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VOICES for Alabama's Children presents the fourteenth annual *Alabama Kids Count Data Book*. It is the single most comprehensive source of state data detailing the health, safety, education and economic security of all Alabama children.

Alabama's child well-being continues to witness historical improvements. Just as many of the measures tracked nationally continue improving, nearly half of the state measures witnessed improvement as presented in this *Data Book*.

The combined efforts of child advocates across the state are the reason for these continued improvements. Child advocates have used the data provided by VOICES to call attention to the many needs of Alabama's children. Raising awareness about these needs has led to increasing investments in child well-being. VOICES dedicates this year's publication to Alabama's child advocates. We celebrate our improvements and remain committed to continuing those improvements.

Previous users of the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* will find it is highly compatible with those of the past. We encourage advocates to share this information with their community leaders, elected officials and members of the media to continue increasing awareness about and investments in child well-being.

**Linda Tilly**  
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# How to Use This Data Book

The 2006 *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* presents nineteen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. The Introduction summarizes the status of Alabama's children and their families from the perspective of VOICES. The State and County Profiles present state-wide information about the condition of Alabama's 67 counties in alphabetical order. The Appendices include a map of overall county rankings, definitions and acknowledgements.

The state and county profile pages contain the most recent available data and historical data for each of the nineteen indicators. Actual numbers of children or events are presented along with rates or percentages that allow county-to-county comparisons. Base year numbers and rates serve as benchmarks to help measure change. The base years for the 19 indicators are: single-parent families (1990); children in poverty (1993); infant mortality rate, low weight births, child health index, births to unmarried teens, child death rate, preventable teen death rate, and vulnerable families (1994); event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, children with indication of abuse or neglect, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, juvenile violent crime arrest rate, juvenile violent crime court referral rate and children receiving TANF (1995); special education enrollment (1996); and first grade retention (1998).

Autauga COUNTY			INDICATORS							
			2005	2004	2003	2002				
<b>COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS</b>										
2000			2004							
Total county population	43,671	47,468								
County child population	13,641	13,831								
Children as percentage of population	31.2	29.1								
Children										
Under age 5	1,023	22.2	3,073	22.2						
Ages 5-9	1,618	26.5	3,255	23.5						
Ages 10-14	1,738	27.4	3,862	27.9						
Ages 15-19	1,262	23.9	3,641	26.3						
Diversity of children										
White	10,460	76.7	10,598	76.6						
African American	2,625	19.6	2,754	19.2						
Hispanic	229	1.7	248	1.8						
American Indian/Alaskan Native	55	0.4	52	0.4						
Asian Pacific <sup>1</sup>	38	0.3	57	0.4						
Islander	25	0.2	NB	NB						
Other races	161	1.2	152	1.1						
More than one race										
Years May Vary*										
Median household income	\$39,354**	\$44,194								
All persons living below poverty level	15.2%	10.4%								
Working women with young children	54.9%	60.2%								
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.1%	87.3%								
Children in extreme poverty			6.6%							
Percent children with disabilities			8.2%							
*Years for data used in Section on pages 88-89.										
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VOICES For Alabama's Children										
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Page 12										
			<b>HEALTH</b>							
			Infant mortality rate							
			11	5	19.0	7.6	28	—	516	8.7
			Low weight births							
			48	55	8.3%	8.4%	26	—	204	10.5
			Child health index							
			339	385	58.7%	58.6%	10	—	34,900	58.6
			Births to unmarried teens							
			65	71	11.2%	10.8%	32	—	6,189	10.5
			<b>EDUCATION</b>							
			First grade retention							
			85	85	12.9%	11.2%	65	—	3,791	6.4
			Event dropout rate							
			136	113	6.8%	4.3%	55	1	5,903	2.9
			Projected dropout rate							
			151	130	34.1%	15.7%	53	1	6,980	11.1
			Special education enrollment							
			908	945	11.6%	10.0%	—	—	91,358	12.2
			<b>SAFETY</b>							
			Child death rate							
			1	4	12.4	41.8	50	—	234	27.2
			Children with indication of abuse or neglect							
			80	53	7.1	4.0	9	—	10,110	8.9
			Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate							
			94	132	1,800.0	2,012.6	67	—	2,161	406.9
			Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate							
			42	108	840.0	1,646.6	61	—	4,602	866.4
			Juvenile violent crime arrest rate							
			9	6	180.0	91.5	43	—	1,229	231.4
			Juvenile violent crime court referral rate							
			27	35	540.0	533.6	33	—	3,799	715.2
			Preventable teen death rate							
			3	1	105.6	27.5	12	—	240	75.4
			<b>SECURITY</b>							
			Vulnerable families							
			32	33	12.7%	12.6%	34	—	6,056	12.5
			Children receiving TANF							
			556	428	4.8%	2.9%	40	—	36,579	2.9
			Children in poverty							
			2,340	1,902	20.9%	15.2%	2	—	243,154	22.3
			Single parent families with children							
			1,396	1,855	22.2%	27.2%	24	—	203,931	32.8

Current state numbers and rates are included to allow easy county-state comparisons. Population figures from the Census Bureau for 2000 and 2004 are presented for every county.

Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. Current year data for the 19 indicators are: single-parent families (2000); children in poverty (2003); infant mortality rate, low weight births, child health index, births to unmarried teens, child death rate, preventable teen death rate, and vulnerable families (2004); first grade retention, event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, children with indication of abuse and neglect, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, juvenile violent crime arrest rate, juvenile violent crime court referral rate and children receiving TANF (2005); and special education enrollment (2006). Counties, where deemed appropriate, are ranked on each indicator from best (1st) to worst (67th). If counties are tied, they share the same rank. Because the number of events can change a great deal each year in sparsely populated counties, three-year averages were used to determine most rankings whenever possible.

There is an indication of trend for most indicators. The letters "I" and "W" indicate whether conditions are significantly improving or worsening. A dash (—) indicates the absence of any significant trend. The time span covered in the trend analysis is 1994-2004 for the infant mortality rate, low weight births, child health index, births to unmarried teens, child death rate, preventable teen death rate, and vulnerable families; 1995-2005 for the event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, and children receiving TANF; and 1998-2005 for the first grade retention rate. Trends are not reported for children in poverty or single-parent families due to an absence of sufficient data, nor other selected indicators (children enrolled in special education, children with indication of abuse or neglect, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, juvenile violent crime arrest rate, and juvenile violent crime court referral rate).

*Current & Base Years*  
FOR THE COLLECTION OF INDICATOR DATA

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Base Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Base Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
Infant mortality rate	1994	2004	Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1995	2005
Low weight births	1994	2004	Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1995	2005
Child health index	1994	2004	Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1995	2005
Births to unmarried teens	1994	2004	Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1995	2005
First grade retention	1998	2005	Preventable teen death rate	1994	2004
Event dropout rate	1995	2005	Vulnerable families	1994	2004
Projected dropout rate	1995	2005	Children receiving TANF	1995	2005
Special education enrollment	1996	2006	Children in poverty	1993	2003
Child death rate	1994	2004	Single-parent families	1990	2000
Children with indication of abuse and neglect	1995	2005			

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**Alabama National Composite Rank: 43**

	State		National		Rank
	2000	2004	2000	2004	
Low-weight births	9.7	10	7.6	7.9	47
Infant mortality rate	9.4	8.7	6.9	6.9	45
Child death rate	27	27	22	21	42
Teen death rate	92	89	67	66	44
Teen birth rate	61	52	48	42	40
Teen dropout rate	13	7	11	8	20
Idle teens	12	8	9	9	18
Underemployed parents	35	36	32	33	36
Children in poverty	21	23	17	18	42
Single-parent families	35	36	31	31	43

## Adequate Prenatal Care

	Base Number	Base Rate	Base Total	Current Number	Current Rate	Current Total		Base Number	Base Rate	Base Total	Current Number	Current Rate	Current Total
Autauga	454	78.4	579	502	76.8	654	Houston	822	64.5	1,275	886	71.4	1,241
Baldwin	1,466	82.9	1,768	1,476	82.1	1,798	Jackson	547	82.9	660	423	78.3	540
Barbour	225	65.4	344	175	51.3	341	Jefferson	7,460	79.6	9,368	7,323	80.4	9,109
Bibb	251	75.4	333	178	71.2	250	Lamar	147	87.5	168	134	83.8	160
Blount	491	79.7	616	531	80.9	656	Lauderdale	967	92.7	1,043	799	87.6	912
Bullock	85	56.3	151	92	58.6	157	Lawrence	343	80.5	426	286	73.5	389
Butler	234	77.5	302	191	74.0	258	Lee	1,118	81.0	1,380	1,160	82.0	1,415
Calhoun	1,344	84.7	1,586	1,293	84.0	1,540	Limestone	671	81.9	819	647	78.7	822
Chambers	372	79.0	471	324	75.2	431	Lowndes	141	66.8	211	122	75.8	161
Cherokee	189	70.0	270	192	73.6	261	Macon	200	66.0	303	167	74.9	223
Chilton	292	69.0	423	427	78.9	541	Madison	3,450	90.4	3,815	3,193	86.8	3,678
Choctaw	152	75.6	201	121	79.1	153	Marengo	235	71.6	328	194	70.3	276
Clarke	283	65.8	430	243	71.9	338	Marion	351	92.6	379	304	90.2	337
Clay	139	87.4	159	112	81.2	138	Marshall	1,050	83.7	1,255	986	70.6	1,397
Cleburne	164	89.1	184	135	83.3	162	Mobile	4,298	69.3	6,202	4,554	80.2	5,677
Coffee	441	77.4	570	463	78.7	588	Monroe	293	79.0	371	220	77.2	285
Colbert	602	86.2	698	516	85.4	604	Montgomery	2,561	73.9	3,464	2,413	73.9	3,265
Conecuh	153	77.3	198	92	69.7	132	Morgan	1,184	75.8	1,562	1,008	67.7	1,490
Coosa	101	75.4	134	91	82.0	111	Perry	105	57.1	184	113	65.3	173
Covington	388	86.6	448	337	77.8	433	Pickens	214	75.6	283	183	70.7	259
Crenshaw	150	83.3	180	117	69.2	169	Pike	286	71.5	400	256	66.8	383
Cullman	854	86.3	989	834	87.6	952	Randolph	247	81.0	305	191	72.9	262
Dale	568	78.3	725	555	74.9	741	Russell	488	67.1	727	346	58.1	596
Dallas	508	63.5	800	441	67.1	657	St. Clair	707	84.1	841	724	84.9	853
DeKalb	696	76.7	908	578	58.9	982	Shelby	1,787	84.3	2,119	2,135	83.5	2,556
Elmore	718	78.1	919	724	75.8	955	Sumter	134	62.3	215	119	70.8	168
Escambia	338	74.0	457	287	69.8	411	Talladega	887	77.7	1,142	782	81.8	956
Etowah	1,092	82.9	1,317	990	82.8	1,196	Tallapoosa	453	83.0	546	376	79.8	471
Fayette	182	84.7	215	140	79.1	177	Tuscaloosa	1,614	70.9	2,277	1,528	71.7	2,131
Franklin	330	76.0	434	296	74.9	395	Walker	819	90.3	907	802	91.6	876
Geneva	247	78.4	315	219	73.0	300	Washington	163	70.3	232	139	71.6	194
Greene	74	46.3	160	50	37.9	132	Wilcox	128	57.9	221	136	66.7	204
Hale	183	68.5	267	118	54.9	215	Winston	253	89.4	283	255	87.0	293
Henry	127	64.1	198	135	69.9	193	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,016</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>61,460</b>	<b>45,879</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>58,773</b>

The numbers and rates above represent the births by county of mothers who received adequate prenatal care in 1999 and 2004. Data includes births where there was sufficient information to compute level of care.

# Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Total Licensed Providers	Exempt Centers		Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Total Licensed Providers	Exempt Centers
Autauga	10	7	13	30	3	Houston	24	3	43	70	33
Baldwin	50	19	31	100	29	Jackson	9	10	15	34	9
Barbour	19	3	9	31	2	Jefferson	134	44	188	366	208
Bibb	6	0	3	9	4	Lamar	7	7	1	15	2
Blount	12	1	7	20	5	Lauderdale	6	2	12	20	13
Bullock	0	0	4	4	5	Lawrence	4	6	9	19	0
Butler	22	2	6	30	3	Lee	50	4	38	92	2
Calhoun	34	8	24	66	27	Limestone	18	0	12	30	4
Chambers	10	12	13	35	2	Lowndes	2	0	4	6	3
Cherokee	2	3	9	14	1	Macon	13	2	12	27	2
Chilton	8	0	8	16	5	Madison	83	14	87	184	38
Choctaw	4	2	6	12	0	Marengo	7	7	15	29	3
Clarke	5	4	11	20	2	Marion	12	16	5	33	3
Clay	7	2	4	13	0	Marshall	9	5	21	35	15
Cleburne	4	2	5	11	1	Mobile	108	21	103	232	118
Coffee	14	12	16	42	3	Monroe	7	6	9	22	3
Colbert	14	2	10	26	12	Montgomery	150	1	111	262	40
Conecuh	6	5	4	15	0	Morgan	33	3	32	68	10
Coosa	0	4	2	6	0	Perry	1	2	6	9	0
Covington	8	7	12	27	3	Pickens	3	2	6	11	3
Crenshaw	11	3	3	17	1	Pike	19	8	5	32	6
Cullman	13	5	23	41	10	Randolph	12	5	9	26	0
Dale	19	15	13	47	8	Russell	8	1	11	20	10
Dallas	29	10	19	58	7	St. Clair	6	6	11	23	10
DeKalb	10	11	22	43	2	Shelby	29	23	42	94	15
Elmore	29	2	21	52	13	Sumter	4	3	8	15	3
Escambia	9	3	11	23	9	Talladega	13	16	24	53	15
Etowah	6	12	31	49	17	Tallapoosa	40	16	12	68	7
Fayette	5	4	3	12	2	Tuscaloosa	44	9	45	98	36
Franklin	6	5	5	16	2	Walker	5	8	10	23	8
Geneva	8	5	10	23	3	Washington	4	8	2	14	0
Greene	6	3	3	12	0	Wilcox	1	2	3	6	2
Hale	8	4	3	15	3	Winston	6	9	6	21	1
Henry	7	4	7	18	2	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>808</b>

Data reported as of January, 2006.

## *State Data*



# Alabama

## State Ranking: 43

### COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total state population	4,447,100		4,530,182	
State child population	1,256,169		1,223,258	
Children as percentage of population	28.2		27.0	
Children				
Under age 5	295,992	23.6	296,100	24.2
Ages 5-9	315,345	25.1	292,801	23.9
Ages 10-14	320,252	25.5	316,128	25.8
Ages 15-19	324,580	25.8	318,229	26.0
Diversity of children				
White	793,451	63.2	765,548	62.6
African American	401,241	31.9	392,147	32.1
Hispanic	28,245	2.2	35,424	2.9
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6,869	0.5	5,628	0.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	8,808	0.7	9,152	0.7
Other races	1,650	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	15,905	1.3	15,359	1.3

#### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$32,989**	\$36,131
All persons living below poverty level	18.8%	15.2%
Working women with young children	55.0%	56.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	81.3%	84.0%
Children in extreme poverty		10.2%
Percent children with disabilities		9.0%

\*Years for data noted in sources, pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

### INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		

#### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	617	516	10.1	8.7	—	I
Low weight births	5,533	6,204	9.1%	10.5%	—	W
Child health index	34,539	34,690	56.8%	58.6%	—	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,930	6,196	13.0%	10.5%	—	I

#### EDUCATION

First grade retention	4,690	3,791	7.4%	6.4%	—	I
Event dropout rate	12,524	5,903	6.1%	2.9%	—	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	6,980	22.1%	11.1%	—	I

Special education enrollment	92,335	91,358	12.6%	12.4%	—	—
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#### SAFETY

Child death rate	302	234	36.2	27.7	—	I
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Children with indication of abuse or neglect	14,697	10,110	13.6	8.9	—	—
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Preventable teen death rate	303	240	99.6	75.4	—	I
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#### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	4,477	3,056	16.7%	12.5%	—	I
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Children receiving TANF	88,470	36,579	7.4%	2.9%	—	I
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Children in poverty	288,512	243,154	26.2%	22.3%	—	—
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Single-parent families with children	155,185	203,931	27.0%	32.8%	—	—
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### INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		

#### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	617	516	10.1	8.7	—	I
Low weight births	5,533	6,204	9.1%	10.5%	—	W
Child health index	34,539	34,690	56.8%	58.6%	—	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,930	6,196	13.0%	10.5%	—	I

#### EDUCATION

First grade retention	4,690	3,791	7.4%	6.4%	—	I
Event dropout rate	12,524	5,903	6.1%	2.9%	—	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	6,980	22.1%	11.1%	—	I

#### Special education enrollment

	92,335	91,358	12.6%	12.4%	—	—
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#### SAFETY

Child death rate	302	234	36.2	27.7	—	I
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#### Children with indication of abuse or neglect

	14,697	10,110	13.6	8.9	—	—
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#### Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate

	2,144	2,161	438.3	406.9	—	—
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#### Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate

	3,709	4,602	758.3	866.4	—	—
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#### Juvenile violent crime arrest rate

	1,232	1,229	251.9	231.4	—	—
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#### Juvenile violent crime court referral rate

	3,648	3,799	745.8	715.2	—	—
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#### Preventable teen death rate

	303	240	99.6	75.4	—	I
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#### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	4,477	3,056	16.7%	12.5%	—	I
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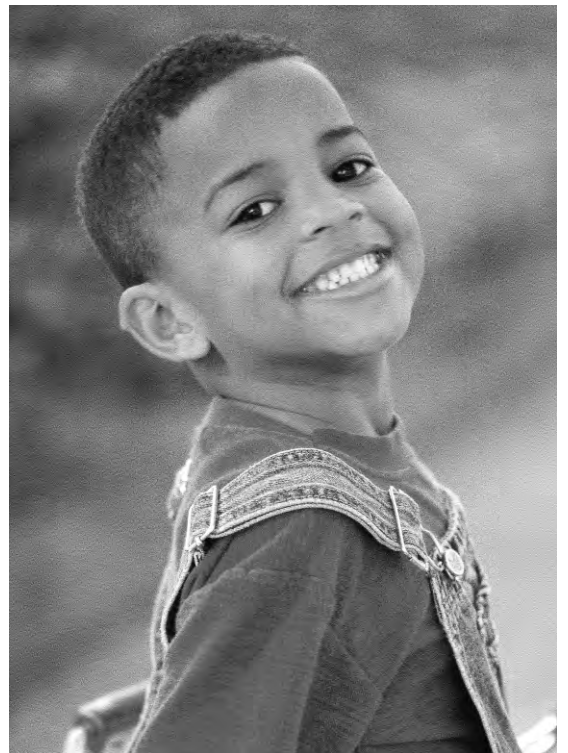
Children receiving TANF	88,470	36,579	7.4%	2.9%	—	I
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Children in poverty	288,512	243,154	26.2%	22.3%	—	—
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#### Single-parent families with children

	155,185	203,931	27.0%	32.8%	—	—
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## *County Data*



# Autauga COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	43,671		47,468	
County child population	13,641		13,831	
Children as percentage of population	31.2		29.1	
Children				
Under age 5	3,023	22.2	3,073	22.2
Ages 5-9	3,618	26.5	3,255	23.5
Ages 10-14	3,738	27.4	3,862	27.9
Ages 15-19	3,262	23.9	3,641	26.3
Diversity of children				
White	10,460	76.7	10,598	76.6
African American	2,673	19.6	2,724	19.7
Hispanic	229	1.7	248	1.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	55	0.4	52	0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	38	0.3	57	0.4
Other races	25	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	161	1.2	152	1.1

