Warren County

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2012 Kids Count County Profiles

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	Year	County	NJ	2011 Rank	2012 Rank
Demographics					
Child Population	2010	25,608	2,065,214	19	**19**
Total Population	2010	108,714	8,801,624	19	**19**
Family Economics					
Percentage of Children in Poverty	2010	8	14	8	**7**
Median Income of Families with Children	2010	$88,652	$83,208	11	**10**
Percentage Unemployed	2011	7.7	8.7	9	**6**
Percentage of HH Spending More Than 30% of Income on Rent	2010	53	51	4	**11**
Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price School Breakfast	2010-11	24	30	11	**11**
Health and Safety					
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care	2008	81	76	5	**7**
Percentage of Births to Girls 10-19	2008	4	6	10	**6**
Infant Mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	2008	6	5	19	**14**
Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations*	2010	60	45	16	**16**
Children in Out-of-Home Placement*	2011	6	3	18	**16**
Juvenile Arrests*	2010	14	20	2	**4**

*Rate per 1,000 children under 18.

Early Care and Education					
Licensed Center-Based Child Care Supply (slots per 1,000 0-4)	2011	476	652	17	**17**
Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests	2010-11	82	77	9	**7**
Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests	2010-11	82	78	9	**7**
Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests	2010-11	86	82	10	**7**

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

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Warren Retains 9th Place in NJ Kids Count Rankings

Warren County retained its 9th 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 Warren County children improved in certain areas, including child poverty, family income, birth to teen and infant mortality. The county, however, saw some slight downward shifts in other areas, including households spending too much on rent and women receiving prenatal 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," Zalkind added.

"Warren County's drop in child poverty is good news, as is the progress the county made on reducing teen births and infant mortality," Zalkind said. "Also encouraging are slight increases in students passing 4th and 11th grade state tests."

Key Warren County findings follow.

Child Poverty. Warren County's child poverty rate dropped from 10 percent in 2009 to 8 percent in 2010, moving the county up in the Kids Count rankings from 8th to 7th.

Family Income. Warren County families, on average, earned more in 2010 than in 2009, with median family income rising from nearly $82,000 in 2009 to more than $88,500 in 2010. The county advanced from 11th to 10th place on this economic indicator of child well-being.

Child Health. Warren saw an encouraging drop in both teen births and infant mortality. The teen birth rate fell from nearly 6 percent in 2007 to 4 percent in 2008, moving the county from 10th to 6th on this critical measure of child well-being. The infant mortality rate declined from 9 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2007 to 6 in 2008. Warren ranked 14th on this indicator, up from 19th last year.

Test Scores. More Warren County 4th and 11th graders passed state tests. Fourth grade pass rates rose from 79 percent in 2009-10 to 82 percent in 2010-11, while 11th graders improved from 83 to 86 percent in those same years. Warren ranked 7th on both of these measures.

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

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

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

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