

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2007
Total county population	29,038	27,941
County child population	8,146	7,078
Children as percentage of population	28.1%	25.3%
Children		
Under age 5	1,788 21.9%	1,675 23.7%
Ages 5-9	2,053 25.2%	1,712 24.2%
Ages 10-14	2,156 26.5%	1,787 25.2%
Ages 15-19	2,149 26.4%	1,904 26.9%
Pre-k children		
Age 3	343	322
Age 4	365	342
Diversity of children		
White	3,401 41.8%	2,823 39.9%
African American	4,509 55.4%	3,726 52.6%
Hispanic	122 1.5%	413 5.8%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	26 0.3%	18 0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander	20 0.2%	17 0.2%
Other races	3 0.0%	NA NA
More than one race	65 0.8%	81 1.1%

Base Year** Current Year**

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Median household income	\$33,491***	\$30,370
Percent all persons living below poverty level	23.8%	26.1%
Percent employed mothers with young children	60.0%	50.6%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	71.6%	69.0%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	53.9%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	11.9%	18.9%

* 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	0	6	0.0	14.9	56	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	42	56	12.0%	13.9%	56	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	190	202	54.3%	50.2%	49	W	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	67	63	19.1%	15.7%	61	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	34	33	7.6%	9.1%	63	-	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	212	193	53.5%	51.1%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	495	424	10.1%	11.1%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	6	0	109.7	0.0	41	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	120	46	16.8	7.0	26		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	2	122.9	64.7	37		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	16	307.2	517.3	41		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	97.2	0.0	12	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	36	36	26.5%	20.5%	64	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	2,340	2,130	32.8%	34.1%	56		261,151	23.6%
• White	471	526	14.4%	17.0%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	1,882	2,157	48.1%	52.9%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	0	21	0.0%	23.9%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	1,944	2,490	30.9%	39.1%	58		285,371	28.7%