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$39,354**	\$44,194
All persons living below poverty level	15.2%	10.4%
Working women with young children	54.9%	60.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.1%	87.3%
Children in extreme poverty		6.6%
Percent children with disabilities		8.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	11	5	19.0	7.6	28	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	48	55	8.3%	8.4%	26	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	339	385	58.7%	58.6%	10	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	65	71	11.2%	10.8%	32	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	85	85	12.9%	11.2%	65	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	136	113	6.8%	4.3%	55	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	151	130	24.1%	15.7%	53	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	908	945	11.6%	10.0%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	4	12.4	41.8	50	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	80	53	7.1	4.0	9	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	94	132	1,880.0	2,012.6	67	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	42	108	840.0	1,646.6	61	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	6	180.0	91.5	43	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	27	35	540.0	533.6	33	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	105.6	27.5	12	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	32	33	12.7%	12.6%	34	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	556	428	4.8%	2.9%	40	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,340	1,902	20.9%	15.2%	2	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,196	1,855	22.2%	27.2%	24	—	203,931	32.8

# Baldwin COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	10	12	6.8	6.6	22	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	104	147	7.1%	8.1%	15	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	856	1,126	58.4%	62.1%	7	—	34,690	58.6

### BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	166	78	9.1%	4.0%	2	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	435	29	7.6%	0.4%	16	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	518	38	27.8%	1.7%	18	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,887	3,916	14.0%	15.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	7	5	34.5	18.3	20	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	538	261	17.8	7.0	40	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	155	174	1,151.5	969.3	66	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	239	328	1,775.5	1,827.1	67	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	23	12	170.9	66.8	36	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	52	160	386.3	891.3	60	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	8	12	106.2	113.6	47	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	73	76	11.4%	10.0%	15	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	803	384	2.7%	0.9%	2	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	5,970	5,529	19.9%	15.5%	3	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,003	4,869	22.1%	25.8%	14	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	140,415		156,701	
County child population	37,714		39,659	
Children as percentage of population	26.9		25.3	
Children				
Under age 5	8,621	22.9	9,104	23.0
Ages 5-9	9,486	25.2	9,361	23.6
Ages 10-14	10,144	26.9	10,633	26.8
Ages 15-19	9,463	25.1	10,561	26.6
Diversity of children				
White	30,652	81.3	32,383	81.7
African American	5,299	14.1	5,351	13.5
Hispanic	861	2.3	1,127	2.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	204	0.5	165	0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	182	0.5	159	0.4
Other races	46	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	470	1.2	474	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$36,978**	\$41,909
All persons living below poverty level	13.6%	10.2%
Working women with young children	58.3%	58.7%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care**	83.8%	82.4%
Children in extreme poverty		5.3%
Percent children with disabilities		8.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Barbour COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	29,038		28,557	
County child population	8,146		7,672	
Children as percentage of population	28.1		26.9	
Children				
Under age 5	1,788	21.9	1,881	24.5
Ages 5-9	2,053	25.2	1,736	22.6
Ages 10-14	2,156	26.5	2,018	26.3
Ages 15-19	2,149	26.4	2,037	26.6
Diversity of children				
White	3,401	41.8	3,117	40.6
African American	4,509	55.4	4,211	54.9
Hispanic	122	1.5	260	3.4
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	26	0.3	17	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	20	0.2	19	0.2
Other races	3	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	65	0.8	48	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,582**	\$25,962
All persons living below poverty level	25.0%	22.1%
Working women with young children	60.0%	50.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.8%	69.6%
Children in extreme poverty		19.4%
Percent children with disabilities		10.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	4	12.3	11.7	44	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	58	35	14.2%	10.2%	53	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	209	174	51.2%	50.7%	49	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	68	48	16.7%	14.0%	58	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	34	15	7.6%	5.1%	37	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	102	44	7.6%	3.5%	64		5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	125	50	25.7%	12.9%	64		6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	443	587	8.8%	14.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	6	0.0	114.1	59	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	40	26.3	5.6	13	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	20	34	630.1	985.7	64	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	21	504.1	608.8	40	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	6	63.0	174.0	63	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	38	819.2	1,101.7	58	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	146.3	0.0	15	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	43	26	27.7%	19.0%	63	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	802	289	9.7%	3.6%	51	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,411	2,073	32.9%	30.4%	58	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,215	1,692	33.3%	43.0%	57	—	203,931	32.8

# Bibb COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	3	4.0	12.0	13	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	24	16	9.7%	6.4%	1	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	130	132	52.4%	52.6%	50	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	35	19	14.1%	7.6%	20	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	33	27	9.6%	8.4%	61	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	63	37	6.6%	3.8%	19	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	77	44	21.9%	13.0%	14	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	635	504	17.4%	14.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	1	55.2	24.9	49	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	102	103	20.1	18.2	57	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	3	0.0	117.2	11	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	26	19	1,111.1	742.5	25	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	156.3	40	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	38	11	1,623.9	429.9	52	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	1	278.2	71.7	49	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	23	5	19.8%	5.3%	3	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	218	93	4.1%	1.5%	12	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,312	1,237	26.3%	23.7%	27	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	509	792	20.8%	27.9%	26	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	20,826		21,317	
County child population	5,840		5,701	
Children as percentage of population	28.0		26.7	
Children				
Under age 5	1,449	24.8	1,417	24.9
Ages 5-9	1,530	26.2	1,397	24.5
Ages 10-14	1,454	24.9	1,493	26.2
Ages 15-19	1,407	24.1	1,394	24.5
Diversity of children				
White	4,221	72.3	4,189	73.5
African American	1,496	25.6	1,389	24.4
Hispanic	68	1.2	80	1.4
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	7	0.1	11	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	6	0.1	6	0.1
Other races	0	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	42	0.7	26	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$29,019**	\$32,858
All persons living below poverty level	20.0%	16.8%
Working women with young children	44.1%	54.4%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.4%	85.7%
Children in extreme poverty		13.2%
Percent children with disabilities		10.4%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Blount COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	51,024		54,988	
County child population	14,205		14,513	
Children as percentage of population	27.8		26.4	
Children				
Under age 5	3,528	24.8	3,357	23.1
Ages 5-9	3,633	25.6	3,683	25.4
Ages 10-14	3,662	25.8	3,770	26.0
Ages 15-19	3,382	23.8	3,703	25.5
Diversity of children				
White	12,666	89.2	12,655	87.2
African American	188	1.3	260	1.8
Hispanic	1,125	7.9	1,381	9.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	75	0.5	66	0.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	22	0.2	22	0.2
Other races	9	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	120	0.8	129	0.9

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,154**	\$37,659
All persons living below poverty level	15.0%	11.9%
Working women with young children	45.2%	54.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	88.5%	88.1%
Children in extreme poverty		6.8%
Percent children with disabilities		10.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	8	8.4	12.1	49	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	45	53	7.6%	8.0%	2	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	343	408	57.8%	61.9%	19	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	29	54	4.9%	8.2%	5	W	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	21	37	2.9%	4.8%	27	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	113	104	5.5%	4.3%	56	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	123	120	20.1%	15.9%	56	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	912	1,241	12.0%	13.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	2	0.0	19.7	10	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	79	63	7.4	4.4	14	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	17	15	351.8	228.4	31	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	39	620.9	593.9	28	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	15.2	7	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	29	165.6	441.6	26	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	4	34.3	108.0	62	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	22	25	8.3%	11.1%	16	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	397	294	3.5%	1.8%	17	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,156	2,265	20.7%	17.3%	5	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	845	1,355	14.7%	18.8%	2	—	203,931	32.8

# Bullock COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	2	35.1	12.6	5	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	36	17	21.1%	10.7%	63	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	95	81	55.6%	50.9%	62	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	51	26	29.8%	16.4%	62	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	43	13	21.8%	9.0%	67	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	18	15	3.8%	3.1%	36	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	20	19	13.6%	12.6%	36	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	203	236	10.2%	13.4%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	1	110.7	47.6	56	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	34	17.2	12.0	51	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	0	71.2	0.0	1	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	1	356.1	73.9	6	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	71.2	0.0	15	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	2	427.4	147.8	14	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	126.7	9	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2%	21.1%	66	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	636	182	16.7%	5.7%	60	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,303	878	39.4%	32.5%	59	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	791	935	49.7%	59.9%	67	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	11,714	11,229
County child population	3,380	3,037
Children as percentage of population	28.9	27.0
Children		
Under age 5	737 21.8	723 23.8
Ages 5-9	877 25.9	714 23.5
Ages 10-14	875 25.9	811 26.7
Ages 15-19	891 26.4	789 26.0
Diversity of children		
White	449 13.3	392 12.9
African American	2,809 83.1	2,479 81.6
Hispanic	86 2.5	143 4.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3 0.1	6 0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	9 0.3	9 0.3
Other races	4 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	20 0.6	8 0.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$20,035**	\$20,808
All persons living below poverty level	33.0%	26.2%
Working women with young children	60.0%	51.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	68.9%	67.1%
Children in extreme poverty		25.1%
Percent children with disabilities		13.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Butler COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	21,399		20,764	
County child population	6,398		5,692	
Children as percentage of population	29.9		27.4	
Children				
Under age 5	1,358	21.2	1,342	23.6
Ages 5-9	1,539	24.1	1,279	22.5
Ages 10-14	1,699	26.6	1,499	26.3
Ages 15-19	1,802	28.2	1,572	27.6
Diversity of children				
White	3,089	48.3	2,690	47.3
African American	3,220	50.3	2,935	51.6
Hispanic	34	0.5	29	0.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	8	0.1	6	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	9	0.1	11	0.2
Other races	2	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	36	0.6	21	0.4

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$24,261**	\$26,880
All persons living below poverty level	27.1%	20%
Working women with young children	48.7%	50.0%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.6%	84.2%
Children in extreme poverty		16.9%
Percent children with disabilities		10.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	3	7.3	11.5	26	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	24	29	8.7%	11.1%	55	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	136	139	49.5%	53.3%	38	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	49	38	17.8%	14.6%	61	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	36	15	11.6%	5.7%	30	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	108	95	8.6%	8.8%	67	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	115	104	30.2%	31.3%	67	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	607	533	14.5%	15.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	60.9	51.9	52	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	17	12.7	3.2	6	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	8	6	288.3	237.1	27	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	6	180.2	237.1	3	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	0	108.1	0.0	35	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	3	180.2	118.5	8	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	166.1	63.6	51	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	28	21	24.1%	17.4%	59	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	505	188	7.2%	3.2%	48	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,373	1,526	36.4%	30.1%	57	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,043	1,272	33.7%	41.1%	53	—	203,931	32.8

# Calhoun COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	12	8	7.4	5.2	27	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	116	153	7.2%	9.9%	24	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	864	898	53.6%	58.2%	24	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	197	149	12.2%	9.7%	17	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	104	120	6.1%	7.4%	48	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	363	190	6.5%	3.9%	53	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	399	214	22.9%	14.6%	54	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,452	2,138	12.5%	11.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	11	4	50.3	20.1	14	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	555	279	19.5	10.9	56	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	137	45	976.3	377.0	43	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	207	140	1,475.1	1,172.9	44	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	38	17	270.8	142.4	59	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	135	140	962.0	1,172.9	61	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	12	6	121.0	80.2	44	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	122	80	16.7%	11.9%	23	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	2,109	815	6.4%	2.8%	44	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	7,057	6,231	24.5%	24.4%	36	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	4,136	4,888	25.3%	32.5%	36	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	112,249		112,425	
County child population	29,985		28,843	
Children as percentage of population	26.7		25.7	
Children				
Under age 5	6,926	23.1	7,189	24.9
Ages 5-9	7,410	24.7	6,837	23.7
Ages 10-14	7,469	24.9	7,338	25.4
Ages 15-19	8,180	27.3	7,479	25.9
Diversity of children				
White	21,543	71.8	20,311	70.4
African American	7,081	23.6	7,147	24.8
Hispanic	627	2.1	752	2.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	113	0.4	86	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	153	0.5	162	0.6
Other races	63	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	405	1.4	385	1.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$33,485**	\$33,066
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%	16.4%
Working women with young children	52.4%	53.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.0%	87.8%
Children in extreme poverty		10.8%
Percent children with disabilities		9.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Chambers COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	36,583	35,567
County child population	9,989	9,275
Children as percentage of population	27.3	26.1
Children		
Under age 5	2,430 24.3	2,174 23.4
Ages 5-9	2,604 26.1	2,423 26.1
Ages 10-14	2,475 24.8	2,466 26.6
Ages 15-19	2,480 24.8	2,212 23.8
Diversity of children		
White	5,128 51.3	4,884 52.7
African American	4,664 46.7	4,214 45.4
Hispanic	93 0.9	101 1.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	8 0.1	5 0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	19 0.2	21 0.2
Other races	9 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	68 0.7	50 0.5

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,783**	\$30,767
All persons living below poverty level	18.8%	16.2%
Working women with young children	57.0%	64.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	72.7%	83.1%
Children in extreme poverty		9.7%
Percent children with disabilities		8.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	4	11.1	9.3	9	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	69	47	12.8%	10.9%	45	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	298	228	55.2%	52.8%	34	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	116	62	21.5%	14.4%	59	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	27	53	5.5%	12.6%	57	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	92	51	5.7%	3.6%	42	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	111	68	20.0%	14.4%	42	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	671	575	11.7%	10.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	2	0.0	30.2	33	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	130	72	13.8	8.2	18	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	52	10	1,195.1	246.6	32	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	45	31	1,034.2	764.5	30	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	8	183.9	197.3	51	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	45	22	1,034.2	542.5	41	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	6	3	223.5	135.6	50	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	56	26	24.6%	15.7%	61	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	877	320	8.4%	3.3%	52	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,484	2,011	25.9%	23.9%	31	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,668	1,998	32.2%	39.8%	50	—	203,931	32.8

# Cherokee COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	0	2	0.0	7.6	15	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	26	24	10.7%	9.2%	18	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	135	152	55.8%	58.0%	30	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	15	23	6.2%	8.8%	36	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	6	23	2.0%	6.5%	47	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	78	30	6.5%	2.5%	27	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	90	37	23.9%	10.1%	27	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	697	497	18.4%	11.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	5	0	147.6	0.0	7	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	187	155	38.4	27.3	66	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	3	1	126.8	37.9	14	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	28	15	1,183.9	567.8	43	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	84.6	0.0	1	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	11	169.1	416.4	17	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	68.5	141.6	13	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	7	12	5.7%	10.3%	37	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	185	156	3.7%	2.5%	30	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	993	1,259	20.3%	23.8%	29	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	473	728	17.4%	23.4%	6	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	23,988	24,525
County child population	5,867	5,792
Children as percentage of population	24.5	23.6
Children		
Under age 5	1,433 24.4	1,395 24.1
Ages 5-9	1,516 25.8	1,462 25.2
Ages 10-14	1,502 25.6	1,523 26.3
Ages 15-19	1,416 24.1	1,412 24.4
Diversity of children		
White	5,291 90.2	5,222 90.2
African American	395 6.7	378 6.5
Hispanic	92 1.6	116 2.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	21 0.4	18 0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	7 0.1	6 0.1
Other races	2 0.0	NR NR
More than one race	59 1.0	52 0.9

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,170**	\$32,089
All persons living below poverty level	15.4%	15.2%
Working women with young children	52.6%	64.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.3%	82.1%
Children in extreme poverty		9.7%
Percent children with disabilities		11.4%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Chilton COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	39,593		41,466	
County child population	11,178		11,120	
Children as percentage of population	28.2		26.8	
Children				
Under age 5	2,734	24.5	2,606	23.4
Ages 5-9	2,838	25.4	2,809	25.3
Ages 10-14	2,896	25.9	2,930	26.3
Ages 15-19	2,710	24.2	2,775	25.0
Diversity of children				
White	9,129	81.7	9,027	81.2
African American	1,513	13.5	1,475	13.3
Hispanic	393	3.5	482	4.3
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	33	0.3	28	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	20	0.2	29	0.3
Other races	13	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	77	0.7	79	0.7

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,433**	\$34,109
All persons living below poverty level	18.6%	14.9%
Working women with young children	53.6%	53.5%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	88.5%	81.0%
Children in extreme poverty		7.7%
Percent children with disabilities		9.4%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.5	11.0	50	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	41	56	8.7%	10.3%	32	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	230	282	48.8%	51.9%	58	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	50	40	10.6%	7.4%	4	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	6	32	1.1%	5.1%	11	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	128	55	7.1%	2.9%	15	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	134	61	25.1%	11.1%	16	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,114	1,063	17.8%	14.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	1	30.3	12.8	39	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	99	35	10.8	3.2	8	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	7	9	168.3	179.9	35	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	23	25	553.0	499.7	27	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	24.0	99.9	55	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	19	192.4	379.8	24	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	5	7	193.6	252.3	65	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	31	25	15.7%	12.1%	5	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	500	196	5.2%	1.6%	22	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,181	2,240	24.2%	22.3%	20	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	910	1,406	18.8%	24.5%	11	—	203,931	32.8

# Choctaw COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	1	4.7	6.5	36	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	25	10	11.8%	6.5%	22	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	122	91	57.5%	59.1%	4	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	33	20	15.6%	13.0%	51	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	23	13	10.9%	8.9%	39	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	43	11	4.8%	1.8%	6	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	46	14	18.2%	7.3%	6	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	308	236	11.3%	11.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	1	30.2	35.5	55	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	53	29	11.8	7.4	20	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	8	184.8	444.3	13	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	4	461.9	222.1	6	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	144.9	0.0	27	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	17	8	16.3%	13.6%	42	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	456	82	9.4%	1.9%	28	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,500	988	32.1%	26.7%	46	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	681	856	27.8%	36.6%	47	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	15,922	15,238
County child population	4,541	4,101
Children as percentage of population	28.5	26.9
Children		
Under age 5	1,103 24.3	981 23.9
Ages 5-9	1,074 23.7	1,010 24.6
Ages 10-14	1,203 26.5	1,024 25.0
Ages 15-19	1,161 25.6	1,086 26.5
Diversity of children		
White	2,127 46.8	1,948 47.5
African American	2,351 51.8	2,109 51.4
Hispanic	27 0.6	24 0.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	5 0.1	3 0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	0 0.0	0 0.0
Other races	7 0.2	NR NR
More than one race	24 0.5	17 0.4

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$26,547**	\$26,707
All persons living below poverty level	25.0%	18.7%
Working women with young children	39.5%	50.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	62.5%	78.4%
Children in extreme poverty		15.1%
Percent children with disabilities		10.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Clarke COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	27,867	27,422
County child population	8,626	7,981
Children as percentage of population	31.0	29.1
Children		
Under age 5	2,080 24.1	1,879 23.5
Ages 5-9	2,193 25.4	1,977 24.8
Ages 10-14	2,191 25.4	2,133 26.7
Ages 15-19	2,162 25.1	1,992 25.0
Diversity of children		
White	4,125 47.8	3,857 48.3
African American	4,330 50.2	3,984 49.9
Hispanic	69 0.8	62 0.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	26 0.3	19 0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	15 0.2	16 0.2
Other races	8 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	53 0.6	43 0.5

