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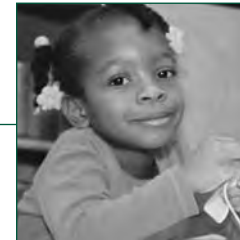


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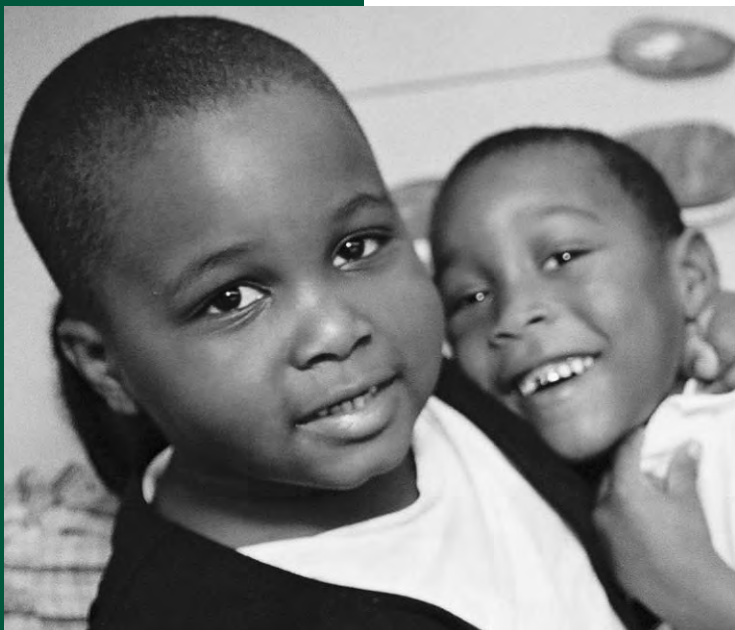
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The child abuse cases that surfaced this year exposed, in an unprecedented way, the tragic vulnerability of New Jersey's children. They also revealed the shocking failure of the state's systems and communities to work together to protect New Jersey's weakest citizens.

We all mourned these children, who suffered severe abuse and neglect, often under the watch of the state, community organizations and other agencies. We also demanded action. Now, the state Division of Youth and Family Services is in the midst of widespread reform. We must work together to ensure these new efforts go deep enough to finally fix New Jersey's broken child protection system.

But, we must also remember that thousands of New Jersey children suffer every day from less visible, less shocking forms of community neglect.

Some live in dirty, dilapidated apartments with no heat. Others go to school hungry because their parents can't afford food. Still others go without basic immunizations that would prevent them from getting sick. And thousands spend their crucial early years in homes with no books, rather than in quality child care and preschools that provide the early education they need to succeed in school.

It's time to recognize that the job of ensuring child well-being falls to all of us. State agencies, community groups, religious institutions, the healthcare community, police and prosecutors, relatives, neighbors, friends. And, while safety is paramount, nurturing the well-being of children goes far beyond simply ensuring that they are not being hurt.

It means making sure children have loving caregivers with the means to provide decent, safe homes and proper nutrition. It means building communities where caregivers are connected to quality child care and also preschool, good medical care, solid schools and relevant programs where troubled families can easily turn for help and support.

In light of this broad, renewed commitment to ensuring the well-being of all New Jersey children, this year's annual Kids Count New Jersey takes on new meaning. This snapshot of



child well-being “indicators” provides clues to the progress we’ve made and the problems we face, as a state and as a collection of communities, in achieving the universal goal of helping every child grow up safe, healthy and educated.

This year’s book shows some promising progress, as well as troubling trends.

First the good news. More children are enrolled in programs that provide healthy nutrition. More children received publicly-subsidized health insurance, ensuring proper medical attention. Infant deaths continued to decline. Fewer babies were born with low birth weight. Teen births continued to drop.

Good news also comes from the early care and education front. More child care centers are available, increasing the number of available slots for children of working parents. The number of children enrolled in public preschool reached nearly 45,000 in the 2002-2003 school year, the highest level since 1998 when the New Jersey Supreme Court mandated quality preschool for all children in 30 of the state’s neediest districts. This number also reflects growing preschool enrollments in an additional 100 districts that receive state funding for preschool. This means that more children are now receiving the early education they need to give them a better chance of succeeding in school.

These positive trends contribute to the well-being of children. But, much more work needs to be done.

More than 220,000 New Jersey children continue to live in poverty in one of the richest states in the nation. Teen deaths are on the rise, after falling for several consecutive years. And,

the number of juveniles committed to state institutions began to climb again, after falling for several years.

Although more children are attending quality preschool, thousands others are denied this early start at education. Quality preschools are widely recognized as a vital piece to preparing children for school. New Jersey should follow the lead of many other states and begin providing preschool programs to all children who need them.

The 2003 Kids Count data again documents the state’s failures to adequately investigate and follow-up on child abuse cases. The number of child abuse cases that are substantiated, or proven, continues to decline. When legitimate claims of abuse go undetected, children suffer.

The number of children placed in out-of-home settings, such as foster homes and institutions, continues to increase, even as the number of available foster homes drops. This means children are often placed in unsafe or inappropriate homes, increasing the chances they will move from home to home and suffer an instability that can cause lifelong problems.

As ACNJ celebrates its 25th anniversary, it is our hope that the tragedies and turmoil of 2003 will lead to deep changes in our broad efforts to help all children. Only then can we fulfill our responsibilities to New Jersey’s most vulnerable citizens.

Cecilia Zalkind

Executive Director



A Statewide Snapshot: New Jersey Trends In Child Well-Being

Fewer Uninsured Children

In 2002, 210,000 New Jersey children lacked health insurance, translating to about 10 percent of the state's child population. That was an improvement over 2001, when 215,000, or 11.5 percent of children, went without health insurance. New Jersey outperformed national averages. Nationally, the percent of uninsured children remained virtually unchanged at 11.6 percent, while New Jersey saw a decrease.

Still, the total number of uninsured state residents rose nearly 1 percent, making New Jersey one of 18 states that saw a statistically significant increase in the percent of uninsured, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. In June 2002, New Jersey stopped accepting parents in FamilyCare, the state's popular health insurance program, as enrollments exceeded available funds. This could be contributing to the increase in the uninsured.

The loss of private insurance and an increase in the number of low-income families is also to blame for the jump in uninsured people. Child enrollment in public health insurance plans continues to grow. That has helped keep more children insured, giving them access to proper medical care.

Preschool Enrollments Continue to Climb

New Jersey posted a 19 percent increase in the number of children attending publicly-funded preschools from school years 2001-2002 to 2002-2003. Last year, 44,599 children were enrolled in these programs, which are located primarily in 30 of the states neediest districts and an additional 100 low-income towns that receive state support for these



important early learning programs. Preschool is widely recognized as providing children with the foundation they need to succeed in school.

Child Abuse Data Raises More Alarms

Once again, New Jersey continues to see a drop in the number of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect. This year, several high-profile cases exposed deep, systemic problems in the state's child protection system, including a widespread failure to thoroughly investigate and follow-up on reports of child abuse and neglect.

Meanwhile, the number of adoptions finalized through the State Division of Youth and Family Services dropped in 2003, after rising for several consecutive years. Children who are forced to grow up in the instability of foster care often suffer lifelong problems.

New Jersey Fares Better Than Nation in Many Child Well-Being Measures

In many measures of child well-being, New Jersey scores better than national averages. The state posts both smaller percentages of children living in poverty and children who lack health insurance. On child health measures, New Jersey children fare better in terms of infant mortality and child death rates. The state, however, scores slightly lower in the percent of children immunized by age two - 78 percent compared to 79 percent nationally. And, New Jersey has a slightly higher percentage of children born with low birth weights.

The most glaring problem in New Jersey, when compared to the nation, is the amount of money families pay for housing. A full 73 percent of low-income households with children spend more than the recommended 30 percent on housing costs, making it difficult to provide the basic necessities for their children.

Uninsured Children, New Jersey and National

	2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New Jersey	203,000	9.3	215,000	11.5	210,000	9.7
National	8,405,000	11.6	8,509,000	11.7	8,531,000	11.6

STATEWIDE SNAPSHOT

	Base Year	Number	Current date year	Number	Change		Base Year	Number	Current date year	Number	Change
FAMILIES IN NEED						ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN					
Children in Poverty	1990	200,726	2001	220,719	10.0	Child Abuse Referrals	1996	37,079	2001	38,629	4.2
Children Receiving Welfare	1990	195,648	2003	65,601	-66.5	Child Abuse Substantiations	1996	10,509	2001	8,420	-19.9
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1992	259,775	2003	160,810	-38.1	Foster Placements	1996	8,275	2003	11,370	37.4
WIC Recipients	1991	126,602	2003	152,941	20.8						
CHILD HEALTH						NEW JERSEY SCHOOL CHILDREN					
Babies Born w/ Low Birth Weight	1990	8,465	2000	8,702	2.8	Special Education Enrollment	1998	179,727	2002-03	202,569	12.7
Infant Mortality	1990	1,086	2000	723	-33.4	High School Dropouts	1998-1999	13,150	2001-02	11,596	-11.8
Child Deaths	1990	380	2000	259	-31.8						
Births w/ no Prenatal Care	1990	1,425	2000	1,376	-3.4						
Children on Medicaid/FamilyCare*	1996	355,694	2003	478,374	34.5	EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION					
Uninsured Children	2000	203,000	2003	210,000	3.4	Preschool Enrollment	1999	14,194	2002-03	44,599	214.2
TROUBLED TEENS						Licensed Child Care Centers	1996	3,023	2003	4,202	39.0
Teen Deaths	1990	295	2000	269	-8.8	Child Capacity at Licensed Centers	1996	192,436	2003	297,999	54.9
Births to Teens	1990	10,171	2000	7,551	-25.8	Family Child Care Providers	1996	4,331	2003	4,146	-4.3
Juvenile Arrests	1990	90,265	2002	63,817	-29.3						
Juvenile Commitments	1990	961	2002	1,262	31.3						

*1996 numbers are Medicaid only. FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1996.

**A SNAPSHOT OF NEW JERSEY VS.
NATIONAL CHILD WELL-BEING**



	Year	NJ	US
FAMILIES IN NEED			
% Children in Poverty	1999	11	17
% Children in Extreme Poverty	2000	4	7
% Children in Neighborhoods with a High Poverty Rate (> 18.6%)	2000	14	23
% Children in Single Parent Households	2000	23	28
% Children w/ Unemployed Parents	2000	19	24
Unemployment Rate	2003	5.8	6.1
% Low-Income Households With Children Where Housing Costs Exceed 30% of Income	2001	73	59
CHILD HEALTH			
% Uninsured Children	2000	10	12
% Children Immunized by Age 2	2001	78	79
Infant Mortality Rate	2000	6.3	6.9
Child Death Rate	2000	15	22

	Year	NJ	US
TROUBLED TEENS			
Teen Birth Rate	2000	17	27
% Teens Not Working/In School	2000	6	8
Violent Teen Death Rate	2000	32	51
% High School Dropouts (16-19)	2000	6	9
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION			
% 3- and 4-year-olds Enrolled in Nursery School, Preschool or Kindergarten	2000	63	49
% Children Under 6 in Paid Child Care	2000	26	26

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Databook Online, 2003.



New Jersey's Children And Families

New Jersey's total population grew roughly 6 percent from 1998 to 2002, while the child population increased nearly 2 percent from 1999 to 2002. Some counties saw a drop in child population. Salem had the sharpest decline at about 3 percent, while Somerset experienced a nearly 5 percent increase in the number of children living in the county.

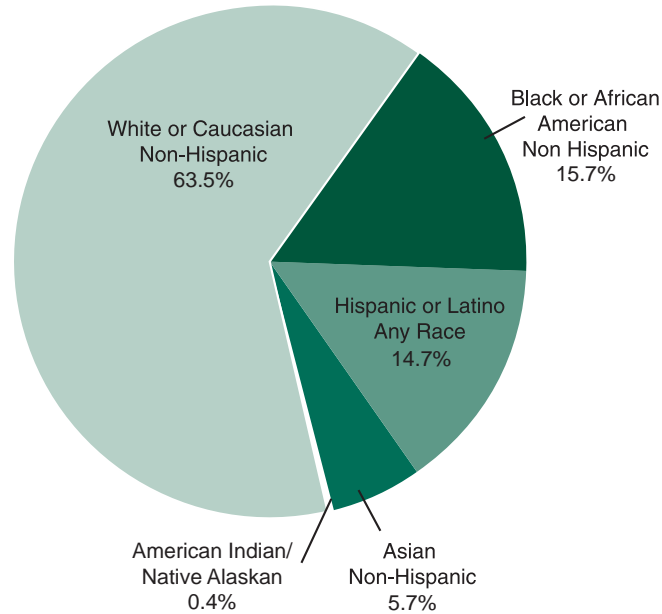
Black children continue to be the state's largest minority at 15.7 percent, while Hispanic children are a close second, claiming about 15 percent of the child population. White children make up about 63 percent of the overall child population. Other minorities comprise about 6 percent. Mercer County has the highest percentage of black children at 23 percent, while Hudson has the largest share of Hispanic children at 33 percent.

New Jersey families earned roughly \$13,000 more per year in 2000-2001 than the national average. That translates to about 26 percent more annual income than the national average.



TOTAL POPULATION				CHILD POPULATION UNDER AGE 18			
County	1998	2002	Change	County	1999	2002	Change
Atlantic	237,988	259,423	9.0%	Atlantic	63,855	65,253	2.2%
Bergen	854,428	895,091	4.8%	Bergen	203,054	205,681	1.3%
Burlington	421,283	437,871	3.9%	Burlington	106,521	107,289	0.7%
Camden	504,268	511,957	1.5%	Camden	136,148	135,504	-0.5%
Cape May	98,001	102,013	4.1%	Cape May	22,859	22,386	-2.1%
Cumberland	140,389	147,768	5.3%	Cumberland	37,203	37,146	-0.2%
Essex	748,322	798,301	6.7%	Essex	206,950	210,900	1.9%
Gloucester	248,012	262,049	5.7%	Gloucester	67,129	66,312	-1.2%
Hudson	553,030	611,439	10.6%	Hudson	137,498	139,753	1.6%
Hunterdon	122,389	125,795	2.8%	Hunterdon	31,374	31,446	0.2%
Mercer	331,474	359,463	8.4%	Mercer	84,337	86,602	2.7%
Middlesex	712,638	775,549	8.8%	Middlesex	177,628	185,286	4.3%
Monmouth	603,214	629,836	4.4%	Monmouth	160,342	162,467	1.3%
Morris	459,012	478,730	4.3%	Morris	116,838	119,043	1.9%
Ocean	490,104	537,065	9.6%	Ocean	119,046	123,681	3.9%
Passaic	483,050	496,646	2.8%	Passaic	127,486	131,380	3.1%
Salem	64,935	64,438	-0.8%	Salem	16,450	15,965	-2.9%
Somerset	282,274	309,886	9.8%	Somerset	75,991	79,667	4.8%
Sussex	143,139	148,680	3.9%	Sussex	40,218	40,061	-0.4%
Union	498,893	530,766	6.4%	Union	129,941	134,263	3.3%
Warren	98,699	107,537	9.0%	Warren	26,690	27,306	2.3%
New Jersey	8,143,412	8,590,303	6.1%	New Jersey	2,087,558	2,127,391	1.9%

POPULATION UNDER 18 BY RACE & HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN



PERCENT OF CHILDREN, UNDER 18, BY RACE

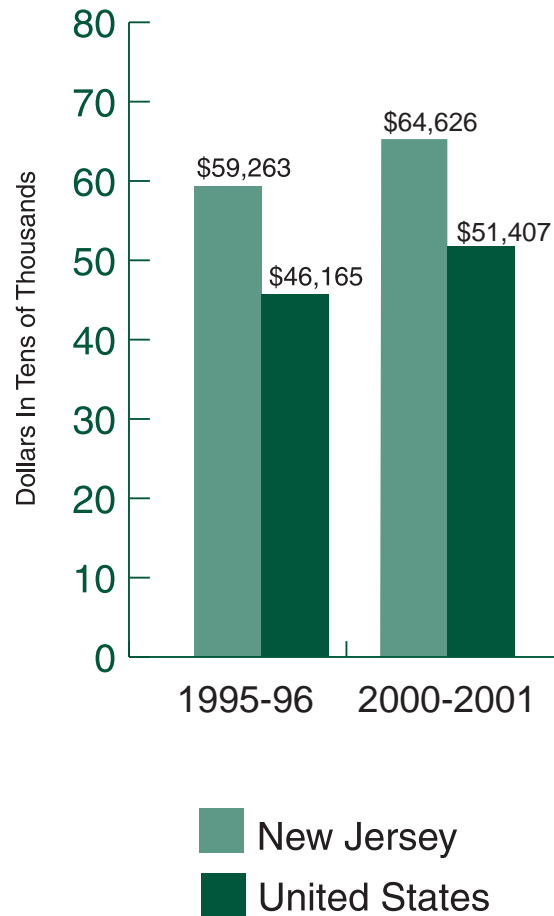
County	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian/ Pac. Islander	Amer. Indian/ Native Alaskan	Total
Atlantic	59.1	20.8	14.8	4.9	0.4	84,505
Bergen	69.6	6.3	12.3	11.5	0.3	257,215
Burlington	72.5	18.7	5.3	3.2	0.3	124,918
Camden	61.3	22.1	12.5	3.6	0.4	170,567
Cape May	85.6	7.5	5.7	0.9	0.2	26,336
Cumberland	55.9	20.5	21.5	1.2	0.9	52,342
Essex	38.5	41.9	15.8	3.4	0.4	275,679
Gloucester	83.0	11.4	3.6	1.8	0.2	76,846
Hudson	46.0	14.4	32.5	6.6	0.6	228,793
Hunterdon	92.5	1.7	3.3	2.5	0.1	35,467
Mercer	59.5	23.0	11.5	5.7	0.3	111,986
Middlesex	58.2	11.1	16.4	14.0	0.4	247,508
Monmouth	77.9	9.8	7.7	4.5	0.2	192,976
Morris	81.1	3.2	8.7	6.8	0.2	142,601
Ocean	86.0	4.7	7.4	1.7	0.2	145,750
Passaic	54.0	14.3	27.9	3.2	0.6	200,798
Salem	73.4	19.2	6.2	0.8	0.5	18,898
Somerset	71.0	9.0	10.1	9.8	0.2	95,529
Sussex	91.8	1.8	4.7	1.6	0.1	45,960
Union	54.5	21.9	19.6	3.7	0.3	182,662
Warren	89.7	3.1	5.3	1.7	0.1	31,600
New Jersey	63.5	15.7	14.7	5.7	0.4	2,748,936

Note: The above data comes from the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, so the totals differ from the U.S. Census data presented in the "Child Population" chart on page 11

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

County	1999	2000	Change
Atlantic	\$40,472	\$42,849	5.9%
Bergen	61,262	62,214	1.6%
Burlington	55,566	58,793	5.8%
Camden	43,554	47,020	8.0%
Cape May	38,282	40,822	6.6%
Cumberland	36,684	38,349	4.5%
Essex	40,888	41,988	2.7%
Gloucester	51,670	54,431	5.3%
Hudson	36,778	38,907	5.8%
Hunterdon	76,716	80,429	4.8%
Mercer	52,305	55,474	6.1%
Middlesex	55,525	58,765	5.8%
Monmouth	62,361	66,283	6.3%
Morris	72,792	77,524	6.5%
Ocean	44,345	46,940	5.9%
Passaic	42,878	45,783	6.8%
Salem	43,577	46,026	5.6%
Somerset	74,192	77,646	4.7%
Sussex	62,450	65,497	4.9%
Union	51,576	54,138	5.0%
Warren	53,814	57,245	6.4%
New Jersey	\$51,426	\$52,990	3.0%

**MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME:
1995-2001 NJ & US**





Families in Need

Minority Families Earn Less Than Whites

Nearly 221,000 New Jersey children live in families who earn less than the federal poverty level, which in 2000 was \$17,050 for a family of four. That means 10.5 percent of New Jersey's total child population live in poverty. Hudson County again had the highest concentration of children living in poor families, at nearly 21 percent. Hunterdon had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

From 1999 to 2001, the number of all poor New Jersey families remained steady. Since 1996, however, the number of black families living in poverty has steadily declined, from 19 to 13 percent. Hispanics fared worse in 2000-2001, with 15 percent living below the poverty level, up from about 13 percent in 1999-2000. Both black and Hispanic families are much more likely to live in poverty than white families. Just 5 percent of white families earned less than federal poverty guidelines.

Minority families earn far less, on average, than white families. In 2000-2001, the average black family earned \$26,648 less per year than the average white family. Hispanic families earned nearly half – or \$33,242 less than white families.

Child poverty is perhaps the most important indicator of child well-being. When families are unable to provide the basics – food, clothing, housing – children are much more likely to suffer from health problems and fail in school.



CHILD POVERTY
NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING
BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL

County	1999	Percent	2000	Percent
Atlantic	8,190	12.9%	8,622	13.5%
Bergen	13,511	6.6%	12,449	6.1%
Burlington	7,794	7.3%	6,849	6.5%
Camden	19,310	14.3%	18,658	13.9%
Cape May	3,105	13.6%	3,111	13.9%
Cumberland	6,528	17.8%	6,890	18.8%
Essex	37,013	18.0%	36,904	17.9%
Gloucester	5,518	8.2%	5,031	7.6%
Hudson	26,026	19.0%	28,879	20.8%
Hunterdon	1,150	3.7%	865	2.8%
Mercer	9,340	11.1%	8,423	9.9%
Middlesex	14,138	8.0%	13,684	7.6%
Monmouth	12,562	7.8%	10,916	6.8%
Morris	5,287	4.5%	4,324	3.7%
Ocean	12,544	10.6%	12,543	10.4%
Passaic	19,612	15.4%	20,253	15.7%
Salem	2,055	12.6%	1,970	12.3%
Somerset	3,890	5.1%	3,157	4.1%
Sussex	2,021	5.0%	1,779	4.5%
Union	14,501	11.2%	13,535	10.3%
Warren	2,110	7.9%	1,877	7.0%
New Jersey	226,205	10.9%	220,719	10.5%

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME BY RACE

Race	96-97	99-00	00-01	%Change 96-01
All Families	\$61,258	\$63,424	\$64,626	5.5
White Families	64,866	69,410	68,737	6.0
Black Families	39,292	47,018	42,089	7.1
Hispanic Families	38,893	40,021	35,495	-8.7

**New Jersey Families Living Below The Poverty Line,
By Race**

Race	96-97	99-00	00-01	% Change 96-01
All Families	7.3	5.9	5.9	-19.2
White Families	4.9	4.1	4.7	-4.1
Black Families	19.3	14	13	-32.6
Hispanic Families	17.1	13.2	15	-12.3

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

2001

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline	Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
1	\$ 8,590	5	\$20,670
2	\$11,610	6	\$23,690
3	\$14,630	7	\$26,710
4	\$17,650	8	\$29,730

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS

Nutrition Programs Help Children Grow and Succeed in School

For the first time since welfare reform was enacted in 1997, the number of children receiving Food Stamps rose nearly 7 percent. This gain begins to reverse a steep 44 percent drop from 1996 to 2002. When many families left welfare, they mistakenly believed they were no longer eligible to receive help to feed their families. State officials say outreach efforts are paying off, as more parents are aware that they remain eligible for this important nutritional benefit.

Families receiving formula and nutritionally balanced meals from the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) also inched up in the past year, gaining a modest 2 percent from 2002 to 2003. This important program gives infants and young children in poor families the nutrition they need to grow healthy during their crucial first years.

Another bright trend is a nearly 4 percent increase in the number of children receiving free/reduced lunch. Again, efforts to increase awareness of the availability of the lunch program mean that more children are getting the nutrition they need to do well in school.

