



# HOUSTON

# RANKING: 33

## INDICATORS

### HEALTH

	BASE YEAR NUMBER	CURRENT YEAR NUMBER	BASE YEAR RATE	CURRENT YEAR RATE	RANKING	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
Infant mortality rate	11	14	8.6	9.8	39	-	513	8.2
• White	5	8	5.9	8.8			254	6.1
• African American/Other	6	6	14.1	11.7			259	12.6
Low weight births	118	134	9.2%	9.4%	11	-	6,472	10.4%
• White	66	70	7.7%	7.7%			3,436	8.2%
• African American/Other	52	64	12.2%	12.5%			3,036	14.8%
Births to unmarried teens	152	161	11.9%	11.3%	32	-	6,616	10.6%
• White	52	74	6.1%	8.1%			3,210	7.7%
• African American/Other	100	87	23.5%	17.0%			3,406	16.6%

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	115	50	9.0%	3.8%	58	-	2,205	3.8%
Graduation rate	779	790	61.8%	63.8%			39,524	65.8%

### SAFETY

Child death rate	7	3	40.4	15.8	38	-	217	24.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	282	175	12.3	7.0	28		9,586	8.5
Juvenile violent crime court petition rate	61	75	5.7	6.7	44		3,222	6.2
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	127.6	61.9	28	-	169	51.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	77	71	14.3%	11.4%	23	I	3,115	12.0%
Children in poverty	5,345	6,462	23.3%	26.7%	30		274,243	24.6%
Children in single-parent families	6,386	8,283	30.9%	38.4%	43		327,504	34.0%
• White	2,715	3,339	19.3%	24.2%			132,381	21.5%
• African American	3,498	4,397	58.4%	68.8%			172,073	63.2%
• Other	173	547	28.5%	39.7%			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	\$43,114**	\$38,751	88,787		101,547	
Percent all persons living below poverty level	15.8%	17.7%	25,151		27,408	
Percent employed mothers with young children	62.7%	59.3%	28.3%		27.0%	
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	85.1%	85.1%	Children: Under age 5	6,037 24.0%	6,731 24.6%	
Percent receiving adequate prenatal care	64.5%	79.3%	Ages 5-9	6,313 25.1%	7,051 25.7%	
Percent teens not attending school and not working	8.9%	13.4%	Ages 10-14	6,661 26.5%	6,936 25.3%	
			Ages 15-19	6,140 24.4%	6,690 24.4%	
			Pre-k children: Age 3	1,227	1,376	
			Age 4	1,199	1,396	
			Diversity of children:			
			White	16,294 64.8%	16,381 59.8%	
			African American	7,863 31.3%	8,743 31.9%	
			American Indian/ Alaskan Native	75 0.3%	88 0.3%	
			Asian and Pacific Islander	166 0.7%	217 0.8%	
			Other races	37 0.1%	54 0.2%	
			More than one race	278 1.1%	792 2.9%	
			Hispanic	438 1.7%	1,133 4.1%	

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