E.S.	20
THIRTEENTH AVE E.S.	18.8
BELMONT RUNYON E.S.	18.3
LOUISE A. SPENCER E.S.	18
AVON AVE E.S.	15.2
QUITMAN STREET E.S.	14.8
DR E ALMA FLAGG E.S.	14.3
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR E.S.	14.3
CAMDEN ST E.S.	10.2
CLINTON AVE E.S.	N/A
DAYTON ST E.S.	N/A
WARREN ST E.S.	N/A
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	37.9
Newark Charter School Average	44.1
New Jersey Average	59.7

**N/A - Data were not available for these schools during this year. This may be due to the school not being open during the specific school year.*

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Percentage of Students Reading Proficient by Third Grade, by School

	2003-04	2007-08	% Change 04-08	2008-09*	2009-10	% Change 09-10
ABINGTON AVE E.S.	78.4	91.6	16.8	69.6	54.4	-21.8
ADELAIDE L. SANFORD CHARTER SCHOOL	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.5	47	91.8
ALEXANDER ST E.S.	58.4	60.2	3.1	50	70.5	41.0
ANN ST E.S.	88.1	89.3	1.4	76.1	70.9	-6.8
AVON AVE E.S.	44.1	47.3	7.3	19.7	15.2	-22.8
BELMONT RUNYON E.S.	42.4	48.9	15.3	15.7	18.3	16.6
BRAGAW AVE E.S.	38.6	80.4	108.3	32.2	36.7	14.0
BRANCH BROOK H.	79.2	77.8	-1.8	74.1	85.2	15.0
BROADWAY E.S.	50.0	58.9	17.8	36.7	38.2	4.1
BURNET ST E.S.	34.1	70.2	105.9	22	25.6	16.4
CAMDEN ST E.S.	62.8	72.1	14.8	20.9	10.2	-51.2
CHANCELLOR AVE E.S.	58.0	68.4	17.9	27.3	20	-26.7
CLEVELAND E.S.	52.5	60.9	16.0	18.6	27.8	49.5
CLINTON AVE E.S.	32.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DAYTON ST E.S.	37.5	38.2	1.9	12	N/A	N/A
DR E ALMA FLAGG E.S.	54.2	48.2	-11.1	26.9	14.3	-46.8
DR WILLIAM H HORTON E.S.	39.0	67.3	72.6	30.5	24.2	-20.7
EIGHTEENTH AVE E.S.	47.2	62.9	33.3	15.4	37	140.3
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	52.1	57.4	10.2	37.5	23.6	-37.1
FIFTEENTH AVE E.S.	39.5	48.1	21.8	11.1	23.3	109.9
FIRST AVENUE E.S.	70.4	78.8	11.9	45.6	38.7	-15.1
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	72.4	71.4	-1.4	71.4	81.5	14.1
FRANKLIN E.S.	32.1	85.9	167.6	75.6	61.6	-18.5
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER E.S.	38.1	48.9	28.3	16.7	35.4	112.0
GRAY CHARTER SCHOOL	91.4	100	9.4	91.9	68.6	-25.4
HARRIET TUBMAN E.S.	74.4	78.8	5.9	44.2	48.2	9.0
HAWKINS ST E.S.	59.2	70.2	18.6	37.9	42.6	12.4
HAWTHORNE AVE E.S.	37.7	44	16.7	37.7	20	-46.9
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	N/A	63.2	N/A	43.5	29.8	-31.5
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	57.9	73.4	26.8	37.6	26.5	-29.5
LAFAYETTE ST E.S.	62.2	80.4	29.3	55.7	52.4	-5.9
LINCOLN E.S.	57.1	76.4	33.8	36.8	37.2	1.1
LOUISE A. SPENCER E.S.	43.2	56.9	31.7	23.2	18	-22.4
MADISON E.S.	50.6	77.3	52.8	26	24.3	-6.5
MAPLE AVE E.S.	49.2	64.3	30.7	42.1	46.7	10.9
MARIA L.VARISCO-ROGERS CHARTER SCHOOL	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.2	33.3	10.3
MARION P.THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL	54.1	82.5	52.5	47.5	52.4	10.3
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR E.S.	42.1	38.1	-9.5	23.1	14.3	-38.1
MCKINLEY E.S.	52.1	59	13.2	37.3	32.1	-13.9

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Percentage of Students Reading Proficient by Third Grade, by School

	2003-04	2007-08	% Change 04-08	2008-09*	2009-10	% Change 09-10
MILLER ST E.S.	43.8	80	82.6	33.9	38.8	14.5
MT VERNON E.S.	74.3	79.2	6.6	46.7	50	7.1
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	41.8	85.7	105.0	42.9	34.1	-20.5
NEW PARK SCHOOL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.1	N/A
NEWARK EDUCATORS COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
NEWTON ST E.S.	77.1	66.7	-13.5	32.1	51.4	60.1
OLIVER ST E.S.	82.7	94.8	14.6	69.1	57.6	-16.6
PESHINE AVE E.S.	26.9	55.6	106.7	21.3	27.1	27.2
QUITMAN STREET E.S.	48.1	51.7	7.5	16.7	14.8	-11.4
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ E.S.	52.6	73.8	40.3	47.2	41.7	-11.7
RIDGE ST E.S.	59.3	79	33.2	60	59.4	-1.0
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	93.9	100	6.5	86.8	74	-14.7
ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	54.7	84.4	54.3	67.7	23.9	-64.7
ROSEVILLE AVE E.S.	57.1	73.7	29.1	80	71.8	-10.3
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST E.S.	35.2	61.9	75.9	21	30.4	44.8
SOUTH ST E.S.	48.0	72.9	51.9	38.7	29.3	-24.3
SPEEDWAY AVE E.S.	36.0	58.8	63.3	28.9	22	-23.9
SUSSEX AVE E.S.	45.0	60	33.3	32.7	26.3	-19.6
THIRTEENTH AVE E.S.	59.7	67.2	12.6	15.5	18.8	21.3
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL	N/A	36.8	N/A	37.5	50	33.3
WARREN ST E.S.	37.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WILSON AVE E.S.	76.5	78.8	3.0	54.4	52.3	-3.9
Newark District (Non-Charter) Average	54.2	68.8	26.9	40.5	37.9	-6.4
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I Population and Demographics

After decreasing slightly in 2009, Newark's child population resumed its steady increase in 2010, with the number of Newark children increasing 3 percent from 2006 to 2010. During the same time, total population in Newark rose 4 percent. In 2010, the city was home to nearly 73,000 children — or about one-quarter of the total population.

An interesting trend that continues in the city is a drop in the number and percentage of African American children and a rise in the number and percentage of white, non-Hispanic and Hispanic children. Still, more than half, or 56 percent, of the city's children were African American in 2010.

For the first time, data on foreign-born children are made available in this year's report. Between 2006 and 2010, the number and percentage of foreign-born children living in Newark decreased significantly. In 2006, almost 7,000 foreign-born children lived in the city. That number dropped to less than 3,000 in 2010 — a substantial 58 percent decline.

Tracking statewide and county trends, births to unmarried women continue to rise. In 2008, 71 percent of all Newark births were to an unmarried mother. Likewise, the number of households headed by one parent increased 18 percent between 2006 and 2010, another new indicator in this year's report. At the same time, the number of grandparents responsible for their grandchildren also increased in 2010, after dropping significantly in 2009.

Population and Demographics

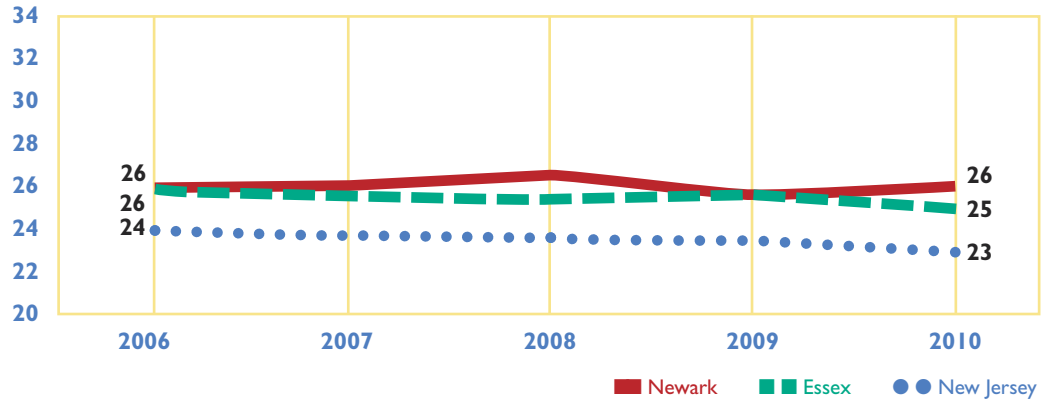
Total Population

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	266,736	270,007	264,128	278,157	277,232	4
Essex	786,147	776,087	770,675	769,644	784,228	0
New Jersey	8,724,560	8,685,920	8,682,661	8,707,740	8,801,624	1
Newark's % of Essex	34	35	34	36	35	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	70,528	70,627	71,201	70,528	72,937	3
Essex	204,470	198,457	195,635	192,890	195,135	-5
New Jersey	2,089,653	2,062,768	2,046,908	2,046,141	2,062,812	-1
Newark's % of Essex	34	36	36	37	37	
Newark's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	4	

Child Population Under 18 as a Percentage of Total Population



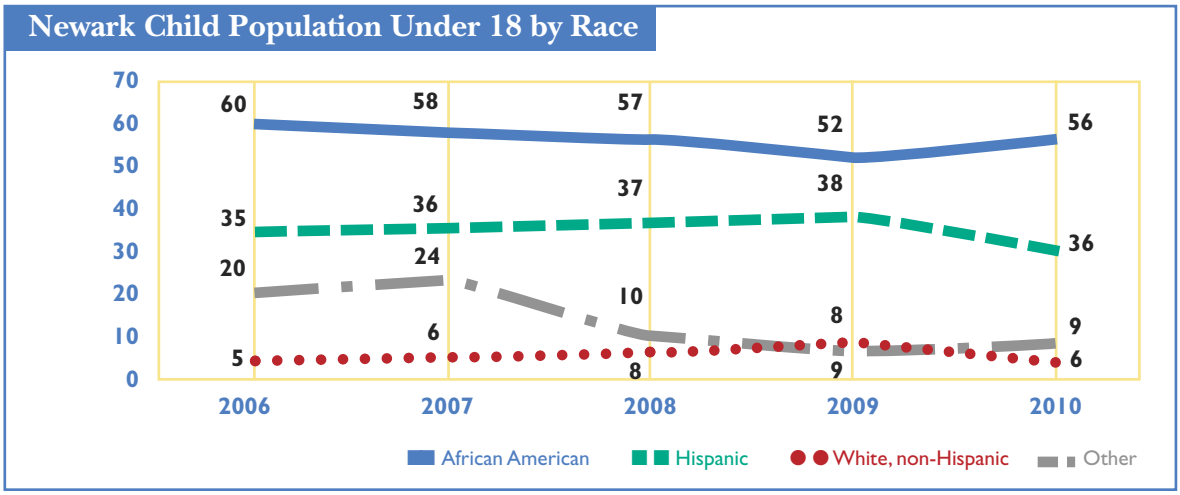
Population and Demographics

Newark's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
African American	42,485	60	40,899	58	40,842	57	36,755	52	41,047	56	-3	-6
White, non Hispanic	3,266	5	4,082	6	5,732	8	6,638	9	4,065	6	24	11
Hispanic	24,678	35	25,215	36	26,166	37	27,115	38	26,237	36	6	3
Other	14,406	20	17,141	24	7,457	10	5,549	8	6,549	9	-55	-55

Note 1: *Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as survey participants could indicate more than one choice.*

Note 2: *The decrease in "Other" for 2008 and after could be attributable to changes made in the 2008 survey questionnaire.*



Foreign-Born Children

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	6,972	10	5,598	8	4,360	6	5,264	7	2,923	4	-58	-59
Essex	15,448	8	12,285	6	12,393	6	12,078	6	12,283	6	-20	-17
New Jersey	119,596	6	114,076	6	118,694	6	116,077	6	116,910	6	-2	-1
Newark's % of Essex	45		46		35		44		24			
Newark's % of NJ	6		5		4		5		3			

Population and Demographics

Total Births

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	4,655	4,578	4,851	4,832	4,867	5
Essex	12,050	11,518	11,464	11,941	11,642	-3
New Jersey	114,443	113,652	109,422	115,920	112,351	-2

** Data for 2008 are preliminary.*

Births to Unmarried Women

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	3,144	3,167	3,459	3,462	3,461	10
Essex	5,619	5,513	5,873	6,068	5,945	6
New Jersey	34,087	35,298	36,942	39,180	38,660	13

