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Letter from Advocates for Children of New Jersey



When the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation asked Advocates for Children of New Jersey to produce the first *Paterson Kids Count*, we were excited about the opportunity to publish city-level data that could provide a comprehensive picture of the issues facing Paterson's children and families.

What was even more exciting, though, was that we had a partner who planned to take the data, focus on specific issues and develop action plans that advanced real solutions to the problems highlighted in the report.

The results have exceeded all expectations!

Four years later, *Paterson Kids Count 2015* documents the progress that is possible when a statewide organization like ACNJ provides information to a group of dedicated community members who are committed to building a better future for the children in their town.

The Paterson Alliance's use of *Paterson Kids Count* exemplifies a primary goal of the national Kids Count project, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to use data to drive smart decisions for children. ACNJ has been the New Jersey Kids Count grantee since the project's inception more than 25 years ago. During that time, the data we have published in our various reports have been used in many ways to craft informed change for kids.

That is something that ACNJ is proud of. Yet, rarely have we seen such a focused, sustained and successful approach to using a Kids Count report to secure real-life results for children. We hold Paterson up as a model and urge other communities to replicate their success, which includes a substantial rise in children eating breakfast at school, a significant drop in uninsured children and progress in ensuring that Paterson 3rd graders are reading on target.

These impressive results, achieved in such a short time, prove that when we take accurate information, bring together the right people, identify solvable issues and advance concrete solutions, we can make a difference for children in that community.

I am certain that the Paterson community will rally around this second Kids Count report, digest the data and generate ways to build on the success started four years ago. And that is critical. Because while progress has been made, Paterson children still face significant challenges, including pervasive poverty, low test scores and certain health issues.

For now, though, the Paterson Alliance should take a moment to celebrate this success. Thousands more Paterson children are now eating a healthy morning meal, have regular doctor visits and a better chance for school success. We look forward to seeing what the Alliance does over the next four years.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia Zalkind".

Cecilia Zalkind, *Executive Director*
Advocates for Children of New Jersey

A Letter from the Paterson Alliance



We are excited to share *Paterson Kids Count 2015*. It is hard to believe that it has been four years since the first *Paterson Kids Count* was published and the work of establishing our priorities to address the identified concerns began.

This comprehensive look at the state of children and families through the lens of the data collected for *Paterson Kids Count 2011* provided the Paterson Alliance and the non-profit sector with a road map to direct our services and agency resources. Carolyn McCombs, executive director of the New Destiny Family Success Center, summed up the value of the report best:

“Paterson Kids Count is the definitive go to resource that we use when preparing grants, case statements and planning the work of our agency.”

Paterson Kids Count 2015 is evidence of what can be accomplished when we take data and statistics and allow them to be the driving force, building collaborations and establishing priorities for collective impact in our community. The work of the Paterson Alliance members in response to the results shared in the 2011 report elevated the collaborative efforts of the Paterson non-profit community. As we analyzed the invaluable data, we knew that the ability to make change and have measurable improvement would be contingent upon three factors.

- Clear priorities that impacted the broader Paterson community.
- Non-profit leaders willing to collaborate using results-based accountability.
- A funding community open to seeing the critical importance of supporting the collaborative priorities.

As you review the results presented in *Paterson Kids Count 2015*, you will see that the availability of these three factors has resulted in collective impact in our three priority areas of low school breakfast participation, a high rate of uninsured children and a low rate of proficient readers by 3rd and 4th grade. Moreover, our work has continued and allowed us to undertake a strategic planning process that will have an impact in the area of increasing enrollment of Paterson 3- and 4-year-olds in quality preschool. So stay tuned to hear more about the “Think Paterson Pre-K Campaign.”

Special thanks goes to the Paterson Alliance Board, the Paterson Alliance membership and the *Paterson Kids Count 2015* committee members. We particularly thank Dr. Donnie Evans, Paterson School District Superintendent, and Mayor Jose “Joey” Torres for their support and recognition of the importance of this work and the contribution of the non-profit sector to the City of Paterson

Finally, we thank our funder — The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation — for underwriting the Paterson Kids Count project and helping us to forge our amazing relationship with Advocates for Children of New Jersey.

As we review this report, we acknowledge the progress that has been made in critical areas, while recognizing that there is still much work to do. Once again, we will use *Paterson Kids Count 2015* to set the agenda for the future collaborative work needed to create continued collective impact in the lives of Paterson children and families.

Leah Dade, Executive Director
Paterson Alliance



Special Section: Paterson Uses Data to Push Positive Change for Kids

When Advocates for Children of New Jersey released the first *Paterson Kids Count* in 2011, the community rallied. Led by the Paterson Alliance, stakeholders dug deep into the data, holding follow-up forums to identify issues that broadly affected Paterson children and that were lessening the likelihood that these children would realize success in school and in life.

Four years later, this 2nd edition of *Paterson Kids Count* documents the success of this data-driven, collective local effort in three key areas that were targeted for sustained advocacy and attention. While more work certainly remains, the success to date demonstrates the positive change that can be achieved for children when local advocates band together, use data to identify solvable issues and develop and implement concrete plans to remedy the problems.

The forums, which were held shortly after the November 2011 release of the first *Paterson Kids Count*, brought together local educators, city officials, parents, community members and leaders and staff from various community organizations. This strong coalition of people committed to Paterson's children digested the data and decided to target three key issues:

- Low school breakfast participation
- A high rate of uninsured children
- A low rate of proficient readers by 3rd and 4th grade

The results?

Kids starting their school day with a healthy morning meal. School breakfast participation soared from about 5,800 students in the 2010-11 school year to more than 24,000 students in April 2015. The student participation rate in this federally-funded child nutrition program skyrocketed from 27 percent to 93 percent in a few short years, giving Paterson children the nourishment they need to concentrate and learn.

More children with access to medical care. The number of Paterson children who lack health insurance — key to ensuring consistent medical care that can prevent serious illness — plummeted 54 percent, from about 4,000 children in 2010 to 1,800 kids in 2014. This cut the uninsured rate in half, from 10 percent of the total child population to 5 percent.

Progress in improving young children's reading skills. The city's traditional public schools saw an 18 percent increase in the share of Paterson students who were reading on target in 3rd grade, with 37 percent of the city's 3rd graders passing state literacy tests in 2013-14, up from 31 percent in 2009-10. During that same time, the city's charter schools achieved a 122 percent increase in the pass rate, rising from 25 to 55 percent. While clearly more work remains on this front, these statistics suggest that the city is on the right track.

Following is a brief summary of the efforts undertaken in Paterson to achieve these results for children.

Special Section

Paterson Kids Fueling Up

When ACNJ published the first Paterson Kids Count in 2011, the city's traditional public schools were feeding just 27 percent of the 21,000 children who qualified for free or low-cost meals. In April 2015, that percentage had soared to 93 percent, putting Paterson in the top five on our School Breakfast Champs list in the 5th annual school breakfast report and first among large, urban districts. Paterson's student participation rate also far exceeds the statewide average of 44 percent.

This was accomplished through a devoted and persistent group of local advocates who doggedly lobbied school officials to serve breakfast in the classroom, during the first few minutes of the school day. Known as "breakfast after the bell," this approach is much more effective than serving the morning meal before school — when children have not yet arrived — the previous method of service in Paterson and in districts across the state.

After several years of planning, district officials began piloting breakfast in the classroom in a handful of schools about two years ago. During the pilot period, food service staff worked out logistical challenges and enlisted the cooperation of school staff at all levels. During the 2014–15 school year, the program was rolled out to all Paterson K-8 schools and breakfast was offered free to all students, resulting in the drastic improvement in student participation.

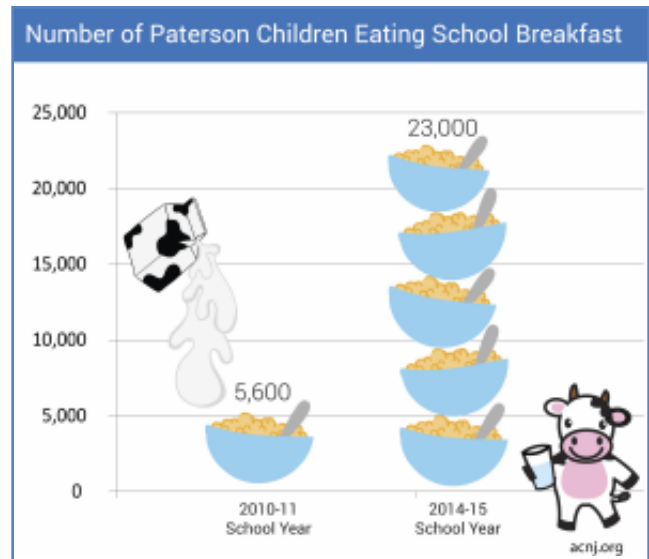
Contributing to this success was district leaders' decision to take advantage of a new federal reimbursement option known as Community Eligibility. Under this provision, schools with high concentrations of low-income students feed all students in exchange for higher federal per-meal reimbursements.

According to Paterson Food Service Director Dave Buchholtz, the district's implementation of the federal Community Eligibility Provision has eliminated significant paperwork and ensured that more students eat nutritious meals at school.

"Everyone obviously embraced the provision for what it offered... allowing kids to eat at no cost," said Buchholtz, who oversaw the district-wide implementation of breakfast after the bell. "Not having to handle applications has been a time saver and provided a cost savings to the department. The money saved went towards other areas of our operation."

Parent leader Linda Reid, who helped lead the charge on school breakfast, revels in the success.

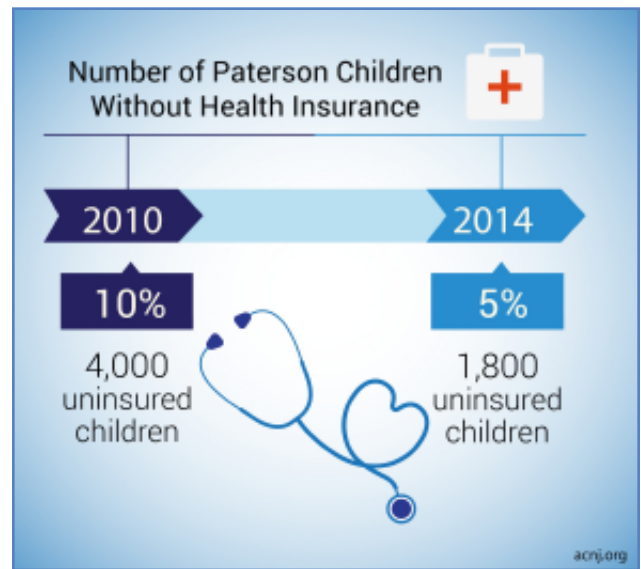
"Our kids are starting their school day with a healthy meal," Reid said. "They're more focused and ready to learn. That means everyone wins."



Healthier Kids

Following the release of the first *Paterson Kids Count*, a subcommittee comprised of the four major Paterson healthcare providers came together to examine how they could collectively increase enrollment in NJ Family Care, the state's free or low-cost health coverage program that includes Medicaid.

Even as the number of uninsured children was on the decline statewide, Paterson had seen a disappointing 5 percent increase in the number of uninsured children. Paterson's uninsured rate was 10 percent in 2010 — almost double the statewide average of 6 percent — even though many of the city's children were eligible for NJ FamilyCare.



Subcommittee members got together, held enrollment drives, attended community events to raise awareness of the availability of health coverage and enlisted the aid of community organizations to enroll their clients in NJ FamilyCare. Then, in 2013, New Jersey took advantage of the federal Medicaid expansion option, which helped to fuel the progress that was already underway.

By 2014, Paterson had achieved a 54 percent drop in the number of uninsured children — outpacing a 26 percent decline statewide. Now, Paterson's uninsured rate of 5 percent is even with the statewide average.

Paterson Reads

Propelled by the sobering data in the first *Paterson Kids Count* that found less than one-third of Paterson 3rd graders were reading on target, and with help from grants from the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation (HMTF) and the Nicholson Foundation, the city launched Paterson Reads.

This city-wide collaboration aims to improve outcomes for students in key areas that support 3rd grade reading success — quality preschool, school attendance, summer learning opportunities and teacher quality. The effort is based on a national model developed by The Annie E. Casey Foundation in consultation with experts.

