

Child Well-being Trends

Trend Period	Base		Recent		Worse	Better
	#	Rate	#	Rate		
Child Health						
First trimester prenatal care	Totals	29,980	83	31,338	88	6
Birthweight under 5.5 pounds	1989-91	2,842	8	2,997	8	0
Infant mortality (deaths under 1 per 1,000 births)	vs 1996-98	359	10	264	7	30
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)		118	25	116	25	0
Child Poverty						
Ages 0-17	1989	38,134	19	43,830	22	-16
Ages 0-4	vs 1995	12,848	24	17,057	30	-25
Ages 5-17		25,286	18	26,773	19	-6
Child Abuse and Neglect (substantiated victims per 1,000 children)						
Physical abuse	1996	2,316	12	1,685	8	33
Sexual abuse	vs 1998	520	3	412	2	33
Neglect/dependency		5,032	25	5,017	25	0
Public Education						
Students who were retained		2,412	3	3,098	4	-33
Students grades 7-12 who dropped out	1993	1,619	3	2,367	4	-33
H.S. grads with successful transition	vs 1998	5,937	92	6,537	97	5
Average daily attendance K-12		108,334	94	111,133	93	-1

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	33,966	31,229	26,797
Children	23,942	22,174	18,803
Food Stamp recipients	82,947	66,579	61,860
Children	43,536	36,120	33,669
SSI recipients	21,827	21,375	21,749
Children	4,480	3,949	4,213
Medicaid recipients	Not Available	109,567	106,320
Children		59,325	57,864

Population Trends

	1990	1998	% change
Total Persons	796,491	837,432	5
0-4	55,078	54,953	0
5-17	144,591	146,793	2
18-19	23,041	22,818	-1
20-64	472,407	504,585	7
65 and older	101,374	108,283	7
Whites	671,861	704,078	5
Blacks	118,199	124,579	5
Hispanics	4,889	7,220	48