

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	223,510		225,791	
County child population	65,342		66,432	
Children as percentage of population	29.2%		29.4%	
Children				
Under age 5	15,472	23.7%	16,904	25.4%
Ages 5-9	16,315	25.0%	15,986	24.1%
Ages 10-14	16,298	24.9%	15,652	23.6%
Ages 15-19	17,257	26.4%	17,890	26.9%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	3,062		3,347	
Age 4	3,116		3,398	
Diversity of children				
White	24,506	37.5%	21,375	32.2%
African American	38,304	58.6%	41,086	61.8%
Hispanic	890	1.4%	1,769	2.7%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	141	0.2%	131	0.2%
Asian and Pacific Islander	600	0.9%	851	1.3%
Other races	108	0.2%	NA	NA
More than one race	793	1.2%	1,220	1.8%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$44,658***	\$41,199
Percent all persons living below poverty level	17.6%	18.1%
Percent employed mothers with young children	60.3%	62.1%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	80.2%	76.1%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	38.1%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	10.6%	12.2%

* 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	36	45	10.5	13.1	54	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	324	399	9.5%	11.6%	49	W	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	2,183	1,894	63.7%	55.2%	20	W	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	563	451	16.4%	13.1%	47	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	95	212	3.0%	7.4%	47	-	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	1,606	1,139	62.4%	45.2%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	3,699	3,059	10.9%	9.8%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	13	20	30.1	44.3	52	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	303	108	5.4	1.9	7		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	147	47	604.1	186.7	67		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	223	193	916.5	766.8	49		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	8	12	46.4	67.1	32	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	334	211	21.8%	14.5%	47	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	14,853	15,804	26.2%	27.5%	38		261,151	23.6%
• White	1,632	1,245	6.2%	5.7%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	12,663	12,826	42.8%	38.7%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	224	224	26.2%	15.8%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	16,434	19,350	33.0%	38.7%	57		285,371	28.7%