

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

December 2023



Children in Morris County

13,429	Children Under Age 3
25,581	Children Under Age 5
17,922	Children Age 5 - 8 Years
18,853	Children Age 9 - 11 Years
23,471	Children under age 6 with Working Parents
28,178	School-age children (6-12) with Working Parents

Families in Morris County

58,571	Families with Children Under Age 18
47,919	Married Couples with Children Under 18
1,092	Dads Raising Children Under 18
3,390	Moms Raising Children Under 18
1,045	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Under 18

Low Income Working Families in Morris County

3.4%	% of Children under Age 5 Living in Poverty
3.7%	% of Children Age 5-17 Living in Poverty
4.9%	% of Families with Children Under 5 in Poverty
3.5%	% of Families with Children Under 18 in Poverty
6.4%	% of Families with Children Under 5 Living with a Single Mom in Poverty
11,611	Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
11.3%	% of Children Living Below 200% of Poverty
1,380	Children under 18/Food Insecurity
1.3%	% of Children under 18/Food Insecurity

Education Related Stats for New Jersey

64,887	Children enrolled in full-day Preschool	
14,817	Children in Head Start (includes 3,614 in Early Head Start)	
2019	2022	NAEP 4th Grade Reading Results
16%	24%	% of White 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
42%	46%	% of Hispanic 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
46%	50%	% of Black 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
45%	53%	% of Low-Income 4 th Graders Reading Below Grade Level
103,054	Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade (2018-2019)	
8%	% of Children 6-17 Who Repeated a Grade	

NJ Families with Children

884,887

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [October 18-30, 2023](#)

79,514

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [October 18-20, 2023](#)

80%

New Jersey families with children whose parents say they are feeling very stressed (1,133,455) or moderately stressed (495,485) about the price of goods and services over the past 2 months.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, [October 18-30, 2023](#)

Morris County High School Graduation

95%	High School on Time Graduate Rate (2022)
88.6%	High School Graduate Rate, Economically Disadvantaged (2022)

Child Care Subsidies in Morris County

1,657	Child Care Subsidies in Morris County (2023)
1,350	Average Monthly Number of Children with Subsidy
1,350	Children in Licensed Care with Subsidy
100%	% of Children with Subsidy in Licensed Care
0	% of Children with Subsidy in Unlicensed Care

Child Care Prices in Morris County

\$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
\$16,261	NJ Annual Cost of 4-Year Public College Tuition & Related Fees for In-State Residents (2023-2024)

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, the State University of New Jersey, for New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (July 5, 2022).

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