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Overall Rank

28 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NEW JERSEY	
CHILDREN IN POVERTY US: 13,353,000 | NJ: 272,000	22% 2010	18% 2017 **BETTER**	14% 2010	14% 2017 **SAME**
CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT US: 20,075,000 | NJ: 479,000	33% 2010	27% 2017 **BETTER**	27% 2010	24% 2017 **BETTER**
CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN US: 22,908,000 | NJ: 739,000	41% 2010	31% 2017 **BETTER**	48% 2010	37% 2017 **BETTER**
TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING US: 1,171,000 | NJ: 30,000	9% 2010	7% 2017 **BETTER**	8% 2010	7% 2017 **BETTER**

2 EDUCATION
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NEW JERSEY	
YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL US: 4,223,000 | NJ: 78,000	52% 2009–11	52% 2015–17 **SAME**	36% 2009–11	36% 2015–17 **SAME**
FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING US: N.A. | NJ: N.A.	68% 2009	65% 2017 **BETTER**	60% 2009	51% 2017 **BETTER**
EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH US: N.A. | NJ: N.A.	67% 2009	67% 2017 **SAME**	56% 2009	56% 2017 **SAME**
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME US: N.A. | NJ: N.A.	21% 2010–11	15% 2016–17 **BETTER**	17% 2010–11	10% 2016–17 **BETTER**

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Overall Rank

3 HEALTH
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NEW JERSEY	
LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 318,873 | NJ: 8,040	8.1% 2010	8.3% 2017 WORSE	8.2% 2010	**7.9%** 2017 BETTER
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 3,925,000 | NJ: 78,000	8% 2010	5% 2017 BETTER	6% 2010	**4%** 2017 BETTER
CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 20,337 | NJ: 342	26 2010	26 2017 SAME	18 2010	**16** 2017 BETTER
TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS US: 1,028,000 | NJ: 23,000	5% 2015–16	4% 2016–17 BETTER	4% 2015–16	**3%** 2016–17 BETTER

13 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NEW JERSEY	
CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 24,001,000 | NJ: 577,000	34% 2010	34% 2017 SAME	29% 2010	**30%** 2017 WORSE
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 9,557,000 | NJ: 185,000	15% 2010	13% 2017 BETTER	10% 2010	**9%** 2017 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS US: 8,545,000 | NJ: 177,000	13% 2008–12	12% 2013–17 BETTER	7% 2008–12	**9%** 2013–17 WORSE
TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 194,377 | NJ: 2,837	34 2010	19 2017 BETTER	20 2010	**10** 2017 BETTER