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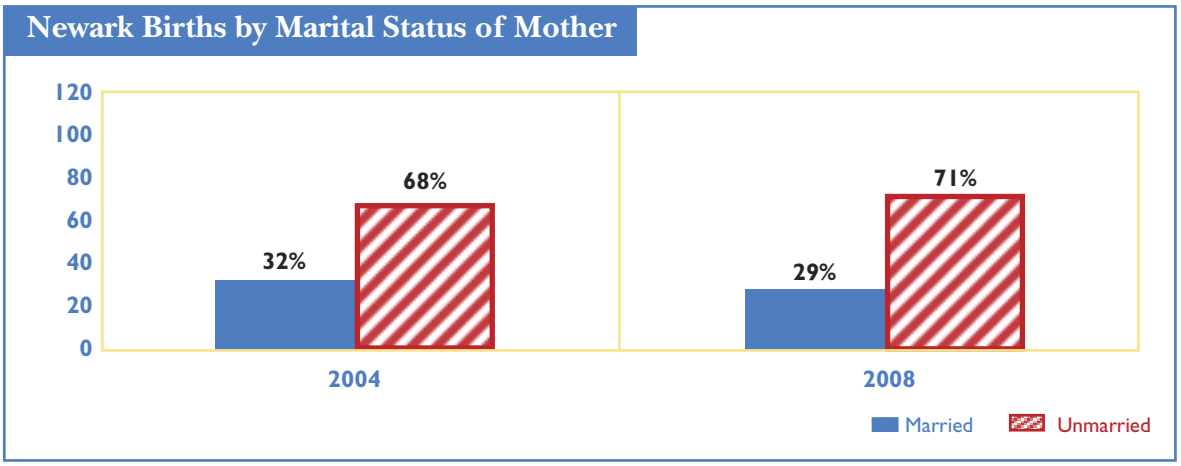

Households Headed by One Parent

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	21,780	64	21,945	60	23,442	64	23,571	64	25,619	71	18	10
Essex	44,972	44	43,715	41	47,775	46	50,055	48	45,256	45	1	4
New Jersey	329,198	29	328,709	29	320,807	29	330,773	30	329,184	30	0	4
Newark's % of Essex	48		50		49		47		57			
Newark's % of NJ	7		7		7		7		8			

Population and Demographics

Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	2,593	4,187	3,066	1,504	2,817	9
Essex	5,606	8,344	6,826	5,178	6,012	7
New Jersey	53,859	49,732	50,674	50,138	51,189	-5
Newark's % of Essex	46	50	45	29	47	
Newark's % of New Jersey	5	8	6	3	6	

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	6,022	8,674	5,808	3,578	6,082	1
Essex	13,204	16,226	11,885	11,013	11,909	-10
New Jersey	109,011	109,630	106,819	114,430	121,938	12
Newark's % of Essex	46	53	49	32	51	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	8	5	3	5	

2 Family Economic Security

Nearly half of Newark children are growing up in families that earn too little to meet their basic needs. After a surprising decrease in child poverty in 2009, the amount of children growing up in families earning less than the federal poverty level grew an alarming 32 percent in one year alone. In 2010, more than 30,000 children, or 42 percent of all Newark children, lived in poverty. Child poverty is up 44 percent since 2006 in New Jersey's largest city.

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Newark families with children continue to struggle more than families without children. In 2010, 39 percent of all families with children were living below the poverty level, compared to only 8 percent of families without children. Poverty among families with children grew 61 percent from 2006 to 2010.

Newark families earn, on average, about $56,000 less per year than the average New Jersey family. As the average statewide income grew 5 percent from 2006 to 2010, the median income for a Newark family with children decreased 19 percent. Unemployment in Newark, while rising slower than the state and Essex County, is still almost 16 percent, compared to 9.7 percent statewide.

Newark residents continued to receive some relief through state and federal tax credits, with more residents claiming this critical asset builder, although the average state claim amount did decrease slightly from 2008 to 2010. After peaking in 2007, the number of children in families receiving welfare decreased in 2008, but has continued to slowly increase each year since.

2 Family Economic Security

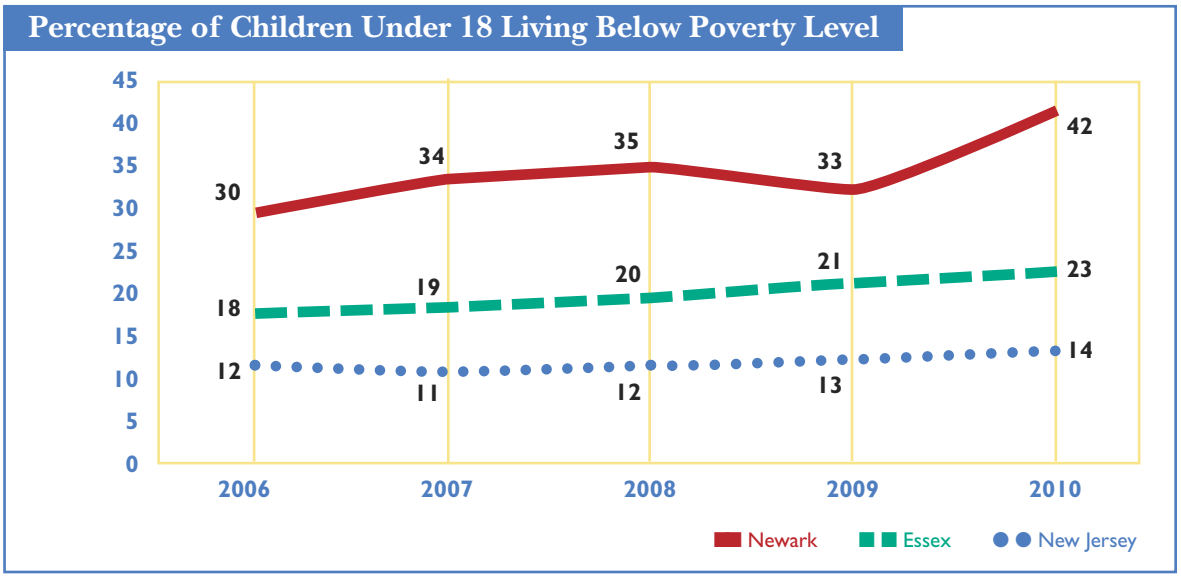
Children Living Below the Poverty Line, Under 18

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	21,188	24,172	24,665	23,205	30,571	44
Essex	37,630	36,807	39,053	40,171	44,524	18
New Jersey	244,074	236,098	253,378	272,697	295,346	21
Newark's % of Essex	56	66	63	58	69	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	10	10	9	10	

The 2010 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010

For families with more than 8 persons, add $3,740 for each additional person.



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Total Population Living Below Poverty Level

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	61,803	23	61,406	23	66,022	25	62,973	23	79,243	29	28	23
Essex	111,249	14	100,383	13	111,000	14	108,369	14	127,116	16	14	15
New Jersey	741,873	9	729,211	8	741,472	9	799,099	9	884,789	10	19	18
Newark's % of Essex	56		61		59		58		62			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		8		9		8		9			

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	2,597	11	1,533	7	3,363	14	2,721	11	1,823	8	-30	-21
Essex	4,377	5	2,606	3	4,655	6	4,266	5	4,112	5	-6	-2
New Jersey	33,504	3	31,785	3	28,949	3	35,095	3	38,186	3	14	9
Newark's % of Essex	59		59		72		64		44			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		5		12		8		5			

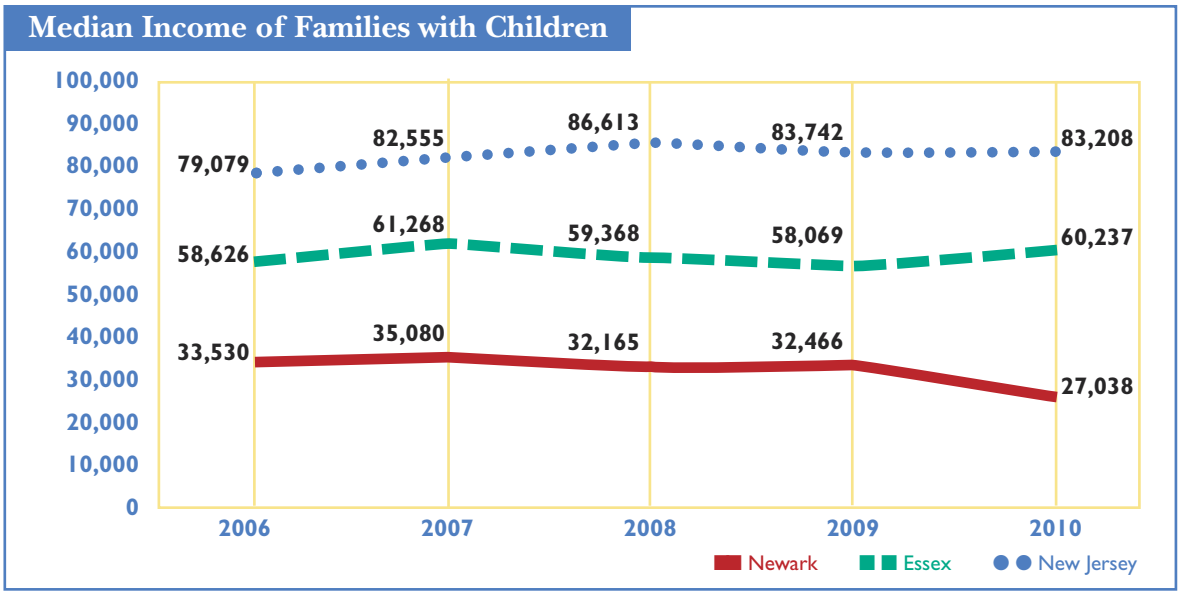
Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

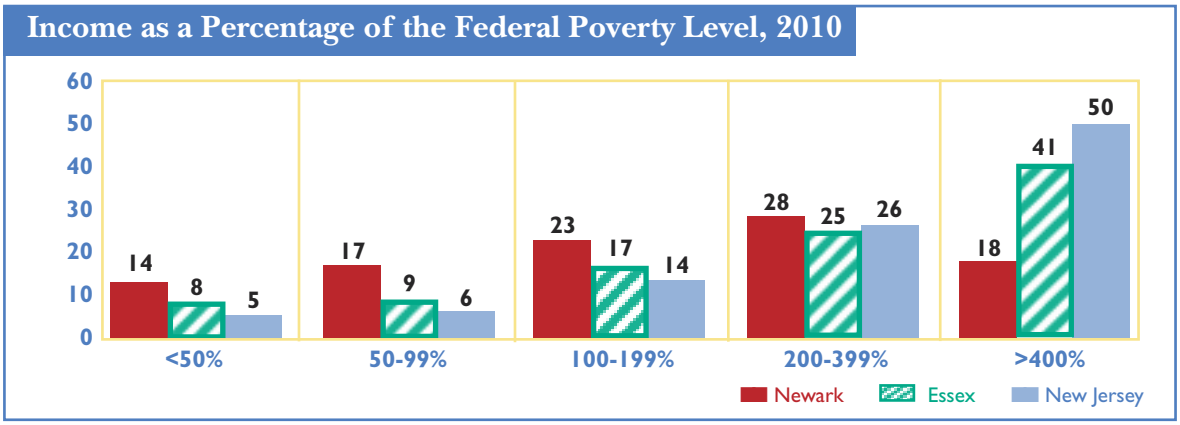
	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Newark	8,747	26	10,278	29	10,270	28	10,382	28	14,085	39	61	51
Essex	15,910	16	15,802	15	16,821	16	17,776	17	20,323	21	28	33
New Jersey	107,060	9	106,572	9	106,302	10	115,909	11	131,931	12	23	28
Newark's % of Essex	55		65		61		58		69			
Newark's % of New Jersey	8		10		10		9		11			

Median Income of Families with Children

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	33,530	35,080	32,165	32,466	27,038	-19
Essex	58,626	61,268	59,368	58,069	60,237	3
New Jersey	79,079	82,555	86,613	83,742	83,208	5

2 Family Economic Security





Number Unemployed

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	% Change 07-11
Newark	8,316	10,170	15,299	16,248	17,180	107
Essex	19,440	24,010	377,787	39,950	42,312	118
New Jersey	191,055	245,361	410,120	425,736	444,470	133

**2011 preliminary average through July.*

Unemployment Rate

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	% Change 07-11
Newark	7.9	9.5	14.1	15	15.6	97
Essex	5.4	6.6	10.3	11	11.4	111
New Jersey	4.3	5.5	9.1	9.5	9.7	126

**2011 preliminary average through July*

2 Family Economic Security

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		% Change 05-09	
	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount
Newark	38,611	2,042	35,320	2,130	36,829	2,199	36,814	2,297	37,205	2,454	7	20
Essex	67,663	1,941	68,306	2,022	71,119	2,083	71,021	2,174	73,585	2,312	9	19
New Jersey	470,626	1,804	470,763	1,870	498,013	1,921	505,607	2,020	561,644	2,101	19	16

Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Newark in 2011

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N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit, All Recipients

	2008		2009		2010		% Change 08-10	
	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount
Newark	34,054	525	35,586	623	35,487	515	4	-2
Essex	66,762	498	70,920	591	69,161	490	4	-2
New Jersey	488,244	458	525,469	544	484,751	449	-1	-2

N.J. Earned Income Tax Credit, Recipients With At Least One Dependent

	2008		2009		2010		% Change 08-10	
	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount	Number of Claims	Average Claim Amount
Newark	27,116	594	29,255	710	29,787	582	10	-2
Essex	53,947	576	56,989	689	56,867	564	5	-2
New Jersey	375,149	561	400,966	671	382,095	543	2	-3

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 06-11
Newark	10,100	9,712	9,774	9,823	9,911	-2
Essex	15,420	14,927	13,795	14,125	14,508	-6
New Jersey	66,976	64,959	63,556	67,632	70,831	6
Newark's % of Essex	65	65	71	70	68	
Newark's % of NJ	15	15	15	15	14	

3 Affordable Housing

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As Newark families earned less, they paid more for rent. Median rents rose faster in Newark than in Essex County and statewide, with Newark residents facing a 19 percent increase from 2006 to 2010. The city saw a corresponding 21 percent rise in the percentage of households spending too much on rent.

