



Jersey's economic inequality less conspicuous even though the data collected in this paper illustrates that six of the eight Southern counties experience some of the highest rates of poverty and unemployment, have the lowest median incomes and achieve some of the lowest educational attainment and health rankings among the 21 counties in the state."

Stockton's report said that the low levels of educational attainment should be "particularly alarming to anyone concerned about South Jersey's future. In addition to economic vulnerability, higher rates of unemployment and poverty, educational attainment is also predictive of civic participation, health outcomes and life span. Importantly, low educational attainment is not only predictive of an individual's personal economic futures but can also over-determine the economic futures of particular geographies."

The [full 57-page report can be found here.](#)

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