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	9,569	5,968	6,521	-31.9%	9.3%
Bergen	6,934	3,558	3,752	-45.9%	5.5%
Burlington	6,690	3,529	4,072	-39.1%	15.4%
Camden	29,693	15,505	16,825	-43.3%	8.5%
Cape May	3,324	1,623	1,699	-48.9%	4.7%
Cumberland	9,325	6,369	7,024	-24.7%	10.3%
Essex	67,536	34,697	35,722	-47.1%	3.0%
Gloucester	5,562	2,484	3,068	-44.8%	23.5%
Hudson	39,511	20,792	21,982	-44.4%	5.7%
Hunterdon	443	187	190	-57.1%	1.6%
Mercer	10,520	6,762	7,095	-32.6%	4.9%
Middlesex	12,923	5,301	6,032	-53.3%	13.8%
Monmouth	10,787	6,824	6,830	-36.7%	0.1%
Morris	2,275	674	858	-62.3%	27.3%
Ocean	10,659	6,381	6,882	-35.4%	7.9%
Passaic	19,631	16,981	18,384	-6.4%	8.3%
Salem	2,361	1,504	1,741	-26.3%	15.8%
Somerset	2,539	1,220	1,306	-48.6%	7.0%
Sussex	1,038	505	652	-37.2%	29.1%
Union	14,765	8,475	8,855	-40.0%	4.5%
Warren	1,771	1,179	1,320	-25.5%	12.0%
New Jersey	267,856	150,518	160,810	-40.0%	6.8%

**WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN
RECEIVING BENEFITS**

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	4,182	3,855	4,380	4.7%	13.6%
Bergen	4,085	5,301	5,344	30.8%	0.8%
Burlington	4,606	5,295	5,201	12.9%	-1.8%
Camden	10,325	11,156	11,207	8.5%	0.5%
Cape May	1,372	1,827	1,686	22.9%	-7.7%
Cumberland	3,438	5,156	5,565	61.9%	7.9%
Essex	23,422	22,209	22,835	-2.5%	2.8%
Gloucester	3,301	3,684	3,657	10.8%	-0.7%
Hudson	19,881	22,227	21,747	9.4%	-2.2%
Hunterdon	376	348	340	-9.6%	-2.3%
Mercer	6,446	7,478	7,842	21.7%	4.9%
Middlesex	7,516	10,430	10,768	43.3%	3.2%
Monmouth	5,087	6,065	6,492	27.6%	7.0%
Morris	1,976	2,300	2,394	21.2%	4.1%
Ocean	8,301	8,932	9,367	12.8%	4.9%
Passaic	13,154	16,092	16,028	21.8%	-0.4%
Salem	1,032	1,263	1,257	21.8%	-0.5%
Somerset	2,267	2,873	2,987	31.8%	4.0%
Sussex	1,142	1,099	978	-14.4%	-11.0%
Union	9,762	11,028	11,544	18.3%	4.7%
Warren	1,238	1,296	1,322	6.8%	2.0%
New Jersey	132,909	149,914	152,941	15.1%	2.0%

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING
FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH**

County	1996	October 2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	11,789	16,611	17,238	46.2%	3.8%
Bergen	9,648	14,458	14,998	55.5%	3.7%
Burlington	8,652	12,361	12,399	43.3%	0.3%
Camden	24,355	27,911	30,803	26.5%	10.4%
Cape May	3,440	4,389	4,167	21.1%	-5.1%
Cumberland	10,890	14,146	14,130	29.8%	-0.1%
Essex	54,079	59,765	59,975	10.9%	0.4%
Gloucester	6,386	8,838	8,819	38.1%	-0.2%
Hudson	41,875	49,026	51,006	21.8%	4.0%
Hunterdon	573	686	728	27.1%	6.1%
Mercer	11,735	13,653	13,892	18.4%	1.8%
Middlesex	16,920	25,581	26,271	55.3%	2.7%
Monmouth	13,142	16,711	16,726	27.3%	0.1%
Morris	3,707	5,301	5,865	58.2%	10.6%
Ocean	9,555	12,828	13,070	36.8%	1.9%
Passaic	29,056	35,914	36,517	25.7%	1.7%
Salem	2,651	3,563	3,620	36.6%	1.6%
Somerset	3,199	5,072	5,371	67.9%	5.9%
Sussex	1,504	2,341	2,336	55.3%	-0.2%
Union	22,410	26,423	31,262	39.5%	18.3%
Warren	1,973	2,419	2,573	30.4%	6.4%
New Jersey	287,539	357,997	371,766	29.3%	3.8%



**CHILDREN RECEIVING
TANF/AFDC**

Benefits of Welfare Reform Waning

The number of children living in families that receive welfare inched up nearly 3 percent, the first increase since reforms were enacted in 1997. This is a warning sign that the benefits of welfare reform may be waning. The sagging economy is finally showing up in welfare data. Plus, the most employable clients were the first to land jobs and leave welfare during the early years of reforms. Those who remain tend to find low-paying, less stable jobs and move in and out of the system.

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	7,091	2,445	2,475	-65.1%	1.2%
Bergen	4,682	1,205	1,250	-73.3%	3.7%
Burlington	4,908	1,474	1,606	-67.3%	9.0%
Camden	23,527	7,019	7,695	-67.3%	9.6%
Cape May	2,078	431	465	-77.6%	7.9%
Cumberland	6,673	2,127	2,324	-65.2%	9.3%
Essex	51,291	18,059	17,493	-65.9%	-3.1%
Gloucester	4,193	1,086	1,211	-71.1%	11.5%
Hudson	31,108	8,773	8,933	-71.3%	1.8%
Hunterdon	280	43	62	-77.9%	44.2%
Mercer	8,405	3,708	3,706	-55.9%	-0.1%
Middlesex	9,827	2,471	2,717	-72.4%	10.0%
Monmouth	7,192	2,601	2,830	-60.7%	8.8%
Morris	1,445	307	390	-73.0%	27.0%
Ocean	6,165	1,375	1,503	-75.6%	9.3%
Passaic	13,397	5,125	5,291	-60.5%	3.2%
Salem	1,662	593	606	-63.5%	2.2%
Somerset	1,611	592	565	-64.9%	-4.6%
Sussex	517	148	170	-67.1%	14.9%
Union	12,001	3,866	3,930	-67.3%	1.7%
Warren	982	359	379	-61.4%	5.6%
New Jersey	199,035	63,807	65,601	-67.0%	2.8%

STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT CLAIMS

County	# Filers 2001	Avg. Chk. 2001	# Filers 2002	Avg. Chk. 2002
Atlantic	9,073	\$371.70	10,314	\$454.61
Bergen	10,022	\$355.27	9,301	\$439.44
Burlington	5,845	\$346.76	5,859	\$430.35
Camden	16,211	\$360.01	15,526	\$433.69
Cape May	2,442	\$357.94	2,343	\$433.75
Cumberland	5,907	\$362.88	5,624	\$438.98
Essex	33,577	\$365.41	29,891	\$443.07
Gloucester	4,272	\$348.73	4,299	\$421.17
Hudson	27,080	\$370.19	24,808	\$448.23
Hunterdon	476	\$341.80	845	\$436.05
Mercer	7,715	\$354.31	7,289	\$430.34
Middlesex	13,420	\$355.88	12,876	\$435.52
Monmouth	8,341	\$355.48	8,208	\$430.01
Morris	3,378	\$346.95	3,444	\$425.05
Ocean	8,891	\$365.08	8,935	\$455.32
Passaic	20,098	\$362.69	18,083	\$441.13
Salem	1,280	\$350.82	1,445	\$427.06
Somerset	2,762	\$346.42	2,284	\$423.85
Sussex	1,116	\$342.94	1,294	\$428.12
Union	14,046	\$358.88	12,863	\$433.62
Warren	1,252	\$353.27	1,503	\$427.99
Unknown	16,815	\$347.73	35,604	\$448.38
New Jersey	214,019	\$360.07	222,638	\$440.92

Tax Credits Help More Working Poor Families

The number of working poor families claiming state and federal tax credits steadily increased again for both state and federal filers, as this important credit continued to boost income for these families.

New Jersey residents claiming the federal tax credit increased 28 percent, but the average refund amount remained virtually unchanged at \$1,257. Although the number of New Jersey families claiming the state Earned Income Tax Credit inched up just 4 percent, the average check increased by \$80 or 22 percent. Despite widespread budget cuts, the state kept its commitment to increase the earned amount until it reaches 20 percent of the federal tax credit. That is scheduled to occur for tax year 2003.

State vs. National EITC Income Requirements

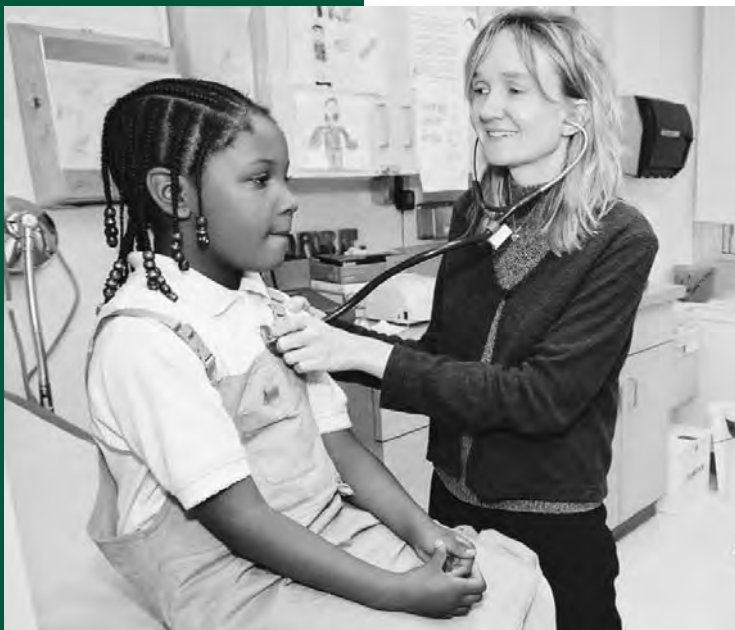
State	Families Earning Less Than \$20,000
Federal	One-Child Families Earning Less Than \$28,281
	Two or More Child Families Earning Less Than \$32,121

FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT CLAIMS



County	# Filers 1999	Avg. Chk. 1999	# Filers 2001	Avg. Chk. 2001	# Filers 2002	Avg. Chk. 2002
Atlantic	18,815	\$1,636.73	18,926	\$1,703.86	23,199	\$1,779.98
Bergen	18,147	1,364.54	17,703	1,341.35	26,261	1,497.58
Burlington	12,613	1,455.93	13,054	1,499.22	16,999	1,547.49
Camden	30,335	1,703.88	30,473	1,724.86	36,197	1,755.79
Cape May	4,830	1,539.34	4,598	1,592.76	5,867	1,666.18
Cumberland	11,265	1,739.69	11,234	1,761.87	13,158	1,801.11
Essex	57,450	1,674.34	55,642	1,709.81	69,437	1,798.28
Gloucester	8,797	1,571.91	8,816	1,574.19	10,988	1,590.73
Hudson	44,223	1,598.93	41,807	1,641.64	55,670	1,754.62
Hunterdon	1,221	1,254.61	1,237	1,155.70	1,864	1,311.10
Mercer	15,513	1,562.59	15,531	1,608.13	18,433	1,641.78
Middlesex	24,670	1,537.71	24,316	1,539.28	32,179	1,623.51
Monmouth	16,570	1,502.54	16,305	1,526.25	20,688	1,565.09
Morris	7,260	1,312.95	7,104	1,319.93	9,885	1,407.83
Ocean	15,160	1,564.32	15,376	1,580.57	20,339	1,694.50
Passaic	34,749	1,658.88	33,072	1,695.29	41,989	1,777.42
Salem	3,100	1,588.28	3,099	1,611.85	3,728	1,628.94
Somerset	4,354	1,391.41	4,433	1,404.03	6,051	1,452.59
Sussex	2,651	1,379.30	2,614	1,370.42	3,689	1,441.61
Union	25,613	1,576.02	25,501	1,584.39	33,497	1,656.61
Warren	2,659	1,497.59	2,589	1,502.68	3,579	1,555.53
New Jersey	359,995	\$1,260.00	353,430	\$1,257.00	453,697	\$1,257.00

NOTES



Child Health

New Jersey Child Health Improves

Good news comes from nearly all corners of the health front. The number of infants who died in 2000 was 6 percent less than in 1999. Child deaths dropped 9 percent. And, after showing steady increases, the number of babies born with low birth weight declined from 1999 to 2000, both in terms of overall numbers and as a percentage of total births. One trouble spot is a 20 percent increase in the number of women who went without prenatal care in 2000.

In 2000, 723 infants died, with Essex County claiming the highest number of infant deaths at 109. Still, that was a decrease from 1999, when 127 infants died in Essex. Atlantic County saw the steepest percentage increase in infant deaths, jumping 89.5 percent from 19 in 1999 to 36 in 2000.

Essex County had the highest number of child deaths at 32. Cape May and Gloucester had the fewest, with one each. While the overall number of child deaths declined in 2000, preliminary statewide data shows a 14 percent increase from 2001 to 2002

In 2000, nearly 1,400 New Jersey women went without prenatal care for their entire pregnancy, putting their babies' health at risk. As a percentage of births, the number of women receiving no prenatal care inched up to 1.2 percent in 2000, from 1 percent in 1999.

The number of children born to unmarried mothers continues to climb. In 2000, 32,917 babies were born to unmarried mothers, a 3 percent increase over 1999. That represents about 28 percent of all births.



INFANT MORTALITY

County	1994	1999	2000	Percent Change	
				1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	43	19	36	-16.3%	89.5%
Bergen	64	53	50	-21.9%	-5.7%
Burlington	29	30	25	-13.8%	-16.7%
Camden	70	69	58	-17.1%	-15.9%
Cape May	9	13	8	-11.1%	-38.5%
Cumberland	18	22	25	38.9%	13.6%
Essex	164	127	109	-33.5%	-14.2%
Gloucester	18	21	16	-11.1%	-23.8%
Hudson	87	59	70	-19.5%	18.6%
Hunterdon	3	6	4	33.3%	-33.3%
Mercer	37	42	38	2.7%	-9.5%
Middlesex	67	63	69	3.0%	9.5%
Monmouth	50	57	38	-24.0%	-33.3%
Morris	31	25	21	-32.3%	-16.0%
Ocean	34	25	29	-14.7%	16.0%
Passaic	70	46	42	-40.0%	-8.7%
Salem	5	8	5	0.0%	-37.5%
Somerset	14	26	18	28.6%	-30.8%
Sussex	11	9	7	-36.4%	-22.2%
Union	71	46	49	-31.0%	6.5%
Warren	7	4	6	-14.3%	50.0%
New Jersey	902	770	723	-19.8%	-6.1%

CHILD DEATHS

County	1994	1999	2000	Percent Change	
				1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	11	14	10	-9.1%	-28.6%
Bergen	26	16	21	-19.2%	31.3%
Burlington	20	17	9	-55.0%	-47.1%
Camden	23	20	22	-4.3%	10.0%
Cape May	6	5	1	-83.3%	-80.0%
Cumberland	10	7	9	-10.0%	28.6%
Essex	74	51	32	-56.8%	-37.3%
Gloucester	13	10	1	-92.3%	-90.0%
Hudson	45	15	19	-57.8%	26.7%
Hunterdon	4	6	3	-25.0%	-50.0%
Mercer	15	13	13	-13.3%	0.0%
Middlesex	19	17	13	-31.6%	-23.5%
Monmouth	22	13	18	-18.2%	38.5%
Morris	11	13	16	45.5%	23.1%
Ocean	14	10	13	-7.1%	30.0%
Passaic	27	19	26	-3.7%	36.8%
Salem	3	5	3	0.0%	-40.0%
Somerset	9	13	6	-33.3%	-53.8%
Sussex	7	2	3	-57.1%	50.0%
Union	17	18	19	11.8%	5.6%
Warren	2	1	2	0.0%	100.0%
New Jersey	378	285	259	-31.5%	-9.1%

**WOMEN RECEIVING
NO PRENATAL CARE**

County				Percent Change	
	1994	1999	2000	1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	37	44	50	35.1%	13.6%
Bergen	38	30	48	26.3%	60.0%
Burlington	34	43	32	-5.9%	-25.6%
Camden	120	84	78	-35.0%	-7.1%
Cape May	4	10	10	150.0%	0.0%
Cumberland	34	31	36	5.9%	16.1%
Essex	666	389	494	-25.8%	27.0%
Gloucester	22	21	31	40.9%	47.6%
Hudson	17	95	114	570.6%	20.0%
Hunterdon	0	2	1	N/A	-50.0%
Mercer	48	37	47	-2.1%	27.0%
Middlesex	53	59	78	47.2%	32.2%
Monmouth	70	29	52	-25.7%	79.3%
Morris	7	11	16	128.6%	45.5%
Ocean	31	12	18	-41.9%	50.0%
Passaic	159	78	78	-50.9%	0.0%
Salem	21	15	16	-23.8%	6.7%
Somerset	14	13	21	50.0%	61.5%
Sussex	4	5	8	100.0%	60.0%
Union	101	133	138	36.6%	3.8%
Warren	9	1	10	11.1%	900.0%
New Jersey	1,489	1,142	1,376	-7.6%	20.5%

**NO PRENATAL CARE AS A
PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS**

County	1998	1999	2000
Atlantic	1.9	1.3	1.5
Bergen	0.2	0.3	0.4
Burlington	0.7	0.8	0.6
Camden	1.1	1.2	1.1
Cape May	0.8	1.0	1.0
Cumberland	1.5	1.6	1.8
Essex	3.3	3.2	4.1
Gloucester	0.4	0.7	1.0
Hudson	0.9	1.1	1.3
Hunterdon	0.1	0.1	0.1
Mercer	1.4	0.8	1.0
Middlesex	0.5	0.6	0.7
Monmouth	0.4	0.4	0.6
Morris	0.2	0.2	0.2
Ocean	0.3	0.2	0.3
Passaic	1.1	1.0	1.0
Salem	1.6	2.0	2.0
Somerset	0.1	0.3	0.5
Sussex	0.2	0.3	0.4
Union	1.5	1.8	1.8
Warren	0.1	0.1	0.8
New Jersey	1	1.0	1.2

**BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED
MOTHERS**

County	1999	2000	Change
Atlantic	1,398	1,417	1.4%
Bergen	1,205	1,251	3.8%
Burlington	1,167	1,138	-2.5%
Camden	2,870	2,781	-3.1%
Cape May	348	361	3.7%
Cumberland	1,092	1,112	1.8%
Essex	5,729	5,787	1.0%
Gloucester	790	823	4.2%
Hudson	3,538	3,707	4.8%
Hunterdon	98	121	23.5%
Mercer	1,469	1,560	6.2%
Middlesex	2,180	2,293	5.2%
Monmouth	1,581	1,607	1.6%
Morris	619	638	3.1%
Ocean	1,263	1,316	4.2%
Passaic	2,965	3,127	5.5%
Salem	292	359	22.9%
Somerset	559	574	2.7%
Sussex	236	225	-4.7%
Union	2,268	2,474	9.1%
Warren	231	246	6.5%
New Jersey	31,898	32,917	3.2%

Statewide Birth and Death Data 2000-2002

	2000	2001	2002	% change
Total Births	115,542	115,700	114,559	-0.9
Births to Teens	8,027	7,642	7,325	-8.7
Infant Mortality	723	744	650	-10.1
Child Deaths	249	240	274	10.0



**INFANTS BORN WITH
LOW BIRTH WEIGHT**

County	1994	1999	2000	Percent Change	
				1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	303	299	294	-3.0%	-1.7%
Bergen	584	650	732	25.3%	12.6%
Burlington	380	361	335	-11.8%	-7.2%
Camden	630	640	582	-7.6%	-9.1%
Cape May	68	71	66	-2.9%	-7.0%
Cumberland	168	169	141	-16.1%	-16.6%
Essex	1,444	1,423	1,320	-8.6%	-7.2%
Gloucester	205	245	219	6.8%	-10.6%
Hudson	788	681	715	-9.3%	5.0%
Hunterdon	62	145	75	21.0%	-48.3%
Mercer	377	362	403	6.9%	11.3%
Middlesex	698	766	759	8.7%	-0.9%
Monmouth	532	602	537	0.9%	-10.8%
Morris	356	411	395	11.0%	-3.9%
Ocean	356	417	382	7.3%	-8.4%
Passaic	661	620	623	-5.7%	0.5%
Salem	67	71	72	7.5%	1.4%
Somerset	251	295	279	11.2%	-5.4%
Sussex	91	97	127	39.6%	30.9%
Union	608	639	584	-3.9%	-8.6%
Warren	78	95	62	-20.5%	-34.7%
New Jersey	8,707	9,059	8,702	-0.1%	-3.9%

**INFANTS BIRTH WEIGHT
AS A PERCENT OF BIRTHS**

Count	1998	1999	2000
Atlantic	8.7	8.7	8.6
Bergen	6.4	6.1	6.7
Burlington	6.8	7.0	6.5
Camden	8.6	9.0	8.3
Cape May	5.6	6.9	6.3
Cumberland	7.0	8.5	7.0
Essex	11.3	11.6	10.9
Gloucester	7.2	7.8	6.9
Hudson	8.8	7.8	8.1
Hunterdon	6.0	9.4	5.2
Mercer	8.8	8.2	8.6
Middlesex	7.1	7.6	7.2
Monmouth	7.2	7.5	6.7
Morris	6.2	6.4	6.1
Ocean	6.4	6.5	5.8
Passaic	7.8	8.0	7.9
Salem	6.5	9.3	8.9
Somerset	7.1	6.7	6.3
Sussex	7.0	5.5	7.1
Union	8.1	8.6	7.6
Warren	4.8	7.3	4.7
New Jersey	7.8	8.0	7.5

CHILDREN RECEIVING MEDICAID/FAMILYCARE

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	14,032	16,859	17,236	22.8%	2.2%
Bergen	10,386	21,392	22,252	114.2%	4.0%
Burlington	10,286	13,748	14,499	41.0%	5.5%
Camden	36,958	40,205	41,448	12.1%	3.1%
Cape May	4,471	6,280	6,029	34.8%	-4.0%
Cumberland	11,900	15,078	15,666	31.6%	3.9%
Essex	75,980	81,215	81,311	7.0%	0.1%
Gloucester	7,862	10,722	10,900	38.6%	1.7%
Hudson	50,886	58,272	59,928	17.8%	2.8%
Hunterdon	767	1,425	1,383	80.3%	-2.9%
Mercer	15,811	19,451	20,281	28.3%	4.3%
Middlesex	18,822	30,325	31,120	65.3%	2.6%
Monmouth	14,493	23,002	22,218	53.3%	-3.4%
Morris	3,924	6,921	7,370	87.8%	6.5%
Ocean	15,366	25,582	26,819	74.5%	4.8%
Passaic	28,630	47,006	48,087	68.0%	2.3%
Salem	3,357	4,014	4,168	24.2%	3.8%
Somerset	3,963	6,556	6,845	72.7%	4.4%
Sussex	1,898	3,548	3,473	83.0%	-2.1%
Union	23,572	33,027	33,791	43.4%	2.3%
Warren	2,330	3,508	3,550	52.4%	1.2%
New Jersey	355,694	468,136	478,374	34.5%	2.2%

Note: 1996 numbers are Medicaid only. FamilyCare began covering low-income children in 1998.

Medicaid/Family Care Enrollments Rise

While enrollment in Medicaid and FamilyCare inched up from 2002 to 2003, the 2 percent gain was much smaller than the 28 percent increase from 1996 to 2001. In 2002, 210,000 New Jersey children were uninsured.

In June 2002, budget constraints prompted the state to stop enrolling parents in FamilyCare. Children in families earning up to 350 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$64,000 for a family of four, are still being enrolled.

