

Child Well-being Trends

Trend Period	Base		Recent		Worse	Better
	#	Rate	#	Rate		
Child Health						
First trimester prenatal care	Totals	1,381	74	1,585	90	22
Birthweight under 5.5 pounds	1989-91	89	5	125	7	-40
Infant mortality (deaths under 1 per 1,000 births)	vs 1996-98	16	9	17	10	-11
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)		9	32	8	32	0
Child Poverty						
Ages 0-17	1989	2,649	22	2,879	25	-14
Ages 0-4	vs 1995	836	28	1,065	36	-29
Ages 5-17		1,813	20	1,814	22	-10
Child Abuse and Neglect (substantiated victims per 1,000 children)						
Physical abuse	1996	40	4	57	5	-25
Sexual abuse	vs 1998	19	2	12	1	50
Neglect/dependency		143	13	331	30	*
Public Education						
Students who were retained		56	1	124	2	-10
Students grades 7-12 who dropped out	1993	67	2	82	2	0
H.S. grads with successful transition	vs 1998	499	95	591	99	4
Average daily attendance K-12		7,672	94	7,288	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	2,508	2,379	2,184
Children	1,665	1,579	1,420
Food Stamp recipients	7,060	6,090	6,021
Children	3,269	2,799	2,760
SSI recipients	2,180	2,143	2,253
Children	284	258	279
Medicaid recipients	Not Available	9,192	9,144
Children		4,488	4,551

Population Trends

	1990	1998	% change
Total Persons	51,150	49,543	-3
0-4	3,014	2,780	-8
5-17	9,047	8,208	-9
18-19	1,355	1,190	-12
20-64	30,225	29,760	-2
65 and older	7,509	7,605	1
Whites	49,894	48,159	-3
Blacks	1,040	1,094	5
Hispanics	443	591	33