

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

March 2026



Children in Hunterdon County

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| 3,562 | Children Under Age 3 |
| 6,443 | Children Under Age 5 |
| 5,032 | Children Age 5 - 8 Years |
| 3,706 | Children Age 9 - 11 Years |
| 6,226 | Children under age 6 with Working Parents |
| 8,700 | School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents |

Family Economic Status

55%

NJ families who say it is very difficult or somewhat difficult to pay rent or mortgage

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

Families in Hunterdon County

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| 12,397 | Families with Children Under Age 18 |
| 10,248 | Married Couples with Children Under 18 |
| 356 | Dads Raising Children Under 18 |
| 549 | Moms Raising Children Under 18 |
| 187 | Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18 |
| 34.1% | % of Families working hybrid or remote/NJ 2024 |

55%

NJ families who say it is very difficult or somewhat difficult to pay for groceries and other food

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

Low Income Working Families in Hunterdon County

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| 2.9% | % of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty |
| 3.1% | % of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty |
| 5.9% | % of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty |
| 4.2% | % of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty |
| 66.2% | % of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty |
| 2,581 | Children Living Below 200% of Poverty |
| 10.6% | % of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty |
| 1,090 | Children under 18/Food Insecurity |
| 4.4% | % of Children under 18/Food Insecurity |

50%

NJ families who say it is very difficult or somewhat difficult to pay utility bills such as electricity or water

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

Education Related Stats for New Jersey

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| 856 | 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

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| 160 | Part C, Infants & Toddlers with an IFSP |
| 154 | Section 619, Ages 3-5 with an IEP |

County High School Graduation

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| 95.9% | High School on Time Graduate Rate (2024) |
| 86.9% | High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2024) |

Child Care Subsidies in Hunterdon County (2025)

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| 277 | Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy (Unduplicated) |
| 165 | Number of Families whose Children Received Subsidy (Unduplicated) |

Hunterdon County Child Care Prices (2025)

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| \$20,537 | Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees |
| \$14,370 | Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees |
| \$14,700 | 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) |
| Source: CCR&R child care price data (2025) and U.S. College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges, Public 4-Year Universities for 2025. | |

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 |

Source: New Jersey Department of Human Services, Maximum Child Care Payment Rates, March 1, 2025

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