But, most children must be uninsured for six months before being eligible to apply for coverage. And, parent enrollments are dropping, possibly due to a cumbersome re-application process. This could be a contributing factor to an increase in the number of uninsured New Jersey residents.



Troubled Teens

Teens Continue to Show Progress

Births to teens continue to drop in all but three counties - Mercer, Salem and Union. Hunterdon and Sussex counties saw the steepest drops in the number of births to teens, declining roughly 68 and 63 percent, respectively. Essex had the highest number of teen births at 1,281, while Hunterdon had the fewest, with just six.

Juvenile arrests continued to decline, dropping about 2 percent from 2001 to 2002. Since 1996, juvenile arrests are down 27 percent. Camden had the most juvenile arrests, while Passaic saw a 16 percent jump in arrests of minors, the highest increase statewide. Atlantic, Cape May, Mercer, Ocean, Sussex and Warren also saw slight increases in juvenile arrests.

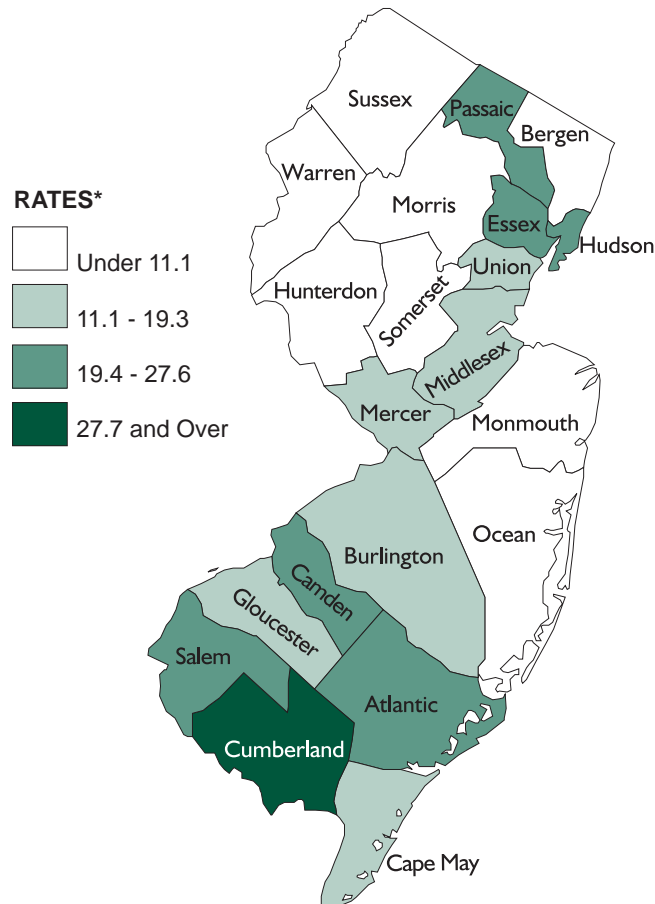
After steadily dropping from 1996 to 2001, juvenile commitments jumped 16 percent from 2001 to 2002, with 1,262 juveniles remanded by the courts to state institutions. Camden County claims nearly 26 percent of all juveniles who are committed to state institutions. This is a troubling trend, since these institutions often lack the treatment and education programs these juveniles so desperately need.



BIRTHS TO TEENS

County	1994	1999	2000	Percent Change	
				1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	454	388	351	-22.7%	-9.5%
Bergen	267	244	186	-30.3%	-23.8%
Burlington	368	339	291	-20.9%	-14.2%
Camden	868	834	779	-10.3%	-6.6%
Cape May	109	112	101	-7.3%	-9.8%
Cumberland	387	378	343	-11.4%	-9.3%
Essex	1,667	1,328	1,281	-23.2%	-3.5%
Gloucester	218	219	185	-15.1%	-15.5%
Hudson	1,086	889	840	-22.7%	-5.5%
Hunterdon	32	19	6	-81.3%	-68.4%
Mercer	437	382	389	-11.0%	1.8%
Middlesex	548	526	522	-4.7%	-0.8%
Monmouth	460	396	323	-29.8%	-18.4%
Morris	128	113	72	-43.8%	-36.3%
Ocean	388	341	292	-24.7%	-14.4%
Passaic	893	836	781	-12.5%	-6.6%
Salem	115	88	99	-13.9%	12.5%
Somerset	133	110	90	-32.3%	-18.2%
Sussex	70	59	22	-68.6%	-62.7%
Union	622	549	554	-10.9%	0.9%
Warren	73	74	44	-39.7%	-40.5%
New Jersey	9,323	8,224	7,551	-19.0%	-8.2%

TEEN BIRTH RATES BY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, 2000



*Births to mothers aged 10-19 as a percentage of births to mothers of all ages.

JUVENILE ARRESTS

County	1996	2001	2002	Percent Change	
				1996-2001	2001-2002
Atlantic	4,376	3,020	3,059	-30.1%	1.3%
Bergen	6,746	4,803	4,548	-32.6%	-5.3%
Burlington	3,442	2,882	2,609	-24.2%	-9.5%
Camden	6,579	8,744	8,421	28.0%	-3.7%
Cape May	1,938	1,642	1,719	-11.3%	4.7%
Cumberland	3,207	2,274	2,073	-35.4%	-8.8%
Essex	10,366	6,281	6,240	-39.8%	-0.7%
Gloucester	2,986	1,994	1,924	-35.6%	-3.5%
Hudson	6,357	3,737	3,664	-42.4%	-2.0%
Hunterdon	620	519	497	-19.8%	-4.2%
Mercer	4,514	4,758	4,957	9.8%	4.2%
Middlesex	4,803	3,153	3,052	-36.5%	-3.2%
Monmouth	6,166	4,665	4,499	-27.0%	-3.6%
Morris	3,256	2,050	1,929	-40.8%	-5.9%
Ocean	5,585	3,349	3,473	-37.8%	-3.7%
Passaic	5,452	3,400	3,956	-27.4%	16.4%
Salem	947	568	540	-43.0%	-4.9%
Somerset	2,729	1,759	1,703	-37.6%	-3.2%
Sussex	863	755	760	-11.9%	0.7%
Union	5,981	4,018	3,616	-39.5%	-10.0%
Warren	831	549	578	-30.4%	5.3%
New Jersey	87,744	64,920	63,817	-27.3%	-1.7%

JUVENILE COMMITMENTS

County	1996	2001	2002	Percent Change	
				1996-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	104	67	61	-41.3%	-9.0%
Bergen	22	20	16	-27.3%	-20.0%
Burlington	30	12	25	-16.7%	108.3%
Camden	292	276	326	11.6%	18.1%
Cape May	11	2	6	-45.5%	200.0%
Cumberland	40	15	5	-87.5%	-66.7%
Essex	225	125	154	-31.6%	23.2%
Gloucester	13	12	18	38.5%	50.0%
Hudson	162	107	128	-21.0%	19.6%
Hunterdon	11	7	5	-54.5%	-28.6%
Mercer	106	57	93	-12.3%	63.2%
Middlesex	74	75	98	32.4%	30.7%
Monmouth	64	33	39	-39.1%	18.2%
Morris	3	9	7	133.3%	-22.2%
Ocean	21	26	35	66.7%	34.6%
Passaic	236	121	126	-46.6%	4.1%
Salem	12	22	30	150.0%	36.4%
Somerset	27	13	9	-66.7%	-30.8%
Sussex	2	6	10	400.0%	66.7%
Union	48	69	65	35.4%	-5.8%
Warren	3	10	6	100.0%	-40.0%
New Jersey	1,506	1,084	1,262	-16.2%	16.4%

TEEN DEATHS



Teen Death On The Rise

Another troubling trend is a 15 percent increase in teen deaths from 1999 to 2000. Teen deaths had steadily declined since 1990, when 295 teens died. That number reached its lowest point in the past decade in 1999, with 234 deaths. But in 2000, 269 teenagers died.

The counties with the largest percent increases in teen deaths tended to be rural and suburban counties. Hunterdon, for example, posted a 300 percent increase, although the actual number of deaths still remained comparatively low, going from two in 1999 to eight in 2000. Five counties – Cumberland, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris and Union – recorded fewer teen deaths in 2000.

County	1994	1999	2000	Percent Change	
				1994-2000	1999-2000
Atlantic	8	6	10	25.0%	66.7%
Bergen	16	12	15	-6.3%	25.0%
Burlington	13	18	21	61.5%	16.7%
Camden	27	19	24	-11.1%	26.3%
Cape May	1	2	7	600.0%	250.0%
Cumberland	7	8	6	-14.3%	-25.0%
Essex	44	40	37	-15.9%	-7.5%
Gloucester	9	5	11	22.2%	120.0%
Hudson	18	11	19	5.6%	72.7%
Hunterdon	6	2	8	33.3%	300.0%
Mercer	4	9	9	125.0%	0.0%
Middlesex	20	20	12	-40.0%	-40.0%
Monmouth	16	18	17	6.3%	-5.6%
Morris	9	8	6	-33.3%	-25.0%
Ocean	15	12	15	0.0%	25.0%
Passaic	11	11	13	18.2%	18.2%
Salem	2	5	7	250.0%	40.0%
Somerset	5	5	8	60.0%	60.0%
Sussex	7	5	9	28.6%	80.0%
Union	21	15	10	-52.4%	-33.3%
Warren	4	3	5	25.0%	66.7%
New Jersey	263	234	269	2.3%	15.0%



Abused and Neglected Children

Fewer Child Abuse Substantiations

Child abuse referrals dropped about 1 percent from 2000 to 2001. The number of cases that were “substantiated,” or proven, declined 3 percent. While this is the latest available county-level data, other, more recent statewide data shows DYFS referrals and caseloads have soared since January 2003, when 7-year-old Faheem Williams was discovered dead in a Newark basement.

Essex County had the highest number of abuse/neglect referrals, with nearly 5,000 reports. Sussex had the fewest, with 374 reports. Salem County caseworkers substantiated the highest percentage of all reports at nearly 30 percent, outpacing the state average of roughly 22 percent. Morris County had the lowest percentage of substantiated referrals at 12 percent.

Foster Care Numbers Continue to Rise, While Adoptions Slow

From 2001 to 2002, the number of children in placement jumped more than 7 percent. More recent statewide statistics show nearly 12,000 children in out-of-home care in 2003. From 2001 to 2003, the number of available, unrelated foster homes dropped 9 percent. More children are being placed in institution-like settings or sent out-of-state. The lack of foster homes and weak efforts to prevent placement led to many children being moved from home to home and others being placed farther from their biological families.



CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REFERRALS

DYFS Adoptions Decline

Another troubling trend is a steep 33 percent drop in the number of DYFS adoptions finalized in 2003. DYFS had been steadily increasing the number of children adopted each year since 2000, in keeping with the mandates of the federal Adoptions and Safe Families Act of 1997. The law promoted permanency for abused children who, in the past, too often grew up in foster care.

From January 1998 to January 2002, finalized DYFS adoptions soared 68 percent. This year, the trend reversed.

In response to a June court settlement, DYFS workers including those in the Adoption Resources Centers, were required to perform extra duties, including safety assessments of roughly 13,000 children in foster care and other out-of-home placements. This took time and energy away from efforts to finalize adoptions and provide children with permanent homes. It is important to ensure that children are placed in safe, loving adoptive homes.

Adoptions Finalized Through DYFS 1998-2003

1998	813
1999	729
2000	837
2001	1,043
2002	1,367
2003	916

County				Percent Change	
	1996	2000	2001	1996-2001	2000-2001
Atlantic	1,526	1,493	1,298	-14.9%	-13.1%
Bergen	1,271	1,155	929	-26.9%	-19.6%
Burlington	1,634	1,661	1,925	17.8%	15.9%
Camden	4,418	4,170	4,382	-0.8%	5.1%
Cape May	749	1,015	1,016	35.6%	0.1%
Cumberland	1,098	1,232	1,485	35.2%	20.5%
Essex	5,994	5,142	4,971	-17.1%	-3.3%
Gloucester	1,079	1,186	1,146	6.2%	-3.4%
Hudson	2,947	2,777	2,752	-6.6%	-0.9%
Hunterdon	289	321	391	35.3%	21.8%
Mercer	1,529	2,302	2,203	44.1%	-4.3%
Middlesex	1,965	2,550	2,160	9.9%	-15.3%
Monmouth	2,607	3,163	3,171	21.6%	0.3%
Morris	727	851	1,025	41.0%	20.4%
Ocean	2,318	2,818	2,751	18.7%	-2.4%
Passaic	2,623	2,589	2,608	-0.6%	0.7%
Salem	680	511	523	-23.1%	2.3%
Somerset	275	1,102	1,087	295.3%	-1.4%
Sussex	588	321	374	-36.4%	16.5%
Union	1,876	2,028	1,832	-2.3%	-9.7%
Warren	886	669	600	-32.3%	-10.3%
New Jersey	37,079	39,056	38,629	4.2%	-1.1%

Note: Chart does not include out-of-state referrals

**CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT
SUBSTANTIATED REFERRALS**

County	1996	2000	2001	Percent Change	
				1996-2001	2000-2001
Atlantic	414	319	285	-31.2%	-10.7%
Bergen	349	286	228	-34.7%	-20.3%
Burlington	410	375	400	-2.4%	6.7%
Camden	1,303	1,026	1,111	-14.7%	8.3%
Cape May	215	281	244	13.5%	-13.2%
Cumberland	301	300	341	13.3%	13.7%
Essex	2,443	1,392	1,437	-41.2%	3.2%
Gloucester	217	211	235	8.3%	11.4%
Hudson	583	503	446	-23.5%	-11.3%
Hunterdon	49	76	83	69.4%	9.2%
Mercer	482	436	324	-32.8%	-25.7%
Middlesex	459	484	481	4.8%	-0.6%
Monmouth	738	666	586	-20.6%	-12.0%
Morris	194	168	123	-36.6%	-26.8%
Ocean	488	593	633	29.7%	6.7%
Passaic	726	499	502	-30.9%	0.6%
Salem	223	162	154	-30.9%	-4.9%
Somerset	74	172	171	131.1%	-0.6%
Sussex	157	97	71	-54.8%	-26.8%
Union	516	547	478	-7.4%	-12.6%
Warren	168	97	87	-48.2%	-10.3%
New Jersey	10,509	8,690	8,420	-19.9%	-3.1%

**SUBSTANTIATED PERCENTAGE OF CHILD
ABUSE/NEGLECT REFERRALS**

County	1996	2000	2001
Atlantic	27.1%	21.4%	22.0%
Bergen	27.5%	24.8%	24.5%
Burlington	25.1%	22.6%	20.8%
Camden	29.5%	24.6%	25.4%
Cape May	28.7%	27.7%	24.0%
Cumberland	27.4%	24.4%	23.0%
Essex	40.8%	27.1%	28.9%
Gloucester	20.1%	17.8%	20.5%
Hudson	19.8%	18.1%	16.2%
Hunterdon	17.0%	23.7%	21.2%
Mercer	31.5%	18.9%	14.7%
Middlesex	23.4%	19.0%	22.3%
Monmouth	28.3%	21.1%	18.5%
Morris	26.7%	19.7%	12.0%
Ocean	21.1%	21.0%	23.0%
Passaic	27.7%	19.3%	19.2%
Salem	32.8%	31.7%	29.4%
Somerset	26.9%	15.6%	15.7%
Sussex	26.7%	30.2%	19.0%
Union	27.5%	27.0%	26.1%
Warren	19.0%	14.5%	14.5%
New Jersey	28.3%	22.3%	21.8%

Note: Charts do not include out-of-state substantiated referrals

NUMBER OF FOSTER HOMES BY TYPE, STATEWIDE

FOSTER HOMES	2001	2003	Change
Number of Unrelated Homes	3,288	2,982	-9.3%
Number of Related Homes	119	540	353.8%

FOSTER HOMES BY TYPE	2001	2003	Change
Regular	2,519	2,131	-15.4%
Family Friend	28	14	-50.0%
Para Foster Home	52	24	-53.8%
Adoptive Home w/Children	216	200	-7.4%
Contracted	513	301	-41.3%
Fost-Adopt Homes	135	350	159.3%
TOTAL	3,463	3,020	-12.8%

Restricted Homes*	1,055	1,196	13.4%
Suspended Homes	290	251	-13.4%
Out-of-State Homes	146	246	68.5%

*Restricted homes open only to certain children

CHILDREN IN CARE

County	1996	2001	2002	Percent Change	
				1996-02	2001-02
Atlantic	247	442	467	89.0%	5.7%
Bergen	274	347	371	35.4%	6.9%
Burlington	359	385	387	7.8%	0.5%
Camden	1,014	1,238	1,090	7.5%	-12.0%
Cape May	140	178	274	95.7%	53.9%
Cumberland	212	375	442	108.5%	17.9%
Essex	1,667	2,133	2,442	46.5%	14.5%
Gloucester	154	154	185	20.1%	20.1%
Hudson	660	778	817	23.8%	5.0%
Hunterdon	35	55	62	77.1%	12.7%
Mercer	543	531	475	-12.5%	-10.5%
Middlesex	399	774	770	93.0%	-0.5%
Monmouth	702	725	786	12.0%	8.4%
Morris	161	191	207	28.6%	8.4%
Ocean	304	523	505	66.1%	-3.4%
Passaic	481	437	490	1.9%	12.1%
Salem	99	192	195	97.0%	1.6%
Somerset	56	120	170	203.6%	41.7%
Sussex	83	138	119	43.4%	-13.8%
Union	612	787	1,022	67.0%	29.9%
Warren	73	83	93	27.4%	12.0%
New Jersey	8,275	10,586	11,369	37.4%	7.4%

Note: This chart includes children placed in foster homes, group homes, residential centers and state institutions.





New Jersey School Children

Achievement Gap Persists on State Tests

In 2002, less than one-third of eighth-graders in poor school districts passed state math tests. In wealthy districts, 83 percent passed. While recent reports show a narrowing of the achievement gap between low-income and wealthier students, the disparity still stubbornly persists on state assessments. In all subject areas, low-income children scored far below their wealthier peers.

At the same time, test scores statewide remain relatively stable in 2002, with about 79 percent of fourth-graders passing state language arts tests and 68.5 percent passing the state math tests. For eighth graders, the passing rates were 73 percent for language arts, 58 percent for math and about 75 percent for science.

While the total number of children enrolled in special education increased, as a percent of overall enrollment, the numbers have remained relatively stable for the past decade. Roughly 15 percent of students statewide require special education. Cape May and Cumberland counties had 19 percent of its students enrolled in special education – the highest statewide.



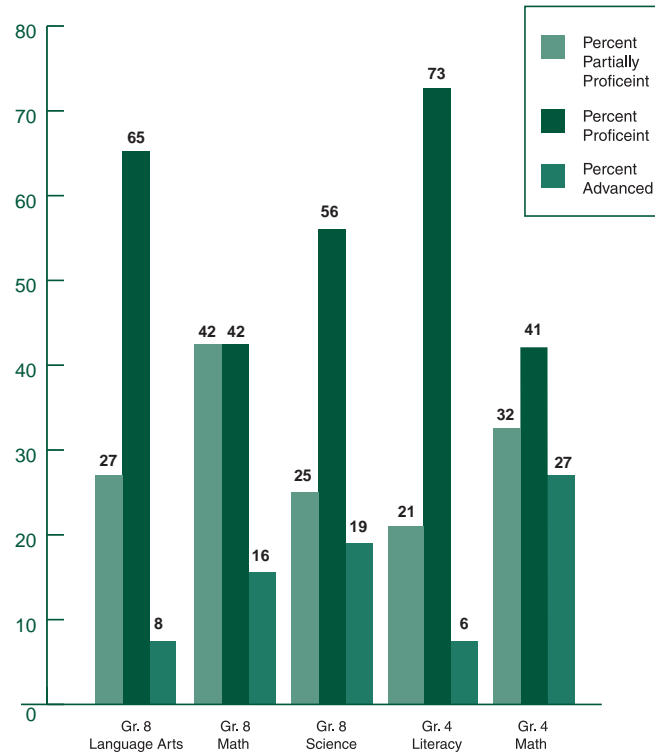
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO PASSED THE STATE ASSESSMENT BY DISTRICT FACTOR GROUPINGS, SPRING 2002

DFG	Language Arts		
	4	8	11
A	60.4	42.9	56.5
B	71.8	63.5	74.3
CD	75.1	69.0	79.7
DE	81.3	77.4	84.3
FG	85.1	81.1	86.7
GH	87.3	85.1	88.7
I	92.8	90.2	94.2
J	93.1	92.6	97.8

DFG	Math		
	4	8	11
A	42.0	28.6	34.7
B	59.8	46.8	59.9
CD	63.0	49.1	63.3
DE	70.8	58.8	69.8
FG	77.3	66.3	75.9
GH	80.4	71.2	79.4
I	86.9	80.2	88.9
J	91.2	83.3	94.1

DFG	Science		
	4	8	11
A	N/A	39.8	N/A
B	N/A	67.4	N/A
CD	N/A	74.1	N/A
DE	N/A	79.4	N/A
FG	N/A	84.6	N/A
GH	N/A	86.5	N/A
I	N/A	92.1	N/A
J	N/A	95.1	N/A

STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS IN GRADE 8 AND GRADE 4, 2002



Note: District Factor Groupings (DFGs) rank school districts according to socio-economic indicators. School districts ranked "A" tend to be the poorest and "I-J" districts tend to be the wealthiest.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
ENROLLMENTS BY COUNTY**

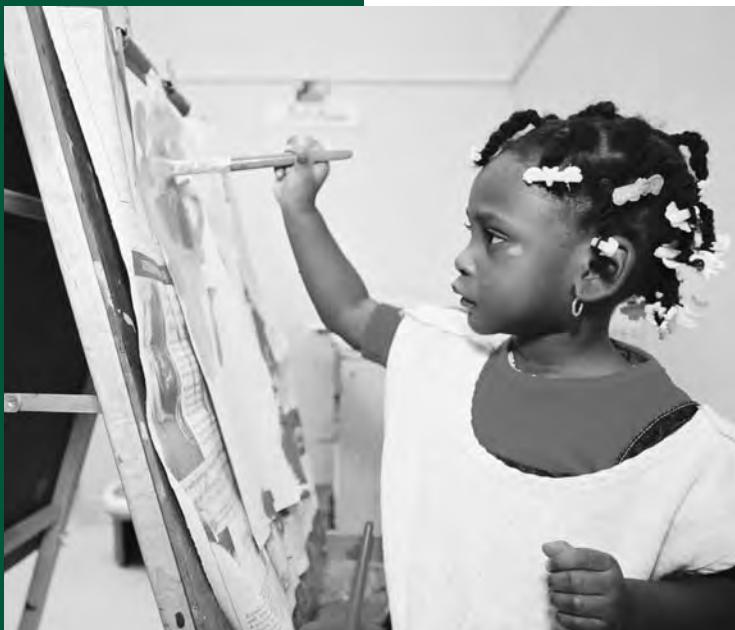
County	December			Percent Change	
	1998	2001	2002	1998-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	6,031	6,778	6,922	14.8%	2.1%
Bergen	15,925	16,932	17,519	10.0%	3.5%
Burlington	11,536	12,634	13,020	12.9%	3.1%
Camden	13,715	14,532	14,860	8.3%	2.3%
Cape May	2,584	2,904	2,838	9.8%	-2.3%
Cumberland	4,342	4,576	4,717	8.6%	3.1%
Essex	13,950	16,690	17,677	26.7%	5.9%
Gloucester	7,012	7,663	7,876	12.3%	2.8%
Hudson	10,124	11,873	11,553	14.1%	-2.7%
Hunterdon	2,806	3,057	3,130	11.5%	2.4%
Mercer	8,956	9,653	9,955	11.2%	3.1%
Middlesex	14,245	14,756	15,080	5.9%	2.2%
Monmouth	14,529	15,432	15,477	6.5%	0.3%
Morris	9,470	10,196	10,633	12.3%	4.3%
Ocean	10,480	11,863	12,283	17.2%	3.5%
Passaic	9,696	11,079	11,961	23.4%	8.0%
Salem	1,642	1,751	1,831	11.5%	4.6%
Somerset	5,963	6,767	7,054	18.3%	4.2%
Sussex	3,961	4,126	4,153	4.8%	0.7%
Union	10,089	10,915	11,243	11.4%	3.0%
Warren	2,670	2,730	2,787	4.4%	2.1%
New Jersey	179,726	196,907	202,569	12.7%	2.9%

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PERCENTAGE
OF ENROLLMENTS**

County	December			Percent Change	
	1998	2001	2002	1998-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	15%	15%	15%	0.0%	0.0%
Bergen	14%	13%	14%	0.0%	7.7%
Burlington	17%	17%	18%	3.5%	3.5%
Camden	16%	16%	17%	3.1%	3.1%
Cape May	17%	20%	19%	12.4%	-4.5%
Cumberland	17%	18%	19%	10.6%	4.4%
Essex	12%	13%	14%	12.5%	3.8%
Gloucester	16%	17%	17%	5.0%	-1.2%
Hudson	13%	14%	14%	6.2%	-1.4%
Hunterdon	14%	14%	14%	-0.7%	-0.7%
Mercer	17%	16%	15%	-10.6%	-5.0%
Middlesex	14%	13%	13%	-5.7%	1.5%
Monmouth	15%	15%	14%	-4.0%	-4.0%
Morris	14%	14%	14%	-2.1%	-2.1%
Ocean	15%	15%	16%	4.7%	4.7%
Passaic	13%	14%	15%	13.8%	5.7%
Salem	14%	15%	16%	12.1%	4.7%
Somerset	14%	14%	14%	-1.4%	-1.4%
Sussex	15%	15%	15%	-3.3%	-3.3%
Union	13%	13%	13%	2.3%	2.3%
Warren	15%	15%	15%	-0.7%	-0.7%
New Jersey	14%	15%	15%	5.0%	-2.0%

Note: Due to rounding, some "percent change" calculations may not add up.





