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Introduction

How to use the Paterson Data Book

Beginning in 2011, Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) started publishing the Paterson Kids Count Data Book, a one-stop source for child well-being data on the state's third largest city. Paterson Kids Count includes the latest statistics, along with five-year trend data, in the following areas: demographics, family economic security, child health, child protection, child care, education and teens.

Paterson Kids Count 2022 looks a bit different than previous data books. In particular, American Community Survey five-year estimates are used instead of the one-year estimates. This is due to data quality issues with one-year 2020 estimates because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The five-year estimates are an average of data collected over five years and are recognized as a more reliable representation of trends.

Policymakers, including elected officials and government agencies, use the data to make informed decisions.

Service providers use the data to improve their response to emerging child-related issues in their communities and cities.

Grant writers use the data to write proposals and solicit support for programs that help children and families.

Concerned residents become better, more informed advocates using the data to identify and address problems facing children and families in their community.

A few things to remember:

- **Moments and Trends.** ACNJ collects and displays data for multiple years, including the most recent year available. The most recent moment may tell us one fact (such as the number of births in a given year), while the trend line tells us something else (births to teens declined over the last five years).
- **Geographic Comparisons.** ACNJ compares Paterson data to Passaic County and New Jersey statewide data where available. These comparisons help tell whether trends are occurring equally in all places (such as the unemployment rate, p. 15) or whether trends are changing faster in one place (such as the number of foreign-born children, p. 8).
- **Calculations and Data Sources.** When using this book, please take into account that some percentages and numbers are based on estimates. Smaller geographies, like cities, counties or school districts, sometimes result in suppressed data or significant margins of error. Additionally, certain indicators represent different points in time such as school years, fiscal years or calendar years. Please review the data sources listed at the end of each section for further information on individual indicators.





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A Letter from Advocates for Children of New Jersey



Cecilia Zalkind
President & CEO

It will be a long time before we know the true impact of COVID-19 on the children of Paterson in terms of health (both mental and physical), learning loss, food insecurity and household stability. Kids Count typically compares child well-being indicators to prior years to see whether the data show improvement or regression. But, because of COVID-19, some of the data collected previously are not available or are not comparable to data from prior years. Data on chronic absenteeism and participation in school meals, for example, were acutely affected because students attended school virtually.

Fortunately, New Jersey is opening up, and I am very happy that we are able to share *Paterson Kids Count 2022* with you. While there are a few indicators from prior reports that are not included this year, there are plenty of data for us to begin to get a sense of how the children and youth of Paterson are doing compared to their peers in the rest of Passaic County and the state.

I am particularly excited that this is ACNJ's third Paterson Kids Count report. Like this year, the earlier Paterson reports were done in partnership with the Paterson Alliance, who developed an advocacy agenda with specific goals based on the data in the first report, offering a unique advocacy opportunity. Data in the second report, five years later, showed exciting gains: more children were receiving school breakfast, enrolled in preschool and had health insurance. A wonderful example of advocacy in action!

The Paterson Kids Count data reports are possible due to the generous support of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and The Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation, as well as the hard work and dedication of the Paterson Alliance and the Paterson Early Childhood Coalition. These groups of dedicated individuals provided the stories behind the numbers to make the data report even more valuable for policymakers, community leaders and advocates.

A Letter from the Mayor of Paterson



André Sayegh
Mayor City of Paterson

Paterson Kids Count 2022 provides a statistical profile of children living in Paterson New Jersey's third largest city, with data on a range of child well-being measures, including poverty, health, education and child protection. The report is particularly timely as we begin to assess the impact of COVID-19 and the state shut down on our community and our families. I am thankful to the Paterson Alliance for the contribution of its members to the report, sharing some of the stories behind the data. Thanks to our successful efforts in Census 2020, we will build on our Paterson Counts initiative.

The welfare of our children is personal for me. My wife Farhanna and I are raising our three children here in Paterson, the city in which I was born and raised. My goal is to make Paterson more family-friendly.

A special thanks to The Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation for their generous support which enabled Advocates for Children of New Jersey to gather the data and publish the report.

As we continue to learn more and gather data concerning the impact of COVID-19 on our children and families, *Paterson Kids Count 2022* provides a baseline from which we all can see whether the numbers show improvement or regression.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AS', written in a cursive style.

Sincerely,
André Sayegh, Mayor City of Paterson

A Letter from Paterson Alliance



Rev. Carolyn McCombs
President

We are so excited to have *Paterson Kids Count 2022*, a baseline of data, from which we can begin to see the impact of COVID-19 on our community and determine how best to address the needs of our children and families.

Our prior *Paterson Kids Counts* in 2011 and 2015 gave us data and direction. The data led us to make strides in increasing school breakfast participation by offering ‘Breakfast After the Bell,’ increasing the number of children with health insurance, improving reading proficiency and increasing enrollment in high-quality preschool. We hope the data from our *Paterson Kids Count 2022* will give us the opportunity to achieve even more.

We want to thank our committee members who contributed to the data discussions that resulted in this report and those who went the extra mile to provide information concerning a few of the programs happening in Paterson. These stories behind the data provide a better picture of the Paterson community and the resilience of our city.



Inge Spungen
Executive Director

A special thank you goes to The Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation and Melissa Litwin for their support of this project as well as of the Paterson Alliance.

The Paterson Alliance is a member-led and member-engaged organization, which today includes 90 nonprofit agencies operating in the city of Paterson and beyond. Uniting nonprofit and community partners, the Alliance serves as the voice of Paterson’s nonprofit community, combining the knowledge, experience and resources of our member agencies to create a vibrant Paterson.

We invite you to join us as we discuss the data and find opportunities to collaborate to improve the lives of Paterson residents. All are welcome!

A Letter from Paterson Public Schools



Eileen F. Shafer, M.Ed.
Superintendent
Paterson Public Schools

The publication of Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ)'s *Paterson Kids Count* report provides a comprehensive examination of Paterson's children and families. It also serves as a guide for the future of providing for the needs of Paterson's children.

When the last *Paterson Kids Count* report was published in 2015, no one could have predicted what the Paterson Public School District would face in the coming years. The COVID-19 pandemic challenged everyone in ways we had never seen before. But just as the district met students' nutritional needs through the *Breakfast After the Bell Program*, we applied those tools to meet nutritional needs by providing more than 3 million meals to students while our school buildings were closed due to the pandemic.

As we look to the future, it is our hope to build on the strong foundation we have laid with the help of ACNJ and its *Paterson Kids Count*. Just as the 2011 and 2015 *Paterson Kids Count* reports provided data that led to increased access to reliable health insurance for Paterson's children and increased enrollment in Paterson's free high-quality preschool, we hope this report will lead to positive changes for our children.

I want to thank everyone who made the publication of the *Paterson Kids Count 2022* report possible, including Paterson Alliance Executive Director Inge Spungen, and everyone at ACNJ and the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation. Through your continuing dedication to Paterson's children, you are helping to pave the way to a brighter future for everyone.

Sincerely,

Eileen F. Shafer, M.Ed.

1 Demographics

Demographic Trends

For the past ten years, the population of children under 18 in Paterson has been stable. The number of births to foreign-born mothers decreased by 6% in 2020 from 2016. In 2020, births to foreign-born women comprised 58% of the city's total births. In the past ten years, the number of foreign-born children has increased by 31%.



Total Population

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	146,987	145,484	-1
Passaic County	507,574	502,763	-1
New Jersey	8,904,413	8,885,418	0
Paterson's % of Passaic County	29	29	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	

Child Population Under Age 18

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	39,904	39,325	-1
Passaic County	124,208	119,891	-3
New Jersey	2,023,313	1,953,453	-3
Paterson's % of Passaic County	32	33	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	

Child Population Under Age 5

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	11,788	11,490	-3
Passaic County	35,169	33,815	-4
New Jersey	533,644	518,349	-3

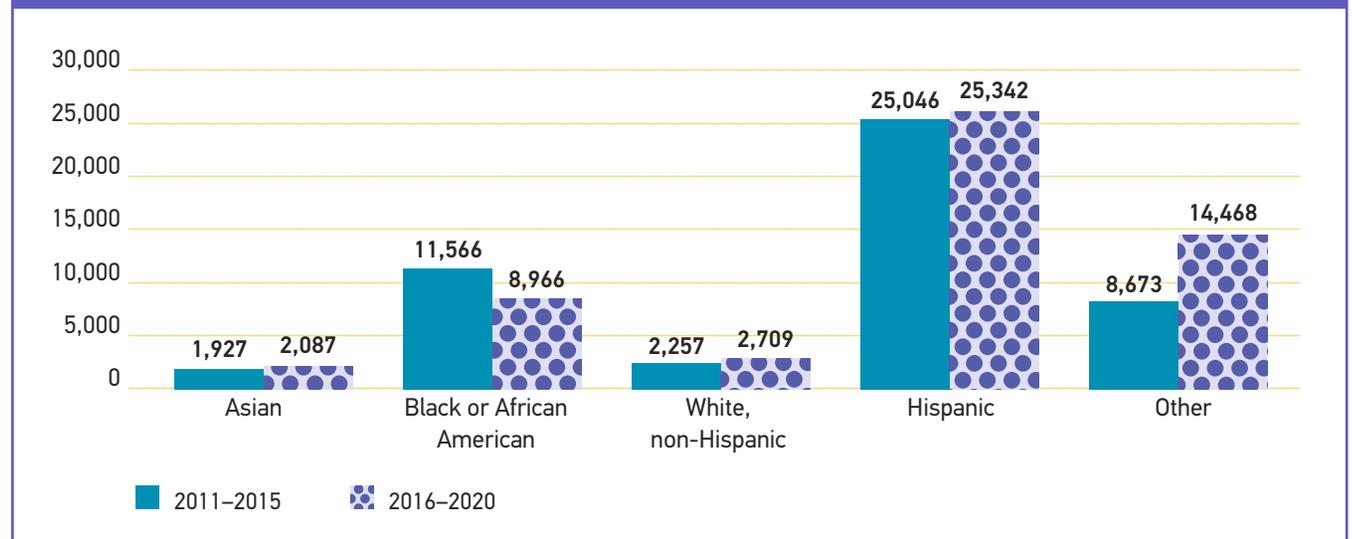


Paterson's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2011-2015		2016-2020		% Change 16-20
	Number	%	Number	%	
Asian	1,927	5	2,087	5	8
Black or African American	11,566	29	8,966	23	-22
White, non-Hispanic	2,257	6	2,709	7	20
Hispanic	25,046	63	25,342	64	1
Other	8,673	22	14,468	37	67

Note: Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as Hispanics could be of any race.

Paterson's Child Population Under 18 by Race



1 Demographics

Foreign-Born Children

	2011-2015		2016-2020		% Change Number
	Number	%	Number	%	
Paterson	4,249	11	5,570	14	31
Passaic County	8,740	7	9,816	8	12
New Jersey	108,158	5	113,034	6	5

Total Births

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	% Change 16-20
Paterson	2,627	2,637	2,610	2,397	2,398	-9
Passaic County	6,821	6,786	6,548	6,375	6,242	-8
New Jersey	102,473	101,159	101,171	99,305	97,143	-5

* 2020 data are preliminary.

Births to Foreign-Born Mothers

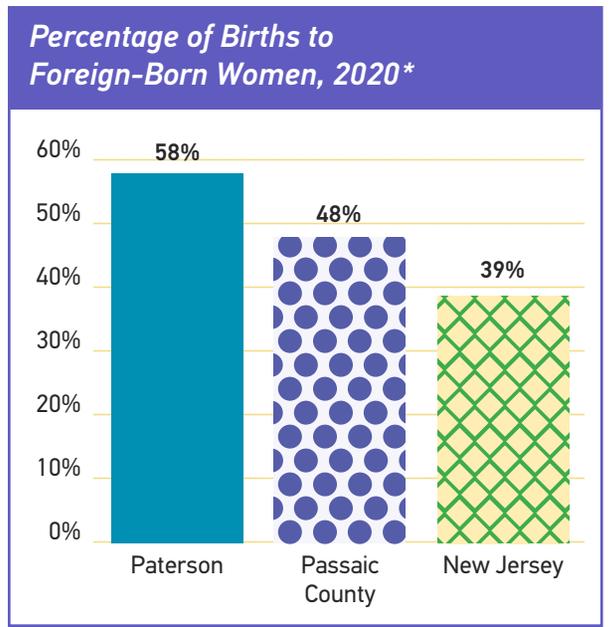
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	% Change 16-20
Paterson	1,487	1,592	1,547	1,415	1,402	-6
Passaic County	3,345	3,436	3,297	3,074	3,002	-10
New Jersey	41,443	41,150	40,743	39,691	37,528	-9

* 2020 data are preliminary.