Paterson Reads engages nonprofits, the school district, city officials, parents, teachers and other stakeholders to coordinate existing literacy efforts and support new programs for system-wide support of grade-level literacy. Under the umbrella of Paterson Reads are several encouraging initiatives that may have already contributed to an increasing number of 3rd graders reading on target.

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Paterson Readers is a one-on-one tutoring program for struggling 1st grade readers in Paterson Public Schools. The United Way of Passaic County sponsors the program, recruiting and training volunteers to provide tutoring twice a week to students after school.

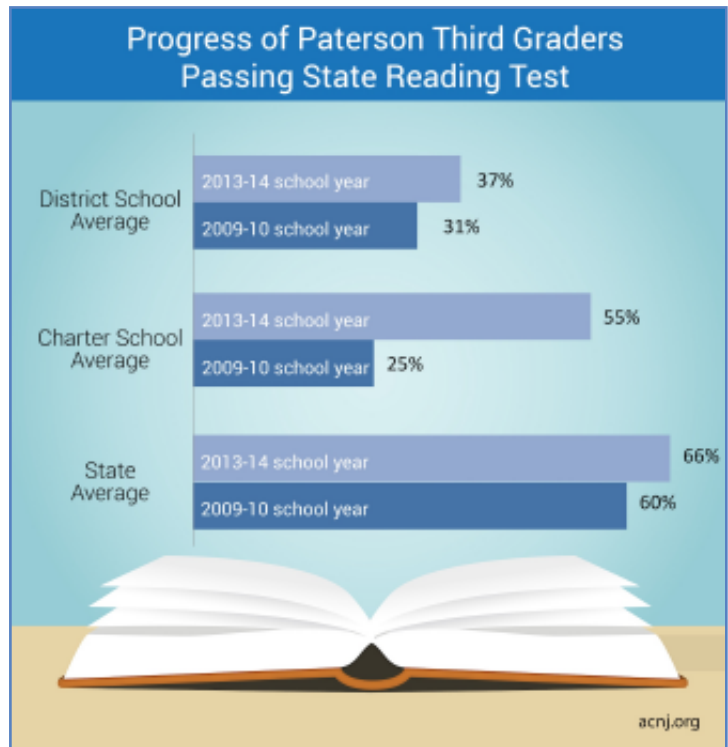
Home-School Literacy Link (HSL) is piloting a parent-education program to support early literacy by providing parents, caregivers and families with the training, resources and materials they need to promote early literacy at home. The pilot targets low-income families, providing instruction on techniques to use when reading to young children and providing new books and literacy activities and materials.

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is an early childhood literacy intervention and school readiness program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers in low-income communities that takes place in the pediatric exam room. During every well-child exam, the pediatrician provides the family with an age-appropriate book and uses the book throughout, modeling family reading and showing how reading supports child development.

Read to Know (RTK) aims to help children be better prepared when they start school and to encourage families to read together. To achieve these basic objectives, RTK supplies books to children at locations throughout the city, provides volunteers to read to children in certain locations, participates in or runs special events, such as book festivals, and engages parents and caregivers in literacy activities.

The New Destiny Family Success Center (NDFSC) trains parents as “first teachers” of their children, employing an evidence-based model developed by and for Latino parents of young children to address opportunity gaps. Parent-educators are trained to lead a 10-week parenting curriculum, using a national model that is recognized by the Annie E. Casey grade-level initiative as an exemplary “bright spot.”

All of these initiatives are in various stages of development, but, taken together, they promise to help improve literacy skills among young Paterson children and their parents.





Special Section

School Attendance is Key

In addition to the literacy efforts, the city has undertaken a comprehensive approach to tackling chronic absenteeism, especially for young children. Regular attendance is critical to students achieving academic success. Yet, Paterson schools have a high rate of chronic absenteeism, especially in a child's early years.

In the 2013-14 school year, about 45 percent of preschoolers attending district-operated pre-k were chronically absent, while more than one-quarter of kindergarteners missed too much school. (No comparison data yet exist for previous years, nor are data available yet for community-based preschools, although efforts are underway to collect that information).

To address this barrier to school success, community members, including the Paterson Education Fund, developed a community action plan in the 2012–13 school year that identified improving school attendance as one of its top goals. The Paterson Alliance is also examining ways to improve preschool enrollment and attendance, with a strategic plan aimed at addressing these issues.

With help from a mini-grant from The Nicholson Foundation, the Paterson Education Fund, school district and many community partners have:

- Held a series of meetings focused on the importance of attendance in student achievement, beginning as early as preschool.
- Hosted parent and community forums that dramatized the devastating effect of chronic absenteeism on student achievement and highlighted the need for more focused attention to the issue.
- Conducted a workshop for preschool providers to provide training on improving preschool attendance. All 39 community preschools that contract with the district attended the workshop.
- Conducted focus groups with Paterson parents to better understand the barriers to regular school attendance.

Plans are also underway to develop a widespread Pedestrian Personal Safety Program. Most Paterson students walk to school, with many of them living in or traveling through high-crime areas. This initiative brings together law enforcement, community agencies, the school district and parents and community members to make it safer for children to walk to school.

Many of the “best practices” identified by Attendance Works, a national organization dedicated to improving school attendance, were implemented in School 5, a K-6 school with more than 95 percent of its students considered low-income.



Photo by: Nicole Chumpitasi

School 5's former principal, Sandra Diodonet, implemented the following successful practices:

- **Success mentors.** Individual staff members work directly with students who are at-risk of being chronically absent.
- **A walking school bus.** School 5 addressed family safety concerns by organizing a community walk-to-school program for students and families.
- **Incentives.** Perfect and improved individual student and classroom attendance was rewarded in a variety of ways, including pizza parties and recognition at school assemblies.

That hard work has paid off. Chronic absenteeism declined from 152 students in 2012–13 to just 36 in 2013–14 — a 76 percent decrease.

"We have more work to do, but our kids are definitely on the right track and that increases their chance for success," Diodonet said.

With continued focus on this issue, this success can be replicated throughout Paterson schools.

More Work Ahead

It is important to celebrate progress. It is equally important to remain committed to continuing that progress. Paterson children still face significant disadvantage, with 41 percent living in families earning too little to meet their basic needs, the majority of students failing state literacy and math tests and far too many facing health issues like asthma that can impede their growth and development.

The good news is that when communities band together, use accurate information to make smart decisions, target their resources and made a long-term commitment to solving problems, they make progress. And children benefit.



Photo by: Andrew Palma

In 2014, about 39,000 children called Paterson home. This includes 12,000 children under the age of 5. Children made up 27 percent of the city's population — higher than county and state averages.

Hispanic children comprised more than 60 percent of Paterson's total child population, followed by children of "other" races at 40 percent. Black, non-Hispanic children comprised nearly one-third of the city's child population, while white children made up just 7 percent of that total.

Forty-five percent of Passaic County's single-parent households reside in Paterson. Births to unmarried women make up 65 percent of all births to Paterson mothers. And, in 58 percent of the Paterson homes with residents over the age of 5 a language other than English is spoken at home.

Total Population

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	146,377	146,426	145,236	145,952	146,746	0
Passaic County	501,860	502,007	502,885	505,672	508,856	1
New Jersey	8,801,624	8,821,155	8,864,590	8,899,339	8,938,175	2
Paterson's % of Passaic	29	29	29	29	29	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

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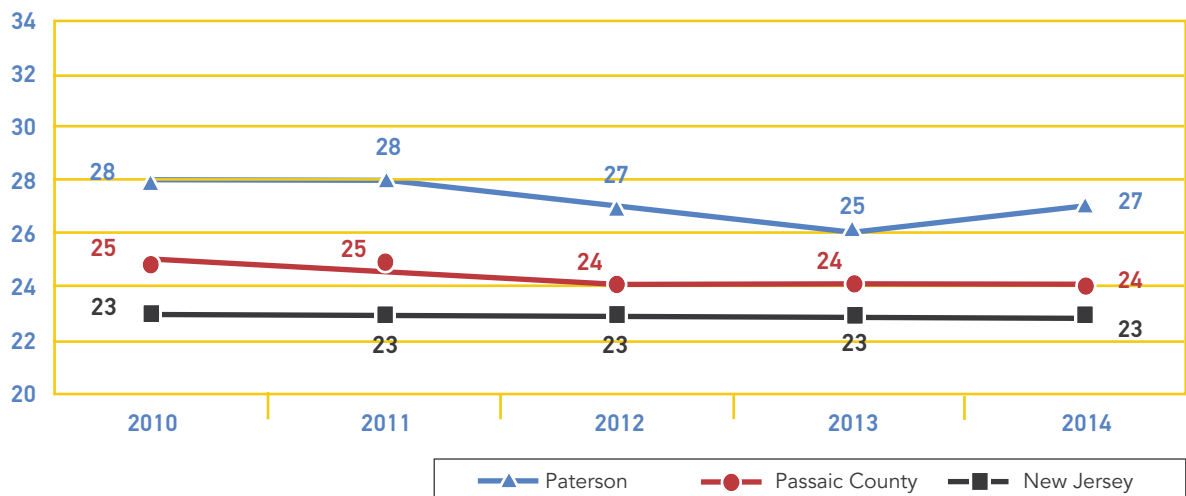
Child Population Under Age 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	40,333	41,693	38,587	36,498	39,119	-3
Passaic County	124,319	123,596	122,743	123,566	124,025	0
New Jersey	2,062,812	2,042,425	2,026,738	2,021,897	2,012,197	-2
Paterson's % of Passaic	32	34	31	30	32	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

Child Population Under Age 5

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	11,200	12,365	12,874	10,504	12,053	8
Passaic County	34,107	34,462	34,008	34,785	35,333	4
New Jersey	538,571	535,544	526,587	531,181	532,168	-1
Paterson's % of Passaic	33	36	38	30	34	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

Child Population Under 18 as Percentage of Total Population



1 Population and Demographics

Paterson's Child Population Under 18 by Race

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Black	12,055	30	11,916	29	12,468	32	12,514	34	11,882	30	-1	2
White, non-Hispanic	2,788	7	2,051	5	2,573	7	1,466	4	2,803	7	1	4
Hispanic	23,362	58	24,924	60	23,261	60	21,906	60	24,463	63	5	8
Other	2,243	6	N/A*	N/A*	3,663	9	8,606	24	15,496	40	591	612

Note: Total percentages for each year exceed 100% as survey participants could indicate more than one choice.

*Data not available for specific year due to number of sample cases being too small.

Foreign-born Children in Paterson

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Foreign-born children	3,564	5,352	4,843	4,049	3,598	1
Percentage foreign-born children	9	13	13	11	9	4

Languages Spoken in the Home, 2014, Paterson

Percentage of population age 5 and over who speak only English in the home	42
Percentage of population age 5 and over who speak a language other than English in the home	58

Of those ages 5 to 17, who speak a language other than English, language spoken, by percentage:

Spanish or Spanish-Creole	91
Other Indo-European languages	5
Asian and Pacific Island languages	1
Other languages	4

Total Births

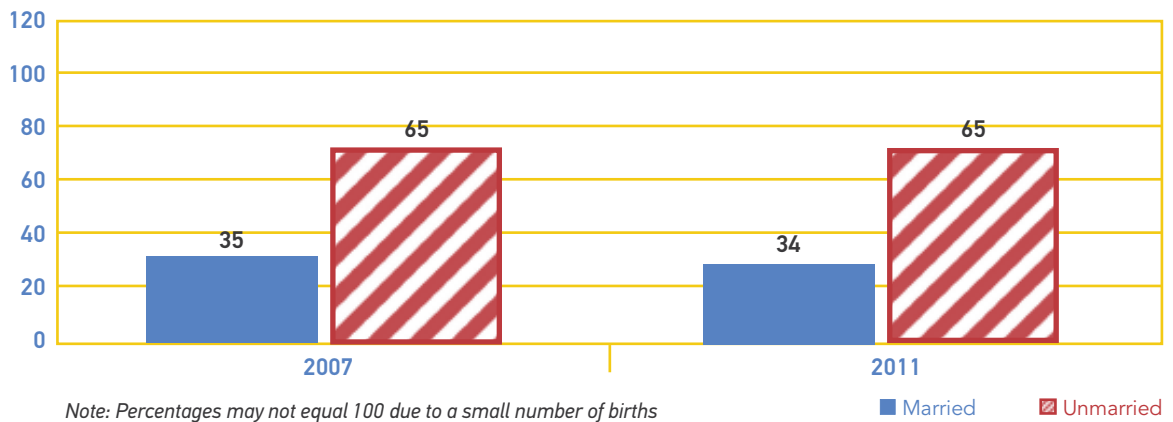
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	2,834	2,797	2,744	2,614	2,663	-6
Passaic County	7,732	7,536	7,384	7,175	7,137	-8
New Jersey	110,185	106,940	104,530	101,391	100,516	-9