Early Care and Education

More Children Enrolled in Preschool

Preschool enrollments increased 19 percent statewide from the 2001-2002 to 2002-2003 school years for a total of 44,599 children. This number includes all students enrolled in preschools through the public school system and paid for with state and local dollars. Some attend in-district programs, while other attend community-based preschools.

Of those children, 36,465 or 81 percent, live in the 30 “special needs” districts, which have a Supreme Court mandate to provide preschool to all 3- and 4-year-olds. Others are enrolled in programs in 100 additional districts that receive state funding to provide half-day preschool to all 4-year-olds. A handful of districts provide preschool, without state aid, and using primarily local tax dollars.

An increasing number of studies document the long-term payoffs for students who attend quality preschools. These children are more likely to score better on achievement tests and are less likely to require special education.

Full-day kindergarten enrollments jumped 7 percent from the 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 school years. Since 1999, full-day enrollments have increased 17 percent. Full-day kindergarten expands both learning opportunities for children and support for parents.

Gloucester County saw the largest increase in full-day kindergarten enrollments, soaring 116.5 percent from 575 to 1,226 students. Six counties - Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Middlesex and Morris counties - recorded decreases in full-day enrollments.



**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENTS
FULL DAY**

County	October			Percent Change	
	1999	2001	2002	1999-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	413	478	701	69.7%	46.7%
Bergen	38	371	610	1505.3%	64.4%
Burlington	0	657	692	N/A	5.3%
Camden	1,154	1,813	1,944	68.5%	7.2%
Cape May	0	0	27	N/A	N/A
Cumberland	60	1,762	2,267	3678.3%	28.7%
Essex	705	7,070	8,745	1140.4%	23.7%
Gloucester	0	48	71	N/A	47.9%
Hudson	1,187	5,889	6,656	460.7%	13.0%
Hunterdon	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mercer	323	1,562	1,706	428.2%	9.2%
Middlesex	421	1,713	2,025	381.0%	18.2%
Monmouth	26	1,463	1,823	6911.5%	24.6%
Morris	0	1	0	N/A	N/A
Ocean	16	49	125	681.3%	155.1%
Passaic	47	3,096	4,470	9410.6%	44.4%
Salem	12	101	110	816.7%	8.9%
Somerset	0	0	54	N/A	N/A
Sussex	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Union	0	1,997	2,800	N/A	40.2%
Warren	0	245	299	N/A	22.0%
New Jersey	4,402	28,315	35,125	697.9%	24.1%

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENTS
STATE TOTALS**

Grade	1999	2001	2002
Preschool	4,194	37,473	44,599
Kindergarten	89,593	86,991	90,164

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT
HALF DAY**



County	October		Percent Change		
	1999	2001	2002	1999-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	399	495	749	87.7%	51.3%
Bergen	1,097	1,115	1,083	-1.3%	-2.9%
Burlington	823	689	738	-10.3%	7.1%
Camden	1,194	1,251	1,283	7.5%	2.6%
Cape May	18	369	352	1855.6%	-4.6%
Cumberland	633	212	231	-63.5%	9.0%
Essex	539	254	285	-47.1%	12.2%
Gloucester	184	625	659	258.2%	5.4%
Hudson	1,205	909	924	-23.3%	1.7%
Hunterdon	6	18	20	233.3%	11.1%
Mercer	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Middlesex	420	362	375	-10.7%	3.6%
Monmouth	1,117	538	451	-59.6%	-16.2%
Morris	48	187	139	189.6%	-25.7%
Ocean	196	406	359	83.2%	-11.6%
Passaic	18	80	63	250.0%	-21.3%
Salem	148	222	230	55.4%	3.6%
Somerset	136	394	434	219.1%	10.2%
Sussex	10	0	0	N/A	N/A
Union	1,510	1,003	1,083	-28.3%	8.0%
Warren	91	29	16	-82.4%	-44.8%
New Jersey	9,792	9,158	9,474	-3.2%	3.5%

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENTS
FULL DAY**

County	October			Percent Change	
	1999	2001	2002	1999-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	2,156	1,605	2,572	19.3%	60.2%
Bergen	4,425	5,021	4,970	12.3%	-1.0%
Burlington	1,678	2,057	2,130	26.9%	3.5%
Camden	2,867	3,181	3,210	12.0%	0.9%
Cape May	711	793	772	8.6%	-2.6%
Cumberland	1,804	1,734	1,661	-7.9%	-4.2%
Essex	6,597	6,934	7,220	9.4%	4.1%
Gloucester	575	1,226	1,245	116.5%	1.5%
Hudson	4,491	5,172	5,747	28.0%	11.1%
Hunterdon	286	378	370	29.4%	-2.1%
Mercer	2,948	2,891	3,052	3.5%	5.6%
Middlesex	2,956	3,081	2,994	1.3%	-2.8%
Monmouth	2,257	2,364	2,483	10.0%	5.0%
Morris	1,528	2,337	2,294	50.1%	-1.8%
Ocean	1,297	1,536	1,796	38.5%	16.9%
Passaic	3,437	3,550	3,740	8.8%	5.4%
Salem	672	637	644	-4.2%	1.1%
Somerset	1,132	1,449	2,064	82.3%	42.4%
Sussex	164	216	252	53.7%	16.7%
Union	3,488	3,611	4,036	15.7%	11.8%
Warren	520	529	539	3.7%	1.9%
New Jersey	45,989	50,302	53,791	17.0%	6.9%

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENTS
HALF DAY**

County	October			Percent Change	
	1999	2001	2002	1999-2002	2001-2002
Atlantic	1,324	90	482	-63.6%	435.6%
Bergen	4,042	3,376	3,507	-13.2%	3.9%
Burlington	2,745	2,410	2,578	-6.1%	7.0%
Camden	2,960	2,267	2,273	-23.2%	0.3%
Cape May	299	104	113	-62.2%	8.7%
Cumberland	65	0	0	N/A	N/A
Essex	1,584	1,613	1,604	1.3%	-0.6%
Gloucester	2,186	1,639	1,706	-22.0%	4.1%
Hudson	1,067	0	0	N/A	N/A
Hunterdon	1,164	1,024	1,040	-10.7%	1.6%
Mercer	1,117	1,164	1,119	0.2%	-3.9%
Middlesex	4,307	4,243	4,363	1.3%	2.8%
Monmouth	4,637	4,254	4,007	-13.6%	-5.8%
Morris	3,738	3,112	3,067	-18.0%	-1.4%
Ocean	3,834	3,552	3,331	-13.1%	-6.2%
Passaic	1,927	1,926	1,730	-10.2%	-10.2%
Salem	141	154	138	-2.1%	-10.4%
Somerset	2,104	1,818	1,457	-30.8%	-19.9%
Sussex	1,636	1,505	1,439	-12.0%	-4.4%
Union	2,004	1,700	1,687	-15.8%	-0.8%
Warren	723	738	732	1.2%	-0.8%
New Jersey	43,604	36,689	36,373	-16.6%	-0.9%



More Child Care Centers, Fewer Home-Based Providers

From 2002 to 2003, the number of child care centers increased about 3 percent to 4,202, caring for nearly 300,000 children, while their parents work. Passaic County posted a nearly 12 percent increase - the highest in New Jersey. Just three counties - Atlantic, Cape May and Monmouth - had fewer centers in 2003 than in 2002.

Since 1996, there has been a 39 percent increase in child care centers. Capacity at these centers has grown nearly 55 percent in that time. At the same time, the number of family child care providers continues to decline, dropping 11 percent from 2002 to 2003. Since 1996, the number of registered in-home providers has dropped 4 percent. Gloucester has seen the sharpest decline in family child care providers, dropping nearly 45 percent in one year. Four counties - Burlington, Salem, Somerset and Union - posted an increase in these at-home providers.

It's uncertain whether fewer people are caring for children in their own homes or whether they are foregoing the state registration process. Since it's important to have a wide array of child care choices, state officials should investigate the reasons behind this steep drop in at-home providers.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-03	2002-03
Atlantic	79	107	101	27.8%	-5.6%
Bergen	311	412	424	36.3%	2.9%
Burlington	124	161	165	33.1%	2.5%
Camden	197	246	248	25.9%	0.8%
Cape May	38	36	35	-7.9%	-2.8%
Cumberland	46	62	62	34.8%	0.0%
Essex	369	507	535	45.0%	5.5%
Gloucester	97	134	139	43.3%	3.7%
Hudson	155	274	290	87.1%	5.8%
Hunterdon	57	79	79	38.6%	0.0%
Mercer	166	221	229	38.0%	3.6%
Middlesex	207	283	300	44.9%	6.0%
Monmouth	244	293	287	17.6%	-2.0%
Morris	220	281	285	29.5%	1.4%
Ocean	123	159	161	30.9%	1.3%
Passaic	149	203	227	52.3%	11.8%
Salem	21	24	25	19.0%	4.2%
Somerset	123	180	186	51.2%	3.3%
Sussex	52	68	69	32.7%	1.5%
Union	206	282	296	43.7%	5.0%
Warren	39	54	59	51.3%	9.3%
New Jersey	3,023	4,066	4,202	39.0%	3.3%

CHILD CARE CENTER CAPACITY

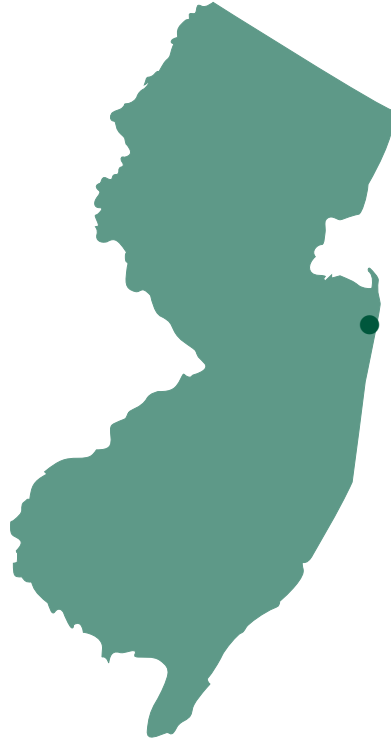
County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-2003	2002-2003
Atlantic	4,058	6,061	5,555	36.9%	-8.3%
Bergen	20,592	30,425	31,471	52.8%	3.4%
Burlington	8,850	11,830	11,784	33.2%	-0.4%
Camden	13,835	20,136	20,582	48.8%	2.2%
Cape May	1,519	1,804	1,815	19.5%	0.6%
Cumberland	3,256	4,997	5,153	58.3%	3.1%
Essex	23,402	35,189	36,839	57.4%	4.7%
Gloucester	6,028	8,073	8,235	36.6%	2.0%
Hudson	9,350	15,837	16,778	79.4%	5.9%
Hunterdon	2,913	5,577	5,609	92.6%	0.6%
Mercer	11,425	17,143	17,170	50.3%	0.2%
Middlesex	13,885	22,574	23,696	70.7%	5.0%
Monmouth	14,629	21,110	21,413	46.4%	1.4%
Morris	13,050	19,473	19,955	52.9%	2.5%
Ocean	7,036	10,189	10,149	44.2%	-0.4%
Passaic	10,432	16,369	18,182	74.3%	11.1%
Salem	1,093	1,250	1,214	11.1%	-2.9%
Somerset	8,871	15,042	15,466	74.3%	2.8%
Sussex	2,425	3,068	3,339	37.7%	8.8%
Union	14,057	19,761	20,951	49.0%	6.0%
Warren	1,730	2,393	2,643	52.8%	10.4%
New Jersey	192,436	288,301	297,999	54.9%	3.4%

**FAMILY CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS**

County	1996	2002	2003	Percent Change	
				1996-2003	2002-2003
Atlantic	206	164	129	-37.4%	-21.3%
Bergen	219	241	238	8.7%	-1.2%
Burlington	225	225	236	4.9%	4.9%
Camden	387	282	259	-33.1%	-8.2%
Cape May	69	57	18	-73.9%	-68.4%
Cumberland	398	356	286	-28.1%	-19.7%
Essex	372	591	546	46.8%	-7.6%
Gloucester	160	178	98	-38.8%	-44.9%
Hudson	314	567	515	64.0%	-9.2%
Hunterdon	92	77	69	-25.0%	-10.4%
Mercer	253	294	247	-2.4%	-16.0%
Middlesex	256	225	210	-18.0%	-6.7%
Monmouth	203	244	223	9.9%	-8.6%
Morris	181	148	130	-28.2%	-12.2%
Ocean	128	146	134	4.7%	-8.2%
Passaic	269	320	245	-8.9%	-23.4%
Salem	61	77	82	34.4%	6.5%
Somerset	189	109	113	-40.2%	3.7%
Sussex	88	92	78	-11.4%	-15.2%
Union	184	200	213	15.8%	6.5%
Warren	77	78	77	0.0%	-1.3%
New Jersey	4,331	4,671	4,146	-4.3%	-11.2%

NOTES

ASBURY PARK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,895	907	937	-50.6%
Food Stamps	2,673	2,088	2,162	-19.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,832	2,646	2,289	-19.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- % Chg</u>
Total Births	376	394	392	4.3%
Low Birth Weight	57	49	44	-22.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	15.2%	12.4%	11.2%	-26.0%
No Prenatal Care	20	9	9	-55.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.3%	2.3%	2.3%	-56.8%
Infant Mortality	6	8	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.0	20.3	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	91	83	60	-34.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		602	519	-13.8%
Substantiated Cases	193	194	143	-25.9%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	390	554	42.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	296	277	-6.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		13	N/A
Total Capacity		1,109	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	72	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	*	83	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	39	12	-69.2	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	48	43	51	6.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	435	368	367	-15.6%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	410	396	411	0.2%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	5,089
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	9.9%
Child Poverty 1999	1,982



ATLANTIC CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	3,500	1,177	1,208	-65.5%
Food Stamps	4,555	2,860	3,233	-29.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	5,329	5,053	5,108	-4.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	943	745	727	-22.9%
Low Birth Weight	86	85	88	2.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.1%	11.4%	12.1%	32.7%
No Prenatal Care	18	22	27	50.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.9%	3.0%	3.7%	94.6%
Infant Mortality	18	8	10	-44.4%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	19.1	10.7	13.8	-27.9%
Births to Teens	190	137	116	-38.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		471	407	-13.6%
Substantiated Cases	173	131	121	-30.1%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	203	219	7.9%
Kindergarten Enrollments	519	558	7.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		19	N/A
Total Capacity		1,140	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	75	73	-2.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	86	86	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	53	40	-24.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	38	52	53	39.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	481	448	448	-6.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	474	467	467	-1.5%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	10,427
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	15.9%
Child Poverty 1999	2,991



BAYONNE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,535	455	503	-67.2%
Food Stamps	2,069	1,159	1,320	-36.2%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,066	3,207	3,345	9.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	705	768	743	5.4%
Low Birth Weight	49	53	62	26.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.0%	6.9%	8.3%	20.1%
No Prenatal Care	*	7	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	0.9%	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	8	*	8	0.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.3	N/A	10.8	-5.1%
Births to Teens	54	70	48	-11.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		152	200	31.6%
Substantiated Cases	25	10	10	-60.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	339	318	-6.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	587	589	0.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		19	N/A
Total Capacity		1,314	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	28	25	-10.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	51	44	-13.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	77	60	-22.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	78	27	78
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77
Average Math Score	455	451	451
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	449	466	462
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,672
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	7.5%
Child Poverty 1999	1,617



BRIDGETON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,865	581	614	-67.1%
Food Stamps	2,664	1,907	2,074	-22.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,269	3,393	3,383	3.5%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	488	417	469	-3.9%
Low Birth Weight	47	42	48	2.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.6%	10.1%	10.2%	6.3%
No Prenatal Care	10	8	14	40.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.0%	1.9%	3.0%	45.7%
Infant Mortality	*	*	14	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	N/A	N/A	29.9	N/A
Births to Teens	100	114	112	12.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		318	363	14.2%
Substantiated Cases	99	63	86	-13.1%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	373	560	50.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	316	315	-0.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		1,288	N/A

School Children

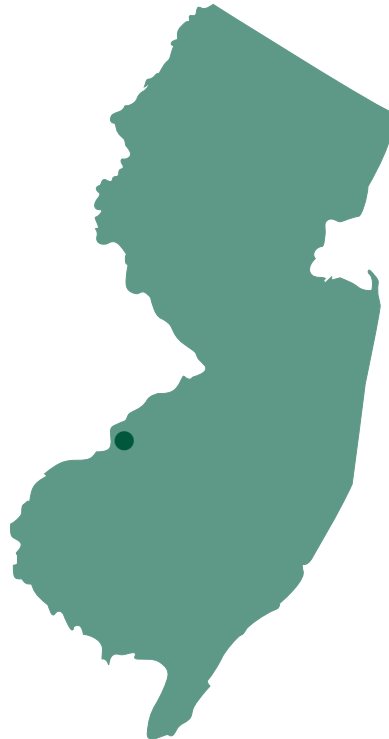
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	57	29	-49.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	52	48	-19.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	485	409	413
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	481	420	415
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	5,928
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	3.2%
Child Poverty 1999	1,964



CAMDEN



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	16,375	4,899	5,156	-68.5%
Food Stamps	20,223	10,310	10,983	-45.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	16,543	13,606	13,845	-16.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	2,027	1,851	1,702	-16.0%
Low Birth Weight	266	222	185	-30.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.1%	12.0%	10.9%	-17.2%
No Prenatal Care	91	54	48	-47.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	4.5%	2.9%	2.8%	-37.2%
Infant Mortality	29	29	26	-10.3%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	14.3	15.7	15.3	6.8%
Births to Teens	540	474	457	-15.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,945	1,985	2.1%
Substantiated Cases	796	573	618	-22.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,601	1,636	2.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,183	1,251	5.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		71	N/A
Total Capacity		6,443	N/A

School Children

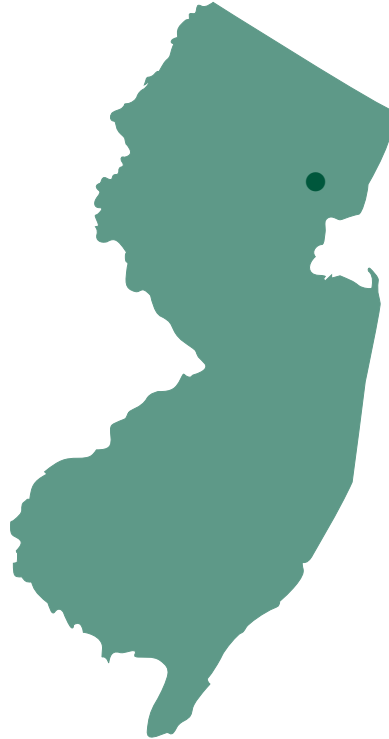
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	76	73	-3.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	86	85	-1.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	33	22	-33.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	58	59	-3.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	426	390	-10.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	396	399	-3.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	27,674
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-15.4%
Child Poverty 1999	12,333



CLIFTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	384	165	158	-58.9%
Food Stamps	644	606	800	24.2%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,790	2,375	2,600	-6.8%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	957	937	982	2.6%
Low Birth Weight	62	64	65	4.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	6.5%	6.8%	6.6%	2.2%
No Prenatal Care	5	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	6	*	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	50	43	45	-10.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		270	223	-17.4%
Substantiated Cases	34	28	36	5.9%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	0	0	N/A
Kindergarten Enrollments	525	531	1.1%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		39	N/A
Total Capacity		2,601	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	29	32	10.3%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	42	49	16.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	67	60	-10.4%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	74	68	71	-4.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	504	472	477	-5.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	489	508	504	3.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	16,972
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	25.4%
Child Poverty 1999	1,471



EAST ORANGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	6,685	2,417	2,369	-64.6%
Food Stamps	9,015	4,757	4,971	-44.9%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	8,314	8,367	7,951	-4.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,317	1,202	1,183	-10.2%
Low Birth Weight	182	177	183	0.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.8%	14.7%	15.5%	11.9%
No Prenatal Care	100	50	77	-23.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.6%	4.2%	6.5%	-14.3%
Infant Mortality	20	12	16	-20.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	15.2	10.0	13.5	-10.9%
Births to Teens	199	181	177	-11.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		527	529	0.4%
Substantiated Cases	355	173	154	-56.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,196	1,365	14.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	784	858	9.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		45	N/A
Total Capacity		3,218	N/A

School Children

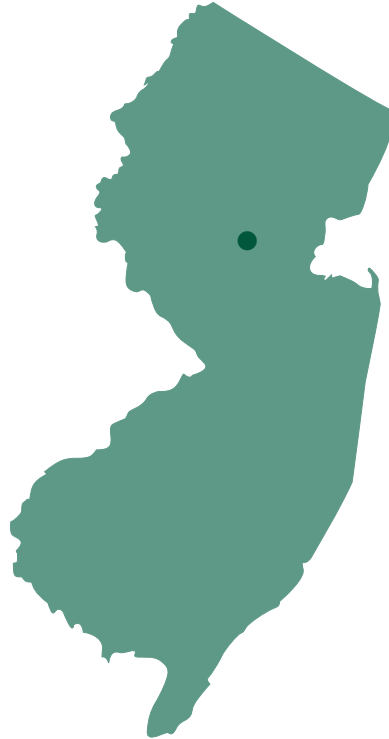
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	60	42	-30.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	68	58	-14.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	37	22	-40.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	62	61	65	4.8%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	408	391	371	-9.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	393	405	392	-0.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	19,636
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-1.5%
Child Poverty 1999	4,789



