

CHEROKEE

RANKING: 27



INDICATORS

HEALTH

	BASE YEAR NUMBER	CURRENT YEAR NUMBER	BASE YEAR RATE	CURRENT YEAR RATE	RANKING	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
Infant mortality rate	3	0	11.0	0.0	44	-	513	8.2
• White	2	0	8.1	0.0			254	6.1
• African American/Other	1	0	40.0	0.0			259	12.6
Low weight births	21	21	7.7%	9.0%	34	-	6,472	10.4%
• White	15	19	6.0%	8.6%			3,436	8.2%
• African American/Other	6	2	24.0%	16.7%			3,036	14.8%
Births to unmarried teens	44	30	16.1%	12.9%	34	-	6,616	10.6%
• White	34	30	13.7%	13.6%			3,210	7.7%
• African American/Other	10	0	40.0%	0.0%			3,406	16.6%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	25	15	6.9%	5.0%	61	-	2,205	3.8%
Graduation rate	216	249	68.0%	70.9%			39,524	65.8%

SAFETY

Child death rate	4	2	109.1	50.9	40	-	217	24.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	125	111	23.5	19.9	64		9,586	8.5
Juvenile violent crime court petition rate	12	9	4.9	3.4	11		3,222	6.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	65.5	213.1	62	-	169	51.4

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	23	15	16.7%	14.9%	25	-	3,115	12.0%
Children in poverty	1,269	1,425	23.8%	28.1%	35		274,243	24.6%
Children in single-parent families	971	1,335	20.5%	28.7%	17		327,504	34.0%
• White	815	1,093	18.7%	26.0%			132,381	21.5%
• African American	123	151	45.9%	60.2%			172,073	63.2%
• Other	33	91	34.4%	45.7%			23,050	30.3%

IMPORTANT DATA REMINDERS

- Review "How to Use This Data Book" on pg. 6 for understanding how to interpret data.
- Data are based on different time intervals. Check pages 6, 84-85 for applicable time periods.
- Numbers reflect "how many," while percentages and rates account for differences in population size. Review definitions on pages 84-85 for a precise interpretation.
- Compare rates of individual indicators for your county to the state and surrounding counties.
- Check the trend column to determine if indicators are improving or worsening.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Base Year*	Current Year*	2000		2010	
Median household income	\$38,860**	\$38,024	Total county population		23,988	25,989
Percent all persons living below poverty level	15.4%	18.4%	County child population		5,867	6,214
Percent employed mothers with young children	64.2%	57.9%	Children as percentage of population		24.5%	23.9%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.8%	76.8%	Children: Under age 5	1,433 24.4%	1,390 22.4%	
Percent receiving adequate prenatal care	70.0%	49.8%	Ages 5-9	1,516 25.8%	1,524 24.5%	
Percent teens not attending school and not working	16.9%	12.8%	Ages 10-14	1,502 25.6%	1,630 26.2%	
			Ages 15-19	1,416 24.1%	1,670 26.9%	
			Pre-k children: Age 3	268	287	
			Age 4	293	289	
			Diversity of children:			
			White	5,291 90.2%	5,514 88.7%	
			African American	395 6.7%	328 5.3%	
			American Indian/ Alaskan Native	21 0.4%	26 0.4%	
			Asian and Pacific Islander	7 0.1%	18 0.3%	
			Other races	2 0.0%	11 0.2%	
			More than one race	59 1.0%	156 2.5%	
			Hispanic	92 1.6%	161 2.6%	

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