1 Population and Demographics

Births to Unmarried Women

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	1,839	1,867	1,786	1,755	1,739	-5
Passaic County	3,502	3,457	3,335	3,335	3,219	-8
New Jersey	38,883	38,357	37,705	36,752	36,886	-5

Paterson Births by Marital Status of Mother



Families Headed by One Parent

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	11,057	11,911	10,827	11,005	9,848	-11
Passaic County	23,138	25,037	23,664	25,935	21,863	-6
New Jersey	329,184	343,040	339,668	333,412	334,596	2
Paterson's % of Passaic	48	48	46	42	45	
Paterson's % of New Jersey	3	3	3	3	3	

1 Demographics

Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	2,475	1,416	1,483	1,437	N/A*	N/A*
Passaic County	4,020	3,550	3,334	3,221	2,649	-34
New Jersey	51,189	45,869	48,550	53,032	49,690	-3
Paterson's % of Passaic	62	40	44	45	N/A*	
Paterson's % of New Jersey	5	3	3	3	N/A*	

*N/A — These data are not available due to the sample size being too small.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	4,134	3,424	4,834	3,435	4,787	16
Passaic County	9,201	8,327	8,373	10,795	8,960	-3
New Jersey	121,938	112,587	115,005	131,546	127,307	4
Paterson's % of Passaic	45	41	58	32	53	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	4	3	4	



2 Family Economic Security

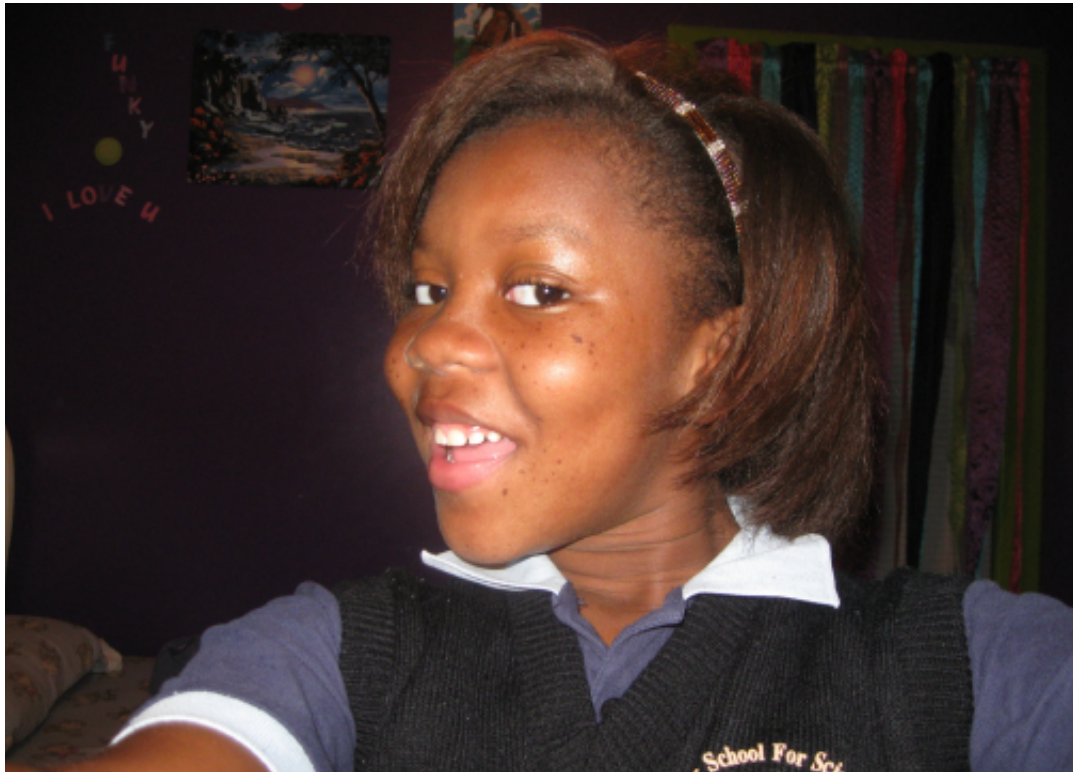


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While the number of Paterson children living in poverty increased a slight 1 percent from 2010 to 2014, this number saw a one-year decline from 2013 to 2014, dropping 4 percent. This is consistent with statewide trends, which saw a 5 percent drop in child poverty.

Still, Paterson's child poverty rate of 41 percent remains far higher than the statewide rate of 16 percent of all children. In 2014, nearly 16,000 Paterson children were living in poverty. Even worse, nearly one-quarter — or 8,200 children — lived in extreme poverty, defined as half the federal poverty level or \$11,925 for a family of four in 2014. At the same time, nearly three-quarters of Paterson children lived in low-income households.

The good news is that Paterson's median income of families with children has steadily increased, rising 19 percent from 2010 to 2014, outpacing a 7 percent statewide increase. Unemployment has also fallen a dramatic 35 percent, but the city's 10 percent unemployment rate is still almost twice the statewide rate of 5.6 percent. And, Paterson's median annual income of roughly \$35,000 remained far below the state average of \$89,000.

The number of Paterson children living in families receiving welfare declined 14 percent from 2010 to 2014 when 3,900 children were living in families receiving welfare.

2014 Poverty Rates

In 2014, a family of four was considered "poor" if they earned less than \$23,850. Extreme poverty is defined as half the federal poverty rate or \$11,925 for a family of four, while low-income is twice the poverty rate or \$47,700 for a family of four.

2 Family Economic Security

Number of Children in Poverty, Under 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson						
Extreme Poverty	8,835	9,129	6,751	9,622	8,257	-7
Poverty	15,685	17,126	14,033	16,558	15,844	1
Low-Income	29,046	25,067	26,391	26,363	27,454	-5
Passaic County						
Extreme Poverty	14,432	15,702	14,664	13,797	16,766	16
Poverty	29,099	30,891	28,008	30,614	34,723	19
Low-Income	59,430	54,906	55,721	60,272	57,429	-3
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty	131,256	141,122	152,777	151,706	139,456	6
Poverty	295,346	296,198	310,226	333,375	315,563	7
Low-Income	619,003	574,137	645,985	654,284	640,897	4

Percentage of Children in Poverty, Under 18

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson						
Extreme Poverty	22	22	18	27	21	-3
Poverty	39	42	37	46	41	5
Low-Income	72	61	69	73	71	-2
Passaic County						
Extreme Poverty	12	13	12	11	14	17
Poverty	23	25	23	25	28	20
Low-Income	48	45	46	49	47	-3
New Jersey						
Extreme Poverty	6	7	8	8	7	9
Poverty	14	15	15	17	16	10
Low-Income	30	28	32	33	32	6

2 Family Economic Security

Total Population Living Below Poverty Level

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Paterson	40,891	28	41,803	29	36,971	25	44,943	31	44,512	30	9	9
Passaic County	77,461	15	81,294	16	77,022	15	82,857	16	92,521	18	19	18
New Jersey	884,789	10	897,376	10	934,943	11	998,549	11	972,903	11	10	8
Paterson's % of Passaic	53		51		48		54		48			
Paterson's % of NJ	5		5		4		5		5			

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Paterson	1,757	14	1,400	11	1,624	13	2,256	17	1,451	11	-17	-20
Passaic County	2,899	6	3,401	6	3,908	7	3,429	6	3,502	6	21	11
New Jersey	38,186	3	41,758	4	41,779	4	45,957	4	48,605	4	27	22
Paterson's % of Passaic	61		41		42		66		41			
Paterson's % of NJ	5		3		4		5		3			

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Paterson	5,884	30	7,207	36	6,134	31	7,139	38	6,777	37	15	26
Passaic County	11,204	18	12,759	21	11,744	19	13,368	21	13,394	22	20	23
New Jersey	131,931	12	129,801	12	140,595	13	145,619	14	134,517	13	2	5
Paterson's % of Passaic	53		56		52		53		51			
Paterson's % of NJ	4		6		4		5		5			

2 Family Economic Security

Median Income of Families with Children

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	29,519	29,284	30,385	28,581	35,131	19
Passaic County	57,250	53,171	57,775	56,484	56,723	-1
New Jersey	83,208	81,983	85,185	85,248	89,020	7

Unemployment Rate

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	% Change 11-15
Paterson	15.5	15.7	14.2	11.9	10	-35
Passaic County	11	11	9.9	8.1	6.8	-38
New Jersey	9.3	9.3	8.2	6.6	5.6	-40

*2015 preliminary average through July.

Number Unemployed

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	% Change 11-15
Paterson	10,083	10,173	9,010	7,474	6,255	-38
Passaic County	27,823	27,974	24,693	20,173	17,117	-38
New Jersey	425,263	426,038	369,958	300,277	255,298	-40

*2015 preliminary average through July.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)

	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 09-13	
	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount	# of Claims	Avg. Claim Amount
Paterson	25,596	\$2,409	25,509	\$2,431	26,425	\$2,487	26,201	\$4,508	27,186	\$2,640	6	10
Passaic County	48,241	\$2,309	48,537	\$2,327	49,985	\$2,383	49,710	\$4,352	52,124	\$2,492	8	8
New Jersey	561,644	\$2,101	548,004	\$2,127	562,894	\$2,170	563,291	\$3,195	589,026	\$2,283	5	9

2 Family Economic Security

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, All Recipients, 2013

	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Paterson	22,842	\$11,196,220	\$490
Passaic County	44,220	\$20,416,464	\$462
New Jersey	506,712	\$212,611,235	\$420

NJ Earned Income Tax Credits, Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19, 2013

	# Credits Issued	Total Amount of Credits Issued	Avg. Credit Amount
Paterson	16,968	\$10,317,569	\$608
Passaic County	31,036	\$18,555,022	\$598
New Jersey	333,726	\$190,801,900	\$572

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	4,558	5,236	5,427	5,002	3,918	-14
Passaic County	6,477	7,550	8,052	7,914	6,234	-4
New Jersey	67,632	70,831	68,692	64,379	58,948	-13
Paterson's % of Passaic	70	69	67	63	63	
Paterson's % of NJ	7	7	8	8	7	



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The median rent for Paterson residents rose 10 percent from 2010 to 2014 to \$1,131 a month, which is slightly less than the statewide average of about \$1,200. Even so, Paterson saw a 4 percent decline in the percent of households spending more than the recommended 30 percent of income on rent. In 2014, 64 percent of residents spent too much on rent, compared to 53 percent statewide.

Paterson saw a 7 percent drop in the percent of housing units that are owner occupied. Just 27 percent of Paterson housing units were owner-occupied in 2014, compared to 63 percent statewide. During the same time, the percent of people paying more than 30 percent of their income on mortgages dropped 10 percent, with 65 percent of all Paterson homeowners spending too much on a mortgage, far exceeding the statewide average of 40 percent.

In 2014, 348 of the city's properties were in foreclosure, a 15 percent decrease from 2013, but still 69 percent higher than in 2012 when 206 properties were in foreclosure.

Median Rent

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	\$1,028	\$1,075	\$1,070	\$1,117	\$1,131	10
Passaic County	\$1,089	\$1,102	\$1,132	\$1,176	\$1,208	11
New Jersey	\$1,114	\$1,135	\$1,148	\$1,171	\$1,202	8

3 Affordable Housing

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	66	67	63	70	64	-4
Passaic County	64	64	58	63	61	-5
New Jersey	54	55	54	54	53	-2

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	29	25	26	27	27	-7
Passaic County	54	54	53	54	53	-2
New Jersey	66	65	65	64	63	-4

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	72	79	70	60	65	-10
Passaic County	53	58	50	47	48	-10
New Jersey	47	47	44	41	40	-16



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Number of Foreclosure Complaints Filed in Paterson

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 12-14
	206	411	348	69



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The number of children receiving food stamps through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) increased 16 percent in Paterson from 2010 to 2014, lower than the 31 percent increase both statewide and in Passaic County. In 2014, nearly 27,000 Paterson children were receiving this nutritional benefit. Roughly half of all Passaic County children receiving food stamps lived in Paterson.

