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Muhlenberg County

Child Well-Being Ranking: 51

CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS

	Base Period		Recent Period		Rank	Trend
	#	Rate	#	Rate		
Healthy Births (percent of live births)	1987-89		1997-99			
Birthweight of at least 5.5 pounds	1102	93	1117	93	19	Same
5-minute APGAR score of 9 or 10	990	83	1003	83	118	Same
Start prenatal care in first trimester	870	73	978	81	81	Better
At least 10 prenatal visits	913	77	910	75	89	Worse
Healthy Birth Index—all indicators present	636	53	659	55	106	Better
Maternal Risk Characteristics (percent of live births)	1987-89		1997-99			
Under age 20	227	19	228	19	74	Same
Unmarried	176	15	296	25	39	Worse
Not a high school graduate	395	33	297	25	57	Better
Maternal Risk Index—all indicators present	46	4	67	6	31	Worse
Child Mortality	1985-89		1995-99			
Infant mortality (deaths under age 1 per 1,000 live births)	23	11	11	6	13	Better
Child deaths (average annual deaths per 100,000 ages 1-14)	8	23	5	*	—	
Student Performance	1993		1999			
Average daily attendance (percent of students enrolled)	5258	96	4897	95	12	Worse
Students retained (percent of students enrolled)	151	4	105	3	25	Better
	1997		2000			
6th grade reading skills (CTBS mean normal curve equivalent)	—	52	—	54	30	Better
6th grade math skills (CTBS mean normal curve equivalent)	—	49	—	52	32	Better
Teen Indicators	1987-89		1997-99			
Teen births (average annual births per 1,000 girls ages 15-17)	88	40	65	29	41	Better
	1993		1999			
High school dropouts (percent of students grades 7-12)	108	4	39	2	5	Better
High school grads not in school or working (percent)	23	7	12	3	12	Better
Economic Security	1989		1997			
Child poverty (percent of children under age 18 in poverty)	1994	25	2025	25	57	Same
	1999		2000			
Child support payments (percent of obligated payments collected)	—	41	—	45	93	Better

Legend: * Rates not provided when number is less than 6. — Number does not apply.
Rates defined in parentheses. Ranks based on recent period with 1 as best. Trends getting better or worse based on change in rates. Child Well-Being Ranking based on the average indicator ranks.

Muhlenberg County

CHILDREN AT RISK

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

	1998	1999
Physical abuse reports	102	115
Rate per 1,000 under age 18	13	15
Percent under age 5	25	26
Percent girls	48	46
Percent substantiated	23	20
Sexual abuse reports	28	23
Rate per 1,000 under age 18	4	3
Percent under age 5	18	26
Percent girls	89	96
Percent substantiated	21	39
Emotional abuse reports	13	15
Rate per 1,000 under age 18	2	2
Percent under age 5	15	27
Percent girls	69	47
Percent substantiated	0	0
Neglect/dependency reports	306	314
Rate per 1,000 under age 18	39	41
Percent under age 5	46	45
Percent girls	50	51
Percent substantiated	13	22

For statewide child abuse and neglect data for 1990-1999,
 Visit our website at www.kyyouth.org
 Ten Year trend charts available in KYA's Chart Gallery

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Due to reporting errors, these data may not be accurate. See page 26.

	1999
Law violations	21
Expulsions	1
Suspensions	12
Alternative placements	8
Board violations	154
Expulsions	0
Suspensions	141
Alternative placements	12
Corporal punishments	1

JUVENILE JUSTICE

	1998	1999
Total juvenile offenders	29	28
Demographic characteristics		
Percent under age 13	0	0
Percent ages 13-17	100	100
Percent girls	7	32
Percent boys	93	68
Percent white	83	96
Percent black	14	4
Percent other races	3	0
Type of offense		
Percent against persons	14	18
Percent against property	55	32
Percent alcohol related	0	0
Percent drug related	0	29
Percent other offense	31	21
Sentence		
Percent committed	21	7
Percent probated	79	93

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

	1996	2000
Medicaid (<i>recipients under age 18</i>)	1918	2338
Food stamps (<i>recipients under age 19</i>)	1940	1145
K-TAP (<i>recipients under age 18</i>)	414	212
Free and reduced lunches (<i>recipients age 5-17</i>)	2198	2413

	1996	1999
SSI (<i>recipients under age 18</i>)	266	217

ADOLESCENT VIOLENT DEATHS

(deaths ages 10-19 by accident, homicide, suicide)

	1990-94	1995-99
Total	10	9
Accidents	8	4
Homicides	1	1
Suicides	1	4

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC & ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

	1990	1999		1987-89	1997-99		1989	1997
Total population	31318	31968	Total live births	1191	1207	Poverty rates		
Percent under 5	6	6	Crude birth rate	12	13	Total persons	21	17
Percent ages 5-17	20	18	(Births per 1,000 population)			Under age 5	30	31
Percent age 65 and older	15	15	General fertility rate	55	60	Ages 5-17	24	23
			(Births per 1,000 females 15-44)					
Percent white	96	95	Total deaths	1108	1070		1990	1999
Percent black	4	4	Crude death rate	12	11	Unemployment rate	9	8
Percent Hispanic	0	0	(Deaths per 1,000 population)				1990	1998
						Per capita income	13109	17438