EDISON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	684	169	187	-72.7%
Food Stamps	820	306	342	-58.3%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	1,399	1,164	1,105	-21.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,350	1,248	1,407	4.2%
Low Birth Weight	99	70	97	-2.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.3%	5.6%	6.9%	-6.0%
No Prenatal Care	5	*	5	0.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.4%	N/A	0.4%	-4.1%
Infant Mortality	5	7	7	40.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	3.7	5.6	5.0	34.3%
Births to Teens	35	31	32	-8.6%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		160	183	14.4%
Substantiated Cases	42	29	28	-33.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1	0	-100.0%
Kindergarten Enrollments	771	754	-2.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		41	N/A
Total Capacity		3,218	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	16	15	-6.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	24	27	12.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	89	80	-10.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	76	84	10.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	556	524	523
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	532	560	564
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	28,413
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	40.4%
Child Poverty 1999	1,136



ELIZABETH



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	6,266	2,017	1,961	-68.7%
Food Stamps	8,054	4,554	4,744	-41.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	14,003	16,572	15,163	8.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	2,127	1,997	2,223	4.5%
Low Birth Weight	199	182	178	-10.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.4%	9.1%	8.0%	-14.4%
No Prenatal Care	63	60	70	11.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	6.3%
Infant Mortality	17	13	8	-52.9%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	8.0	6.5	3.6	-55.0%
Births to Teens	277	261	283	2.2%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		678	631	-6.9%
Substantiated Cases	246	223	182	-26.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,010	1,786	76.8%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,162	1,510	29.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		36	N/A
Total Capacity		2,839	N/A

School Children

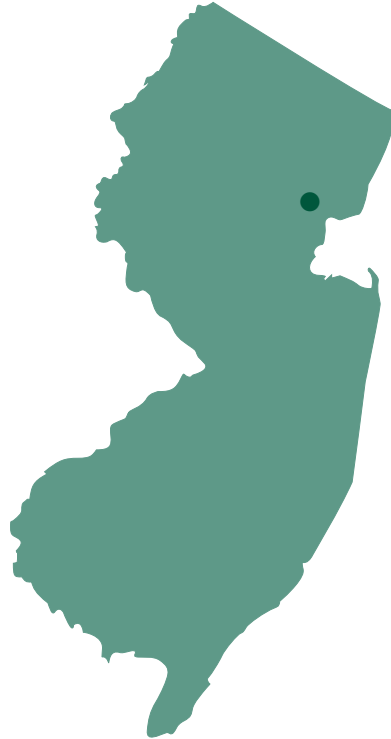
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	60	59	-1.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	79	79	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	41	27	-34.1%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	42	40	45	7.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	430	392	396	-7.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	420	393	391	-6.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	31,680
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	10.6%
Child Poverty 1999	7,002



IRVINGTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,894	1,783	1,861	-62.0%
Food Stamps	6,615	3,472	3,898	-41.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	5,743	5,339	5,640	-1.8%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,315	1,089	1,061	-19.3%
Low Birth Weight	156	150	133	-14.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.9%	13.8%	12.5%	5.7%
No Prenatal Care	56	55	51	-8.9%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	4.3%	5.1%	4.8%	12.9%
Infant Mortality	22	14	6	-72.7%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.7	12.9	5.7	-66.2%
Births to Teens	185	137	127	-31.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		508	549	8.1%
Substantiated Cases	233	84	118	-49.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,271	1,451	14.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	585	718	22.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		41	N/A
Total Capacity		2,659	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	67	61	-9.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	88	88	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	28	14	-50.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	51	70	69	35.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	396	368	365	-7.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	385	376	367	-4.7%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	17,004
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.2%
Child Poverty 1999	3,885



JERSEY CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	18,317	5,783	5,821	-68.2%
Food Stamps	23,354	12,402	12,950	-44.5%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	25,257	23,288	22,508	-10.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	4,262	3,841	3,926	-7.9%
Low Birth Weight	472	387	401	-15.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.1%	10.1%	10.2%	-7.8%
No Prenatal Care	4	59	72	1700.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.1%	1.5%	1.8%	1854.0%
Infant Mortality	55	31	45	-18.2%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.9	8.1	11.5	-11.2%
Births to Teens	647	472	452	-30.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,589	1,573	-1.0%
Substantiated Cases	327	232	214	-34.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	3,316	3,661	10.4%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,988	2,388	20.1%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		117	N/A
Total Capacity		6,610	N/A

School Children

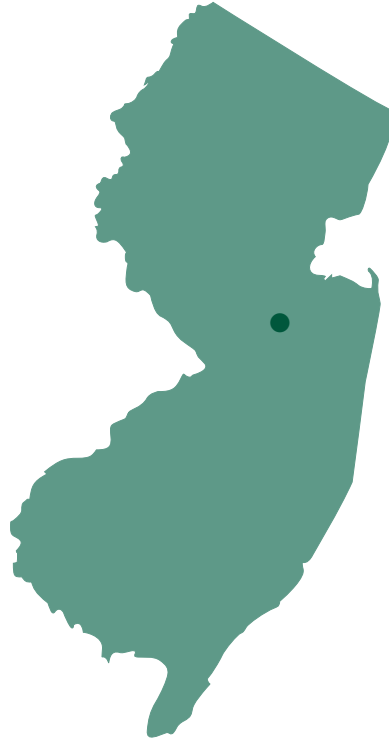
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	47	51	8.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	56	61	8.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	52	36	-30.8%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	70	80	15.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	431	442	392
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	401	429	423
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	59,403
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	0.0%
Child Poverty 1999	16,015



LAKEWOOD



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,108	431	436	-79.3%
Food Stamps	4,117	3,572	3,942	-4.3%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,890	3,089	3,032	4.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,471	1,784	1,944	32.2%
Low Birth Weight	75	77	80	6.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.1%	4.3%	4.1%	-19.3%
No Prenatal Care	15	*	5	-66.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.0%	N/A	0.3%	-74.8%
Infant Mortality	6	6	9	50.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	4.1	3.4	4.6	13.5%
Births to Teens	122	93	99	-18.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		348	321	-7.8%
Substantiated Cases	84	96	70	-16.7%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	118	140	18.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	404	485	20.0%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		21	N/A
Total Capacity		1,272	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	45	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	60	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	64	46	-28.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	71	61	-1.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	453	443	-4.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	454	448	-3.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	14,914
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	63.2%
Child Poverty 1999	5,084



NEWARK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	34,913	12,383	11,806	-66.2%
Food Stamps	45,147	23,566	23,679	-47.6%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	36,437	34,124	32,377	-11.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	5,565	4,806	4,847	-12.9%
Low Birth Weight	754	648	636	-15.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.5%	13.5%	13.1%	-3.2%
No Prenatal Care	444	266	312	-29.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	8.0%	5.5%	6.4%	-19.3%
Infant Mortality	88	62	70	-20.5%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	15.8	12.9	14.4	-8.7%
Births to Teens	1,098	826	803	-26.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		3,354	3,104	-7.5%
Substantiated Cases	1,624	978	1,004	-38.2%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	3,927	5,309	35.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	3,126	3,294	5.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		218	N/A
Total Capacity		14,676	N/A

School Children

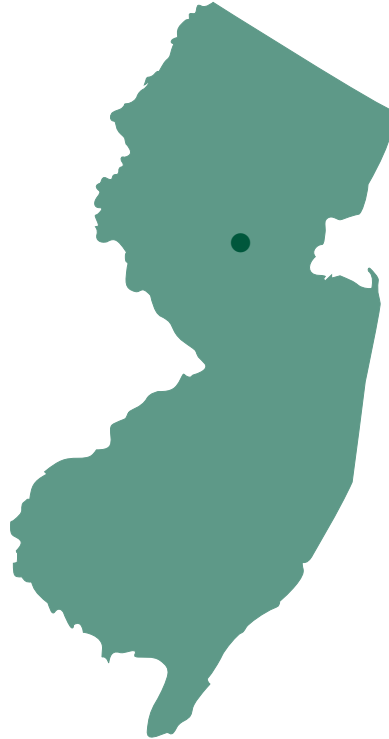
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	58	60	3.4%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	76	73	-3.9%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	34	26	-23.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	58	56	-1.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%	
Average Math Score	412	377	382	-7.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	356	387	394	10.7%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	76,389
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-8.3%
Child Poverty 1999	27,285



NEW BRUNSWICK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,486	545	636	-74.4%
Food Stamps	3,169	1,193	1,373	-56.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,317	4,364	4,880	13.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	943	938	994	5.4%
Low Birth Weight	92	99	84	-8.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.8%	10.6%	8.5%	-13.4%
No Prenatal Care	8	12	22	175.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.8%	1.3%	2.2%	160.9%
Infant Mortality	10	11	13	30.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.6	11.7	13.1	23.3%
Births to Teens	149	162	173	16.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		322	280	-13.0%
Substantiated Cases	103	67	95	-7.8%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	895	1,071	19.7%
Kindergarten Enrollments	556	545	-2.0%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		30	N/A
Total Capacity		640	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	50	48	-4.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	58	55	-5.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	51	36	-29.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	47	48	-6.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	430	404	400
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	438	429	396
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,749
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	11.8%
Child Poverty 1999	2,618



NORTH BERGEN



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,460	416	405	-72.3%
Food Stamps	1,916	1,108	1,265	-34.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,721	3,836	3,849	3.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	782	769	822	5.1%
Low Birth Weight	52	40	45	-13.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	6.6%	5.2%	5.5%	-17.7%
No Prenatal Care	*	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	4	5	5	25.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	5.1	6.5	6.1	18.9%
Births to Teens	55	67	52	-5.5%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		206	231	12.1%
Substantiated Cases	42	53	51	21.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	188	193	2.7%
Kindergarten Enrollments	423	465	9.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		15	N/A
Total Capacity		3,426	N/A

School Children

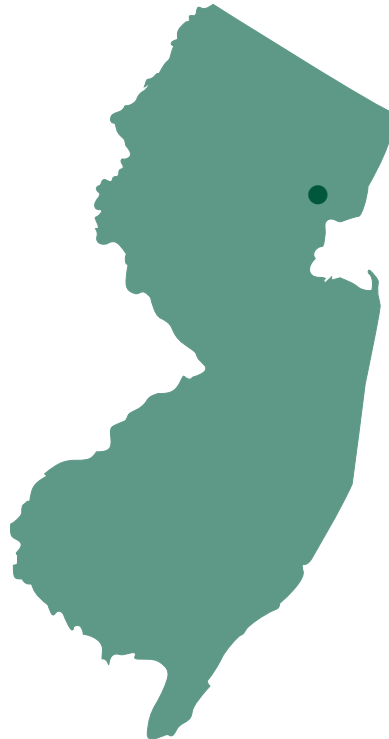
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	30	28	-6.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	32	36	12.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	74	60	-18.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	78	73	-11.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	455	442	439
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	445	464	463
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,205
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	27.9%
Child Poverty 1999	1,848



ORANGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,102	661	629	-70.1%
Food Stamps	3,029	1,413	1,341	-55.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,719	3,710	3,683	-1.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	623	592	596	-4.3%
Low Birth Weight	78	72	63	-19.2%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	12.5%	12.2%	10.6%	-15.6%
No Prenatal Care	46	6	28	-39.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.4%	1.0%	4.7%	-36.4%
Infant Mortality	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	82	65	71	-13.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		172	151	-12.2%
Substantiated Cases	117	46	59	-49.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	676	612	-9.5%
Kindergarten Enrollments	354	360	1.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		1,072	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	74	69	-6.8%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	87	89	2.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	28	19	-32.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	56	56	3.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	398	356	-6.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	376	389	4.5%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,108
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	18.2%
Child Poverty 1999	2,173



PASSAIC



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	3,193	1,037	1,055	-67.0%
Food Stamps	4,802	3,990	4,468	-7.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	7,818	8,652	8,496	8.7%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,525	1,515	1,516	-0.6%
Low Birth Weight	110	102	116	5.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.2%	6.7%	7.7%	6.1%
No Prenatal Care	35	15	18	-48.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.3%	1.0%	1.2%	-48.3%
Infant Mortality	9	8	10	11.1%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	5.9	5.3	6.6	0.1
Births to Teens	236	219	223	-5.5%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		464	390	-15.9%
Substantiated Cases	84	86	74	-11.9%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	20,899
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	24.6%
Child Poverty 1999	5,803

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	714	1,407	97.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	971	967	-0.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		24	N/A
Total Capacity		1,990	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	62	61	-1.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	72	77	6.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	50	39	-22.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	61	56	-6.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	415	397	-8.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	384	425	6.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%



PATERSON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	8,983	3,993	3,741	-58.4%
Food Stamps	13,051	11,353	12,087	-7.4%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	19,357	20,661	20,937	8.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	3,241	2,925	3,010	-7.1%
Low Birth Weight	344	280	281	-18.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	10.6%	9.6%	9.3%	-12.0%
No Prenatal Care	108	47	50	-53.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	3.3%	1.6%	1.7%	-50.2%
Infant Mortality	36	20	22	-38.9%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.1	6.8	7.3	-34.2%
Births to Teens	557	521	479	-14.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,463	1,566	7.0%
Substantiated Cases	518	313	330	-36.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	2,382	3,063	28.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	2,119	2,044	-3.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		81	N/A
Total Capacity		7,363	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	46	52	13.0%
Percent in NJ	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	60	67	11.7%
Percent in NJ	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	37	36	-2.7%
Percent in NJ	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	54	48	-9.4%
Percent in NJ	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	417	368	-10.6%
Average in NJ	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	395	407	1.6%
Average in NJ	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	44,437
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.9%
Child Poverty 1999	12,743



PERTH AMBOY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,735	600	597	-78.2%
Food Stamps	3,820	1,419	1,685	-55.9%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	6,337	7,107	7,438	17.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	818	786	870	6.4%
Low Birth Weight	64	67	69	7.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.8%	8.5%	7.9%	1.4%
No Prenatal Care	17	14	18	5.9%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	-0.4%
Infant Mortality	14	*	11	-21.4%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	17.1	N/A	12.6	-26.1%
Births to Teens	139	126	139	0.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		488	406	-16.8%
Substantiated Cases	78	99	100	28.2%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	818	954	16.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	685	679	-0.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		17	N/A
Total Capacity		1,535	N/A

School Children

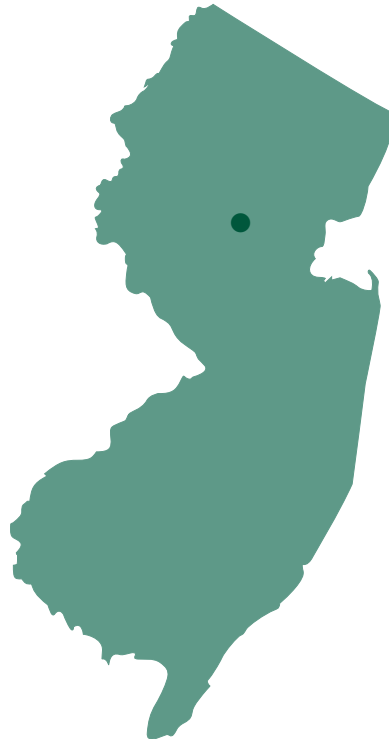
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	55	57	3.6%	
Percent in NJ	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	68	69	1.5%	
Percent in NJ	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	60	49	-18.3%	
Percent in NJ	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	66	49	55	-16.7%
Percent in NJ	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	446	410	423	-5.2%
Average in NJ	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	429	455	448	4.4%
Average in NJ	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,472
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	15.9%
Child Poverty 1999	3,255



PLAINFIELD



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,831	990	963	-66.0%
Food Stamps	3,383	1,968	2,040	-39.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,909	4,838	5,470	11.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	964	811	835	-13.4%
Low Birth Weight	100	88	76	-24.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	10.4%	10.9%	9.1%	-12.3%
No Prenatal Care	6	36	21	250.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.6%	4.4%	2.5%	304.1%
Infant Mortality	12	12	6	-50.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.4	14.8	7.2	-42.3%
Births to Teens	147	106	112	-23.8%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		535	415	-22.4%
Substantiated Cases	92	142	101	9.8%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	987	1,011	2.4%
Kindergarten Enrollments	643	685	6.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		58	N/A
Total Capacity		3,901	N/A

School Children

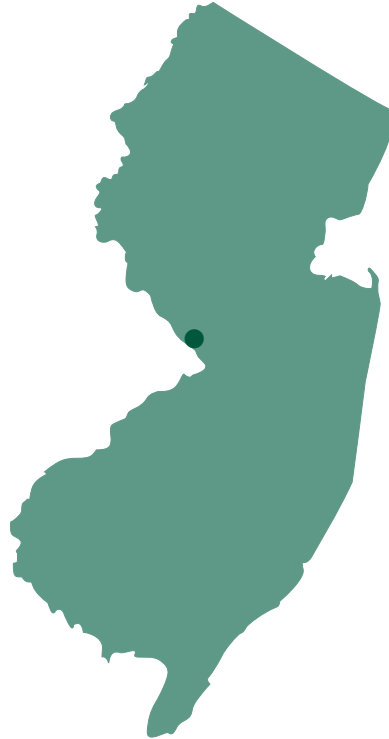
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	58	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	77	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	42	29	-31.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	70	93	71
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77
Average Math Score	413	398	380
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	395	407	387
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,167
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.5%
Child Poverty 1999	2,786



TRENTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,736	3,206	3,344	-56.8%
Food Stamps	9,737	5,989	6,484	-33.4%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	9,274	8,456	7,224	-22.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,663	1,491	1,453	-12.6%
Low Birth Weight	204	168	170	-16.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	12.3%	11.3%	11.7%	-4.6%
No Prenatal Care	0	26	38	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.0%	1.7%	2.6%	N/A
Infant Mortality	27	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	329	281	274	-16.7%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,721	1,611	-6.4%
Substantiated Cases	396	329	254	-35.9%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	23,646
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-4.8%
Child Poverty 1999	6,255

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Ch</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,562	1,706	9.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,087	1,253	15.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		81	N/A
Total Capacity		5,094	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	73	78	6.8%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	79	89	12.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	16	17	6.3%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	44	31	53	20.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	409	376	376	-8.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	395	386	384	-2.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%



UNION CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,270	1,105	958	-77.6%
Food Stamps	5,441	2,926	3,056	-43.8%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	8,044	8,108	8,757	8.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,076	1,125	1,067	-0.8%
Low Birth Weight	63	65	76	20.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.9%	5.8%	7.1%	21.7%
No Prenatal Care	*	10	12	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	0.9%	1.1%	N/A
Infant Mortality	7	9	6	-14.3%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.5	8.0	5.6	-13.6%
Births to Teens	143	128	127	-11.2%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		328	277	-15.5%
Substantiated Cases	97	84	62	-36.1%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	16,971
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	14.3%
Child Poverty 1999	4,783

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,320	1,498	13.5%
Kindergarten Enrollments	699	763	9.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		54	N/A
Total Capacity		3,044	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	37	30	-18.9%	
Percent in NJ	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	43	45	4.7%	
Percent in NJ	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	52	26	-50.0%	
Percent in NJ	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	63	75	79	25.4%
Percent in NJ	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	415	370	373	-10.1%
Average in NJ	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	389	407	401	3.1%
Average in NJ	498	496	495	3.2%



VINELAND



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,250	779	777	-65.5%
Food Stamps	3,215	2,078	427	-86.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,880	5,470	5,329	9.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	765	760	749	-2.1%
Low Birth Weight	61	65	43	-29.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	8.0%	8.6%	5.7%	-28.0%
No Prenatal Care	6	11	10	66.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	70.2%
Infant Mortality	8	13	5	-37.5%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.5	17.1	6.7	-36.2%
Births to Teens	129	132	120	-7.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		414	512	23.7%
Substantiated Cases	83	110	122	47.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	862	1,035	20.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	659	605	-8.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		28	N/A
Total Capacity		2,564	N/A

School Children

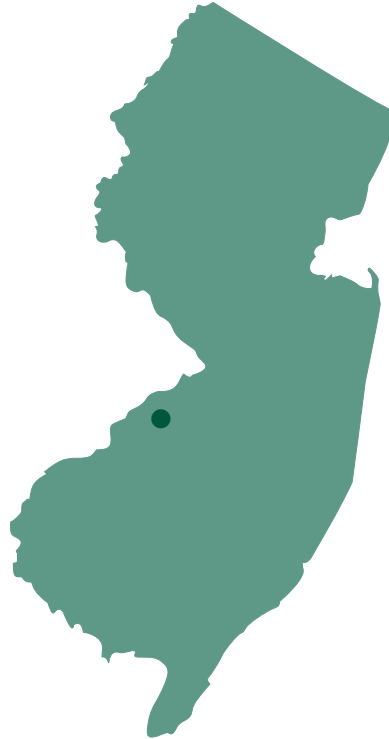
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	50	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	*	69	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	61	47	-23.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	45	45	51	13.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	498	476	481	-3.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	489	484	489	0.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	14,463
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-3.2%
Child Poverty 1999	2,564



WILLINGBORO



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	904	325	366	-59.5%
Food Stamps	1,056	556	676	-36.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,287	2,280	2,188	-4.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	477	426	346	-27.5%
Low Birth Weight	56	43	42	-25.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.7%	10.1%	12.1%	3.4%
No Prenatal Care	8	5	6	-25.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.7%	1.2%	1.7%	3.4%
Infant Mortality	6	*	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	79	69	40	-49.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		222	205	-7.7%
Substantiated Cases	52	52	47	-9.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	95	91	-4.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	306	368	20.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		995	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	49	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	*	77	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	54	37	-31.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	71	69	-4.2%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%	
Average Math Score	453	444	432	-4.6%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	454	436	419	-7.7%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,962
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-5.8%
Child Poverty 1999	731



WOODBIDGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	20	208	212	960.0%
Food Stamps	897	418	468	-47.8%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	1,835	1,857	2,188	19.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,237	1,242	1,270	2.7%
Low Birth Weight	88	103	108	22.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.1%	8.3%	8.5%	19.5%
No Prenatal Care	6	*	7	16.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.5%	N/A	0.6%	13.6%
Infant Mortality	N/A	7	5	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	N/A	5.6	3.9	N/A
Births to Teens	39	43	32	-17.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		307	234	-23.8%
Substantiated Cases	36	53	48	33.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	0	0	N/A
Kindergarten Enrollments	832	846	1.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		5	N/A
Total Capacity		365	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	25	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	38	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	80	69	-13.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	73	77	8.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	498	476	473
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	486	491	492
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	3,923
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	10.3%
Child Poverty 1999	242



ATLANTIC COUNTY



TRENDS

- Fewer children receiving Food Stamps
- More children enrolled in Medicaid/Family Care
- Jump in family problems referrals

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year-End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,146	7,091	2,475	-65.4%
	1992			
Food Stamps	10,295	9,569	6,521	-36.7%
	1991			
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	4,113	4,182	4,380	6.5%
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		14,032	17,236	22.8%

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Total Births	4,054	3,911	3,421	-15.6%
Low Birth Weight	316	303	294	-7.0%
Percent of all Births	7.8%	7.7%	8.6%	10.3%
No Prenatal Care	92	37	50	-45.7%
Percent of all Births	2.3%	0.9%	1.5%	-34.8%
Infant Mortality	54	43	36	-33.3%
Rate per 1,000 Births	13.3	11.0	10.5	-21.0%
Child Deaths	19	11	10	-47.4%
Teen Deaths	7	8	10	42.9%
Births to Teens	547	454	351	-35.8%

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	3,827	4,376	3,059	-20.1%
Juvenile Commitments	60	104	61	1.7%

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,526	1,298	-14.9%
Substantiated Cases	400	414	285	-28.8%
<i>Rate per 1,000 (adjusted child population)</i>	7.2	6.9	4.4	-39.3%
Family Problem Referrals	675	457	1,101	63.1%
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out of Home Placements	398	247	467	17.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	812	1,450	78.6%
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	79	101	27.8%
Total Capacity	4,058	5,555	36.9%
Family Care Providers	206	129	-37.4%

