

Analysis of 2009 American Community Survey by Poverty Research Institute of Legal Services of New Jersey

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Percent below Severe Poverty Level, New Jersey Counties

Below Severe Poverty (50% FPL)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Jersey	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%
Atlantic	4.7%	6.7%	6.0%	4.8%
Bergen	2.4%	2.8%	1.7%	3.0%
Burlington	2.7%	1.9%	2.6%	3.0%
Camden	5.5%	4.9%	5.2%	5.6%
Cape May	4.8%	3.7%	2.9%	4.0%
Cumberland	7.1%	7.4%	5.2%	7.2%
Essex	6.7%	7.5%	6.3%	6.3%
Gloucester	3.7%	4.1%	2.9%	3.9%
Hudson	6.0%	5.5%	6.6%	5.9%
Hunterdon	1.2%	2.1%	1.9%	2.2%
Mercer	3.8%	4.1%	4.2%	5.3%
Middlesex	3.4%	3.1%	4.2%	4.2%
Monmouth	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%
Morris	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%
Ocean	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%	2.9%
Passaic	6.5%	6.5%	5.8%	6.9%
Salem	4.2%	5.7%	6.5%	3.7%
Somerset	1.9%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%
Sussex	1.8%	2.3%	1.4%	1.8%
Union	4.0%	3.2%	4.3%	3.9%
Warren	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%

Percent below Federal Poverty Level: New Jersey Counties

Below Federal Poverty (100% FPL)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Jersey	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%	9.4%
Atlantic	9.2%	12.8%	11.8%	10.8%
Bergen	5.2%	5.9%	5.2%	6.6%
Burlington	5.9%	4.7%	5.3%	5.8%
Camden	11.0%	10.7%	11.5%	11.3%
Cape May	9.2%	8.6%	6.4%	10.0%
Cumberland	15.3%	18.5%	12.5%	16.0%
Essex	14.5%	13.3%	14.8%	14.5%
Gloucester	6.8%	8.1%	6.9%	8.0%
Hudson	15.2%	13.7%	15.2%	14.5%
Hunterdon	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
Mercer	8.4%	9.3%	8.8%	11.1%
Middlesex	7.2%	6.7%	7.3%	8.1%
Monmouth	5.8%	6.1%	5.8%	6.9%
Morris	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.3%
Ocean	8.8%	8.7%	8.9%	7.9%
Passaic	15.0%	13.7%	14.4%	17.2%
Salem	8.9%	10.9%	11.7%	9.7%
Somerset	4.4%	2.6%	2.3%	4.0%
Sussex	4.8%	4.6%	4.1%	5.7%
Union	7.7%	7.8%	8.8%	9.5%
Warren	5.6%	6.3%	6.9%	6.8%

Percent below True Poverty Level: New Jersey Counties

Below True Poverty (200% FPL)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Jersey	21.3%	20.9%	20.8%	22.5%
Atlantic	24.9%	28.1%	28.1%	31.1%
Bergen	14.9%	14.4%	12.9%	15.5%
Burlington	15.4%	15.3%	14.9%	15.4%
Camden	24.6%	24.6%	25.3%	24.4%
Cape May	25.3%	25.5%	23.1%	28.5%
Cumberland	34.0%	35.4%	32.4%	34.4%
Essex	29.9%	30.2%	30.3%	31.2%
Gloucester	17.7%	18.5%	17.2%	17.7%
Hudson	36.1%	34.5%	33.0%	34.1%
Hunterdon	10.1%	8.2%	9.3%	11.6%
Mercer	22.3%	21.1%	19.3%	22.8%
Middlesex	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%	20.2%
Monmouth	15.9%	16.0%	15.1%	17.9%
Morris	10.7%	9.6%	10.9%	11.8%
Ocean	22.8%	23.1%	22.2%	23.3%
Passaic	32.2%	29.9%	31.8%	34.7%
Salem	23.3%	22.2%	25.9%	25.6%
Somerset	11.2%	9.0%	9.2%	14.6%
Sussex	11.2%	13.9%	14.7%	13.0%
Union	22.6%	20.9%	23.1%	24.5%
Warren	17.6%	17.3%	16.1%	18.1%

Percent below Severe Poverty Level: New Jersey Municipalities

Note: Data for only 12 places are available in the 2009 American Community Survey (one year estimates). More places will be available when the Census Bureau releases the three-year estimates.

