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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 NJ 256,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	13% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 NJ 475,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	22% 2019	24% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 NJ 665,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	34% 2019	33% 2023	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working US 1,168,000 NJ 23,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 NJ 85,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	35% 2014-18	38% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. NJ N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	58% 2019	62% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. NJ N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	56% 2019	63% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. NJ N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	9% 2018-19	15% 2021-22	↑ WORSE

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 NJ 7,875	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	7.9% 2019	7.8% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 NJ 88,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	4% 2023	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 NJ 396	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	17 2019	19 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. NJ N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	32% 2018-19	28% 2022-23	↓ BETTER

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			NEW JERSEY		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 NJ 600,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	30% 2019	31% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 NJ 191,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	9% 2019	10% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 NJ 136,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	8% 2014-18	7% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 NJ 2,153	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	10 2019	8 2023	↓ BETTER

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