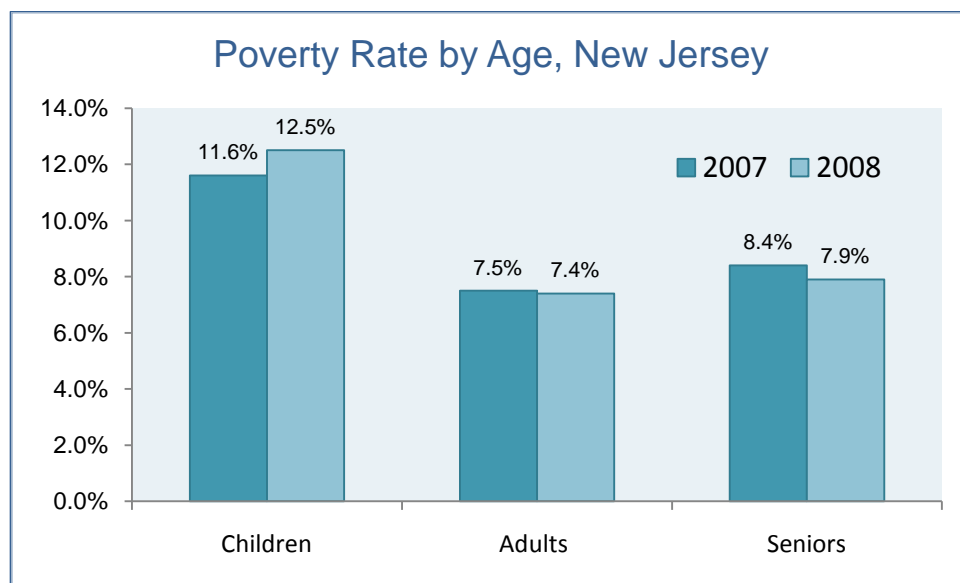


Levels of Poverty in New Jersey (by County)

	Severe Poverty (Below 50% FPL)			Federal Poverty (Below 100% FPL)			True Poverty (Below 200% FPL)		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
New Jersey	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%	21.3%	20.9%	20.8%
Atlantic	4.7%	6.7%	6.0%	9.2%	12.8%	11.8%	24.9%	28.1%	28.1%
Bergen	2.4%	2.8%	1.7%	5.2%	5.9%	5.2%	14.9%	14.4%	12.9%
Burlington	2.7%	1.9%	2.6%	5.9%	4.7%	5.3%	15.4%	15.3%	14.9%
Camden	5.5%	4.9%	5.2%	11.0%	10.7%	11.5%	24.6%	24.6%	25.3%
Cape May	4.8%	3.7%	2.9%	9.2%	8.6%	6.4%	25.3%	25.5%	23.1%
Cumberland	7.1%	7.4%	5.2%	15.3%	18.5%	12.5%	34.0%	35.4%	32.4%
Essex	6.7%	7.5%	6.3%	14.5%	13.3%	14.8%	29.9%	30.2%	30.3%
Gloucester	3.7%	4.1%	2.9%	6.8%	8.1%	6.9%	17.7%	18.5%	17.2%
Hudson	6.0%	5.5%	6.6%	15.2%	13.7%	15.2%	36.1%	34.5%	33.0%
Hunterdon	1.2%	2.1%	1.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%	10.1%	8.2%	9.3%
Mercer	3.8%	4.1%	4.2%	8.4%	9.3%	8.8%	22.3%	21.1%	19.3%
Middlesex	3.4%	3.1%	4.2%	7.2%	6.7%	7.3%	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%
Monmouth	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	5.8%	6.1%	5.8%	15.9%	16.0%	15.1%
Morris	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	10.7%	9.6%	10.9%
Ocean	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%	8.8%	8.7%	8.9%	22.8%	23.1%	22.2%
Passaic	6.5%	6.5%	5.8%	15.0%	13.7%	14.4%	32.2%	29.9%	31.8%
Salem	4.2%	5.7%	6.5%	8.9%	10.9%	11.7%	23.3%	22.2%	25.9%
Somerset	1.9%	1.3%	1.0%	4.4%	2.6%	2.3%	11.2%	9.0%	9.2%
Sussex	1.8%	2.3%	1.4%	4.8%	4.6%	4.1%	11.2%	13.9%	14.7%
Union	4.0%	3.2%	4.3%	7.7%	7.8%	8.8%	22.6%	20.9%	23.1%
Warren	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	5.6%	6.3%	6.9%	17.6%	17.3%	16.1%

Source: Calculation from the U.S Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2006–2008)



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Poverty Rate by Race

	2006	2007	2008
White (not Hispanic or Latino)	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
Black or African-American (not Hispanic or Latino)	17.3%	16.9%	17.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	16.5%	16.0%	16.5%

Poverty Rate for Children by Race

	2006	2007	2008
White (not Hispanic or Latino)	5.8%	5.7%	6.3%
Black or African-American (not Hispanic or Latino)	23.6%	23.7%	25.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22.4%	20.8%	21.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2006–2008)

The Real Cost of Living as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level, 2008

County	Annual Self-Sufficiency Income	Real Cost of Living as a Percentage of FPL
Atlantic	\$44,680	254%
Bergen	\$63,528	361%
Burlington	\$55,027	301%
Camden	\$45,583	259%
Cape May	\$44,539	253%
Cumberland	\$48,898	278%
Essex	\$46,686	265%
Gloucester	\$48,898	278%
Hudson	\$47,763	271%
Hunterdon	\$65,122	370%
Mercer	\$58,758	334%
Middlesex	\$61,149	347%
Monmouth	\$59,683	339%
Morris	\$60,199	342%
Ocean	\$57,647	328%
Passaic	\$48,434	275%
Salem	\$43,562	248%
Somerset	\$70,146	399%
Sussex	\$53,384	303%
Union	\$55,843	317%
Warren	\$50,005	284%

Source: *The Real Cost of Living in 2008: The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New Jersey* by Diana Pearce and Legal Services of New Jersey. For the full report, [click here](#)

Note: This calculation is based on a three-person family (one-adult, one preschooler, and one school-age child).