

# Monmouth County Quick Facts: Children, Families, & Child Care

April 2026



## Children in Monmouth County

17,760	Children Under Age 3
32,685	Children Under Age 5
27,767	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
22,374	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
27,754	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
36,914	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

## Families in Monmouth County

69,066	Families with Children Under Age 18
50,848	Married Couples with Children Under 18
1,940	Dads Raising Children Under 18
7,555	Moms Raising Children Under 18
1,921	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18
34.1%	% of Families working hybrid or remote/NJ 2024

## Low Income Working Families in Monmouth County

5.1%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
8.3%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
5.6%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
7.9%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
37.4%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
23,647	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
18%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
9,980	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
7.4%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity

## Education Related Stats for New Jersey

4,267	Full-day Preschool/County (2024-2025)	
12,003	Enrolled in Head Start (includes 3,592 in Early Head Start) State-wide 2025	
<b>2019</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>NJ NAEP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Results</b>
16%	20%	% of White 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade Level
42%	51%	% of Hispanic 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade Level
46%	47%	% of Black 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade Level
45%	51%	% of Low-Income 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	

## 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

**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

**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

## County Early Intervention/Special Education

1,233	Part C, Infants & Toddlers with an IFSP
1,146	Section 619, Ages 3-5 with an IEP

## County High School Graduation

93.2%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2024)
87.8%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2024)

## Child Care Subsidies in Monmouth County (2025)

4,001	Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy (Unduplicated)
2,426	Number of Families whose Children Received Subsidy (Unduplicated)

## Monmouth County Child Care Prices (2025)

\$19,872	Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees
\$17,400	Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees
\$15,480	Family Child Care Home Infant Annual Fees
\$12,492	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 4/1/26	Center Providers				Family Child Care Providers			
	Child Age Group	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
Infant	\$1,591.66	\$1,746.19	\$19,100	\$20,954.28	\$1,217.56	\$1,452.54	\$14,611	\$17,430.48
Toddler	\$1,417.54	\$1,500.55	\$17,010	\$18,006.60	\$1,217.56	\$1,374.11	\$14,611	\$16,489.32
Preschooler	\$1,265.66	\$1,357.41	\$15,188	\$16,288.92	\$1,067.23	\$1,321.83	\$12,807	\$15,861.96
School-age	\$1,193.54	\$0.00	\$14,322	\$0.00	\$1,061.95	\$1,061.95	\$12,743	\$12,743.40

Source: New Jersey Department of Human Services, Maximum Child Care Payment Rates, April 2026

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