

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

March 2026



Children in Passaic County

17,367	Children Under Age 3
32,622	Children Under Age 5
26,890	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
20,561	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
25,826	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
34,946	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 Passaic County

59,843	Families with Children Under Age 18
32,047	Married Couples with Children Under 18
2,313	Dads Raising Children Under 18
12,925	Moms Raising Children Under 18
3,279	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 Passaic County

22.4%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
16.8%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
19.8%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
15.1%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
43.9%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
47,200	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
38.3%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
20,520	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
16.7%	% 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

2,887	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

1,352	Part C, Infants & Toddlers with an IFSP
1,109	Section 619, Ages 3-5 with an IEP

County High School Graduation

90.8%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2024)
89.2%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2024)

Child Care Subsidies in Passaic County (2025)

8,493	Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy (Unduplicated)
5,615	Number of Families whose Children Received Subsidy (Unduplicated)

Passaic County Child Care Prices (2025)

\$19,500	Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees
\$17,280	Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees
\$13,164	Family Child Care Home Infant Annual Fees
\$12,000	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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