

New Jersey Quick Facts: Children, Families, & Child Care

December 2022



Children in New Jersey

300,284	Children Under Age 3
516,045	Children Under Age 5
436,072	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
343,314	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
419,743	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
538,966	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

Families in New Jersey

1,092,567	Families with Children Under Age 18
730,036	Married Couples with Children Under 18
29,933	Dads Raising Children Under 18
161,301	Moms Raising Children Under 18
34,539	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18

Low Income Working Families in New Jersey

15.5%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
13.4%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
9.9%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
11.5%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
30.1%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
551,000	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
29%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
293,803	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
10.8%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity

Education Related Stats for New Jersey

57,464	Children enrolled in full-day Preschool	
12,429	Children in Head Start (includes 3,423 in Early Head Start)	
2019	2022	NAEP 4th Grade Reading Results
16%	24%	% of White 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
42%	46%	% of Hispanic 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
46%	50%	% of Black 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
45%	53%	% of Low-Income 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
74,744	Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2018-2019)	
6%	% of Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade	

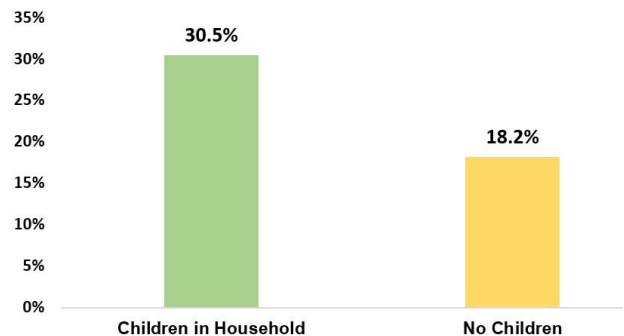
COVID-19 Impact on Families with Children

999,224

New Jersey families with children who have struggled to pay household expenses in the past week

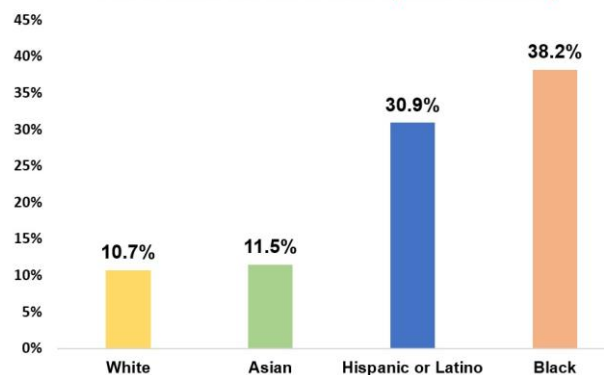
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, November 2-14, 2022

NJ Households Behind on Rent by Presence of Children



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, November 2-14, 2022

NJ Households Behind on Rent by Race & Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, November 2-14, 2022

New Jersey High School Graduation Rate

91%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2019)
84.8%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2019)

Child Care Subsidies in New Jersey (FY2020 Publicly Reported)

42,700	Average Monthly Number of Children with Subsidy
28,400	Average Monthly Number of Families with Subsidy
42,273	Children in Licensed Care with Subsidy
99%	% of Children with Subsidy in Licensed Care
427	Children in Unlicensed Care with Subsidy
1%	% of Children with Subsidy in Unlicensed Care
Some	Provider Payment Rates at 75 th Percentile of Market Rate as Recommended by U.S. HHS

2021 Market Rates at 75th Percentile (Annual Fees for Families)

\$17,460	Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees
\$15,120	Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees
\$10,800	Family Child Care Home Infant Annual Fees
\$9,600	Family Child Care Home Preschool Annual Fees
\$14,963	NJ Annual Cost of 4-Year Public College Tuition & Related Fees for In-State Residents (2022)

The Division of Family Development (DFD) is temporarily paying a \$300 per child per month differential for providers caring for children whose care is paid for with a subsidy to support access to child care for low income families and to help stabilize the child care market. With COVID-19 rates up and down, this is critical support for both families and child care businesses.

Child Age Group	Center Providers					Family Child Care Providers				
	75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees)	State Assistance Monthly Rate with differential payment (\$300 per child)	State Assistance Percentile of Market	75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized	State Assistance Annualized	75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees)	State Assistance Monthly Rate with differential payment (\$300 per child)	State Assistance Percentile of Market	75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized	State Assistance Annualized
Infant	\$1,455	\$1,524	81st	\$17,460	\$18,288	\$900	\$1,170	93rd	\$10,800	\$14,040
Toddler	\$1,400	\$1,351	69th	\$16,800	\$16,212	\$800	\$1,170	93rd	\$9,600	\$14,040
Preschooler	\$1,260	\$1,207	69th	\$15,120	\$14,484	\$800	\$1,027	91st	\$9,600	\$12,324
School-age	\$575	\$1,150	94th	\$6,900	\$13,800	\$764	\$1,027	93rd	\$9,168	\$12,324

Source: [2021 Child Care Market Rate Survey](#), Prepared by the School of Social Work, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, for New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (July 5, 2022).

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