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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

NEW JERSEY



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Children in poverty US 11,583,000 NJ 254,000	17% 2019	16% 2022	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	13% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,635,000 NJ 483,000	26% 2019	26% 2022	= SAME	22% 2019	24% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 21,807,000 NJ 707,000	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME	34% 2019	35% 2022	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,149,000 NJ 21,000	6% 2019	7% 2022	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER

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EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,328,000 NJ 85,000	52% 2013-17	54% 2018-22	↑ WORSE	36% 2013-17	39% 2018-22	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. NJ N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	58% 2019	62% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. NJ N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	56% 2019	67% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* US N.A. NJ N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2020-21	= SAME	9% 2018-19	12% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

N.A.: Not available *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Low birth-weight babies US 315,288 NJ 7,981	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2022	↑ WORSE	7.9% 2019	7.8% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children without health insurance US 3,932,000 NJ 82,000	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	4% 2022	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,140 NJ 365	25 2019	30 2022	↑ WORSE	17 2019	17 2022	= SAME
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese** US N.A. NJ N.A.	N.A. N.A.	33% 2021-22	N.A.	N.A. N.A.	27% 2021-22	N.A.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Children in single-parent families US 23,331,000 NJ 577,000	34% 2019	34% 2022	= SAME	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,015,000 NJ 201,000	12% 2019	11% 2022	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	10% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,682,000 NJ 124,000	12% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER	9% 2013-17	6% 2018-22	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 143,789 NJ 2,288	17 2019	14 2022	↓ BETTER	10 2019	8 2022	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available **Overweight or obese data are not comparable across time due to methodology changes.

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