

2022 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

NEW JERSEY



BETTER

			RANK
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING			22
	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY	
Children in poverty us 12,599,000 NJ 258,000	21% 17% 2008-12 2016-20 BETTER	14% 2008-12 13% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment us 19,745,000 NJ 462,000	31% 27% ↓ 2008-12 2016-20 BETTER	26 % 24 % 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden us 22,137,000 NJ 701,000	39% 30% ↓ 2008-12 2016-20 BETTER	47% 36% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working	8% 7% ↓	7 % 5 %	\downarrow

2008-12 **2016-20 BETTER**

2008-12

2016-20

			RANK
EDUCATION			
	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY	
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,295,000 NJ 79,000	52 % 53 % ↑ 2016-20 WORSE	35 % 37 % 2016-20	↑ WORSE
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading us N.A. NJ N.A.	68% 66% JOHN BETTER	60% 58% 2019	↓ BETTER
Eighth-graders not proficient in math us N.A. NJ N.A.	67% 67% = SAME	56 % 56 %	= SAME
High school students not graduating on time	21% 14% 2010-11 2018-19 BETTER	17% 9% 2018-19	↓ BETTER

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US 1,153,000 NJ 24,000

HEALTH						g RANK
	UNITED	STATES		NEW JERSEY		
Low birth-weight babies us 297,604 NJ 7,563	8.1 % 2010	8.2 % 2020	↑ Worse	8.2%	7.7%	↓ BETTER
Children without health insurance us 4,017,000 NJ 81,000	8 % 2008-12	5 % 2016-20	↓ BETTER	6 % 2008-12	4 % 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 us 21,430 NJ 334	26 2010	28 2020	† worse	18	16	↓ BETTER
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. NJ N.A.	31 % 2016-17	32 % 2019-20	↑ WORSE	33 % 2016-17	31%	↓ BETTER

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY			rank 16
	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY	
Children in single-parent families us 23,629,000 NJ 560,000	34 % 34 % = 2008-12 2016-20 SAME	29% 30% 2016-20	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 8,949,000 NJ 179,000	15 % 12 % ↓ 2008-12 2016-20 BETTER	10% 9% 2016-20	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas บร 6,350,000 พป 135,000	13% 9% ↓ 2008-12 2016-20 BETTER	7% 7% 2008-12 2016-20	= SAME
Teen births per 1,000 us 158,043 NJ 2,450	34 15 UNITED SETTER	20 9 2020	↓ BETTER

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