Number of Births by Marital Status

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020*			% Change 16-20		
	Married	Not Married	Unknown	Married	Not Married	Unknown												
Paterson	1,079	1,535	13	1,141	1,479	17	1,092	1,494	24	1,033	1,341	23	952	1,417	29	-12	-8	123
Passaic County	3,845	2,884	92	3,927	2,753	106	3,778	2,651	119	3,708	2,547	120	3,580	2,550	112	-7	-12	22
New Jersey	64,979	32,617	4,877	64,712	31,511	4,936	64,651	31,307	5,213	63,460	30,594	5,251	62,185	30,383	4,575	-4	-7	-6

* 2020 data are preliminary.



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Languages Spoken in the Home, Paterson

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Percentage of population age 5 & over who only speak English in the home	38.3	34.9
Percentage of population age 5 & over who speak a language other than English in the home	61.7	65.1
Percentage of those ages 5-17, who speak a language other than English		
Spanish	10.1	11.5
Other Indo-European languages	1.0	1.1
Asian & Pacific Islander languages	0.1	0.2
Other languages	0.6	0.6



What is a Household?

Household is a specific term used by the U.S. Census Bureau in its surveys. The census definition, however, may conflict with the traditional idea of what a household might be. When looking at census data, a household is one person or multiple people occupying a single housing unit.¹ For example, two unrelated roommates, a multigenerational family and a single individual are all considered households under the census definition.

Households Headed by One Parent

	2011-2015		2016-2020		% Change Number
	Number	%	Number	%	
Paterson	10,829	57	11,098	56	2
Passaic County	23,233	38	24,191	39	4
New Jersey	338,107	31	316,486	30	-6

**Data are reflecting households with one or more people under 18 years.*

Multigenerational Households

Many children in New Jersey live with a grandparent. Sometimes, that grandparent is the child's legal guardian, and in other cases, the child simply shares a home with that grandparent. We report two different census measures of these trends. The first tracks grandparents who cared for their grandchildren at any point during the year. The second refers to children who live in the same home as the grandparent. Since 2015, Paterson has seen a 17% increase in the number of grandchildren living with a grandparent. Sometimes, that grandparent is the child's legal guardian, and in other cases, the child simply shares a home with that grandparent.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	1,325	1,062	-20
Passaic County	2,943	2,752	-6
New Jersey	49,177	43,107	-12

Number of Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	4,291	5,038	17
Passaic County	9,190	11,685	27
New Jersey	119,742	128,949	8

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Population Under Age 5, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001 using 5-year estimates.

Paterson's Child Population Under 18 by Race, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001D, B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I using 5-year estimates. Black or African American and Other categories may include individuals who identified as Hispanic.

Foreign-Born Children, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003 using 5-year estimates.

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Number of Births by Marital Status, 2016–2020. As reported by the NJ Department of Health, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data, New Jersey Birth Certificate Database. Data accessed as of February 18, 2022.

Languages Spoken in the Home, Paterson, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart S1601 using 5-year estimates. Data are for languages spoken in the home for population 5 years and above. Languages are specified for ages 5 to 17.

Households Headed by One Parent, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005. Includes family and non-family households. Data are for households with children under age 18 using 5-year estimates.

Number of Grandparents Caring for Their Grandchildren, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050 using 5-year estimates.

Number of Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2011–2015 and 2016–2020. As reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001 using 5-year estimates.



2 Family Economic Security

What Does Poverty Mean?

Since the late 1950s, the federal government has used the poverty threshold to determine the number of individuals living in poverty within the United States. The measure is based on the cost of a basic food diet and adjusted for inflation and family size. The same poverty threshold is used for the entire nation and does not account for the higher cost of living in certain states like New Jersey, where 200% of the poverty threshold, or an annual

income of \$55,500 for a family of four, is more reflective of the families struggling to make ends meet. While the poverty threshold is produced by the U.S. Census Bureau, federal poverty guidelines—used to determine eligibility for certain federal programs—are released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s thresholds.

Number of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson			
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	8,283	5,562	-33
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	16,058	13,606	-15
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	27,710	24,707	-11
Passaic County			
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	15,269	11,858	-22
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	31,179	27,354	-12
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	58,462	51,559	-12
New Jersey			
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	144,236	110,113	-24
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	310,861	257,552	-17
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	633,639	564,337	-11

*FPL = Federal Poverty Level.

Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged Children Under Age 18

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Paterson		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	20	15
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	38	38
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	66	68
Passaic County		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	18	16
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	37	37
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	70	70
New Jersey		
Extreme Poverty (Below 50% of FPL)	15	13
Poverty (Below 100% of FPL)	33	31
Low-Income (Below 200% of FPL)	67	67

2020 Federal Poverty Thresholds for a Family of Four:

50%	\$13,123
100%	\$26,246
200%	\$52,492

Total Population Living Below the Federal Poverty Level

	2011-2015		2016-2020		% Change Number
	Number	%	Number	%	
Paterson	42,288	29	36,270	25	-14
Passaic County	83,203	17	73,484	15	-12
New Jersey	944,847	11	842,704	10	-11

Families with Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Level

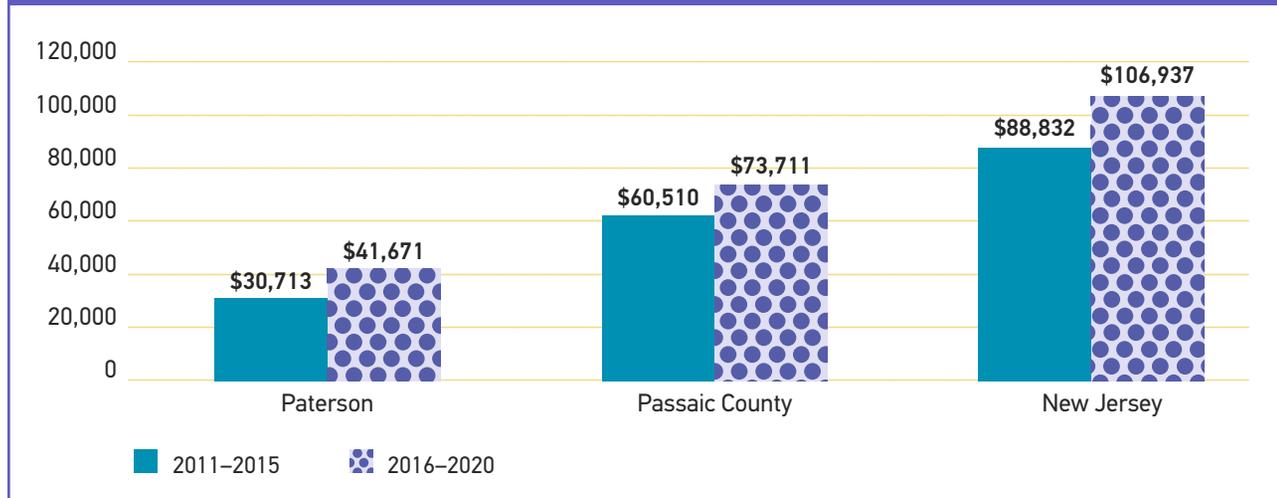
	2011-2015		2016-2020		% Change Number
	Number	%	Number	%	
Paterson	6,833	36	5,957	31	-13
Passaic County	12,526	21	11,506	19	-8
New Jersey	136,591	13	112,414	11	-18

2 Family Economic Security

Median Income of Families with Children

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	\$30,713	\$41,671	36
Passaic County	\$60,510	\$73,711	22
New Jersey	\$88,823	\$106,937	20

Median Income of Families with Children



Unemployment Rate

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*	% Change 17-21
Paterson	8.2	7.4	6.3	18.5	10.2	24
Passaic County	5.6	4.9	4.2	12.6	6.6	18
New Jersey	4.5	4.0	3.4	9.5	6.3	40

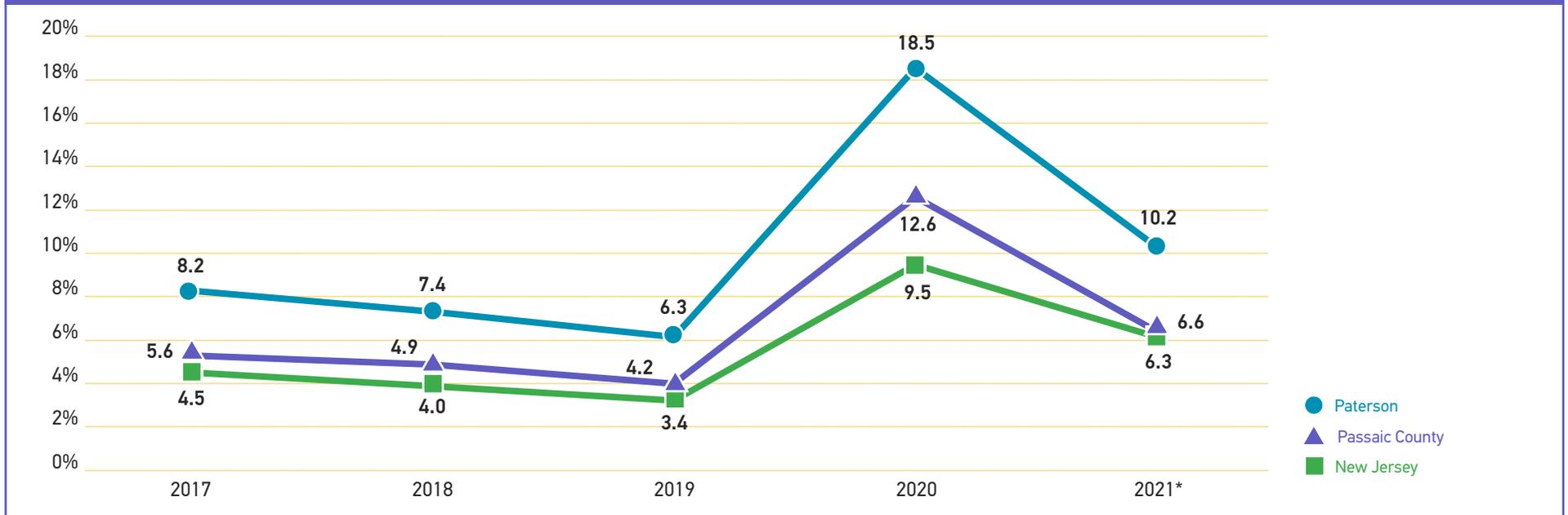
*Passaic County and Paterson are using preliminary December data for 2021.

Number Unemployed

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*	% Change 17-21
Paterson	4,973	4,429	3,835	11,829	6,122	23
Passaic County	13,549	11,776	10,133	30,894	15,734	16
New Jersey	208,802	183,156	158,533	439,667	295,690	42

*Passaic County and Paterson are using preliminary December data for 2021.

Unemployment Rate



*Passaic County and Paterson are using preliminary December data for 2021.

2 Family Economic Security

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, All Recipients

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			% Change 16-20		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.
Paterson	25,666	\$22,756,017	\$887	25,827	\$23,181,352	\$898	26,110	\$24,844,181	\$952	26,164	\$26,142,359	\$999	24,515	\$22,763,105	\$929	-4	0	5
Passaic County	49,038	\$41,169,629	\$840	49,100	\$41,583,387	\$847	49,593	\$44,640,684	\$900	49,619	\$47,067,976	\$949	47,973	\$41,558,207	\$866	-2	1	3
New Jersey	533,493	\$404,766,950	\$759	527,918	\$401,994,016	\$761	535,604	\$437,879,738	\$818	533,696	\$458,061,028	\$858	552,559	\$420,844,796	\$762	4	4	0

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least One Dependent Under Age 19

	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			% Change 16-20		
	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.	# Credits Issued	Total Amt. of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amt.
Paterson	18,375	\$20,829,401	\$1,134	18,479	\$21,259,003	\$1,150	18,662	\$22,740,782	\$1,219	18,275	\$23,817,226	\$1,303	16,888	\$20,803,532	\$1,232	-8	0	9
Passaic County	32,340	\$35,979,280	\$1,113	32,162	\$36,149,072	\$1,124	33,104	\$39,457,792	\$1,192	32,295	\$41,387,182	\$1,282	30,727	\$37,328,617	\$1,215	-5	4	9
New Jersey	340,535	\$361,614,068	\$1,062	335,848	\$358,780,285	\$1,068	345,869	\$391,301,464	\$1,131	334,737	\$407,595,791	\$1,218	317,886	\$367,807,942	\$1,157	-7	2	9