At the same time, the city saw a 5 percent decrease in the number of women, infants and children receiving formula and other

nutritional assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants and Children (WIC), consistent with statewide trends.

In the 2014–15 school year, nearly 27,000 Paterson children were eligible for free- or reduced- price school meals. Paterson’s student participation in the federal School Breakfast Program has skyrocketed to 93 percent in traditional public schools, thanks to the district switching to serving breakfast during the first few minutes of the school day. Known as “breakfast after the bell,” this approach dramatically increases student participation in this critical child nutrition program. Paterson now has the highest school breakfast participation rate among all of New Jersey’s large, urban districts.

Paterson schools are also feeding lunch to a high percent of low-income students. In the same school year, 77 percent of eligible Paterson students received school lunches, on par with the statewide average of 76 percent.

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	22,947	25,484	25,187	26,749	26,719	16
Passaic County	40,248	45,892	49,777	52,609	52,662	31
New Jersey	317,819	368,173	395,999	419,410	417,044	31
Paterson’s % of Passaic	57	56	51	51	51	
Paterson’s % of NJ	7	7	6	6	6	

Women, Infants and Children Receiving Nutritional Benefits

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	10,488	10,340	10,133	9,876	9,968	-5
Passaic County	19,221	18,953	18,615	17,924	17,845	-7
New Jersey	189,116	186,247	189,399	185,097	180,154	-5
Paterson's % of Passaic	55	55	54	55	56	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	6	5	5	6	

Number of Children Eligible for Free- and Reduced-Price School Meals

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	21,014	20,882	20,821	22,338	24,859	18
Paterson Charter Schools	899	1,175	1,177	1,854	2,171	141
Paterson Total	21,913	22,057	21,998	24,192	27,030	23
Passaic County	45,222	46,435	47,619	51,992	54,157	20
New Jersey	447,292	477,104	506,474	520,320	533,212	19

Note: Eligibility data for 2014-15 school year came directly from the Paterson School District and is as of April, 2015. Prior years are as of October for each year, and are as reported by the NJ Department of Education. 2014-15 data for Passaic County and New Jersey were also updated to reflect the Paterson data from the district.

Children Receiving Free- and Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	5,679	5,559	5,951	5,870	23,107	307
Paterson Charter Schools	205	583	690	942	1,355	561
Paterson Total	5,884	6,142	6,641	6,812	24,462	316
Passaic County	10,322	11,462	17,135	16,744	36,259	251
New Jersey	135,813	147,846	171,555	197,058	237,062	75

Note: Eligibility data for 2014-15 school year came directly from the Paterson School District and is as of April, 2015. Prior years are as of October for each year, and are as reported by the NJ Department of Education. 2014-15 data for Passaic County and New Jersey were also updated to reflect the Paterson data from the district.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- and Reduced-Price School Breakfast

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	27	27	29	26	93	244
Paterson Charter Schools	23	50	59	51	62	174
Paterson Total	27	28	30	28	90	237
Passaic County	23	25	36	32	67	193
New Jersey	30	31	34	38	44	46

Children Receiving Free- and Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	17,850	17,794	18,254	17,787	18,867	6
Paterson Charter Schools	767	1,126	1,286	1,387	1,864	143
Paterson Total	18,617	18,920	19,540	19,174	20,731	11
Passaic County	38,079	38,932	40,103	40,575	44,022	16
New Jersey	363,262	380,488	396,286	400,070	406,996	12

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- and Reduced-Price School Lunch

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	85	85	88	80	76	-11
Paterson Charter Schools	85	96	109	75	86	1
Paterson Total	85	86	89	79	77	-10
Passaic County	84	84	84	78	81	-3
New Jersey	81	80	78	77	76	-6

Paterson Residents Accessing Food from CUMAC Food Pantries, 2014

All Residents	40,878
Children	12,450
% Children	30



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Health measures for Paterson children show mixed results. The city has seen a steady and dramatic decline in the number of women receiving inadequate prenatal care — a positive trend that can help ensure more babies are born healthy. In 2011, 28 percent of all women received late or no prenatal care in the city, down from 38 percent in 2007. Despite this progress, Paterson is still higher than the statewide rate of 19 percent.

The number of babies born with low-birth weight and those who die within the first year of life also decreased from 2007 to 2011, although these numbers tend to fluctuate more and do not show a steady trend. In 2011, 11 percent of all babies born in Paterson had low-birth weight, compared to 9 percent statewide.

Of concern, the number of children admitted to a hospital because of asthma has increased 24 percent from 2010 to 2013.

In addition, both the number of children tested for high levels of lead and those testing positive has declined. Ten percent fewer children were tested in 2014 compared to 2010. Very few of these children tested positive.

Perhaps most encouraging, Paterson has seen tremendous progress in reducing the number of uninsured children, dropping 54 percent from 2010 to 2014. This progress outpaced a 26 percent decline statewide.

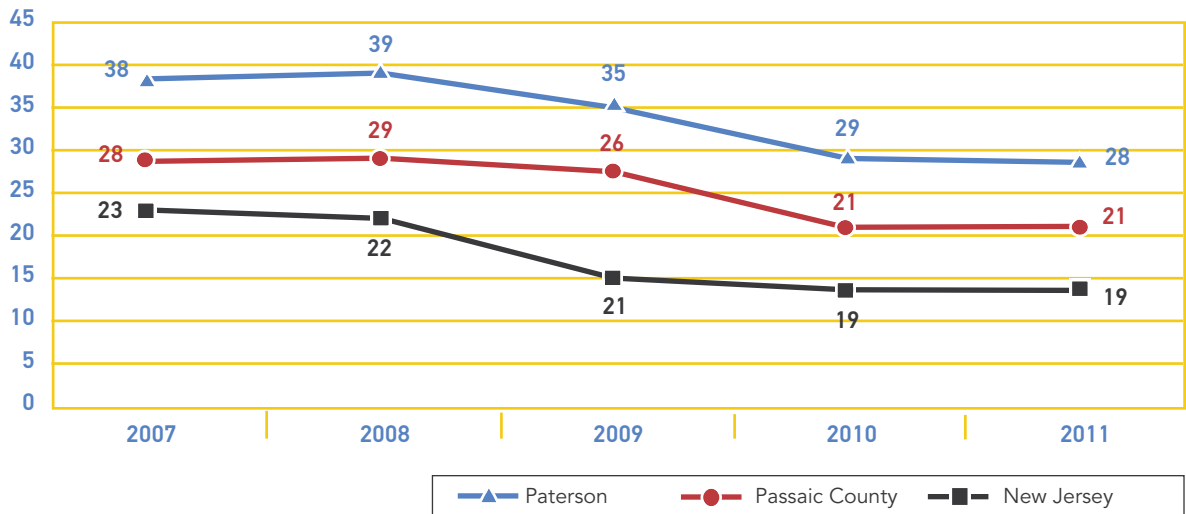


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Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	1,065	1,092	967	760	747	-30
Passaic County	2,175	2,163	1,904	1,511	1,514	-30
New Jersey	25,371	23,196	21,463	19,145	19,127	-25
Paterson's % of Passaic	49	50	51	50	49	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	5	5	4	4	

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care



Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	318	264	260	229	285	-10
Passaic County	722	638	581	584	665	-8
New Jersey	9,232	9,093	8,629	8,747	8,901	-4
Paterson's % of Passaic	44	41	45	39	43	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Percentage of Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	11	9	9	9	11	-5
Passaic County	9	9	8	9	9	0
New Jersey	8	8	8	8	9	6

Infant Mortality

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	20	17	18	17	16	-20
Passaic County	38	34	31	32	31	-18
New Jersey	590	595	563	518	531	-10
Paterson's % of Passaic	53	50	58	53	52	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	5	6	4	5	4	-20
Passaic County	10	14	14	14	10	0
New Jersey	218	187	177	180	196	-10
Paterson's % of Passaic	50	43	29	36	40	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	3	2	3	2	

Children Admitted to the Hospital for Asthma

	2010	2013	% Change 10-13
Paterson	198	246	24
Passaic County	382	406	6
NJ	4,175	3,687	-12
Paterson's % of Passaic	52	61	
Paterson's % of NJ	5	7	

Children 6-26 Months Tested for Lead

	2010		2014		% Change 10-14	
	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned	# Tested	% Poisoned
Paterson	2,994	1	2,706	0	-10	-68
Passaic County	8,073	1	6,812	0	-16	-59
New Jersey	101,521	1	90,683	0	-11	-34

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program — Paterson Lead Abatements

	2010	2014	% Change 10-14
	39	20	-49

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Child Health

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 11-15
Paterson	33,590	34,189	34,824	35,222	40,170	20
Passaic County	66,347	68,457	69,744	71,742	73,762	11
New Jersey	690,055	714,580	727,881	745,990	789,480	14
Paterson's % of Passaic	51	50	50	49	54	
Paterson's % of NJ	5	5	5	5	5	

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		% Change 10-14	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Paterson	4,015	10	3,268	8	2,666	7	2,585	7	1,827	5	-54	-53
Passaic County	8,665	7	8,727	7	7,067	6	8,951	7	5,974	5	-31	-31
New Jersey	123,456	6	105,165	5	102,816	5	112,117	6	91,842	5	-26	-24
Paterson's % of Passaic	46		37		38		29		31			
Paterson's % of NJ	3		3		3		2		2			



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Even as the number of children under the supervision of the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) increased 7 percent statewide from 2010 to 2014, the number of Paterson children being supervised because of abuse or neglect dropped 5 percent. Roughly 1,500 children were under DCPP supervision in 2014.

During roughly the same time, from 2009 to 2013, the number of children who were the subject of an abuse/neglect investigation increased 5 percent to about 3,200 children. Of those, 363 were found to be victims of abuse or neglect, a 19 percent increase during that time. That pushed the substantiation rate from 10 to 11 percent of all investigations.

Most of the children under DCPP supervision — almost 1,300 — were living at home while they and their parents received services. About 250 were in an out-of-home placement in the foster care system — a 9 percent drop from 2010 to 2014.



Photo by: Alexis Robinson

Children Under State DCPP Supervision

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	1,622	1,539	1,527	1,555	1,540	-5
Passaic County	2,499	2,607	2,488	2,531	2,506	0
New Jersey	47,976	48,318	52,873	51,864	51,412	7
Paterson's % of Passaic	65	59	61	61	61	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Children Receiving In-Home DCPD Services

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	1,346	1,220	1,181	1,268	1,288	-4
Passaic County	2,106	2,190	2,055	2,164	2,198	4
New Jersey	40,115	41,121	45,389	44,234	43,752	9
Paterson's % of Passaic	64	56	57	59	59	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Children in Out-of-Home Placement

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	276	319	346	287	252	-9
Passaic County	393	417	433	367	308	-22
New Jersey	7,861	7,197	7,484	7,630	7,660	-3
Paterson's % of Passaic	70	76	80	78	82	
Paterson's % of NJ	4	4	5	4	3	

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Paterson	3,060	3,028	2,939	2,788	3,203	5
Passaic County	6,074	6,030	5,982	6,004	6,355	5
New Jersey	89,287	93,699	91,680	92,924	94,486	6
Paterson's % of Passaic	50	50	49	46	50	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	3	

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, Number of Children

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Paterson	305	207	266	254	363	19
Passaic County	467	409	432	496	669	43
New Jersey	9,286	9,326	9,414	9,250	11,972	29
Paterson's % of Passaic	65	51	62	51	54	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	2	3	3	3	

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% Change 09-13
Paterson	10	7	9	9	11	14
Passaic County	8	7	7	8	11	37
New Jersey	10	10	10	10	13	22

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services

	2013	2014	% Change 13-14
Paterson			
Nurse Family Partnership	106	93	-12
Healthy Families-TIP Program	140	162	16
Parents as Teachers	7	30	329
Total	253	285	13
Passaic County			
Nurse Family Partnership	161	131	-19
Healthy Families-TIP Program	245	251	2
Parents as Teachers	16	63	294
Total	422	445	5
New Jersey			
Nurse Family Partnership	1,380	1,625	18
Healthy Families-TIP Program	3,204	3,208	0
Parents as Teachers	755	1,656	119
Total	5,339	6,489	22



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The Early Years

Paterson saw a decline in the number and available slots in licensed child care centers, but an increase in home-based child care providers who are registered with the state to care for children. The number of licensed centers decreased 6 percent from 2011 to 2014, while capacity declined 8 percent. Contrary to statewide trends, however, the number of home-based caregivers rose 23 percent. Statewide, fewer registered home-based child care providers are available, dropping 10 percent from 2012 to 2014.

