

# Morris County Quick Facts: Children, Families, & Child Care

December 2022



## Children in Morris County

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 14,920 | Children Under Age 3                            |
| 24,805 | Children Under Age 5                            |
| 22,375 | Children Age 5 - 8 Years                        |
| 15,200 | Children Age 9 - 11 Years                       |
| 23,225 | Children under age 6 with Working Parents       |
| 34,693 | School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents |

## Families in Morris County

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 59,610 | Families with Children Under Age 18         |
| 48,491 | Married Couples with Children Under 18      |
| 1,730  | Dads Raising Children Under 18              |
| 3,059  | Moms Raising Children Under 18              |
| 1,395  | Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18 |

## Low Income Working Families in Morris County

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 4.9%    | % of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty                             |
| 6.8%    | % of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty                                |
| 1.7%    | % of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty                          |
| 5.6%    | % of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty                         |
| 1.7%    | % of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty |
| 11,862  | Children Living Below 200% of Poverty                                   |
| 11.5%   | % of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty                              |
| 293,803 | Children under 18/Food Insecurity in NJ                                 |
| 4%      | % of Children under 18/Food Insecurity Morris County                    |

## Education Related Stats for Morris County & NJ

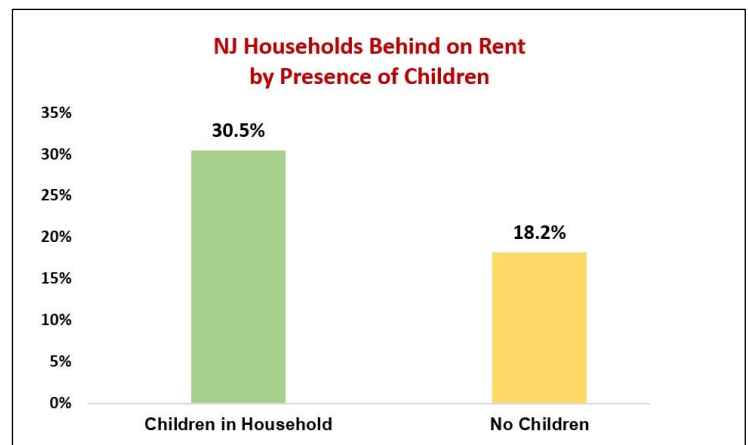
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| 1,303       | Children enrolled in full-day Preschool                                  |   |
| 12,429      | Children in Head Start (includes 3,423 in Early Head Start) NJ Statewide |   |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>2022</b>  | <b>NAEP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Results</b>                          |
| 16%         | 24%  | % of White 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade Level/NJ Statewide |
| 42%         | 46%  | % of Hispanic 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade/NJ Statewide    |
| 46%         | 50%  | % of Black 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade/NJ Statewide       |
| 45%         | 53%  | % of Low-Income 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Reading Below Grade/NJ Statewide  |
| 74,744      | Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2018-2019)/NJ Statewide              |   |
| 6%          | % of Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade/NJ Statewide                     |   |

## COVID-19 Impact on Families with Children

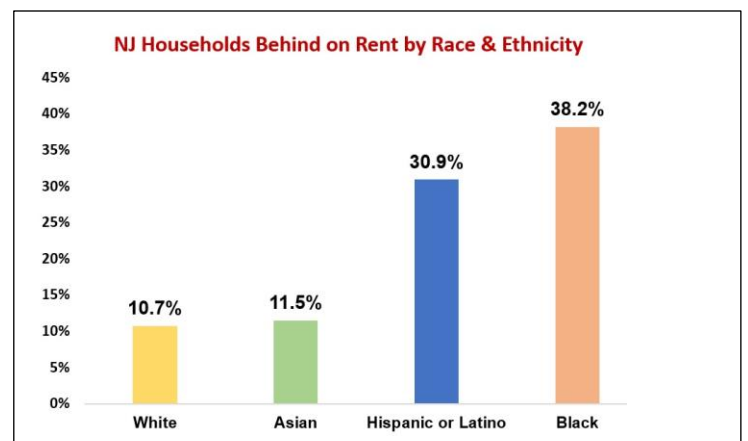
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New Jersey families with children who have struggled to pay household expenses in the past week

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, November 2-14, 2022



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## Morris County High School Graduation

|       |  |
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| 96.1% | High School on Time Graduate Rate (2019)                     |
| 89%   | High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2019) |

## Child Care Subsidies in Morris County (FY2021)

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 1,557 | Average Monthly Number of Children with Subsidy   |
| 1,557 | Children in Licensed Care with Subsidy  |
| 100%  | % of Children with Subsidy in Licensed Care   |
| 0     | Children in Unlicensed Care with Subsidy  |
| 0     | % of Children with Subsidy in Unlicensed Care   |
| Some  | Provider Payment Rates at 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile of Market Rate as Recommended by U.S. HHS |

Source: Child & Family Resources, FY2021 children receiving child care subsidy in Morris County.

## 2021 Market Rates at 75<sup>th</sup> Percentile in Morris County (Annual Fees for Families)

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| \$19,764 | Center-based Infant Care Annual Fees   |
| \$16,200 | Center-based Preschool-age Annual Fees   |
| \$9,600  | Family Child Care Home Infant Annual Fees  |
| \$9,600  | Family Child Care Home Preschool Annual Fees   |
| \$14,963 | NJ Annual Cost of 4-Year Public College Tuition & Related Fees for In-State Residents (2022) |

Source: [2021 Child Care Market Rate Survey](#), Rutgers University, for NJ Dept. of Human Services, Division of Family Development (July 5, 2022).

The Division of Family Development (DFD) is temporarily paying a \$300 per child per month differential for providers caring for children whose care is paid for with a subsidy to support access to child care for low income families and to help stabilize the child care market. With COVID-19 rates up and down, this is critical support for both families and child care businesses.

| Child Age Group | Center Providers                           |   |                                       |  |                             | Family Child Care Providers                |   |                                       |  |                             |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                 | 75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees) | State Assistance Monthly Rate with differential payment (\$300 per child) | State Assistance Percentile of Market | 75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized | State Assistance Annualized | 75th Percentile Market Rate (Monthly Fees) | State Assistance Monthly Rate with differential payment (\$300 per child) | State Assistance Percentile of Market | 75th Percentile Market Rate Annualized | State Assistance Annualized |
| Infant          | \$1,455                                    | \$1,524   | 81st                                  | \$17,460                               | \$18,288                    | \$900                                      | \$1,170   | 93rd                                  | \$10,800                               | \$14,040                    |
| Toddler         | \$1,400                                    | \$1,351   | 69th                                  | \$16,800                               | \$16,212                    | \$800                                      | \$1,170   | 93rd                                  | \$9,600                                | \$14,040                    |
| Preschooler     | \$1,260                                    | \$1,207   | 69th                                  | \$15,120                               | \$14,484                    | \$800                                      | \$1,027   | 91st                                  | \$9,600                                | \$12,324                    |
| School-age      | \$575                                      | \$1,150   | 94th                                  | \$6,900                                | \$13,800                    | \$764                                      | \$1,027   | 93rd                                  | \$9,168                                | \$12,324                    |

Source: [2021 Child Care Market Rate Survey](#), Prepared by the School of Social Work, Rutgers University, for New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (July 5, 2022).

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