

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2007
Total county population	49,756	50,183
County child population	14,514	14,101
Children as percentage of population	29.2%	28.1%
Children		
Under age 5	3,515 24.2%	3,426 24.3%
Ages 5-9	3,777 26.0%	3,417 24.2%
Ages 10-14	3,691 25.4%	3,668 26.0%
Ages 15-19	3,531 24.3%	3,590 25.5%
Pre-k children		
Age 3	664	648
Age 4	744	726
Diversity of children		
White	7,025 48.4%	6,769 48.0%
African American	6,867 47.3%	6,413 45.5%
Hispanic	284 2.0%	504 3.6%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	38 0.3%	37 0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander	50 0.3%	86 0.6%
Other races	35 0.2%	NA NA
More than one race	215 1.5%	292 2.1%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$36,354***	\$33,546
Percent all persons living below poverty level	18.6%	21.2%
Percent employed mothers with young children	53.7%	58.7%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	73.1%	64.5%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	47.0%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	16.3%	10.1%

* 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	8	6	11.4	13.3	60	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	61	51	8.7%	11.4%	45	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	385	253	54.7%	56.5%	4	-	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	97	58	13.8%	12.9%	57	-	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	55	5	6.8%	0.7%	1	1	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	399	430	55.5%	58.5%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	891	863	10.0%	9.2%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	30.9	20.4	13	-	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	332	143	26.5	11.2	61		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	14	7	253.4	117.8	45		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	43	57	778.4	959.6	46		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	26.9	83.6	44	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	50	17	16.3%	9.8%	51	-	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	3,609	4,142	28.0%	32.7%	54		261,151	23.6%
• White	1,006	1,218	14.9%	19.5%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	2,493	2,136	44.3%	34.5%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	10	134	15.4%	23.0%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	3,471	4,110	32.3%	36.7%	53		285,371	28.7%