A dearth of available child care for young children is most evident in South Paterson's 6th ward and the Hillcrest section of the city, according to mapping conducted by the University of Texas School of Public Health.

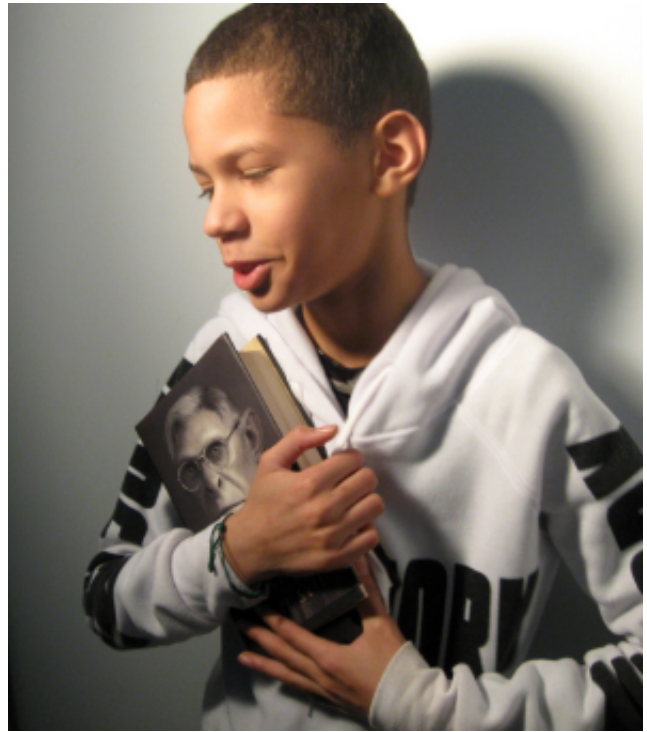


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While the number of kindergarteners has increased 5 percent in recent years, enrollment in state-funded preschool has remained relatively flat. Paterson currently serves 72 percent of the 3- and 4-year-olds eligible for this quality early education that helps prepare them for kindergarten and later school success. Districts with full-day, state-funded preschool are supposed to serve 90 percent of their young students. Efforts are underway to identify and address barriers to preschool enrollment through a strategic plan driving the new Think Paterson Pre-K Campaign.

In addition, the number of children enrolled in Head Start declined 18 percent to about 400 young children, while 120 children are on a waiting list to receive this critical early learning opportunity.

A child's first five years are the most critical, with the brain growing more during this time than at any other time of life. Access to quality early education helps build the foundation that can support later success in school and in life.

Licensed Child Care Centers

	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 11-14
Paterson	78	79	78	73	-6
Passaic County	237	236	238	230	-3
New Jersey	4,213	4,149	4,055	3,987	-5
Paterson's % of Passaic	33	33	33	32	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	

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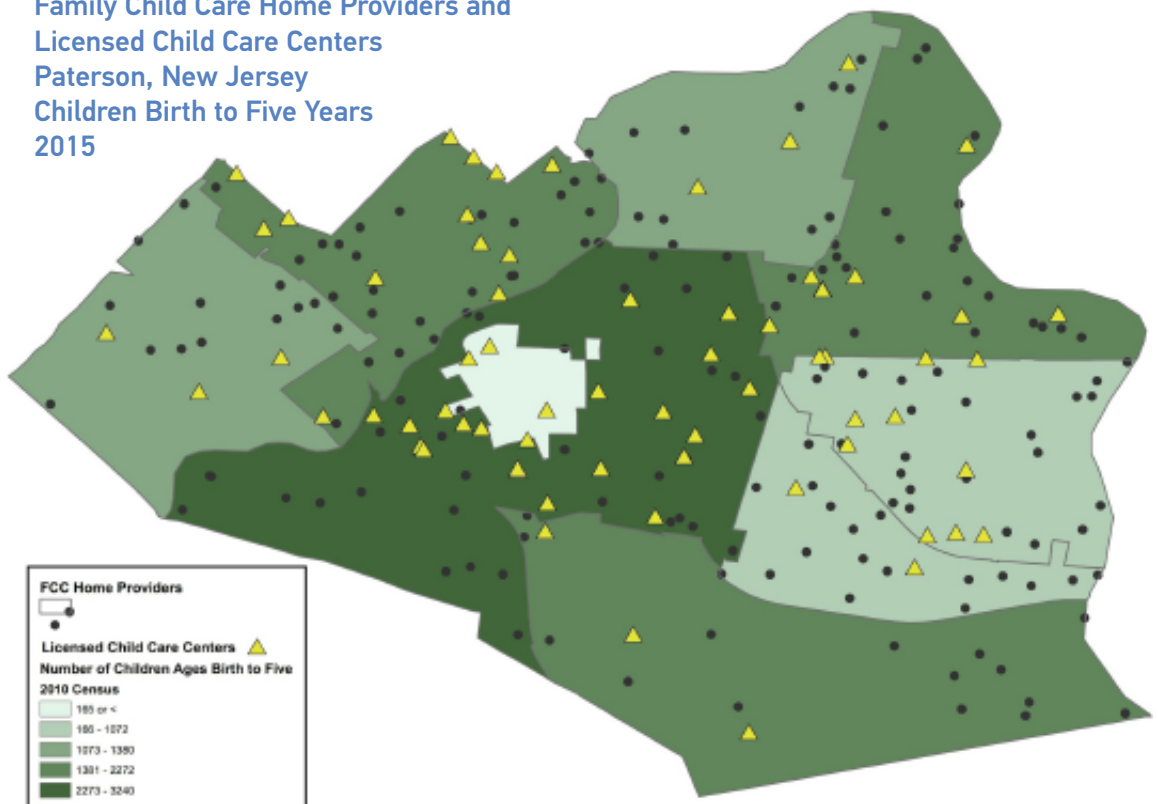
Child Care Center Capacity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 11-14
Paterson	9,951	10,093	9,575	9,174	-8
Passaic County	24,114	18,510	22,634	22,212	-8
New Jersey	356,900	353,100	344,610	346,337	-3
Paterson's % of Passaic	41	55	42	41	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	3	3	3	

Registered Family Child Care Providers

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 12-14
Paterson	126	138	155	23
Passaic County	270	242	295	9
New Jersey	2,289	2,120	2,054	-10
Paterson's % of Passaic	47	57	53	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	7	8	

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Paterson Children Enrolled in Early Head Start

	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 14-15
Capacity	58	58	0
Number children enrolled	48	48	0
Number pregnant mothers enrolled	10	10	0
Number on waiting list	176	170	-3

Paterson Children Enrolled in Head Start

	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 14-15
Capacity	498	408	-18
Number children enrolled	498	408	-18
Number slots that are state-funded	225	315	40
Number on waiting list	114	120	5

Paterson Head Start Children with Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), 2015

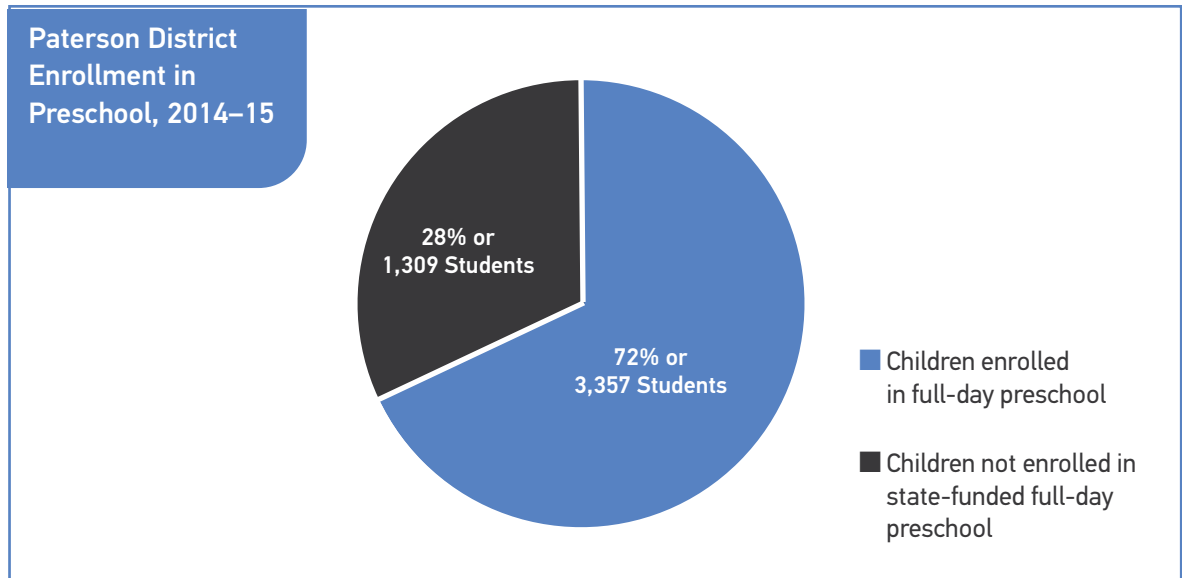
Number of Head Start children with IFSP	19
Percent	5
Number of Early Head Start children with IFSP	12
Percent	25

Note: These plans detail the special services young children need to address development delays.

Public Preschool Enrollments

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	3,374	3,293	2,984	3,275	3,357	-1
Passaic County	5,279	5,243	4,914	5,237	5,277	0
New Jersey	51,333	51,642	51,860	51,924	57,440	12
Paterson's % of Passaic	64	63	61	63	64	
Paterson's % of NJ	7	6	6	6	6	

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Kindergarten Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	2,109	2,153	2,233	2,191	2,206	5
Paterson Charter Schools	102	191	188	259	264	159
Paterson Total	2,211	2,344	2,421	2,450	2,470	12
Passaic County	5,990	5,887	6,460	6,377	5,969	0
New Jersey	90,669	91,880	95,101	92,322	91,570	1
Paterson's % of Essex	37	40	37	38	41	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	3	3	3	3	

K-12 Public Education

Demographics

Student enrollment in Paterson district schools inched up 3 percent from 2010 to 2014, while charter school enrollment soared 103 percent. Charter schools are now educating nearly 2,500 Paterson students or roughly 9 percent of the city's school-age children.

The number of students enrolled in special education has also climbed, increasing 5 percent in traditional public schools and more than doubling in charter schools. Still, traditional schools had a higher percentage of students with special needs. In the 2014-15 school year, 15 percent of students in traditional public schools were receiving special education services, compared to 8 percent in charter schools.

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The number of Paterson students in traditional public schools who are chronically absent was more than twice the statewide average in the 2013–14 school year. District-wide, 21 percent of Paterson students missed 18 or more days of school each year, compared to 10 percent statewide.

The problem is even worse in the early and later grades. More than one-quarter of Paterson’s kindergarteners were chronically absent, while more than one-third of high schoolers missed too much school. Nearly half – 41 percent – of Paterson’s high school seniors missed excessive days of school. Special education students were most likely to be chronically absent, while students with limited English proficiency were least likely.

