

Child Well-being Trends

	Trend Period	Base		Recent		Worse	Better
		#	Rate	#	Rate		
Child Health							
First trimester prenatal care	Totals	19,222	75	21,749	83		11
Birthweight under 5.5 pounds	1989-91	1,818	7	2,129	8	-14	
Infant mortality (deaths under 1 per 1,000 births)	vs 1996-98	192	7	185	7		0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)		84	25	76	22		12
Child Poverty							
Ages 0-17	1989	29,582	21	32,545	22	-5	
Ages 0-4	vs 1995	9,804	25	12,158	28	-12	
Ages 5-17		19,778	19	20,387	19		0
Child Abuse and Neglect (substantiated victims per 1,000 children)							
Physical abuse	1996	1,012	7	728	5		29
Sexual abuse	vs 1998	307	2	226	1		50
Neglect/dependency		2,384	16	1,966	13		19
Public Education							
Students who were retained		2,523	4	3,085	5	-25	
Students grades 7-12 who dropped out	1993	2,261	5	1,910	4		20
H.S. grads with successful transition	vs 1998	5,094	96	5,228	95	-1	
Average daily attendance K-12		90,017	94	93,235	94		0

Percent change in rate

Rates are not provided when events numbered fewer than 6. * indicates change in the rate over 100%. - indicates getting worse not necessarily a decrease.

Assistance Programs

	1996	1997	1998
K-TAP recipients	20,198	18,280	14,068
Children	13,884	12,689	9,696
Food Stamp recipients	60,064	48,104	42,523
Children	28,557	23,093	20,271
SSI recipients	21,938	21,709	21,950
Children	3,324	3,019	3,190
Medicaid recipients	Not Available	83,984	80,788
Children		41,824	39,973

Population Trends

	1990	1998	% change
Total Persons	590,336	651,939	10
0-4	39,725	42,556	7
5-17	103,651	111,004	7
18-19	23,561	24,130	2
20-64	356,586	400,581	12
65 and older	66,813	73,668	10
Whites	535,287	587,950	10
Blacks	49,324	55,660	13
Hispanics	3,983	6,080	53