Burlington County

2012 County Rank: 11

2012 Kids Count County Profiles

2011 County Rank: 8

	Year	County	NJ	2011 Rank	2012 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2010	104,243	2,065,214	11	**11**
Total Population	2010	449,149	8,801,624	11	**11**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2010	7	14	4	**5**
Median Income of Families with Children	2010	$96,368	$83,208	7	**7**
Percentage Unemployed	2011	8.4	8.7	8	**9**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2010	52	51	5	**10**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2010-11	20	30	16	**17**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2008	78	76	12	**10**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2008	5	6	9	**10**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2008	6	5	12	**15**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2010	47	45	9	**9**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2011	4	3	9	**12**
Juvenile Arrests*	2010	19	20	11	**12**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2011	511	652	16	**15**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2010-11	80	77	11	**11**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2010-11	80	78	11	**9**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2010-11	83	82	9	**11**

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

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Burlington Slips to 11th in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Burlington County slipped to 11th place in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measure progress in improving the lives of children in 15 critical areas. The county ranked 8th last year.

The well-being of Burlington County children progressed in two areas: prenatal care and students passing 8th grade tests.

The county lost ground, however, in nine other measures, including families paying too much for rent, infant mortality and children placed in foster care.

"As more families struggle economically, the Kids Count profiles give us a clearer picture of the progress and challenges in improving the lives of thousands of children," said Cecilia Zalkind, executive director of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, which publishes the Kids Count reports. "Local, county and state leaders are increasingly using Kids Count data to inform decisions and formulate responses to the needs of children across New Jersey."

"Burlington County saw little improvement on most measures of child well-being and lost ground in some critical areas, especially families who must spend too much of their income on rent," Zalkind said. "Clearly, there is a need to focus on these issues to improve the lives of children in Burlington County."

Some key Burlington County findings follow.

Housing Costs. More than half – 52 percent – of Burlington households spent more than the recommended 30 percent of income on rent in 2010, up from 47 percent the year before. The county dropped from 5th to 10th on this economic indicator.

Infant Mortality. Burlington's infant mortality rate inched up from five deaths per 1,000 live births in 2007 to six deaths in 2008, the latest year for which data are available. This resulted in a drop from 12th to 15th place on this indicator.

Foster Care. More Burlington children were placed in foster care, with the rate rising from three children per 1,000 in 2010 to four in 2011. The county dropped from 9th to 12th place in the Kids Count rankings on this measure of child safety.

Test Scores. The percentage of 8th graders passing state tests inched up from 78 percent in 2009-10 to 80 percent in 2010-11, pushing the county to 9th place from 11th last year.

In addition to the county profiles, which measure progress over a 1-year period, ACNJ also released ***New Jersey Kids Count: The State of Our Counties,*** a pocket guide that provides a 5-year comparison of various measures of child well-being, including poverty, health, education and child protection.

"We encourage county leaders to use Kids Count data to understand the state of children in their county and to target resources to meet children's most pressing needs," Zalkind said. "Using data to drive decisions results in better outcomes for children and families."

To view the county profiles and the pocket guide, go to www.acnj.org.

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