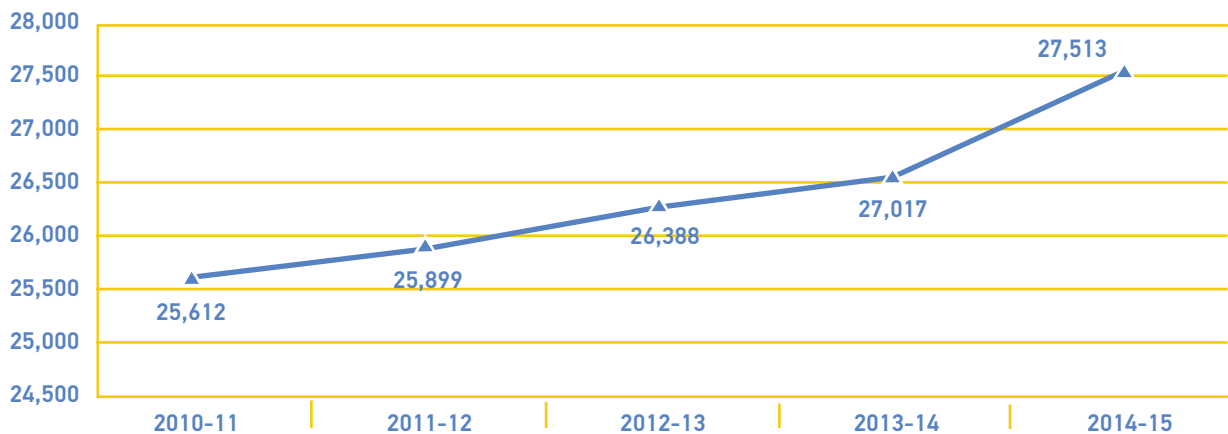
At 15 percent, Paterson’s charter schools had a lower overall rate of chronic absenteeism, but were still above the state average of 10 percent. Data by grade for charter schools was not readily available.

Regular school attendance is critical to achieving academic success.

K-12 Total Enrollment, Paterson

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	24,394	24,257	24,572	24,797	25,038	3
Paterson Charter Schools	1,218	1,642	1,816	2,220	2,475	103
Paterson Total	25,612	25,899	26,388	27,017	27,513	7
Passaic County	81,585	81,191	83,071	83,442	82,691	1
New Jersey	1,364,495	1,363,997	1,373,182	1,371,399	1,369,036	0

K-12 Total Enrollment, Paterson



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Special Education Enrollment

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	% Change 11-15
Paterson District	3,503	3,437	3,727	3,815	3,687	5
Paterson Charter Schools	89	47	160	186	198	122
Paterson Total	3,592	3,484	3,887	4,001	3,885	8
Passaic County	12,316	12,321	13,192	13,116	12,958	5
New Jersey	212,727	213,491	216,886	216,414	213,517	0
Paterson's % of Passaic	29	28	29	31	30	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	2	2	2	2	

Paterson Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment

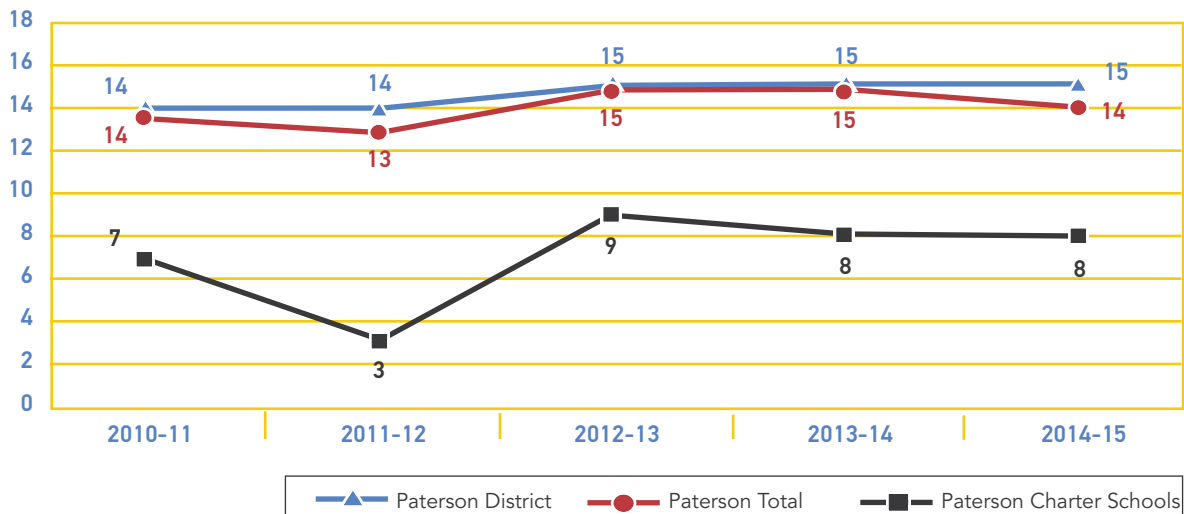


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Number of Homeless Students

	2013-14
Paterson District	115
Passaic County	221
New Jersey	20,606
Paterson's % of Passaic	52
Paterson's % of NJ	1

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Percentage of Students Chronically Absent, Paterson Schools, 2013-14 School Year

Grade	% Chronically Absent	Grade	% Chronically Absent
Kindergarten	26	8th	14
1st	17	9th	34
2nd	14	10th	37
3rd	12	11th	36
4th	12	12th	41
5th	13	K-12 Paterson District Avg.	21
6th	12	Paterson Charter School Avg.*	15
7th	14	NJ Avg.	10

Note: The NJ average excludes data for Newark students, grades 4-12, as these data were unavailable.

*Data by grade for charter schools were unavailable.

Percentage of Students Chronically Absent, Paterson District Schools, 2013-14 School Year

	Paterson District Average	NJ Average
All Students	21	10
Economically Disadvantaged Students	21	15
Limited English Proficient Students	13	10
Special Education Students	31	15

Note: The New Jersey statewide average excludes data for the Newark School District, grades 4-12, as those data were unavailable.

School Violence Incidents

	2010-11				2013-14				% Change 11-14			
	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances	Violence	Vandalism	Weapons	Substances
Paterson District	108	38	36	103	60	16	16	97	-44	-58	-56	-6
Paterson Charter Schools	55	0	1	0	76	0	1	1	38	0	0	0
Paterson Total	163	38	37	103	136	16	17	98	-17	-58	-54	-5
Passaic County	606	96	104	266	398	59	55	246	-34	-39	-47	-8
New Jersey	10,928	2,033	1,227	3,559	7,484	1,561	1,000	3,138	-32	-23	-19	-12
Paterson's % of Passaic	27	40	36	39	34	27	31	40				
Paterson's % of NJ	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	3				

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Test Scores

Paterson students achieved improvements in the rates at which they passed state language arts and math tests in all grades, with the exception of 8th grade language arts tests. In most grades and tests, charter school students outperformed, often by a significant margin, those students attending traditional public schools. In some grades and subject areas, charter school students were close to or on par with statewide averages.

For example, in the 2013–14 school year, 37 percent of 3rd graders in traditional schools passed language arts tests, up from 31 percent in the 2009–10 school year. During that same time, charter school students achieved a 55 percent pass rate, up from 25 percent. The statewide pass rate was 66 percent.



Similar trends were seen in the other grades, except 8th grade language arts scores, where Paterson students in both traditional and charter school lost ground. However, 8th graders in traditional public schools lost less ground and achieved nearly the same pass rate as charter school students. Traditional public schools saw a 5 percent decline in the 8th grade language arts test pass rate, compared to a 16 percent drop for charter school students. In the 2013–14 school year, 54.4 percent of students in traditional schools passed this test, compared to 54.5 percent of charter school students.

While these district averages provide some insight into how Paterson students are performing, even more telling is the difference in pass rates among the many schools educating Paterson children. Some schools achieve very high pass rates — in the 90 percent range — while others have fewer than 20 percent of their children meeting state education standards. These statistics can be used to target resources and interventions to schools that are failing to meet critical benchmarks.

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade Tests

	Language Arts		Math		Language Arts % Change 10-14	Math % Change 10-14
	2009-10	2013-14	2009-10	2013-14		
Paterson District Average	31.2	36.7	53.0	59.5	17.6	12.1
Paterson Charter School Average	24.5	54.5	43.0	66.9	122.3	55.6
New Jersey	60.0	65.5	78.1	76	9.7	-3.3

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Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade Tests

	Language Arts		2009-10	Math 2013-14	Language Arts % Change 10-14	Math % Change 10-14
	2009-10	2013-14				
Paterson District Average	29.1	31.5	53.0	56.0	8.2	6.1
Paterson Charter School Average	18.2	44.9	33.0	70.1	146.7	114.9
New Jersey	60.0	59.8	77.0	75.0	0.3	-2.7

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade Tests

	Language Arts		2009-10	Math 2013-14	Language Arts % Change 10-14	Math % Change 10-14
	2009-10	2013-14				
Paterson District Average	57.5	54.4	42.3	45.9	-5.4	8.5
Paterson Charter School Average	65.1	54.5	39.7	44.8	-16.3	12.7
New Jersey	82.5	79.8	68.5	71.5	-3.3	4.4

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade Tests

	Language Arts		2009-10	Math 2013-14	Language Arts % Change 10-14	Math % Change 10-14
	2009-10	2013-14				
Paterson District Average	51.7	74.6	33.0	43.0	44.3	30.9
Paterson Charter School Average	71.0	100.0	43.4	81.0	40.8	85.7
New Jersey	87.1	93.2	74.1	78.9	7.0	6.5



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Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 3rd Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 1	69.5	NUMBER 5	34.3
NUMBER 19	66.2	NUMBER 18	33.0
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	63.2	NUMBER 10	30.5
MARTIN LUTHER KING	61.3	NUMBER 26	28.8
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	60.8	NUMBER 2	27.5
JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	55.0	NUMBER 21	26.9
NUMBER 25	54.2	NUMBER 12	26.7
PATERSON ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL	52.2	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	26.2
NUMBER 27	51.7	NUMBER 13	25.8
COMMUNITY CS OF PATERSON	50.5	NUMBER 28	25.6
NUMBER 29	50.0	NUMBER 20	24.0
NUMBER 9	50.0	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	20.0
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	45.9	NUMBER 8	19.1
NUMBER 14	42.1	NUMBER 15	18.1
NUMBER 3	37.7	URBAN LEADERSHIP	16.0
NORMAN S. WEIR	36.4	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	14.6
NUMBER 24	36.3		

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 3rd Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 1	91.3	NUMBER 29	58.6
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	89.5	NUMBER 28	56.4
NUMBER 19	87.7	NUMBER 18	55.4
JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	85.0	NORMAN S. WEIR	54.6
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	83.5	NUMBER 15	52.7
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	81.2	URBAN LEADERSHIP	52.0
MARTIN LUTHER KING	79.0	NUMBER 8	51.5
NUMBER 27	78.1	NUMBER 13	47.7
NUMBER 25	73.9	PATERSON ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL	46.8
NUMBER 10	71.2	NUMBER 12	40.0
NUMBER 14	71.1	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	39.6
NUMBER 2	67.9	NUMBER 20	38.0
NUMBER 3	65.6	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	35.7
NUMBER 9	64.0	NUMBER 26	35.1
NUMBER 24	61.9	NUMBER 21	33.3
NUMBER 5	59.9	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	24.0
COMMUNITY CS OF PATERSON	59.8		

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Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 28	94.4	MARTIN LUTHER KING	28.8
NORMAN S. WEIR	79.0	NUMBER 29	28.4
NUMBER 1	66.6	NUMBER 15	26.7
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	61.5	NUMBER 3	26.1
NUMBER 19	61.5	NUMBER 24	25.8
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	59.5	NUMBER 18	23.8
URBAN LEADERSHIP	54.5	NUMBER 13	23.7
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	50.7	NUMBER 14	20.6
NUMBER 27	48.5	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	19.0
NUMBER 25	46.8	NUMBER 20	16.4
COMMUNITY CS OF PATERSON	45.9	NUMBER 8	16.4
NUMBER 5	43.8	NUMBER 2	14.9
NUMBER 9	42.7	NUMBER 12	14.6
JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	42.1	NUMBER 21	13.0
PATERSON ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL	36.2	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	12.1
NUMBER 26	32.4	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	11.0

Data not available for Number 10 school.