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,750**	\$28,555
All persons living below poverty level	24.4%	19.2%
Working women with young children	50.3%	53.4%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	72.5%	76.6%
Children in extreme poverty		15.4%
Percent children with disabilities		6.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	2	13.9	5.9	19	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	47	25	10.9%	7.4%	30	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	216	190	49.9%	56.0%	32	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	70	40	16.2%	11.8%	41	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	62	31	12.4%	7.4%	46	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	43	9	2.5%	0.6%	9	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	50	13	9.8%	2.8%	10	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	642	645	11.5%	12.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	5	4	82.8	71.3	43	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	68	11.0	8.8	35	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	6	14	157.8	391.5	45	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	23	315.6	643.2	16	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	6	52.6	167.8	44	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	13	16	341.9	447.5	19	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	5	0	209.1	0.0	7	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	34	21	18.0%	16.0%	52	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,094	196	12.4%	2.3%	41	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,605	2,002	31.3%	27.5%	51	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,127	1,414	27.9%	33.7%	38	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	2	5.7	14.3	35	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	19	20	10.9%	14.3%	19	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	96	69	54.9%	49.3%	45	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	20	12	11.4%	8.6%	34	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	12	14	6.3%	8.2%	51	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	53	15	7.1%	2.5%	10	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	53	16	26.1%	9.8%	9	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	240	318	9.1%	15.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	3	0.0	126.5	64	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	87	17	26.7	5.0	48	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	5	0.0	312.2	61	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	9	6	581.4	374.7	14	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	31	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	3	323.0	187.3	5	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	207.7	109.6	8	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	9	6	11.3%	11.8%	27	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	140	53	4.1%	1.4%	9	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	676	625	20.5%	20.1%	12	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	368	523	19.9%	26.8%	20	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	14,254		14,092	
County child population	3,754		3,441	
Children as percentage of population	26.3		24.4	
Children				
Under age 5	877	23.4	785	22.8
Ages 5-9	921	24.5	845	24.6
Ages 10-14	979	26.1	899	26.1
Ages 15-19	977	26.0	912	26.5
Diversity of children				
White	2,872	76.5	2,696	78.3
African American	760	20.2	644	18.7
Hispanic	63	1.7	69	2.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	11	0.3	10	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	3	0.1	3	0.1
Other races	2	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	43	1.1	19	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,782**	\$29,374
All persons living below poverty level	16.2%	14.0%
Working women with young children	63.9%	64.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.9%	84.1%
Children in extreme poverty		9.4%
Percent children with disabilities		7.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Cleburne COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	14,123		14,458	
County child population	3,812		3,650	
Children as percentage of population	27.0		25.2	
Children				
Under age 5	867	22.7	835	22.9
Ages 5-9	997	26.2	863	23.6
Ages 10-14	982	25.8	1,033	28.3
Ages 15-19	966	25.3	919	25.2
Diversity of children				
White	3,520	92.3	3,371	92.4
African American	166	4.4	161	4.4
Hispanic	69	1.8	81	2.2
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	12	0.3	13	0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1	0.0	3	0.1
Other races	1	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	43	1.1	21	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,598**	\$32,735
All persons living below poverty level	15.6%	14.0%
Working women with young children	57.2%	52.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	91.2%	85.8%
Children in extreme poverty		6.2%
Percent children with disabilities		6.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	1	7.2	6.1	54	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	8	12	5.8%	7.4%	38	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	82	91	59.4%	55.8%	31	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	9	19	6.5%	11.7%	6	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	17	9	7.3%	4.3%	40	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	22	16	3.1%	2.4%	26	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	24	18	12.1%	8.9%	26	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	519	349	20.9%	13.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	2	79.6	78.0	66	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	80	55	23.7	15.9	63	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	3	65.7	181.7	19	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	16	459.6	969.0	35	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	131.3	0.0	9	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	9	722.3	545.1	18	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	108.8	38	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	9	8	15.5%	11.1%	12	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	129	57	3.6%	1.5%	18	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	696	695	20.4%	21.0%	16	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	309	432	16.1%	21.6%	3	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	8	6	13.8	10.2	8	I	516	8.7
Low weight births	45	55	7.8%	9.3%	16	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	302	354	52.1%	60.1%	21	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	60	52	10.3%	8.8%	18	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	29	26	4.3%	3.9%	20	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	139	86	5.6%	3.4%	40	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	146	86	20.9%	13.5%	40	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	929	959	11.0%	11.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	3	12.8	37.2	23	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	160	75	15.3	7.0	21	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	16	41	329.2	792.6	65	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	66	82	1,358.0	1,585.3	66	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	19	7	390.9	135.3	45	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	27	34	555.6	657.3	39	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	6	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	24	33	9.1%	13.4%	22	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	597	247	5.2%	2.1%	23	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,196	2,206	20.6%	21.0%	16	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,276	1,816	21.9%	29.8%	32	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	43,615		45,041	
County child population	11,964		11,754	
Children as percentage of population	27.4		26.1	
Children				
Under age 5	2,718	22.7	2,748	23.4
Ages 5-9	2,947	24.6	2,739	23.3
Ages 10-14	3,184	26.6	3,123	26.6
Ages 15-19	3,115	26.0	3,144	26.7
Diversity of children				
White	8,239	68.9	8,004	68.1
African American	2,685	22.4	2,651	22.6
Hispanic	488	4.1	595	5.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	133	1.1	108	0.9
Asian Pacific/ Islander	93	0.8	116	1.0
Other races	45	0.4	NR	NR
More than one race	281	2.3	280	2.4

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,891**	\$35,651
All persons living below poverty level	14.9%	13.7%
Working women with young children	55.3%	59.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	72.7%	86.4%
Children in extreme poverty		8.4%
Percent children with disabilities		9.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Colbert COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	54,984	54,824
County child population	14,466	13,695
Children as percentage of population	26.3	25.0
Children		
Under age 5	3,358 23.2	3,135 22.9
Ages 5-9	3,728 25.8	3,318 24.2
Ages 10-14	3,735 25.8	3,681 26.9
Ages 15-19	3,645 25.2	3,561 26.0
Diversity of children		
White	10,919 75.5	10,354 75.6
African American	2,990 20.7	2,801 20.5
Hispanic	250 1.7	282 2.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	69 0.5	49 0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	42 0.3	42 0.3
Other races	20 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	176 1.2	167 1.2

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$32,310**	\$33,469
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%	14.0%
Working women with young children	52.5%	52.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	73.6%	84.9%
Children in extreme poverty		8.0%
Percent children with disabilities		8.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	3	9	4.4	14.9	37	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	65	89	9.6%	14.7%	54	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	434	373	64.2%	61.6%	16	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	57	64	8.4%	10.6%	31	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	64	50	8.6%	7.1%	41	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	125	73	5.0%	3.0%	47	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	145	82	18.3%	11.7%	43	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,158	967	13.2%	11.4%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	4	2	41.5	21.0	40	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	82	56	6.7	4.3	2	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	19	20	345.5	325.5	46	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	25	145.5	406.9	10	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	2	127.3	32.6	30	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	53	13	963.8	211.6	22	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	1	117.1	28.1	20	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	40	35	12.7%	12.9%	29	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	325	140	2.4%	1.0%	3	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,753	2,673	21.8%	21.7%	18	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,610	2,172	22.3%	28.7%	28	—	203,931	32.8

# Conecuh COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	0	9.8	0.0	53	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	27	9	13.2%	6.8%	36	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	111	75	54.1%	56.8%	46	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	29	14	14.1%	10.6%	50	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	35	5	15.6%	3.5%	56	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	26	24	3.7%	5.2%	21	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	34	34	14.3%	20.5%	23	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	444	313	18.6%	17.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	2	0.0	78.3	65	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	55	45	14.4	13.0	45	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	5	0.0	292.9	54	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	10	115.3	585.9	15	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	58.6	29	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	3	403.5	175.8	3	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	91.4	108.3	37	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	16	9	18.4%	17.0%	40	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	468	157	11.0%	4.1%	57	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,375	1,110	35.0%	33.7%	61	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	618	809	30.7%	40.2%	52	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	14,089		13,453	
County child population	4,014		3,650	
Children as percentage of population	28.5		27.1	
Children				
Under age 5	875	21.8	863	23.6
Ages 5-9	1,073	26.7	845	23.2
Ages 10-14	1,044	26.0	1,019	27.9
Ages 15-19	1,022	25.5	923	25.3
Diversity of children				
White	1,778	44.3	1,599	43.8
African American	2,153	53.6	1,997	54.7
Hispanic	28	0.7	25	0.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6	0.1	5	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	8	0.2	3	0.1
Other races	5	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	36	0.9	21	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$24,325**	\$23,622
All persons living below poverty level	27.4%	22.0%
Working women with young children	50.8%	47.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	59.8%	81.1%
Children in extreme poverty		21.4%
Percent children with disabilities		9.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Coosa COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	12,202		11,368	
County child population	3,222		2,830	
Children as percentage of population	26.4		24.9	
Children				
Under age 5	759	23.6	612	21.6
Ages 5-9	797	24.7	693	24.5
Ages 10-14	845	26.2	794	28.1
Ages 15-19	821	25.5	731	25.8
Diversity of children				
White	1,834	56.9	1,710	60.4
African American	1,302	40.4	1,078	38.1
Hispanic	39	1.2	27	1.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	8	0.2	8	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other races	7	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	32	1.0	7	0.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,463**	\$29,735
All persons living below poverty level	17.3%	13.4%
Working women with young children	66.3%	53.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	83.6%	86.5%
Children in extreme poverty		6.4%
Percent children with disabilities		13.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	2	8.2	18.0	29	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	14	11	11.5%	9.9%	62	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	74	64	60.7%	57.7%	35	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	14	18	11.5%	16.2%	54	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	9	8	6.2%	8.4%	62	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	24	24	4.4%	5.4%	66	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	31	25	16.3%	19.4%	66	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	273	182	14.7%	12.5%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	1	0.0	50.6	9	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	78	14	26.9	5.0	15	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	1	0.0	75.2	24	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	10	539.3	752.2	20	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	225.7	47	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	11	616.3	827.4	44	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	273.6	66	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	9	5	15.5%	10.6%	41	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	207	85	6.5%	2.7%	43	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	653	529	22.0%	20.8%	14	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	398	526	25.8%	32.5%	37	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	3	8.2	6.9	18	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	37	37	7.6%	8.5%	20	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	254	224	52.2%	51.4%	41	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	77	64	15.8%	14.7%	44	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	38	22	6.9%	4.8%	29	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	110	75	5.4%	4.1%	33	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	130	91	19.3%	15.7%	34	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,121	797	16.1%	12.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	4	42.7	63.3	60	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	182	78	19.8	9.1	32	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	45	15	1,073.2	364.6	53	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	31	47	739.3	1,142.4	62	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	3	143.1	72.9	25	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	17	7	405.4	170.1	10	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	5	0	182.5	0.0	35	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	46	37	21.5%	20.2%	51	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	545	248	5.3%	2.6%	39	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,747	2,178	29.6%	26.4%	44	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,250	1,482	24.4%	29.2%	30	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	37,631		36,875	
County child population	9,849		9,160	
Children as percentage of population	26.2		24.8	
Children				
Under age 5	2,223	22.6	2,164	23.6
Ages 5-9	2,462	25.0	2,170	23.7
Ages 10-14	2,593	26.3	2,415	26.4
Ages 15-19	2,571	26.1	2,411	26.3
Diversity of children				
White	7,986	81.1	7,408	80.9
African American	1,627	16.5	1,532	16.7
Hispanic	97	1.0	102	1.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	45	0.5	28	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	15	0.2	20	0.2
Other races	8	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	71	0.7	70	0.8

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$27,740**	\$28,593
All persons living below poverty level	21.6%	17.5%
Working women with young children	59.5%	57.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.3%	79.4%
Children in extreme poverty		11.8%
Percent children with disabilities		8.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Crenshaw COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	13,665		13,610	
County child population	3,712		3,525	
Children as percentage of population	27.2		25.9	
Children				
Under age 5	803	21.6	826	23.4
Ages 5-9	971	26.2	828	23.5
Ages 10-14	985	26.5	956	27.1
Ages 15-19	953	25.7	915	26.0
Diversity of children				
White	2,542	68.5	2,508	71.1
African American	1,059	28.5	920	26.1
Hispanic	35	0.9	35	1.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	26	0.7	27	0.8
Asian Pacific/ Islander	2	0.1	2	0.1
Other races	7	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	41	1.1	33	0.9

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$25,191**	\$28,263
All persons living below poverty level	22.8%	17.6%
Working women with young children	63.3%	62.4%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	81.9%	86.5%
Children in extreme poverty		12.0%
Percent children with disabilities		11.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	0	12.0	0.0	57	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	17	20	10.2%	11.7%	43	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	102	95	61.1%	55.6%	17	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	24	21	14.4%	12.3%	30	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	22	8	11.5%	4.5%	3	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	41	23	5.6%	3.4%	11	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	48	27	20.8%	13.3%	11	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	326	292	13.5%	12.4%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	1	37.6	40.9	48	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	57	80	16.1	24.6	64	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	25	8	1,552.8	505.8	33	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	13	248.4	822.0	29	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	1	62.1	63.2	19	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	3	869.6	189.7	2	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	95.7	0.0	40	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	12	7	15.4%	10.1%	17	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	317	131	8.2%	3.6%	46	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,061	846	29.6%	26.6%	45	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	552	658	28.6%	34.4%	41	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	5	5.8	5.2	7	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	66	85	7.6%	8.9%	33	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	507	530	58.6%	55.4%	37	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	43	81	5.0%	8.5%	13	W	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	57	42	5.9%	4.1%	24	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	202	121	5.8%	3.5%	29	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	220	131	21.5%	13.2%	28	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,384	1,574	11.5%	12.5%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	6	4	45.2	28.6	13	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	309	278	17.4	14.4	59	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	27	5	337.2	55.8	12	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	32	65	399.6	725.4	34	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	0	74.9	0.0	5	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	49	312.2	546.9	40	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	60.4	57.8	23	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	32	49	8.2%	12.3%	24	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	417	296	2.2%	1.4%	7	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,653	3,503	20.5%	19.5%	10	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,539	2,328	15.9%	21.9%	4	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	77,483	79,189
County child population	20,899	20,109
Children as percentage of population	27.0	25.4
Children		
Under age 5	4,943 23.7	4,748 23.6
Ages 5-9	5,166 24.7	4,882 24.3
Ages 10-14	5,343 25.6	5,293 26.3
Ages 15-19	5,447 26.1	5,186 25.8
Diversity of children		
White	19,665 94.1	18,707 93.0
African American	226 1.1	229 1.1
Hispanic	660 3.2	870 4.3
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	76 0.4	64 0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	46 0.2	49 0.2
Other races	11 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	215 1.0	190 0.9

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$33,152**	\$33,962
All persons living below poverty level	15.4%	13.3%
Working women with young children	50.5%	56.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	90.3%	90.0%
Children in extreme poverty		5.8%
Percent children with disabilities		7.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Dale COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	49,129		49,122	
County child population	14,513		14,389	
Children as percentage of population	29.5		29.3	
Children				
Under age 5	3,686	25.4	3,777	26.2
Ages 5-9	3,694	25.5	3,583	24.9
Ages 10-14	3,513	24.2	3,526	24.5
Ages 15-19	3,620	24.9	3,503	24.3
Diversity of children				
White	9,305	64.1	9,315	64.7
African American	3,821	26.3	3,712	25.8
Hispanic	707	4.9	743	5.2
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	81	0.6	61	0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	138	1.0	148	1.0
Other races	41	0.3	NR	NR
More than one race	420	2.9	410	2.8

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$34,886**	\$32,690
All persons living below poverty level	17.2%	15.8%
Working women with young children	51.3%	46.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.5%	85.0%
Children in extreme poverty		8.9%
Percent children with disabilities		10.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	6	7.5	8.1	20	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	59	60	7.4%	8.1%	9	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	438	432	55.0%	58.1%	13	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	84	71	10.5%	9.6%	26	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	29	30	4.8%	5.6%	23	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	120	77	5.2%	3.4%	23	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	130	85	19.3%	12.9%	22	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,091	777	13.9%	11.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	5	1	46.1	9.9	3	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	210	70	15.4	5.6	19	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	66	16	1,152.6	296.4	52	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	105	54	1,833.7	1,000.4	52	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	20	5	349.3	92.6	46	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	71	48	1,240.0	889.3	55	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	28.5	2	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	50	36	13.9%	12.8%	28	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	965	326	6.4%	2.3%	32	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,409	3,051	23.7%	23.5%	25	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,732	2,357	23.1%	32.3%	35	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	6	7.8	9.1	52	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	67	81	8.7%	12.2%	60	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	453	347	58.7%	52.4%	51	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	191	129	24.7%	19.5%	66	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	48	59	5.7%	8.7%	55	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	152	76	5.8%	3.2%	25	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	177	93	20.6%	12.4%	25	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,207	1,026	12.2%	12.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	7	3	61.7	31.5	47	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	189	50	13.0	4.0	12	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	25	15	380.9	259.5	26	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	46	38	700.9	657.3	21	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	27	3	411.4	51.9	50	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	96	139	1,462.7	2,404.4	67	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	6	4	145.1	113.5	19	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	116	62	33.7%	24.3%	65	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	2,981	0	18.5%	7.4%	66	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	6,834	4,436	46.2%	35.9%	64	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,264	3,697	45.3%	52.6%	63	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	46,365		44,884	
County child population	14,794		13,769	
Children as percentage of population	31.9		30.7	
Children				
Under age 5	3,415	23.1	3,580	26.0
Ages 5-9	3,579	24.2	3,182	23.1
Ages 10-14	3,836	25.9	3,484	25.3
Ages 15-19	3,964	26.8	3,523	25.6
Diversity of children				
White	3,771	25.5	3,198	23.2
African American	10,751	72.7	10,365	75.3
Hispanic	112	0.8	84	0.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	9	0.1	6	0.0
Asian Pacific/ Islander	48	0.3	45	0.3
Other races	20	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	83	0.6	71	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$23,878**	\$24,385
All persons living below poverty level	34.2%	25.0%
Working women with young children	46.8%	49.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.9%	65.6%
Children in extreme poverty		23.1%
Percent children with disabilities		9.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# DeKalb COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	64,452		66,935	
County child population	17,663		17,579	
Children as percentage of population	27.4		26.3	
Children				
Under age 5	4,379	24.8	4,458	25.4
Ages 5-9	4,588	26.0	4,384	24.9
Ages 10-14	4,269	24.2	4,652	26.5
Ages 15-19	4,427	25.1	4,085	23.2
Diversity of children				
White	15,352	86.9	14,579	82.9
African American	346	2.0	368	2.1
Hispanic	1,494	8.5	2,263	12.9
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	160	0.9	124	0.7
Asian Pacific/ Islander	34	0.2	36	0.2
Other races	10	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	267	1.5	209	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,191**	\$31,231
All persons living below poverty level	17.3%	15.1%
Working women with young children	61.5%	56.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.7%	67.9%
Children in extreme poverty		6.3%
Percent children with disabilities		7.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	8	12	9.9	11.8	25	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	60	92	7.4%	9.1%	23	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	442	493	54.8%	48.7%	61	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	64	83	7.9%	8.2%	10	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	24	44	2.7%	4.7%	25	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	166	107	6.6%	3.8%	46	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	217	134	24.4%	15.1%	50	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,242	1,087	12.7%	9.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	3	9.6	23.8	32	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	164	335	11.6	19.4	65	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	4	7	60.3	90.3	9	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	33	48	497.8	619.0	24	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	17	45.3	219.2	4	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	5	96.7	122.4	61	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	33	38	9.1%	10.1%	14	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	407	411	2.7%	2.2%	24	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,293	3,616	22.8%	22.5%	22	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,412	2,200	17.5%	24.4%	10	—	203,931	32.8

# Elmore COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	7	5.0	7.3	24	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	76	107	9.5%	11.2%	29	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	451	567	56.3%	59.2%	14	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	88	84	11.0%	8.8%	24	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	75	64	6.9%	6.7%	26	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	53	82	1.8%	2.3%	37	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	68	103	7.2%	9.4%	38	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,564	1,360	14.6%	11.0%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	9	4	87.2	29.8	34	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	107	88	7.4	4.8	5	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	36	45	555.4	511.4	51	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	105	99	1,619.9	1,125.1	50	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	8	108.0	90.9	52	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	84	62	1,295.9	704.6	43	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	53.5	59.9	18	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	48	34	14.2%	8.9%	19	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	821	433	5.5%	2.1%	20	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,938	3,140	20.6%	18.0%	8	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,537	2,444	22.6%	26.4%	16	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	65,874		71,944	
County child population	18,596		19,386	
Children as percentage of population	28.2		26.9	
Children				
Under age 5	4,370	23.5	4,709	24.3
Ages 5-9	4,801	25.8	4,583	23.6
Ages 10-14	4,882	26.3	5,083	26.2
Ages 15-19	4,543	24.4	5,011	25.8
Diversity of children				
White	13,638	73.3	14,038	72.4
African American	4,213	22.7	4,534	23.4
Hispanic	312	1.7	387	2.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	79	0.4	65	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	56	0.3	76	0.4
Other races	40	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	258	1.4	286	1.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$37,978**	\$42,630
All persons living below poverty level	15.9%	12.5%
Working women with young children	60.6%	60.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.9%	84.2%
Children in extreme poverty		6.2%
Percent children with disabilities		9.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Escambia COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	38,440		38,336	
County child population	10,416		9,903	
Children as percentage of population	27.1		25.8	
Children				
Under age 5	2,390	22.9	2,465	24.9
Ages 5-9	2,662	25.6	2,313	23.4
Ages 10-14	2,614	25.1	2,583	26.1
Ages 15-19	2,750	26.4	2,542	25.7
Diversity of children				
White	6,019	57.8	5,747	58.0
African American	3,649	35.0	3,535	35.7
Hispanic	134	1.3	117	1.2
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	415	4.0	358	3.6
Asian Pacific/ Islander	23	0.2	24	0.2
Other races	15	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	161	1.5	122	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,477**	\$28,526
All persons living below poverty level	24.4%	18.6%
Working women with young children	44.1%	58.0%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	70.7%	78.2%
Children in extreme poverty		10.7%
Percent children with disabilities		9.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	5	4.3	12.1	58	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	45	45	9.7%	10.9%	51	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	252	200	54.5%	48.5%	48	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	71	59	15.4%	14.3%	38	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	45	30	7.5%	6.2%	49	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	128	61	7.0%	3.8%	28	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	137	67	25.0%	14.4%	29	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	746	590	11.6%	10.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	4	28.9	58.2	58	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	201	108	21.7	11.7	54	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	4	10	90.3	227.6	20	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	37	32	835.2	728.4	11	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	2	135.4	45.5	11	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	36	21	812.6	478.0	13	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	8	108.5	314.7	64	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	43	31	19.3%	17.9%	43	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	641	164	6.4%	1.6%	21	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,128	2,280	32.9%	25.8%	42	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,455	1,817	29.0%	35.2%	46	—	203,931	32.8

