

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2007
Total county population	17,185	18,111
County child population	5,620	5,004
Children as percentage of population	32.7%	27.6%
Children		
Under age 5	1,408 25.1%	1,102 22.0%
Ages 5-9	1,376 24.5%	1,300 26.0%
Ages 10-14	1,453 25.9%	1,274 25.5%
Ages 15-19	1,383 24.6%	1,328 26.5%
Pre-k children		
Age 3	276	216
Age 4	283	222
Diversity of children		
White	1,726 30.7%	1,685 33.7%
African American	3,775 67.2%	3,207 64.1%
Hispanic	49 0.9%	58 1.2%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	15 0.3%	15 0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander	5 0.1%	4 0.1%
Other races	9 0.2%	NA NA
More than one race	41 0.7%	35 0.7%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$26,746***	\$31,481
Percent all persons living below poverty level	26.6%	24.0%
Percent employed mothers with young children	59.0%	50.1%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	73.1%	76.5%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	53.1%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	13.8%	17.5%

* 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	1	1	3.7	4.4	23	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	29	31	10.8%	13.6%	63	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	133	106	49.4%	46.5%	55	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	56	29	20.8%	12.7%	55	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	32	17	10.8%	7.0%	35	I	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	153	139	55.5%	61.2%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	415	293	12.3%	9.9%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	1	0	26.8	0.0	44	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	73	12	14.5	2.7	1		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	1	42.7	46.8	35		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	17	22	726.2	1,029.0	58		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	72.7	0.0	24	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	28	10	27.5%	11.5%	27	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	1,761	1,492	34.1%	33.5%	55		261,151	23.6%
• White	241	160	16.5%	10.5%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	2,021	1,483	60.3%	43.9%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	13	61	52.0%	64.9%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	1,533	1,641	38.1%	38.2%	56		285,371	28.7%