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 28	100.0	NUMBER 29	56.8
NORMAN S. WEIR	94.7	NUMBER 18	56.2
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	88.6	NUMBER 24	54.8
ROBERTO CLEMENTE	88.1	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	52.4
NUMBER 5	84.2	PATERSON ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL	51.7
NUMBER 1	83.3	NUMBER 26	51.4
NUMBER 19	75.4	NUMBER 8	50.8
NUMBER 25	75.3	NUMBER 2	50.8
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	75.0	NUMBER 15	48.4
JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	73.7	NUMBER 12	41.5
NUMBER 27	70.1	NUMBER 10	38.9
NUMBER 3	69.6	EDWARD W KILPATRICK	31.8
URBAN LEADERSHIP	68.2	NUMBER 21	31.5
NUMBER 9	66.4	NUMBER 20	30.2
COMMUNITY CS OF PATERSON	65.3	NUMBER 14	23.5
NUMBER 13	63.1	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	21.9
MARTIN LUTHER KING	59.6		

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Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 8th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 28	92.6	JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	52.6
NUMBER 9	76.1	NUMBER 3	52.4
NUMBER 26	69.7	NUMBER 10	51.0
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	65.5	NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	50.5
NUMBER 25	63.2	NUMBER 12	50.0
NUMBER 18	62.1	NUMBER 7	49.2
DON BOSCO ACADEMY	59.1	NUMBER 20	48.9
NORMAN S. WEIR	58.7	NUMBER 13	45.5
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	56.6	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	40.9
NUMBER 24	55.9	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	39.7
MARTIN LUTHER KING	55.5	NUMBER 21	31.8
NUMBER 8	53.7	NUMBER 11 /NEW COMERS PROGRAM	19.4
NUMBER 2	53.6		

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 8th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
NUMBER 28	96.3	NUMBER 7	43.5
NUMBER 9	74.2	NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE	42.4
NUMBER 25	60.8	JOHN P. HOLLAND CHARTER SCHOOL	36.9
MARTIN LUTHER KING	60.4	NUMBER 20	35.5
DON BOSCO ACADEMY	55.5	NUMBER 8	35.2
NUMBER 24	52.6	NUMBER 12	34.9
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	52.6	NUMBER 2	30.4
NORMAN S. WEIR	52.2	REV. DR. FRANK NAPIER JR. SCHOOL	28.2
ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY	50.0	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	27.3
NUMBER 10	49.0	NUMBER 21	27.0
NUMBER 26	45.5	NUMBER 13	26.0
NUMBER 3	45.3	NUMBER 11 /NEW COMERS PROGRAM	13.9
NUMBER 18	44.0		

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Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11th Grade Language Arts Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	100.0	HIGH SCHOOL HOSPITALITY TOUR & CULINARY ARTS	74.2
ROSA PARKS ARTS HIGH SCHOOL	98.3	HIGH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & TRAINING	74.1
HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	95.8	HIGH SCHOOL OF INFO TECH	67.2
INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	85.7	HIGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, TECH, MARKETING, & FINANCE	65.3
PANTHER	84.5	HIGH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION TRADES	56.7
HARP HEALTH & RELATED PROF ACADEMY	83.4	ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL	49.3
HIGH SCHOOL OF OF SCIENCE, TECH, ENGLISH, & MATH	79.8	PATERSON ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	25.0

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11th Grade Math Tests, by School, 2013-14

School	% Passing	School	% Passing
PATERSON CS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	80.6	PANTHER	40.0
ROSA PARKS ARTS HIGH SCHOOL	71.6	HIGH SCHOOL OF INFO TECH	38.6
HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	64.5	HIGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, TECH, MARKETING, & FINANCE	32.8
HIGH SCHOOL OF OF SCIENCE, TECH, ENGLISH, & MATH	56.9	HIGH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION TRADES	26.4
HIGH SCHOOL HOSPITALITY TOUR & CULINARY ARTS	53.7	HIGH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & TRAINING	26.3
INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	51.4	PATERSON ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	23.1
HARP HEALTH & RELATED PROF ACAD	50.0	ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL	14.7



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Graduation Rates, College Attendance

Paterson's graduation rate steadily improved from 2010–11 to 2013–14 when 75 percent of high school seniors graduated on time — a 16 percent increase from 2011. Statewide, 89 percent of high school seniors graduated on time.

The number of Paterson seniors going on to college is also on the rise — increasing 61 percent from 2010 to 2014. Still, 27 percent of people 25 or older in Paterson do not have a high school diploma. And Paterson students score lower – in some schools significantly — on SAT tests when compared to statewide averages.

High School Graduation Rates

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	% Change 11-14
Paterson District	64	66	72	75	16
New Jersey	83	86	88	89	7

**Note: Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011, the New Jersey Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.*

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2013-14

	Math	Verbal	Percent Participation
Rosa Parks Arts High School	388	375	84
Paterson Charter School For Sci/Tech	409	404	85
International High	423	387	96
School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism at Eastside	332	319	17
School of Government and Public Administration at Eastside	358	343	15
Academy High School	330	410	4
School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	410	369	63
School of Education and Training at JFK	363	363	55
School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance at JFK	348	318	55
School of Architecture and Construction Trades at JFK	345	323	37
NJ Average	521	496	76

Note: 2013-14 data not available for School of Information Technology, School of Health Science and School of Earth and Space Science.

Percentage of Students Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution, 2013-14

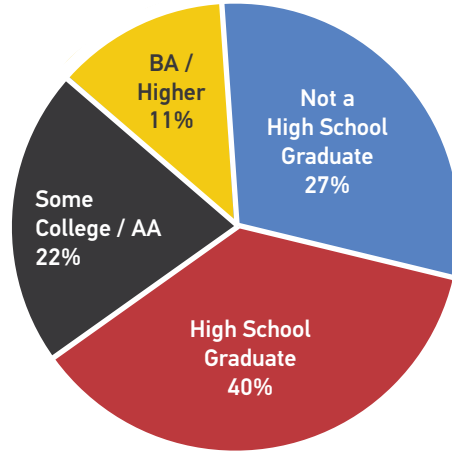
School	All Students	Low-Income Students
School of Health Science (HARP)	85	83
Paterson Charter School For Sci/Tech	80	80
Rosa Parks Arts High School	80	79
School of Earth and Space Science (PANTHER)	73	80
International High	72	74
School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	64	65
School of Government and Public Administration at Eastside	59	58
School of Education and Training at JFK	58	59
School of Information Technology at Eastside	52	51
School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism at Eastside	50	51
School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance at JFK	48	49
School of Architecture and Construction Trades at JFK	41	38
Academy High School	34	N/A

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24

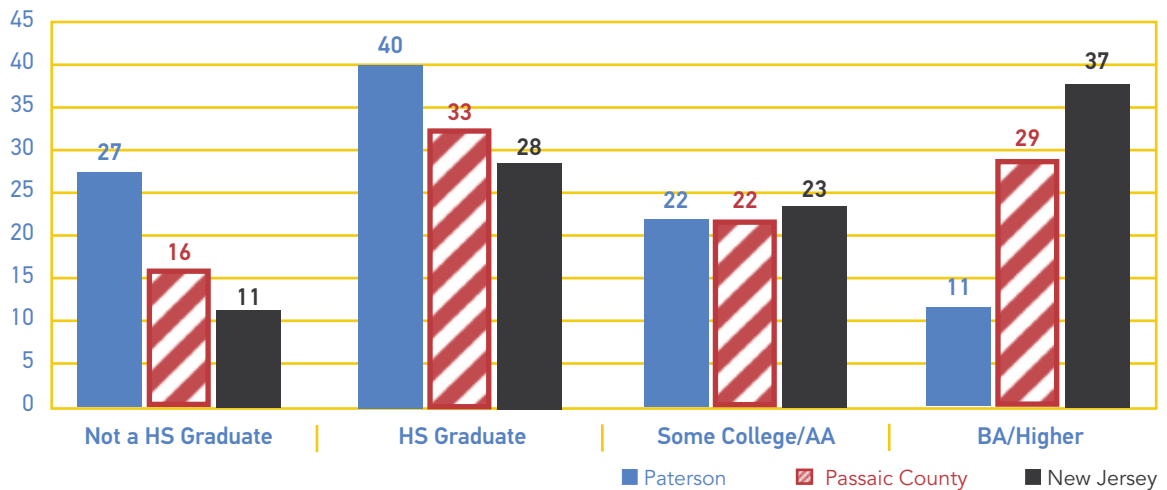
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	4,323	5,917	4,861	8,318	6,958	61
Passaic County	23,606	22,423	23,910	26,475	22,968	-3
New Jersey	359,255	367,873	369,498	361,898	363,635	1
Paterson's % of Passaic	18	26	20	31	30	
Paterson's % of NJ	1	2	1	2	2	

7 Early Care and Education

Highest Education for People Ages 25+, Paterson, 2014



Highest Education Levels for People Ages 25+, Percent Paterson vs. Passaic, State



The number of Paterson teenagers giving birth has steadily declined from 2007 to 2011 — dropping 20 percent. In 2011, 321 Paterson teens, ages 15 to 19, became mothers, down from 401 in 2007. These teens also claimed a shrinking share of all births, declining from 14 to 12 percent. Still, Paterson’s young females are more likely to become parents; statewide teens account for 5 percent of all births.

The number of Paterson teen boys with a sexually-transmitted infection skyrocketed 128 percent from 2010 to 2013 when 278 boys, ages 15 to 19, were diagnosed with an STI. Paterson teen boys accounted for 84 percent of all male STI diagnoses in Passaic County that year.

Despite this increase, more Paterson girls have a sexually-transmitted infection, although the incidence is on the decline for girls, dropping 10 percent during that same time period. These teens account for 63 percent of all female STI diagnoses in Passaic County.

Of the 177 Paterson youth admitted to detention in 2014, the overwhelming majority — 64 percent — were black. Sixty-three percent of the admissions to detention in Passaic County were from Paterson.



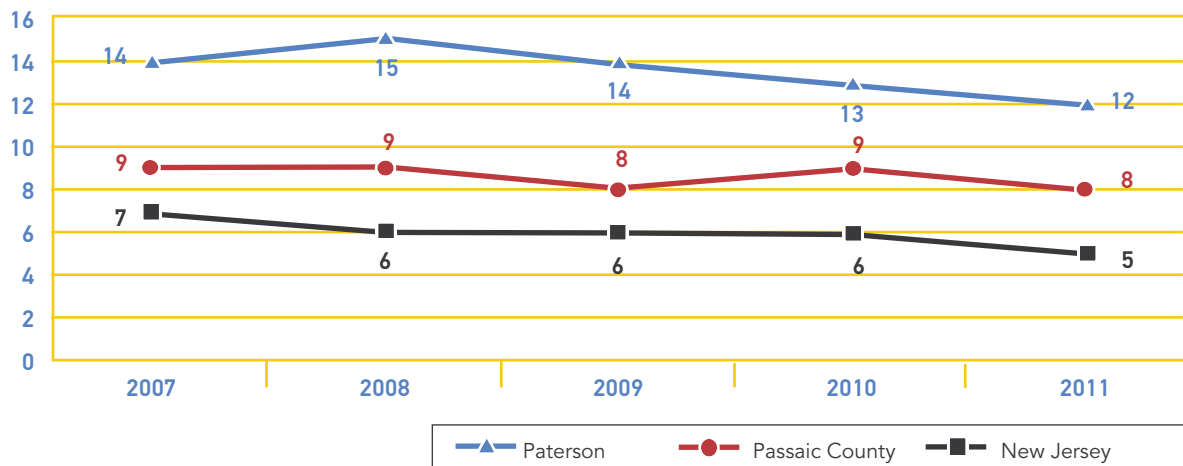
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Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	401	418	375	347	321	-20
Passaic County	713	713	611	618	586	-18
New Jersey	7,207	6,937	6,328	5,735	5,285	-27
Paterson's % of Passaic	56	59	61	56	55	
Paterson's % of NJ	6	6	6	6	6	

8 Teens

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births



Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	% Change 07-11
Paterson	5	3	8	7	5	0
Passaic County	11	18	22	14	10	-9
New Jersey	259	236	207	209	208	-20
Paterson's % of Passaic	45	17	36	50	50	
Paterson's % of NJ	2	1	4	3	2	

Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, By Gender

	2010		2011		2012		2013		% Change 10-13	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Paterson	122	586	245	592	194	504	278	529	128	-10
Passaic County	171	798	307	843	249	776	332	839	94	5
New Jersey	2,793	10,267	3,290	10,532	3,004	9,773	2,916	9,340	4	-9
Paterson's % of Passaic	71	73	80	70	78	65	84	63		
Paterson's % of NJ	4	6	7	6	6	5	10	6		

8 Teens

Juvenile Arrests

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Change 10-14
Paterson	1,040	832	819	854	916	-12
Passaic County	3,133	2,582	2,363	2,184	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	40,705	33,893	29,723	24,554	N/A	N/A
Paterson's % of Passaic	33	32	35	39	N/A	
Paterson's % of NJ	3	2	3	3	N/A	

Passaic County Annual Admissions to Detention

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 12-14
	306	299	280	-8

Note: Data by town were not available prior to 2012.