# Etowah COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	14	6	10.5	5.0	17	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	119	123	8.9%	10.3%	14	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	737	712	55.4%	59.5%	28	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	176	112	13.2%	9.4%	29	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	66	55	4.8%	4.2%	19	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	245	218	5.2%	5.0%	54	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	273	242	19.4%	18.3%	55	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,395	2,404	14.5%	14.9%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	5	16.8	27.4	45	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	435	327	17.9	13.3	61	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	12	28	106.1	246.1	29	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	56	95	495.0	835.0	23	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	8	106.1	70.3	22	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	65	69	574.5	606.5	31	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	9	9	124.5	132.8	57	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	96	54	15.7%	11.7%	26	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,318	371	5.1%	1.4%	11	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	6,321	5,680	25.4%	24.2%	33	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,320	4,316	23.7%	31.2%	33	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	103,459		103,250	
County child population	27,389		26,293	
Children as percentage of population	26.5		25.5	
Children				
Under age 5	6,611	24.1	6,315	24.0
Ages 5-9	6,705	24.5	6,591	25.1
Ages 10-14	6,930	25.3	6,608	25.1
Ages 15-19	7,143	26.1	6,779	25.8
Diversity of children				
White	20,662	75.4	19,716	75.0
African American	5,403	19.7	5,165	19.6
Hispanic	742	2.7	942	3.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	85	0.3	56	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	116	0.4	105	0.4
Other races	31	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	350	1.3	309	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,652**	\$31,446
All persons living below poverty level	17.9%	15.7%
Working women with young children	51.2%	54.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.1%	81.6%
Children in extreme poverty		9.8%
Percent children with disabilities		8.8%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Fayette COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	18,495	18,273
County child population	4,924	4,552
Children as percentage of population	26.6	24.9
Children		
Under age 5	1,113 22.6	1,001 22.0
Ages 5-9	1,201 24.4	1,124 24.7
Ages 10-14	1,260 25.6	1,182 26.0
Ages 15-19	1,350 27.4	1,245 27.4
Diversity of children		
White	4,106 83.4	3,806 83.6
African American	715 14.5	653 14.3
Hispanic	51 1.0	46 1.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6 0.1	4 0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	10 0.2	19 0.4
Other races	1 0.0	NR NR
More than one race	35 0.7	24 0.5

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,348**	\$30,133
All persons living below poverty level	18.6%	16.1%
Working women with young children	56.0%	52.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	87.4%	84.8%
Children in extreme poverty		8.4%
Percent children with disabilities		5.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	3	4.6	16.8	51	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	14	17	6.5%	9.5%	17	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	122	93	56.5%	52.0%	36	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	32	16	14.8%	8.9%	9	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	26	16	11.6%	7.4%	38	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	57	38	6.9%	5.1%	50	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	57	40	25.6%	18.3%	46	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	361	267	12.3%	10.4%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	2	29.9	64.4	51	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	74	44	16.5	10.3	52	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	7	6	327.7	293.6	36	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	6	842.7	293.6	39	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	3	234.1	146.8	42	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	20	889.5	978.8	47	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	3	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	21	8	19.6%	10.3%	2	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	270	142	5.5%	3.0%	50	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,128	970	24.8%	24.1%	32	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	502	670	19.5%	26.5%	18	—	203,931	32.8

# Franklin COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	2	12.8	5.0	48	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	33	46	8.4%	11.5%	13	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	220	176	56.1%	44.1%	65	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	25	32	6.4%	8.0%	11	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	66	19	12.1%	4.2%	32	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	22	36	1.4%	2.4%	12	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	24	40	5.5%	9.3%	13	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	598	686	10.6%	12.5%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	2	38.7	35.1	42	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	111	34	15.7	4.3	30	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	6	11	186.9	294.6	44	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	37	40	1,152.6	1,071.3	56	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	1	124.6	26.8	17	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	15	186.9	401.7	21	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	50.6	49.6	32	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	17	14	9.1%	8.9%	8	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	334	191	4.5%	2.2%	34	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,695	1,904	23.8%	25.8%	42	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	735	1,088	18.3%	25.0%	13	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	31,223		30,823	
County child population	8,497		8,135	
Children as percentage of population	27.2		26.4	
Children				
Under age 5	1,983	23.3	2,107	25.9
Ages 5-9	2,180	25.7	1,929	23.7
Ages 10-14	2,156	25.4	2,082	25.6
Ages 15-19	2,178	25.6	2,017	24.8
Diversity of children				
White	6,996	82.3	6,491	79.8
African American	435	5.1	381	4.7
Hispanic	936	11.0	1,161	14.3
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	29	0.3	25	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	11	0.1	17	0.2
Other races	4	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	86	1.0	60	0.7

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,903**	\$28,182
All persons living below poverty level	18.1%	17.4%
Working women with young children	60.5%	50.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.5%	76.1%
Children in extreme poverty		10.2%
Percent children with disabilities		8.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Geneva COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	25,764		25,599	
County child population	6,806		6,404	
Children as percentage of population	26.4		25.0	
Children				
Under age 5	1,437	21.1	1,490	23.3
Ages 5-9	1,668	24.5	1,416	22.1
Ages 10-14	1,928	28.3	1,705	26.6
Ages 15-19	1,773	26.1	1,793	28.0
Diversity of children				
White	5,545	81.5	5,231	81.7
African American	954	14.0	885	13.8
Hispanic	176	2.6	192	3.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	59	0.9	45	0.7
Asian Pacific/ Islander	10	0.1	13	0.2
Other races	6	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	56	0.8	38	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$29,412**	\$27,949
All persons living below poverty level	19.4%	17.6%
Working women with young children	58.6%	63.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.6%	85.7%
Children in extreme poverty		12.9%
Percent children with disabilities		8.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	2	3.1	6.7	1	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	19	21	5.9%	7.0%	3	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	153	156	47.7%	52.0%	44	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	34	29	10.6%	9.7%	33	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	38	7	11.0%	2.3%	18	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	76	55	6.1%	4.8%	60	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	78	58	21.9%	17.8%	61	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	592	547	13.7%	14.0%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	0	45.3	0.0	15	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	133	14	22.0	2.3	41	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	7	36.0	229.8	23	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	22	24	791.1	788.0	55	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	1	36.0	32.8	20	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	25	827.0	820.9	51	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	296.0	55.8	43	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	20	15	13.9%	12.2%	32	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	292	152	4.6%	2.2%	27	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,561	1,569	25.6%	27.4%	50	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	702	991	21.3%	28.2%	27	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	3	5.2	22.2	64	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	26	17	13.6%	12.6%	67	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	82	66	42.9%	48.9%	66	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	56	27	29.3%	20.0%	67	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	30	15	15.4%	11.3%	66	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	13	22	2.0%	5.0%	59	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	15	24	8.0%	18.4%	60	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	167	173	7.7%	10.9%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	57	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	48	27	15.2	9.9	38	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	1	0.0	79.1	7	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	1	208.3	79.1	1	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	24	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	17	8	1,180.6	632.9	46	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	106.6	0.0	10	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	25	11	32.1%	22.0%	67	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	528	159	14.4%	5.2%	62	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,548	923	47.8%	34.5%	62	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	730	867	49.0%	57.0%	65	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	9,974	9,746
County child population	3,250	2,965
Children as percentage of population	32.6	30.4
Children		
Under age 5	770 23.7	721 24.3
Ages 5-9	830 25.5	735 24.8
Ages 10-14	777 23.9	788 26.6
Ages 15-19	873 26.9	721 24.3
Diversity of children		
White	360 11.1	333 11.2
African American	2,844 87.5	2,600 87.7
Hispanic	28 0.9	20 0.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2 0.1	2 0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	2 0.1	5 0.2
Other races	7 0.2	NR NR
More than one race	7 0.2	5 0.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$18,194**	\$21,869
All persons living below poverty level	38.8%	24.9%
Working women with young children	52.4%	41.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	67.0%	59.0%
Children in extreme poverty		20.5%
Percent children with disabilities		12.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Hale COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	17,185		18,275	
County child population	5,620		5,298	
Children as percentage of population	32.7		29.0	
Children				
Under age 5	1,408	25.1	1,262	23.8
Ages 5-9	1,376	24.5	1,314	24.8
Ages 10-14	1,453	25.9	1,338	25.3
Ages 15-19	1,383	24.6	1,384	26.1
Diversity of children				
White	1,726	30.7	1,692	31.9
African American	3,775	67.2	3,516	66.4
Hispanic	49	0.9	43	0.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	15	0.3	11	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	5	0.1	7	0.1
Other races	9	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	41	0.7	29	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$21,343**	\$26,075
All persons living below poverty level	31.4%	20.6%
Working women with young children	59.0%	50.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	69.0%	74.5%
Children in extreme poverty		15.7%
Percent children with disabilities		10.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	6	19.8	27.8	66	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	33	26	13.0%	12.0%	31	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	138	130	54.5%	60.2%	20	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	54	29	21.3%	13.4%	56	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	32	20	10.8%	8.3%	54	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	36	26	3.7%	2.8%	44	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	43	30	14.0%	11.0%	44	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	490	346	14.1%	10.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	1	27.3	27.3	44	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	62	10	12.4	1.9	1	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	25	8	1,112.6	341.2	8	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	42.7	27	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	14	934.6	597.2	49	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	144.5	41	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	34	11	32.4%	12.0%	48	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	469	174	8.8%	3.0%	45	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,974	1,323	39.2%	27.7%	53	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	926	1,209	40.9%	45.3%	59	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	3	1	13.5	5.2	2	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	26	22	11.7%	11.3%	42	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	110	106	49.3%	54.6%	12	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	31	20	13.9%	10.3%	42	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	54	47	9.9%	7.8%	60	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	122	80	7.4%	5.0%	58	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	147	99	27.4%	18.8%	59	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	714	590	11.8%	9.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	99.5	67.2	41	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	76	36	18.9	9.4	31	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	19	3	991.1	168.5	48	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	26	24	1,356.3	1,348.2	60	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	52.2	0.0	38	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	26	730.3	1,460.5	56	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	82.1	183.3	63	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	16	8	15.4%	10.7%	45	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	378	97	8.6%	2.3%	38	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,042	969	25.3%	25.2%	40	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	610	762	28.3%	33.8%	39	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	16,310		16,699	
County child population	4,370		4,283	
Children as percentage of population	26.8		25.6	
Children				
Under age 5	1,019	23.3	1,085	25.3
Ages 5-9	1,065	24.4	1,046	24.4
Ages 10-14	1,106	25.3	1,061	24.8
Ages 15-19	1,180	27.0	1,091	25.5
Diversity of children				
White	2,457	56.2	2,469	57.6
African American	1,751	40.1	1,629	38.0
Hispanic	92	2.1	133	3.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	12	0.3	10	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1	0.0	0	0.0
Other races	3	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	54	1.2	42	1.0

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,300**	\$31,442
All persons living below poverty level	19.1%	16.3%
Working women with young children	65.2%	58.5%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	86.4%	81.3%
Children in extreme poverty		11.8%
Percent children with disabilities		10.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Houston COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	88,787		92,947	
County child population	25,151		25,386	
Children as percentage of population	28.3		27.3	
Children				
Under age 5	6,037	24.0	6,381	25.1
Ages 5-9	6,313	25.1	6,047	23.8
Ages 10-14	6,661	26.5	6,532	25.7
Ages 15-19	6,140	24.4	6,426	25.3
Diversity of children				
White	16,294	64.8	16,079	63.3
African American	7,863	31.3	8,216	32.4
Hispanic	438	1.7	522	2.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	75	0.3	69	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	166	0.7	177	0.7
Other races	37	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	278	1.1	323	1.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,734**	\$35,798
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%	15.3%
Working women with young children	62.4%	62.7%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	84.9%	83.1%
Children in extreme poverty		10.7%
Percent children with disabilities		9.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	14	11	11.7	8.9	40	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	73	97	6.1%	7.8%	6	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	679	748	56.6%	60.3%	9	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	182	155	15.2%	12.5%	39	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	138	108	10.6%	8.5%	59	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	215	153	4.9%	3.5%	32	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	248	175	17.9%	13.5%	32	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,247	2,141	14.5%	14.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	4	4	22.9	22.6	21	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	330	272	14.5	12.0	53	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	95	72	954.6	683.7	63	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	88	82	884.2	778.6	42	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	19	15	190.9	142.4	56	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	117	93	1,175.6	883.1	50	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	6	15.9	93.4	25	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	97	74	18.3%	14.9%	46	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,377	721	5.5%	2.8%	36	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	5,760	5,469	25.3%	23.8%	29	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,334	4,368	27.6%	34.0%	40	—	203,931	32.8

# Jackson COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	11	5	17.3	8.3	14	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	56	64	8.8%	10.7%	28	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	322	340	50.7%	56.7%	25	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	52	60	8.2%	10.0%	15	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	21	35	2.6%	5.1%	14	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	173	75	6.3%	3.1%	24	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	193	92	23.0%	12.0%	24	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,009	851	10.9%	9.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	33.5	21.2	28	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	124	173	10.0	13.1	47	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	39	16	658.6	257.7	18	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	75	79	1,266.5	1,272.4	57	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	31	28	523.5	451.0	25	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	5	5	140.8	143.9	53	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	29	33	10.1%	13.2%	11	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	410	257	3.2%	1.7%	16	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,669	2,722	21.2%	22.4%	21	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,272	1,942	17.7%	26.0%	15	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	53,926		53,821	
County child population	14,372		13,546	
Children as percentage of population	26.7		25.2	
Children				
Under age 5	3,387	23.6	3,099	22.9
Ages 5-9	3,644	25.4	3,279	24.2
Ages 10-14	3,655	25.4	3,693	27.3
Ages 15-19	3,686	25.6	3,475	25.7
Diversity of children				
White	12,714	88.5	12,077	89.2
African American	649	4.5	609	4.5
Hispanic	245	1.7	340	2.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	310	2.2	208	1.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	36	0.3	30	0.2
Other races	12	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	406	2.8	282	2.1

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$33,359**	\$33,036
All persons living below poverty level	16.1%	14.5%
Working women with young children	52.4%	60.0%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.1%	80.6%
Children in extreme poverty		7.0%
Percent children with disabilities		6.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Jefferson COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	662,047		658,495	
County child population	182,231		176,105	
Children as percentage of population	27.5		26.7	
Children				
Under age 5	43,281	23.8	44,417	25.2
Ages 5-9	45,809	25.1	41,538	23.6
Ages 10-14	47,066	25.8	45,237	25.7
Ages 15-19	46,075	25.3	44,913	25.5
Diversity of children				
White	88,410	48.5	82,559	46.9
African American	86,578	47.5	85,187	48.4
Hispanic	3,338	1.8	4,580	2.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	325	0.2	248	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1,587	0.9	1,691	1.0
Other races	198	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	1,795	1.0	1,840	1.0

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,981**	\$38,230
All persons living below poverty level	18.6%	14.4%
Working women with young children	59.0%	59.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	83.6%	87.6%
Children in extreme poverty		10.3%
Percent children with disabilities		9.1%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	124	89	13.3	9.7	45	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	913	1,037	9.8%	11.3%	50	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	5,523	5,735	59.1%	62.6%	5	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	1,324	985	14.2%	10.8%	37	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	705	584	7.7%	7.3%	17	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	1,850	680	5.8%	2.1%	14	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	2,242	797	21.0%	8.5%	15	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	14,019	13,125	12.5%	12.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	42	31	33.1	25.3	19	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,795	1,156	11.3	7.2	25	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	409	273	593.4	364.0	49	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	434	391	629.7	521.3	19	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	364	140	528.1	186.7	62	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	859	340	1,246.3	453.3	36	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	46	29	104.3	64.6	45	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	744	459	18.0%	11.7%	25	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	16,214	6,615	9.0%	3.7%	53	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	43,775	31,981	26.7%	20.3%	13	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	28,764	34,523	32.0%	37.9%	48	—	203,931	32.8

# Lamar COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	1	30.0	6.2	59	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	17	14	8.5%	8.7%	35	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	101	83	50.5%	51.6%	53	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	16	16	8.0%	9.9%	3	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	16	10	7.6%	5.9%	35	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	40	29	4.4%	4.2%	20	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	41	29	16.5%	15.6%	20	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	326	244	11.0%	10.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	4	0	140.4	0.0	1	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	36	50	9.3	13.7	58	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	1	0.0	57.7	10	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	5	328.4	288.4	26	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	3	602.1	173.0	7	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	173.0	0.0	60	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	9	7	10.0%	11.5%	7	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	132	99	3.2%	2.4%	37	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	899	796	22.6%	24.3%	34	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	429	589	19.1%	26.8%	21	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	15,904		14,975	
County child population	4,192		3,639	
Children as percentage of population	26.4		24.3	
Children				
Under age 5	926	22.1	814	22.4
Ages 5-9	1,017	24.3	871	23.9
Ages 10-14	1,101	26.3	941	25.9
Ages 15-19	1,148	27.4	1,013	27.8
Diversity of children				
White	3,440	82.1	3,031	83.3
African American	643	15.3	512	14.1
Hispanic	71	1.7	71	2.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	0.0	2	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1	0.0	3	0.1
Other races	1	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	35	0.8	20	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$29,757**	\$28,829
All persons living below poverty level	17.9%	16.1%
Working women with young children	66.5%	53.5%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	81.3%	87.0%
Children in extreme poverty		9.3%
Percent children with disabilities		8.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Lauderdale COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	87,966		87,515	
County child population	22,958		21,157	
Children as percentage of population	26.1		24.2	
Children				
Under age 5	5,217	22.7	4,716	22.3
Ages 5-9	5,617	24.5	5,155	24.4
Ages 10-14	5,910	25.7	5,456	25.8
Ages 15-19	6,214	27.1	5,830	27.6
Diversity of children				
White	19,273	83.9	17,731	83.8
African American	2,916	12.7	2,692	12.7
Hispanic	334	1.5	378	1.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	56	0.2	49	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	97	0.4	85	0.4
Other races	35	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	247	1.1	222	1.0

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,884**	\$34,347
All persons living below poverty level	13.9%	15.6%
Working women with young children	54.0%	52.2%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.4%	87.1%
Children in extreme poverty		7.8%
Percent children with disabilities		8.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	7	4	6.5	4.3	6	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	97	102	9.0%	11.1%	46	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	669	544	62.3%	58.9%	8	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	95	86	8.9%	9.3%	19	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	60	39	5.5%	3.9%	9	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	199	104	5.0%	2.6%	48	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	229	120	18.5%	10.2%	47	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,593	1,446	11.7%	11.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	8	2	54.4	13.9	5	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	284	217	14.7	10.5	44	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	38	80	426.5	815.4	58	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	60	151	673.4	1,539.2	63	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	9	134.7	91.7	37	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	34	60	381.6	611.6	42	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	73.3	51.5	34	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	60	48	11.8%	12.3%	21	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	654	252	3.1%	1.1%	4	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,803	4,402	19.3%	23.5%	25	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	2,242	3,135	20.4%	26.6%	19	—	203,931	32.8

