

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2007	
Total county population	164,875		177,906	
County child population	46,693		49,209	
Children as percentage of population	28.3%		27.7%	
Children				
Under age 5	10,592	22.7%	11,596	23.6%
Ages 5-9	10,853	23.2%	11,379	23.1%
Ages 10-14	10,690	22.9%	11,118	22.6%
Ages 15-19	14,558	31.2%	15,116	30.7%
Pre-k children				
Age 3	2,131		2,331	
Age 4	2,142		2,342	
Diversity of children				
White	27,780	59.5%	28,314	57.5%
African American	17,165	36.8%	18,519	37.6%
Hispanic	743	1.6%	1,299	2.6%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	81	0.2%	76	0.2%
Asian and Pacific Islander	344	0.7%	434	0.9%
Other races	72	0.2%	NA	NA
More than one race	508	1.1%	567	1.2%

	Base Year**	Current Year**
Median household income	\$40,085***	\$41,543
Percent all persons living below poverty level	17.0%	18.6%
Percent employed mothers with young children	55.2%	59.9%
Percent women receiving first trimester prenatal care	80.4%	79.7%
Percent families with children below 185% of poverty	33.9%	NA
Percent teens not attending school and not working	7.3%	7.1%

INDICATORS

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

HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	20	41	9.4	16.2	58	-	641	10.0
Low weight births	223	280	10.5%	11.1%	48	-	6,695	10.4%
Child birth index	1,208	1,491	56.9%	59.0%	13	I	36,199	56.4%
Births to unmarried teens	295	223	13.9%	8.8%	22	I	6,641	10.3%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	88	141	4.0%	6.4%	40	-	3,178	5.3%
Graduation rate	1,336	1,296	63.4%	60.9%			38,762	64.6%
Special education enrollment	2,962	3,425	11.5%	12.5%			74,580	10.1%

SAFETY

Child death rate	11	6	38.9	18.9	25	I	197	22.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	475	199	12.9	4.8	50		5,730	5.1
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	42	70	251.5	389.9	66		791	156.8
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	87	268	520.9	1,492.7	63		4,382	868.8
Preventable teen death rate	9	8	61.6	52.9	18	-	232	71.1

SECURITY

Vulnerable families	152	107	15.4%	9.9%	16	I	3,246	12.0%
Total children in poverty*	9,051	8,720	24.2%	21.7%	14		261,151	23.6%
• White	2,427	1,942	10.7%	8.5%			85,685	12.0%
• African American	6,106	5,326	48.7%	37.7%			142,772	40.5%
• Other races	35	271	8.5%	20.1%			9,424	22.7%
Children in single-parent families	8,214	11,094	26.0%	32.3%	46		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.