Homeowners across the city are also facing difficult times. The percentage of homes that are owner-occupied decreased 5 percent since 2006, with only 24 percent of Newark housing units owner-occupied in 2010, compared to 66 percent statewide. Almost three-quarters, or 69 percent, of Newark homeowners also spend a disproportionate share of their income on housing costs, up 11 percent since 2006. The picture is even worse for low-income Newark homeowners, with 100 percent spending too much on their mortgages.

Median Rent

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	787	845	878	938	934	19
Essex	859	932	959	996	991	15
New Jersey	974	1,026	1,068	1,108	1,114	14

3 Affordable Housing

Percentage of Households Spending More Than 30% of Their Income on Rent

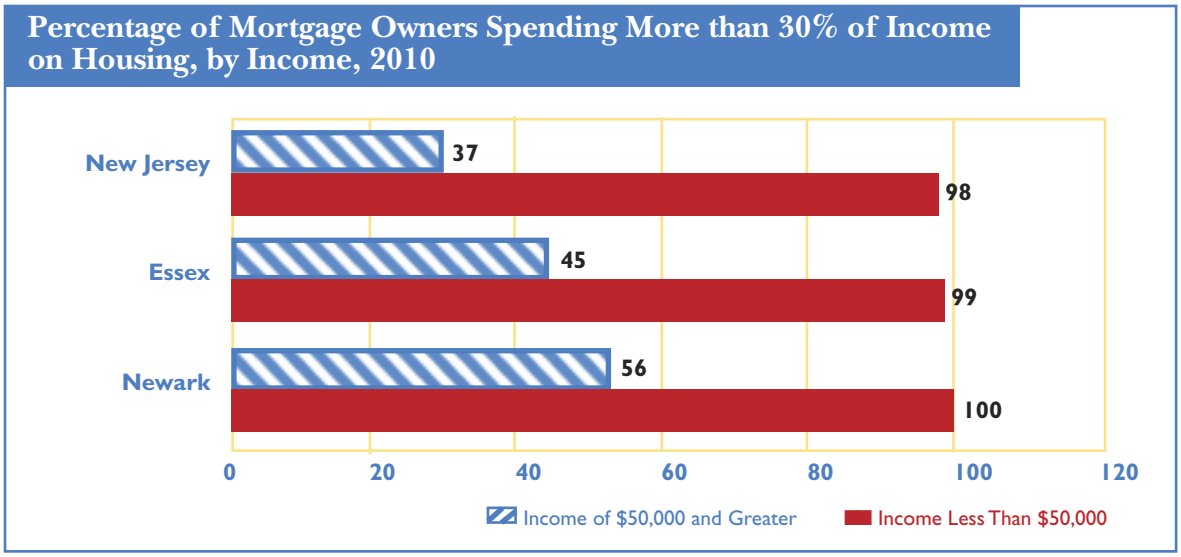
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	48	55	54	57	58	21
Essex	46	49	51	54	55	20
New Jersey	47	49	50	53	54	16

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	25	29	25	25	24	-5
Essex	48	48	46	46	46	-3
New Jersey	67	67	67	66	66	-1

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing Costs

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	62	69	64	58	69	11
Essex	51	51	54	52	54	6
New Jersey	45	46	46	47	47	4



4 Food Insecurity

The number of children receiving food stamps through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) continues to increase dramatically in Newark, Essex County and across the state. In 2011, more than 33,000 Newark children were receiving this nutritional benefit, a 33 percent jump since 2007. More than half — 57 percent — of Essex County children receiving food stamps were Newark residents.

At the same time, the city also saw a slight increase in the number of women, infants and children receiving formula and other nutritional assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), also consistent with county and statewide trends.

In the 2010-11 school year, more than 34,000 Newark students were eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals, an increase of 6 percent from 2006-07. Long trailing in providing school breakfast to eligible students, New Jersey has made small gains in this area and Newark has outpaced those gains, posting a 13 percent increase in the percentage of eligible children getting a healthy breakfast since 2008-09, compared to a 6 percent increase statewide. In the 2010-11 school year, 68 percent of eligible Newark children received this healthy start to their day, compared to 30 percent statewide.

Still, similar to the county and state, Newark schools have done a much better job of providing free- and reduced-price school lunch to its children. In 2010-11, 86 percent of eligible Newark students received free-or reduced-price school lunch, a 20 percent increase from 2008-09.

4 Food Insecurity

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	25,118	25,697	27,008	31,649	33,436	33
Essex	38,827	39,886	45,180	54,011	58,414	50
New Jersey	208,790	220,593	253,684	317,819	368,173	76
Newark's % of Essex	65	64	60	59	57	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	11	10	9	

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	12,658	13,755	13,732	13,614	13,379	6
Essex	22,934	24,523	24,797	24,543	23,802	4
New Jersey	166,890	176,358	187,865	189,116	186,247	12
Newark's % of Essex	55	56	55	55	56	
Newark's % of NJ	8	8	7	7	7	

Number of Children Eligible For Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

Eligible for Free Meals

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10*	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark	27,932	26,766	31,060	31,759	30,566	9
Essex	46,463	48,184	52,201	50,683	52,227	12
New Jersey	299,436	305,038	329,638	358,912	372,605	24

Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10*	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark	4,494	4,693	5,209	4,481	3,672	-18
Essex	8,848	9,258	9,931	8,379	7,256	-18
New Jersey	79,993	82,828	86,974	86,152	74,687	-7

Total Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10*	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark	32,426	31,459	36,269	36,240	34,238	6
Essex	55,311	57,442	62,132	59,062	59,483	8
New Jersey	379,429	387,866	416,612	445,064	447,292	18

** For the 2009-10 school year, the number of students eligible for free- or reduced-price school lunch for Gray Charter School, Discovery Charter School and Newark Educators Charter school were left blank in the Department of Education enrollment data.*

4 Food Insecurity

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 09-11
Newark	21,764	21,547	23,292	7
Essex	29,039	31,836	33,347	15
New Jersey	119,030	127,939	135,813	14

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 09-11
Newark	60	59	68	13
Essex	47	54	56	20
New Jersey	29	29	30	6

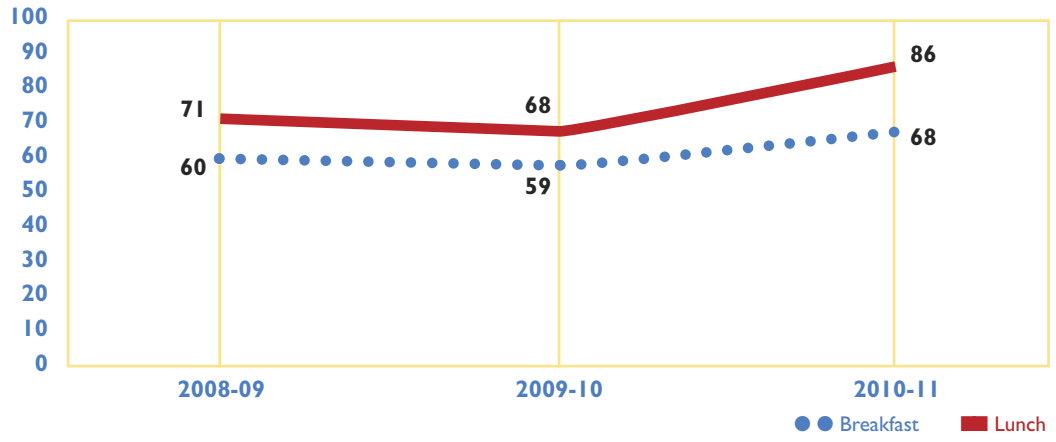
Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 09-11
Newark	25,882	24,773	29,441	14
Essex	45,659	45,635	51,210	12
New Jersey	324,699	346,762	363,262	12

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 09-11
Newark	71	68	86	20
Essex	73	77	86	17
New Jersey	78	78	81	4

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals in Newark Public Schools



5 Child Health

Health measures for Newark children continue to show mixed results. The city saw a positive 13 percent drop in the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care. In 2008, 37 percent of all Newark women received late or no prenatal care, down from 44 percent in 2004, but still higher than the state average of 21 percent. At the same time, Newark also saw a slight increase in the number babies born with low-birth weight.

Newark showed negative results in its infant and child mortality, consistent with county trends but contrary to statewide trends. The number of infant deaths in Newark increased 46 percent between 2004 and 2008, from 41 to 60, while the number of child deaths increased from 10 to 14 during that same time.

There is good news, though. From 2006 to 2010, the city saw a 46 percent decrease in the number of asthma admissions to the hospital and, while more children were tested for lead poisoning, fewer had high levels of lead. In 2010, just 1 percent of the roughly 6,000 Newark children tested were lead poisoned, compared to 6 percent in 2006.

In 2011, the amount of Newark children receiving health coverage through NJ FamilyCare, the state's free- or low-cost health insurance program that includes Medicaid, continued to increase. Since 2007, the number of enrolled Newark children grew 12 percent. While positive, statewide gains outpaced the city's, with enrollment jumping 26 percent across New Jersey.

The city also saw a positive 18 percent decrease in the number of children without health insurance. After increasing in 2009 to more than 10,000 children, the number dropped to a little more than 7,000 uninsured children in 2010.

5 Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	2,049	2,007	2,254	2,152	1,777	-13
Essex	4,193	3,769	4,065	4,006	3,319	-21
New Jersey	27,740	23,603	24,786	25,690	23,224	-16
Newark's % of Essex	49	53	55	54	54	
Newark's % of NJ	7	9	9	8	8	

Late prenatal care is defined as prenatal care beginning in the second trimester or later
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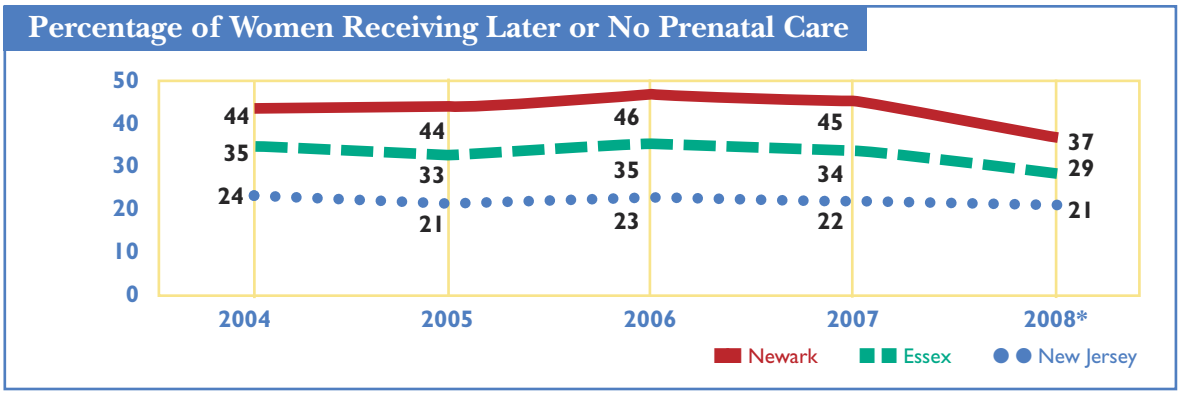

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	535	545	613	560	544	2
Essex	1,170	1,183	1,296	1,247	1,181	1
New Jersey	9,157	8,930	9,525	9,510	9,114	0
Newark's % of Essex	46	46	47	45	46	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	6	6	