The New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit

Tax credits are a vital economic support for many low-income working families and an advantage to New Jersey businesses, as many of these dollars are spent in the communities where these families live. The New Jersey State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) rewards work and increases take-home pay for families by lowering the amount of taxes owed and, in some instances, providing a refund. New Jersey's EITC increased from 20% of

the Federal EITC in 2014 to 30% in 2015 and 35% in 2016, giving the state's working poor a financial boost. Former Governor Chris Christie signed this increase into law in 2015, after cutting the state EITC from 25% to 20% of the federal EITC in 2010. In 2020, the average credit amount received among Paterson families with at least one dependent under age 19 was \$1,232.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		% Change 15-19	
	Number of Claims	Avg. Claim Amt.										
Paterson	28,700	\$2,689	28,450	\$2,682	28,740	\$2,712	28,370	\$2,738	28,680	\$2,711	0	1
Passaic County	55,700	\$2,527	55,060	\$2,529	55,000	\$2,550	54,100	\$2,581	54,460	\$2,563	-2	1
New Jersey	630,960	\$2,303	618,500	\$2,296	613,480	\$2,313	599,490	\$2,338	602,850	\$2,320	-4	1

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	2,493	1,709	1,384	1,484	1,342	-46
Passaic County	3,838	2,762	2,194	2,162	1,961	-49
New Jersey	28,458	23,582	19,113	22,079	17,301	-39

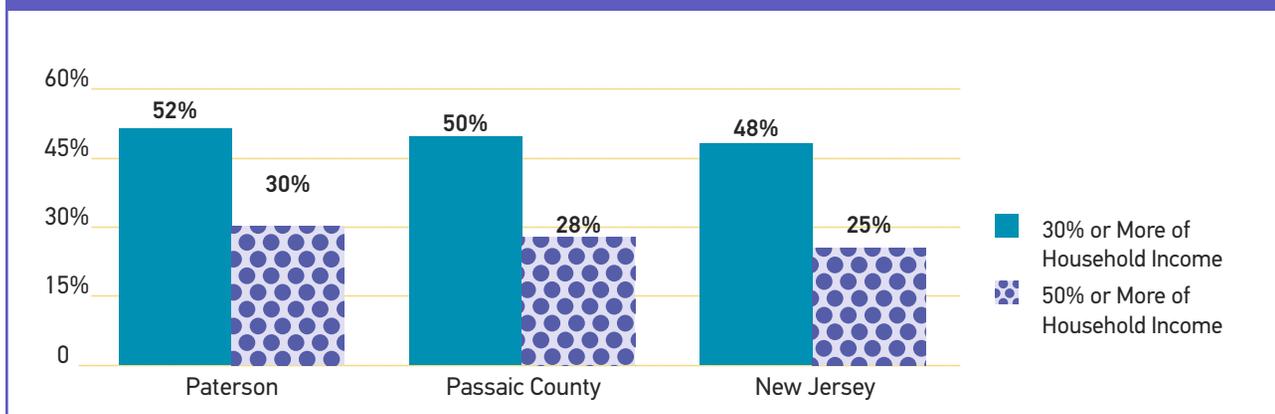
Median Rent

	2011-2015	2016-2020	% Change
Paterson	\$1,112	\$1,213	9
Passaic County	\$1,184	\$1,310	11
New Jersey	\$1,192	\$1,368	15

Percentage of Households Spending 30% or More of Their Income on Rent

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Paterson	62	52
Passaic County	58	50
New Jersey	51	48

Percentage of Households Spending Too Much on Rent, 2016-2020



What is TANF?

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, more commonly referred to as welfare, provides cash assistance to needy families through a federally funded block grant given to individual states. The State of New Jersey operates the welfare reform program known as WorkFirst NJ using TANF funds. WorkFirst NJ participants are eligible for the program for a maximum of five years. For more information on WorkFirst NJ, visit <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/workfirstnj/>.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units that are Owner-Occupied

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Paterson	27	26
Passaic County	54	52
New Jersey	65	64

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing Costs

	2011-2015	2016-2020
Paterson	68	54
Passaic County	50	41
New Jersey	42	34

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	25,740	24,551	22,639	19,413	24,322	-6
Passaic County	49,346	46,733	42,924	43,178	46,155	-6
New Jersey	373,920	353,883	317,566	326,357	393,310	5
Paterson's % of Passaic County	52	53	53	45	53	
Paterson's % of NJ	7	7	7	6	6	

Individuals Enrolled in WIC

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	9,198	9,397	9,579	8,830	9,463	3
Passaic County	16,712	16,024	15,994	15,107	16,008	-4
New Jersey	163,305	155,822	161,234	152,981	159,310	-2

What are SNAP and WIC?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest food safety net program in the United States, providing low-income families with nutritious food. Eligible New Jersey applicants have an income of no more than 185% of the federal poverty guidelines or roughly \$49,025 for a family of four in 2021.

The Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides supplemental nutritious food to pregnant, breastfeeding

and postpartum women, infants and children up to the age of five. WIC is available to New Jersey households with incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. WIC enrollment and participation reached a low point in 2020, with numbers on the rise again in 2021 across all three geographics. In 2021, we see the numbers on the rise again. For more information on SNAP and WIC, visit <http://fns.usda.gov>.

Reported WIC Participants

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% Change 17-21 Number
	Number	%									
Paterson	8,600	93	8,370	89	7,838	82	7,358	83	8,596	91	0
Passaic County	15,180	91	14,286	89	13,375	84	12,687	84	14,609	91	-4
New Jersey	146,416	90	139,777	90	135,452	84	127,774	84	142,414	89	-3

Number of People Served by CUMAC*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults	18,664	17,126	16,548	25,627	16,960
Children	8,016	7,625	7,269	10,407	6,730
Seniors	4,766	4,455	4,603	5,879	4,781
Total	31,437	29,206	41,220	41,913	28,465

**Data are reflective of Passaic County.*

Percentage of People Served by CUMAC by Race*

Race	2020	2021
African American	13.1	9.3
Asian	0.3	0.3
Hispanic	66.9	69.5
Middle Eastern	0.9	1.4
Native American	0.0	0.0
Other	2.4	1.5
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.2
Unknown	14.3	15.8
White	2.0	2.0

**Data are reflective of Passaic County.*

Food Insecurities During COVID-19

Food insecurity has been an issue in New Jersey for some time. Since 2017, statewide nonprofit Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) has served 32 partners in Paterson, which includes 40 partner programs, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. But COVID-19 has since exacerbated the crisis. Food insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as “a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.” The increased participation in SNAP and WIC in 2020, along with the rise in unemployment, may be attributed to the shutdown, as fewer families were able to

afford nutritious meals. Non-profits were among the many groups to help families through the pandemic. Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community (CUMAC), the largest anti-hunger organization in northern New Jersey, fights hunger and its root causes through a holistic trauma-informed approach that provides groceries and basic necessities to families and individuals in need. CUMAC’s choice marketplace was temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic but currently operates with choice to allow community members to select the food that meets their dietary and cultural needs. The

team seeks to understand people and what they are going through in order to assist those who need support. Staff members who work in CUMAC’s Benefits Enrollment Center help people to apply for SNAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other resources that will supplement their income. In 2022, CUMAC anticipates that it will serve approximately 3,000 people monthly.

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Percentage of People Served by CUMAC by Race, 2020–2021. Number of people served by CUMAC's food banks by race. Data are reflective of Passaic County.



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The Importance of Prenatal Care

Healthy starts for Paterson infants begin with quality prenatal care early in a mother's pregnancy. Women who receive late prenatal care—or who do not receive prenatal care at all—expose their babies to a greater chance of health problems later in life. In 2020, 63% of expectant Paterson moms received prenatal care beginning in their first trimester.

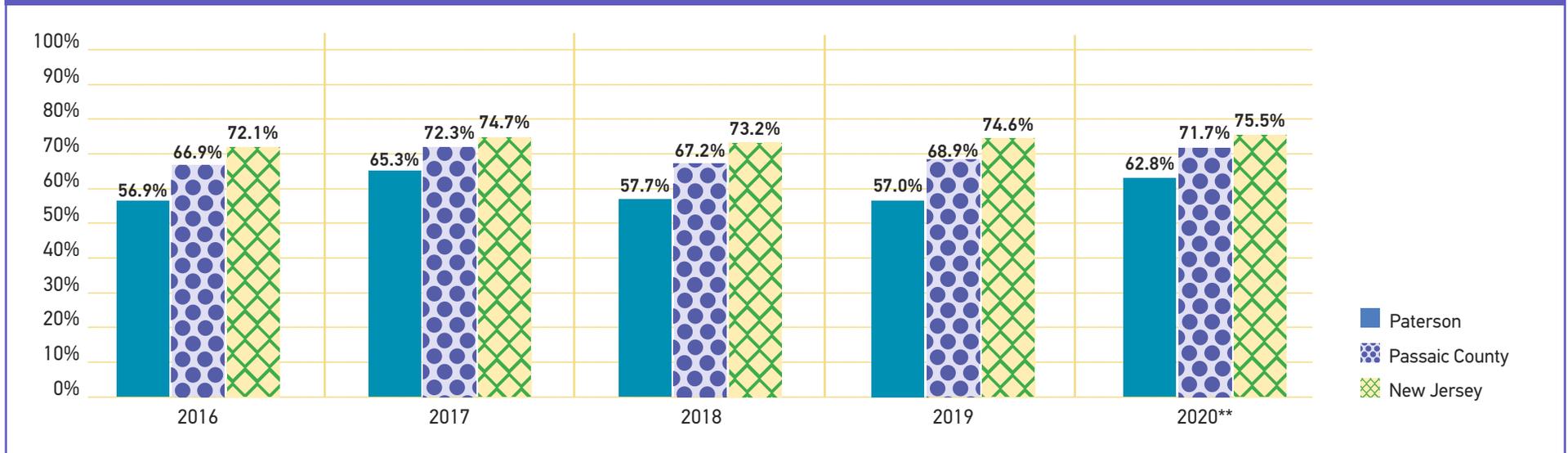
Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**	% Change 16-20
Paterson	1,495	1,723	1,506	1,367	1,505	1
Passaic County	4,562	4,906	4,403	4,395	4,477	-2
New Jersey	73,862	75,582	74,081	74,047	73,309	-1

*Early prenatal care refers to care beginning in the first trimester.

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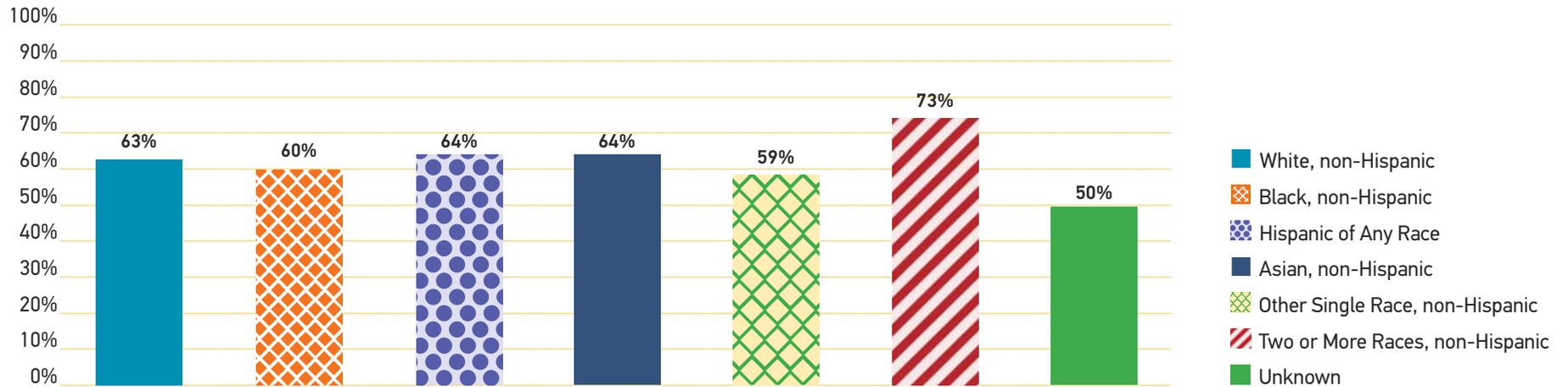
Percentage of Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care*



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** Indicates preliminary data.

Percentage of Paterson Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care by Race, 2020



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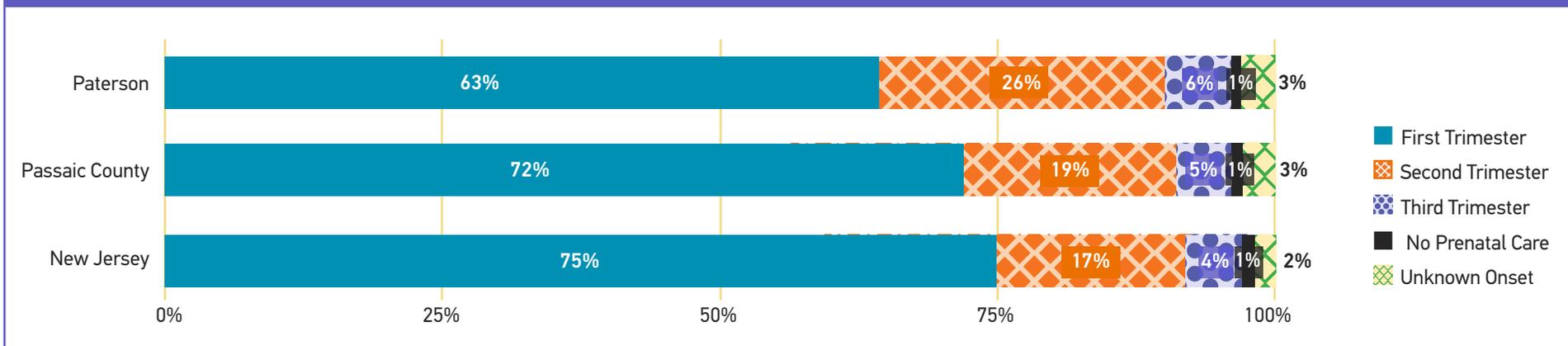
For sustainable solutions that meet the needs of expectant moms, see *Paterson Community Insights on Perinatal Health* by the St. Joseph’s Health Center for Innovation at <https://www.theinlab.org>.

