

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	54,984		54,588	
County child population	14,466		13,357	
Children as percentage of population	26.3%		24.5%	
Children				
Under age 5	3,358	23.2%	3,049	22.8%
Ages 5-9	3,728	25.8%	3,298	24.7%
Ages 10-14	3,735	25.8%	3,472	26.0%
Ages 15-19	3,645	25.2%	3,538	26.5%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	673		610	
Age 4	659		598	
Diversity of children				
White	10,919	75.5%	10,140	75.9%
African American	2,990	20.7%	2,585	19.4%
Hispanic	250	1.7%	326	2.4%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	69	0.5%	55	0.4%
Asian and Pacific Islander	42	0.3%	50	0.4%
Other races	20	0.1%	NA	NA
More than one race	176	1.2%	201	1.5%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$40,581***	\$37,530
Percent all persons living below poverty level	13.5%	16.5%
Percent employed mothers with young children	52.5%	52.9%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.7%	79.9%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	38.3%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	10.2%	9.4%

* 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	7	8	10.2	12.2	44	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	53	56	7.7%	8.6%	36	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	409	378	59.4%	57.8%	23	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	80	87	11.6%	13.3%	35	-	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	64	44	8.6%	7.0%	37	I	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	418	476	61.2%	66.9%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	1,068	801	12.5%	9.6%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	3	0	32.1	0.0	45	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	91	38	7.6	3.2	4		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	2	166.0	35.6	30		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	100	184.4	1,778.4	55		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	4	6	117.7	169.6	43	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	58	40	17.5%	13.7%	28	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	2,590	2,843	21.0%	23.9%	21		261,151	23.6%
• White	1,392	1,340	14.5%	13.5%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	1,040	1,040	38.2%	37.2%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	47	34	34.3%	13.7%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	2,255	2,701	19.9%	23.0%	20		285,371	28.7%