

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2007
Total county population	29,605	29,925
County child population	8,630	8,142
Children as percentage of population	29.2%	27.2%
Children		
Under age 5	1,923 22.3%	1,974 24.2%
Ages 5-9	1,936 22.4%	1,921 23.6%
Ages 10-14	2,090 24.2%	1,786 21.9%
Ages 15-19	2,681 31.1%	2,461 30.2%
Pre-k children		
Age 3	361	371
Age 4	405	417
Diversity of children		
White	4,395 50.9%	4,227 51.9%
African American	3,868 44.8%	3,493 42.9%
Hispanic	136 1.6%	176 2.2%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	62 0.7%	52 0.6%
Asian and Pacific Islander	11 0.1%	23 0.3%
Other races	12 0.1%	NA NA
More than one race	146 1.7%	171 2.1%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$30,895***	\$25,817
Percent all persons living below poverty level	24.6%	27.0%
Percent employed mothers with young children	51.2%	56.4%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	79.9%	83.6%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	47.0%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	9.0%	9.8%

* 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	4	2	10.8	4.6	32	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	38	38	10.3%	8.8%	22	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	214	223	57.8%	51.6%	36	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	78	59	21.1%	13.7%	42	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	36	29	9.2%	7.3%	57	-	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	216	230	58.0%	56.7%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	711	546	15.6%	12.3%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	58.5	37.8	63	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	60	32	8.6	4.6	31		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	4	187.5	135.0	53		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	49	65	1,531.3	2,193.0	66		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	68.8	0.0	27	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	57	26	32.6%	14.9%	41	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	2,439	2,421	34.4%	35.5%	58		261,151	23.6%
• White	447	516	12.4%	14.1%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	1,641	1,572	51.0%	48.2%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	9	41	25.0%	22.8%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	2,044	2,233	34.2%	36.2%	51		285,371	28.7%