# Lawrence COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	7	8.5	17.9	32	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	42	40	8.9%	10.3%	12	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	266	216	56.4%	55.4%	22	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	42	32	8.9%	8.2%	28	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	35	15	7.1%	3.8%	10	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	73	36	4.4%	2.1%	2	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	79	43	17.0%	8.3%	2	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	818	590	13.1%	10.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	7	44.8	111.9	63	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	304	58	35.4	6.6	46	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	2	0	50.0	0.0	1	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	35	749.4	814.6	45	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	12	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	38	18	949.3	418.9	37	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	80.0	125.4	58	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	26	20	12.9%	11.5%	30	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	340	167	3.5%	1.7%	13	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,113	1,706	24.3%	20.9%	15	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	942	1,278	19.5%	24.7%	12	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	34,803		34,418	
County child population	9,855		9,030	
Children as percentage of population	28.3		26.2	
Children				
Under age 5	2,201	22.3	1,921	21.3
Ages 5-9	2,556	25.9	2,180	24.1
Ages 10-14	2,628	26.7	2,537	28.1
Ages 15-19	2,470	25.1	2,392	26.5
Diversity of children				
White	7,025	71.3	6,782	75.1
African American	1,506	15.3	1,242	13.8
Hispanic	142	1.4	152	1.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	747	7.6	548	6.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	7	0.1	7	0.1
Other races	2	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	426	4.3	299	3.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$32,519**	\$34,084
All persons living below poverty level	17.8%	14.4%
Working women with young children	44.6%	52.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	81.9%	82.1%
Children in extreme poverty		7.0%
Percent children with disabilities		10.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000                      2004

Total county population	115,092		120,714	
County child population	34,220		31,274	
Children as percentage of population	29.7		25.9	
Children				
Under age 5	7,195	21.0	6,913	22.1
Ages 5-9	7,655	22.4	7,183	23.0
Ages 10-14	7,603	22.2	7,696	24.6
Ages 15-19	11,767	34.4	9,482	30.3
Diversity of children				
White	23,446	68.5	20,717	66.2
African American	9,180	26.8	9,104	29.1
Hispanic	583	1.7	568	1.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	53	0.2	55	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	491	1.4	439	1.4
Other races	62	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	405	1.2	391	1.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,173**	\$33,408
All persons living below poverty level	18.5%	15.1%
Working women with young children	67.3%	59.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	80.9%	85.5%
Children in extreme poverty		8.1%
Percent children with disabilities		8.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	10	9	7.2	6.3	12	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	112	111	8.1%	7.8%	4	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	866	921	62.5%	64.7%	3	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	152	130	11.0%	9.1%	12	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	81	93	5.6%	6.0%	22	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	259	73	6.1%	1.4%	7	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	337	89	22.5%	5.6%	7	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,830	1,755	11.6%	9.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	5	19.0	24.5	31	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	287	233	14.0	7.4	17	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	73	44	634.2	271.4	41	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	121	83	1,051.2	512.0	17	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	36	13	312.7	80.2	61	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	76	94	660.2	579.9	35	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	6	8	66.2	84.4	29	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	84	58	13.1%	9.4%	4	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,127	476	4.3%	1.3%	6	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	4,409	4,635	21.9%	17.7%	7	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	2,877	4,704	27.4%	31.7%	34	—	203,931	32.8

# Limestone COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	4	7.3	4.8	10	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	67	85	8.1%	10.2%	41	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	493	476	59.6%	57.3%	27	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	76	87	9.2%	10.5%	35	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	56	31	6.1%	3.3%	8	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	197	87	7.0%	3.0%	45	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	211	101	25.3%	11.0%	37	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,049	1,191	10.0%	10.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	7	4	63.9	31.6	12	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	116	9.9	6.7	16	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	19	10	298.1	124.4	38	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	66	156.9	821.1	33	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	4	62.8	49.8	39	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	24	38	376.5	472.7	30	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	5	76.4	109.7	56	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	50	52	12.4%	15.0%	35	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	677	272	4.3%	1.4%	8	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,732	2,830	18.6%	17.3%	5	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,432	2,181	18.3%	23.6%	7	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	65,676		69,387	
County child population	17,926		18,073	
Children as percentage of population	27.3		26.0	
Children				
Under age 5	4,349	24.3	4,255	23.5
Ages 5-9	4,638	25.9	4,521	25.0
Ages 10-14	4,628	25.8	4,738	26.2
Ages 15-19	4,311	24.0	4,559	25.2
Diversity of children				
White	14,339	80.0	14,366	79.5
African American	2,422	13.5	2,341	13.0
Hispanic	776	4.3	1,008	5.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	77	0.4	82	0.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	62	0.3	68	0.4
Other races	25	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	225	1.3	208	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$39,578**	\$40,808
All persons living below poverty level	14.6%	11.8%
Working women with young children	50.0%	56.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	84.2%	81.0%
Children in extreme poverty		5.5%
Percent children with disabilities		8.8%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Lowndes COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	13,473		13,210	
County child population	4,504		4,124	
Children as percentage of population	33.4		31.2	
Children				
Under age 5	1,004	22.3	1,010	24.5
Ages 5-9	1,047	23.2	932	22.6
Ages 10-14	1,270	28.2	1,034	25.1
Ages 15-19	1,183	26.3	1,148	27.8
Diversity of children				
White	764	17.0	749	18.2
African American	3,682	81.7	3,329	80.7
Hispanic	34	0.8	32	0.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	0.0	2	0.0
Asian Pacific/ Islander	5	0.1	3	0.1
Other races	1	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	17	0.4	9	0.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$20,788**	\$24,009
All persons living below poverty level	36.3%	23.3%
Working women with young children	49.1%	50.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	74.4%	80.1%
Children in extreme poverty		27.1%
Percent children with disabilities		9.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	2	9.6	12.4	62	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	24	11	11.5%	6.8%	40	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	96	85	46.2%	52.8%	39	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	39	27	18.8%	16.8%	64	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	45	19	17.0%	11.1%	63	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	51	32	6.0%	4.1%	57	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	62	43	23.4%	15.8%	57	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	496	274	16.7%	12.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	3	0.0	108.1	61	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	26	26	5.9	6.8	43	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	8	0.0	437.1	9	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	54.6	48	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	1	252.4	54.6	20	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	82.0	261.3	67	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	18	8	23.4%	12.5%	53	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	765	226	15.8%	5.2%	59	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,957	1,200	44.3%	32.6%	60	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	912	1,071	47.6%	50.9%	60	—	203,931	32.8

# Macon COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	3	5.7	13.3	56	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	38	27	10.8%	11.9%	58	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	185	116	52.4%	51.3%	59	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	76	28	21.5%	12.4%	57	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	29	3	8.2%	1.2%	21	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	35	44	3.0%	3.9%	31	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	43	62	12.0%	15.5%	33	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	329	404	7.7%	11.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	6	0	117.1	0.0	35	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	115	22	19.0	3.6	7	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	2	29.5	64.8	17	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	11	6	324.3	194.5	7	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	4	59.0	129.7	34	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	22	412.7	713.2	53	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	33.1	40.2	4	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	38	11	27.3%	11.7%	55	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,466	448	17.3%	6.4%	65	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,774	1,871	44.1%	35.1%	63	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,639	1,834	51.3%	59.2%	66	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	24,105		23,179	
County child population	7,518		6,881	
Children as percentage of population	31.2		29.7	
Children				
Under age 5	1,565	20.8	1,293	18.8
Ages 5-9	1,714	22.8	1,438	20.9
Ages 10-14	1,801	24.0	1,663	24.2
Ages 15-19	2,438	32.4	2,487	36.1
Diversity of children				
White	671	8.9	753	10.9
African American	6,689	89.0	5,997	87.2
Hispanic	63	0.8	56	0.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	5	0.1	6	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	13	0.2	19	0.3
Other races	6	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	71	0.9	50	0.7

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$23,565**	\$22,492
All persons living below poverty level	35.3%	25.8%
Working women with young children	50.5%	52.0%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	71.9%	77.2%
Children in extreme poverty		21.4%
Percent children with disabilities		10.4%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Madison COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	276,700		293,072	
County child population	79,138		80,536	
Children as percentage of population	28.6		27.5	
Children				
Under age 5	18,800	23.8	18,198	22.6
Ages 5-9	20,194	25.5	19,403	24.1
Ages 10-14	20,298	25.6	21,145	26.3
Ages 15-19	19,846	25.1	21,790	27.1
Diversity of children				
White	50,733	64.1	51,483	63.9
African American	21,963	27.8	22,483	27.9
Hispanic	2,006	2.5	2,273	2.8
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	697	0.9	584	0.7
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1,378	1.7	1,570	1.9
Other races	178	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	2,183	2.8	2,143	2.7

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$50,569**	\$48,623
All persons living below poverty level	12.9%	10.9%
Working women with young children	55.8%	60.7%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	87.3%	89.0%
Children in extreme poverty		5.8%
Percent children with disabilities		7.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	37	30	9.4	8.1	30	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	318	398	8.1%	10.8%	37	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	2,523	2,565	64.3%	69.3%	2	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	371	309	9.5%	8.4%	14	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	148	144	3.9%	3.8%	4	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	762	280	6.7%	2.1%	13	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	850	345	23.9%	7.9%	12	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	5,118	5,478	12.1%	11.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	18	8	35.4	14.5	16	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	510	617	8.0	8.4	23	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	138	139	519.7	398.3	47	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	164	343	617.6	982.8	46	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	50	60	188.3	171.9	54	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	181	294	681.7	842.4	57	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	12	8	73.6	36.7	17	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	186	139	10.8%	8.9%	10	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	4,930	1,579	6.9%	1.9%	25	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	12,666	11,218	19.2%	15.8%	4	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	7,566	11,311	22.8%	28.9%	29	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	3	13.7	10.7	67	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	47	42	12.9%	15.0%	59	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	211	146	58.0%	52.1%	60	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	75	47	20.6%	16.8%	48	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	67	24	15.0%	7.3%	58	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	33	22	2.3%	1.7%	5	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	36	24	9.0%	6.5%	5	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	530	416	10.8%	9.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	0	19.0	0.0	30	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	68	39	9.9	6.5	28	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	4	4	128.5	133.2	37	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	15	7	481.7	233.2	18	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	4	64.2	133.2	64	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	20	41	642.3	1,365.8	63	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	154.4	0.0	22	I	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	44	18	27.5%	17.1%	44	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	833	222	11.1%	3.3%	49	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,577	1,664	36.7%	28.1%	54	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,164	1,426	33.8%	41.5%	54	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	22,539		22,084	
County child population	7,034		6,557	
Children as percentage of population	31.2		29.7	
Children				
Under age 5	1,524	21.7	1,491	22.7
Ages 5-9	1,852	26.3	1,490	22.7
Ages 10-14	1,902	27.0	1,831	27.9
Ages 15-19	1,756	25.0	1,745	26.6
Diversity of children				
White	2,621	37.3	2,421	36.9
African American	4,268	60.7	3,981	60.7
Hispanic	83	1.2	100	1.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	6	0.1	7	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	16	0.2	14	0.2
Other races	7	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	33	0.5	34	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$27,670**	\$28,689
All persons living below poverty level	28.4%	20.1%
Working women with young children	59.0%	51.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.5%	77.8%
Children in extreme poverty		16.5%
Percent children with disabilities		9.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Marion COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	31,214		30,267	
County child population	7,843		7,148	
Children as percentage of population	25.1		23.6	
Children				
Under age 5	1,876	23.9	1,705	23.9
Ages 5-9	1,903	24.3	1,777	24.9
Ages 10-14	2,060	26.3	1,835	25.7
Ages 15-19	2,004	25.6	1,831	25.6
Diversity of children				
White	7,304	93.1	6,636	92.8
African American	275	3.5	271	3.8
Hispanic	148	1.9	152	2.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	24	0.3	22	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	15	0.2	11	0.2
Other races	5	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	72	0.9	56	0.8

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$29,103**	\$27,126
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%	16.8%
Working women with young children	50.4%	57.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	83.4%	93.2%
Children in extreme poverty		10.2%
Percent children with disabilities		6.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	4	13.6	11.8	47	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	40	32	10.8%	9.5%	21	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	204	173	55.3%	51.2%	56	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	28	25	7.6%	7.4%	2	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	9	17	2.1%	3.8%	28	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	60	46	3.9%	3.4%	63	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	68	48	14.8%	12.6%	63	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	691	550	12.5%	10.9%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	2	18.5	40.2	54	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	166	105	22.8	15.1	60	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	3	9	90.2	280.5	39	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	20	20	601.5	623.4	49	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	16	11	481.2	342.9	11	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	48.8	163.8	55	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	21	16	13.3%	11.6%	6	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	236	107	3.1%	1.4%	15	—	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,737	1,652	23.7%	25.5%	41	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	781	1,007	18.2%	24.1%	8	—	203,931	32.8

# Marshall COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	7	13	6.4	9.3	31	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	100	118	9.1%	8.4%	8	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	594	649	54.1%	46.2%	63	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	102	128	9.3%	9.1%	27	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	32	27	3.2%	2.7%	16	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	225	77	7.7%	2.4%	52	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	258	86	27.0%	9.2%	52	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,248	1,404	11.4%	11.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	5	6	36.9	36.9	26	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	468	825	25.0	38.0	67	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	36	78	427.3	780.3	62	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	93	356.1	930.4	48	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	4	35.6	40.0	23	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	43	56	510.4	560.2	32	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	6	11	120.8	200.9	52	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	63	73	12.5%	13.4%	38	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	866	449	4.4%	1.9%	19	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,763	4,772	20.1%	22.9%	23	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	2,118	3,112	20.6%	27.0%	22	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	82,231		84,781	
County child population	22,536		22,948	
Children as percentage of population	27.4		27.1	
Children				
Under age 5	5,503	24.4	6,002	26.2
Ages 5-9	5,868	26.0	5,621	24.5
Ages 10-14	5,599	24.8	5,851	25.5
Ages 15-19	5,566	24.7	5,474	23.9
Diversity of children				
White	19,614	87.0	19,038	83.0
African American	458	2.0	476	2.1
Hispanic	2,009	8.9	2,983	13.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	123	0.5	96	0.4
Asian Pacific/ Islander	52	0.2	57	0.2
Other races	27	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	253	1.1	298	1.3

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$33,252**	\$33,688
All persons living below poverty level	14.7%	15.2%
Working women with young children	54.8%	53.4%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	87.0%	71.0%
Children in extreme poverty		8.4%
Percent children with disabilities		8.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Mobile COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	399,843		400,526	
County child population	121,942		117,573	
Children as percentage of population	30.5		29.4	
Children				
Under age 5	29,334	24.1	29,069	24.7
Ages 5-9	31,175	25.6	28,379	24.1
Ages 10-14	30,929	25.4	30,326	25.8
Ages 15-19	30,504	25.0	29,799	25.3
Diversity of children				
White	66,065	54.2	62,937	53.5
African American	49,616	40.7	48,696	41.4
Hispanic	1,700	1.4	1,740	1.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	942	0.8	792	0.7
Asian Pacific/ Islander	1,893	1.6	1,725	1.5
Other races	178	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	1,548	1.3	1,683	1.4

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$32,597**	\$32,788
All persons living below poverty level	24.3%	18.5%
Working women with young children	49.7%	53.5%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.9%	88.2%
Children in extreme poverty		13.1%
Percent children with disabilities		10.0%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	74	49	11.1	8.6	34	I	516	8.7
Low weight births	645	688	9.7%	12.1%	57	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	3,516	3,218	52.9%	56.5%	33	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	1,066	735	16.0%	12.9%	45	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	927	649	15.4%	11.9%	64	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	1,571	307	8.8%	1.7%	3	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	1,837	383	29.0%	6.7%	3	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	8,724	9,162	13.3%	14.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	27	16	32.0	19.5	25	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,586	790	14.5	7.2	39	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	186	319	388.4	634.6	57	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	544	578	1,135.8	1,149.9	59	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	297	643	620.1	1,279.2	67	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	537	620	1,121.2	1,233.5	65	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	30	16	100.2	53.7	24	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	613	365	22.7%	16.1%	49	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	13,359	6,142	11.1%	5.1%	58	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	39,405	29,097	35.3%	27.6%	52	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	18,123	22,130	32.2%	38.0%	49	—	203,931	32.8

# Monroe COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	1	15.3	3.5	4	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	46	46	11.7%	16.1%	66	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	215	148	54.7%	51.7%	54	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	61	46	15.5%	16.1%	60	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	46	4	11.0%	1.2%	12	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	104	39	6.8%	3.1%	30	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	120	42	24.3%	12.0%	31	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	461	479	8.9%	11.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	1	17.9	20.6	11	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	54	24	7.4	3.6	3	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	6	12	180.1	392.7	34	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	18	540.2	589.0	37	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	1	120.0	32.7	60	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	11	210.1	359.9	16	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	46.8	56.5	42	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	38	19	23.8%	16.7%	54	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	545	141	6.7%	1.9%	31	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,098	1,571	28.3%	25.0%	39	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,058	1,299	28.5%	34.6%	43	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	24,324		23,725	
County child population	7,595		6,943	
Children as percentage of population	31.2		29.3	
Children				
Under age 5	1,827	24.1	1,617	23.3
Ages 5-9	1,921	25.3	1,702	24.5
Ages 10-14	1,905	25.1	1,854	26.7
Ages 15-19	1,942	25.6	1,770	25.5
Diversity of children				
White	3,770	49.6	3,411	49.1
African American	3,566	47.0	3,296	47.5
Hispanic	67	0.9	61	0.9
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	76	1.0	71	1.0
Asian Pacific/ Islander	24	0.3	22	0.3
Other races	9	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	83	1.1	82	1.2

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,890**	\$28,942
All persons living below poverty level	21.6%	17.7%
Working women with young children	48.9%	57.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	63.6%	83.2%
Children in extreme poverty		14.2%
Percent children with disabilities		8.8%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	223,510	222,559
County child population	65,342	64,419
Children as percentage of population	29.2	28.9
Children		
Under age 5	15,472 23.7	16,653 25.9
Ages 5-9	16,315 25.0	14,718 22.8
Ages 10-14	16,298 24.9	15,962 24.8
Ages 15-19	17,257 26.4	17,086 26.5
Diversity of children		
White	24,506 37.5	22,808 35.4
African American	38,304 58.6	38,901 60.4
Hispanic	890 1.4	1,083 1.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	141 0.2	123 0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	600 0.9	631 1.0
Other races	108 0.2	NR NR
More than one race	793 1.2	873 1.4

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$37,987**	\$35,523
All persons living below poverty level	20.4%	18.0%
Working women with young children	60.3%	62.1%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	79.6%	81.3%
Children in extreme poverty		12.9%
Percent children with disabilities		9.8%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	44	25	12.5	7.6	38	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	349	367	9.9%	11.2%	48	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	2,051	1,927	58.3%	58.8%	11	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	558	437	15.9%	13.3%	47	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	95	188	3.0%	6.7%	45	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	464	385	5.2%	4.7%	34	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	564	422	20.3%	18.3%	30	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	3,865	4,160	11.0%	12.9%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	17	14	36.4	31.8	38	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	461	257	8.0	4.4	10	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	80	89	311.8	333.4	42	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	171	155	666.5	580.6	22	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	80	137	311.8	513.1	66	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	187	238	728.9	891.4	62	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	21	9	132.2	52.7	26	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	307	213	19.9%	15.5%	47	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	7,074	3,939	10.7%	6.1%	61	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	17,320	15,125	29.5%	26.8%	48	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	10,359	13,171	35.0%	42.6%	56	—	203,931	32.8

