

Hudson County Quick Facts: Children, Families, & Child Care

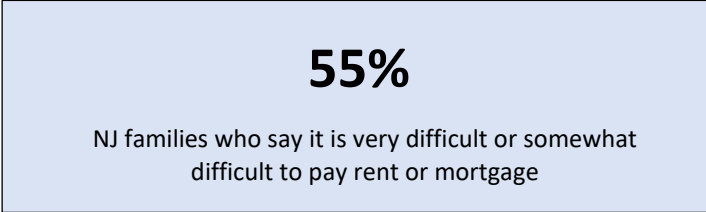
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Children in Hudson County

26,414	Children Under Age 3
42,564	Children Under Age 5
34,087	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
21,243	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
36,188	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
35,898	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

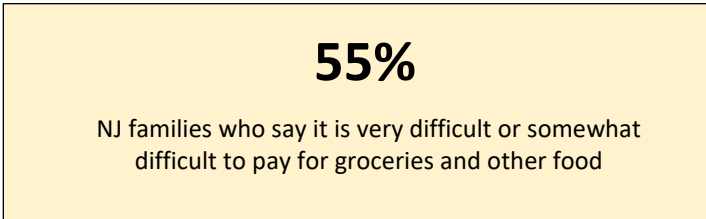
Family Economic Status



Source: Rutgers University – New Brunswick [Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling](#), July 2025

Families in Hudson County

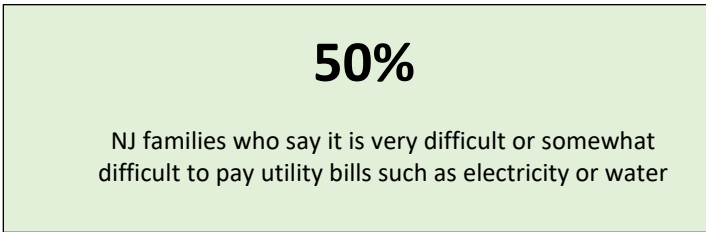
79,701	Families with Children Under Age 18
46,330	Married Couples with Children Under 18
2,663	Dads Raising Children Under 18
15,243	Moms Raising Children Under 18
2,721	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18
34.1%	% of Families working hybrid or remote/NJ 2024



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Low Income Working Families in Hudson County

14.1%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
23.9%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
8.4%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
17.5%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
19%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
53,284	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
38.3%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
26,870	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
18.9%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity



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Education Related Stats for New Jersey

4,215	Full-day Preschool/County (2024-2025)	
12,003	Enrolled in Head Start (includes 3,592 in Early Head Start) State-wide 2025	
2019	2024	NJ NAEP 4th Grade Reading Results
16%	20%	% of White 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
42%	51%	% of Hispanic 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
46%	47%	% of Black 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
45%	51%	% of Low-Income 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
83,846	NJ Children Age 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2022-2023)	
6%	% of Age 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade/NJ	

County Early Intervention/Special Education	
1,140	Part C, Infants & Toddlers with an IFSP
951	Section 619, Ages 3-5 with an IEP

County High School Graduation	
89.6%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2024)
89.5%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2024)

Child Care Subsidies in Hudson County (2025)

11,321	Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy (Unduplicated)
6,968	Number of Families whose Children Received Subsidy (Unduplicated)

Hudson County Child Care Prices (2025)

\$21,600	Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees
\$18,600	Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees
\$16,560	Family Child Care Home Infant Annual Fees
\$14,400	Family Child Care Home Preschool Annual Fees
\$17,960	NJ Annual Cost of 4-Year Public College Tuition & Related Fees for In-State Residents (2025)
*2023 NJ Child Care Market Rate Survey, 75% Percentile (i.e., parents have choices among 75% of providers in the community)	

Child Care Subsidy Rates

Child care assistance [rates](#) are tiered based on levels within Grow New Jersey Kids (GNJK). The lowest subsidy rate is paid to providers not participating in GNJK. The subsidy rate increases as GNJK levels rise (e.g., higher rates are paid for 3-star, 4-star, and 5-star care).

As of 3/1/25	Center Providers				Family Child Care Providers			
	Licensed Child Care Centers Monthly Rate	State Assistance Monthly Rate (4-Star GNJK)	Licensed Child Care Centers Annualized	State Assistance Rate Annualized (4-Star GNJK)	Registered Family Child Care Homes Monthly Rate	State Assistance Monthly Rate (4-Star GNJK)	Registered Family Child Care Homes Annualized	State Assistance Rate Annualized (4-Star GNJK)
Infant	\$1,587.69	\$1,741.84	\$19,052	\$20,902.08	\$1,217.56	\$1,452.54	\$14,611	\$17,430.48
Toddler	\$1,414.00	\$1,496.81	\$16,968	\$17,961.72	\$1,217.56	\$1,374.11	\$14,611	\$16,489.32
Preschooler	\$1,262.50	\$1,354.02	\$15,150	\$16,248.24	\$1,067.23	\$1,321.83	\$12,807	\$15,861.96
School-age	\$1,190.56	\$1,190.56	\$14,287	\$14,286.72	\$1,061.95	\$1,061.95	\$12,743	\$12,743.40

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