

Overall Rank

**2** ECONOMIC WELL-BEING  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY
<b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b> US: 14,116,000   NJ: 285,000	22% 2010	14% 2010
	19% 2016 BETTER	15% 2016 WORSE
<b>CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT</b> US: 20,692,000   NJ: 469,000	33% 2010	27% 2010
	28% 2016 BETTER	24% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN</b> US: 23,556,000   NJ: 771,000	41% 2010	48% 2010
	32% 2016 BETTER	39% 2016 BETTER
<b>TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</b> US: 1,176,000   NJ: 24,000	9% 2010	8% 2010
	7% 2016 BETTER	5% 2016 BETTER

**1** EDUCATION  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY
<b>YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL</b> US: 4,256,000   NJ: 79,000	52% 2009-11	36% 2009-11
	52% 2014-16 SAME	36% 2014-16 SAME
<b>FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING</b> US: N.A.   NJ: N.A.	68% 2009	60% 2009
	65% 2017 BETTER	51% 2017 BETTER
<b>EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH</b> US: N.A.   NJ: N.A.	67% 2009	56% 2009
	67% 2017 SAME	56% 2017 SAME
<b>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME</b> US: N.A.   NJ: N.A.	21% 2010-11	17% 2010-11
	16% 2015-16 BETTER	10% 2015-16 BETTER

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## 3 HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY
<b>LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES</b> US: 321,839   NJ: 8,272	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2016 WORSE
		8.2% 2010
		8.1% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</b> US: 3,277,000   NJ: 70,000	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER
		6% 2010
		4% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000</b> US: 20,360   NJ: 378	26 2010	26 2016 SAME
		18 2010
		18 2016 SAME
<b>TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS</b> US: 1,148,000   NJ: 27,000	N.A. 2009-10	5% 2015-16
		N.A. 2009-10
		4% 2015-16

## 15 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Rank

	UNITED STATES	NEW JERSEY
<b>CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES</b> US: 24,267,000   NJ: 589,000	34% 2010	35% 2016 WORSE
		29% 2010
		31% 2016 WORSE
<b>CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b> US: 9,989,000   NJ: 196,000	15% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER
		10% 2010
		10% 2016 SAME
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS</b> US: 9,448,000   NJ: 183,000	13% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 SAME
		7% 2008-12
		9% 2012-16 WORSE
<b>TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000</b> US: 209,809   NJ: 3,060	34 2010	20 2016 BETTER
		20 2010
		11 2016 BETTER