* Earned Income Tax Credit.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	13.5%
Median Household Income 2000	42,849
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	23,199
State EITC Filers 2002	10,314
Population Under 18 2002	65,253
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	2.2%



BERGEN COUNTY



TRENDS

- More low weight births
- Increase in WIC recipients
- Juvenile arrests decline

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	3,463	4,682	1,250	-63.9%
	1992			
Food Stamps	5,586	6,934	3,752	-32.8%
	1991			
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	2,707	4,085	5,344	97.4%
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		10,386	22,252	114.2%

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	10,518	11,058	10,895	3.6%
Low Birth Weight	543	584	732	34.8%
Percent of all Births	5.2%	5.3%	6.7%	30.1%
No Prenatal Care	31	38	48	54.8%
Percent of all Births	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	33.3%
Infant Mortality	64	64	50	-21.9%
Rate per 1,000 Births	6.1	5.8	4.6	-24.6%
Child Deaths	18	26	21	16.7%
Teen Deaths	18	16	15	-16.7%
Births to Teens	210	267	186	-11.4%

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	6.1%
Median Household Income 2000	62,214
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	26,261
State EITC Filers 2002	9,301
Population Under 18 2002	205,681
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	1.3%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	7,845	6,746	4,548	-42.0%
Juvenile Commitments	12	22	16	33.3%

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,271	929	-26.9%
Substantiated Cases	457	349	228	-50.1%
<i>Rate per 1,000 (adjusted child population)**</i>	2.5	1.8	1.1	-56.4%
Family Problem Referrals	1,093	1,093	2,490	127.8%
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out of Home Placements	252	274	371	47.2%

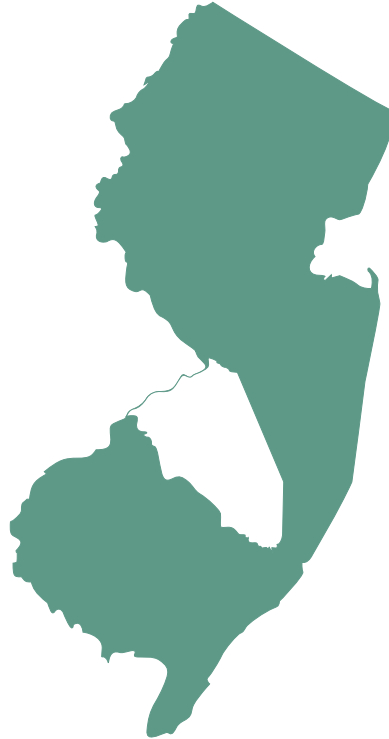
Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,135	1,693	49.2%
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	311	424	36.3%
Total Capacity	20,592	31,471	52.8%
Family Care Providers	219	238	8.7%

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



BURLINGTON COUNTY



TRENDS

- Fewer children receiving Food Stamps
- Steep drop in women not receiving prenatal care
- More family problem referrals

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year-End %Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,030	4,908	1,606	-60.1
	1992			
Food Stamps	6,567	6,690	4,072	-38.0
	1991			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	4,339	4,606	5,201	19.9
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		10,286	14,499	41.0

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-99 % Chg
Births	5,778	5,218	5,186	-10.2
Low Birth Weight	328	380	335	2.1
Percent of all Births	5.7	7.3	6.5	13.8
No Prenatal Care	44	34	32	-27.3
Percent of all Births	0.8	0.7	0.6	-25.0
Infant Mortality	37	29	25	-32.4
Rate per 1,000 Births	6.4	5.6	4.8	-24.7
Child Deaths	22	20	9	-59.1
Teen Deaths	10	13	21	110
Births to Teens	395	368	291	-26.3

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	2,761	3,442	2,609	-5.5
Juvenile Commitments	13	30	25	92.3

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End %Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,634	1,925	17.8
Substantiated Cases	435	410	400	-8.0
<i>Rate per 1,000</i>	4.0	4.0	3.7	-13.5
Family Problem Referrals	533	641	1,294	142.8
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	365	359	387	6.0

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-003</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	823	1,430	73.8
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	124	165	33.1
Total Capacity	8,850	11,784	33.2
Family Care Providers	225	236	4.9

* Earned Income Tax Credit.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	6.5%
Median Household Income 2000	58,793
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	16,999
State EITC Filers 2002	5,859
Population Under 18 2002	107,289
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	0.7%



CAMDEN COUNTY



TRENDS

- Healthy gains in Medicaid/FamilyCare enrollments
- More women receiving prenatal care
- Sharp increase in juvenile commitments

Families In Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End %Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	25,003	23,527	7,695	-69.2
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	31,290	29,693	16,825	-46.2
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	9,549	10,325	11,207	17.4
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		36,958	41,448	12.1

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	8,927	7,620	7,028	-21.3
Low Birth Weight	659	630	582	-11.7
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.4	8.3	8.3	12.2
No Prenatal Care	134	120	78	-41.8
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.5	1.6	1.1	-26.7
Infant Mortality	89	70	58	-26.7
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10	9.2	8.3	-17.2
Child Deaths	30	23	22	-26.7
Teen Deaths	34	27	24	-29.4
Births to Teens	1,061	868	779	-26.6

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	13.9%
Median Household Income 2000	47,020
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	36,197
State EITC Filers 2002	15,526
Population Under 18 2002	135,504
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-0.5%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>%Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	5,256	6,579	8,421	60.2
Juvenile Commitments	154	292	326	111.7

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>BaseYear-</u> <u>End %Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	4,418	4,382	-0.8
Substantiated Cases	1,240	1,303	1,111	-10.4
<i>Rate per 1,000</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>-11.5</i>
Family Problem Referrals	2,479	1,542	2,430	-2.0
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	939	1,014	1,090	16.1

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>BaseYear-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	2,348	3,227	37.4
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	197	248	25.9
Total Capacity	13,835	20,582	48.8
Family Care Providers	387	259	-33.1

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



CAPE MAY COUNTY



TRENDS

- Drop in total births
- Rising child abuse referrals
- Steep drop in family child care providers

Families In Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>BaseYear-End%Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,693	2,078	465	-72.5
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	2,962	3,324	1,699	-42.6
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,341	1,372	1,686	25.7
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		4,471	6,029	34.8

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 %Chg</u>
Births	1,364	1,275	1,039	-23.8
Low Birth Weight	86	68	66	-23.3
Percent of all Births	6.3	5.3	6.3	0.0
No Prenatal Care	10	4	10	0.0
Percent of all Births	0.7	0.3	1.0	42.9
Infant Mortality	10	9	8	20.0
Rate per 1,000 Births	7.3	7.1	7.7	5.5
Child Deaths	9	6	1	-88.9
Teen Deaths	2	1	7	250.0
Births to Teens	136	109	101	-25.7

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	1,911	1,938	1,719	-10.0
Juvenile Commitments	1	11	6	500

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End% Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	749	1,016	35.6
Substantiated Cases	170	215	244	43.5
<i>Rate per 1,000</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>37.6</i>
Family Problem Referrals	401	317	385	-4.0
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	111	140	274	146.9

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	18	379	2,005.6
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	38	35	-7.9
Total Capacity	1,519	1,815	19.5
Family Care Providers	69	18	-73.9

* Earned Income Tax Credit.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	13.9%
Median Household Income 2000	40,822
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	5,867
State EITC Filers 2002	2,343
Population Under 18 2002	22,386
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-2.1%



CUMBERLAND COUNTY



TRENDS

- Slight decline in child population
- Healthy gains in WIC recipients
- Drops in juvenile commitments

Families In Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year-End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,121	6,673	2,324	-67.4
	1992			
Food Stamps	9,751	9,325	7,024	-28.0
	1991			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	3,415	3,438	5,565	63.0
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		11,900	15,666	31.6

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	2,328	2,108	2,026	-13.0
Low Birth Weight	164	168	141	-14.0
Percent of all Births	7	8	7.0	-1.2
No Prenatal Care	42	34	36	-14.3
Percent of all Births	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.0
Infant Mortality	20	18	25	25
Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	8.5	12.3	43.6
Child Deaths	11	10	9	-18.2
Teen Deaths	8	7	6	-25.0
Births to Teens	444	387	343	-22.7

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	18.8%
Median Household Income 2002	38,349
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	13,158
State EITC Filers 2002	5,624
Population Under 18 2002	37,146
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-0.2%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	3,989	3,207	2,073	-48.0
Juvenile Commitments	29	40	5	-82.8

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,098	1,485	35.2
Substantiated Cases	212	301	341	60.8
Rate per 1,000	5.8	8.2	9.2	57.2
Family Problem Referrals	460	838	1053	128.9
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	298	212	442	48.3

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	693	2,498	260.5
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	46	62	34.8
Total Capacity	3,256	5,153	58.3
Family Care Providers	398	286	-28.1

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



ESSEX COUNTY



TRENDS

- Fewer births
- Drop in teen deaths
- Increase in family child care providers

Families In Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	54,833	51,291	17,493	-68.1
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	67,362	67,536	35,722	-47.0
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	27,202	23,422	22,835	-16.1
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		75,980	81,311	7.0

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	14,362	13,095	12,156	-15.4
Low Birth Weight	1,516	1,444	1,320	-12.9
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	10.6	11.0	10.9	2.9
No Prenatal Care	552	666	494	-10.5
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	3.8	5.1	4.1	7.9
Infant Mortality	195	164	109	-44.1
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	13.6	12.5	9.0	-34
Child Deaths	69	74	32	-53.6
Teen Deaths	50	44	37	-26.0
Births to Teens	1,951	1,667	1,281	-34.3

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	17.9%
Median Household Income 2000	41,988
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	69,437
State EITC Filers 2002	29,891
Population Under 18 2002	210,900
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	1.9%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	12,705	10,366	6,240	-50.9
Juvenile Commitments	224	225	154	-31.3

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	5,994	4,971	-17.1
Substantiated Cases	2,149	2,443	1,437	-33.1
Rate per 1,000	11.0	12.1	6.8	-38.1
Family Problem Referrals	3,951	2,767	3,911	-1.0
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	2,123	1,667	2,442	15.0

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	1,244	9,030	625.9
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	369	535	45.0
Total Capacity	23,402	36,839	57.4
Family Care Providers	372	546	46.8

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



GLOUCESTER COUNTY



TRENDS

- Steady decline in women not receiving prenatal care
- Increase in juvenile commitments
- More family problem referrals

Families In Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,144	4,193	1,211	-70.8
	1992			
Food Stamps	5,719	5,562	3,068	-46.4
	1991			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	3,333	3,301	3,657	9.7
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		7,862	10,900	38.6

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	3,522	3,251	3,178	-9.8
Low Birth Weight	220	205	219	-0.5
Percent of all Births	6.2	6.3	6.9	10.3
No Prenatal Care	37	22	31	-16.2
Percent of all Births	1.1	0.7	1.0	-9.1
Infant Mortality	30	18	16	-46.7
Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	5.5	5.0	-41.2
Child Deaths	19	13	1	-94.7
Teen Deaths	8	9	11	-37.5
Births to Teens	280	218	185	-33.9

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty Estimate 2000	7.6%
Median Household Income 2000	54,431
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	10,988
State EITC Filers 2002	4,299
Population Under 18 2002	66,312
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-1.2%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	1,946	2,986	1,924	-1.1
Juvenile Commitments	12	13	18	50.0

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,079	1,146	6.2
Substantiated Cases	306	217	235	-23.2
Rate per 1,000	4.9	3.4	3.5	-27.1
Family Problem Referrals	442	259	844	91.0
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	189	154	185	-2.1

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	184	730	296.7
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	97	139	43.3
Total Capacity	6,028	8,235	36.6
Family Care Providers	160	98	-38.8

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



HUDSON COUNTY



TRENDS

- Fewer births
- Increase in women not receiving prenatal care
- Sharp rise in juvenile commitments

Families In Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	30,219	31,108	8,993	-70.4
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	37,196	39,511	21,982	-40.9
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	19,988	19,881	21,747	8.8
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		50,886	59,928	17.8

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	9,778	9,091	8,868	-9.3
Low Birth Weight	752	788	715	-4.9
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.7	8.7	8.1	4.8
No Prenatal Care	70	17	114	62.9
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.7	0.2	1.3	85.7
Infant Mortality	107	87	70	-34.6
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.9	9.6	7.9	-27.9
Child Deaths	31	45	19	-38.7
Teen Deaths	19	18	19	-0.0
Births to Teens	1,036	1,086	840	-18.9

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	20.8%
Median Household Income 2000	38,907
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	55,670
State EITC Filers 2002	24,808
Population Under 18 2002	139,753
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	1.6%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	6,347	6,357	3,664	-42.3
Juvenile Commitments	45	162	128	184.4

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	2,947	2,752	-6.6
Substantiated Cases	970	583	446	-54.0
Rate per 1,000	7.6	4.4	3.2	-58.0
Family Problem Referrals	1,559	1,505	3,3392	117.6
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	625	660	817	30.7

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	2,392	7,580	216.9
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	155	290	87.1
Total Capacity	9,350	16,778	79.4
Family Care Providers	314	515	64.0

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



HUNTERDON COUNTY



TRENDS

- Decrease in low weight births
- Steep drop in teen births
- More substantiated child abuse reports

Families In Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	332	280	62	-81.3
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	546	443	190	-65.2
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	350	376	340	-2.9
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		767	1,383	80.3

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	1,489	1,442	1,441	-3.2
Low Birth Weight	78	62	75	-3.8
Percent of all Births	5.2	4.3	5.2	-0.6
No Prenatal Care	1	0	1	0.0
Percent of all Births	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Infant Mortality	9	3	4	-55.6
Rate per 1,000 Births	6	2.1	2.8	-53.3
Child Deaths	2	4	3	50
Teen Deaths	8	6	8	0.0
Births to Teens	35	32	6	-82.9

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	489	620	497	1.6
Juvenile Commitments	0	11	5	n/a

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	289	391	35.3
Substantiated Cases	43	49	83	93.0
<i>Rate per 1,000</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>69.4</i>
Family Problem Referrals	148	116	355	139.9
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	48	35	62	29.2

Early Care and Education

	<u>1990-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	6	20	233.3
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	57	79	38.6
Total Capacity	2,913	5,609	92.6
Family Care Providers	92	69	-25.0

* Earned Income Tax Credit.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	2.8%
Median Household Income 2000	80,429
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	1,864
State EITC Filers 2002	845
Population Under 18 2002	31,446
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	0.2%



MERCER COUNTY



TRENDS

- Fewer births
- More WIC recipients
- Drop in teen deaths

Families in Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	8,718	8,405	3,706	-57.5
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	10,454	10,520	7,095	-32.1
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	6,235	6,446	7,842	25.8
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		15,811	20,281	28.3

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % chg</u>
Births	5,067	4,498	4,672	-7.8
Low Birth Weight	388	377	403	3.9
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.7	8.4	8.6	12.6
No Prenatal Care	41	48	47	14.6
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.8	1.1	1.0	25.0
Infant Mortality	55	37	38	-30.9
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.9	8.2	8.1	-25.1
Child Deaths	13	15	13	0.0
Teen Deaths	12	4	9	-25.0
Births to Teens	552	437	389	-29.5

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	9.9%
Median Household Income 2000	55,474
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	18,433
State EITC Filers 2002	7,289
Population Under 18 2002	86,602
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	2.7%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	5,297	4,514	4,957	-6.4
Juvenile Commitments	26	106	93	257.7

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,529	2,203	44.1
Substantiated Cases	358	482	324	-9.5
Rate per 1,000	4.6	5.9	3.7	-19.2
Family Problem Referrals	769	991	2,264	194.4
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	637	543	475	-25.4

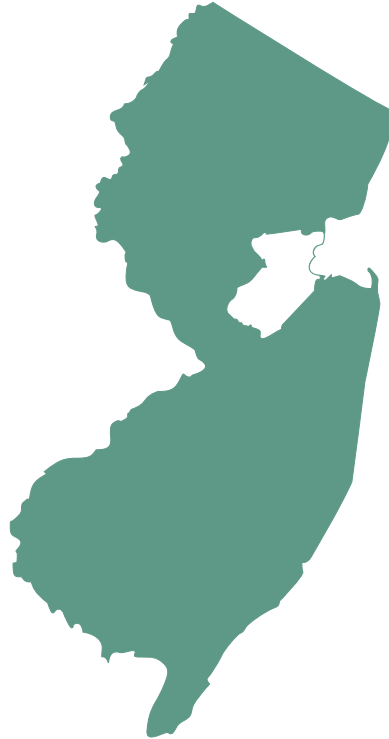
Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	323	1,706	428.2
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	166	229	38.0
Total Capacity	11,425	17,170	50.3
Family Care Providers	253	247	-2.4

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY



TRENDS

- Sharp rise in WIC recipients
- Fewer teen deaths
- More family problem referrals

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,333	9,827	2,717	-62.9
1992				
Food Stamps	11,290	12,923	6,032	-46.6
1991				
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	5,496	7,516	10,768	95.6
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		18,822	31,120	65.3

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	10,372	10,159	10,590	2.1
Low Birth Weight	644	698	759	17.9
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	6.2	6.9	7.2	15.4
No Prenatal Care	40	53	78	95.0
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.4	0.5	0.7	75.0
Infant Mortality	86	67	69	-19.8
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	8.3	6.6	6.5	-21.4
Child Deaths	18	19	13	-27.8
Teen Deaths	14	20	12	-14.3
Births to Teens	543	548	522	-3.9

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	7.6%
Median Household Income 2000	58,765
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	32,179
State EITC Filers 2002	12,876
Population Under 18 2002	185,286
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	4.3%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	5,768	4,803	3,052	-47.1
Juvenile Commitments	36	74	98	172.2

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,965	2,160	9.9
Substantiated Cases	498	459	481	-3.4
Rate per 1,000	3.2	2.7	2.6	-18.2
Family Problem Referrals	1,676	1,318	2,961	76.7
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	413	399	770	86.4

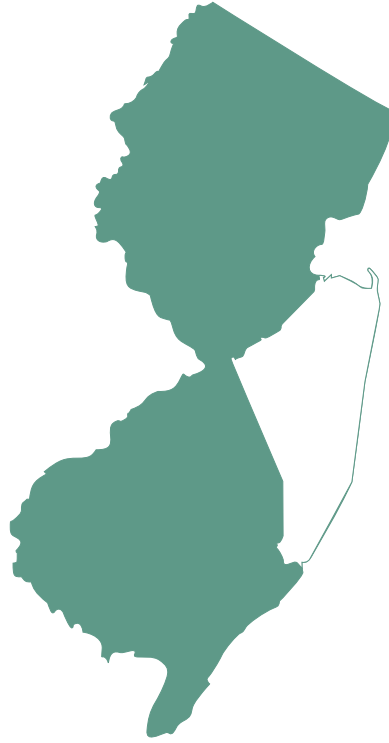
Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	841	2,400	185.4
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	207	300	44.9
Total Capacity	13,885	23,696	70.7
Family Care Providers	256	210	-18.0

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



MONMOUTH COUNTY



TRENDS

- Steady gains in Medicaid/FamilyCare enrollments
- Fewer women without prenatal care
- More family child care providers

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year-End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,221	7,192	2,830	-60.8
	1992			
Food Stamps	10,630	10,787	6,830	-35.7
	1991			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	4,612	5,087	6,492	40.8
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		14,493	22,218	53.3

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	8,400	8,265	8,051	-4.2
Low Birth Weight	468	532	537	14.7
Percent of all Births	5.6	6.4	6.7	19.7
No Prenatal Care	57	70	52	-8.8
Percent of all Births	0.7	0.8	0.6	-14.3
Infant Mortality	68	50	38	-44.1
Rate per 1,000 Births	8.1	6.0	4.7	-41.7
Child Deaths	26	22	18	-30.8
Teen Deaths	17	16	17	0.0
Birth to Teens	512	460	323	-36.9

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	6.8%
Median Household Income 2000	66,283
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	20,688
State EITC Filers 2002	8,208
Population Under 18 2002	162,467
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	1.3%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	6,766	6,166	4,499	-33.5
Juvenile Commitments	51	64	39	-23.5

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	2,607	3,171	21.6
Substantiated Cases	558	738	586	5.0
Rate per 1,000	3.9	4.9	3.6	-7.5
Family Problem Referrals	2,066	1,256	2,610	26.3
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	676	702	786	16.3

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,143	2,274	99.0
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	244	287	17.6
Total Capacity	14,629	21,413	46.4
Family Care Providers	203	223	9.9

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



MORRIS COUNTY



TRENDS

- Increase in Medicaid/FamilyCare enrollments
- Drop in substantiated child abuse reports
- More family problem referrals

Families in Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,289	1,445	390	-69.7
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	2,278	2,275	858	-62.3
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,342	1,976	2,394	78.4
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		3,924	7,370	87.8

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	5,948	6,248	6,438	8.2
Low Birth Weight	333	356	395	18.6
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.6	5.7	6.1	9.6
No Prenatal Care	14	7	16	14.3
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Infant Mortality	32	31	21	-34.4
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	5.4	5.0	3.3	-39.4
Child Deaths	15	11	16	-6.7
Teen Deaths	10	9	6	-40.0
Births to Teens	150	128	72	-52.0

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	3.7%
Median Household Income 2000	77,524
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	9,885
State EITC Filers 2002	3,444
Population Under 18 2002	119,043
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	1.9%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	2,889	3,256	1,929	-33.2
Juvenile Commitments	2	3	7	250

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	727	1,025	41.0
Substantiated Cases	223	194	123	-44.8
Rate per 1,000	2.2	1.8	1.0	-52.2
Family Problem Referrals	690	611	1,512	119.1
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	179	161	207	15.6

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	48	139	189.6
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	220	285	29.5
Total Capacity	13,050	19,955	52.9
Family Care Providers	181	130	-28.2

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



OCEAN COUNTY



TRENDS

- Steep drop in women not receiving prenatal care
- More juvenile commitments
- Increase in substantiated child abuse reports

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
TANF/AFDC	4,916	6,165	1,503	-69.4
	1992			
Food Stamps	9,767	10,659	6882	-29.5
	1991			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	6,265	8,301	9,367	49.5
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		15,366	26,819	74.5

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	6,283	6,170	6,536	4.0
Low Birth Weight	307	356	382	24.4
Percent of all Births	4.9	5.8	5.8	19.6
No Prenatal Care	31	31	18	-41.9
Percent of all Birth	0.5	0.5	0.3	-40.0
Infant Mortality	36	34	29	-19.4
Rate per 1,000 Births	5.7	5.5	4.4	-22.6
Child Deaths	16	14	13	-18.8
Teen Deaths	21	15	15	-28.6
Births to Teens	367	388	292	-20.4

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	10.4%
Median Household Income 2000	46,940
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	20,339
State EITC Filers 2002	8,935
Population Under 18 2002	123,681
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	3.9%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	4,643	5,585	3,473	-25.2
Juvenile Commitments	19	21	35	84.2

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	2,318	2,751	18.7
Substantiated Cases	531	488	633	19.2
Rate per 1,000	5.0	4.3	5.1	2.0
Family Problem Referrals	702	420	1,188	69.2
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	247	304	505	104.5

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	212	484	128.3
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	123	161	30.9
Total Capacity	7,036	10,149	44.2
Family Care Providers	128	134	4.7

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



PASSAIC COUNTY



TRENDS

- More children receiving Food Stamps
- Fewer low births to teens
- More children enrolled in Medicaid/FamilyCare

Families in Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving				
AFDC/TANF	12,350	13,397	5,291	-57.2
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	16,618	19,631	18,384	10.6
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	11,538	13,154	16,028	38.9
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		28,630	48,087	68.0

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	8,286	8,192	7,936	-4.2
Low Birth Weight	598	661	623	4.2
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.2	8.1	7.9	8.8
No Prenatal Care	133	159	78	-41.4
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.6	1.9	1.0	-37.5
Infant Mortality	78	70	42	-46.2
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	9.4	8.5	5.3	-43.8
Child Deaths	22	27	26	18.2
Teen Deaths	14	11	13	-7.1
Births to Teens	932	893	781	-16.2