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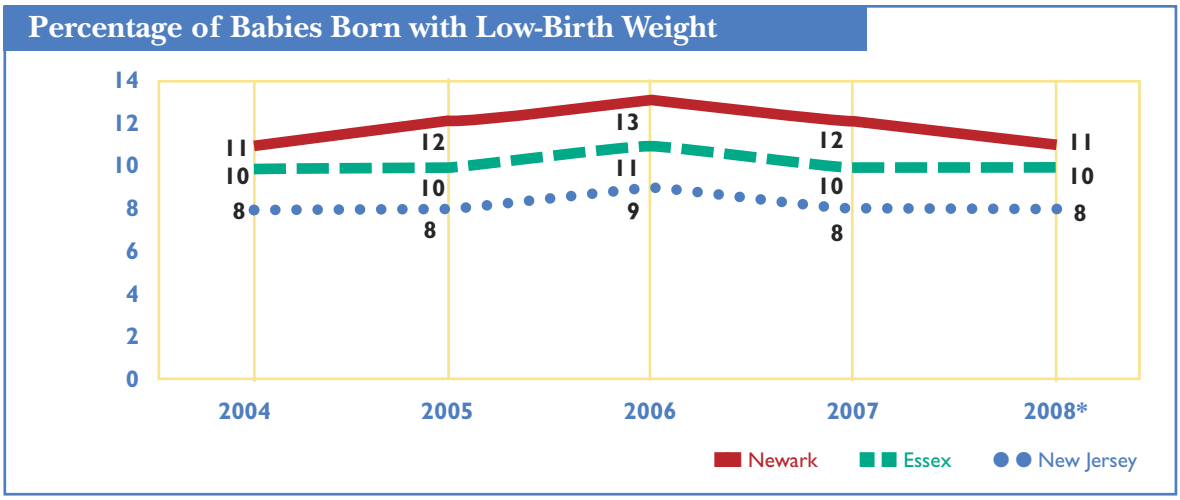

Infant Mortality

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	41	34	25	49	60	46
Essex	94	73	69	89	101	7
New Jersey	651	589	604	590	593	-9
Newark's % of Essex	44	47	36	55	59	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	4	8	10	

**Data for 2008 are preliminary.*

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	10	17	18	8	14	40
Essex	30	38	25	37	31	3
New Jersey	228	232	195	218	188	-18
Newark's % of Essex	33	45	72	22	45	
Newark's % of New Jersey	4	7	9	4	7	

**Data for 2008 are preliminary.*

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	738	715	429	440	395	-46
Essex	944	904	746	811	706	-25

5 Child Health

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead

	2006		2010		% Change 06-10	
	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned
Newark	4,151	6	6,063	1	46	-83
Essex	10,551	4	12,562	1	19	-75
New Jersey	101,498	2	101,521	1	0	-50

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Newark Lead Abatements	2008	2009	2010
	145	98	68

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	48,617	49,767	49,986	53,412	54,345	12
Essex	84,176	86,127	82,686	94,605	96,781	15
New Jersey	548,236	565,893	565,281	657,443	690,055	26
Newark's % of Essex	58	58	60	56	56	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	8	8	

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2008		2009		2010		% Change 08-10
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number
Newark	8,810	12	10,343	15	7,240	10	-18
Essex	17,730	9	17,092	9	14,783	8	-17
New Jersey	147,720	7	129,835	6	123,456	6	-16
Newark's % of Essex	50		61		49		
Newark's % of NJ	6		8		6		

6 Child Welfare

Following county and statewide trends, the number of Newark children under the supervision of the state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) decreased 5 percent from 2007 to 2011. This number, however, has begun to slowly increase each year since 2009. The number of Newark children in an out-of-home placement continued its steady decline, dropping almost half — 46 percent — from 2007 to 2011, compared to 24 percent statewide.

While the number of child abuse/neglect investigations increased in Newark, Essex County and statewide, fewer investigations resulted in a finding that abuse or neglect had occurred. The number of investigations increased 6 percent in Newark, while proven reports dropped 30 percent. In 2010, 622 allegations of abuse or neglect of Newark children were proven, or "substantiated," down from 862 in 2006.

Children Under DYFS Supervision

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	4,604	4,322	3,935	4,127	4,360	-5
Essex	7,347	6,707	6,114	6,273	6,500	-12
New Jersey	52,210	47,163	46,139	47,976	48,318	-7
Newark's % of Essex	63	64	64	66	67	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	9	9	

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Children Receiving In-Home DYFS Services

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	3,170	2,981	2,762	3,162	3,591	13
Essex	5,215	4,715	4,381	4,778	5,298	2
New Jersey	42,745	38,317	37,786	40,115	41,121	-4
Newark's % of Essex	61	63	63	66	68	
Newark's % of New Jersey	7	8	7	8	9	

Children in Out-of-Home DYFS Placement

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	1,434	1,341	1,173	965	769	-46
Essex	2,132	1,992	1,733	1,495	1,202	-44
New Jersey	9,465	8,846	8,353	7,861	7,197	-24
Newark's % of Essex	67	67	68	65	64	
Newark's % of New Jersey	15	15	14	12	11	

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	5,049	5,457	4,871	5,321	5,355	6
Essex	9,328	9,663	8,599	9,497	9,699	4
New Jersey	83,325	89,194	80,351	89,287	93,699	12
Newark's % of Essex	54	56	57	56	55	
Newark's % of New Jersey	6	6	6	6	6	

Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	892	777	608	611	622	-30
Essex	1,479	1,316	1,062	1,044	1,080	-27
New Jersey	11,038	9,942	9,015	9,286	9,326	-16
Newark's % of Essex	60	59	57	59	58	
Newark's % of New Jersey	8	8	7	7	7	

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Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	18	14	12	11	12	-34
Essex	16	14	12	11	11	-30
New Jersey	13	11	11	10	10	-25

Newark Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services

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Newark families have fewer child care options, with a drop in both licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers. Although the city had 8 percent fewer licensed centers in 2011 compared to 2007, those centers served 5 percent more children.

The number of people caring for children in their own homes and who were registered with the state declined 19 percent from 2006 to 2010. This follows statewide and county trends.

Despite the drop in child care options, more Newark families are receiving help in paying for child care, with the number of child care vouchers increasing significantly since 2006. In 2007, the state began issuing vouchers for before- and after-care for preschool children in New Jersey's poorest cities. As a result, Newark saw a large jump in the number of vouchers issued in 2007. Since then, that number has risen 13 percent.

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Licensed Child Care Centers

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	219	209	203	195	202	-8
Essex	564	558	550	537	543	-4
New Jersey	4,141	4,268	4,264	4,209	4,213	2

Child Care Center Capacity

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Newark	17,415	17,770	17,633	16,598	18,317	5
Essex	43,501	45,123	46,345	45,358	47,013	8
New Jersey	321,519	348,800	357,568	353,706	356,900	11

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	280	228	253	225	226	-19
Essex	555	452	467	469	459	-17
New Jersey	3,150	3,028	2,999	2,938	2,892	-8
Newark's % of Essex	50	50	54	48	49	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	8	8	8	8	

Child Care Vouchers

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	987	6,749	7,387	7,968	7,615	672
Newark - DYFS*	232	450	305	303	231	0
Essex	6,212	11,904	13,048	14,197	14,124	127

**These are vouchers for children under supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services.*

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Enrollment

Newark preschool enrollment has climbed steadily in recent years, with an 8 percent increase from the 2006-07 to 2010-11 school years. Kindergarten enrollments in traditional public schools, however, dropped a significant 40 percent during that same time, with the largest decline occurring from 2009-10 to 2010-11. In one year, kindergarten enrollment plummeted 37 percent to fewer than 2,000 children. Charter school kindergarten enrollment, however, jumped 284 percent from 2006-07 to 2010-11.

The same trend can be seen in total K-12 and special education enrollment. Traditional Newark public schools enrolled 19 percent fewer children from 2006-07 to 2010-11, while charter school enrollment jumped 130 percent. At the same time, special education dropped 33 percent in traditional public schools, but rose 65 percent in charter schools. Statewide, special education enrollment has been on a steady decline.

Public Preschool Enrollment

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark	5,658	5,658	5,813	5,864	6,134	8
Essex	9,517	9,019	9,234	9,291	9,678	2
New Jersey	49,166	46,908	49,080	49,940	51,333	4
Newark's % of Essex	59	63	63	63	63	
Newark's % of NJ	12	12	12	12	12	

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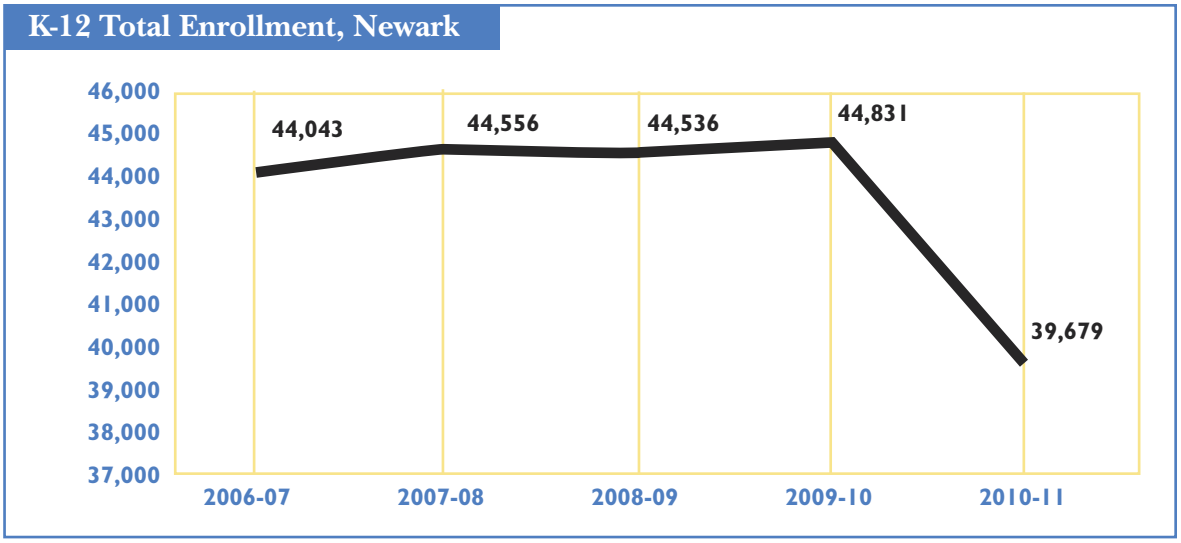
Kindergarten Enrollment

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark District (non-charter)	3,210	3,093	3,022	3,067	1,940	-40
Newark Charter Schools	216	420	486	618	829	284
Newark Total	3,426	3,513	3,508	3,685	2,769	-19
Essex	9,059	9,106	9,487	9,014	7,969	-12
New Jersey	92,935	91,402	93,501	94,917	90,663	-2
Newark's % of Essex	38	39	37	41	35	
Newark's % of NJ	4	4	4	4	3	

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark District (non-charter)	41,266	40,507	39,992	39,440	33,279	-19
Newark Charter Schools	2,777	4,049	4,544	5,391	6,400	130
Newark Total	44,043	44,556	44,536	44,831	39,679	-10



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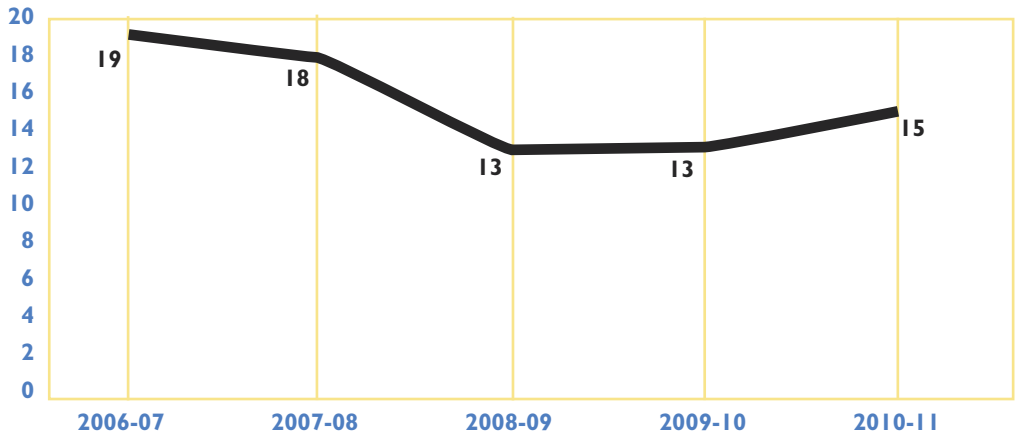
Special Education Enrollment

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	% Change 07-11
Newark District (non-charter)	8,012	8,043	5,745	5,415	5,394	-33
Newark Charter Schools	250	265	142	308	412	65
Newark Total	8,262	8,235	5,887	5,723	5,806	-30
Essex	22,839	21,326	16,730	17,676	18,120	-21
New Jersey	233,556	230,272	205,010	211,111	212,727	-9
Newark's % of Essex	36	39	35	32	32	
Newark's % of NJ	4	4	3	3	3	

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment



Data include Newark District as well as Newark Charter schools.

