

Table 4. Number and Percentage of Children with Religious Exemptions in Public Schools by Grade Type and County, New Jersey, 2024-2025

| County     | Pre-Kindergarten |        |         | Kindergarten |        |         | First Grade |        |         | Sixth Grade |        |         | Transfers  |        |         | Total      |        |         |
|------------|------------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|
|            | Enrollment       | Number | Percent | Enrollment   | Number | Percent | Enrollment  | Number | Percent | Enrollment  | Number | Percent | Enrollment | Number | Percent | Enrollment | Number | Percent |
| Atlantic   | 4,243            | 440    | 10.4%   | 2,654        | 165    | 6.2%    | 115         | 5      | 4.3%    | 2,941       | 123    | 4.2%    | 634        | 22     | 3.5%    | 10,587     | 755    | 7.1%    |
| Bergen     | 6,778            | 436    | 6.4%    | 8,786        | 357    | 4.1%    | 862         | 24     | 2.8%    | 10,033      | 347    | 3.5%    | 3,440      | 62     | 1.8%    | 29,899     | 1,226  | 4.1%    |
| Burlington | 5,068            | 267    | 5.3%    | 4,702        | 198    | 4.2%    | 1,410       | 12     | 0.9%    | 5,530       | 146    | 2.6%    | 2,058      | 42     | 2.0%    | 18,768     | 665    | 3.5%    |
| Camden     | 7,079            | 255    | 3.6%    | 5,735        | 146    | 2.5%    | 320         | 10     | 3.1%    | 5,936       | 141    | 2.4%    | 1,830      | 34     | 1.9%    | 20,900     | 586    | 2.8%    |
| Cape May   | 1,118            | 132    | 11.8%   | 675          | 42     | 6.2%    | 36          | 3      | 8.3%    | 784         | 38     | 4.8%    | 238        | 12     | 5.0%    | 2,851      | 227    | 8.0%    |
| Cumberland | 2,967            | 108    | 3.6%    | 1,794        | 49     | 2.7%    | 127         | 3      | 2.4%    | 2,306       | 64     | 2.8%    | 610        | 6      | 1.0%    | 7,804      | 230    | 2.9%    |
| Essex      | 12,183           | 573    | 4.7%    | 9,655        | 205    | 2.1%    | 799         | 26     | 3.3%    | 9,768       | 206    | 2.1%    | 4,831      | 82     | 1.7%    | 37,236     | 1,092  | 2.9%    |
| Gloucester | 3,360            | 352    | 10.5%   | 3,211        | 108    | 3.4%    | 121         | 5      | 4.1%    | 3,289       | 126    | 3.8%    | 984        | 45     | 4.6%    | 10,965     | 636    | 5.8%    |
| Hudson     | 9,445            | 294    | 3.1%    | 6,161        | 166    | 2.7%    | 500         | 10     | 2.0%    | 6,352       | 104    | 1.6%    | 2,910      | 32     | 1.1%    | 25,368     | 606    | 2.4%    |
| Hunterdon  | 1,185            | 92     | 7.8%    | 1,169        | 65     | 5.6%    | 58          | 3      | 5.2%    | 1,222       | 71     | 5.8%    | 391        | 19     | 4.9%    | 4,025      | 250    | 6.2%    |
| Mercer     | 3,273            | 101    | 3.1%    | 3,919        | 56     | 1.4%    | 230         | 8      | 3.5%    | 4,253       | 56     | 1.3%    | 1,880      | 28     | 1.5%    | 13,555     | 249    | 1.8%    |
| Middlesex  | 7,689            | 311    | 4.0%    | 7,956        | 230    | 2.9%    | 799         | 11     | 1.4%    | 10,330      | 196    | 1.9%    | 4,297      | 51     | 1.2%    | 31,071     | 799    | 2.6%    |
| Monmouth   | 6,156            | 629    | 10.2%   | 5,665        | 472    | 8.3%    | 328         | 24     | 7.3%    | 6,449       | 346    | 5.4%    | 1,394      | 29     | 2.1%    | 19,992     | 1,500  | 7.5%    |
| Morris     | 3,900            | 210    | 5.4%    | 4,841        | 191    | 3.9%    | 353         | 16     | 4.5%    | 5,366       | 199    | 3.7%    | 1,481      | 27     | 1.8%    | 15,941     | 643    | 4.0%    |
| Ocean      | 5,621            | 845    | 15.0%   | 4,109        | 489    | 11.9%   | 290         | 38     | 13.1%   | 4,620       | 312    | 6.8%    | 1,530      | 39     | 2.5%    | 16,170     | 1,723  | 10.7%   |
| Passaic    | 6,650            | 251    | 3.8%    | 5,323        | 172    | 3.2%    | 429         | 17     | 4.0%    | 5,988       | 156    | 2.6%    | 2,405      | 12     | 0.5%    | 20,795     | 608    | 2.9%    |
| Salem      | 954              | 57     | 6.0%    | 708          | 19     | 2.7%    | 24          | 1      | 4.2%    | 849         | 25     | 2.9%    | 205        | 6      | 2.9%    | 2,740      | 108    | 3.9%    |
| Somerset   | 2,273            | 125    | 5.5%    | 2,985        | 104    | 3.5%    | 350         | 12     | 3.4%    | 3,810       | 88     | 2.3%    | 1,104      | 28     | 2.5%    | 10,522     | 357    | 3.4%    |
| Sussex     | 1,781            | 163    | 9.2%    | 1,302        | 89     | 6.8%    | 47          | 3      | 6.4%    | 1,402       | 81     | 5.8%    | 371        | 12     | 3.2%    | 4,903      | 348    | 7.1%    |
| Union      | 7,534            | 334    | 4.4%    | 6,343        | 203    | 3.2%    | 700         | 17     | 2.4%    | 7,170       | 165    | 2.3%    | 2,359      | 21     | 0.9%    | 24,106     | 740    | 3.1%    |
| Warren     | 1,160            | 77     | 6.6%    | 1,031        | 61     | 5.9%    | 277         | 15     | 5.4%    | 1,084       | 50     | 4.6%    | 244        | 5      | 2.0%    | 3,796      | 208    | 5.5%    |
| Total      | 100,417          | 6,052  | 6.0%    | 88,724       | 3,587  | 4.0%    | 8,175       | 263    | 3.2%    | 99,482      | 3,040  | 3.1%    | 35,196     | 614    | 1.7%    | 331,994    | 13,556 | 4.1%    |

Note: Percentages of children meeting all immunization requirements, with provisional admittance, with medical exemptions, with religious exemptions, and out of compliance in the reports may not sum to 100% due to rounding. See Methodology section for more information.

Source: New Jersey Annual Immunization Status Reports, 2024-2025