Below Severe Poverty (50% FPL)		
	2008	2009
New Jersey	3.9%	4.1%
Camden	19.4%	17.9%
Clifton	2.2%	4.3%
East Orange	8.0%	7.8%
Edison CDP	8.7%	4.0%
Elizabeth	8.4%	6.2%
Jersey City	7.8%	7.4%
Newark	11.4%	10.9%
Passaic	10.6%	10.2%
Paterson	9.4%	12.8%
Toms River CDP	2.4%	1.4%
Trenton	10.4%	12.4%
Union City	8.1%	7.0%

Percent below Federal Poverty Level: New Jersey Municipalities

Below Federal Poverty (100% FPL)		
	2008	2009
New Jersey	8.7%	9.4%
Camden	41.7%	35.9%
Clifton	6.2%	10.9%
East Orange	18.4%	20.0%
Edison CDP	11.0%	7.1%
Elizabeth	18.5%	16.1%
Jersey City	16.0%	16.6%
Newark	26.1%	23.9%
Passaic	29.4%	29.9%
Paterson	24.7%	30.5%
Toms River CDP	5.1%	5.3%
Trenton	22.5%	26.8%
Union City	21.4%	18.7%

Percent below True Poverty Level: New Jersey Municipalities

Below True Poverty (200% FPL)		
	2008	2009
New Jersey	20.8%	22.5%
Camden	72.2%	64.1%
Clifton	19.3%	25.6%
East Orange	37.4%	38.3%
Edison CDP	21.2%	12.7%
Elizabeth	44.6%	43.5%
Jersey City	32.4%	35.2%
Newark	50.4%	48.6%
Passaic	55.5%	64.1%
Paterson	53.2%	53.6%
Toms River CDP	14.5%	19.3%
Trenton	49.8%	48.9%
Union City	47.6%	42.8%

Poverty Rate by Age: New Jersey

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	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Population	8.6%	8.6%	8.7%	9.4%
Children	11.8%	11.6%	12.5%	13.5%
Adults	7.6%	7.5%	7.4%	8.1%
Seniors	8.2%	8.4%	7.9%	7.9%

Percent of Children below Poverty: New Jersey Counties

	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Jersey	11.8%	11.6%	12.5%	13.5%
Atlantic	13.2%	17.7%	19.0%	17.1%
Bergen	5.9%	5.8%	4.8%	8.4%
Burlington	7.5%	5.1%	6.4%	7.5%
Camden	16.3%	15.1%	16.6%	17.5%
Cape May	11.8%	9.7%	7.2%	12.4%
Cumberland	20.9%	33.7%	19.4%	23.1%
Essex	18.6%	18.8%	20.2%	21.0%
Gloucester	7.2%	10.4%	8.4%	11.5%
Hudson	25.7%	20.4%	23.5%	22.6%
Hunterdon	3.2%	2.4%	3.5%	5.0%
Mercer	11.0%	14.3%	11.9%	15.5%
Middlesex	8.5%	7.6%	10.3%	10.4%
Monmouth	6.3%	7.5%	8.3%	9.0%
Morris	4.3%	4.0%	4.4%	3.2%
Ocean	14.0%	13.2%	16.5%	12.8%
Passaic	22.9%	17.8%	22.1%	26.1%
Salem	12.2%	15.8%	18.4%	17.5%
Somerset	5.5%	2.1%	2.4%	4.3%
Sussex	5.9%	6.9%	3.3%	9.2%
Union	8.5%	11.0%	12.3%	13.9%
Warren	6.5%	8.3%	12.1%	9.8%

Percent of Children below Poverty: New Jersey Municipalities

	2007	2008	2009
New Jersey	11.6%	12.5%	13.5%
Camden city	53.2%	52.2%	53.6%
Clifton	10.1%	11.8%	15.8%
East Orange	39.0%	28.6%	35.1%
Edison	2.6%	18.9%	7.1%
Elizabeth	26.8%	28.7%	21.4%
Jersey City	22.6%	23.8%	25.9%
Newark	35.0%	35.0%	33.2%
Passaic	34.6%	42.6%	40.0%
Paterson	28.9%	33.5%	45.4%
Toms River	2.9%	5.4%	6.1%
Trenton	35.5%	32.8%	36.6%
Union City	27.3%	30.1%	33.2%

Poverty by Race: New Jersey

Poverty by Race: New Jersey			
	White (not Hispanic or Latino)	Black or African-American (not Hispanic or Latino)	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
2006	5.2%	17.3%	16.5%
2007	5.2%	16.9%	16.0%
2008	5.2%	17.5%	16.5%
2009	5.4%	18.1%	18.3%

Child Poverty by Race: New Jersey

Poverty Rate for Children by Race: New Jersey			
	White (not Hispanic or Latino)	Black or African-American (not Hispanic or Latino)	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
2006	5.8%	23.6%	22.4%
2007	5.7%	23.7%	20.8%
2008	6.3%	25.9%	21.7%
2009	6.4%	25.8%	25.4%