Number of Homeless Students

	2008-09	2009-10	% Change
Newark	511	489	-4
Essex	745	663	-11
New Jersey	6,397	5,254	-18
Newark's % of Essex	69	74	
Newark's % of NJ	8	9	

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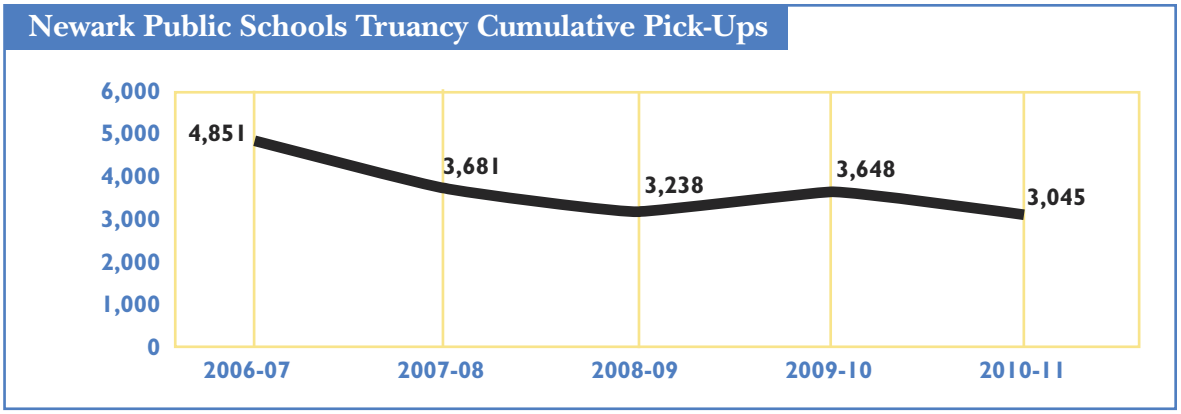
School Truancy/Violence



School Violence Incidents

	2004-05				2008-09				% Change 05-09			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Newark	154	118	81	15	120	75	29	27	-22	-36	-64	80
Essex	812	328	198	104	1,002	268	88	134	23	-18	-56	29
New Jersey	10,953	3,493	1,478	2,725	10,404	2,922	995	2,928	-5	-16	-33	7
Newark's % of Essex	19	36	41	14	12	28	33	20				
Newark's % of NJ	1	3	5	1	1	3	3	1				

Please note that updated 2009-10 data were not available from the Department of Education.

Test Scores

Pass rates on 4th grade language arts tests dropped in both traditional and charter schools from 2005-06. But the 40 percent drop for students attending traditional schools was steeper than the 25 percent decline for charters. The drops can be attributed primarily to changes to the test in 2008-09, when the assessment was made more difficult.

Newark 4th grade charter school students fared better on math tests, posting a 5 percent increase in pass rates, compared to a 14 percent drop for students attending traditional schools. Statewide, pass rates dropped 6 percent.

Eighth-graders posted gains in Newark and statewide. Newark's increase in pass rates in both traditional and charter schools outpaced statewide averages. From 2005-06, Newark schools — both charter and traditional — saw a 29 percent increase in the number of 8th graders passing language arts tests. In fact, in the 2009-10 school year, Newark charter school students outperformed the statewide average on this test, with 84 percent passing. That compares to about 58 percent of children attending traditional Newark schools.

Progress on 8th grade math tests were even more positive, with a 30 percent increase in pass rates for Newark's traditional schools and a 51 percent increase for charter schools. Newark charter school students again surpassed the statewide pass rate on this test, with 72 percent passing, compared to 69 percent statewide. Just 40 percent of Newark students attending traditional schools passed the 8th grade math test.

For 11th graders, the gains were smaller but still positive. Students in traditional Newark schools posted a 7 percent increase in pass rates on language arts tests, compared to 4 percent statewide. Charter schools saw a slight 1 percent drop in this pass rate, but charter school 11th graders still performed better than statewide averages and students in traditional Newark schools, with 95 percent passing, compared to 57 percent in traditional Newark schools and 87 percent statewide.

Similar trends can be seen in the pass rates for 11th grade math tests, with Newark traditional students posting a 15 percent increase in pass rates, compared to a 2 percent drop for Newark charter school students and statewide. But charter school students still outperformed both, with 84 percent passing this test in 2009-10, compared to 46 percent in Newark traditional schools and 74 percent statewide.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09*	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	59.7	59.9	67.6	40.3	35.8	-40
Newark Charter School Average	65.9	68.4	73.5	41.3	49.6	-25
New Jersey Average	80.0	80.6	82.6	63	59.6	-26

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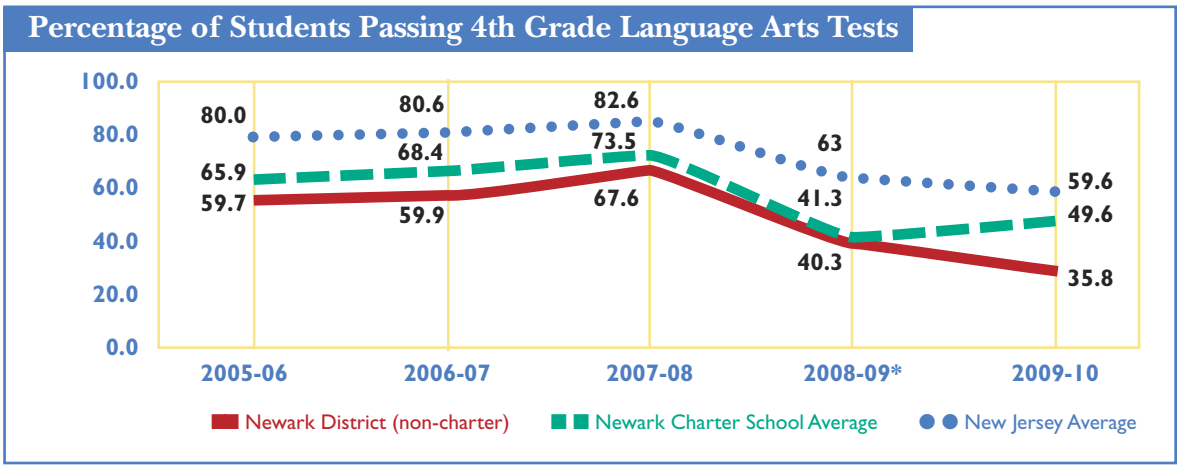

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Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09*	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	63.7	69.2	74.2	54.3	54.6	-14
Newark Charter School Average	61.1	68.2	71.8	54	64	5
New Jersey Average	82.3	84.7	84.8	72.9	77	-6

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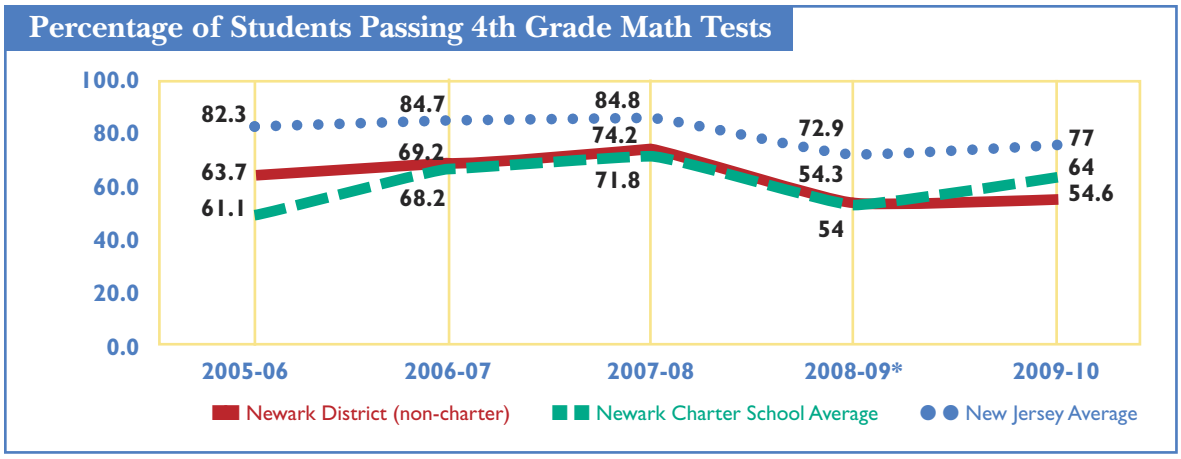

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*	2008-09	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	44.9	49.9	56.4	55.9	57.7	29
Newark Charter School Average	65.3	59	79	80	84.1	29
New Jersey Average	74.2	73.7	81.1	82	82.5	11

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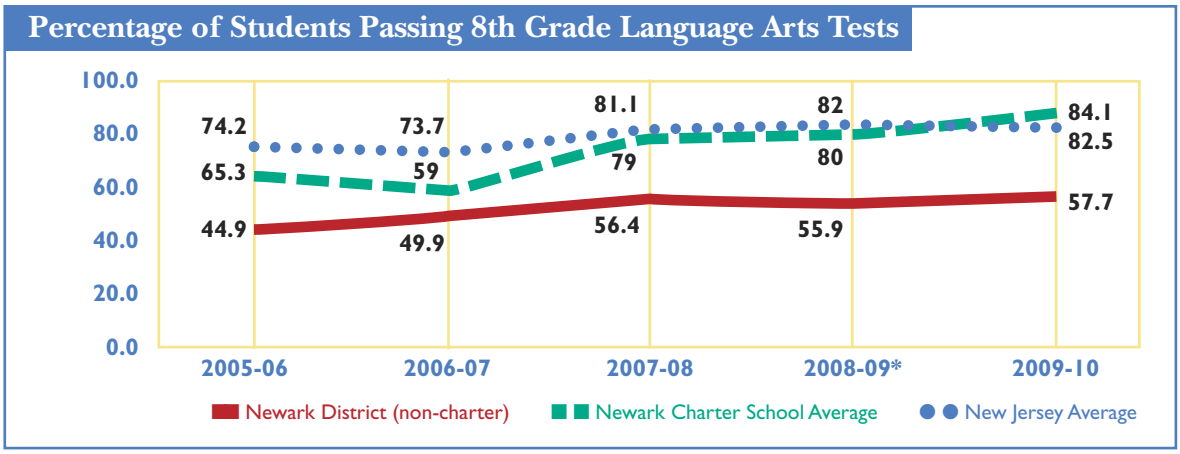

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Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08*	2008-09	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	31.2	35.3	37.2	41.9	40.6	30
Newark Charter School Average	47.8	48.6	60.8	71.8	72.2	51
New Jersey Average	64.5	68.4	67.4	71.2	68.5	6

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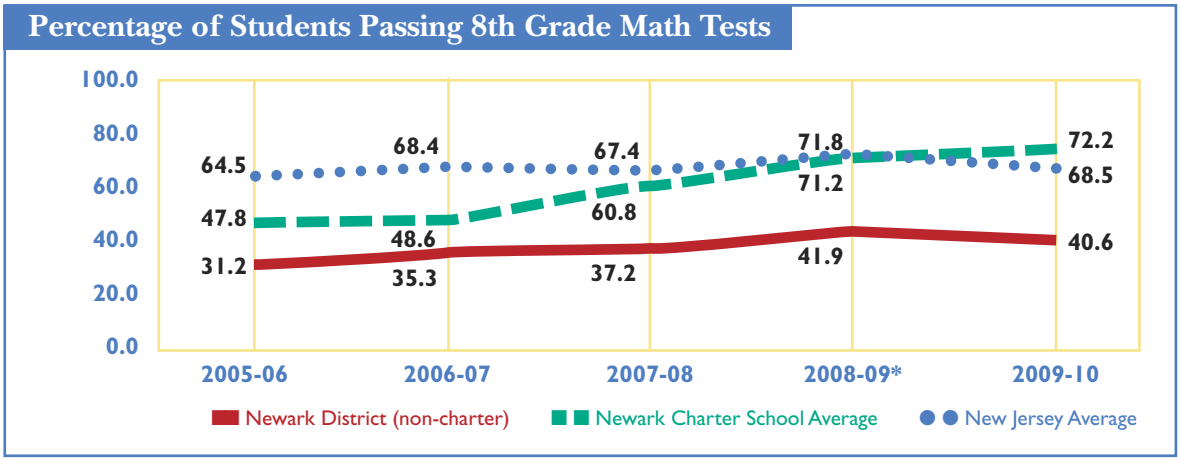

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	53.5	58.3	51.1	54.7	57.4	7
Newark Charter School Average*	N/A	96.4	89.3	93.8	95.1	-1
New Jersey Average	83.5	85.4	82.8	83.6	87.1	4

**Please note that for school years 2005-06 to 2008-09, the only Newark charter school serving 11th grade students was North Star Academy. Data were not available for North Star Academy in the 2005-06 school year. During the 2009-10 school year, two charter schools, North Star Academy and TEAM Academy, served 11th graders. The % change for charter schools is therefore between 2007-10.*