Number of Paterson Births by Prenatal Care Onset*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**	% Change 16-20
First Trimester	1,495	1,723	1,506	1,367	1,505	1
Second Trimester	675	627	748	716	632	-6
Third Trimester	171	190	209	190	151	-12
No Prenatal Care	48	42	50	41	34	-29
Unknown Onset	238	55	97	83	76	-68

**2020 data are preliminary.

Percentage of Births by Prenatal Care Onset, 2020*



*2020 data are preliminary.

Percentage of Births That Were Preterm

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Paterson	12.9%	12.2%	13.8%	12.4%	13.8%
Passaic County	11.9%	10.3%	11.2%	11.2%	11.6%
New Jersey	9.9%	9.5%	9.5%	9.5%	9.3%

*2020 data are preliminary.

Percentage of Paterson Births That Were Preterm by Race

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
White, non-Hispanic	11.8	13.0	14.2	20.5	15.0
Black, non-Hispanic	16.5	13.6	18.6	16.4	15.3
Hispanic of Any Race	12.5	11.9	12.4	11.4	13.6
Asian, non-Hispanic	10.0	9.5	14.2	9.4	12.5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	**	**	**	**	**
American Indian/Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	**	**	N/A	**	N/A
Other Single Race, non-Hispanic	8.0	13.0	11.8	8.0	9.2
Two or More Races, non-Hispanic	**	**	**	**	**
Unknown	**	**	**	**	22.7

*2020 data are preliminary.

What is a Low Birthweight?

A low birthweight baby is any infant born weighing less than 2,500 grams, or roughly 5.5 pounds. Low birthweight babies may be more likely to develop certain health problems, such as respiratory distress syndrome, than infants born with normal birthweights. Long term, low birthweight babies may be at greater risk of developing chronic conditions such as diabetes.¹ In 2020, 12.5% of Paterson babies were born with low birthweights, compared to 7.7% of babies born statewide.

Babies Born with Low Birthweights

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	% Change 16-20
Paterson	269	272	270	261	300	12
Passaic County	612	539	549	573	587	-4
New Jersey	8,257	8,054	8,000	7,816	7,464	-10

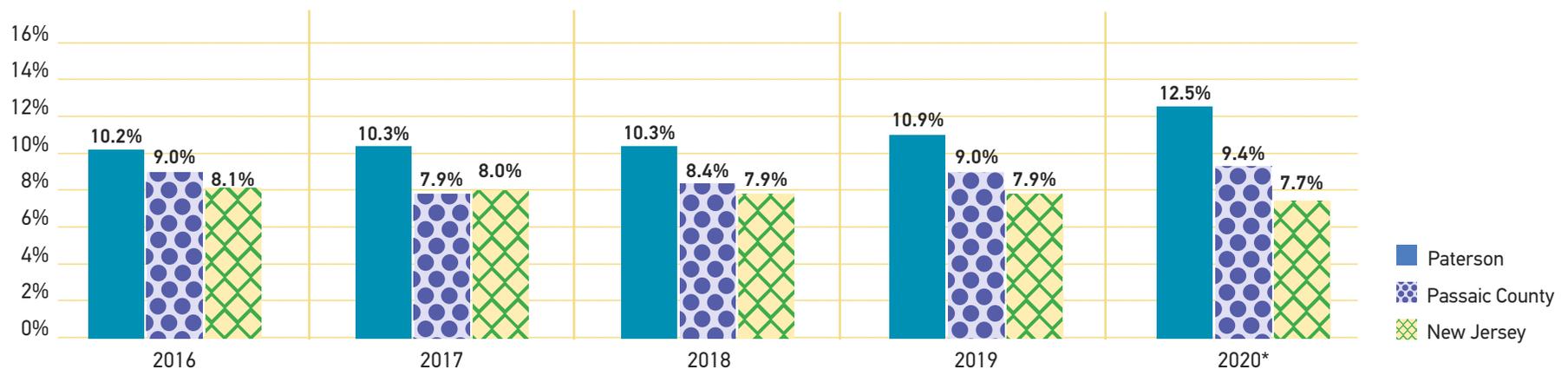
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Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	% Change 16-20
Paterson	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.9	12.5	22
Passaic County	9.0	7.9	8.4	9.0	9.4	5
New Jersey	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.7	-5

**2020 data are preliminary.*

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birthweights*



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Birth by Method of Delivery

	Paterson					Passaic County					New Jersey				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Vaginal	1,411	1,426	1,398	1,257	1,286	3,809	3,809	3,747	3,636	3,629	63,250	62,673	63,516	63,157	62,363
Vaginal Birth after C-Section	23	17	40	26	18	76	94	110	99	81	2,056	2,093	2,294	2,443	2,485
Primary C-Section	640	589	563	526	504	1,703	1,503	1,397	1,315	1,275	21,940	20,597	19,454	18,248	17,649
Repeat C-Section	551	605	608	586	587	1,229	1,379	1,293	1,322	1,253	15,171	15,750	15,864	15,289	14,599
Unknown	2	N/A	1	2	3	4	1	1	3	4	56	46	43	168	47

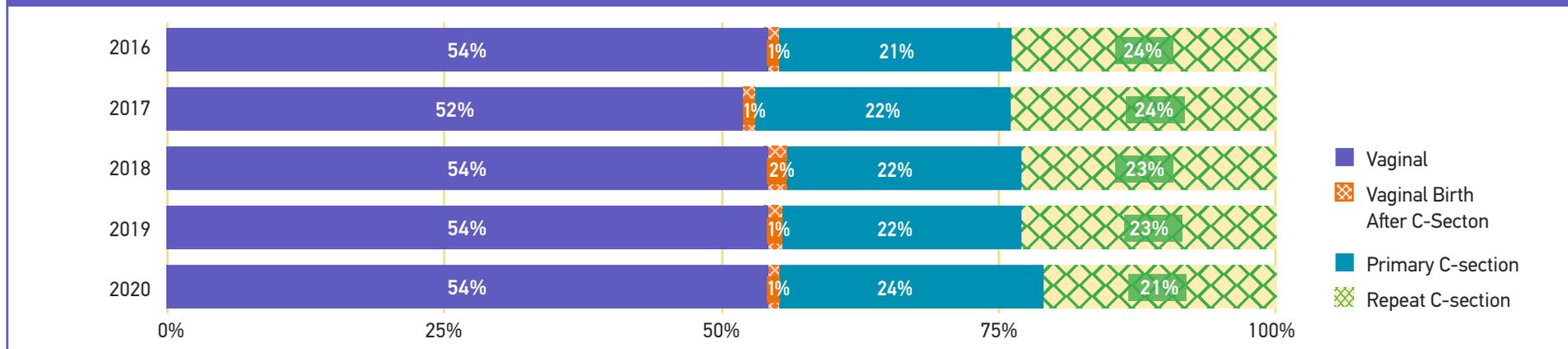
Reducing Low-Risk Cesareans in New Jersey

Efforts to reduce low-risk cesareans have been underway in New Jersey for several years. A recommendation of the Nurture NJ Strategic Plan includes provisions for birthing hospitals to attain c-section rates below national rates. In order to accomplish this, the Strategic Plan emphasizes greater education efforts on the risks associated with c-sections, so that those giving birth understand the potential downsides to receiving the surgical procedure when not medically necessary. Conversely, vaginal

births tend to result in shorter hospital stays and recovery time, as well as other benefits. For more information and data relating to maternal health, visit: <https://nj.gov/health/maternal/>.

Since 2016, more than half of babies born in Paterson have been delivered vaginally and the number of births by primary c-section have been decreasing.

Paterson Births by Method of Delivery



*Percentages reflect rounded numbers and may exceed 100% when summed.

Birth by Type of Birth Attendant

	New Jersey					Passaic County					Paterson				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Medical Doctor	82,706	80,523	79,652	77,697	75,831	5,996	5,993	5,708	5,470	5,146	2,280	2,290	2,231	2,025	1,952
Doctor of Osteopathy	11,198	11,703	12,039	11,829	11,452	396	373	342	431	556	125	102	108	134	170
Certified Nurse Midwife	7,580	7,924	8,522	8,896	9,029	394	434	463	445	511	218	230	258	227	268
Other Midwife	113	82	115	135	179	2	1	2	5	5	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a
Other	856	900	811	721	624	32	45	32	22	22	3	15	12	10	7
Unknown	20	27	32	27	28	1	n/a	1	2	2	1	n/a	n/a	1	1

Doulas Being Trained in Paterson

As of January 1, 2021, doula care is considered a maternity benefit available to NJ FamilyCare members. A doula supports pregnant individuals through pregnancy and the postpartum period with education and emotional and physical support. They may visit clients in the home/community, accompany them to clinical appointments and provide continuous labor support at the hospital.

With the support of the Turrell Fund, The Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation and The Burke Foundation, the Partnership of Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey recently started its training program for doulas in Paterson. The first class consists of a diverse group of 13 women reflecting the Paterson community who speak multiple languages, including Bengali, Arabic, Spanish and French Creole.

The initial training classes for certification were taught by Arelis Martinez and Marie Kinsella from the Partnership. Trainees are currently in the second phase of the program, observing prenatal visits, births and post visits at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Both St. Joseph’s and New Destiny Family Success Center are partners in this initiative to help reduce infant mortality in New Jersey, particularly that of African American and Black babies. The goal is for these new doulas to be fully certified by December to offer one-on-one support for birthing parents.



Receiving doula care may improve birth-related outcomes. Access to doula care is a significant part of a package of maternal health reforms aligned with NurtureNJ, a campaign led by First Lady Tammy Murphy to reduce racial disparities in maternal and infant health in New Jersey.

Thanks to Marie Kinsella, M.S., MCHES, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey, for contributing to the above.

What is New Jersey's Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board?

The New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board (CFNFRB) was formed in 1997 through the New Jersey Comprehensive Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act in an effort to determine the causes of and ways to prevent child deaths and near deaths. The board consists of six different teams, each with their own sets of responsibilities and areas of focus. Team members come from a variety of backgrounds, including law enforcement, medicine, education and the nonprofit sector. The board conducts in-depth reviews of select child death cases, such as when the cause of death may be a result of abuse or neglect or if the cause is undetermined. For more information on the CFNFRB and to review their annual reports, visit <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/boards/fatality/>.

