

State Population (2001)¹

8,484,431*

State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)²

2,087,558*

State Poverty Rate (2001)³

6.4%

State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)⁴

9.1%

State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)⁵

8.9%

*Estimated

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 38,330 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in New Jersey, a rate of 18.4 per 1,000 children—a 29% decrease from 1990.⁶
- In 2000, 8,727 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in New Jersey, a rate of 4.2 per 1,000 children—a 5% decrease from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 2.2 were neglected, 1.0 were physically abused, and 0.4 were sexually abused.⁷
- In 2000, 37 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.⁸
- On September 30, 2000, 9,794 children in New Jersey lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 9,494 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 37.6% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 13.1% were 16 or older.⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in New Jersey declined from 105,687 in December 2001 to 99,600 in June 2002, a decrease of 5.8%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 40,721, a 4.7% decrease from December 2001.¹⁰
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in New Jersey was 37% below the federal poverty level.¹¹
- In 2000, New Jersey spent \$321,655,619 in TANF funds, including 68.9% on cash assistance and 1.5% on transportation and support activities.¹²
- In 2000, 28,563 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.¹³
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New Jersey was \$980 per month, or 118.9% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.¹⁴

CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 34,000 New Jersey children were in subsidized child care—10% of all eligible children.¹⁵
- In 2001, 15,329 New Jersey children were served by Head Start, a 5.0% increase from 2000.¹⁶
- In 1999, 87.3% of high school seniors graduated in New Jersey, compared with 86.5% in 1998.¹⁷
- In 1998, 460,440 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—53.7% of the state's total enrollees.¹⁸
- In 2001, New Jersey had 99,847 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 10.8% increase from 2000, when 89,034 children were enrolled.¹⁹
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 34 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.²⁰
- As of December 2001, 43,068 adults and adolescents, as well as 756 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey.²¹
- In 2000, an estimated 110,186 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in New Jersey.²²

P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N

- Of the 4,109 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 71.3% were reunited with their birthfamilies.²³
- Of the 9,794 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 7.2% were living with relatives while in care.²⁴
- In 2001, 834 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in New Jersey, a .09% increase from 2000.²⁵
- In 2001, more than 76,656 New Jersey grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.²⁶

For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.

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