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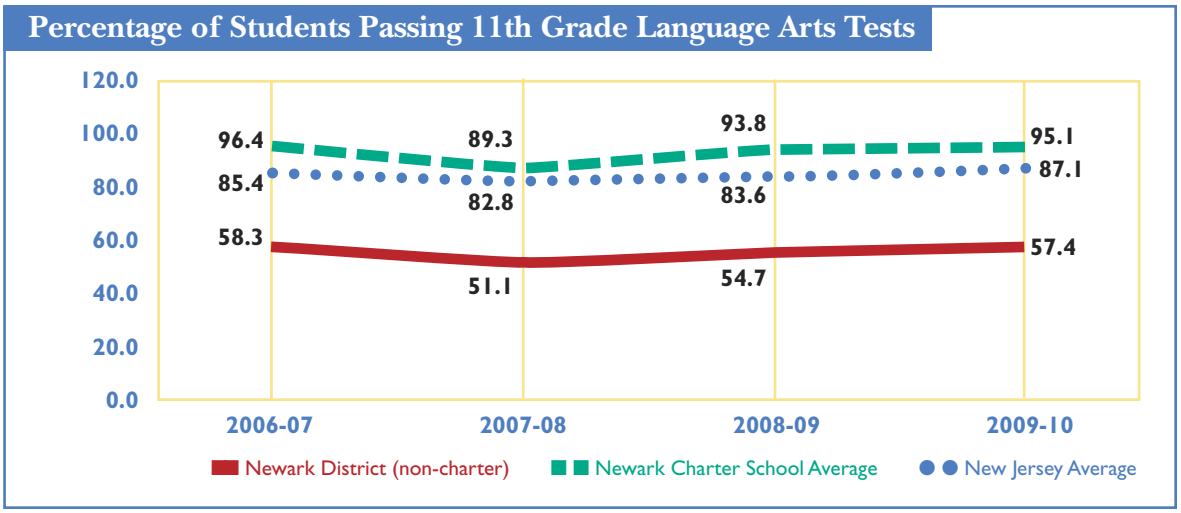

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% Change 06-10
Newark District (non-charter) Average	40.3	39.7	40.3	42.6	46.4	15
Newark Charter School Average*	N.A	85.8	82.2	93.8	84.1	-2
New Jersey Average	75.9	73.4	74.8	72.7	74.1	-2

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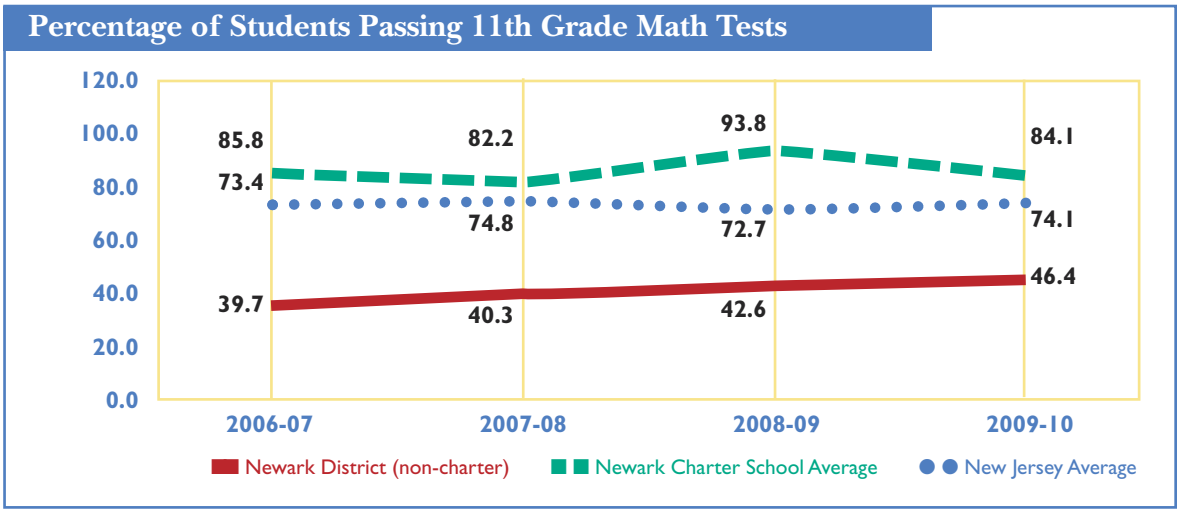

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Individual Test Scores

While averages are important, it is critical to examine test scores by school. As the data show, student achievement varies greatly from school to school, both among charter schools and among Newark district schools. For example, the percent of 4th graders passing language arts tests ranged from 11 to 89 percent, while 4th grade math pass rates ranged from 18 to 100 percent.

Similar ranges are seen in 8th and 11th grade pass rates.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
GRAY CS	88.9	IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	31.8
ROSEVILLE AVENUE E.S.	84.6	SUSSEX AVE	31.0
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CS	76.4	ADELAIDE L. SANFORD CHARTER SCHOOL	29.2
ANN ST	75.5	BURNET ST	28.6
RIDGE ST	71.5	MCKINLEY	27.8
ABINGTON AVE	71.0	HAWTHORNE AVE	27.5
OLIVER ST	62.6	NEW PARK SCHOOL	27.3
HARRIET TUBMAN	59.1	MILLER ST	26.8
FRANKLIN E.S.	56.0	DR WILLIAM H HORTON	25.2
BRANCH BROOK H.	54.9	BROADWAY E.S.	24.6
MT VERNON	54.9	HAWKINS ST	24.5
LAFAYETTE ST	54.8	LOUISE A. SPENCER	24.2
ALEXANDER ST	54.6	SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	23.1
LINCOLN	48.3	DAYTON ST	22.7
DISCOVERY CS	47.8	QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	22.7
FIRST AVENUE	47.7	SOUTH ST	20.9
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CS	47.4	MADISON ELEM.	20.0
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CS	47.4	PESHINE AVE	20.0
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	46.9	DR E ALMA FLAGG	19.7
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	46.1	ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	19.4
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	44.8	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	18.5
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	43.8	CLEVELAND	17.6
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	43.7	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	16.3
MARION P.THOMAS CS	42.5	EIGHTEENTH AVE	16.1
NEWTON ST	39.1	CAMDEN STREET E.S.	13.0
WILSON AVE	38.4	SPEEDWAY AVENUE E.S.	12.2
VILLAGE CS	35.0	BELMONT RUNYON	12.0
MARIA L.VARISCO-ROGERS CS	32.7	AVON AVE	11.5
CHANCELLOR AVE	32.3	THIRTEENTH AVE	10.9

**Data not available for Bragaw Ave., Fifteenth Ave. and Samuel Berliner schools.*

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Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing
GRAY CS	100
ANN ST	95.1
OLIVER ST	92.9
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CS	92.1
ABINGTON AVE	92.1
RIDGE ST	88.9
MILLER ST	85.4
LAFAYETTE ST	84.9
HARRIET TUBMAN	84.1
ROSEVILLE AVENUE E.S.	80.7
MCKINLEY	77.8
FOURTEENTH AVENUE E.S.	75
WILSON AVE	73.6
ELLIOTT STREET E.S.	71.2
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	68.9
DAYTON ST	68.1
MT VERNON	67.5
SUSSEX AVE	66.6
ALEXANDER ST	65.9
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CS	65.8
BRANCH BROOK H.	64.6
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	62.5
FIRST AVENUE	62.3
NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CS	59
HAWKINS ST	58.5
FIFTEENTH AVE	54.3
DISCOVERY CS	52.2
LINCOLN	51.8
NEWTON ST	51.1
MARIA L.VARISCO-ROGERS CS	50.9

School	% Passing
ADELAIDE L. SANFORD CHARTER SCHOOL	50
CHANCELLOR AVE	50
FRANKLIN E.S.	49.3
BROADWAY E.S.	49.2
NEW PARK SCHOOL	49.2
DR WILLIAM H HORTON	48.6
MARION P.THOMAS CS	47.5
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	46.5
CLEVELAND	45.7
QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	44
BURNET ST	42.9
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	42.3
DR E ALMA FLAGG	42.2
HAWTHORNE AVE	41.2
SPEEDWAY AVENUE E.S.	40.9
SOUTH ST	39.5
LOUISE A. SPENCER	39.4
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	38.4
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	36.1
VILLAGE CS	32.5
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	30.9
ROBERTO CLEMENTE E.S.	30.9
PESHINE AVE	30
EIGHTEENTH AVE	29.1
THIRTEENTH AVE	28.3
CAMDEN STREET E.S.	24.4
AVON AVE	24.2
BELMONT RUNYON	21.4
MADISON ELEM.	20
BRAGAW AVE	18.6

**Data not available for Samuel Berliner school.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
DISCOVERY CS	100	VILLAGE CS	57.9
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL	100	SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	54.8
ABINGTON AVE	95.4	LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	54.1
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CS OF NEWARK	94.2	IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	54.1
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CS	91.8	MILLER ST	52.7
UNIVERSITY HIGH	90	MARIA L.VARISCO-ROGERS CS	51.7
LAFAYETTE ST	89.7	MCKINLEY	50.8
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	88.8	PESHINE AVE	50
ANN ST	84.3	HAWKINS ST	47.7
RIDGE ST	83.1	CAMDEN MIDDLE	46.9
GRAY CS	82.4	BRAGAW AVE	46.3
WILSON AVE	82.3	MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	46.3
GREATER NEWARK CS	82.1	DR E ALMA FLAGG	45.9
NEWTON ST	76.9	CHANCELLOR AVE	45.4
FIRST AVENUE	76.9	DR WILLIAM H HORTON	44.5
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	73.7	FIFTEENTH AVE	41.4
MARION P.THOMAS CS	73.3	LOUISE A. SPENCER	40.3
EIGHTEENTH AVE	69.2	BURNET ST	39.1
NEW PARK SCHOOL	65.8	DAYTON ST	39.1
OLIVER ST	65.6	QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	38.3
MT VERNON	65.5	HAWTHORNE AVE	36.5
ALEXANDER ST	62.5	SUSSEX AVE	34.6
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN MIDDLE	61.5	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	34
LINCOLN	59.6	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	28.9
THIRTEENTH AVE	58.6	AVON AVE	24
CLEVELAND	58.5	RENAISSANCE ACADEMY	14.9

**Data not available for Belmont Runyon, Chancellor Avenue Annex, Madison Elementary, Samuel Berliner and Speedway Ave. schools.*

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Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CS OF NEWARK	97.1
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL	96.4
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CS	95.9
ABINGTON AVE	92.6
LAFAYETTE ST	84.5
GRAY CS	82.4
GREATER NEWARK CS	82.1
UNIVERSITY HIGH	73.4
ANN ST	72.7
DISCOVERY CS	69.3
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	69.3
WILSON AVE	67.7
NEW PARK SCHOOL	67.5
MT VERNON	64.1
OLIVER ST	61.5
SOUTH SEVENTEENTH ST	54.7
NEWTON ST	52
RIDGE ST	50.7
MARION P. THOMAS CS	50
HAWKINS ST	48.9
FIRST AVENUE	46.3
MILLER ST	44.5
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN MIDDLE	43.9
ALEXANDER ST	37.5
DAYTON ST	36.4
QUITMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	36.2
LOUISE A. SPENCER	35.1
THIRTEENTH AVE	34.1
MCKINLEY	33.6
LINCOLN	31.9
VILLAGE CS	31.5
BURNET ST	30.4
RAFAEL HERNANDEZ SCHOOL	29.9
IVY HILL ELEMENTARY	29.7
LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CS	27
EIGHTEENTH AVE	26.9
CLEVELAND	26.8
DR WILLIAM H HORTON	26
MARIA L. VARISCO-ROGERS CS	24.1
CAMDEN MIDDLE	23.9
SUSSEX AVE	23.5
DR E ALMA FLAGG	22.9
CHANCELLOR AVE	22.2
BRAGAW AVE	21.9
PESHINE AVE	21.1
FIFTEENTH AVE	20.7
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER	19
MAPLE AVE SCHOOL	18.1
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	17.8
HAWTHORNE AVE	17.3

** Data not available for Avon Ave., Belmont Runyon, Chancellor Avenue Annex, Madison Elementary, Renaissance Academy, Samuel Berliner and Speedway Ave. schools.*

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL	100
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	98.2
SCIENCE H.S.	97.5
ARTS H.S.	93.4
UNIVERSITY H.S.	92.1
AMERICAN HISTORY HIGH	88.1
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CS OF NEWARK	88
NEWARK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	52.1
WEEQUAHIC H.S.	51.2
EAST SIDE H.S.	49.3
WEST SIDE H.S.	47.1
MALCOLM X. SHABAZZ H.S.	44.1
CENTRAL H.S.	36.5
BARRINGER H	36.1
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY	31.6
THE ACADEMY OF VOCATIONAL CAREERS	11.8

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Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10

School	% Passing
SCIENCE H.S.	96.4
NORTH STAR ACADEMY CS OF NEWARK	96
UNIVERSITY H.S.	92.1
TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL	86
TEAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	78.9
AMERICAN HISTORY HIGH	71.2
ARTS H.S.	64.8
EAST SIDE H.S.	52.9

School	% Passing
WEST SIDE H.S.	36.3
NEWARK VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	35.4
WEEQUAHIC H.S.	34.9
BARRINGER H	24
MALCOLM X. SHABAZZ H.S.	21.3
CENTRAL H.S.	19.9
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY	11.8

** Data not available for the Academy of Vocational Careers school.*

Graduation/Post Graduation

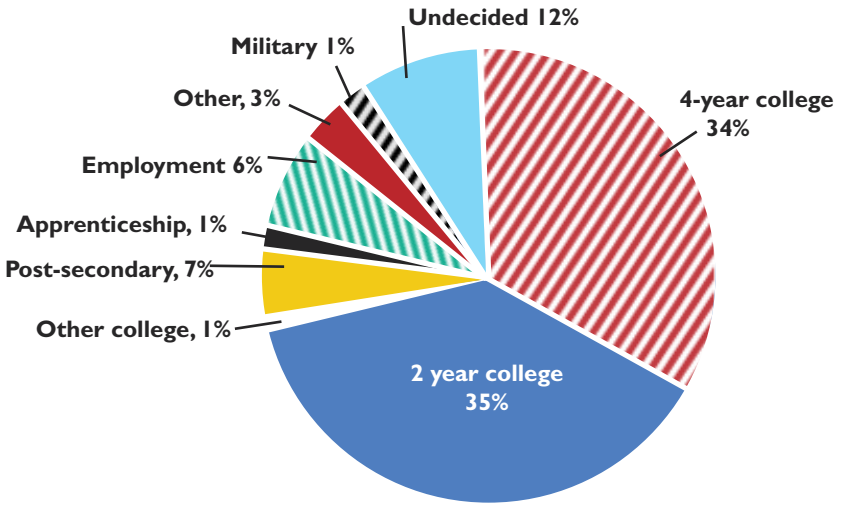
Just over half of Newark students graduate on time. For students who do graduate, most — 69 percent — plan to attend college, either a 2-year or 4-year institution. Newark high-schoolers, on average, score lower on SATs than averages for both Essex and the state. More Newark students, however, are attending college, with an 11 percent increase in college attendance among students 18 to 24 years old. That increase outpaced the statewide average of 8 percent.