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	6,574	5,452	3,956	-39.8
Juvenile Commitments	184	236	126	-31.5

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	2,623	2,608	-0.6
Substantiated Cases	821	726	502	-38.9
<i>Rate per 1,000</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>-46.2</i>
Family Problem Referrals	2,014	1,566	3,136	55.7
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	331	481	490	48.0

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	65	4,533	6,873.8
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	149	227	52.3
Total Capacity	10,432	18,182	74.3
Family Care Providers	269	245	-8.9

* Earned Income Tax Credit.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	15.7%
Median Household Income 2000	45,783
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	41,989
State EITC Filers 2002	18,083
Population Under 18 2002	131,380
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	3.1%



SALEM COUNTY



TRENDS

- More WIC recipients
- Jump in out-of-home placements
- More family child care providers

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year-End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,060	1,662	606	-70.6
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	2,677	2,361	1,741	-35.0
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,025	1,032	1,257	22.6
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		3,357	4,168	24.2

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	898	799	808	-10.0
Low Birth Weight	71	67	72	1.4
Percent of all Births	7.9	8.4	8.9	-12.7
No Prenatal Care	8	21	16	100.0
Percent of all Births	0.9	2.6	2.0	122.2
Infant Mortality	13	5	5	-61.5
Rate per 1,000 Births	14.5	6.3	6.2	-57.2
Child Deaths	0	3	3	300.0
Teen Deaths	4	2	7	75.0
Births to Teens	127	115	99	-22.0

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	12.3%
Median Household Income 2000	46,026
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	3,728
State EITC Filers 2002	1,445
Population Under 18 2002	15,965
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-2.9%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	839	947	540	-35.6
Juvenile Commitments	6	12	30	400.0

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	680	523	-23.1
Substantiated Cases	136	223	154	13.2
Rate per 1,000	8.2	13.7	9.6	17.1
Family Problem Referrals	518	289	457	-11.8
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	115	99	195	69.6

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	160	340	112.5
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	21	25	19.0
Total Capacity	1,093	1,214	11.1
Family Care Providers	61	82	34.4

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



SOMERSET COUNTY



TRENDS

- *Jump in child population*
- *More low birth weight babies*
- *Increase in child abuse substantiations*

Families in Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,060	1,611	565	-72.6
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	2,677	2,539	1,306	-35.8
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,536	2,267	2,987	94.5
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		3,963	6,845	72.7

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-00 % Chg</u>
Births	3,972	4,281	4,425	11.4
Low Birth Weight	218	251	279	28.0
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.5	5.9	6.3	14.9
No Prenatal Care	3	14	21	600.0
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.1	0.3	0.5	400.0
Infant Mortality	24	14	18	-25.0
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.0	3.3	4.1	-31.7
Child Deaths	7	9	6	-14.3
Teen Deaths	14	5	8	-42.9
Births to Teens	99	133	90	-9.1

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty	4.1%
Median Household Income 2000	77,646
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	6,051
State EITC Filers 2002	2,284
Population Under 18 2002	79,667
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	4.8%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	2,485	2,729	1,703	-31.5
Juvenile Commitments	19	27	9	-5236

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	275	1,087	295.3
Substantiated Cases	119	74	171	43.7
Rate per 1,000	2.0	1.1	2.1	9.9
Family Problem Referrals	271	187	758	179.7
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	79	56	170	115.2

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	136	488	258.8
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	123	186	51.2
Total Capacity	8,871	15,466	74.3
Family Care Providers	189	113	-40.2

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



SUSSEX COUNTY



TRENDS

- Drop in infant mortality
- More teen deaths
- Fewer substantiated child abuse reports

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	768	517	170	-77.9
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	1,435	1,038	652	-54.6
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,362	1,142	978	-28.2
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		1,898	3,473	83.0

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	2,273	1,890	1,778	-21.8
Low Birth Weight	130	91	127	-2.3
Percent of all Births	5.7	4.8	7.1	24.9
No Prenatal Care	6	4	8	33.3
Percent of all Births	0.3	0.2	0.4	33.3
Infant Mortality	16	11	7	-56.3
Rate per 1,000 Births	7.0	5.8	3.9	-44.3
Child Deaths	3	7	3	0.0
Teen Deaths	3	7	9	200.0
Births to Teens	79	70	22	-72.2

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	4.5%
Median Household Income 2000	65,497
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	3,689
State EITC Filers 2002	1,294
Population Under 18 2002	40,061
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	-0.4%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	592	863	760	28.4
Juvenile Commitments	1	2	10	900.0

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	588	374	-36.4
Substantiated Cases	192	157	71	-63.0
Rate per 1,000	5.1	4.1	1.8	-65.4
Family Problem Referrals	611	318	817	33.7
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	88	83	119	35.2

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	10	0	-100.0
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	52	69	32.7
Total Capacity	2,425	3,339	37.7
Family Care Providers	88	78	-11.4

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



UNION COUNTY



TRENDS

- More births
- Steady increase in women not receiving prenatal care
- Jump in juvenile commitments

Families in Need

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	10,668	12,001	3,930	-63.2
	<u>1992</u>			
Food Stamps	13,508	14,765	8,855	-34.4
	<u>1991</u>			
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	9,328	9,762	11,544	23.8
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		23,572	33,791	43.4

Child Health

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>90-900 % Chg</u>
Births	7,654	7,664	7,727	1.0
Low Birth Weight	569	608	584	2.6
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.4	7.9	7.6	1.7
No Prenatal Care	76	101	138	81.6
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.0	1.3	1.8	80.0
Infant Mortality	52	71	49	-5.8
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.8	9.3	6.3	-6.7
Child Deaths	27	17	19	-29.6
Teen Deaths	19	21	10	-47.4
Births to Teens	612	622	554	-9.5

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	10.3%
Median Household Income 2000	54,138
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	33,497
State EITC Filers 2002	12,863
Population Under 18 2002	134,263
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	3.3%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	6,422	5,981	3,616	-43.7
Juvenile Commitments	61	48	65	6.6

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	1,876	1,832	-2.3
Substantiated Cases	542	516	478	-11.8
Rate per 1,000	4.7	4.2	3.6	-23.8
Family Problem Referrals	1,170	1,007	1,380	17.9
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	579	612	1,023	76.7

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	1,510	3,883	157.2
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	206	296	43.7
Total Capacity	14,057	20,951	49.0
Family Care Providers	184	213	15.8

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



WARREN COUNTY



TRENDS

- Drop in low weight births
- Fewer teen births
- More children enrolled in Medicaid/FamilyCare

Families in Need

	1990	1996	2003	Base Year- End % Chg
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,172	982	379	-67.7
1992				
Food Stamps	1,809	1,771	1,320	-27.0
1991				
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,448	1,238	1,322	-8.7
Medicaid/FamilyCare*		2,330	3,550	52.4

Child Health

	1990	1994	2000	90-00 % Chg
Births	1,474	1,336	1,328	-9.9
Low Birth Weight	69	78	62	-10.1
Percent of all Births	4.7	5.8	4.7	-0.3
No Prenatal Care	2	9	10	400.0
Percent of all Births	0.1	0.7	0.8	700.0
Infant Mortality	8	7	6	-25.0
Rate per 1,000 Births	5.4	5.2	4.5	-16.7
Child Deaths	3	2	2	-33.3
Teen Deaths	3	4	5	66.7
Births to Teens	91	73	44	-51.6

* Note: FamilyCare began providing health insurance to low-income children in 1998.

Demographics

Child Poverty 2000	7.0%
Median Household Income 2000	57,245
Federal EITC* Filers 2002	3,579
State EITC Filers 2002	1,503
Population Under 18 2002	27,306
Percent Change Under 18, 1999-2002	2.3%

Troubled Teens

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>90-02</u> <u>% Chg</u>
Juvenile Arrests	711	831	578	-18.7
Juvenile Commitments	6	3	6	0.0

Abused Children

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>2001 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals	N/A	886	600	-32.3
Substantiated Cases	105	168	87	-17.1
Rate per 1,000	4.4	6.6	3.2	-27.0
Family Problem Referrals	403	304	836	107.4
	<u>1990</u>		<u>2002</u>	
Out-of-Home Placements	69	73	93	34.8

Early Care and Education

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2002-03 Base Year-</u> <u>End % Chg</u>	
Preschool Enrollments	91	315	246.2
	<u>1996</u>	<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers	39	59	51.3
Total Capacity	1,730	2,643	52.8
Family Care Providers	77	77	0.0

* Earned Income Tax Credit.



ASBURY PARK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,895	907	937	-50.6%
Food Stamps	2,673	2,088	2,162	-19.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,832	2,646	2,289	-19.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- % Chg</u>
Total Births	376	394	392	4.3%
Low Birth Weight	57	49	44	-22.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	15.2%	12.4%	11.2%	-26.0%
No Prenatal Care	20	9	9	-55.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.3%	2.3%	2.3%	-56.8%
Infant Mortality	6	8	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.0	20.3	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	91	83	60	-34.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		602	519	-13.8%
Substantiated Cases	193	194	143	-25.9%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	390	554	42.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	296	277	-6.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		13	N/A
Total Capacity		1,109	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	72	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	*	83	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	39	12	-69.2	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	48	43	51	6.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	435	368	367	-15.6%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	410	396	411	0.2%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	5,089
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	9.9%
Child Poverty 1999	1,982



ATLANTIC CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	3,500	1,177	1,208	-65.5%
Food Stamps	4,555	2,860	3,233	-29.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	5,329	5,053	5,108	-4.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	943	745	727	-22.9%
Low Birth Weight	86	85	88	2.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.1%	11.4%	12.1%	32.7%
No Prenatal Care	18	22	27	50.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.9%	3.0%	3.7%	94.6%
Infant Mortality	18	8	10	-44.4%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	19.1	10.7	13.8	-27.9%
Births to Teens	190	137	116	-38.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		471	407	-13.6%
Substantiated Cases	173	131	121	-30.1%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	203	219	7.9%
Kindergarten Enrollments	519	558	7.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		19	N/A
Total Capacity		1,140	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	75	73	-2.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	86	86	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	53	40	-24.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	38	52	53	39.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	481	448	448	-6.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	474	467	467	-1.5%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	10,427
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	15.9%
Child Poverty 1999	2,991



BAYONNE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,535	455	503	-67.2%
Food Stamps	2,069	1,159	1,320	-36.2%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,066	3,207	3,345	9.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	705	768	743	5.4%
Low Birth Weight	49	53	62	26.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.0%	6.9%	8.3%	20.1%
No Prenatal Care	*	7	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	0.9%	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	8	*	8	0.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.3	N/A	10.8	-5.1%
Births to Teens	54	70	48	-11.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		152	200	31.6%
Substantiated Cases	25	10	10	-60.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	339	318	-6.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	587	589	0.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		19	N/A
Total Capacity		1,314	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	28	25	-10.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	51	44	-13.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	77	60	-22.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	78	27	78
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77
Average Math Score	455	451	451
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	449	466	462
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,672
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	7.5%
Child Poverty 1999	1,617



BRIDGETON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,865	581	614	-67.1%
Food Stamps	2,664	1,907	2,074	-22.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,269	3,393	3,383	3.5%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	488	417	469	-3.9%
Low Birth Weight	47	42	48	2.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.6%	10.1%	10.2%	6.3%
No Prenatal Care	10	8	14	40.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.0%	1.9%	3.0%	45.7%
Infant Mortality	*	*	14	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	N/A	N/A	29.9	N/A
Births to Teens	100	114	112	12.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		318	363	14.2%
Substantiated Cases	99	63	86	-13.1%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	373	560	50.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	316	315	-0.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		1,288	N/A

School Children

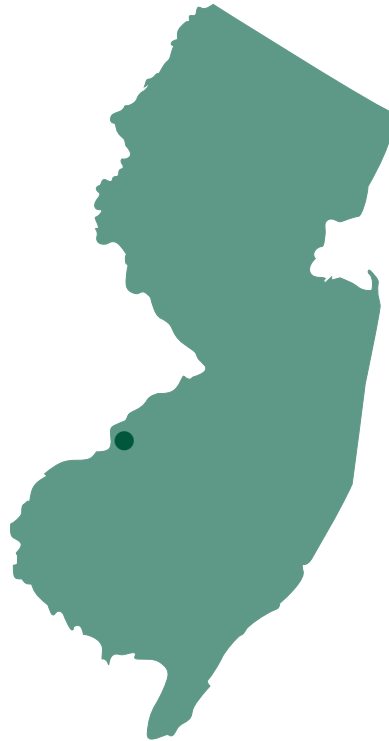
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	57	29	-49.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	52	48	-19.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	485	409	413
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	481	420	415
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	5,928
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	3.2%
Child Poverty 1999	1,964



CAMDEN



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	16,375	4,899	5,156	-68.5%
Food Stamps	20,223	10,310	10,983	-45.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	16,543	13,606	13,845	-16.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	2,027	1,851	1,702	-16.0%
Low Birth Weight	266	222	185	-30.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.1%	12.0%	10.9%	-17.2%
No Prenatal Care	91	54	48	-47.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	4.5%	2.9%	2.8%	-37.2%
Infant Mortality	29	29	26	-10.3%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	14.3	15.7	15.3	6.8%
Births to Teens	540	474	457	-15.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,945	1,985	2.1%
Substantiated Cases	796	573	618	-22.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,601	1,636	2.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,183	1,251	5.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		71	N/A
Total Capacity		6,443	N/A

School Children

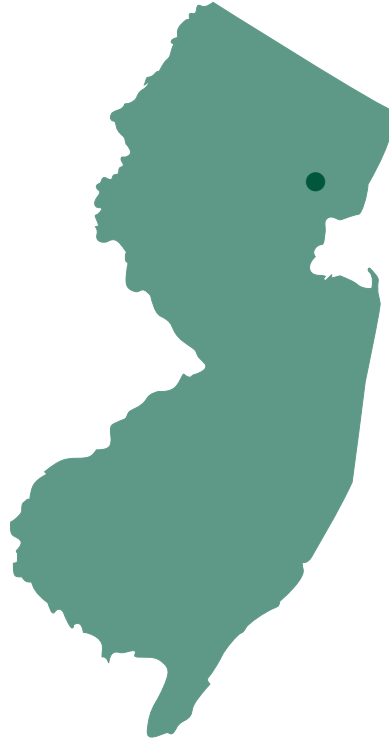
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	76	73	-3.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	86	85	-1.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	33	22	-33.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	58	59	-3.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	426	390	-10.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	396	399	-3.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	27,674
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-15.4%
Child Poverty 1999	12,333



CLIFTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	384	165	158	-58.9%
Food Stamps	644	606	800	24.2%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,790	2,375	2,600	-6.8%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	957	937	982	2.6%
Low Birth Weight	62	64	65	4.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	6.5%	6.8%	6.6%	2.2%
No Prenatal Care	5	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	6	*	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	50	43	45	-10.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		270	223	-17.4%
Substantiated Cases	34	28	36	5.9%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	0	0	N/A
Kindergarten Enrollments	525	531	1.1%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		39	N/A
Total Capacity		2,601	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	29	32	10.3%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	42	49	16.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	67	60	-10.4%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	74	68	71	-4.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	504	472	477	-5.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	489	508	504	3.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	16,972
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	25.4%
Child Poverty 1999	1,471



EAST ORANGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	6,685	2,417	2,369	-64.6%
Food Stamps	9,015	4,757	4,971	-44.9%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	8,314	8,367	7,951	-4.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,317	1,202	1,183	-10.2%
Low Birth Weight	182	177	183	0.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.8%	14.7%	15.5%	11.9%
No Prenatal Care	100	50	77	-23.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.6%	4.2%	6.5%	-14.3%
Infant Mortality	20	12	16	-20.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	15.2	10.0	13.5	-10.9%
Births to Teens	199	181	177	-11.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		527	529	0.4%
Substantiated Cases	355	173	154	-56.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,196	1,365	14.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	784	858	9.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		45	N/A
Total Capacity		3,218	N/A

School Children

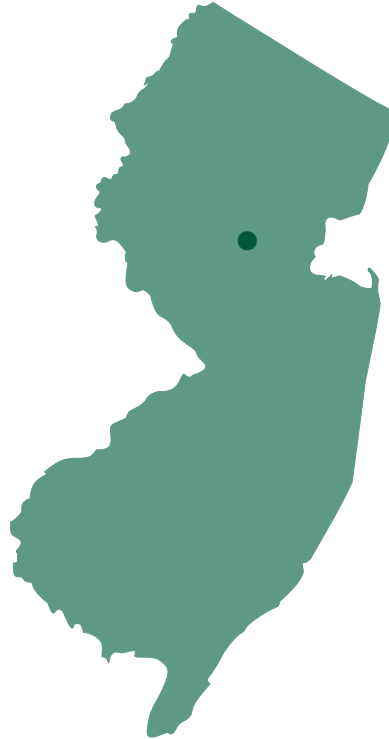
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	60	42	-30.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	68	58	-14.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	37	22	-40.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	62	61	65	4.8%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	408	391	371	-9.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	393	405	392	-0.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	19,636
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-1.5%
Child Poverty 1999	4,789



EDISON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	684	169	187	-72.7%
Food Stamps	820	306	342	-58.3%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	1,399	1,164	1,105	-21.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,350	1,248	1,407	4.2%
Low Birth Weight	99	70	97	-2.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.3%	5.6%	6.9%	-6.0%
No Prenatal Care	5	*	5	0.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.4%	N/A	0.4%	-4.1%
Infant Mortality	5	7	7	40.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	3.7	5.6	5.0	34.3%
Births to Teens	35	31	32	-8.6%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		160	183	14.4%
Substantiated Cases	42	29	28	-33.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1	0	-100.0%
Kindergarten Enrollments	771	754	-2.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		41	N/A
Total Capacity		3,218	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	16	15	-6.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	24	27	12.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	89	80	-10.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	76	84	10.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	556	524	523
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	532	560	564
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	28,413
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	40.4%
Child Poverty 1999	1,136



ELIZABETH



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	6,266	2,017	1,961	-68.7%
Food Stamps	8,054	4,554	4,744	-41.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	14,003	16,572	15,163	8.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	2,127	1,997	2,223	4.5%
Low Birth Weight	199	182	178	-10.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.4%	9.1%	8.0%	-14.4%
No Prenatal Care	63	60	70	11.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	6.3%
Infant Mortality	17	13	8	-52.9%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	8.0	6.5	3.6	-55.0%
Births to Teens	277	261	283	2.2%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		678	631	-6.9%
Substantiated Cases	246	223	182	-26.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,010	1,786	76.8%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,162	1,510	29.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		36	N/A
Total Capacity		2,839	N/A

School Children

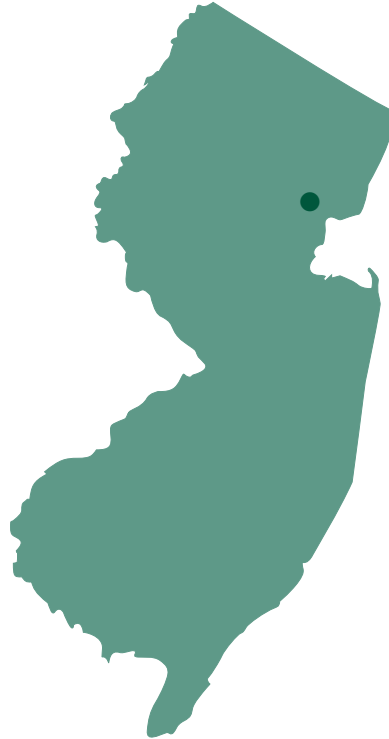
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	60	59	-1.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	79	79	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	41	27	-34.1%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	42	40	45	7.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	430	392	396	-7.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	420	393	391	-6.9%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	31,680
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	10.6%
Child Poverty 1999	7,002



IRVINGTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,894	1,783	1,861	-62.0%
Food Stamps	6,615	3,472	3,898	-41.1%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	5,743	5,339	5,640	-1.8%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,315	1,089	1,061	-19.3%
Low Birth Weight	156	150	133	-14.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.9%	13.8%	12.5%	5.7%
No Prenatal Care	56	55	51	-8.9%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	4.3%	5.1%	4.8%	12.9%
Infant Mortality	22	14	6	-72.7%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.7	12.9	5.7	-66.2%
Births to Teens	185	137	127	-31.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		508	549	8.1%
Substantiated Cases	233	84	118	-49.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,271	1,451	14.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	585	718	22.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		41	N/A
Total Capacity		2,659	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	67	61	-9.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	88	88	0.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	28	14	-50.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	51	70	69	35.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	396	368	365	-7.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	385	376	367	-4.7%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	17,004
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.2%
Child Poverty 1999	3,885



JERSEY CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	18,317	5,783	5,821	-68.2%
Food Stamps	23,354	12,402	12,950	-44.5%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	25,257	23,288	22,508	-10.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	4,262	3,841	3,926	-7.9%
Low Birth Weight	472	387	401	-15.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.1%	10.1%	10.2%	-7.8%
No Prenatal Care	4	59	72	1700.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.1%	1.5%	1.8%	1854.0%
Infant Mortality	55	31	45	-18.2%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.9	8.1	11.5	-11.2%
Births to Teens	647	472	452	-30.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,589	1,573	-1.0%
Substantiated Cases	327	232	214	-34.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	3,316	3,661	10.4%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,988	2,388	20.1%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		117	N/A
Total Capacity		6,610	N/A

School Children

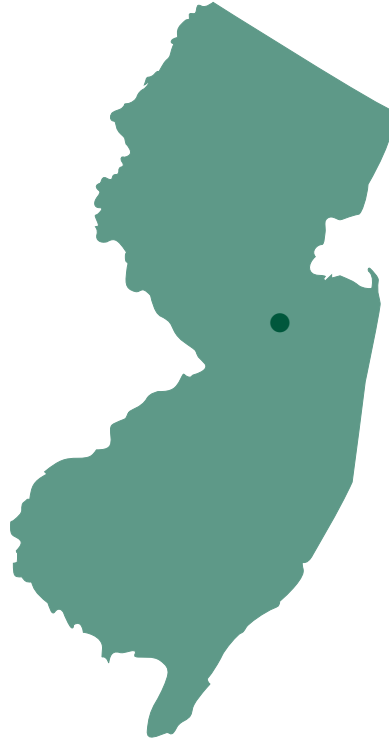
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	47	51	8.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	56	61	8.9%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	52	36	-30.8%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	70	80	15.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%	
Average Math Score	431	442	392	-9.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	401	429	423	5.5%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	59,403
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	0.0%
Child Poverty 1999	16,015



LAKEWOOD



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,108	431	436	-79.3%
Food Stamps	4,117	3,572	3,942	-4.3%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,890	3,089	3,032	4.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,471	1,784	1,944	32.2%
Low Birth Weight	75	77	80	6.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.1%	4.3%	4.1%	-19.3%
No Prenatal Care	15	*	5	-66.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.0%	N/A	0.3%	-74.8%
Infant Mortality	6	6	9	50.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	4.1	3.4	4.6	13.5%
Births to Teens	122	93	99	-18.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		348	321	-7.8%
Substantiated Cases	84	96	70	-16.7%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	118	140	18.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	404	485	20.0%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		21	N/A
Total Capacity		1,272	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	45	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	60	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	64	46	-28.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	71	61	-1.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	453	443	-4.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	454	448	-3.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	14,914
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	63.2%
Child Poverty 1999	5,084



NEWARK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	34,913	12,383	11,806	-66.2%
Food Stamps	45,147	23,566	23,679	-47.6%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	36,437	34,124	32,377	-11.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	5,565	4,806	4,847	-12.9%
Low Birth Weight	754	648	636	-15.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	13.5%	13.5%	13.1%	-3.2%
No Prenatal Care	444	266	312	-29.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	8.0%	5.5%	6.4%	-19.3%
Infant Mortality	88	62	70	-20.5%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	15.8	12.9	14.4	-8.7%
Births to Teens	1,098	826	803	-26.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		3,354	3,104	-7.5%
Substantiated Cases	1,624	978	1,004	-38.2%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	3,927	5,309	35.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	3,126	3,294	5.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		218	N/A
Total Capacity		14,676	N/A

