

Child Well-being Trends

	Trend Period	Base		Recent		Worse	Better
		#	Rate	#	Rate		
Child Health							
First trimester prenatal care	Totals	1,880	69	2,126	80		16
Birthweight under 5.5 pounds	1989-91	152	6	221	8	-33	
Infant mortality (deaths under 1 per 1,000 births)	vs 1996-98	26	9	17	6		33
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)		15	39	6	16		59
Child Poverty							
Ages 0-17	1989	5,545	34	5,998	35	-3	
Ages 0-4	vs 1995	1,631	39	1,857	40	-3	
Ages 5-17		3,914	33	4,141	33	0	
Child Abuse and Neglect (substantiated victims per 1,000 children)							
Physical abuse	1996	118	7	90	5		29
Sexual abuse	vs 1998	35	2	35	2	0	
Neglect/dependency		458	27	473	27	0	
Public Education							
Students who were retained		136	2	224	3	-50	
Students grades 7-12 who dropped out	1993	226	4	286	5	-25	
H.S. grads with successful transition	vs 1998	661	91	671	94		3
Average daily attendance K-12		11,025	94	11,424	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	4,013	3,796	3,020
Children	2,703	2,573	2,056
Food Stamp recipients	13,950	11,869	10,876
Children	5,815	5,015	4,547
SSI recipients	4,615	4,629	4,754
Children	441	441	467
Medicaid recipients	Not Available	17,213	16,766
Children		7,992	7,736

Population Trends

	1990	1998	% change
Total Persons	66,346	72,993	10
0-4	4,190	4,444	6
5-17	12,301	12,864	5
18-19	3,683	3,714	1
20-64	38,083	43,191	13
65 and older	8,089	8,780	9
Whites	64,536	70,678	10
Blacks	1,594	2,034	28
Hispanics	230	362	57