

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	43,671		49,960	
County child population	13,641		14,487	
Children as percentage of population	31.2%		29.0%	
Children				
Under age 5	3,023	22.2%	3,504	24.2%
Ages 5-9	3,618	26.5%	3,558	24.6%
Ages 10-14	3,738	27.4%	3,790	26.2%
Ages 15-19	3,262	23.9%	3,635	25.1%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	621		718	
Age 4	609		704	
Diversity of children				
White	10,460	76.7%	10,807	74.6%
African American	2,673	19.6%	2,982	20.6%
Hispanic	229	1.7%	385	2.7%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	55	0.4%	50	0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander	38	0.3%	67	0.5%
Other races	25	0.2%	NA	NA
More than one race	161	1.2%	196	1.4%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$47,544***	\$50,375
Percent all persons living below poverty level	11.8%	10.4%
Percent employed mothers with young children	54.9%	60.2%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	85.2%	79.0%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	27.8%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	8.8%	12.6%

* 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.

INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	3	6	5.2	8.3	43	W	641	10.0
Low weight births	47	76	8.2%	10.6%	30	W	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	347	414	60.5%	57.6%	15	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	64	80	11.1%	11.1%	33	-	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	85	76	12.9%	9.5%	60	-	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	413	503	60.9%	67.5%	-	-	38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	941	792	11.1%	8.0%	-	-	74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	3	4	34.0	39.4	60	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	77	50	6.6	3.8	20	-	5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	5	130.4	81.7	39	-	791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	40	409.9	653.5	32	-	4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	91.5	55.0	33	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	42	29	16.0%	10.4%	19	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	2,091	1,815	17.4%	13.8%	2	-	261,151	23.6%
• White	971	755	13.0%	8.0%	-	-	85,685	12.0%
• African American	1,185	863	48.2%	35.7%	-	-	142,772	40.5%
• Other races	0	78	0.0%	17.1%	-	-	9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	1,707	2,428	19.1%	21.4%	12	-	285,371	28.7%