Newark High School Graduation Rates

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
52	54	55

Please note that updated 2010-11 data were not available from Newark Public Schools.

Post–Graduation Plans, Newark District Graduates, 2009–10



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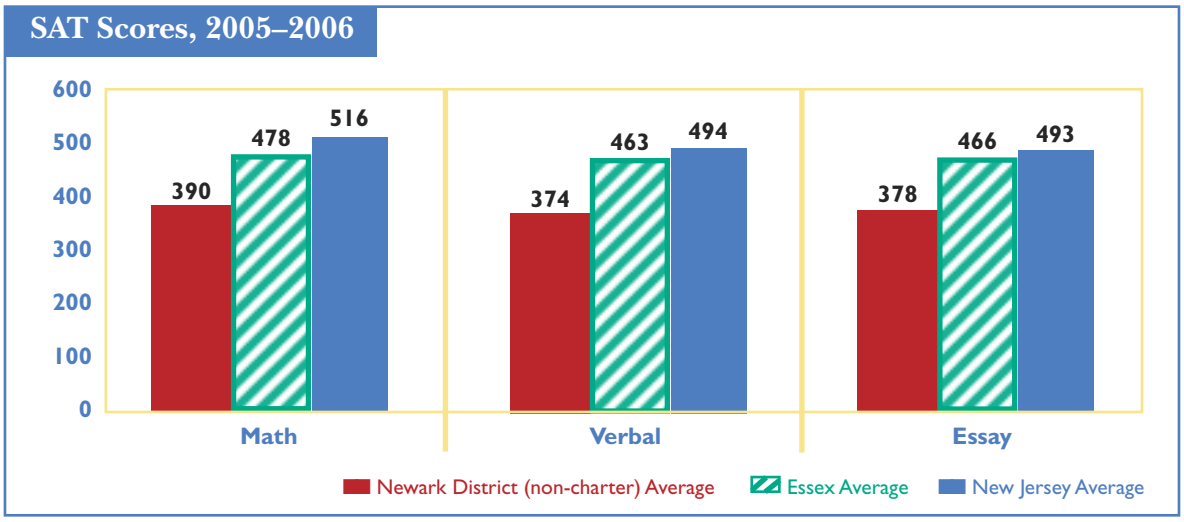
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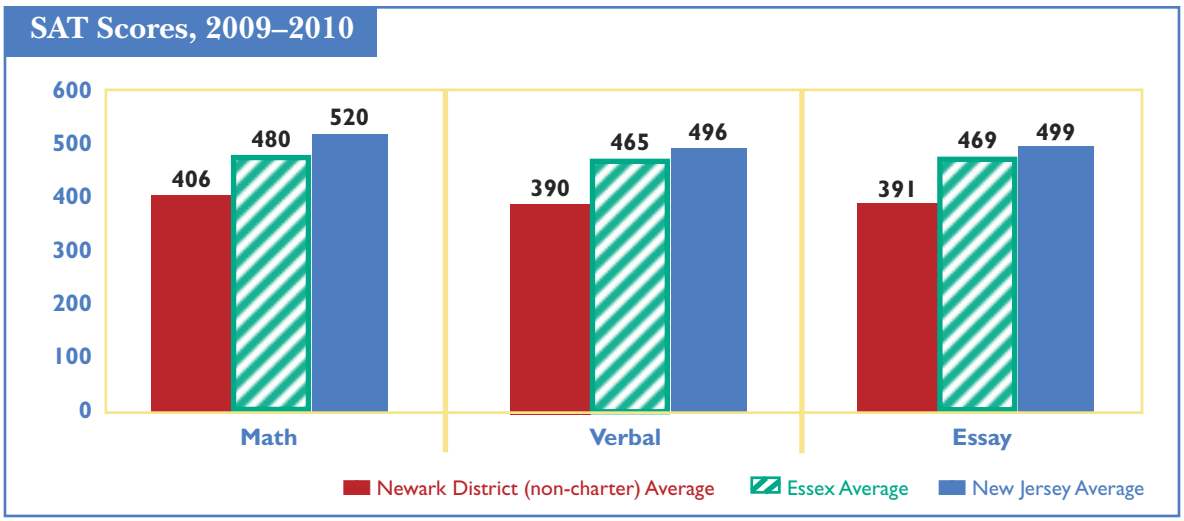
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Math
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Newark District (non-charter) Average
Essex Average
New Jersey Average

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Average SAT Score, by High School

	2005-06			2009-10		
	Math	Verbal	Percentage Participation	Math	Verbal	Percentage Participation
Academy of Vocational Careers	N/A	N/A	N/A	356	351	94
American History High	N/A	N/A	N/A	393	407	71
Arts High School	402	401	75	414	418	70
Barringer High School	350	336	34	358	332	35
Central High School	350	334	55	369	362	49
East Side High School	369	353	37	399	381	36
Malcom X Shabazz High School	339	339	62	342	338	59
Newark Vocational School	N/A	N/A	N/A	354	333	64
North Star Academy Charter School	457	415	95	516	474	100
Science High School	523	476	96	525	494	94
Technology High School	385	386	79	437	428	71
University High School	458	414	92	465	426	85
Weequahic High School	345	345	62	357	337	59
West Side High School	346	339	46	356	346	45
Newark District (non-charter) Average	390	374	64	406	390	63
Essex Average	478	463	83	480	465	75
NJ Average	516	494	74	520	496	66

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06 -10
Newark	9,233	7,782	9,778	9,714	10,285	11
Essex	28,819	26,793	28,984	26,273	30,485	6
New Jersey	332,364	346,915	343,577	333,932	359,255	8
Newark's % of Essex	32	29	34	37	34	
Newark's % of NJ	3	2	3	3	3	

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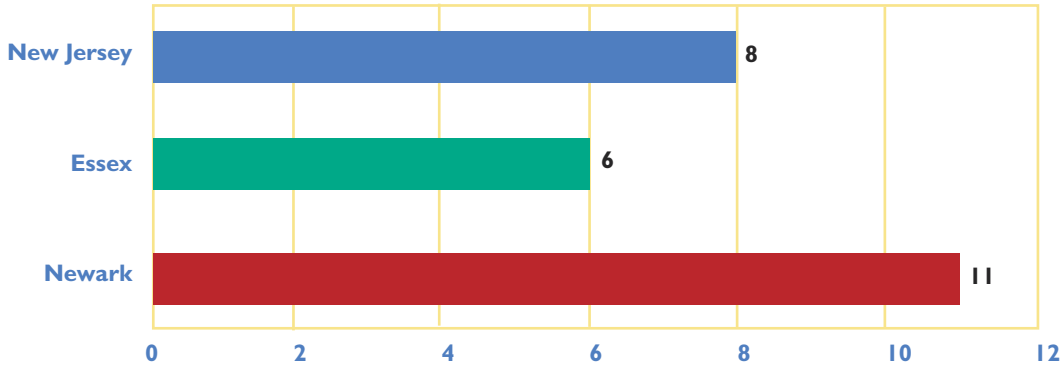
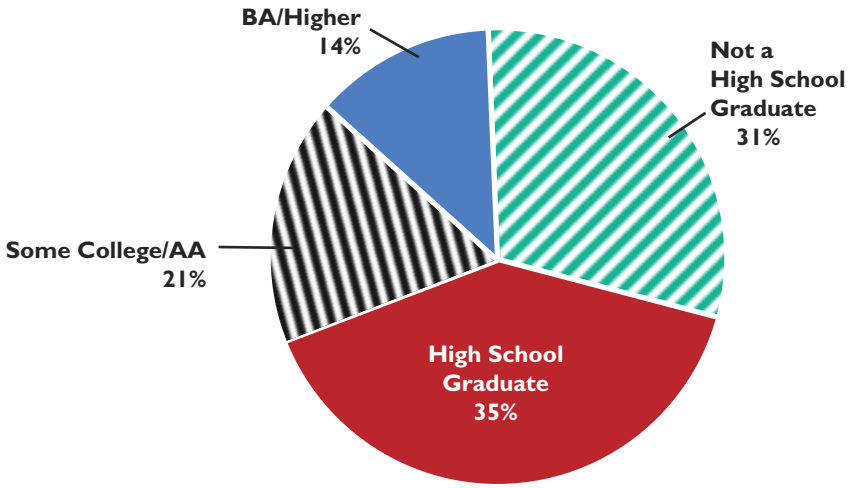
Percentage Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18-24, 2006-2010



Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2010



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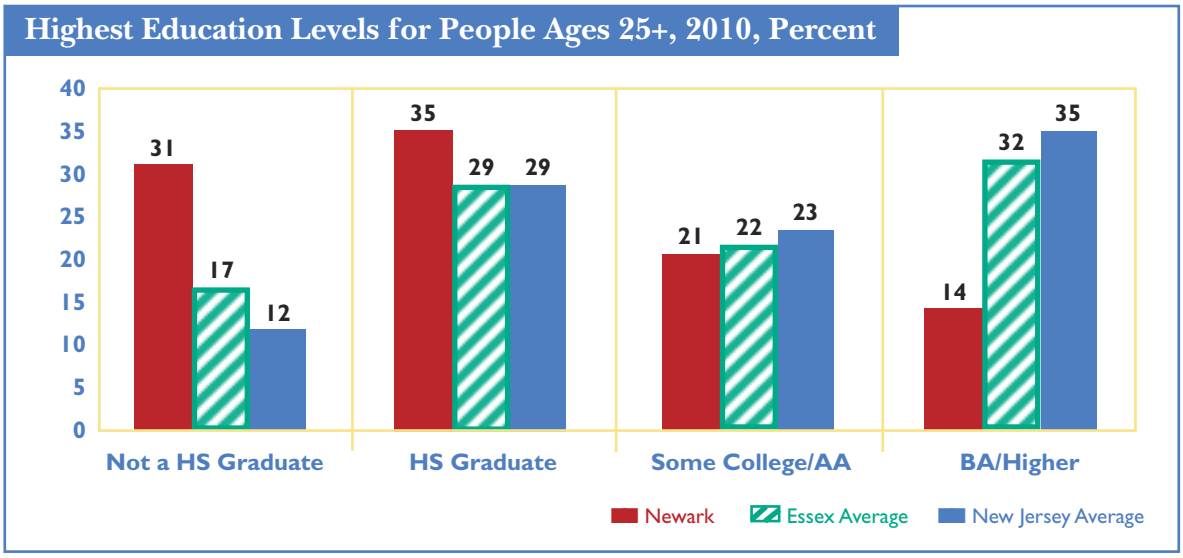
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23
14
32
35
Not a HS Graduate
HS Graduate
Some College/AA
BA/Higher
Newark
Essex Average
New Jersey Average

9 Teens

The number of Newark teenagers giving birth rose 4 percent from 2004 to 2008, compared to a 1 percent increase statewide. In 2008, 13 percent of all births in Newark were to a teen between the ages of 15 and 19. At the same time, teen deaths in the city decreased, following state and county trends. There were 20 teen deaths in Newark in 2008, down from 26 in 2004.

More teenagers in Newark and across the state are being diagnosed with a sexually-transmitted infection. From 2006 to 2010, 63 percent more teen males and 12 percent more females were diagnosed in Newark, similar to statewide increases of 58 percent and 25 percent, respectively. Still, more females continue to be infected than males.

Juvenile arrests dropped a significant 52 percent from 2006 to 2010 in the city, consistent with trends across Essex County and statewide. The number of youth in detention also continued to show steep declines across the board. From 2007 to 2010, 44 percent fewer Newark youth were sent to the county detention facility. However, the majority of youth admitted to detention in Newark continue to be African American males.

