

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

March 2025



**Child Care
Resources**

Children in Monmouth County

19,401	Children Under Age 3
32,443	Children Under Age 5
26,044	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
21,423	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
27,343	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
35,607	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

Families in Monmouth County

72,483	Families with Children Under Age 18
53,922	Married Couples with Children Under 18
1,708	Dads Raising Children Under 18
6,614	Moms Raising Children Under 18
1,201	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18
34.1%	% of Families working hybrid or remote/NJ

Low Income Working Families in Monmouth County

10.6%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
6.4%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
7%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
7.3%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
14.5%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
22,792	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
17.3%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
8,790	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
6.6%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity

Education Related Stats for New Jersey

4,178		Full-day Preschool/County (2023)
14,817		Enrolled in Head Start (includes 3,614 in Early Head Start) State-wide
2019	2024	NJ NAEP 4 th 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
103,054		NJ Children Age 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2020-2021)
8%		% of Age 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade/NJ

Family Economic Status

1,089,335

New Jersey households with children who have struggled to pay household expenses in the past week.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [August 20 – September 16, 2024](#)

247,784

New Jersey families with children behind on last month's rent payment.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [August 20 – September 16, 2024](#)

371,644

New Jersey families with children who sometimes or often do not have enough to eat

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [August 20 – September 16, 2024](#)

County Early Intervention/Special Education

1,153	Part C, Infants & Toddlers with an IFSP
1,080	Section 619, Ages 3-5 with an IEP

County High School Graduation

94.1%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2023)
91.6%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2023)

Child Care Subsidies in Monmouth County (2024)

4,006	Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidy (Unduplicated)
2,491	Number of Families whose Children Received Subsidy (Unduplicated)

Monmouth County Child Care Prices (2024)

\$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
\$17,050	NJ Annual Cost of 4-Year Public College Tuition & Related Fees for In-State Residents (2024)
*2023 NJ Child Care Market Rate Survey, 75% Percentile (i.e., parents have choices among 75% of providers in the community)	

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).

Monmouth	Center Providers				Family Child Care Providers			
Child Age Group	75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees)	State Assistance Monthly Rate (4-Star GNJK)	75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized	State Assistance Rate Annualized	75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees)	State Assistance Monthly Rate (4-Star GNJK)	75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized	State Assistance Rate Annualized
Infant	\$1,656	\$1,741.84	\$19,872	\$20,902.08	\$1,290	\$1,452.54	\$15,480	\$17,430.48
Toddler	\$1,535	\$1,496.81	\$18,420	\$17,961.72	\$1,188	\$1,374.11	\$14,256	\$16,489.32
Preschooler	\$1,450	\$1,354.02	\$17,400	\$16,248.24	\$1,041	\$1,321.83	\$12,492	\$15,861.96
School-age	\$1,400	\$1,190.56	\$16,800	\$14,286.72	\$1,041	\$1,211.53	\$12,492	\$14,538.36

Source: [2023 NJ Child Care Market Rate Survey](#), Prepared by the School of Social Work, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, for New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (2024).

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