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)

	2010-2014	2015-2019
Paterson	5.8	4.8
Passaic County	4.2	4.1
New Jersey	4.6	4.3

***Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.*

Paterson Infant Mortality Rate by Race

	2010-2014	2015-2019
Paterson Average	5.8	4.8
White, non-Hispanic	**	**
Black, non-Hispanic	8.5	9.9
Hispanic of Any Race	4.1	2.6
Asian, non-Hispanic	**	**
Other Race, non-Hispanic	**	**

**Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.*

*** Number is suppressed.*

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Paterson	2	4	6	7	5
Passaic County	12	14	9	16	11
New Jersey	191	185	158	194	169

Asthma Admissions to the Hospital (Ages 0-17)*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	181	151	143	112	38	-79
Passaic County	270	233	230	166	64	-76
New Jersey	2,590	2,143	2,402	1,809	732	-72

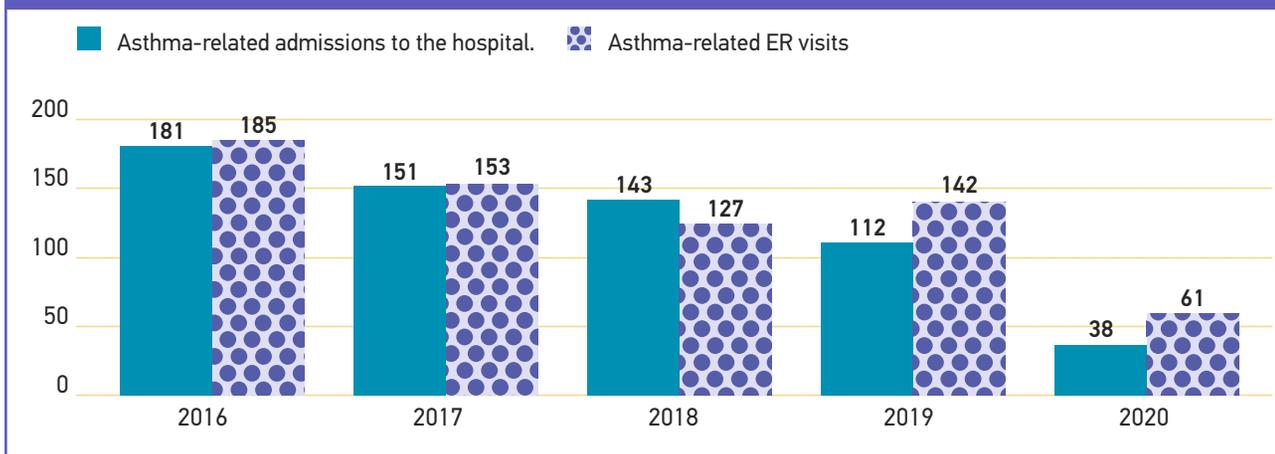
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Asthma-Related Emergency Room Visits (Ages 0-17)*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	185	153	127	142	61	-67
Passaic County	1,372	1,303	1,011	879	371	-73
New Jersey	16,918	15,493	15,635	13,837	5,312	-69

**Data from 2016 and later may not be comparable to pre-2016 data due to a change in diagnosis coding from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM.*

Paterson Asthma-Related Hospital Visits (Ages 0-17)



Asthma-Related Admissions to the Hospital vs. Emergency Room Visits: How Do They Differ?

Asthma is a chronic health condition affecting many children in the city of Paterson. Medication and preventive care can effectively manage asthma, but severe symptoms may require care at a hospital—by visiting the emergency room, or in serious cases, being admitted for in-patient care. Asthma-related emergency room visit data do not reflect child patients who were later admitted to the same hospital for in-patient care.

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Children 6-26 Months Tested for Lead

	2015		2016		2017*		2018		2019	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL
Paterson	2,767	5.9	2,792	4.5	2,777	4.7	2,685	4.2	2,596	3.7
Passaic County	6,925	4.0	7,126	3.7	6,956	3.7	6,725	3.3	6,257	2.8
New Jersey	93,128	2.8	94,909	2.4	87,652	2.7	84,211	2.3	77,845	2.1

*Data reflect revised figures issued by the NJ Department of Health in October 2019.

Children <6 Years of Age Tested for Lead

	2015		2016		2017*		2018		2019	
	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL	# Tested	% Levels ≥ 5 µg/dL
Paterson	6,272	5.3	6,393	4.7	6,519	4.6	6,511	3.8	6,383	3.8
Passaic County	14,788	3.8	15,160	3.6	14,986	3.4	14,999	2.9	14,172	2.8
New Jersey	172,859	3.1	175,002	2.8	165,863	2.8	161,790	2.5	150,952	2.3

*Data reflect revised figures issued by the NJ Department of Health in October 2019.

Paterson Environmental Case Activity Status

	Cases Referred	Investigation Required	Investigation Completed	Abatement Required	Abatement Completed	% Abatement Completed
2015	26	22	22	17	8	47%
2016	29	26	26	15	8	53%
2017	29	28	21	18	18	100%
2018	76	76	56	44	44	100%
2019	100	99	82	56	48	86%

What is NJ FamilyCare?

NJ FamilyCare is New Jersey’s publicly funded health insurance program, supported by federal Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) dollars and state funding, for children in families with a household income up to 355 percent of the federal poverty level. As of July 1, 2021 premiums are no longer required for NJ FamilyCare coverage.

Qualified state residents of any age may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance, which covers doctor visits, prescriptions, vision, dental care, mental health and substance use services and hospitalization. For more information, visit <http://www.njfamilycare.org>.

Children Under Age 19 Receiving NJ FamilyCare

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Paterson	37,072	36,253	36,162	37,822	38,565	4
Passaic County	74,775	72,715	72,807	77,249	79,100	6
New Jersey	805,080	782,866	776,976	851,417	885,881	10

**Data are as of March for each year.*

Children Under 19 Without Health Insurance

	2016–2020	
	Number	%
Paterson	3,368	8.2
Passaic County	7,363	5.8
New Jersey	81,278	3.9

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4 Child Protection

What is CP&P?

The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P), formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), operates within the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) as the state's child welfare and protection agency. CP&P is responsible for investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and, if necessary, arranging for the child's protection and services for the family. When children cannot remain at home due to safety concerns, CP&P may ask the family court to place the child into foster care and to seek another permanent home for children who cannot be safely reunified with their parent(s) within the timeframes provided by law.

Children Under Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P)* Supervision

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	1,441	1,527	1,439	905	1,087	-25
Passaic County	2,622	2,726	2,632	1,701	2,121	-19
New Jersey	47,762	48,256	47,151	29,282	33,790	-29

*Formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

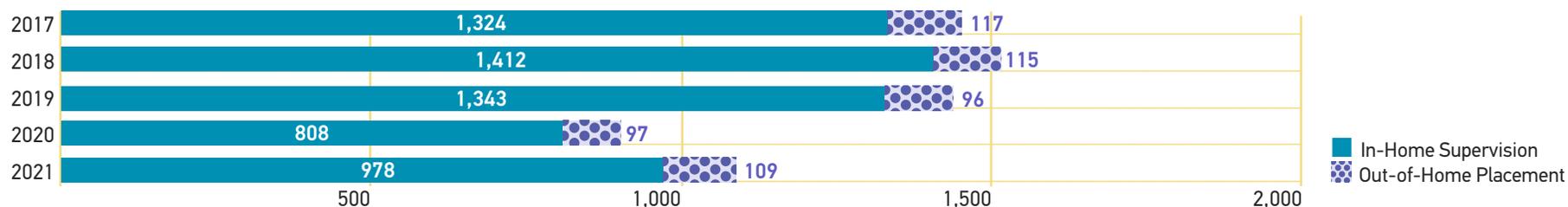
Children Receiving In-Home CP&P Services

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	1,324	1,412	1,343	808	978	-26
Passaic County	2,296	2,453	2,431	1,519	1,908	-17
New Jersey	41,155	42,202	42,036	25,074	30,185	-27

Children in Out-of-Home CP&P Placement

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	117	115	96	97	109	-7
Passaic County	326	273	201	182	213	-35
New Jersey	6,607	6,054	5,115	4,208	3,605	-45

Paterson Children Under CP&P Supervision



Federal Court Oversight of NJ Department of Children and Families is Ending

The federal court oversight of New Jersey’s child welfare system is finally ending after 20 years. The final exit will occur no later than June 2023 according to an Agreement presented to the Honorable Stanley R. Chesler in federal court on March 22, 2022. DCF is in the process of redesigning many of its quality improvement processes to integrate a Solution Based Casework (SBC) approach with its Case Practice Model. To read the monitoring reports, visit <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/welfare/federal/>. To read more about the Solution Based Casework approach, visit <https://acnj.org/solution-based-casework-model-to-be-implemented-for-dcpp-involved-families/>.

DCF is working with the Judiciary and other stakeholders to address racial disparities that persist despite the overall reduction of children and families involved with CP&P. Other priorities of DCF’s Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer include primary prevention of maltreatment, staff health and wellness, and efforts to increase placement with relatives and kin should a child require placement due to safety concerns. To read more about the reforms underway, visit the DCF website at <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/>. To read more about the increased placement with kin, visit <https://acnj.org/blog-kinship-care-and-new-jerseys-revised-kinship-legal-guardianship-act/>.

Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	2,937	3,041	3,316	3,273	2,346	-20
Passaic County	6,395	6,485	6,600	6,678	4,775	-25
New Jersey	88,969	91,585	94,161	96,060	73,726	-17

Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	264	183	188	144	94	-64
Passaic County	522	337	299	285	176	-66
New Jersey	8,256	6,463	5,923	4,897	3,134	-62

Percentage of Reported Children with Substantiated/Established Findings of Abuse/Neglect

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	9.0	6.0	5.7	4.4	4.0	-55
Passaic County	8.2	5.2	4.5	4.3	3.7	-55
New Jersey	9.3	7.1	6.3	5.1	4.3	-54

The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot

The New Jersey Youth Resource Spot (<http://www.njyrs.org/>) is a website created by members of the DCF Youth Council, specially geared for young people in New Jersey that have been involved with the NJ Department of Children and Families and those who work with them. Council members have lived experience with CP&P, the Children’s System of Care (CSOC) and the DCF Regional Schools. The Youth Resource Spot is where youth and stakeholders can easily learn about relevant policy, resources in their communities and CP&P services for which they may be eligible. Visit the site to learn more.

Safe Babies Court Team – Prioritizing Family Reunification

Passaic County is one of three counties to pilot the Safe Babies Court Team approach aimed at connecting children ages 0-3 involved with CP&P and their families to the community services and supports they need. The goal is for children to maintain healthy development and have lasting permanency, ideally family reunification, whenever safely possible. To learn more, visit <https://www.njsafebabies.com/>.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

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Number of Children Reported for Abuse/Neglect, 2016-2020. Number of children who were reported for child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families for each calendar year. Data are as of December 31 for each year.

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5 Child Care

Licensed Child Care Centers and Registered Family Child Care Providers: How Do They Differ?

Licensed child care centers and registered family child care providers both offer child care to children under the age of 13. However, there are key differences in the number of children they are permitted to serve and the locations in which they operate. Licensed child care centers serve a minimum of six children and must adhere to state licensing requirements. Registered family child care providers care for a maximum of five children at a time in their own homes. Family child care providers who register voluntarily through New Jersey’s Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies are required to meet state regulations primarily related to health and safety concerns. Due to the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, in an effort to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 110 on March 25, 2020, requiring licensed child care centers to close on April 1st unless approved to serve the children of those classified as essential personnel. On May 29, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 149 allowing licensed child care centers to resume normal operations beginning

on or after June 15th subject to their compliance with specific COVID-19 health and safety standards. This order also rescinded the emergency child care program under Executive

Order No. 110. The impact of the executive orders can be seen in both the supply and capacity of child care across the state.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	67	70	66	34	48	-28
Passaic County	222	236	235	119	194	-13
New Jersey	3,803	4,141	4,171	2,018	3,371	-11

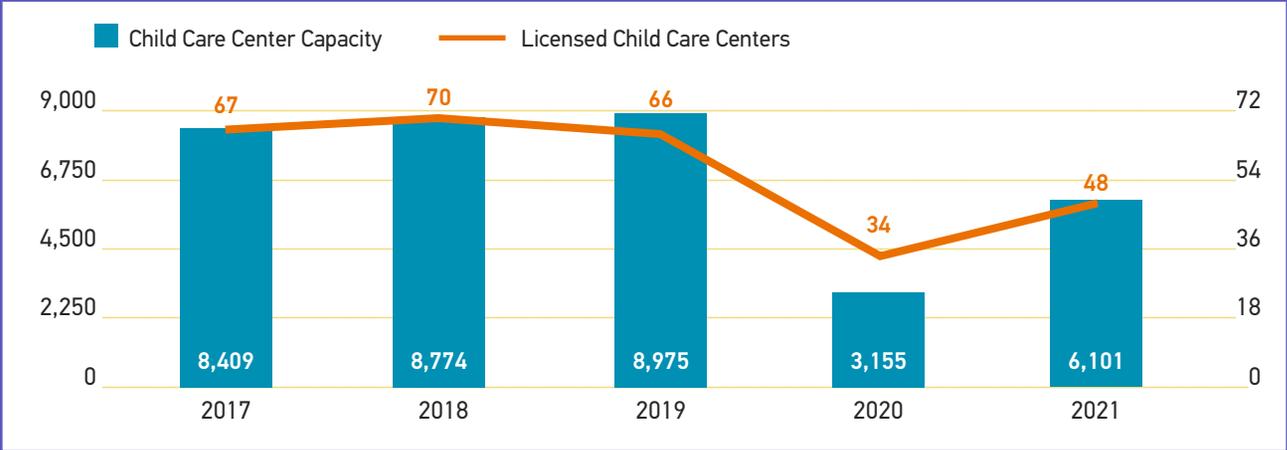
Child Care Center Capacity

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	8,409	8,774	8,975	3,155	6,101	-27
Passaic County	21,962	23,820	24,377	11,349	20,022	-9
New Jersey	343,453	382,734	387,092	196,338	321,967	-6

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	84	105	136	163	177	111
Passaic County	281	278	295	301	253	-10
New Jersey	1,794	1,639	1,478	1,430	1,275	-29

Child Care in Paterson



New Jersey's State-Funded Home Visitation Programs

Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse. The state's home visitation programs are designed to help mothers and fathers build healthy environments for their infants and young children by promoting infant and child health, nurturing positive parent-child relationships and linking parents to resources and support. This is typically provided to families

facing poverty and other risk factors, with visits starting before or immediately after birth. In 2021, Paterson families participating in home visitation programs decreased by 4% since 2017. A review of home visitation programs has found them to be effective in improving child health and development.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Programs*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	280	323	314	337	269	-4
Passaic County	564	556	541	540	442	-22
New Jersey	7,041	6,997	6,666	6,246	5,534	-21

*Data are for June of each year.