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	11	14	7.5	9.3	21	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	102	123	7.0%	8.2%	7	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	817	815	56.0%	54.4%	26	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	133	148	9.1%	9.9%	25		6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	134	61	8.2%	4.0%	5	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	337	200	6.0%	3.7%	49	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	366	241	22.0%	14.2%	49	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,704	2,630	14.1%	13.4%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	4	8	19.2	37.8	24	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	424	400	15.8	14.1	42	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	40	33	336.6	245.1	21	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	82	112	690.1	832.0	38	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	8	50.5	59.4	28	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	41	48	345.0	356.6	29	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	5	40.6	66.3	33	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	86	77	13.5%	12.6%	33	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,056	408	3.5%	1.3%	5	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	4,729	5,387	17.3%	19.7%	11	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,105	4,282	21.2%	27.1%	23	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	111,064		113,211	
County child population	30,927		30,194	
Children as percentage of population	27.8		26.7	
Children				
Under age 5	7,317	23.7	7,405	24.5
Ages 5-9	7,992	25.8	7,332	24.3
Ages 10-14	8,119	26.3	7,914	26.2
Ages 15-19	7,499	24.2	7,543	25.0
Diversity of children				
White	24,129	78.0	22,885	75.8
African American	4,427	14.3	4,528	15.0
Hispanic	1,464	4.7	1,972	6.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	216	0.7	165	0.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	159	0.5	188	0.6
Other races	44	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	488	1.6	456	1.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$42,309**	\$39,872
All persons living below poverty level	12.9%	13.2%
Working women with young children	52.6%	54.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	79.5%	74.1%
Children in extreme poverty		6.2%
Percent children with disabilities		8.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	11,861	11,522
County child population	4,038	3,916
Children as percentage of population	34.0	34.0
Children		
Under age 5	903 22.4	946 24.2
Ages 5-9	982 24.3	875 22.3
Ages 10-14	988 24.5	905 23.1
Ages 15-19	1,165 28.9	1,190 30.4
Diversity of children		
White	877 21.7	909 23.2
African American	3,097 76.7	2,940 75.1
Hispanic	39 1.0	43 1.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1 0.0	3 0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	4 0.1	0 0.0
Other races	0 0.0	NR NR
More than one race	20 0.5	21 0.5

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$18,424**	\$20,555
All persons living below poverty level	42.4%	28.6%
Working women with young children	53.4%	48.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	73.2%	70.5%
Children in extreme poverty		28.6%
Percent children with disabilities		12.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	3	2	13.0	11.6	23	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	24	22	10.4%	12.7%	65	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	116	77	50.2%	44.5%	64	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	62	26	26.8%	15.0%	49	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	10	11	5.1%	7.1%	50	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	41	15	5.9%	2.5%	18	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	52	16	20.5%	9.4%	19	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	330	288	13.5%	14.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	7	0.0	275.9	67	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	39	15	10.0	4.3	37	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	1	50.1	60.2	5	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	3	100.3	180.5	2	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	1	150.4	60.2	41	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	10	100.3	601.6	48	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	208.3	84	5	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	32	16	30.5%	27.1%	60	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	844	230	19.0%	5.9%	63	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,019	1,318	51.5%	40.1%	67	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	762	902	44.7%	52.9%	64	—	203,931	32.8

# Pickens COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	0	3.6	0.0	3	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	37	35	13.2%	13.4%	56	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	162	135	57.7%	51.5%	47	W	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	60	30	21.4%	11.5%	43	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	33	14	10.2%	5.4%	34	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	21	18	2.0%	1.8%	17	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	24	20	7.7%	6.9%	17	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	517	353	13.1%	11.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	0	22.6	0.0	8	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	84	54	14.4	9.8	29	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	2	17	76.9	648.7	40	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	14	18	538.5	686.9	36	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	190.8	32	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	20	384.6	763.2	34	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	120.0	0.0	31	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	33	19	25.8%	16.8%	39	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	665	173	10.4%	2.8%	42	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,042	1,396	34.3%	27.0%	49	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,014	1,215	34.8%	40.2%	51	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	20,949		20,401	
County child population	6,312		5,766	
Children as percentage of population	30.1		28.3	
Children				
Under age 5	1,421	22.5	1,363	23.6
Ages 5-9	1,563	24.8	1,316	22.8
Ages 10-14	1,660	26.3	1,532	26.6
Ages 15-19	1,668	26.4	1,555	27.0
Diversity of children				
White	2,810	44.5	2,656	46.1
African American	3,374	53.5	3,005	52.1
Hispanic	54	0.9	64	1.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	4	0.1	5	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	5	0.1	5	0.1
Other races	12	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	53	0.8	31	0.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$26,038**	\$26,821
All persons living below poverty level	25.7%	19.3%
Working women with young children	53.1%	56.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	79.4%	80.8%
Children in extreme poverty		17.4%
Percent children with disabilities		9.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Pike COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	29,605		29,396	
County child population	8,630		8,024	
Children as percentage of population	29.2		27.3	
Children				
Under age 5	1,923	22.3	1,981	24.7
Ages 5-9	1,936	22.4	1,838	22.9
Ages 10-14	2,090	24.2	1,918	23.9
Ages 15-19	2,681	31.1	2,287	28.5
Diversity of children				
White	4,395	50.9	4,018	50.1
African American	3,868	44.8	3,670	45.7
Hispanic	136	1.6	134	1.7
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	62	0.7	63	0.8
Asian Pacific/ Islander	11	0.1	18	0.2
Other races	12	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	146	1.7	121	1.5

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$26,883**	\$26,525
All persons living below poverty level	25.6%	20.3%
Working women with young children	51.2%	56.4%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	69.8%	79.8%
Children in extreme poverty		17.9%
Percent children with disabilities		8.8%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	7	8.8	18.1	55	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	48	57	10.5%	14.7%	64	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	241	209	52.7%	54.0%	40	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	76	59	16.6%	15.2%	55	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	36	36	9.2%	9.4%	52	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	61	44	4.4%	3.6%	61	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	73	57	16.5%	13.8%	58	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	753	679	15.9%	15.0%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	2	37.2	37.4	22	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	125	84	17.7	11.3	33	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	19	28	526.3	769.2	60	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	62	360.1	1,703.2	51	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	4	332.4	109.9	33	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	51	609.4	1,401.0	54	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	104.3	87.5	46	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	42	30	21.2%	18.8%	57	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	807	370	9.3%	4.3%	56	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,267	2,074	31.9%	29.9%	56	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,289	1,670	35.1%	41.7%	55	—	203,931	32.8

# Randolph COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	4	2	13.3	7.6	42	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	27	30	9.0%	11.4%	27	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	164	145	54.5%	54.9%	43	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	54	30	17.9%	11.4%	40	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	16	15	4.7%	5.0%	33	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	64	33	6.1%	3.1%	39	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	68	39	23.0%	12.8%	48	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	442	418	11.4%	11.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	3	25.6	70.7	36	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	62	64	12.1	10.9	49	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	2	13	86.4	472.8	55	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	31	777.5	1,127.5	58	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	43.2	0.0	18	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	14	1,295.9	509.2	23	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	69.1	129.8	48	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	31	16	23.1%	17.8%	36	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	355	228	6.3%	3.5%	54	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,267	1,288	24.2%	23.7%	27	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	652	882	23.3%	29.2%	31	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	22,380		22,603	
County child population	6,291		6,067	
Children as percentage of population	28.1		26.8	
Children				
Under age 5	1,480	23.5	1,427	23.5
Ages 5-9	1,627	25.9	1,468	24.2
Ages 10-14	1,568	24.9	1,631	26.9
Ages 15-19	1,616	25.7	1,541	25.4
Diversity of children				
White	4,330	68.8	4,143	68.3
African American	1,769	28.1	1,706	28.1
Hispanic	110	1.7	130	2.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	12	0.2	14	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	18		25	0.4
Other races	6	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	46	0.7	49	0.8

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,828**	\$29,366
All persons living below poverty level	18.5%	15.7%
Working women with young children	59.7%	57.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	82.3%	78.6%
Children in extreme poverty		6.2%
Percent children with disabilities		6.9%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Russell COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	49,756		49,262	
County child population	14,514		13,863	
Children as percentage of population	29.2		28.1	
Children				
Under age 5	3,515	24.2	3,260	23.5
Ages 5-9	3,777	26.0	3,398	24.5
Ages 10-14	3,691	25.4	3,781	27.3
Ages 15-19	3,531	24.3	3,424	24.7
Diversity of children				
White	7,025	48.4	6,680	48.2
African American	6,867	47.3	6,531	47.1
Hispanic	284	2.0	357	2.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	38	0.3	31	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	50	0.3	65	0.5
Other races	35	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	215	1.5	199	1.4

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,404**	\$28,467
All persons living below poverty level	20.4%	18.6%
Working women with young children	53.7%	58.7%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	69.0%	79.4%
Children in extreme poverty		14.0%
Percent children with disabilities		8.1%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	7	6.9	11.5	63	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	64	71	8.8%	11.7%	47	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	373	339	51.2%	55.8%	6	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	96	85	13.2%	14.0%	52	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	55	19	6.8%	2.5%	6	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	194	56	8.5%	2.3%	41	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	233	72	29.1%	8.8%	39	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	808	1,097	9.2%	12.1%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	6	3	62.8	30.7	46	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	260	215	19.5	16.4	62	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	18	0	312.9	0.0	15	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	56	68	973.6	1,118.2	54	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	14	1	243.4	16.4	49	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	36	521.6	592.0	45	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	61.0	87.6	54	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	56	46	19.1%	18.2%	56	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,361	605	10.1%	4.1%	55	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,860	3,541	28.2%	28.2%	55	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	2,302	3,125	34.5%	43.3%	58	—	203,931	32.8

# St. Clair COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	3	11	3.9	12.9	39	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	74	87	9.5%	10.2%	11	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	425	493	54.7%	57.7%	15	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	75	63	9.7%	7.4%	21	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	68	53	7.2%	5.5%	43	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	209	91	8.1%	2.8%	38	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	225	113	28.7%	11.4%	45	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,187	1,554	11.7%	12.9%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	2	27.9	15.7	29	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	183	165	12.3	9.4	24	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	4	30	60.8	362.3	50	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	182	30.4	2,198.2	53	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	15.2	60.4	21	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	24	41	364.9	495.2	27	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	6	103.7	124.4	39	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	43	32	12.5%	9.1%	18	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	719	412	4.6%	2.1%	29	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,124	3,201	21.2%	19.3%	9	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,294	2,136	17.4%	23.0%	5	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	64,742		70,245	
County child population	17,930		18,443	
Children as percentage of population	27.7		26.3	
Children				
Under age 5	4,252	23.7	4,199	22.8
Ages 5-9	4,558	25.4	4,504	24.4
Ages 10-14	4,855	27.1	4,916	26.7
Ages 15-19	4,265	23.8	4,824	26.2
Diversity of children				
White	15,909	88.7	16,354	88.7
African American	1,492	8.3	1,505	8.2
Hispanic	234	1.3	291	1.6
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	71	0.4	55	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	37	0.2	38	0.2
Other races	13	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	174	1.0	200	1.1

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$35,962**	\$38,640
All persons living below poverty level	16.2%	13.1%
Working women with young children	54.8%	54.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	83.6%	87.8%
Children in extreme poverty		6.6%
Percent children with disabilities		8.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	143,293	165,677
County child population	41,064	46,227
Children as percentage of population	28.7	27.9
Children		
Under age 5	10,718 26.1	11,896 25.7
Ages 5-9	10,616 25.9	11,544 25.0
Ages 10-14	10,398 25.3	11,603 25.1
Ages 15-19	9,332 22.7	11,184 24.2
Diversity of children		
White	35,526 86.5	38,851 84.0
African American	3,560 8.7	4,728 10.2
Hispanic	1,008 2.5	1,534 3.3
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	134 0.3	118 0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	438 1.1	536 1.2
Other races	34 0.1	NR NR
More than one race	364 0.9	460 1.0

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$57,160**	\$60,753
All persons living below poverty level	8.1%	6.9%
Working women with young children	54.9%	53.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	93.8%	90.8%
Children in extreme poverty		3.4%
Percent children with disabilities		7.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	9	13	5.2	5.1	11	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	108	232	6.2%	9.1%	5	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	1,126	1,763	65.1%	68.9%	1	I	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	87	84	5.0%	3.3%	1	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	68	73	4.1%	3.6%	1	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	227	109	4.9%	1.8%	8	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	257	129	18.3%	7.0%	8	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	2,491	2,124	13.8%	8.6%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	14	7	57.6	21.4	2	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	214	223	6.4	5.4	11	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	10	38	73.9	204.4	22	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	47	47	347.5	252.8	41	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	6	66.5	32.3	14	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	97	29.6	521.7	28	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	7	3	91.9	26.8	14	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	46	45	6.0%	4.1%	1	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	567	293	1.6%	0.6%	1	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	3,725	3,292	11.4%	7.8%	1	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	2,215	3,648	14.6%	17.2%	1	—	203,931	32.8

# Sumter COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	0	8.6	0.0	33	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	29	19	12.5%	11.2%	52	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	112	103	48.3%	60.9%	29	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	47	29	20.3%	17.2%	63	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	4	15	1.7%	8.8%	36	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	46	8	5.1%	1.0%	1	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	53	13	19.3%	5.1%	1	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	412	392	14.3%	15.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	3	1	82.0	34.1	37	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	68	22	13.9	5.5	26	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	2	1	81.6	50.7	16	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	2	163.1	101.4	4	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	40.8	202.8	53	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	13	203.9	659.2	15	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	57.5	0.0	21	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	25	16	28.1%	21.9%	62	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	855	365	15.2%	8.1%	67	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,107	1,389	42.2%	36.2%	65	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,070	1,126	45.8%	52.3%	62	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000	2004
Total county population	14,798	14,141
County child population	4,828	4,280
Children as percentage of population	32.6	30.3
Children		
Under age 5	1,066 22.1	941 22.0
Ages 5-9	1,233 25.5	976 22.8
Ages 10-14	1,248 25.8	1,204 28.1
Ages 15-19	1,281 26.5	1,159 27.1
Diversity of children		
White	816 16.9	614 14.3
African American	3,898 80.7	3,564 83.3
Hispanic	78 1.6	66 1.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	4 0.1	2 0.0
Asian Pacific/ Islander	4 0.1	7 0.2
Other races	1 0.0	NR NR
More than one race	27 0.6	27 0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$20,609**	\$20,520
All persons living below poverty level	35.2%	26.4%
Working women with young children	51.3%	40.7%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	68.6%	74.0%
Children in extreme poverty		23.7%
Percent children with disabilities		11.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Talladega COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	80,321		80,277	
County child population	22,320		21,434	
Children as percentage of population	27.8		26.7	
Children				
Under age 5	5,091	22.8	5,222	24.4
Ages 5-9	5,524	24.7	5,037	23.5
Ages 10-14	5,852	26.2	5,505	25.7
Ages 15-19	5,853	26.2	5,670	26.5
Diversity of children				
White	13,311	59.6	12,964	60.5
African American	8,463	37.9	7,915	36.9
Hispanic	223	1.0	216	1.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	36	0.2	23	0.1
Asian Pacific/ Islander	46	0.2	77	0.4
Other races	23	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	218	1.0	239	1.1

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,247**	\$33,159
All persons living below poverty level	22.3%	16.8%
Working women with young children	55.8%	57.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	80.2%	84.2%
Children in extreme poverty		13.2%
Percent children with disabilities		8.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	8	8	7.8	8.3	46	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	100	129	9.7%	13.4%	61	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	521	520	50.8%	54.2%	57	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	179	127	17.4%	13.2%	53	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	42	62	3.6%	5.5%	15	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	237	183	6.0%	5.1%	65	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	265	219	21.3%	18.9%	65	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,568	1,528	11.2%	11.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	4	13.1	27.2	18	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	492	236	24.0	12.0	55	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	35	7	361.6	74.3	25	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	83	81	857.6	859.7	32	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	10	1	103.3	10.6	16	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	85	104	878.3	1,103.8	59	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	8	3	132.5	52.9	11	I	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	101	66	20.9%	16.5%	58	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,924	496	8.7%	2.2%	35	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	6,101	4,645	29.9%	24.5%	37	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	3,019	3,915	28.1%	35.1%	45	—	203,931	32.8

# Tallapoosa COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	6	2	10.5	4.2	16	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	63	46	11.0%	9.8%	39	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	311	277	54.4%	58.8%	23	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	100	56	17.5%	11.9%	46	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	46	18	7.2%	3.5%	7	I	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	154	72	7.4%	3.8%	62	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	178	84	26.9%	14.3%	62	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	815	983	11.3%	14.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	4	2	52.7	27.6	27	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	128	34	13.0	3.4	4	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	41	23	891.1	482.1	59	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	68	1,043.3	1,425.5	65	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	11	4	239.1	83.9	58	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	59	53	1,282.3	1,111.0	66	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	68.8	76.1	30	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	55	27	21.2%	13.2%	50	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	813	234	7.4%	2.1%	26	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,356	2,295	23.6%	24.5%	37	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,551	1,944	28.4%	34.6%	44	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	41,475		40,861	
County child population	11,021		10,364	
Children as percentage of population	26.6		25.4	
Children				
Under age 5	2,562	23.2	2,444	23.6
Ages 5-9	2,859	25.9	2,470	23.8
Ages 10-14	2,892	26.2	2,822	27.2
Ages 15-19	2,708	24.6	2,628	25.4
Diversity of children				
White	7,150	64.9	6,617	63.8
African American	3,629	32.9	3,485	33.6
Hispanic	96	0.9	151	1.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	33	0.3	19	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	23	0.2	25	0.2
Other races	4	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	86	0.8	67	0.6

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$31,372**	\$30,554
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%	16.0%
Working women with young children	69.8%	59.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	73.8%	85.6%
Children in extreme poverty		9.5%
Percent children with disabilities		10.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Tuscaloosa COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	164,875		167,104	
County child population	46,693		44,236	
Children as percentage of population	28.3		26.5	
Children				
Under age 5	10,592	22.7	10,662	24.1
Ages 5-9	10,853	23.2	10,307	23.3
Ages 10-14	10,690	22.9	10,703	24.2
Ages 15-19	14,558	31.2	12,564	28.4
Diversity of children				
White	27,780	59.5	25,703	58.1
African American	17,165	36.8	16,745	37.9
Hispanic	743	1.6	869	2.0
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	81	0.2	91	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	344	0.7	313	0.7
Other races	72	0.2	NR	NR
More than one race	508	1.1	515	1.2

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$34,800**	\$35,192
All persons living below poverty level	19.3%	16.5%
Working women with young children	55.2%	59.9%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	81.6%	82.3%
Children in extreme poverty		9.0%
Percent children with disabilities		9.6%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	30	26	14.1	12.0	60	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	202	257	9.5%	11.9%	49	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	1,254	1,236	58.9%	57.2%	18	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	295	209	13.9%	9.7%	23	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	88	156	4.0%	6.9%	44	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	503	308	7.2%	4.5%	51	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	563	353	26.1%	16.8%	51	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	3,004	4,080	11.8%	15.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	11	2	39.0	6.8	6	I	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	385	327	10.4	8.1	34	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	18	117	94.7	592.4	56	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	120	173	631.2	876	47	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	38	36.8	192.4	65	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	102	231	536.6	1,169.7	64	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	13	13	96.6	103.5	36	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	158	105	15.9%	11.8%	13	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	3,158	1,182	7.2%	2.6%	33	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	9,792	8,694	26.4%	23.0%	24	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	5,480	7,433	28.2%	34.5%	42	—	203,931	32.8

