

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	662,047		658,779	
County child population	182,231		176,506	
Children as percentage of population	27.5%		26.8%	
Children				
Under age 5	43,281	23.8%	45,196	25.6%
Ages 5-9	45,809	25.1%	42,853	24.3%
Ages 10-14	47,066	25.8%	43,046	24.4%
Ages 15-19	46,075	25.3%	45,411	25.7%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	8,434		8,813	
Age 4	8,735		9,130	
Diversity of children				
White	88,410	48.5%	79,356	45.0%
African American	86,578	47.5%	84,895	48.1%
Hispanic	3,338	1.8%	7,194	4.1%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	325	0.2%	396	0.2%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,587	0.9%	2,317	1.3%
Other races	198	0.1%	NA	NA
More than one race	1,795	1.0%	2,348	1.3%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$45,814***	\$44,908
Percent all persons living below poverty level	14.5%	15.1%
Percent employed mothers with young children	59.0%	59.3%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	83.9%	80.5%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	33.5%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	11.4%	10.5%

* 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	101	121	10.8	12.5	59	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	985	1,129	10.5%	11.7%	54	W	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	5,995	5,613	64.1%	57.9%	8	W	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	1,193	945	12.8%	9.8%	27	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	705	303	7.7%	3.6%	7	I	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	6,041	5,727	64.4%	64.5%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	14,758	10,926	13.2%	10.5%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	39	28	32.5	22.9	32	I	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,476	628	9.6	4.0	29		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	174	178	258.1	256.4	60		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	920	409	1,364.9	589.1	21		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	31	32	71.9	70.5	46	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	623	424	15.2%	10.4%	12	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	33,805	33,738	21.5%	21.6%	12		261,151	23.6%
• White	7,178	5,666	8.1%	7.0%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	28,217	26,393	40.3%	34.4%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	269	1,037	17.9%	20.2%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	40,155	47,062	28.5%	33.2%	48		285,371	28.7%