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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# NEW JERSEY



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 12,243,000   NJ 284,000	17% 2019	17% 2021	= SAME	12% 2019	14% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 21,143,000   NJ 563,000	26% 2019	29% 2021	↑ WORSE	22% 2019	28% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 21,857,000   NJ 715,000	30% 2019	30% 2021	= SAME	34% 2019	35% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,234,000   NJ 27,000	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	6% 2021	= SAME

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## EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,380,000   NJ 85,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE	36% 2012-16	39% 2017-21	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   NJ N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	58% 2019	62% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   NJ N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	56% 2019	67% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> US N.A.   NJ N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME	9% 2018-19	9% 2019-20	= SAME

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

Explore data on children and families at [datacenter.aecf.org](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 311,932   NJ 7,844	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	7.9% 2019	7.7% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,165,000   NJ 76,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	4% 2021	= SAME
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,198   NJ 372	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	17 2019	17 2021	= SAME
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   NJ N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	32% 2018-19	29% 2020-21	↓ BETTER

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,626,000   NJ 552,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	30% 2019	28% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,269,000   NJ 180,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	9% 2021	= SAME
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 6,086,000   NJ 146,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	9% 2012-16	7% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 146,973   NJ 2,253	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	10 2019	8 2021	↓ BETTER

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