New Jersey's Universally Offered Home Visitation Program

In July 2021, New Jersey became the second state in the country to offer a voluntary home visiting program for all parents of newborns. The program will be housed within the NJ Department of Children and Families. New Jersey's universally offered home visiting program will allow all new parents the opportunity to access individualized advice, expertise and support to ensure both parent and child get off to the right start. During such visits, home visitors can assess the health of both the newborn and parent and identify potential health concerns and connect them

to appropriate services, provide valuable parenting information and link families with available community services. This strength-based approach to supporting all families will address the period-of-time between the birth of the newborn and the mother's first visit to the obstetrician at six weeks. Such a proactive approach to supporting new families will reduce potential maternal and infant issues that may arise during this extended period.

Data Sources and Technical Notes:

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6 Education

The Impact of COVID-19

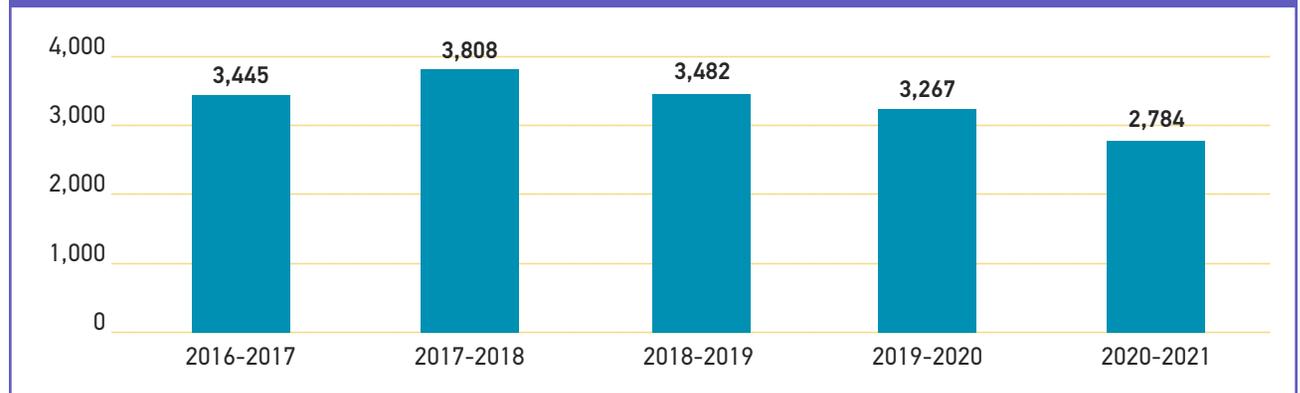
The COVID-19 pandemic moved all students to remote learning for more than one school year, and the data are beginning to reflect the impact of the shutdown. “Start strong assessments” were administered statewide in the fall of 2021 in place of state exams. Paterson saw a decrease in preschool enrollment between the 2019–2020 and the 2020–21 school years with 483 fewer students enrolling. Kindergarten enrollment also decreased, although not to the same extent. The number of children enrolled in Head Start in 2021 was 43% lower than in 2016 and 37% lower than 2019. Due to the pandemic, 2020 data was not collected by Head Start.



State-Funded Preschool Enrollment

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson	3,445	3,808	3,482	3,267	2,784	-19
Passaic County	5,397	5,821	5,445	5,346	4,391	-19
New Jersey	51,371	51,580	53,177	56,279	46,898	-9

Paterson State-Funded Preschool Enrollment



Kindergarten Enrollment

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson District	2,128	1,957	1,930	1,956	1,558	-27
Paterson Charter Schools	319	562	575	575	573	80
Paterson Total	2,447	2,519	2,505	2,531	2,131	-13
Passaic County	5,964	5,983	5,922	5,938	5,192	-13
New Jersey	90,740	90,828	89,294	90,818	82,604	-9

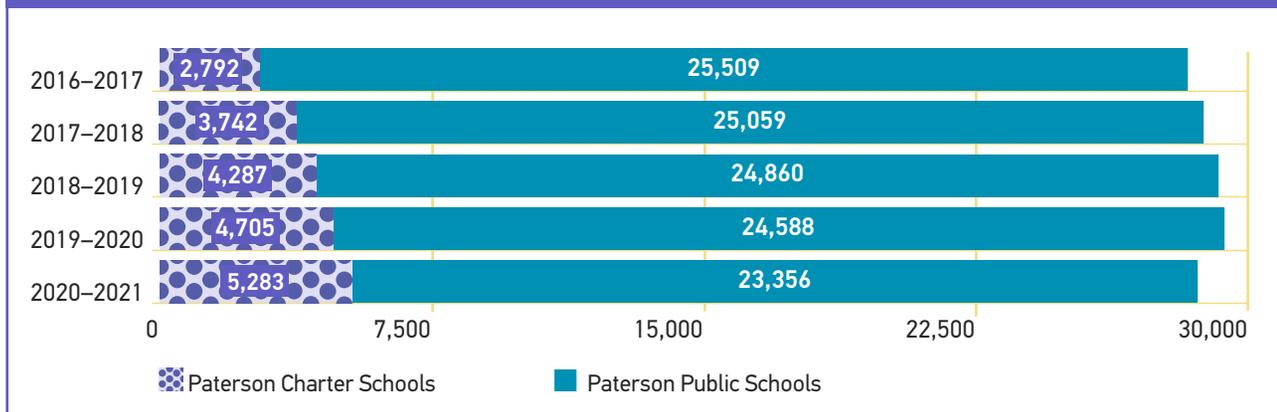
**Does not include preschool students enrolled in a community-based program.*

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson District	25,509	25,059	24,860	24,588	23,356	-8
Paterson Charter Schools	2,792	3,742	4,287	4,705	5,283	89
Paterson Total	28,301	28,801	29,147	29,293	28,639	1

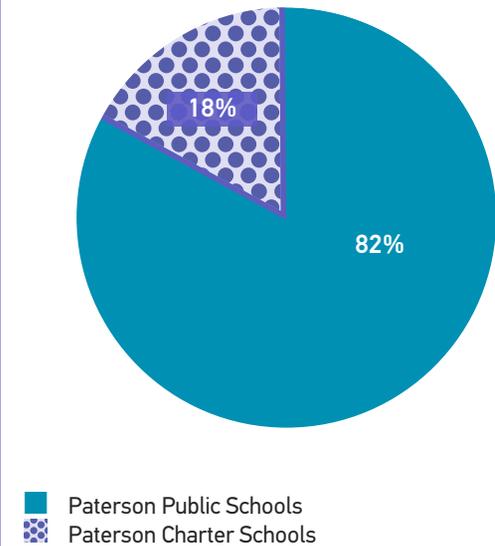
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Percentage of Paterson Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2020-2021



Paterson Children Enrolled in Early Head Start

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change
Number Children Enrolled	333	417	435	415	346	4
Percentage of Children with Health Insurance at End of Enrollment Year	100	100	99	100	89	-11
Percentage of Children with Up-To-Date Immunizations, All Possible Immunizations to Date, or Exempt at End of Enrollment Year	100	100	98	93	89	-11

*2020 data are not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paterson Children Enrolled in Head Start

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	% Change
Number Children Enrolled	1,602	1,710	1,536	1,444	910	-43
Percentage of Children with Health Insurance at End of Enrollment Year	98	97	96	100	92	-6
Percentage of Children with Up-To-Date Immunizations, All Possible Immunizations to Date, or Exempt at End of Enrollment Year	99	100	100	96	95	-4

*2020 data are not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paterson Head Start and Early Head Start Children with Individual Family Service Plan

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2021		% Change Number
	Number	%									
Head Start Children with IFSP*	110	7	137	8	133	9	121	8	79	9	-28
Early Head Start Children with IFSP*	73	22	94	23	106	24	96	23	50	15	-32

*IFSP = Individual Family Service Plan.

**2020 data are not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Full Service Community School

In an effort to create a comprehensive support system, Paterson Public Schools established wrap-around services using full service community schools (FSCS). FSCSs are described as “schools that integrate social and health services, extended learning opportunities, family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership.”¹ Paterson launched its first FSCS in 2010 with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education,



and currently has eight schools participating, with two more joining by summer 2022. As of the 2021-2022 school year, FSCSs are serving 3,729 students and 2,259 families.

FSCSs address the whole child and find ways to remove barriers that could hinder success. Programs and services include: medical services, after-school and summer programs, student activities, parent workshops, college and career readiness, and adult education. Each FSCS also has a Health Center that provides free medical care, with dental, optical and behavior counseling being the most prescribed. During the COVID-19 lockdown, Telehealth Medical and virtual counseling were still offered. The majority of FSCS programs, including the Health Center, maintained participation rates throughout the pandemic.

Paterson’s FSCSs also help students pursuing postsecondary education and vocational success. One school, John F. Kennedy High School, provides a college and peer-readiness program. Guidance counselors receive a stipend to work after hours to provide students with one-on-one mentoring. Counselors can provide support to students who may need additional support through college applications or deciding on a field. Community schools also partner with Felician College in which 20 students have the opportunity to attend college-level classes during the summer. This partnership also allows students to get basic math and writing courses out of the way before actually starting college in the fall.

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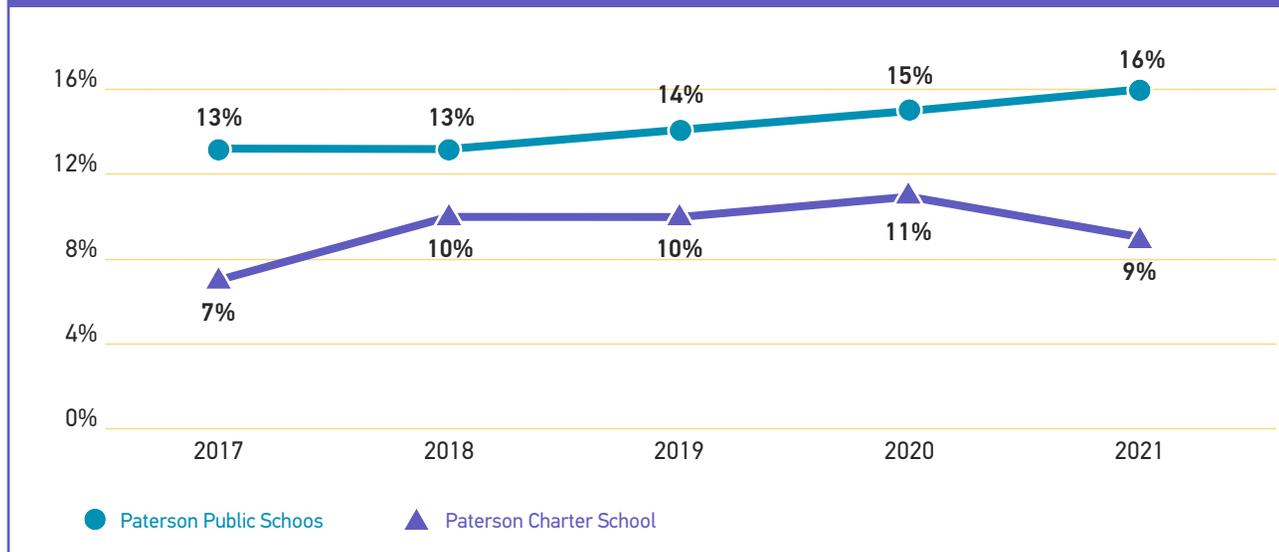
Special Education Enrollment, Ages 3-21

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson Public Schools	3,660	3,652	3,901	4,148	4,048	11
Paterson Charter Schools	187	344	417	495	471	152
Paterson Total	3,847	3,996	4,318	4,643	4,519	16

Note: Includes public and non-public students; Some schools are suppressed.



Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment



Percentage of Homeless Students Out of Total Enrollment*

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Paterson Public Schools	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.8

*Data not available prior to 2016-17.

What is a Homeless Student?

A homeless student is defined as any youth lacking a regular and adequate nighttime residence. Included in this definition is a broad set of living arrangements—children living in hotels or motels, public places or sharing housing with other families due to a lack of suitable housing or financial stability. This definition was provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless

Assistance Act and amended through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2016. Under the ESSA amendment, children awaiting foster care placement are no longer defined as homeless. Legally, the state is required to provide a number of services to homeless children, including the appointment of a homeless student liaison who helps students and

parents with enrollment, transportation arrangements and accessing services. For more information on homeless students, visit <https://nche.ed.gov/>. For more information on homeless students at the state level, visit <https://www.nj.gov/education/homeless/index.shtml>.

