Sussex County

2012 County Rank: 7

2012 Kids Count County Profiles

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	Year	County	NJ	2011 Rank	2012 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2010	35,773	2,065,214	17	**17**
Total Population	2010	149,239	8,801,624	17	**17**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2010	9	14	7	**9**
Median Income of Families with Children	2010	$96,474	$83,208	8	**6**
Percentage Unemployed	2011	8.3	8.7	10	**8**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2010	59	51	13	**17**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2010-11	11	30	20	**20**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2008	86	76	3	**4**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2008	3	6	4	**4**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2008	4	5	3	**8**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2010	47	45	8	**8**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2011	2	3	4	**6**
Juvenile Arrests*	2010	15	20	5	**6**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2011	553	652	14	**13**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2010-11	84	77	5	**4**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2010-11	85	78	4	**5**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2010-11	86	82	6	**7**

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

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Sussex Retains 7th Place in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Sussex County retained its 7th place spot in the annual **New Jersey Kids Count** rankings, which measure progress in improving the lives of children in 15 critical areas.

The well-being of Sussex County children improved in certain areas, including family income and 4th graders passing state tests. The county, however, saw some downward shifts in other areas, including households spending too much on rent.

"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," Zalkind added.

"Sussex County held steady over the past year, with only slight changes in certain areas of child well-being," Zalkind said. "The county continues to rank high in most areas. The most notable exception is school breakfast, where it ranks nearly last in the state for its low participation in this important child nutrition program."

Key Sussex County findings follow.

Child Poverty. Sussex's child poverty rate of 9 percent remained unchanged from 2009 to 2010. The county dropped from 7th to 9th in the Kids Count rankings, however, due to the affect that changes in other counties have on the rankings.

Family Income. Sussex families, on average, earned more in 2010 than in 2009, with median family income rising from about $92,000 in 2009 to nearly $96,500 in 2010. The county advanced from 8th to 6th place on this economic indicator of child well-being.

Test Scores. More Sussex County 4th graders passed state tests, with pass rates rising from 82 percent in 2009-10 to 84 percent in 2010-11. The county moved from 5th to 4th place for this measure of academic achievement and is ahead of the state average of 77 percent.

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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