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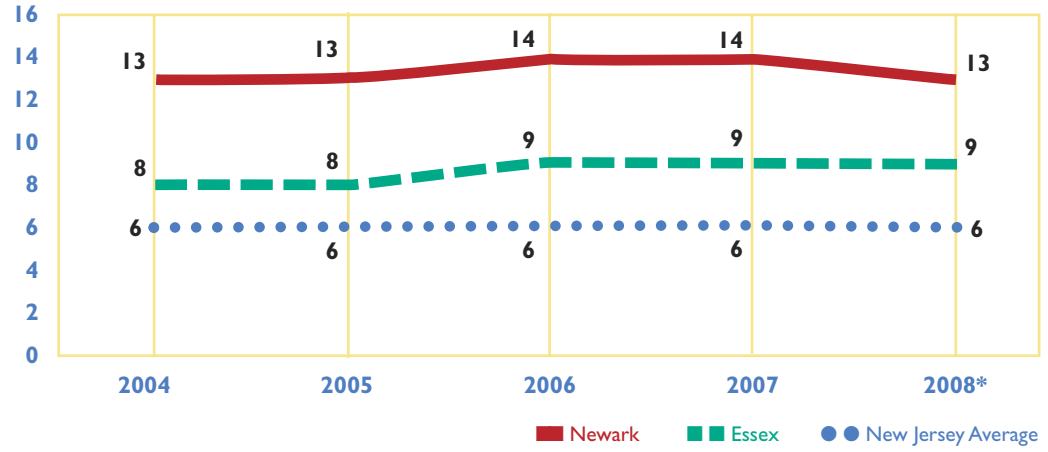
Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	614	594	666	696	640	4
Essex	993	948	1,058	1,064	1,059	7
New Jersey	6,877	6,830	7,088	7,207	6,914	1
Newark's % of Essex	62	63	63	65	60	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	10	9	

** Data for 2008 are preliminary.*

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change 04-08
Newark	26	24	26	28	20	-23
Essex	46	38	46	40	33	-28
New Jersey	290	268	287	259	236	-19
Newark's % of Essex	57	63	57	70	61	
Newark's % of New Jersey	9	9	9	11	8	

**Data for 2008 are premiminary.*

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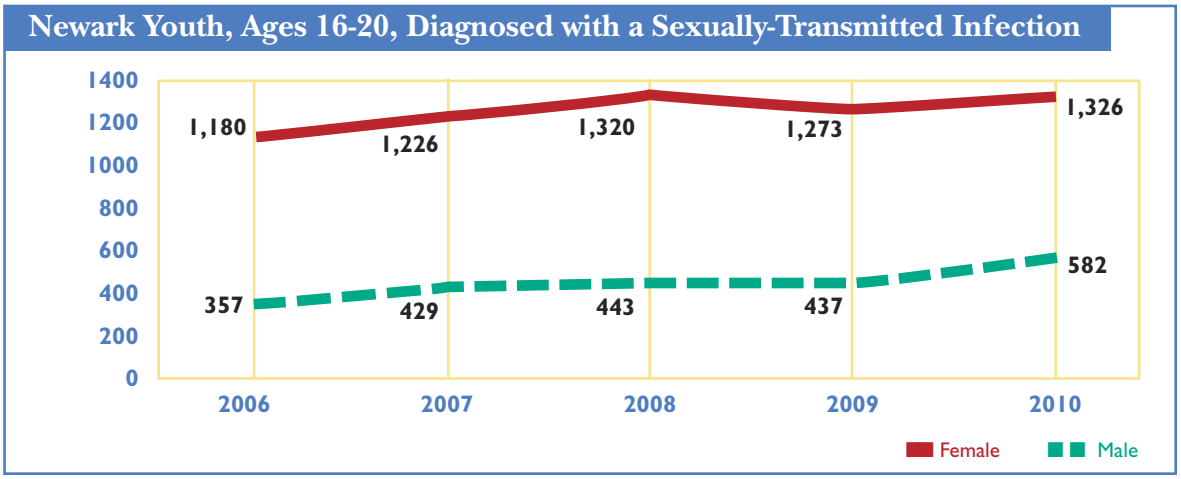
Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		% Change 06-10	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newark	357	1,180	429	1,226	443	1,320	437	1,273	582	1,326	63	12
Essex	583	1,987	696	2,046	730	2,158	749	2,160	917	2,207	57	11
New Jersey	1,769	8,219	2,110	8,697	2,325	9,246	2,427	9,501	2,793	10,267	58	25
Newark's % of Essex	61	59	62	60	61	61	58	59	63	60		
Newark's % of NJ	20	14	20	14	19	14	18	13	21	13		



Juvenile Arrests

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
Newark	1,623	1,352	1,048	1,138	773	-52
Essex	5,266	4,756	4,048	3,977	3,377	-36
New Jersey	62,350	57,480	52,684	48,923	40,702	-35
Newark's % of Essex	31	28	26	29	23	
Newark's % of NJ	3	2	2	2	2	

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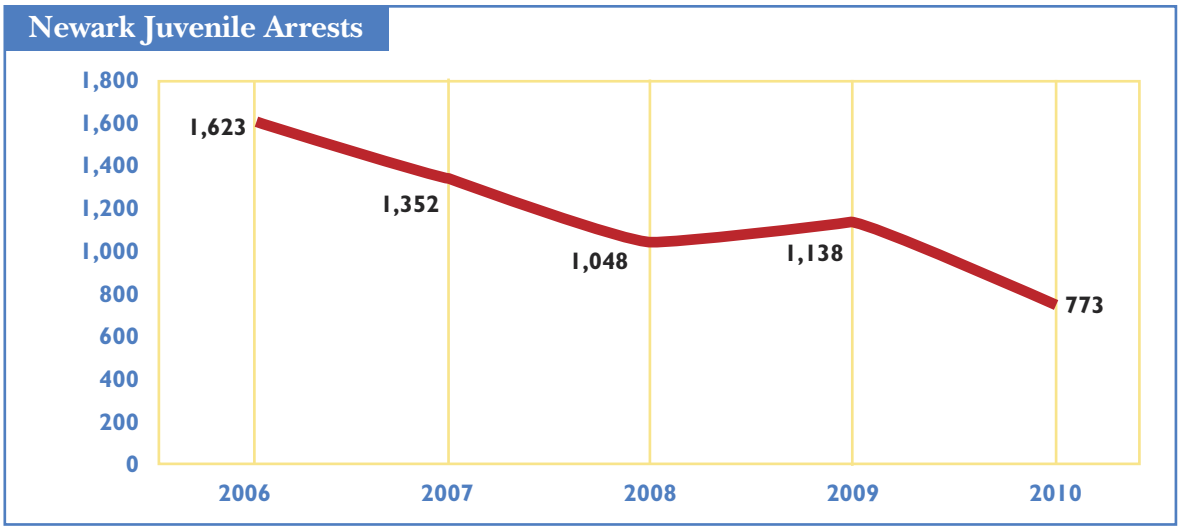

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention

	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 07-10
Total Admissions:	1,265	875	773	707	-44
By Gender:					
Boys	1,168	801	713	653	-44
Girls	97	74	60	54	-44
By Race:					
African American	1,101	774	704	654	-41
Caucasian	1	4	0	1	0
Hispanic	163	97	69	52	-68
Newark's Percentage of Essex Admissions	63	59	60	59	

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 06-10
2,144	1,994	1,480	1,294	1,191	-44

10 Data Sources and Technical Notes

Special Section: Reading by 3rd Grade in Newark Schools

Percentage of Students Reading by Third Grade, 2003-04 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. In order to get a charter school average, scores from each charter school were weighted by the number of students taking the test.

Percentage of Students Reading by Third Grade, by School, 2003-04 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. In order to get a charter school average, scores from each charter school were weighted by the number of students taking the test.

Section 1: Population and Demographics

Total Population, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population (under Age 18), 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population as a Percentage of Total Population, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Newark's Child Population by Race, 2006-2010. For children under age 18 as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I.

Foreign-Born Children, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

Total Births, 2004-2008. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Births to Unmarried Women, 2004-2008. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005.

Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.

Section 2: Family Economic Security

Children Living Below the Poverty Line, Under 18, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Percentage of Children Under 18 Living Below Poverty Level, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Income as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level, 2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17002.

Number Unemployed, 2007-2011. US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2011 data are through July and are preliminary.

Unemployment Rate, 2007-2011. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for years 2007-2010. 2011 data are an average through July. Please note that data reported in previous Newark Kids Count reports have been updated to reflect revised inputs, reestimation and new statewide controls, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), 2005-2009. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

Number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites in Newark in 2011. As reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), All Recipients, 2008-2010. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a state EITC and average claim, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Recipients With At Least One Dependent, 2008-2010. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a state EITC and average claim, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury.

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Section 3: Affordable Housing

Median Rent, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064.

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More Than 30% of Income on Housing Costs, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing, by Income, 2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25101.

Section 4: Food Insecurity

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits, 2007-2011. Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Number of Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals, 2006-07 to 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include traditional public schools as well as charter schools. Please note that for the 2009-10 school year, the number of students eligible for free- or reduced-price school lunch for Gray Charter School, Discovery Charter School and Newark Educators Charter school were left blank in the Department of Education enrollment data.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Breakfast, 2008-09 to 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2008-09 to 2010-11. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Priced Lunch, 2008-09 to 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008-09 to 2010-11. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Section 5: Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2004-2008. Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2004-2008. Percentage of total births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2004-2008. The number of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birth Weight, 2004-2008. The percent of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Infant Mortality, 2004-2008. The number of infants under one year who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14), 2004-2008. The number of children between ages one and 14 who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, 2006- 2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead, 2006-2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal, Child and Community Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 ug/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) is suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow-up treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Newark Lead Abatements, 2008-2010. 2008 data are from the Newark Department of Child and Family Well Being Performance TRAC Monthly Management Report, Period Ending 12/31/2008, p.19. 2009 and 2010 data are from the Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being, Division of Health Planning.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services. Data are from March of each year. Includes children enrolled in Medicaid, which is available to children living in families earning below 133% of the federal poverty level and children enrolled in the SCHIP portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning between 134% and 350% of the federal poverty level.

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance, 2008-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Section 6: Child Welfare

Children Under DYFS Supervision, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2007 and 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

Children Receiving In-Home DYFS Services, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2007 and 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

Children in Out-of-Home DYFS Placement, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of December 31 for years 2007 and 2008, September 30 for 2009 and June 30 for 2010 and 2011.

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children, 2006-2010. Number of children who were alleged victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, 2006-2010. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate, 2006-2010. Based on the number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year.

Newark Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services, 2010. As reported by the Essex Pregnancy and Parenting Connection. Data from 2010 include data from the Nurse Family Partnership and the Healthy Families -TIP program. Home visitation is defined as families receiving a trained home visitor or nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN) for regularly scheduled visits. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Section 7: Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2007-2011. The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. 2010 and 2011 data are as of June for each year.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2007-2011. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. 2010 and 2011 data are as of June for each year.

Registered Family Care Child Providers, 2006-2010. Newark and Essex data are reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Children and Families as the Essex County Unified Child Care Agency. State data are from the NJ Department of Children and Families for June 2010. Family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Child Care Vouchers, 2006-2010. As reported by Programs for Parents, which is designated by the NJ Department of Children and Families as the Essex County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Section 8: Education

Public Preschool Enrollments, 2006-07 through 2010-11. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollments, 2006-07 through 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Includes both full and half day programs. Please note that previous reports did not include charter schools in the Newark data, only the Newark Public school district. Data have been updated to include traditional public as well as charter schools.

K-12 Total Enrollment, Newark, 2006-07 through 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Fall Survey Collections, Enrollment Data. Please note that previous reports did not include charter schools in the Newark data, only the Newark Public school district.The data have been updated to include both Newark district (non-charter) and charter school enrollment.

Special Education Enrollment, 2006-07 through 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Please note that previous reports did not include charter schools in the Newark data, only the Newark Public school district. Data have been updated to include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Newark Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2006-07 through 2010-11. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Please note that previous reports did not include charter schools in the Newark data, only the Newark Public school district. Data have been updated to include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Number of Homeless Students, 2008-09 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Homeless Survey data. Data include traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Newark Public Schools Truancy Cumulative Pick-ups, 2006-07 to 2010-11. As reported by Paterson Public Schools, Office of Student Attendance. Data are from the 2010-11 school year and are as of June 30, 2011.

School Violence Incidents, 2004-05 and 2008-09. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade State Tests, 2005-06 through 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data have been updated to include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade State Tests, 2005-06 through 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data have been updated to include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade State Tests, 2005-06 through 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data have been updated to include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Newark Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Newark High School Graduation Rates, 2007-08 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card Data.

Post-Graduation Plans, Newark Graduates 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Graduation Data.

SAT Scores, 2005-06 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2005-06 to 2009-10. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Percentage Change in College Enrollment Among People Ages 18-24, 2006-2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Newark, 2010. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Section 9: Teens

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2004-2008. The number of births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2004-2008. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

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Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2004-2008. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data. 2008 data are preliminary and may change once finalized.

Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2006-2010. Youth under age 21 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Newark Youth, Ages 16-20, Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, 2006-2010. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Juvenile Arrests, 2006-2010. Newark data are reported by the Newark Police Department. Essex and New Jersey data are from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Reports for each year.

Newark Annual Admissions to Detention, 2007-2010. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Essex County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2006-2010. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

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