

STATE DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total state population	4,447,100		4,627,851	
State child population	1,256,169		1,251,776	
Children as percentage of population	28.2%		27.0%	
Children				
Under age 5	295,992	23.6%	308,234	24.6%
Ages 5-9	315,345	25.1%	306,870	24.5%
Ages 10-14	320,252	25.5%	310,249	24.8%
Ages 15-19	324,580	25.8%	326,423	26.1%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	58,988		61,437	
Age 4	59,905		62,354	
Diversity of children				
White	793,451	63.2%	770,400	61.5%
African American	401,241	31.9%	393,739	31.5%
Hispanic	28,245	2.2%	51,040	4.1%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6,869	0.5%	5,573	0.4%
Asian and Pacific Islander	8,808	0.7%	11,725	0.9%
Other races	1,650	0.1%	NA	NA
More than one race	15,905	1.3%	19,299	1.5%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$39,776***	\$40,596
Percent all persons living below poverty level	16.2%	16.6%
Percent employed mothers with young children	55.0%	56.6%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.2%	79.5%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	37.2%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	11.0%	10.7%

INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		

HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	579	641	9.5	10.0	-	-
Low weight births	5,639	6,695	9.3%	10.4%	-	W
Child birth index	36,300	36,199	59.6%	56.4%	-	W
Births to unmarried teens	7,667	6,641	12.6%	10.3%	-	I

EDUCATION

First grade retention	4,690	3,178	7.4%	5.3%	-	I
Graduation rate	37,815	38,762	64.5%	64.6%	-	-
Special education enrollment	91,019	74,580	12.4%	10.1%	-	-

SAFETY

Child death rate	297	197	36.1	22.8	-	I
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	13,222	5,730	12.3	5.1	-	-
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	906	791	186.0	156.8	-	-
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3,396	4,382	697.4	868.8	-	-
Preventable teen death rate	242	232	75.5	71.1	-	-

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	4,156	3,246	15.8%	12.0%	-	I
Total children in poverty*	260,970	261,151	23.8%	23.6%	-	-
• White	89,959	85,685	12.9%	12.0%	-	-
• African American	160,510	142,772	47.5%	40.5%	-	-
• Other races	3,167	9,424	22.6%	22.7%	-	-
Children in single-parent families	228,925	285,371	24.5%	28.7%	-	-

* Child poverty data disaggregated by race will not add to the total because different years are represented.

** Years for base and current data are noted in *How To Use This Data Book* on page 6.

*** Adjusted for inflation.