Paterson Annual Admissions to Detention

	2012	2013	2014	% Change 12-14
Total Admissions:	213	197	177	-17

By Gender:

Boys	200	187	158	-21
Girls	13	10	19	46

By Race:

Black	135	119	114	-16
Caucasian	2	4	0	-100
Hispanic	75	74	62	-17

Paterson's Percentage of Passaic County Admissions

	70	66	63	-9
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Note: Data by town were not available prior to 2012. Race categories may not add up to total due to some youth being in race category "other."

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Special Section: Early Learning in Paterson

Number of Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price Breakfast, 2010-11, 2014-15. Data for 2014-15 are as of April, 2015. Data for prior years are as of October for each year. Data for Paterson Public Schools for 2014-15 came directly from the district. Data for Passaic County and New Jersey are as reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price Breakfast, 2010-11, 2014-15. Eligibility and receiving data for 2014-15 school year for Paterson came directly from the Paterson School District and is as of April, 2015. Prior years are as of October for each year. 2014-15 data for Passaic County and New Jersey were also updated to reflect the Paterson data from the district. Data on eligible students for Passaic County and New Jersey are as reported by the NJ Department of Education. Data for Passaic County and New Jersey on students receiving breakfast are as reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture.

Uninsured Children, 2010, 2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade Literacy Tests, 2009-10, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students.

Section 1: Population and Demographics

Total Population, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population (under Age 18 and under Age 5), 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Child Population as a Percentage of Total Population, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B01001.

Paterson's Child Population by Race, 2010-2014. For children under age 18 as reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey charts B01001B, B01001F, B01001H and B01001I.

Foreign-Born Children in Paterson, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B05003.

Languages Spoken in the Home in Paterson, 2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart S1601 and with assistance from the Population Reference Bureau.

Total Births, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Births to Unmarried Women, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Families Headed by One Parent, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B11005.

Grandparents Responsible for Their Grandchildren, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10050.

Grandchildren Under 18 Living with a Grandparent Householder, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B10001.

Section 2: Family Economic Security

Number of Children in Poverty, Under 18, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Percentage of Children in Poverty, Under 18, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17024.

Total Population Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17001.

Families without Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Families with Children Living Below the Poverty Level, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B17010.

Median Income of Families with Children, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B19125.

Unemployment Rate, 2011-2015. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted and are annual averages for years 2011-2014. 2015 data are preliminary rates as of July. Please note that data reported in previous Paterson Kids Count reports have been updated to reflect revised inputs, re-estimation and new statewide controls, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Number Unemployed, 2011-2015. US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. 2015 data are as of July and are preliminary.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2009-2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers claiming a federal EITC and average claim, as reported by the Internal Revenue Service.

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), All Recipients, 2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2013 are not available.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Recipients with at Least 1 Dependent Under Age 19, 2013. Number of New Jersey taxpayers with at least one dependent under age 19 receiving a state EITC credit, total amount of EITC credits issued and average credit amount, as reported by the NJ Department of Treasury. Data prior to 2013 are not available.

Children in Families Receiving TANF (Welfare), 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Section 3: Affordable Housing

Median Rent, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B25064.

Percentage of Households Spending More than 30% of Income on Rent, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Occupied Housing Units That Are Owner-Occupied, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Percentage of Mortgage Owners Spending More than 30% of Income on Housing Costs, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart DP-4: Selected Housing Characteristics.

Number of Foreclosure Complaints Filed in Paterson, 2012-2014. As reported by the City of Paterson. Please note that full year data were not available prior to 2012.

Section 4: Food Insecurity

Children Receiving NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Data are from June of each year.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Receiving Nutritional Benefits, 2010-2014. Number of women, infants and children receiving WIC benefits, which include healthcare referrals, immunizations screenings, nutrition counseling and a monthly food stipend. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for the quarter ending June 30th of each year.

Number of Children Eligible for Free- or Reduced-Price School Meals, 2010-11 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include traditional public schools and charter schools. Eligibility data for 2014-15 school year came directly from the Paterson School District and is as of April, 2015. Prior years are as of October for each year. 2014-15-15 data for Passaic County and New Jersey were also updated to reflect the Paterson data from the district.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price Breakfast, 2010-11 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data for 2014-15 are as of April, 2015. Data for prior years are as of October for each year. Data for Paterson Public Schools for 2014-15 came directly from the district. Data for Passaic County and New Jersey are as reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture, but for 2014-15 were also updated to reflect the Paterson data from the district.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Breakfast, 2010-11 to 2014-15. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price Lunch, 2010-11 to 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools. Data are as of October for each school year.

Percentage of Eligible Children Receiving Free- or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2010-11 to 2014-15. Rates calculated using eligibility data from the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data, and participation data from the NJ Department of Agriculture. Includes children attending traditional public schools and charter schools.

Paterson Residents Accessing Food from CUMAC Food Pantries. As reported by CUMAC. Data include Paterson residents who accessed food from the following three Paterson food pantries: Ellison Street Pantry, New Birth Pantry and the mobile pantry that serves the north side of Paterson.

Section 5: Child Health

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2007-2011. Live births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Percentage of Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care, 2007-2011. Percentage of total births for which the mother received late prenatal care (onset in second or third trimester) and no prenatal care, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Babies Born with Low-Birth Weight, 2007-2011. The number of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Percentage of Babies Born with Low Birth Weight, 2007-2011. The percent of babies born weighing less than 2,500 grams as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment.

Infant Mortality, 2007-2011. The number of infants under one year who died during that year. Rate is the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Child Deaths (Ages 1-14), 2007-2011. The number of children between ages one and 14 who died during that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Children Admitted to the Hospital for Asthma Admissions to the Hospital, 2010, 2013. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Discharge Data.

Children 6-29 Months Tested for Lead, 2010, 2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, Maternal, Child and Community Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program, Annual Reports. Any child with a blood lead level equal or greater than 10 ug/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter of whole blood) is suffering from childhood lead poisoning and in need of corrective follow-up treatment.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Paterson Lead Abatements, 2010, 2014. As reported by the Paterson Department of Health and Human Services.

Children Receiving NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, 2011-2015. As reported by the NJ Department of Human Services. Data are from March of each year. Includes children enrolled in Medicaid, which is available to children living in families earning below 133% of the federal poverty level and children enrolled in the SCHIP portion of NJ FamilyCare, which is available to children living in families earning between 134% and 350% of the federal poverty level.

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B27001.

Section 6: Child Protection

Children Under Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) Supervision, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children Receiving In-Home DCPP Services, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Children in Out-of-Home DCPP Placement, 2010-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June 30 for each year.

Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, Number of Children, 2009-2013. Number of children who were alleged victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2013 data are as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiations, Number of Children, 2009-2013. The number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2013 data are as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Rate, 2009-2013. Based on the number of children found to be victims of child abuse/neglect. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations report for each calendar year. 2013 data are as reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families.

Families Receiving State-Funded Home Visitation Services, 2013, 2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. This includes only evidence-based programs funded through the NJ Department of Children and Families. Home visitation is defined as families receiving regularly scheduled visits by either a trained home visitor or a nurse with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN).

Section 7: Early Care and Education

Licensed Child Care Centers, 2011-2014. The number of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Child Care Center Capacity, 2011-2014. The capacity of state-licensed child care centers. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June for each year.

Registered Family Care Child Providers, 2012-2014. As reported by the NJ Department of Children and Families. Data are as of June. Registered family child care providers comply with state requirements, but operate as independent small businesses.

Family Child Care Home Providers and Licensed Child Care Center, Paterson, Children Birth to Five Years, 2015. Community Information Now Center, University of Texas School of Public Health, San Antonio, TX.

Paterson Children Enrolled in Head Start, 2013-14, 2014-15. As reported by the Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership. Data prior to 2013-14 are not available.

Paterson Children Enrolled in Early Head Start, 2013-14, 2014-15. As reported by the Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership. Data prior to 2013-14 are not available.

Data Sources and Technical Notes

Paterson Head Start Children with Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), 2015. As reported by the Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership. These plans detail the special services young children need to address development delays.

Public Preschool Enrollments, 2010-11 through 2014-15. Number of 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, Enrollment Data. Excludes children enrolled in Head Start or other federally-funded programs that do not receive any state aid.

Paterson District Enrollment in Preschool, 2014-15. This includes general education students only. Data as reported by the NJ Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education, via the Education Law Center www.edlawcenter.org/preschooldata.html.

Children Enrolled in Public School Kindergarten (Full Day and Half Day), 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Includes both full and half day programs. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

K-12 Total Enrollment, Paterson, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Enrollment Data. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Number of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Special Education Enrollment, as a Percentage of Total Enrollment, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. Percentage of total enrollment of students who are classified, ages 3-21. Data include both traditional and charter schools.

Number of Homeless Students, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Homeless Survey data. Data include traditional district schools and charter schools. Please note that due to a change in the way in which the Department of Education collects data, previous data are not comparable and are not available prior to 2013-14.

Percentage of Students Chronically Absent, Paterson Schools, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education. The NJ average excludes data for Newark students, grades 4-12, as these data were unavailable. Data by grade for charter schools were unavailable.

School Violence Incidents, 2010-11, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Commissioner of Education's Report on Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse in NJ Public Schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 3rd Grade State Tests, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 4th Grade State Tests, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 8th Grade State Tests, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Students Passing 11th Grade State Tests, 2010-11 through 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports for each year. Includes general education students, special education students and foreign-language students. Data include both traditional district schools as well as charter schools.

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 3rd Grade Tests, by School, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 4th Grade Tests, by School, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 8th Grade Tests, by School, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

Percentage of Paterson Students Passing 11th Grade Tests, by School, 2014-15. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey Statewide Assessment Reports.

High School Graduation Rates, 2010-11 through 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Data. Data are not available prior to the 2010-11 school year. In 2011 the NJ Department of Education changed the way that graduation rates are calculated to the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Average SAT Score, by High School, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, New Jersey School Report Card data.

Percentage of Students Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education, 2013-14. As reported by the NJ Department of Education, NJ School Performance Report Data. These data reflect the percentage of the 2012 high school graduation class that was enrolled in post-secondary institutions in October 2013. 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 Sources and Technical Notes

College Enrollment, Ages 18-24, 2010-2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B14004.

Highest Education Level for People Ages 25+, Paterson, 2014. As reported by the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey chart B15002.

Section 8: Teens

Births to Teens, Ages 15-19, 2007-2011. The number of births to teenagers as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Births to Teens as a Percentage of All Births, 2007-2011. As reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

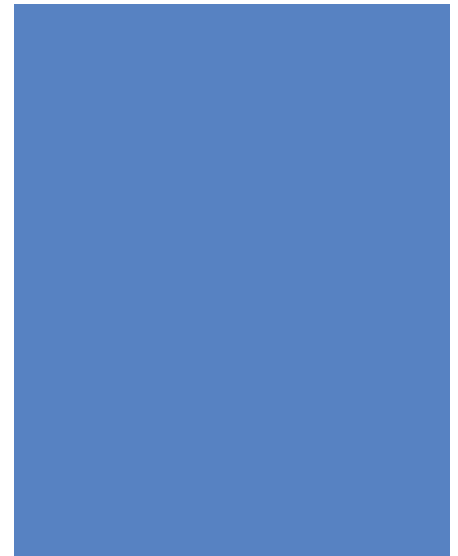
Teen Deaths, Ages 15-19, 2007-2011. The number of teenagers who died in that year, as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Center for Health Statistics, New Jersey State Health Assessment Data.

Youth Ages 16-20 Diagnosed with a Sexually-Transmitted Infection, by Gender, 2010-2013. Youth under age 21 diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis as reported by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control Program.

Juvenile Arrests, 2010-2014. Paterson data are reported by the Paterson Police Department. Passaic and New Jersey data are reported by New Jersey Uniform Crime Report. Data for Passaic and New Jersey not yet available for 2014.

Passaic County Annual Admissions to Detention, 2012-2014. As reported by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission. Data by town were not available prior to 2012.

Paterson Annual Admissions to Detention, 2012-2014. As reported by the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission. Data by town was not available prior to 2012. Race categories may not add up to total due to some youth being in race category "other."



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