

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	399,843		404,406	
County child population	121,942		117,867	
Children as percentage of population	30.5%		29.1%	
Children				
Under age 5	29,334	24.1%	29,510	25.0%
Ages 5-9	31,175	25.6%	29,028	24.6%
Ages 10-14	30,929	25.4%	29,648	25.2%
Ages 15-19	30,504	25.0%	29,681	25.2%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	5,835		5,872	
Age 4	5,802		5,843	
Diversity of children				
White	66,065	54.2%	62,640	53.1%
African American	49,616	40.7%	48,187	40.9%
Hispanic	1,700	1.4%	2,312	2.0%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	942	0.8%	719	0.6%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,893	1.6%	2,091	1.8%
Other races	178	0.1%	NA	NA
More than one race	1,548	1.3%	1,918	1.6%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$38,682***	\$37,575
Percent all persons living below poverty level	20.1%	20.8%
Percent employed mothers with young children	49.7%	53.5%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.8%	84.2%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	42.2%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	11.0%	10.7%

INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	86	65	13.8	10.4	35	I	641	10.0
Low weight births	645	720	10.4%	11.5%	50	W	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	3,441	3,746	55.4%	59.8%	11	I	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	957	814	15.4%	13.0%	51	-	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	927	383	15.4%	7.4%	59	I	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	3,542	3,055	66.6%	60.1%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	8,704	7,385	13.3%	11.7%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	30	20	36.0	24.3	42	I	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,622	595	15.1	5.6	41		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	145	157	305.4	325.9	64		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	441	709	928.7	1,471.6	65		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	21	24	70.7	80.9	35	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	508	434	20.7%	17.1%	55	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	31,547	32,216	28.8%	30.7%	50		261,151	23.6%
• White	8,693	6,894	13.7%	11.7%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	22,987	20,626	55.7%	45.9%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	751	1,182	38.3%	26.3%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	28,117	32,402	29.7%	34.1%	49		285,371	28.7%

* 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.