

New Jersey

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Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population	2007	2008	2009
Total People	8,685,920	8,682,661	8,707,740
Children (Under Age 18)	2,062,768	2,046,908	2,046,141
Income and Poverty	2007	2008	2009
Median Household Income	\$67,035	\$70,378	\$68,342
Rank Among States	2	2	2
Total People Living In Poverty	729,211	741,472	799,099
Poverty Rate	8.6%	8.7%	9.4%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	47	48	47
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	236,098	253,378	272,697
Child Poverty Rate	11.6%	12.5%	13.5%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	45	42	42
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	1,590,766	1,618,488	1,748,598

Food Insecurity Among Households (based on 3yr averages)

	2007	2008	2009
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	281,000	323,000	360,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	8.8%	10.3%	11.5%
Number of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	84,000	106,000	127,000
Percent of Households that are Very Low Food Secure	2.7%	3.4%	4.0%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program	2007	2008	2009
Average Daily Student Participation	154,443	170,577	178,671
Free and Reduced-Price Students	124,206	142,785	151,781
Paid Students	30,236	27,791	26,890
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	97.3%	103.9%	132.4%
Free and Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	36.7	37.9	37.6
Rank Among States	46	45	46
Additional Free and Reduced-Price Students Served if Participation Rate Reached 60%	78,990	83,336	90,545
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 60%	\$17,588,755	\$19,172,046	\$21,681,076
Number of Schools Participating	1,744	1,782	1,813
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	65.1%	66.3%	67.3%
Federal Funding for School Breakfast	\$37,737,784	\$41,430,603	\$46,227,642
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes

National School Lunch Program	2007	2008	2009
Average Daily Student Participation	667,492	700,674	713,494
Free and Reduced-Price Students	338,661	376,870	403,877
Paid Students	328,830	323,803	309,618
Number of Schools Participating	2,680	2,687	2,694
Federal Funding for School Lunch	\$161,392,636	\$173,366,378	\$194,911,686
Summer Nutrition Participation	2007	2008	2009
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	62,389	69,042	71,637
July Summer Food Service Participation	40,023	48,454	53,729
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	22,366	20,588	17,908
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-9.6%	-4.4%	8.5%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	20.4	22.0	20.5
Rank Among States	17	13	14
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	59,663	56,532	68,106
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$3,595,891	\$3,715,620	\$4,689,801
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	88	89	95
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	940	1,020	1,011
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$5,285,711	\$6,145,897	\$6,727,146
SNAP/Food Stamp Program	2007	2008	2009
Average Monthly Participation (Individuals)	414,503	437,860	499,853
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	29.6%	29.1%	35.6%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$97.19	\$101.43	\$125.06
Participation Rate of Eligible Persons	(FY 2006) 60.0%	(FY 2007) 59.0%	(FY 2008) 54.0%
Rank Among States	40	41	47
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor	(FY 2006) 45.0%	(FY 2007) 47.0%	(FY 2008) 41.0%
Federal Funding for SNAP/Food Stamps	\$483,425,454	\$532,944,902	\$750,159,374
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	2007	2008	2009
Average Monthly Participation	150,502	159,063	169,078
Women	37,978	38,955	39,715
Infants	40,260	41,746	42,186
Children	72,263	78,361	87,176
Change in Participation in Last 10 Years	6.4%	13.0%	30.5%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$98,125,651	\$112,911,448	\$127,936,225
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	2007	2008	2009
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	639	624	599
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	3,253	3,207	2,953

Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-55.1%	-36.9%	-47.5%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	1,174	1,265	1,250
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	55,162	59,650	59,079
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	91.4%	68.5%	49.7%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$50,972,882	\$55,315,264	\$57,321,090

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	2007	2008	2009
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$2,920,760	\$3,016,797	\$4,391,625
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$1,551,037	\$2,018,117	\$7,263,668
Administrative Funding	\$1,358,887	\$1,319,050	\$1,629,335

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	2007	2008	2009
Average Monthly Participation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Funding for CSFP	n/a	n/a	n/a

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage	2007	2008	2009
State Minimum Wage	\$7.15	\$7.15	\$7.25

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	2007	2008	2009
State EITC (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Refundable (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	Yes

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	2007	2008	2009
Average Monthly Participation	83,044	79,565	77,278
Adults	24,021	23,192	22,412
Children	59,023	56,373	54,866
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family	\$424	\$424	n/a
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$226,651,220	\$200,065,680	\$181,775,940