School Children

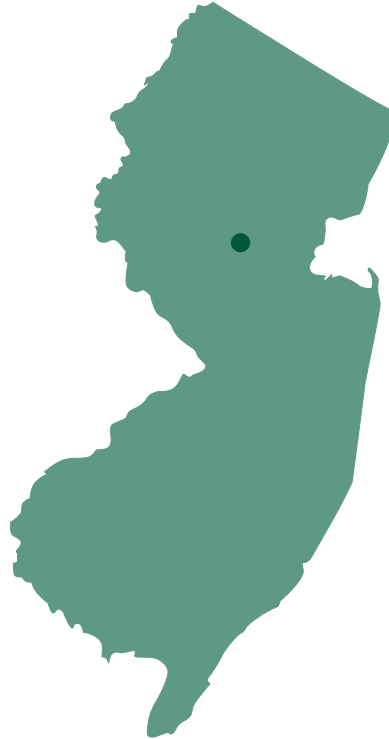
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	58	60	3.4%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	76	73	-3.9%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	34	26	-23.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	58	56	-1.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%	
Average Math Score	412	377	382	-7.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	356	387	394	10.7%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	76,389
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-8.3%
Child Poverty 1999	27,285



NEW BRUNSWICK



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,486	545	636	-74.4%
Food Stamps	3,169	1,193	1,373	-56.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,317	4,364	4,880	13.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	943	938	994	5.4%
Low Birth Weight	92	99	84	-8.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	9.8%	10.6%	8.5%	-13.4%
No Prenatal Care	8	12	22	175.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.8%	1.3%	2.2%	160.9%
Infant Mortality	10	11	13	30.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.6	11.7	13.1	23.3%
Births to Teens	149	162	173	16.1%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		322	280	-13.0%
Substantiated Cases	103	67	95	-7.8%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	895	1,071	19.7%
Kindergarten Enrollments	556	545	-2.0%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		30	N/A
Total Capacity		640	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	50	48	-4.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	58	55	-5.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	51	36	-29.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	47	48	-6.4%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	430	404	-7.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	438	429	-9.6%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,749
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	11.8%
Child Poverty 1999	2,618



NORTH BERGEN



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	1,460	416	405	-72.3%
Food Stamps	1,916	1,108	1,265	-34.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,721	3,836	3,849	3.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	782	769	822	5.1%
Low Birth Weight	52	40	45	-13.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	6.6%	5.2%	5.5%	-17.7%
No Prenatal Care	*	*	*	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infant Mortality	4	5	5	25.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	5.1	6.5	6.1	18.9%
Births to Teens	55	67	52	-5.5%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		206	231	12.1%
Substantiated Cases	42	53	51	21.4%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	188	193	2.7%
Kindergarten Enrollments	423	465	9.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		15	N/A
Total Capacity		3,426	N/A

School Children

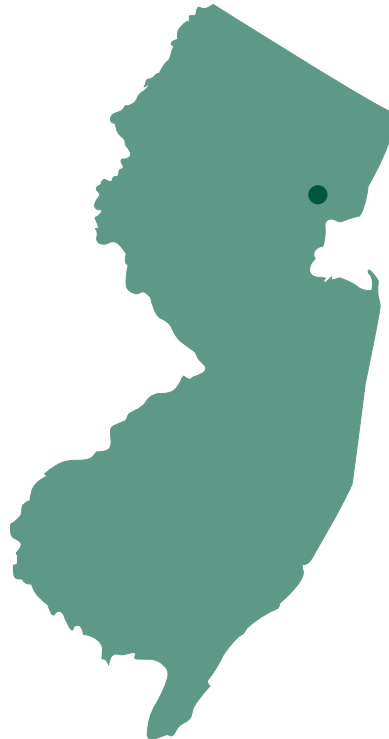
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	30	28	-6.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	32	36	12.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	74	60	-18.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	78	73	-11.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	455	442	439
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	445	464	463
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,205
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	27.9%
Child Poverty 1999	1,848



ORANGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,102	661	629	-70.1%
Food Stamps	3,029	1,413	1,341	-55.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	3,719	3,710	3,683	-1.0%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	623	592	596	-4.3%
Low Birth Weight	78	72	63	-19.2%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	12.5%	12.2%	10.6%	-15.6%
No Prenatal Care	46	6	28	-39.1%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.4%	1.0%	4.7%	-36.4%
Infant Mortality	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	82	65	71	-13.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		172	151	-12.2%
Substantiated Cases	117	46	59	-49.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	676	612	-9.5%
Kindergarten Enrollments	354	360	1.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		1,072	N/A

School Children

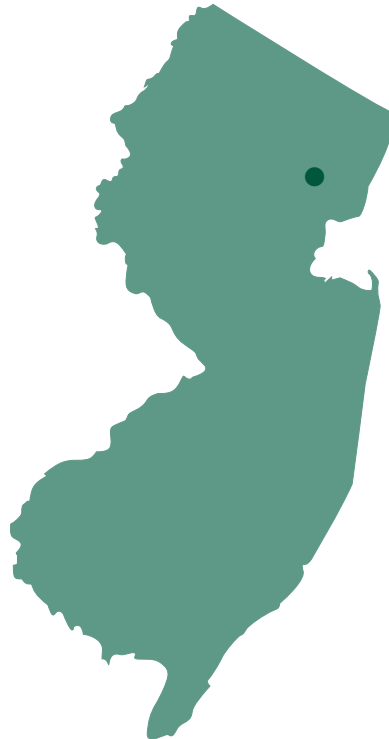
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	74	69	-6.8%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	87	89	2.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	28	19	-32.1%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	56	56	3.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	398	356	-6.3%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	376	389	4.5%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,108
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	18.2%
Child Poverty 1999	2,173



PASSAIC



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	3,193	1,037	1,055	-67.0%
Food Stamps	4,802	3,990	4,468	-7.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	7,818	8,652	8,496	8.7%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,525	1,515	1,516	-0.6%
Low Birth Weight	110	102	116	5.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.2%	6.7%	7.7%	6.1%
No Prenatal Care	35	15	18	-48.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.3%	1.0%	1.2%	-48.3%
Infant Mortality	9	8	10	11.1%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	5.9	5.3	6.6	0.1
Births to Teens	236	219	223	-5.5%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		464	390	-15.9%
Substantiated Cases	84	86	74	-11.9%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	20,899
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	24.6%
Child Poverty 1999	5,803

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	714	1,407	97.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	971	967	-0.4%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		24	N/A
Total Capacity		1,990	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	62	61	-1.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	72	77	6.9%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	50	39	-22.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	61	56	-6.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	415	397	-8.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	384	425	6.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	3.2%



PATERSON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	8,983	3,993	3,741	-58.4%
Food Stamps	13,051	11,353	12,087	-7.4%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	19,357	20,661	20,937	8.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	3,241	2,925	3,010	-7.1%
Low Birth Weight	344	280	281	-18.3%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	10.6%	9.6%	9.3%	-12.0%
No Prenatal Care	108	47	50	-53.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	3.3%	1.6%	1.7%	-50.2%
Infant Mortality	36	20	22	-38.9%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	11.1	6.8	7.3	-34.2%
Births to Teens	557	521	479	-14.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,463	1,566	7.0%
Substantiated Cases	518	313	330	-36.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	2,382	3,063	28.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	2,119	2,044	-3.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		81	N/A
Total Capacity		7,363	N/A

School Children

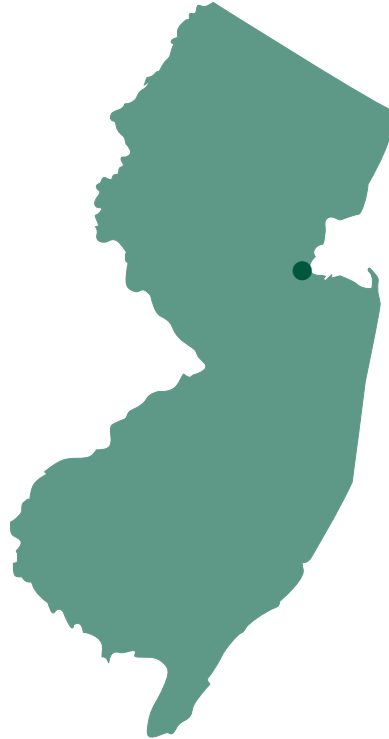
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	46	52	13.0%
Percent in NJ	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	60	67	11.7%
Percent in NJ	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	37	36	-2.7%
Percent in NJ	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	54	48	-9.4%
Percent in NJ	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	417	368	-10.6%
Average in NJ	511	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	395	407	1.6%
Average in NJ	498	496	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	44,437
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.9%
Child Poverty 1999	12,743



PERTH AMBOY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,735	600	597	-78.2%
Food Stamps	3,820	1,419	1,685	-55.9%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	6,337	7,107	7,438	17.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	818	786	870	6.4%
Low Birth Weight	64	67	69	7.8%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.8%	8.5%	7.9%	1.4%
No Prenatal Care	17	14	18	5.9%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	-0.4%
Infant Mortality	14	*	11	-21.4%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	17.1	N/A	12.6	-26.1%
Births to Teens	139	126	139	0.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		488	406	-16.8%
Substantiated Cases	78	99	100	28.2%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	818	954	16.6%
Kindergarten Enrollments	685	679	-0.9%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		17	N/A
Total Capacity		1,535	N/A

School Children

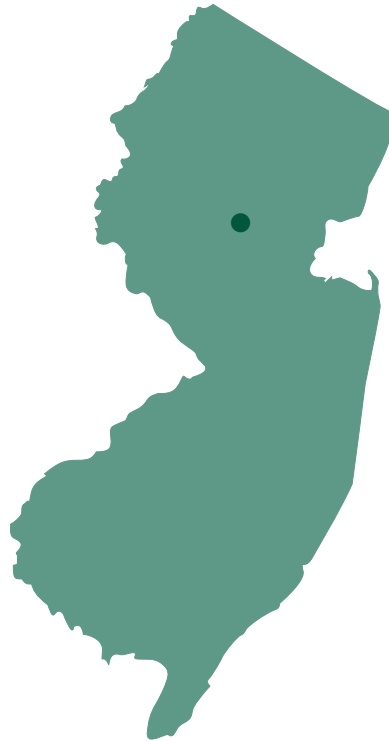
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	55	57	3.6%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	68	69	1.5%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	60	49	-18.3%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	66	49	55	-16.7%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	446	410	423	-5.2%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	429	455	448	4.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,472
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	15.9%
Child Poverty 1999	3,255



PLAINFIELD



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,831	990	963	-66.0%
Food Stamps	3,383	1,968	2,040	-39.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,909	4,838	5,470	11.4%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	964	811	835	-13.4%
Low Birth Weight	100	88	76	-24.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	10.4%	10.9%	9.1%	-12.3%
No Prenatal Care	6	36	21	250.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.6%	4.4%	2.5%	304.1%
Infant Mortality	12	12	6	-50.0%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.4	14.8	7.2	-42.3%
Births to Teens	147	106	112	-23.8%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		535	415	-22.4%
Substantiated Cases	92	142	101	9.8%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	987	1,011	2.4%
Kindergarten Enrollments	643	685	6.5%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		58	N/A
Total Capacity		3,901	N/A

School Children

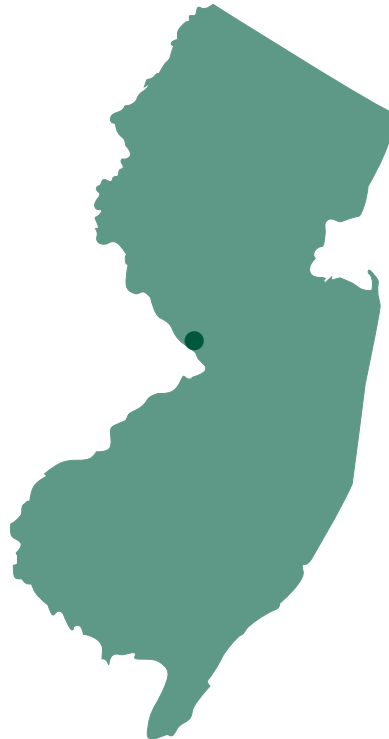
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	58	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	77	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	42	29	-31.0%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	70	93	71
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77
Average Math Score	413	398	380
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	395	407	387
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	13,167
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	2.5%
Child Poverty 1999	2,786



TRENTON



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	7,736	3,206	3,344	-56.8%
Food Stamps	9,737	5,989	6,484	-33.4%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	9,274	8,456	7,224	-22.1%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,663	1,491	1,453	-12.6%
Low Birth Weight	204	168	170	-16.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	12.3%	11.3%	11.7%	-4.6%
No Prenatal Care	0	26	38	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.0%	1.7%	2.6%	N/A
Infant Mortality	27	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	16.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	329	281	274	-16.7%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		1,721	1,611	-6.4%
Substantiated Cases	396	329	254	-35.9%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Ch</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,562	1,706	9.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	1,087	1,253	15.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		81	N/A
Total Capacity		5,094	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	73	78	6.8%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	79	89	12.7%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	16	17	6.3%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	44	31	53	20.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	409	376	376	-8.1%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	395	386	384	-2.8%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	23,646
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-4.8%
Child Poverty 1999	6,255



UNION CITY



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	4,270	1,105	958	-77.6%
Food Stamps	5,441	2,926	3,056	-43.8%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	8,044	8,108	8,757	8.9%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,076	1,125	1,067	-0.8%
Low Birth Weight	63	65	76	20.6%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	5.9%	5.8%	7.1%	21.7%
No Prenatal Care	*	10	12	N/A
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	N/A	0.9%	1.1%	N/A
Infant Mortality	7	9	6	-14.3%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	6.5	8.0	5.6	-13.6%
Births to Teens	143	128	127	-11.2%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		328	277	-15.5%
Substantiated Cases	97	84	62	-36.1%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	16,971
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	14.3%
Child Poverty 1999	4,783

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	1,320	1,498	13.5%
Kindergarten Enrollments	699	763	9.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		54	N/A
Total Capacity		3,044	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	37	30	-18.9%	
Percent in NJ	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	43	45	4.7%	
Percent in NJ	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	52	26	-50.0%	
Percent in NJ	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	63	75	79	25.4%
Percent in NJ	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	415	370	373	-10.1%
Average in NJ	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	389	407	401	3.1%
Average in NJ	498	496	495	3.2%



VINELAND



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	2,250	779	777	-65.5%
Food Stamps	3,215	2,078	427	-86.7%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	4,880	5,470	5,329	9.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Total Births	765	760	749	-2.1%
Low Birth Weight	61	65	43	-29.5%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	8.0%	8.6%	5.7%	-28.0%
No Prenatal Care	6	11	10	66.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	70.2%
Infant Mortality	8	13	5	-37.5%
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	10.5	17.1	6.7	-36.2%
Births to Teens	129	132	120	-7.0%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year-End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		414	512	23.7%
Substantiated Cases	83	110	122	47.0%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	862	1,035	20.1%
Kindergarten Enrollments	659	605	-8.2%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		28	N/A
Total Capacity		2,564	N/A

School Children

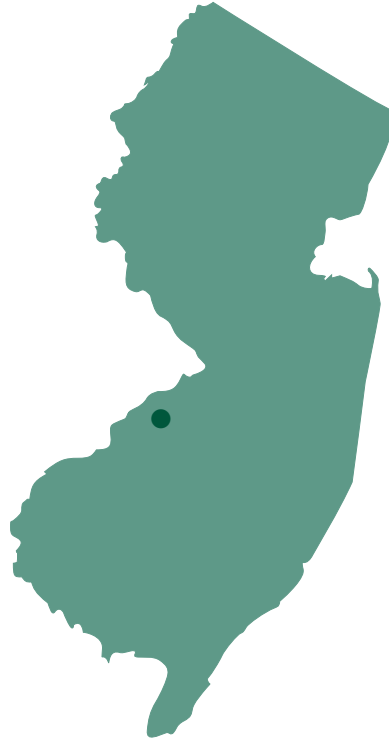
	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>	
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	50	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%	
Percent Students Failing Math	*	69	N/A	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%	
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment				
Percent Students Passing	61	47	-23.0%	
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%	
	<u>1994-95</u>			
Percent Students Taking the SAT	45	45	51	13.3%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	498	476	481	-3.4%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514	-3.1%
Average Verbal Score	489	484	489	0.0%
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495	3.2%

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	14,463
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-3.2%
Child Poverty 1999	2,564



WILLINGBORO



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	904	325	366	-59.5%
Food Stamps	1,056	556	676	-36.0%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	2,287	2,280	2,188	-4.3%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	477	426	346	-27.5%
Low Birth Weight	56	43	42	-25.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	11.7%	10.1%	12.1%	3.4%
No Prenatal Care	8	5	6	-25.0%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	1.7%	1.2%	1.7%	3.4%
Infant Mortality	6	*	*	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	12.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Births to Teens	79	69	40	-49.4%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		222	205	-7.7%
Substantiated Cases	52	52	47	-9.6%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	95	91	-4.2%
Kindergarten Enrollments	306	368	20.3%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		16	N/A
Total Capacity		995	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	49	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	77	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	54	37	-31.5%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	71	69	-4.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	453	444	432
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	454	436	419
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	9,962
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	-5.8%
Child Poverty 1999	731



WOODBIDGE



Families in Need

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Children Receiving:				
AFDC/TANF	20	208	212	960.0%
Food Stamps	897	418	468	-47.8%
	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	
Free or Reduced Price Lunch	1,835	1,857	2,188	19.2%

Child Health

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Total Births	1,237	1,242	1,270	2.7%
Low Birth Weight	88	103	108	22.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	7.1%	8.3%	8.5%	19.5%
No Prenatal Care	6	*	7	16.7%
<i>Percent of all Births</i>	0.5%	N/A	0.6%	13.6%
Infant Mortality	N/A	7	5	N/A
<i>Rate per 1,000 Births</i>	N/A	5.6	3.9	N/A
Births to Teens	39	43	32	-17.9%

Abused Children

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals		307	234	-23.8%
Substantiated Cases	36	53	48	33.3%

Early Care and Education

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Preschool Enrollments	0	0	N/A
Kindergarten Enrollments	832	846	1.7%
		<u>2003</u>	
Child Care Centers		5	N/A
Total Capacity		365	N/A

School Children

	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>Base Year- End % Chg</u>
Grade 8 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Failing Language Arts	*	25	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	27	27	0.0%
Percent Students Failing Math	*	38	N/A
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	38	42	10.5%
Grade 11 Proficiency Assessment			
Percent Students Passing	80	69	-13.6%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	69	66	-4.3%
	<u>1994-95</u>		
Percent Students Taking the SAT	73	77	8.2%
<i>Percent in NJ</i>	73	77	5.5%
Average Math Score	498	476	473
<i>Average in NJ</i>	511	514	514
Average Verbal Score	486	491	492
<i>Average in NJ</i>	498	496	495

Demographics

Population Under 18 2000	3,923
Percent Population Under 18 1990-2000	10.3%
Child Poverty 1999	242



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Federal Poverty Levels, 2000. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 5: Child Health

Infant Mortality, 1994, 1999 and 2000. Number of infants under one who died during that year. From Table M42 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1994, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Child Deaths (ages 1-14), 1994, 1999 and 2000. From Table M4B of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1994, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center of Health Statistics.

No Prenatal Care, 1994, 1999 and 2000. Live births for which mother received no prenatal care, 1994, 1999 and 2000. From Table N35 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

No Prenatal Care as a Percent of Births, 1998, 1999 and 2000. From Table N35 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Low Birth Weight Infants, 1994, 1999 and 2000. From Table N50 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1994, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Low Birth Weight as a Percent of Births, 1998, 1999 and 2000. From Table N50 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1994, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Births To Unmarried Mothers, 1999 and 2000. From Table N32 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Children Receiving Medicaid/FamilyCare, 1996, 2002 and 2003. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services. FamilyCare began covering uninsured children in 1998. 1996 numbers include only children on Medicaid.

Statewide Birth and Death Data, 2000-2002. From New Jersey Health Statistics, 2000, 2001 and 2002, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Section 6: Troubled Teens

Births to Teens, 1994, 1999 and 2000. Births to teenagers 15- to 19-years-old by county of residence. From Table N20 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1994 and from Table N29 of the New Jersey Health Statistics, 1999 and 2000, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Juvenile Arrests, 1996, 2001 and 2002. The number of juvenile arrests (ages 10-17) as reported in the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Uniform Crime Report 1996, 1999 and 2002.

Juvenile Commitments, 1996, 2001 and 2002. The number of juveniles (ages 13-18) by county of residence, committed to state detention centers as reported by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission.

Teen Deaths (ages 15-19), 1994, 1999 and 2000. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Section 7: Abused Children

Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals, 1996, 2000 and 2001.

From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports for 1996 and 2000. 2001 figures come from the state Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Includes children under age 18.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiated Referrals, 1996, 2000 and 2001.

From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports, 1996 and 2000. 2001 figures come from the state Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Includes children under age 18.

Percentage of Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated, 1996, 2000 and 2001.

From Table 9 of the New Jersey Child Abuse and Neglect Statistical Reports, 1996 and 2000. 2001 figures come from the state Division of Youth and Family Services, Data Analysis Unit. Includes children under age 18.

Adoptions Finalized Through DYFS, 1998-2003. The number of abused/neglected children for whom the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, completed the legal adoption process for federal fiscal years from 1998 through 2003, as reported by DYFS.

Children in Care, 1996, 2001 and 2002. The number of children placed in foster care, residential care, group homes and other out-of-home settings, as reported by the Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services.

Number of Foster Homes, by Type, 2001 and 2003.

NJ Division of Youth and Family Services PCIS Foster Care Utilization Statistics, DAR-PCISM-1, April 2001 and February 2003.

Out-of-Home Placement Trends, 1998-2003. NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, Statewide Caseload/Placement Trends report - through February 7, 2003.

Section 8: New Jersey School Children

Percent of Children Who Passed the State Assessments by District Factor Groupings, Spring 2002. Percentage of students passing state tests in grades 4, 8 and 11, as reported by the NJ Department of Education.

Student Performance on Proficiency Assessments in Grades 4 and 8, 2002. Students passing statewide tests in literacy, math and science, grades 4 and 8, as reported by the NJ Department of Education.

Special Education Enrollments, 1998-99, 2000-01 and 2001-02. Students ages 6-21 enrolled in public special education programs, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, Office of Special Education. The numbers do not include special education students in preschool and those attending private schools using public dollars.

Special Education Percentage of Enrollments, 1998-99, 2000-01 and 2001-02. Calculated using special education enrollments above and total enrollment as reported by the Office of Special Education, NJ Department of Education.

Section 9: Early Care and Education

Preschool Enrollments, 1999-00, 2001-02 and 2002-03. Number of 3- and 4-year-olds enrolled in half- and full-day, NJ Department of Education-approved programs, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, October 1998, 2000 and 2003 enrollment counts. Does not include children in Head Start centers who are not enrolled in programs that receive state funding.

Kindergarten Enrollments, 1999-00, 2001-02 and 2002-03. Number of students enrolled in half- and full-day public kindergarten, as reported by the NJ Department of Education, October enrollment counts.

Child Care Centers, 1996, 2000 and 2003. Number of state-licensed child care centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing.

Child Care Center Capacity, 1996, 2000 and 2003. Number of available slots for children in state-licensed child care centers, as reported by NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing.

Family Day Care Providers, 1996, 2000 and 2003. Number of licensed providers offering child care in their homes, as reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services, Bureau of Licensing.