

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2007
Total county population	27,867	26,496
County child population	8,626	7,403
Children as percentage of population	31.0%	27.9%
Children		
Under age 5	2,080 24.1%	1,694 22.9%
Ages 5-9	2,193 25.4%	1,861 25.1%
Ages 10-14	2,191 25.4%	1,948 26.3%
Ages 15-19	2,162 25.1%	1,900 25.7%
Pre-k children		
Age 3	425	346
Age 4	427	347
Diversity of children		
White	4,125 47.8%	3,511 47.4%
African American	4,330 50.2%	3,721 50.3%
Hispanic	69 0.8%	69 0.9%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	26 0.3%	23 0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander	15 0.2%	17 0.2%
Other races	8 0.1%	NA NA
More than one race	53 0.6%	62 0.8%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$34,748***	\$32,627
Percent all persons living below poverty level	21.8%	21.8%
Percent employed mothers with young children	50.3%	53.4%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	72.7%	78.9%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	46.8%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	14.4%	15.6%

* 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	3	6.1	9.6	63	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	43	46	8.7%	14.7%	62	W	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	279	176	56.7%	56.6%	14	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	67	49	13.6%	15.8%	41	-	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	62	8	12.4%	2.1%	17	I	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	305	256	64.4%	64.1%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	611	458	11.3%	9.3%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	4	0	66.0	0.0	49	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	99	14	12.4	2.1	16		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	6	156.4	190.3	38		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	28	286.8	888.0	45		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	80.9	0.0	3	I	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	36	23	17.5%	18.3%	49	-	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	2,457	2,075	29.9%	30.9%	51		261,151	23.6%
• White	413	369	10.9%	9.7%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	2,170	1,904	50.5%	49.3%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	25	43	49.0%	43.0%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	1,719	2,045	24.6%	30.2%	40		285,371	28.7%