Violence and Vandalism, 2020-2021

	Violence	Weapons	Vandalism	Substances	Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)	Total Unique Incidents	Incidents Per 100 Students Enrolled
Paterson Public Schools	0	0	15	3	12	30	0.12
New Jersey	728	138	193	681	1,467	3,151	0.23

Paterson English Language Learner Enrollment, as Percent of Total Enrollment

	2019–2020	2020–2021		2019–2020	2020–2021
Paterson Public Schools	22.1	21.6	School 18	20.7	19.3
14 th Avenue Early Learning Center	53.8	18.2	School 19	17.4	15.3
Alexander Hamilton Academy	6.9	7.4	School 20	10.3	11.4
Alternative High School	0.0	0.0	School 21	33.3	34.0
Charles J. Riley School 9	23.5	20.7	School 24	25.5	23.5
College Achieve Paterson Charter School	26.8	20.4	School 25	21.7	17.3
Community Charter School Of Paterson	1.4	1.2	School 26	19.9	18.6
Dale Avenue	22.7	18.1	School 27	13.3	12.6
Don Bosco Academy	12.7	12.5	School 28	12.2	9.2
Dr. Hani Awadallah School	24.1	21.9	School 29	22.9	25.1
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Complex	11.4	11.8	School Of Architecture And Construction Trades	22.4	23.7
Edward W. Kilpatrick	23.4	19.9	School Of Business Technology Marketing And Finance	17.1	18.3
Garrett Morgan Academy	3.7	6.6	School Of Culinary Arts Hospitality And Tourism	21.7	22.4
International High School	5.2	4.2	School Of Earth And Space Science	8.4	8.8
John P. Holland Charter School	3.1	2.6	School Of Education And Training	33.0	30.5
New Roberto Clemente	24	21.7	School Of Government And Public Administration	39.4	46.9
Newcomers	>95	99.0	School Of Health Science	6.8	6.7
Norman S. Weir	2.8	3.4	School Of Information Technology	39.6	39.7
Paterson Arts And Science Charter School	10.9	10.0	School Of Science Technology Engineering And Mathematics	10.6	16.3
Paterson Charter School For Science/Technology	4.6	4.7	Senator Frank Lautenberg School	16.1	15.3
Philip's Academy Charter School Of Paterson	5.2	7.1	Stars Academy	1.0	0.9
Rev. Dr. Frank Napier Jr. School	8.3	12.2	Urban Leadership Academy	6.6	N/A
Roberto Clemente	43.7	41.9	Young Men's Academy	1.9	4.1
Rosa L. Parks School Of Fine And Performing Arts	2.6	2.9	New Jersey	6.9	6.9
School 1	9.1	9.0			
School 2	18.9	20.4			
School 3	24.3	25.8			
School 5	24.0	25.3			
School 7	11.1	11.6			
School 8	39.7	42.3			
School 10	24.5	22.7			
School 12	16.6	15.9			
School 13	24.4	22.6			
School 15	37.2	36.6			
School 16	34.9	30.2			

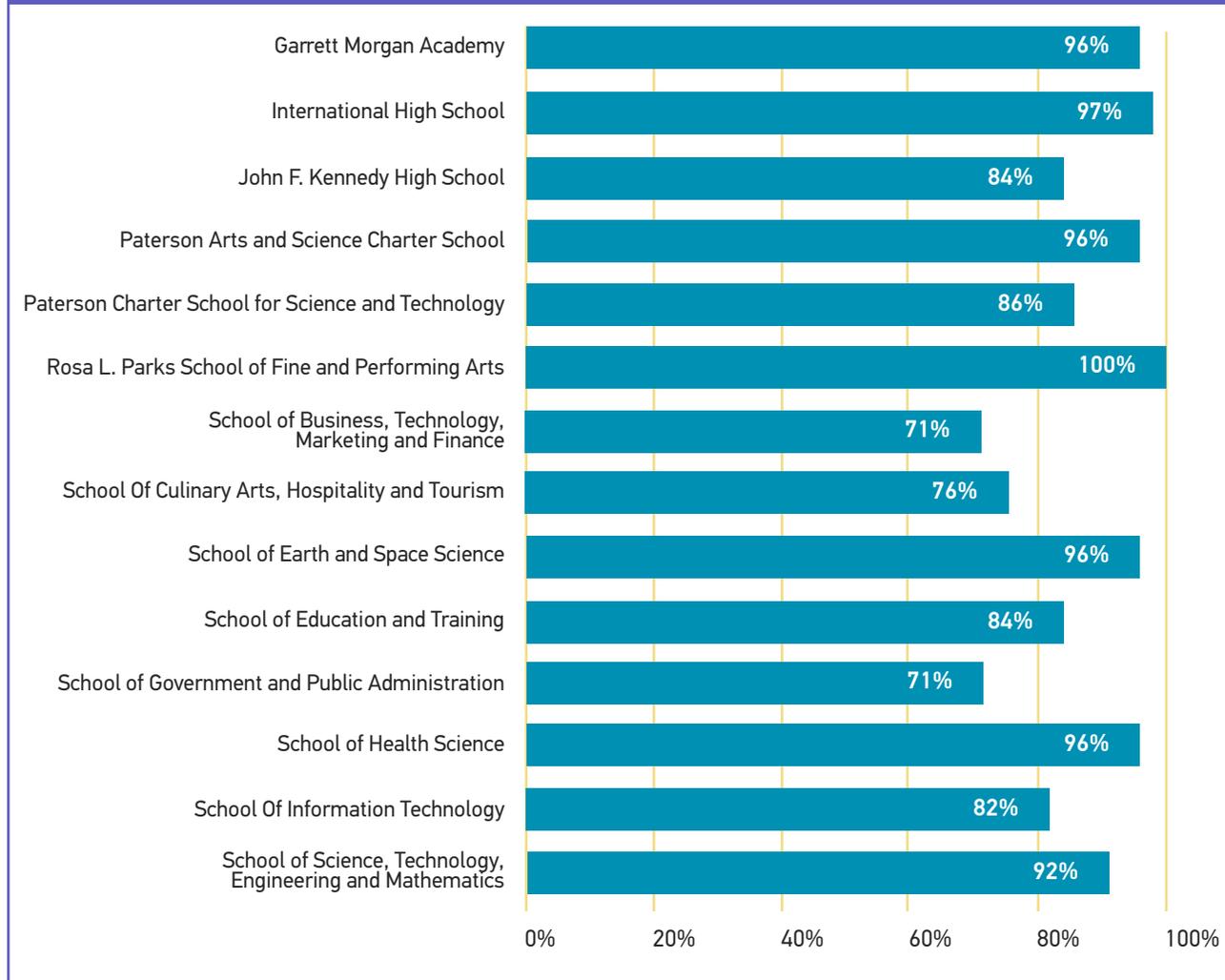
When is a Student Considered an English Language Learner?

The N.J. Department of Education uses the term English Language Learner (ELL) to describe students whose first language is other than English or who have difficulty reading, writing and understanding English. The State of New Jersey administers an annual survey to assess the languages spoken in students' homes in an effort to identify ELL students. An English Language Learner's proficiency may require additional services to allow them to be successful in the district's academic program.

High School Graduation Rates

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	% Change 17-21
Paterson Public Schools	87.8	84.8	79.2	78.7	79.4	-10
New Jersey	90.5	90.9	90.6	91.0	90.6	0

Paterson Graduation Rates by High School, 2021



Graduation Rates by Demographic Group, Paterson Public Schools, 2021

Demographic Group	Rate
Districtwide	79.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	N
Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	89.4
Black or African American	76.4
Hispanic	79.5
Two or More Races	N
White	80.4
Male	76.6
Female	82.4
Economically Disadvantaged	79.9
Students with Disabilities	71.0
English Learners	75.6
Homeless Students	59.0
Students in Foster Care	*

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An “N” indicates that no data are available.

Average SAT Score by High School

	2018-2019			2019-2020			2020-2021		
	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation	Math	Reading and Writing	Percentage Participation
Paterson Public Schools	425	437	56	428	440	56	461	474	7
Garrett Morgan Academy	458	461	63	427	439	75	*	*	21
International High School	480	487	82	494	502	70	510	513	17
Paterson Arts and Science Charter School	N	N	N	N	N	N	482	501	26
Paterson Charter School for Science/Technology	457	471	100	450	456	N	460	495	22
Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts	449	471	90	473	470	79	*	*	3
School of Architecture and Construction Trades	418	419	29	411	437	27	n/a	n/a	n/a
School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance	406	420	62	414	429	66	*	*	6
School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality, and Tourism	398	418	46	409	434	48	*	*	2
School of Earth and Space Science	425	439	85	438	451	77	*	*	4
School of Education and Training	400	416	54	399	414	82	*	*	4
School of Government and Public Administration	389	411	57	397	414	43	*	*	3
School of Health Science	441	456	89	440	462	94	424	448	20
School of Information Technology	411	418	50	405	413	48	*	*	2
School of Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	466	455	68	461	453	55	453	447	13
New Jersey Average	541	539	72	536	536	71	560	557	45

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the national administrations of the SAT were cancelled from spring 2020 through fall 2021. Use caution when comparing results for 2019-20 and 2020-21 to prior or future years.

Percentage of 2021 Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution by Fall of 2021

School	% Schoolwide	% Economically Disadvantaged	% Students with Disabilities
Paterson Public Schools	41.9	43.0	24.3
Garrett Morgan Academy	51.2	45.2	*
International High School	55.0	52.1	35.7
John F. Kennedy High School	36.1	33.7	29.0
Paterson Arts and Science Charter School	75.9	77.8	*
Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology	62.4	60.2	25.0
Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts	40.6	36.4	9.1
School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance	43.1	39.4	17.6
School Of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism	30.9	36.7	20.5
School of Earth and Space Science	64.8	72.0	*
School of Education and Training	54.5	53.0	25.0
School of Government and Public Administration	24.1	25.8	10.0
School of Health Science	64.4	65.9	60.0
School Of Information Technology	29.3	29.9	11.1
School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	51.9	58.7	25.0
New Jersey Average	67.7	53.2	43.3

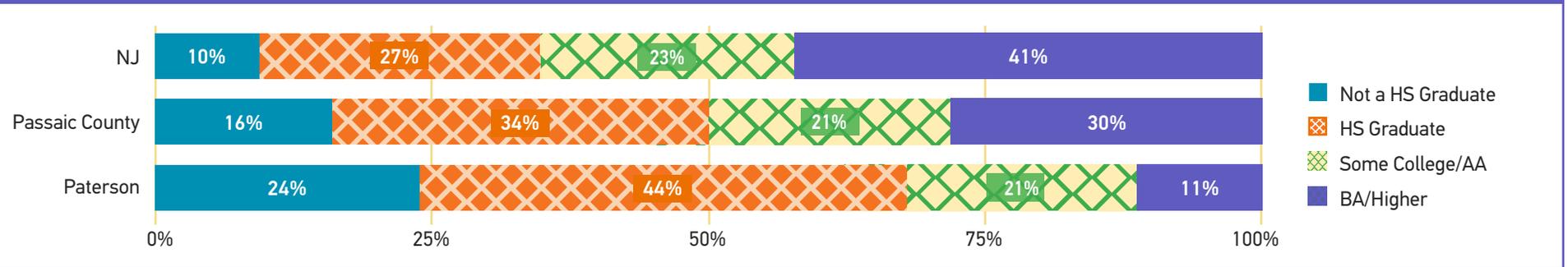
Note: Post-secondary institutions include 2-year or 4-year institutions. An "N" indicates that there are no data to display. An "*" indicates that data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy.

Advance Placement/International Baccalaureate Course Participation and Performance, 2020-2021

	Paterson Public Schools (%)*	New Jersey Average (%)
Students enrolled in one or more AP or IB course	20.7	35.7
Students taking one or more AP or IB exam	11.1	27.2
Students with one or more exams with a score of at least a 3 on AP exams or 4 on IB exams	*	17.9

*Data are not displayed in order to protect student privacy; Does not include charter schools

Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Paterson vs. Passaic County vs. NJ, 2016-2020



Paterson Public Schools: Staff-to-Student Ratio, 2020-2021

Ratio	PPS*	New Jersey
Students to Teachers	13:1	12:1
Students to Administrators	140:1	143:1
Students to Librarians/Media Specialists	2,567:1	1,128:1
Students to Nurses	546:1	513:1
Students to Counselors	372:1	339:1
Students to Child Study Team Members	43:1	41:1

*Paterson Public Schools.