# Walker COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	11	8	12.4	9.1	61	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	69	83	7.8%	9.5%	25	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	473	502	53.2%	57.2%	42	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	89	68	10.0%	7.7%	7	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	60	67	6.1%	7.3%	42	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	258	103	7.4%	3.4%	35	I	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	280	116	25.9%	12.9%	35	I	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	1,607	1,643	13.7%	14.8%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	1	3	8.0	24.3	17	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	180	119	10.5	7.1	50	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	8	5	99.3	65.8	28	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	52	110	645.7	1,448.1	64	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	2	37.3	26.3	26	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	18	124.2	237.0	9	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	3	5	59.3	113.2	59	—	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	55	32	13.1%	8.6%	9	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	877	231	4.8%	1.2%	10	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	4,288	3,460	24.9%	21.8%	19	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	1,976	2,708	20.0%	27.6%	25	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	70,713		70,005	
County child population	18,493		17,617	
Children as percentage of population	26.2		25.2	
Children				
Under age 5	4,520	24.4	4,360	24.7
Ages 5-9	4,556	24.6	4,399	25.0
Ages 10-14	4,711	25.5	4,442	25.2
Ages 15-19	4,706	25.4	4,416	25.1
Diversity of children				
White	16,489	89.2	15,705	89.1
African American	1,469	7.9	1,393	7.9
Hispanic	226	1.2	266	1.5
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	48	0.3	52	0.3
Asian Pacific/ Islander	46	0.2	38	0.2
Other races	12	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	203	1.1	163	0.9

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$30,384**	\$31,201
All persons living below poverty level	17.7%	14.8%
Working women with young children	46.4%	48.3%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	85.2%	90.7%
Children in extreme poverty		9.6%
Percent children with disabilities		10.2%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Washington COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

2000 2004

Total county population	18,097	17,906
County child population	5,736	5,249
Children as percentage of population	31.7	29.3
Children		
Under age 5	1,308 22.8	1,195 22.8
Ages 5-9	1,499 26.1	1,289 24.6
Ages 10-14	1,478 25.8	1,405 26.8
Ages 15-19	1,451 25.3	1,360 25.9
Diversity of children		
White	3,300 57.5	3,076 58.6
African American	1,791 31.2	1,617 30.8
Hispanic	56 1.0	48 0.9
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	511 8.9	446 8.5
Asian Pacific/ Islander	6 0.1	3 0.1
Other races	0 0.0	NR NR
More than one race	72 1.3	59 1.1

Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$29,755**	\$31,118
All persons living below poverty level	22.1%	16.9%
Working women with young children	40.0%	49.6%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	78.7%	75.3%
Children in extreme poverty		8.3%
Percent children with disabilities		7.5%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	2	3	6.9	15.5	65	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	26	19	9.0%	9.8%	34	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	141	98	49.0%	50.5%	52	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	33	20	11.5%	10.3%	22	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	33	32	10.3%	10.9%	53	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	31	9	2.7%	0.9%	4	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	36	12	10.3%	3.7%	4	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	309	347	8.2%	9.7%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	5	2	128.9	54.8	62	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	102	40	20.4	7.8	22	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	0	43.7	0.0	13	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	10	436.7	403.3	12	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	0	349.3	0.0	6	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	4	917.0	161.3	12	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	71.1	0.0	16	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	18	9	17.6%	13.2%	31	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	546	177	9.9%	3.1%	47	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,406	1,156	27.7%	24.3%	34	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	596	750	22.7%	26.5%	17	—	203,931	32.8

# Wilcox COUNTY

## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	3	4.3	14.7	41	—	516	8.7
Low weight births	20	25	8.7%	12.3%	44	—	6,204	10.5
Child health index	114	91	49.4%	44.6%	67	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	60	33	26.0%	16.2%	65	I	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	19	11	8.3%	6.0%	31	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	57	10	6.7%	1.4%	22	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	62	13	23.2%	5.6%	21	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	363	258	13.0%	11.2%	—	—	91,358	12.4

### SAFETY

Child death rate	0	1	0.0	33.4	53	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	31	31	6.8	8.0	36	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	0	5	0.0	279.5	30	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	7	0.0	391.4	31	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	55.9	57	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	4	187.3	223.6	38	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	4	1	292.2	96.2	28	I	240	75.4

### SECURITY

Vulnerable families	29	13	26.9%	17.8%	64	I	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	1,022	248	21.4%	5.7%	64	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	2,358	1,495	50.7%	38.8%	66	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	856	1,048	43.6%	52.2%	61	—	203,931	32.8

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	13,183		12,958	
County child population	4,468		4,248	
Children as percentage of population	33.9		32.8	
Children				
Under age 5	1,067	23.9	1,090	25.7
Ages 5-9	1,100	24.6	1,012	23.8
Ages 10-14	1,136	25.4	1,106	26.0
Ages 15-19	1,165	26.1	1,040	24.5
Diversity of children				
White	799	17.9	787	18.5
African American	3,612	80.8	3,419	80.5
Hispanic	42	0.9	38	0.9
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	4	0.1	1	0.0
Asian Pacific/ Islander	3	0.1	2	0.0
Other races	0	0.0	NR	NR
More than one race	8	0.2	1	0.0

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$18,135**	\$19,524
All persons living below poverty level	41.3%	27.9%
Working women with young children	40.0%	41.0%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	76.1%	64.7%
Children in extreme poverty		34.7%
Percent children with disabilities		12.7%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88–89.

\*\*Adjusted for inflation.

# Winston COUNTY

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000		2004	
Total county population	24,843		24,475	
County child population	6,507		6,004	
Children as percentage of population	26.2		24.5	
Children				
Under age 5	1,545	23.7	1,348	22.5
Ages 5-9	1,650	25.4	1,476	24.6
Ages 10-14	1,684	25.9	1,605	26.7
Ages 15-19	1,628	25.0	1,575	26.2
Diversity of children				
White	6,243	95.9	5,763	96.0
African American	29	0.4	51	0.8
Hispanic	137	2.1	124	2.1
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	33	0.5	15	0.2
Asian Pacific/ Islander	7	0.1	10	0.2
Other races	7	0.1	NR	NR
More than one race	51	0.8	41	0.7

### Years May Vary\*

Median household income	\$28,710**	\$27,349
All persons living below poverty level	16.2%	16.9%
Working women with young children	47.1%	53.8%
Women receiving first trimester prenatal care	87.4%	90.4%
Children in extreme poverty		8.4%
Percent children with disabilities		7.3%

\*Years for data noted in Sources on pages 88-89.

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## INDICATORS

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate

### HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	1	3	3.7	10.2	43	W	516	8.7
Low weight births	18	28	6.7%	9.5%	10	W	6,204	10.5
Child health index	142	158	52.6%	53.7%	55	—	34,690	58.6
Births to unmarried teens	14	17	5.2%	5.8%	8	—	6,196	10.5

### EDUCATION

First grade retention	6	26	1.7%	7.3%	13	—	3,791	6.4
Event dropout rate	52	57	3.9%	4.4%	43	—	5,903	2.9
Projected dropout rate	56	58	14.7%	16.4%	41	—	6,980	11.1
Special education enrollment	632	594	13.9%	13.3%	—	—	91,358	12.4

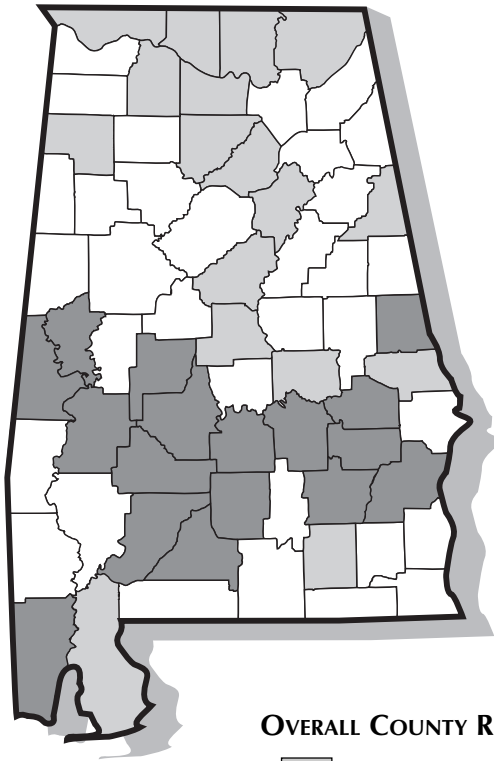
### SAFETY

Child death rate	2	0	49.4	0.0	4	—	234	27.7
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	22	51	4.0	8.4	27	—	10,110	8.9
Juvenile substance arrest rate	1	0	39.4	0.0	6	—	2,161	406.9
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	1	0.0	35.3	5	—	4,602	866.4
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	13	—	1,229	231.4
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	1	0.0	35.3	1	—	3,799	715.2
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	240	75.4
Vulnerable families	7	10	5.5%	8.5%	20	—	6,056	12.5
Children receiving TANF	209	122	3.6%	1.8%	14	I	36,579	2.9
Children in poverty	1,244	1,445	22.1%	26.7%	46	—	243,154	22.3
Single-parent families with children	550	842	17.3%	24.4%	9	—	203,931	32.8

*County Rankings*  
*County Data*  
*Definitions & Sources*  
*Acknowledgements*



## Overall County Rankings



### OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS

- The 17 best counties
- The 17 worst counties

Overall county rankings are based on a scale containing eight child welfare factors: births to unmarried teens, children in poverty, children receiving TANF, children's health index, first grade retention, low weight births, vulnerable families index, and single-parent families. These eight factors were selected from a larger pool of variables based on the degree of inner-correlation among the variables and other factors. The reliability coefficient of the resulting scale, as measured by Chronbach's Alpha, is .859. All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall score. Thus, no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each of the individual indicators.

The overall rank for each county was obtained through the following procedure:

- First, the numerical values for all eight variables were converted into standard scores. Standard scores are derived through subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).
- Next the standard scores were summed in order to create a total standard score for each county.
- Finally, the state's 67 counties were ranked on the basis of their total standard score from the lowest/best to highest/worst.

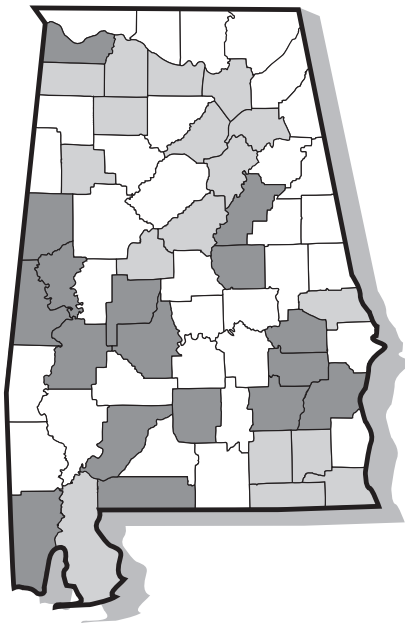
***The scale that is used in the Overall County Rankings is not the same from one year to the next. New data are added and/or the scale is not always comprised of the same data measures. For these reasons, comparisons between this year's rank for a given county with previous years should be made with caution.***

COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE
Shelby	-16.149
Lee	-8.591
Madison	-8.357
Blount	-8.192
Baldwin	-8.155
Morgan	-5.790
Elmore	-5.295
Saint Clair	-5.285
Cullman	-5.196
Lauderdale	-5.101
Lawrence	-5.032
Jackson	-4.960
Limestone	-4.874
Cleburne	-4.812
Coffee	-4.567
Marion	-4.551
Chilton	-4.531
Walker	-4.092
Dale	-3.824
Fayette	-3.808
Bibb	-3.767
Winston	-3.766
Etowah	-3.686
De Kalb	-3.457
Lamar	-3.039
Geneva	-3.000
Clay	-2.696
Cherokee	-2.600
Colbert	-2.596
Crenshaw	-2.320
Franklin	-2.288
Marshall	-2.216
Calhoun	-2.097
Jefferson	-1.991
Autauga	-1.879
Tuscaloosa	-1.792
Choctaw	-1.033
Tallapoosa	-0.756
Houston	-0.521
Washington	-0.461
Randolph	-0.341
Covington	0.066
Clarke	1.137
Henry	1.410
Russell	1.750
Escambia	1.902
Pickens	2.838
Coosa	2.881
Talladega	3.061
Hale	3.244
Montgomery	3.879
Monroe	4.442
Chambers	4.476
Conecuh	4.937
Butler	5.202
Marengo	5.596
Mobile	6.244
Barbour	6.254
Pike	6.559
Lowndes	8.712
Macon	9.685
Sumter	10.977
Wilcox	11.840
Perry	12.469
Dallas	13.468
Bullock	15.724
Greene	18.710

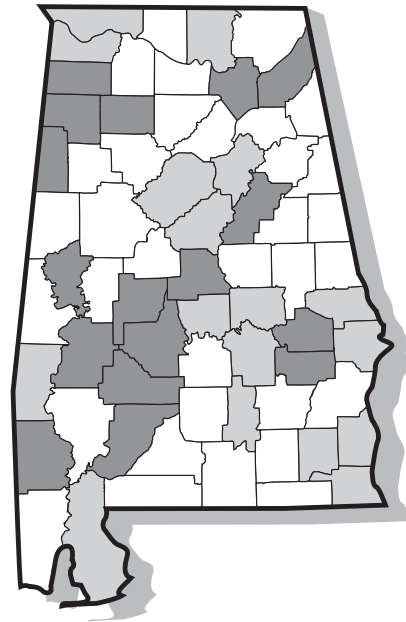
# Individual Indicator Rankings

## INDIVIDUAL INDICATOR RANKINGS

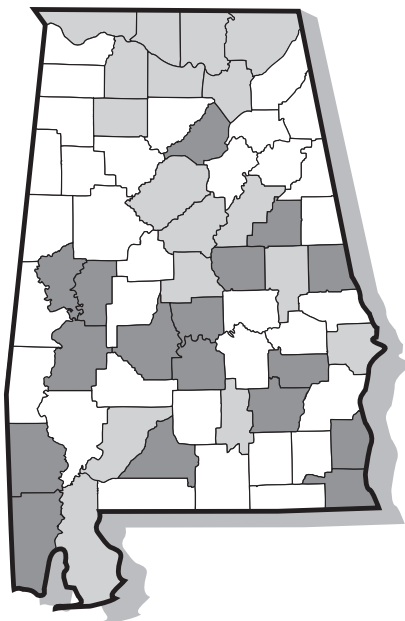
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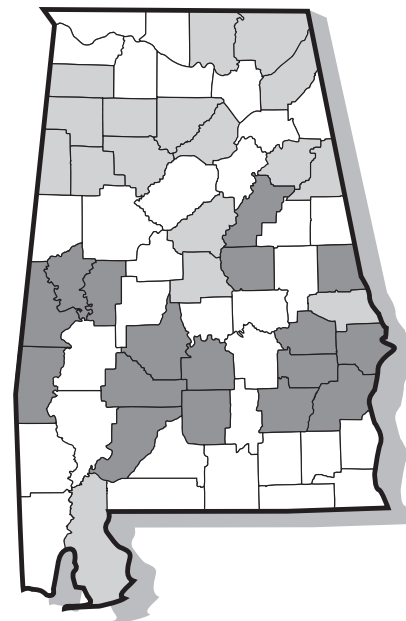
**LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS**



**CHILDREN'S HEALTH INDEX**

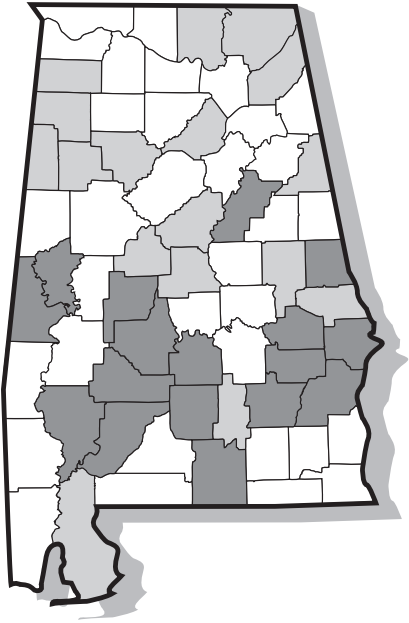


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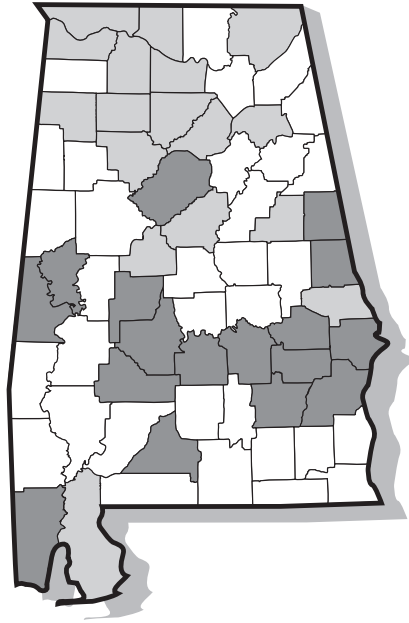


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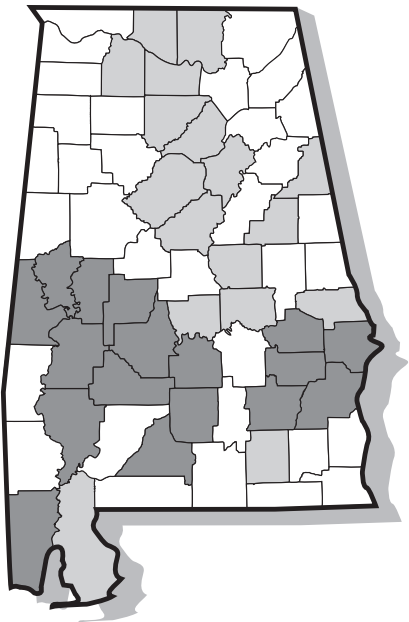
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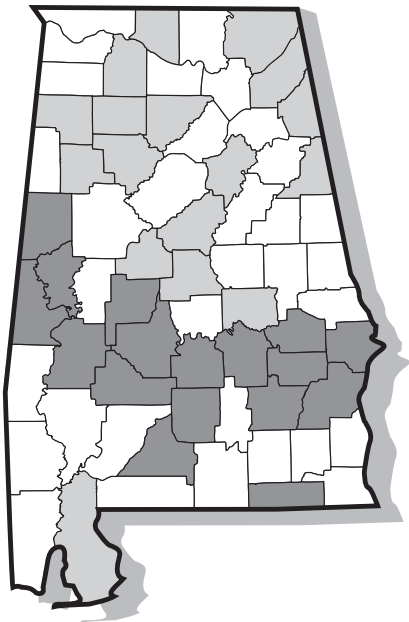
**VULNERABLE FAMILIES**



**CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF**



**CHILDREN IN POVERTY**



**SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES**



# County Data

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '04	LWB '04	CHI '04	BUT '04	FGRR '05	EDO '05	PDO '05	SPED '06	CDR '04	CIAN '05	JSAA '05	JSAC '05	JVCA '05	JVCC '05	PTD '04	VF '04	TANF '05	POV '03	SPF '00
Houston	8.9	7.8	60.3	12.5	8.5	3.5	13.5	14.1	22.6	12.0	683.7	778.6	142.4	883.1	93.4	14.9	2.8	23.8	34.0
Jackson	8.3	10.7	56.7	10.0	5.1	3.1	12.0	9.8	21.2	13.1	257.7	1,272.4	0.0	451.0	143.9	13.2	1.7	22.4	26.0
Jefferson	9.7	11.3	62.6	10.8	7.3	2.1	8.5	12.3	25.3	7.2	364.0	521.3	186.7	453.3	64.6	11.7	3.7	20.3	37.9
Lamar	6.2	8.7	51.6	9.9	5.9	4.2	15.6	10.2	0.0	13.7	57.7	288.4	0.0	173.0	0.0	11.5	2.4	24.3	26.8
Lauderdale	4.3	11.1	58.9	9.3	3.9	2.6	10.2	11.2	13.9	10.5	815.4	1,539.2	91.7	611.6	51.5	12.3	1.1	23.5	26.6
Lawrence	17.9	10.3	55.4	8.2	3.8	2.1	8.3	10.6	111.9	6.6	0.0	814.6	0.0	418.9	125.4	11.5	1.7	20.9	24.7
Lee	6.3	7.8	64.7	9.1	6.0	1.4	5.6	9.2	24.5	7.4	271.4	512.0	80.2	579.9	84.4	9.4	1.3	17.7	31.7
Limestone	4.8	10.2	57.3	10.5	3.3	3.0	11.0	10.6	31.6	6.7	124.4	821.1	49.8	472.7	109.7	15.0	1.4	17.3	23.6
Lowndes	12.4	6.8	52.8	16.8	11.1	4.1	15.8	12.7	108.1	6.8	0.0	437.1	54.6	54.6	261.3	12.5	5.2	32.6	50.9
Macon	13.3	11.9	51.3	12.4	1.2	3.9	15.5	11.7	0.0	3.6	64.8	194.5	129.7	713.2	40.2	11.7	6.4	35.1	59.2
Madison	8.1	10.8	69.3	8.4	3.8	2.1	7.9	11.2	14.5	8.4	398.3	982.8	171.9	842.4	36.7	8.9	1.9	15.8	28.9
Marengo	10.7	15.0	52.1	16.8	7.3	1.7	6.5	9.2	0.0	6.5	133.2	233.2	133.2	1,365.8	0.0	17.1	3.3	28.1	41.5
Marion	11.8	9.5	51.2	7.4	3.8	3.4	12.6	10.9	40.2	15.1	280.5	623.4	0.0	342.9	163.8	11.6	1.4	25.5	24.1
Marshall	9.3	8.4	46.2	9.1	2.7	2.4	9.2	11.7	36.9	38.0	780.3	930.4	40.0	560.2	200.9	13.4	1.9	22.9	27.0
Mobile	8.6	12.1	56.5	12.9	11.9	1.7	6.7	14.2	19.5	7.2	634.6	1,149.9	1,279.2	1,233.5	53.7	16.1	5.1	27.6	38.0
Monroe	3.5	16.1	51.7	16.1	1.2	3.1	12.0	11.1	20.6	3.6	392.7	589.0	32.7	359.9	56.5	16.7	1.9	25.0	34.6
Montgomery	7.6	11.2	58.8	13.3	6.7	4.7	18.3	12.9	31.8	4.4	333.4	580.6	513.1	891.4	52.7	15.5	6.1	26.8	42.6
Morgan	9.3	8.2	54.4	9.9	4.0	3.7	14.2	13.4	37.8	14.1	245.1	832.0	59.4	356.6	66.3	12.6	1.3	19.7	27.1
Perry	11.6	12.7	44.5	15.0	7.1	2.5	9.4	14.3	275.9	4.3	60.2	180.5	60.2	601.6	84.0	27.1	5.9	40.1	52.9
Pickens	0.0	13.4	51.5	11.5	5.4	1.8	6.9	11.1	0.0	9.8	648.7	686.9	190.8	763.2	0.0	16.8	2.8	27.0	40.2
Pike	18.1	14.7	54.0	15.2	9.4	3.6	13.8	15.0	37.4	11.3	769.2	1,703.2	109.9	1,401.0	87.5	18.8	4.3	29.9	41.7
Randolph	7.6	11.4	54.9	11.4	5.0	3.1	12.8	11.1	70.7	10.9	472.8	1,127.5	0.0	509.2	129.8	17.8	3.5	23.7	29.2
Russell	11.5	11.7	55.8	14.0	2.5	2.3	8.8	12.1	30.7	16.4	0.0	1,118.2	16.4	592.0	87.6	18.2	4.1	28.2	43.3
St. Clair	12.9	10.2	57.7	7.4	5.5	2.8	11.4	12.9	15.7	9.4	362.3	2,198.2	60.4	495.2	124.4	9.1	2.1	19.3	23.0
Shelby	5.1	9.1	68.9	3.3	3.6	1.8	7.0	8.6	21.4	5.4	204.4	252.8	32.3	521.7	26.8	4.1	0.6	7.8	17.2
Sumter	0.0	11.2	60.9	17.2	8.8	1.0	5.1	15.3	34.1	5.5	50.7	101.4	202.8	659.2	0.0	21.9	8.1	36.2	52.3
Talladega	8.3	13.4	54.2	13.2	5.5	5.1	18.9	11.7	27.2	12.0	74.3	859.7	10.6	1,103.8	52.9	16.5	2.2	24.5	35.1
Tallapoosa	4.2	9.8	58.8	11.9	3.5	3.8	14.3	14.2	27.6	3.4	482.1	1,425.5	83.9	1,111.0	76.1	13.2	2.1	24.5	34.6
Tuscaloosa	12.0	11.9	57.2	9.7	6.9	4.5	16.8	15.3	6.8	8.1	592.4	876.0	192.4	1,169.7	103.5	11.8	2.6	23.0	34.5
Walker	9.1	9.5	57.2	7.7	7.3	3.4	12.9	14.8	24.3	7.1	65.8	1,448.1	26.3	237.0	113.2	8.6	1.2	21.8	27.6
Washington	15.5	9.8	50.5	10.3	10.9	0.9	3.7	9.7	54.8	7.8	0.0	403.3	0.0	161.3	0.0	13.2	3.1	24.3	26.5
Wilcox	14.7	12.3	44.6	16.2	6.0	1.4	5.6	11.2	33.4	8.0	279.5	391.4	55.9	223.6	96.2	17.8	5.7	38.8	52.2
Winston	10.2	9.5	53.7	5.8	7.3	4.4	16.4	13.3	0.0	8.4	0.0	35.3	0.0	35.3	0.0	8.5	1.8	26.7	24.4
Alabama	8.7	10.5	58.6	10.5	6.4	2.9	11.1	12.4	27.7	8.9	406.9	866.4	231.4	715.2	75.4	12.5	2.9	22.3	32.8

# County Rankings

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Autauga	28	26	10	32	65	55	53	50	9	67	61	43	33	12	34	40	2	24
Baldwin	22	15	7	16	2	16	18	20	40	66	67	36	60	47	15	2	3	14
Barbour	44	53	49	58	37	64	64	59	13	64	40	63	58	15	63	51	58	57
Bibb	13	1	50	20	61	19	14	49	57	11	25	40	52	49	3	12	27	26
Blount	49	2	19	5	27	56	56	10	14	31	28	7	26	62	16	17	5	2
Bullock	5	63	62	62	67	36	36	56	51	1	6	15	14	9	66	60	59	67
Butler	26	55	38	61	30	67	67	52	6	27	3	35	8	51	59	48	57	53
Calhoun	27	24	24	17	48	53	54	14	56	43	44	59	61	44	23	44	36	36
Chambers	9	45	34	59	57	42	42	33	18	32	30	51	41	50	61	52	31	50
Cherokee	15	18	30	36	47	27	27	7	66	14	43	1	17	13	37	30	29	6
Chilton	50	32	58	4	11	15	16	39	8	35	27	55	24	65	5	22	20	11
Choctaw	36	22	4	51	39	6	6	55	20	1	13	1	6	27	42	28	46	47
Clarke	19	30	32	41	46	9	10	43	35	45	16	44	19	7	52	41	51	38
Clay	35	19	45	34	51	10	9	64	48	61	14	31	5	8	27	9	12	20
Cleburne	54	38	31	6	40	26	26	66	63	19	35	9	18	38	12	18	16	3
Coffee	8	16	21	18	20	40	40	23	21	65	66	45	39	6	22	23	16	32
Colbert	37	54	16	31	41	47	43	40	2	46	10	30	22	20	29	3	18	28
Conecuh	53	36	46	50	56	21	23	65	45	54	15	29	3	37	40	57	61	52
Coosa	29	62	35	54	62	66	66	9	15	24	20	47	44	66	41	43	14	37
Covington	18	20	41	44	29	33	34	60	32	53	62	25	10	35	51	39	44	30
Crenshaw	57	43	17	30	3	11	11	48	64	33	29	19	2	40	17	46	45	41
Cullman	7	33	37	13	24	29	28	13	59	12	34	5	40	23	24	7	10	4
Dale	20	9	13	26	23	23	22	3	19	52	52	46	55	2	28	32	25	35
Dallas	52	60	51	66	55	25	25	47	12	26	21	50	67	19	65	66	64	63
DeKalb	25	23	61	10	25	46	50	32	65	9	24	4	4	61	14	24	22	10
Elmore	24	29	14	24	26	37	38	34	5	51	50	52	43	18	19	20	8	16
Escambia	58	51	48	38	49	28	29	58	54	20	11	11	13	64	43	21	42	46
Etowah	17	14	28	29	19	54	55	45	61	29	23	22	31	57	26	11	33	33
Fayette	51	17	36	9	38	50	46	51	52	36	39	42	47	3	2	50	32	18
Franklin	48	13	65	11	32	12	13	42	30	44	56	17	21	32	8	34	42	13
Geneva	1	3	44	33	18	60	61	15	41	23	55	20	51	43	32	27	50	27
Greene	64	67	66	67	66	59	60	57	38	7	1	24	46	10	67	62	62	65
Hale	66	31	20	56	54	44	44	44	1	8	8	27	49	41	48	45	53	59
Henry	2	42	12	42	60	58	59	41	31	48	60	38	56	63	45	38	40	39

# County Rankings

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Houston	40	6	9	39	59	32	32	21	53	63	42	56	50	25	46	36	29	40
Jackson	14	28	25	15	14	24	24	28	47	18	57	8	25	53	11	16	21	15
Jefferson	45	50	5	37	17	14	15	19	25	49	19	62	36	45	25	53	13	48
Lamar	59	35	53	3	35	20	20	1	58	10	26	1	7	60	7	37	34	21
Lauderdale	6	46	8	19	9	48	47	5	44	58	63	37	42	34	21	4	25	19
Lawrence	32	12	22	28	10	2	2	63	46	1	45	12	37	58	30	13	15	12
Lee	12	4	3	12	22	7	7	31	17	41	17	61	35	29	4	6	7	34
Limestone	10	41	27	35	8	45	37	12	16	38	33	39	30	56	35	8	5	7
Lowndes	62	40	39	64	63	57	57	61	43	4	9	48	20	67	53	59	60	60
Macon	56	58	59	57	21	31	33	35	7	17	7	34	53	4	55	65	63	66
Madison	30	37	2	14	4	13	12	16	23	47	46	54	57	17	10	25	4	29
Marengo	67	59	60	48	58	5	5	30	28	37	18	64	63	22	44	49	54	54
Marion	47	21	56	2	28	63	63	54	60	39	49	10	11	55	6	15	41	8
Marshall	31	8	63	27	16	52	52	26	67	62	48	23	32	52	38	19	23	22
Mobile	34	57	33	45	64	3	3	25	39	57	59	67	65	24	49	58	52	49
Monroe	4	66	54	60	12	30	31	11	3	34	37	60	16	42	54	31	39	43
Montgomery	38	48	11	47	45	34	30	38	10	42	22	66	62	26	47	61	48	56
Morgan	21	7	26	25	5	49	49	24	42	21	38	28	29	33	33	5	11	23
Perry	23	65	64	49	50	18	19	67	37	5	2	41	48	5	60	63	67	64
Pickens	3	56	47	43	34	17	17	8	29	40	36	32	34	31	39	42	49	51
Pike	55	64	40	55	52	61	58	22	33	60	51	33	54	46	57	56	56	55
Randolph	42	27	43	40	33	39	48	36	49	55	58	18	23	48	36	54	27	31
Russell	63	47	6	52	6	41	39	46	62	15	54	49	45	54	56	55	55	58
St. Clair	39	11	15	21	43	38	45	29	24	50	53	21	27	39	18	29	9	5
Shelby	11	5	1	1	1	8	8	2	11	22	41	14	28	14	1	1	1	1
Sumter	33	52	29	63	36	1	1	37	26	16	4	53	15	21	62	67	65	62
Talladega	46	61	57	53	15	65	65	18	55	25	32	16	59	11	58	35	37	45
Tallapoosa	16	39	23	46	7	62	62	27	4	59	65	58	66	30	50	26	37	44
Tuscaloosa	60	49	18	23	44	51	51	6	34	56	47	65	64	36	13	33	24	42
Walker	61	25	42	7	42	35	35	17	50	28	64	26	9	59	9	10	19	25
Washington	65	34	52	22	53	4	4	62	22	13	12	6	12	16	31	47	34	17
Wilcox	41	44	67	65	31	22	21	53	36	30	31	57	38	28	64	64	66	61
Winston	43	10	55	8	13	43	41	4	27	6	5	13	1	1	20	14	46	9

## Definitions, Notes and Sources

**ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE** The percentage of births wherein prenatal care was begun by the fourth month of pregnancy and 80.0 percent or more of the recommended prenatal visits were made. This indicator is also known as the "adequacy of prenatal care utilization index" (M. Kotelchuck, "An Evaluation of the Kessner Adequacy of Prenatal Care Index and a Proposed Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index," *American Journal of Public Health*, 1994, 84[9]:1,414-1,420).

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, *Selected Maternal and Child Health Statistics*, 1999, Table 9 and *Alabama Vital Events*, 2004, Table 11.

**BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS:** The number of live births to unmarried females aged 10 through 19 expressed as a percentage of live births to women of all ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. *Alabama Vital Events: 1993*, Table 4-26, *Alabama Vital Events, County Profiles*, Vol. IV (1994-1998) and *County Health Profiles* (1999-2004).

**CHILD DEATH RATE:** Number of deaths from all causes to children aged 1 through 14 per 100,000 children of those ages.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

**CHILD DAY/NIGHT CARE FACILITIES:** The number of legal child day care/night care facilities located within a specified county as of January, 2006. "Legal facilities" are those that are licensed with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. This indicator encompasses family day/night care homes (serving six children or less), group day/night care homes (serving 7-12 children), licensed day/night care centers (serving more than 12 children), and day/night care centers that are exempt from licensure (serving more than 12 children with church exemption). Homes where children are cared for by relatives or friends, as well as those that operate as businesses but are not licensed with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, are not included in these numbers.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

**CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Special education students enrolled in grades K-12 expressed as a percentage of all students enrolled in K-12. Data reported are for the 1995-1996 and 2005-2006 school years and were collected through a special census undertaken during December

of those years. All categories of exceptionality are included in the data reported herein, except for the gifted.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

**CHILDREN IN POVERTY:** The number of children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all children under 18.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates for 1993 and 2003*, Released November, 2005. The poverty threshold for a family of four (two adults and two related children under 18) was \$14,654 in 1993 and \$18,660 in 2003. Caution should be exercised in comparing poverty data from model-based estimates (as used herein) between counties, over time, and with decennial census data (see *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*, General Cautions about Comparisons of Estimates, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

**CHILDREN IN EXTREME POVERTY:** Number of children under 18 living in households where the household income is less than 50.0 percent of the poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all children under 18.

Bureau of the Census, *2000 Census of Population and Housing*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Summary File 3, Table PCT50, Released May, 2002.

**CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF:** Number of children in families receiving TANF payments during February of the specified year expressed as a percentage of all children under 20. In 1996, the AFDC program ("Aid to Families with Dependent Children") became the TANF program ("Temporary Assistance to Needy Families").

Alabama Department of Human Resources, *Monthly Statistical Reporting for DHR Services*, February, 2005, DHR Website, [www.dhr.state.al.us](http://www.dhr.state.al.us), and unpublished data.

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:** Number of children aged 5-19 with a sensory, physical, mental and/or self-care limitation and persons aged 16-19 with a "going outside the home disability" (i.e., difficulty in shopping alone or in getting to a physician's office alone) and/or an employment disability. Data reported are for the civilian non-institutionalized population.

Bureau of the Census, *2000 Census of Population and Housing*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Summary File 3, Table P42, Released May, 2002.

**CHILDREN WITH INDICATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT:** Number of children with indication of abuse or neglect per 1,000

children under 18. This measure involves instances of child abuse or neglect where both credible evidence and the professional judgement of the social worker substantiate that an alleged perpetrator is responsible for harming the child.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Center for Information Services Partnership.

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH INDEX:** Percent of total births with none of six birth characteristics that affect children's later school success (late or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain, mother smoked during pregnancy, mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, three or more older siblings and closely spaced birth).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

**EMPLOYED MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** Percent of mothers with children under six either employed or serving in the armed forces.

U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *1990 Census of Population and Housing*, Summary Tape File 3A, Issued in CD-ROM Format, December, 1992, Table P073 and Bureau of the Census, *2000 Census of Population and Housing*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Summary File 3, Table P45.

**EVENT DROPOUT RATE:** The number of students who dropped out of grades 9-12 during the specified school year expressed as a percentage of the total enrolled in grades 9-12 on the fortieth day of that school year. Data are reported for public schools only.

Alabama public schools adhere to the definition of "dropout" developed by the National Center of Education Statistics. According to this definition, a dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school sometime during the previous year and was not enrolled on October 1 of the current school year; or was not enrolled on October 1 of the previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program; and does not meet any of the exclusionary conditions (i.e., transfer to another school system or approved educational program, temporary absence due to suspension or illness, or death).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

**FIRST GRADE RETENTION RATE:** The number of students enrolled in the first grade during the specified school year who were not promoted to the second grade expressed as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the first grade. Data are reported for public schools only.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

**INFANT MORTALITY RATE:** Number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. *Alabama Vital Events: 1993*, Table 5-31, *Alabama Vital Events, County Profiles*, Vol. IV (1994-1998) and *County Health Profiles* (1999-2004).

**JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARREST RATE:** Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10-17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

**JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT REFERRAL RATE:** Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of *Statistical Reports* for 1994 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 through 2005.

**JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARREST RATE:** Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for violent offenses (homicide/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

**JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME COURT REFERRAL RATE:** Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, or simple assault per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of *Statistical Reports* for 1994 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data provided by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 through 2005.

**LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS:** Percentage of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams).

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. *Alabama Vital Events: 1993*, Table 4-23, *Alabama Vital Events, County Profiles*, Vol. IV (1994-1998) and *County Health Profiles* (1999-2004).

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** The point at which half of the households are above

a specified income level and half of the households are below.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates for 1993 and 2003*, Released November, 2005. Incomes for 1993 have been adjusted for inflation so that they will be comparable with 2003 dollars. Caution should be exercised in comparing income data from model-based estimates (as used herein) between counties, over time, and with decennial census data (see *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, General Cautions about Comparisons of Estimates*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

**PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL:** The number of persons living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of the total population.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates for 1993 and 2003*, Released November, 2005. The poverty threshold for a family of four (two adults and two related children under 18) was \$14,654 in 1993 and \$18,660 in 2003. Caution should be exercised in comparing poverty data from model-based estimates (as used herein) between counties, over time, and with decennial census data (see *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, General Cautions about Comparisons of Estimates*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)).

**POPULATION:** Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to persons under 20 years of age.

Bureau of the Census, *2000 Census of Population and Housing*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Summary File 1, Tables PCT12H-PCT120), Released March, 2002; and Bureau of the Census, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), *County Characteristic Estimates Data*, Released August, 2005.

**PRENATAL CARE IN FIRST TRIMESTER:** Percent of mothers who started prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, unpublished data (1993) and *Alabama Vital Statistics*, Table 10 (2004).

**PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATH RATE:** Number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to persons aged 15 through 19 per 100,000 persons in that age group.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

**PROJECTED DROPOUT RATE:** The proportion of the ninth grade class for the specified school year that would drop out of school prior to graduation if that year's grade specific dropout rates were to remain constant in subsequent years. This proce-

dures produces a projected, four-year dropout rate for a hypothetical cohort of students. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data. For the definition of "dropout" used by Alabama's public school systems, see the information reported above for the "Event Dropout Rate."

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

**SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES:** Percent of all families with children under 18 years of age headed by only one parent.

Bureau of the Census, *1990 Census of Housing and Population*, Summary Tape File 1C, Issued in CD-ROM Format, February, 1992, Table P018 and Bureau of the Census, *2000 Census of Population and Housing*, Census Bureau Website, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Summary File 1, Table P19, Released March, 2002.

**TREND ANALYSIS:** Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminant" (—). Trends are not provided for single-parent families and children in poverty because of lack of sufficient data, nor are they provided for other selected indicators.

**VULNERABLE FAMILIES:** First births to unmarried teenage mothers who have not finished high school as a percentage of first births to women of all ages. Includes only births where the birth order is known.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

*All data are reported by county of residence except the juvenile violent crime arrest rate and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate (tabulated according to the county where the arrest occurred) and the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate (tabulated according to the county where the offense took place). Crime data reflect information that is reported by local law enforcement officials to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center. However, they should be viewed with caution because of possible variations in arrest and reporting practices among reporting agencies.*

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