

Child Well-being Trends

Trend Period	Base		Recent		Worse	Better
	#	Rate	#	Rate		
Child Health						
First trimester prenatal care	Totals	1,130	81	1,079	88	9
Birthweight under 5.5 pounds	1989-91	109	8	101	8	0
Infant mortality (deaths under 1 per 1,000 births)	vs 1996-98	12	9	13	11	-22
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)		13	66	9	52	21
Child Poverty						
Ages 0-17	1989	3,811	45	3,835	48	-7
Ages 0-4	vs 1995	1,020	48	1,119	54	-13
Ages 5-17		2,791	44	2,716	46	-5
Child Abuse and Neglect (substantiated victims per 1,000 children)						
Physical abuse	1996	40	5	49	6	-20
Sexual abuse	vs 1998	7	1	11	1	0
Neglect/dependency		37	5	104	14	*
Public Education						
Students who were retained		195	5	159	4	20
Students grades 7-12 who dropped out	1993	137	5	127	5	0
H.S. grads with successful transition	vs 1998	349	94	279	84	-11
Average daily attendance K-12		5,536	93	5,101	92	-1

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	2,876	2,684	2,461
Children	1,999	1,902	1,709
Food Stamp recipients	7,940	6,852	6,718
Children	3,551	3,118	3,025
SSI recipients	3,354	3,296	3,391
Children	321	313	317
Medicaid recipients	Not Available	10,476	10,389
Children		4,683	4,653

Population Trends

	1990	1998	% change
Total Persons	31,506	29,133	-8
0-4	2,127	1,893	-11
5-17	6,445	5,725	-11
18-19	1,052	911	-13
20-64	17,725	16,695	-6
65 and older	4,157	3,909	-6
Whites	30,579	28,186	-8
Blacks	804	795	-1
Hispanics	77	104	35