Staff-to-Student Ratios

The ratio of staff to students within a school has long been considered a marker of educational and instructional quality. During the 2020-21 school year, Paterson Public Schools reported a ratio of 13 students for every one teacher, just above the state ratio of 12 to 1. The ratio of guidance counselors to students is also of importance, given the critical role counselors play in preparing students for college and career. The American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of 250 students for every one counselor. Both Paterson Public Schools and the state of New Jersey exceeded this recommendation, with ratios of 372:1 and 339:1, respectively, during the 2020-21 school year. To read more about the importance of student to school counselor ratios, visit <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/About-School-Counseling/School-Counselor-Roles-Ratios>.

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Data Sources and Technical Notes:

State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Paterson State-Funded Preschool Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. Number of three- and four-year-old students enrolled in half- and full-day New Jersey Department of Education-approved preschools, operated both in-district and in community centers, as reported by the NJ Department of Education. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Kindergarten Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include students enrolled in full and half-day programs in both traditional district and charter schools.

Pre-K-12 Total Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, October Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional district and charter schools. Please note that total enrollment figures do not include students enrolled in public preschool programs operating within community based providers.

Percentage of Paterson Students Enrolled in School by School Type, 2020-21. The percentage of students enrolled in Paterson Public Schools and Paterson charter schools. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both public district and charter schools.

Paterson Children Enrolled in Early Head Start, 2016-2021. As reported by the Great Bergen Community Action Partnership. Data for 2020 is not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Special education counts include both traditional district schools and charter schools and public and non-public students. Charter figures may differ due to suppression of districts with fewer than 10 students. Total enrollment based on October general education enrollment data for each school year.

Percentage of Homeless Students Out of Total Enrollment, 2016-17 through 2020-21. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. reported by Paterson Public Schools. Data are as of June for each school year listed and do not include charter schools. Represents any student identified as homeless during the given school year.

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Violence and Vandalism, 2020-21. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. The NJ Department of Education migrated to a new reporting system. A single incident may be counted under multiple incident types; the total unique incidents row provides an unduplicated count of incidents.

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Average SAT Score by High School, 2018-19 to 2020-21. The percentage of 12th grade students participating in the SAT for the given school year or for prior years. Average scores reflect the highest scoring test by subject area. The score range for the SAT is from 400 to 1600 for a total score. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Performance Report data.

Percentage of 2021 Graduates Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution By Fall of 2021. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. These data reflect the percentage of the 2021 high school graduates that were enrolled in post-secondary institutions the fall after high school graduation. The data are pulled from the National Student Clearinghouse. Students who enroll in post-secondary institutions outside of the United States are not included. Data for some categories are unavailable.

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7 Teens

Data Trends for Teens

Consistent with trends from previous years, the most recent data show a decline in the number of teen births and fewer juvenile arrests. Juvenile admissions to county detention continue to decrease, with 2020 admissions in Paterson dropping by 57% from 2016 figures. The number of juvenile arrests decreased by 43% from 2016 as well.

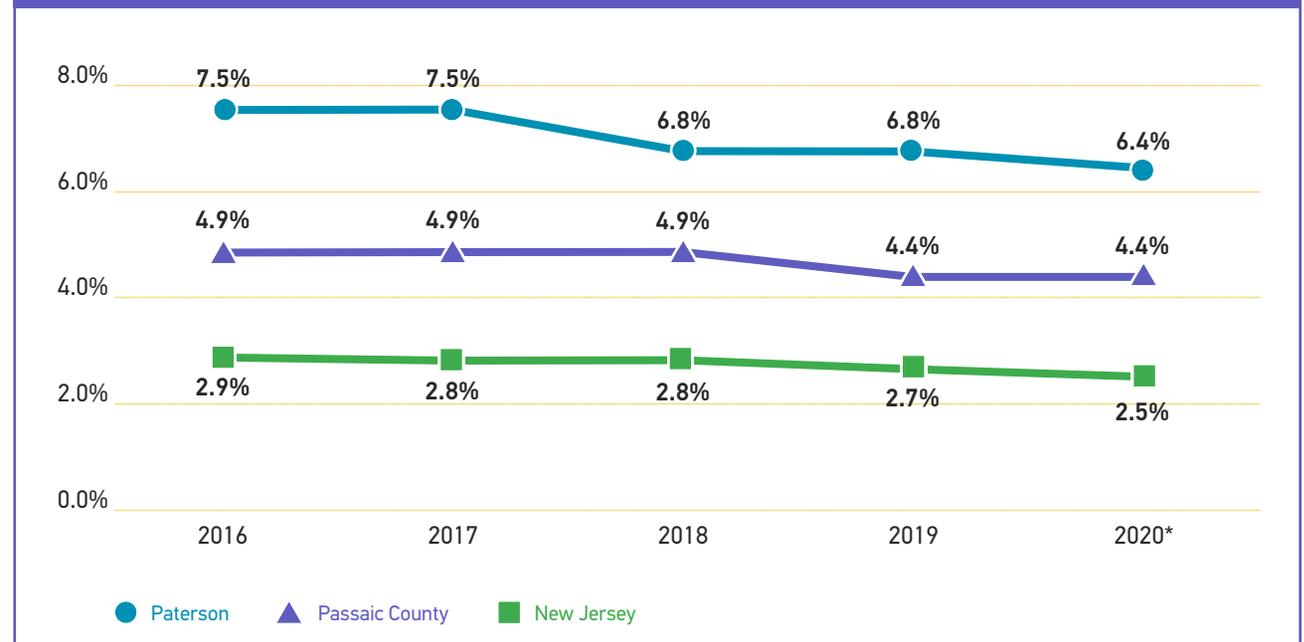


Births to Teens (Ages 15-19)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	% Change 16-20
Paterson	198	198	177	162	154	-22
Passaic	334	335	319	279	272	-19
New Jersey	2,952	2,818	2,805	2,682	2,434	-18

*2020 data are preliminary

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



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Teen Deaths (Ages 15-19)

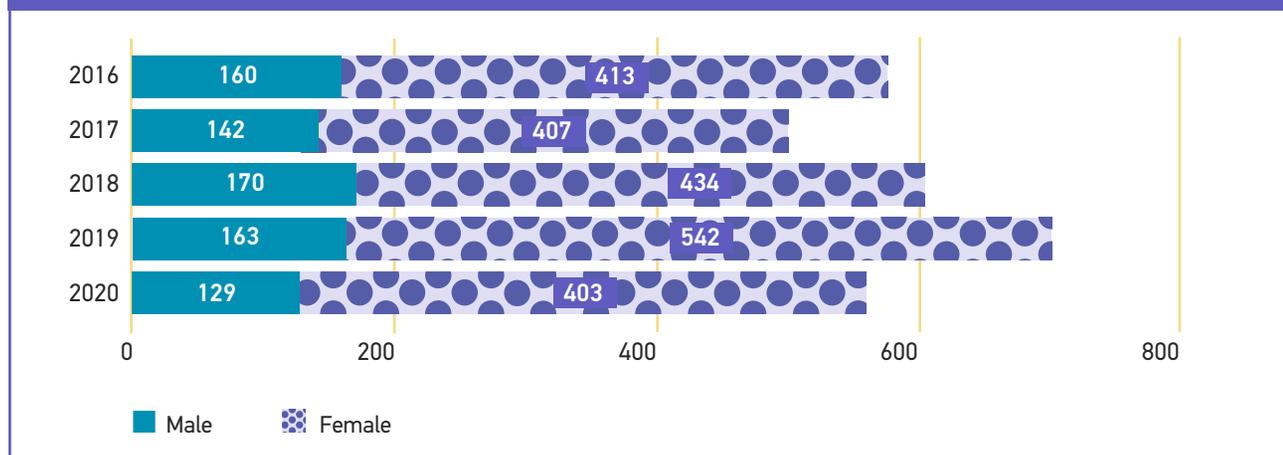
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Paterson	5	4	7	1	5	0
Passaic County	9	6	15	4	10	11
New Jersey	184	194	184	153	178	-3

Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020*		% Change 16-20	
	Male	Female	Male	Female								
Paterson	160	413	142	407	170	434	163	542	129	403	-19	-2
Passaic County	242	692	226	675	272	725	262	833	216	641	-11	-7
New Jersey	2,560	7,915	2,803	7,930	2,759	8,202	3,124	8,689	2,473	6,939	-3	-12

*2020 data are preliminary.

Paterson Youth Ages 15-19 Diagnosed with a Sexually Transmitted Infection



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Paterson Admissions to Detention by Gender and Race

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Total Admissions:	155	142	105	119	67	-57
By Gender:						
Male	144	119	100	104	61	-58
Female	11	23	5	15	6	-45
By Race:						
African American	93	91	65	77	44	-53
Caucasian	3	3	0	0	2	-33
Hispanic	59	43	37	41	20	-66
Other	0	5	3	1	1	

Paterson and Passaic County Admissions to Detention



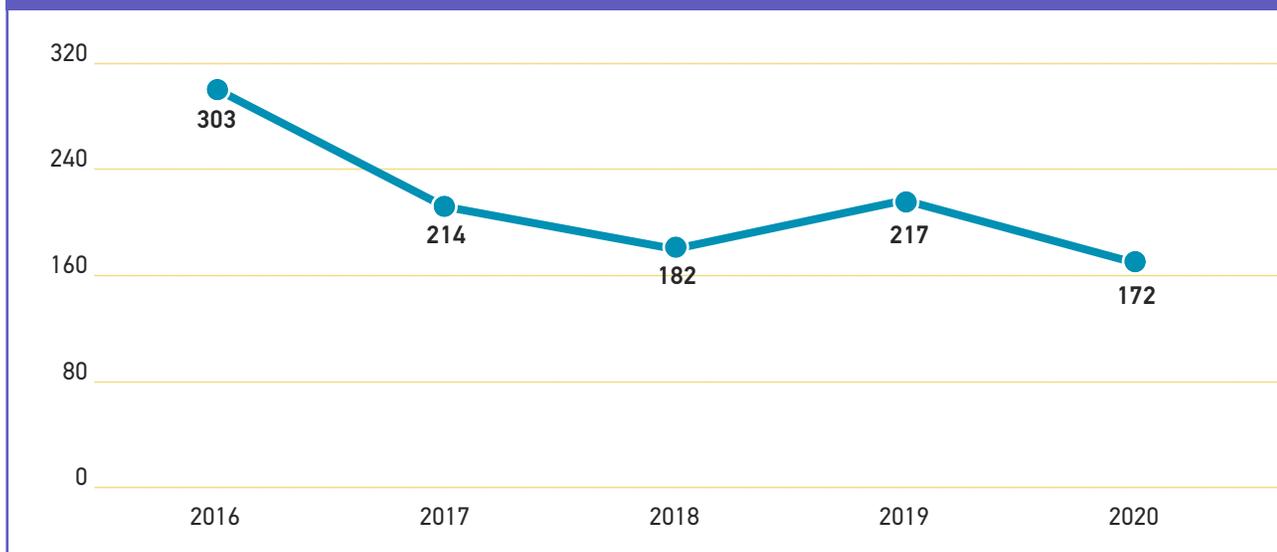
What is the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative?

New Jersey's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), was formed in 2004 with the support and leadership of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is managed by the state's Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). Since the program's inception, JDAI has resulted in a dramatic decrease in detention populations throughout New Jersey without risk to public safety. JDAI fosters a fundamental shift in the way law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and public defenders handle juvenile crime cases by moving the focus from locking kids up to returning them to their communities and addressing the issues that led to criminal behavior. Detention centers are reserved only for more serious youth offenders. JDAI has helped reduce costs considerably, due to the reduction in the daily population in detention and subsequent closure of many county detention centers. In 2018, the Annie E. Casey Foundation recognized New Jersey as the first state to implement JDAI resulting in a decrease in the average daily detention center population by nearly 70% between 2003 (pre-JDAI) and 2017. Learn more about New Jersey's successes with the program at <https://www.aecf.org/blog/new-jersey-becomes-first-state-to-implement-jdai-statewide/>.

Juvenile Arrests

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 16-20
Paterson	303	214	182	217	172	-43
Passaic County	1,806	1,839	1,426	1,479	852	-53
New Jersey	20,025	18,297	14,541	14,716	9,480	-53

Paterson Juvenile Arrests



Pilot Program Assisting Justice-Involved Youth

Paterson is one of four cities involved in a grant-funded pilot program to establish restorative justice hubs and community-based wraparound services for at-risk youth as a new approach to juvenile justice in New Jersey. For details, visit <https://www.njoag.gov/about/division-sand-offices/juvenile-justice-commissionhome/>.

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Paterson Admissions to Detention by Gender and Race, 2016-2020. The number of youth admitted to detention. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Paterson and Passaic County Admissions to Detention, 2016-2020. As reported by the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission.

Juvenile Arrests, 2016-2020. Paterson data as reported by the Paterson Police Department. Passaic and New Jersey data as reported by the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police, Uniform Crime Report.

Paterson Juvenile Arrests, 2016-2020. Paterson data as reported by the Paterson Police Department.



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