Children Under Age 5 At Greatest Risk for Undercount in New Jersey

This map shows the concentration of children under age 5 living in "hard-to-count" (HTC) areas, meaning areas with the lowest rate of mailing back their Census forms.
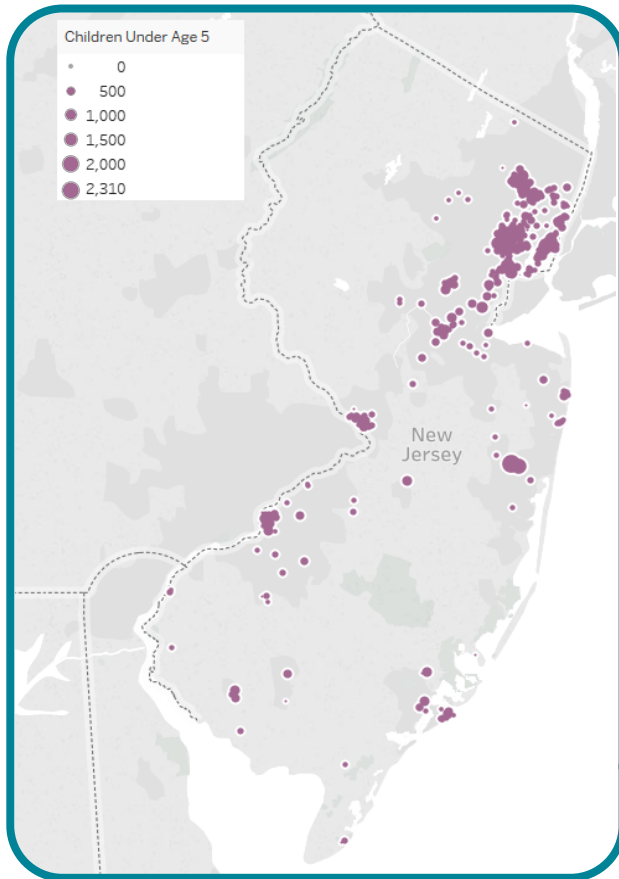
In the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau determined that the number of children under age 5 was undercounted nationwide. The Census determines how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed.

The Census has low response rates in some areas and among certain population groups such as children under age 5, who are at risk of being undercounted.

In New Jersey, **148,166** children under age 5 live in "hard-to-count" (HTC) areas where a low percentage of residents completed and returned their most recent census questionnaire. That comprises **28%** of the total population of children under age 5 in the state.

● Large Municipalities (more than 50,000 total population) with Most Children Under Age 5 in HTC Areas

Municipality	Children Under Age 5	Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas	Percentage of Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas
Newark	21,252	20,484	96%
Jersey City	19,933	17,262	87%
Paterson	11,713	10,228	87%
Elizabeth	10,442	8,239	79%
Camden	7,105	6,504	92%
Trenton	6,451	5,764	89%
Irvington	4,232	4,232	100%
New Brunswick	4,436	4,226	95%
Lakewood	16,927	3,979	24%
East Orange	4,186	3,867	92%

Mid-Size Municipalities (10,000-49,999 population) with Most Children Under Age 5 in HTC Areas

Municipality	Children Under Age 5	Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas	Percentage of Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas
Atlantic City	2,991	2,825	94%
Orange	2,450	2,450	100%
Bridgeton	2,422	1,812	75%
Hackensack	3,329	1,585	48%
Garfield	2,414	1,473	61%
Long Branch	2,043	1,455	71%
Pleasantville	1,706	1,369	80%
Linden	2,358	1,098	47%
Bloomfield	3,098	1,057	34%
North Brunswick	3,042	991	33%

Small Municipalities (less than 10,000 population) with Most Children Under Age 5 in HTC Areas

Municipality	Children Under Age 5	Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas	Percentage of Children Under Age 5 Living in HTC Areas
North Hanover	944	755	80%
South Amboy	839	659	79%
Penns Grove	463	463	100%
Riverside	455	360	79%
Wildwood	350	350	100%
Haledon	485	320	66%
Bogota	582	298	51%
Lawrence (Cumberland)	271	271	100%
Woodlynne	245	245	100%
Keansburg	592	240	41%

Data Sources: