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ABSTRACT

This data book presents findings of the Kids Count project on current conditions faced by Louisiana children ages birth to 19 years of age. Data is presented in a table format by individual indicator for each of the parishes, and is further broken down by race. The first subject area addresses poverty and statistics on children receiving AFDC, Food Stamps, WIC, and Child Care Assistance. The second area examines births to teens, low birthweight babies, prenatal care, the infant mortality rate, immunizations, and rate of violent deaths. The third area examines crime cases of assault and battery, burglary, drugs, status offenses, theft, property crimes, and crimes against persons. The fourth area of study is child physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and children placed in foster care. The fifth area of study is public education and includes registration, per pupil expenditures, teacher salary, and dropout rates. The final section shows statistics on child support. The report ends with state summary tables for the following indicators: foster care, food stamps, child abuse and neglect, children receiving AFDC, low birthweight babies, births to women under 19, infant mortality rates, prenatal care, and live births. The report shows that one in three of all children, and one in two of African American children, in Louisiana lives in poverty. (SD)

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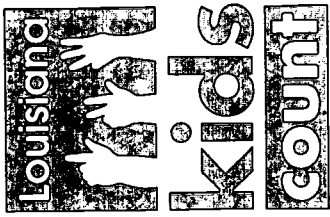
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‘If I had an opportunity to speak to the world leaders I think at first I would not speak at all. Instead I would take with me a new born baby deep in sleep. I would walk before each of them so they could see the baby breathe a breath or two.

Then I would say, ‘You have just looked into the face of peace. Leaders of today’s world, when you plan your budget for world hunger, please be sure this baby has enough to eat. When you make your bombs which blow up, and maim, and kill, please rearrange them so none of them hurt this baby. When you discuss your problems do it softly so you will not wake this baby. When you sell your wares, buy your weapons, think of this child’s perfect face and remember to keep it unscratched. When you imprison your enemies and cage them remember this child’s easy motions. Then ask yourself why any mother’s child should be less free than this child.’

Then when one of the leaders would ask me as I’m sure one of them would, ‘Who is this child who deserves such consideration?’ I’d turn to them and say: ‘This child is Irish, sir, a little child from Belfast. No, the child is from Lebanon, his family was massacred. No, this child is a Black child from a burned down tenement in the Bronx. No, a Third World baby whose country I do not know. No, sir, this is your baby and your baby’s baby and forever on. This child is the past and this child is the present. You will decide if this child is the future.’”

Written by a teenager participating in the World Peace Essay contest as quoted in:

International Year of the Youth  
Final Report, September 13-15, 1983  
U.N. Headquarters, New York, N.Y.  
Sharif, Mohammad  
Executive Secretary

Olaveela Daste and I have worked together since 1974. These are our grandbabies on the front cover. Our realities are different. She’s African

American and struggles to survive in a world of racism. I live in a world of white privilege. But there are similarities too. We’ve watched each others’ children grow up and now we look forward to the same with their children.

We have a similar vision for these babies and all babies. It’s a vision of a world of kindness, community, and opportunity. We want these babies to feel as safe and secure in the years ahead as they were on that grassy space in the sunshine a few weeks ago. We want all babies to be that safe and secure. We want these babies to grow up strong and capable and free to believe that success is within their reach. We want that for all babies. Our sense is that you want the same. The challenge is to figure out how we get there, together.





The Year in Perspective

It's been a strange year for Agenda for Children. In April, our name appeared as the local contact on a full page newspaper ad about issues being debated in Congress and their impact on Louisiana's children. The ad included pictures of children, with state specific projections of federal cuts based on figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Our phone number was given to call for more information. We were ready for an influx of calls. But we weren't ready for the type of calls that came- 40 calls in two days, ranging from hostile to furious. People called us names, challenged our perspective, and accused us of lying. Though nobody could refute the facts and figures that were printed, they held fast to their anger. We hold fast to the facts.

We have seen public policy responses to the facts about the children and families of our state and nation emerge seemingly from a belief that if we can manage to make poverty even more difficult, families will give it up. We have watched the erosion of supports for the working poor while listening to the rhetoric of those who would force yet more parents into the low wage workforce without adequate care for their children. We asked Louisiana lawmakers to commit to maintaining an investment in children and families, but they refused. It's been a very strange year.

The facts are now in for our fourth year of publishing the Data Book on Louisiana's Children. Put altogether, the numbers still paint a bleak picture. Yes, there have been good efforts and some successes, but not enough. We can do better. That's a fact that we choose to accept, on your behalf as well as our own, as a challenge.

If we are to collectively take up the challenge of reversing the direction of the statistics that describe Louisiana's children, we will need to get beyond argument and rhetoric, anger and blame. We will need to acknowledge the realities, and see what we can agree on.

As a start, can we agree that a combination of personal and collective responsibility is needed to move Louisiana's children into a future that offers opportunity, security, and stability? Can we agree that across the lines of race, family income, and parish boundaries, the futures of your children and mine are connected? Can we agree that the challenge of building a better future for the children of this state and nation is the most critical issue we face? Then we must look, listen, and learn and we must plan and act accordingly.

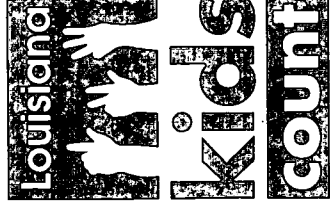
We begin by listening to, and learning from the voices of children and their families. We must listen to a young college student with a tiny baby who is forced to drop out of school because she can't afford child care. We can learn a lot by listening to this young woman with great promise who, with access to affordable child care, will proceed to graduate and move on to a career. Without that small investment, her future and her baby's is bleak.

We can also learn from listening to the resident leader from public housing who volunteers her time to improve housing and youth programming in her community for her own children and those of her neighbors. "My people want to work," she says. "We just need jobs, and we need to be able to get child care and health care."

We can learn from a group of African American men, many of them fathers, who have come together collectively to build lives of responsibility and self-sufficiency. Even though many have skills, the doors of permanent employment at decent wages are closed to them.

In the current political landscape the Federal "safety net," created to supply the most basic resources to families and children, is at risk of being unraveled. This is not the first time supports for poor and working poor families have been attacked. For two centuries, critics calling themselves reformers have mobilized political support by attacking public assistance. Since the invention of the idea of aid to families in medieval Europe, and throughout its history in the United States, "poor

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carefully balanced family economy. Low wage work does not lift a family out of poverty either. A full-time minimum-wage worker with a family of four will not even reach two-thirds of the poverty level (Economic Report of the President, 1994). Many parents in America work hard but still stay poor. Since 1980, the number of people working full-time but still living in poverty has increased by 50%, while average hourly earnings in private industry have fallen by 14.6% since 1973, and are now at their lowest since 1968 (Handler and Hasenfeld, 1995).

The bottom line in Louisiana is that 1 in 3 of all, children and 1 in 2 African American children live in poverty. These facts about poverty, work, and welfare in Louisiana press hardest on African American families and are the reality that young men organizing their community to build a better life for themselves and their children point to when they say "Stop economic racism."

Persistent poverty underlies many if not most of the ills described in the statistics on Louisiana's children and families. Health care may be a difficult problem for all of us, but it's substantially more difficult to find with no means to pay for it. The same is true of child care, housing, and all the other things it takes to raise a family. Moving our children successfully through adolescence poses challenges for those with plentiful resources, but it is even more daunting for those whose teens have no clear vision of a successful, productive future ahead of them. Even child abuse, and certainly child neglect, ties in some measure to poverty as healthy families succumb to the extraordinary stress and desperation of not having nearly enough to get by.

We can do better.

## The Mission of Agenda For Children

The challenge is to listen to those directly affected by social and economic crisis as well as those who develop political and social policy.

relief" has been used not only to relieve human suffering but also to pacify people when desperation to feed, house, and clothe their families brought them to the streets in protest. Inevitably, aid is rolled back when the need to force people to accept low wage jobs begins to outweigh corporate and government fear of civil unrest (Piven and Cloward, [1971] 1993). As real wages are frozen at the lowest possible levels for families across income levels, those in the middle class perceive that it is poor families on public assistance who are causing everyone's economic situation to become tighter. The rhetoric does its damage when getting parents into minimum wage jobs becomes a higher priority than making the investment necessary for them to earn a living wage.

## The Facts on Poverty and Public Assistance

For all the sensation they have generated lately, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamps, two of the largest programs that serve the poor, account for only 2.5% of the federal budget (Budget of the U.S., 1995; 1994 Green Book). In Louisiana, AFDC costs take up less than one half of one percent of state revenue (La. Dept. of Social Services, 1994).

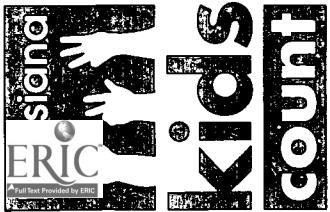
These expenditures do not lift families out of poverty. A parent with one child on AFDC receives \$138 per month in Louisiana. For a family of three, the family income is \$190. Adding Food Stamps, the family income rises to only half of a poverty level income. Nor do these expenditures amount to a huge burden on taxpayers. In fact, the average family earning \$50,000 a year contributes less than \$2 per day (\$615 per year) to help support all federal programs that benefit poor people, including the elderly and disabled poor (Topolnicki, 1995). At the state level the average taxpayer contributes only \$22 per year to support AFDC (La. Dept. of Revenue and Taxation, 1994).

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Then we can come together in the context of the larger community on some common agreements that help gather the collective will to plan, allocate resources, monitor and evaluate the appropriate supports for families to realize their potential.

The mission of Agenda for Children is to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive. Ours is a living, working mission that calls us...

I. To act in ways that combat racism and other forms of oppression

Today, working with those directly affected by social and economic crisis means confronting the evidence of institutional racism. It means learning to listen with culturally sensitive ears and to respect indigenous leadership. It means measuring the presence of racism not by overt intentions, but by actual results of policies on individuals, families, and communities of color.

Read the actual results in the statistics contained in this book. If African American children in Louisiana faced the same odds as white children in the state: 191,533 fewer would live in poverty, 231 fewer would die before their first birthday, 7,080 fewer babies would be born to mothers who did not receive adequate prenatal care, and 2,205 fewer would live in foster care.

Institutional racism also exists in policies and decisions that ignore the strengths of low income African American families in Louisiana. Despite the ways that the social and economic climate of these times continues to divert resources from African American communities, most African American children still survive and even thrive in the context of love and support their families provide. Once we understand that the systems which are supposed to be lifting children up are not working for African American children, we can see the importance of the leadership of these families in defining the problems and the solutions.

II. To ensure that the basic needs of children and families are met

Under ordinary circumstances middle income families are able to provide sufficiently for basic needs, although emergencies such as a major health problem or non-payment of child support from an absent parent can propel many of them into less stable straits. For single-parent families, consistent, increased child support collections can provide some financial stability. Child support collections have increased slightly, with collections established in 42% of cases in fiscal year 1995, compared to 40% in fiscal year 1991. Tougher collection laws hold promise for collecting more of what is owed to children, but limitations such as inadequate computer tracking systems and the slow pace at which collection orders are established threatens the well-being of thousands of Louisiana kids.

For low to middle income working families, there is support for their efforts through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). 450,374 families in this state benefitted from the EITC last year, which helped them bridge the gap between low wages and what is needed to support a family.

Working poor and out of work parents face daily difficulties. In fact, working poor and out of work parents are basically interchangeable, given the difficulty of maintaining a low wage job while providing for the daily needs and demands of a family. People often find themselves slipping back and forth between jobs and joblessness, between meeting basic needs and seeing their children go without. The national reality is that 60% of all women on AFDC will leave the rolls for work within the first year. 40% of these will return to the rolls, because low-wage employment results in the loss of health care for their children and a constant struggle to access affordable quality child care (Handler and Hasenfeld, 1995).

Can we agree that it doesn't make sense to force parents into the workplace until that arena offers them the capacity to provide for the

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basic needs of themselves and their children? If so, can we agree on what that will take? We suggest:

**Jobs:** Jobs with decent wages need to be accessible to all parents. To be effective, these jobs must be within realistic distances from home and within realistic skill levels, supported by training and education, with reasonable and predictable hours. Benefits must, at a minimum, include sick leave for parents' and children's illness. And finally, jobs must offer some level of permanency.

**Child care:** Most families can't afford it on low wages. Relying on friends and family members is impossible for many, and unreliable for most of the rest. Affordable, quality child care must be available for all working parents at the hours and days when work is available.

**Health care:** Working poor parents are forced to sit up all night in emergency rooms for their children's minor illness. Minor illnesses become major, and more costly in human as well as economic terms, while parents try to avoid missing work. Teachers and caregivers are forced to make decisions about sending sick children home, knowing Mom might lose her job. The national debate around health care must begin to focus on making the system work for those who need it, rather than catering first to the interests of the institutions that provide it.

**Housing:** This is a bottom line. It's difficult to focus on work if the plumbing backs up every night, lead paint chips are flaking off the walls, the refrigerator has been broken for six weeks, and you and your 2 children share one bedroom. Decent, safe, and sanitary housing must be accessible to all families.

Can we agree that as long as the world of work cannot offer a parent the means to provide for the basic needs of her children, it is heartless to demand that she enter it? Can we agree that quality child care, health care and housing allows families to work and remain financially independent?

### III. To ensure that our children are nurtured and well taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence

Can we agree that homes and child care centers and schools and communities must be developed in ways that nurture and teach our children and youth? If so, can we arrive at some common understandings? These are some things that we understand:

Louisiana's fragmented child care and early education system is set up to fail, and the wonder is that so many programs and classrooms somehow succeed despite the barriers set up against them.

Out of home child care and early education takes place in four main settings:

- 1) Licensed child care centers- These come in many varieties, large and small, for profit and non-profit, "stand alone" or programs of larger institutions.
- 2) Family child care homes: This is where someone provides care in her own home for fewer than seven children, largely informal and unregulated.
- 3) Head Start: These are federally operated, with community based management, comprehensive services, and a mandate for parent involvement.

4) Schools: These are preschool classrooms for four year olds and sometimes three year olds. They operate on a school-day, school year schedule.

Let's look at child care centers and family child care homes, for the most part the only settings available to children under three years of age. The most common fee is \$55 per week for babies and \$50 per week for children over two years of age. At that rate, a parent with only one child, working at, say \$6 per hour, pays over 20% of her gross income on child care fees. A provider caring for 5 babies in her home grosses \$14,300

a year, assuming that every slot is filled and paid for every day. Out of that she must get a salary, plus costs of equipment and supplies, food, an occasional substitute, taxes, and sometimes transportation. What's more, providing properly for the nurture and guidance of five babies takes more than one caregiver.

Some help is available. Federal and state child care assistance funds assist some low income families with the fees, but the current wait for this assistance in Louisiana is 9 months and the waiting list has 4,233 families on it. Some caregivers may receive assistance with the cost of food from the federal Child Care Food Program, but this funding source—like the other—falls short of the real need.

Head Start centers and school-based preschool programs do better since they have a more stable public funding base. However, there are waiting lists for these programs in most areas of the state, and working parents usually need to make other child care arrangements for hours and days beyond the school-day/year schedule.

In virtually every discussion about solving the problems plaguing children and youth, education plays a deservedly prominent role. Quality child care and early education are the basis for success in later years. After more than a decade of following children enrolled in a quality pre school program, one study found significantly better outcomes for these children than for their peers who did not have such an opportunity (Schweinhart and Weikart, 1993). Given this knowledge, there is no good moral or financial justification for our kids to be on waiting lists rather than in classrooms. Nor can we justify warehousing young children in under-funded programs. Sacrificing children's healthy development and early learning at the altar of family self sufficiency won't pay off in the short term or long term.

When students are in classrooms they need skilled, attentive teachers who guide them and have high expectations for their success. We need to assume success for every child, regardless of race or socio-economic

background. Children's success in school hinges on our attitudes toward them, how we track them, how much time we invest in their schooling as teachers, parents, and mentors. It also hinges on our financial investment.

Despite the fact that many people talk about the importance of quality education for all children, we are inconsistent in our financial support for schools. In Louisiana, per pupil spending ranges from a high of \$6,335 in Cameron Parish to a low of \$2,845 in Acadia Parish. Teachers' salaries range from a high average of \$28,178 in Caddo Parish to a low average of \$19,199 in Red River Parish. Overall, Louisiana ranks 37th in the nation for spending on educating our children and 48th in what we pay the people responsible for doing it.

School dropout figures also appear in this book. 12,128 children dropped out of Louisiana schools last year. Schools with high percentages of dropouts tend to have low average test scores and low attendance (Louisiana Progress Profiles, 1993). Also, the larger the school, the higher the dropout rate tends to be. Children who drop out of school will face much greater difficulty in the labor force than their peers who graduate. It is worth noting that the number of dropouts reported here is an "event rate" which means it is a count only of students who drop out in a given year. If we were to look at cumulative numbers based on the proportion of 16-19 year olds who are not enrolled in school, for instance, the number would be even higher.

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We understand that the primary arena for a child's nurture and care and even learning has always been and continues to be the home. But parents of today's children and at this rate tomorrow's children, find their capacity eroded by the stresses of poverty, the violence of racism, and the erosion of stable communities and institutions.

### IV. To ensure that children are protected from harm

Can we agree that if our children are to thrive, they must first be

protected from harm? If so, can we also agree that long term solutions to violence in communities and abuse in the home must reach past punishment toward protection?

The good news is that most of our children are protected from the direct impact of violence and abuse. The bad news is that the number of those who are not safe is increasing, and the indirect impact of the violence that children witness has a profound effect on their capacity to feel safe and secure and optimistic about a future that's worth preparing for.

The number of children known to have been abused or neglected was 14,795 in fiscal year 1995. And this figure reveals only part of the problem, for many cases of abuse never enter the formal child protection system.

13,657 children entered the juvenile justice system in fiscal year 1995, up from 12,481 in 1992. Some of their crimes were minor infractions - status offenses which don't represent an immediate threat for either the child or the community. But many of the children reflected in that figure are headed down a path of self-destruction, and they are sometimes taking others with them.

Why would a young man who truly does not expect to live to enjoy his 21st birthday be motivated to study hard and stay in school? Why would a young woman who receives demeaning messages from all sides throughout her life be likely to delay child-bearing for the prospect of a rewarding future?

In many ways the long term solutions to violence and abuse must be directed by communities determined to offer nurture and guidance for their children and opportunities for their youth. Many troubled families can be healed through the efforts of community based family preservation programs, yet we support only a sprinkling of such programs while investing substantially in institutional care. Community based foster care, as yet untried in Louisiana, keeps children in their own communities, offering parents the opportunity to maintain a relationship with their

children while they rebuild their capacity to be successful parents.

There is no state system of resources for youth development in Louisiana, and the isolated programs that do exist, often with private funds, primarily address youth from a deficit approach. We have teen pregnancy prevention programs, dropout prevention programs, drug prevention programs, and violence prevention programs. Without undermining the importance of prevention, can we also have a commitment to a statewide network of community-based youth programs, rooted in the exciting potential of the adolescent and teen years instead of the pitfalls?

It's no secret that young people who have a place to go and something to do in the evening hours are less likely to become teen parents. It's no secret that young people who have the support and encouragement they need to pursue interests and talents are less likely to experiment with drugs. It's no secret that young people who feel excited about their own potential are less likely to give way to rage and violence. We do know what to do. What's lacking is the will to do it.

### The Challenge

Most of you will agree with the principles of our mission. But, many of you will say, "We just can't afford it." Our response, of course, is that we can't afford not to. We can take our charge from the commitment of a responsible parent who knows that some things have to wait. We admire the mother who avoids the temptation of new clothes because she knows she needs that money to take the children to the dentist. We honor the father who regularly takes out the first portion of his check to pay child support and gives up a weekend vacation to take the children on an outing. We appreciate the grandparents who forego a new car in favor of setting aside money to help with child care and school expenses.

We can be that kind of a state. We can explain that we have to cut back on industrial tax exemptions because we have to invest in our schools.





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We can re-direct dollars from over-stuffed contracts to develop opportunities for our youth. We can control costs and eliminate fraud in institutions providing health care so that funds are used to keep more children healthy. We can choose to create more equitable personal tax policies because we have to strengthen the capacity of families to lift themselves out of poverty.

There are also ways that we can do better with what we have and what we commit. Our fragmented service delivery systems could be woven together in ways that truly resemble a safety net instead of the obstacle course created by a series of unrelated application forms. Cost effective home based care and family support can often replace the major expenditures of institutional care. Dollars spent on prevention and intervention can reduce big budget items like prisons, foster care, and neonatal intensive care. The relatively new and innovative Families in Need of Services (FINS) program attached to juvenile and district courts statewide is a good example of an effort to reach young people at the first sign of problems.

Can we agree, finally, that the over-representation of African American children at the negative ends of the indicators of child well-being cannot be written off as a glitch? Then let's come together collectively in an earnest effort to identify the ways racism works in our institutions and begin to root it out and repair the damage. We cannot dismantle racism individually because we didn't create it individually. Ignoring it will not make it go away and talking about it will not make it worse. And we can't make the statistics better unless we pay attention to what's happening at the bottom ends.

There is a set of principles known as the Nguzo Saba, which were compiled by Ron Karenga to guide African Americans toward a values-based way of life. The Nguzo Saba speaks to values we can all embrace: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. We would like to end this preface and begin the work ahead with the words customarily used to

close the unity circle at which the Nguzo Saba is spoken, "The future is open! We must decide!"

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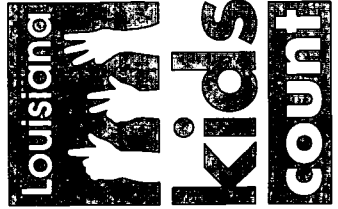
# children in Louisiana

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# children in Louisiana

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL includes all races
Total (1994)	818,251	523,393	4,315,085
Under 20 (1992)	200,124	134,009	1,366,579
Under 5 (1992)			340,448

**POVERTY & INCOME (1990 Census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty  
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 18  
% Female Householder Families with Children under 18 in Poverty  
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 5  
% Female Householder Families with Children under 5 in Poverty  
Median Family Income (1994)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	15.4	56.5	31.4
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	16.1	60.3	33.5
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 18	53,549	108,556	163,933
% Female Householder Families with Children under 18 in Poverty	36.9	71.4	60.1
Number of Female Householder Families with Children under 5	8,085	16,296	24,685
% Female Householder Families with Children under 5 in Poverty	46.6	73.2	73.7
Median Family Income (1994)			\$25,676

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995):**

AFDC  
Average AFDC Household Size  
Average AFDC Monthly Payment  
Food Stamps  
Average Food Stamps Household Size  
Average Food Stamps Monthly Coupons  
WIC  
Medicaid  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List  
Earned Income Tax Credit (# of families, 1994)

AFDC	173,825
Average AFDC Household Size	3.04
Average AFDC Monthly Payment	\$159.70
Food Stamps	342,035
Average Food Stamps Household Size	2.7
Average Food Stamps Monthly Coupons	\$194.36
WIC	99,118
Medicaid	368,223
Child Care Assistance	7,533
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	4,233
Earned Income Tax Credit (# of families, 1994)	450,374

**MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Live Births  
% Births to Women < 19  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 births)  
% Up-To-Date Immunization (Public Clinics, 1994)  
% Children without Health Insurance  
Child Death Rate (rate per 1,000, 1992)  
Teen Violent Death Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)

Live Births	38,341	29,626	69,328
% Births to Women < 19	12.8	26.7	18.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.2	13.7	9.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	80.6	56.7	70.1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 births)	7.7	15.5	10.9
% Up-To-Date Immunization (Public Clinics, 1994)			69.1
% Children without Health Insurance			22.2
Child Death Rate (rate per 1,000, 1992)	30.7	49.2	37.7
Teen Violent Death Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992)	87.9	125.3	100





# Children in Louisiana

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (cont.)

Teen Suicide Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992) 17.1  
 Teen Accident Death Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992) 64.5  
 Teen Homicide Rate (rate per 100,000, 1992) 6.3

White			TOTAL
	17.1	6.8	13.1
	64.5	39.4	53.8
	6.3	79.1	33.1

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

- Assault/Battery
- Burglary
- Drugs
- Theft
- Homicide
- Robbery
- Sex Crimes
- Status Offenses
- Weapons
- Other Property Crimes
- Other Crimes Against Persons

	3,782	9,675	13,657
			1,958
			2,134
			1,423
			2,626
			184
			575
			277
			1,114
			633
			1,110
			535

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

- Physical Abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Children in Foster Care

	6,138	8,227	14,795
			3,296
			9,729
			1,065
	1,816	4,024	5,981

## PUBLIC EDUCATION 1993-94 school year

- Registration
- Per Pupil Expenditures (average)
- Teacher Salary (average)
- Dropouts

	771,372
	\$4,160
	\$26,285
	12,128

## CHILD SUPPORT (fiscal year 1995)

- Number of Cases
- % of Cases with Collection
- Amount Owed
- Amount Paid

	280,985	
	42.3	
	\$162,861,039	32
	\$132,046,923	

# children in the parishes

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children in Acadia Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts



# children in the parishes

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
14,901	4,394	56,855
3,657	1,148	19,342
		4,816
25.9	76.4	37.1
26.1	75.8	38.0
		2,289
		5,014
		752
		42
		35
669	247	918
17.5	31.6	21.2
6.0	13.7	8.0
71.9	48.8	65.7
11.2	16.5	12.6
		50.8
63	121	184
		27
		35
		30
		20
		20
		18
		24
189	104	294
		68
		190
		30
59	25	84
		10,731
		\$2,845
		\$22,912
		72



children in Allen Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	5,160	1,756	23,322
Under 20 (1992)	1,242	448	7,026
Under 5 (1992)			1,708

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	26.1	61.3	36.0
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	23.9	69.8	36.2

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	658
Food Stamps	1,531
WIC	1,014
Child Care Assistance	16
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	8

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	246	86	337
% Births to Teens	19.1	29.1	21.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.8	10.9	7.8
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	68.8	47.7	63.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	4.7	9.3	6.4
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			80.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	67	57	124
Assault/Battery			16
Burglary			32
Drugs			7
Status Offenses			25
Theft			13
Other Property Crimes			21
Other Crimes Against Persons			10

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	81	39	122
Physical Abuse			22
Neglect			89
Sexual Abuse			3
Children in Foster Care	15	40	56

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	4,440
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,139
Teacher Salary (average)	\$23,776
Dropouts	40

children in the parishes

# children in the parishes

## children in Ascension Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
 Under 20 (1992)  
 Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
15,024	6,029	63,885
3,565	1,564	21,159
		5,160

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
 % Children under Age 5 in Poverty

22.0  
 23.2

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
 Food Stamps  
 WIC  
 Child Care Assistance  
 Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,220  
 4,147  
 1,369  
 53  
 54

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
 % Births to Teens  
 % Low Birthweight Babies  
 % Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
 Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
 % Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

798  
 10.3  
 6.2  
 83.3  
 5.0

322  
 21.7  
 13.6  
 58.7  
 14.8

1,123  
 13.5  
 8.5  
 76.3  
 8.0  
 74.3

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
 Assault/Battery  
 Burglary  
 Drugs  
 Status Offenses  
 Theft  
 Other Property Crimes  
 Other Crimes Against Persons

76  
 80  
 158  
 36  
 25  
 16  
 1  
 45  
 17  
 18

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
 Physical Abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual Abuse  
 Children in Foster Care

57  
 34  
 95  
 30  
 54  
 9  
 41

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
 Per Pupil Expenditures  
 Teacher Salary (average)  
 Dropouts

13,889  
 \$4,517  
 \$26,696  
 106

40



children in Assumption Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	4,678	2,994	22,678
Under 20 (1992)	1,109	710	7,734
Under 5 (1992)			1,831

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	22.1	62.9	37.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	16.1	66.4	34.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	851		
Food Stamps	1,974		
WIC	888		
Child Care Assistance	17		
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	6		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	193	155	349
% Births to Teens	7.8	23.2	14.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.6	13.6	9.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	76.4	75.3	75.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	10.1	13.7	11.7
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			77.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	3	10	13
Assault/Battery			2
Burglary			2
Drugs			3
Status Offenses			1
Theft			3
Other Property Crimes			2
Other Crimes Against Persons			

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	5	25	31

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration			4,973
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,934
Teacher Salary (average)			\$24,143
Dropouts			5

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children in the parishes



# children in the parishes

## children in Avoyelles Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
8,032	4,248	39,840
1,835	1,127	12,335
		2,979

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

31.0	73.7	45.2
37.3	81.8	53.5

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,434	22	29
3,566		
1,544		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

340	223	565
18.5	26.5	21.6
6.3	12.5	8.7
67.6	41.4	57.1
7.1	9.5	8.0
		71.3

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

44	77	121
		24
		36
		6
		4
		17
		14
		10

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

81	71	156
		46
		80
		18
17	27	45

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

7,629	
\$3,737	
\$22,625	
47	







children in Beaufort Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)			TOTAL
Under 20 (1992)	8,064		(includes all races)
Under 5 (1992)	1,993		31,400
		1,672	9,822
		406	2,412

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	16.6	53.4	22.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	18.6	44.0	22.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC	630
Food Stamps	1,456
WIC	6,475
Child Care Assistance	21
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	26

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	462	84	555
% Births to Teens	19.9	31.0	21.8
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.6	7.3	6.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	63.1	33.3	58.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	5.4	10.8	6.3
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			67.0

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	66	39	107
Assault/Battery			12
Burglary			21
Drugs			7
Status Offenses			2
Theft			37
Other Property Crimes			13
Other Crimes Against Persons			13

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	114	25	140
Physical Abuse			27
Neglect			88
Sexual Abuse			9
Children in Foster Care	20	5	25

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			6,567
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,050
Teacher Salary (average)			\$25,809
Dropouts			41

Children in the parishes

## children in Bienville Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
2,355	2,429	16,086
543	646	4,789
		1,190

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

25.2	55.9	40.1
20.9	59.3	40.8

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

717		
1,458		
864		
11		
6		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

106	115	222
17.9	23.5	20.7
5.7	13.0	9.8
75.5	39.5	57.0
9.5	14.7	12.4
		83.7

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery

Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

17	39	56
		7
		13
		2
		3
		9
		6
		6

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse

Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

8	10	20
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### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,927		
\$4,694		
\$25,082		
24		

# children in the parishes





# Children in the parishes

## children in Bossier Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
19,731	7,364	89,369
5,127	2,003	27,501
		7,227

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

11.6	51.2	22.0
15.1	58.1	26.9

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,836		
4,540		
514		
112		
70		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

903	423	1,347
10.9	25.3	15.3
5.8	13.1	7.9
85.8	58.8	77.2
6.7	12.6	8.3
		70.8

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

112	88	203
		15
		25
		10
		4
		18
		7
		27

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

106	94	216
		53
		132
		28
		100

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

16,768	
\$4,221	
\$24,162	
106	

# children in the parishes

## children in Caddo Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
 Under 20 (1992)  
 Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
36,017	39,882	246,787
8,957	10,272	76,423
		19,354

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
 % Children under Age 5 in Poverty

10.3	56.9	34.2
11.1	64.3	38.8

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
 Food Stamps  
 WIC  
 Child Care Assistance  
 Child Care Assistance Waiting List

10,777	22,259	1,554	706	408
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### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
 % Births to Teens  
 % Low Birthweight Babies  
 % Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
 Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
 % Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,985	1,676	3,699
27.7	11.8	20.3
13.9	6.1	10.3
56.4	84.1	69.1
15.9	6.5	11.5
		65.3

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
 Assault/Battery  
 Burglary  
 Drugs  
 Status Offenses  
 Theft  
 Other Property Crimes  
 Other Crimes Against Persons

80	302	382
		29
		73
		34
		21
		77
		24
		124

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
 Physical Abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual Abuse  
 Children in Foster Care

207	481	697
		160
		429
		39
		339

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
 Per Pupil Expenditures  
 Teacher Salary (average)  
 Dropouts

53,635	\$4,185	\$28,178	1,508
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children in Calcasieu Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
38,823	15,513	173,339
9,445	3,854	54,683
		13,386

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

13.7	49.3	23.5
17.0	57.4	27.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,330		
9,538		
4,689		
335		
145		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,901	889	2,812
15.9	26.0	19.0
6.9	13.5	8.9
81.3	65.6	76.3
8.5	14.9	10.4
		69.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

76	128	205
		34
		29
		16
		54
		27
		15
		30

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

527	327	872
		218
		547
		37
		100

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

		33,740
		\$3,959
		\$25,717
		370

children in the parishes



children in Caldwell Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
2,378	668	10,334
555	152	3,053
		709

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

29.0	62.1	36.5
10.9	41.4	31.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

324	617	3,557	8	6
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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

96	22	118
20.8	27.3	22.0
5.4	13.3	7.0
74.5	59.1	71.6
14.4	7.0	12.9
		91.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

2	6	8
		6
		1
		1
		*
		8

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

5	3	8
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,044	\$4,103	\$22,214	31
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children in the parishes

children in Cameron Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
2,796	189	8,912
709	52	3,000
		765

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

14.9	52.1	16.4
9.4	43.6	11.0

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

97		
278		
741		
0		
0		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

94	6	100
13.8	33.3	15.0
8.4	11.9	8.6
83.9	16.7	79.8
8.7	8.1	80.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

25		26
		2
		5
		7
		3
		4
		4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

3	0	3
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

		2,068
		\$6,335
		\$30,169
		18

children in Catahoula Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
2,450	1,183	11,260
569	294	3,639
		864

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

34.6	71.5	46.6
44.3	79.3	57.1

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

436	943	258	3	8
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**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

92	59	151
23.9	32.2	27.2
5.3	13.2	8.4
82.6	59.3	73.5
7.6	9.0	8.1
		88.2

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

7	4	11	5	3
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**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

65	28	93
		14
		56
		19
		15

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,396	
\$4,616	
\$22,255	
22	

60



children in the parishes



children in Claiborne Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
2,215	2,571	17,362
502	670	4,798
		1,175

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

9.2	66.2	39.1
11.1	76.4	47.3

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

716
1,694
522
54
15

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

73	133	206
27.4	26.3	26.7
4.8	10.7	8.7
78.1	39.7	53.4
	13.2	8.7
		93.6

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

14	24	38
		7
		7
		4
		3
		3
		4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

1	12	13
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

3,067
\$4,133
\$24,464
16

children in the parishes

children in Concordia Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	3,816	African American	3,081	TOTAL	20,845
	877		713	(includes all races)	6,914
					1,595

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	18.2		67.4		39.5
	15.8		69.7		37.7

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	997
	2,035
	589
	62
	23

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	147		165		312
	18.4		40.6		30.1
	5.7		14.0		9.9
	78.8		56.7		67.1
	13.0		17.1		15.1
					71.8

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	15		25		40
					10
					13
					2
					7
					2
					4

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

	11		12		23
					7
					7
	3		22		25

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

	4,485
	\$3,923
	\$25,783
	13

children in the parishes





## children in Desoto Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)

Under 20 (1992)

Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	3,890	4,183	25,037
Under 20 (1992)	934	1,069	8,094
Under 5 (1992)			2,006

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty

% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	12.6	62.8	37.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	13.4	70.5	43.1

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC

Food Stamps

WIC

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	1,186		
Food Stamps	2,629		
WIC	902		
Child Care Assistance	25		
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	7		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births

% Births to Teens

% Low Birthweight Babies

% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)

% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	170	264	435
% Births to Teens	18.8	22.3	20.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	5.3	13.4	9.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	80.9	59.7	68.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	15.5	11.5	13.2
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			81.9

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Assault/Battery

Burglary

Drugs

Status Offenses

Theft

Other Property Crimes

Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	30	72	103
Assault/Battery			9
Burglary			28
Drugs			15
Status Offenses			3
Theft			18
Other Property Crimes			10
Other Crimes Against Persons			13

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Physical Abuse

Neglect

Sexual Abuse

Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	29	71	100
Physical Abuse			21
Neglect			74
Sexual Abuse			0
Children in Foster Care	9	36	46

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration

Per Pupil Expenditures

Teacher Salary (average)

Dropouts

Registration	5,443		
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,335		
Teacher Salary (average)	\$25,105		
Dropouts	46		

# children in the parishes

## children in East Baton Rouge Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
66,672	53,796	396,349
16,194	13,671	122,637
		30,361

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

7.5	47.6	25.0
9.1	52.1	28.0

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

14,160	26,375	985	973	495
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### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

3,316	3,074	6,525
7.6	22.2	14.4
5.7	14.9	10.0
87.7	55.2	72.0
6.0	18.1	11.6
		68.2

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

30	259	289
		26
		44
		55
		6
		51
		6
		91

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

181	584	790
		159
		562
		59
		454

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

48,891	\$4,543	\$27,597	947
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**children in East Carroll Parish**

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
861	2,844	9,468
210	727	3,717
		942

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

24.1	85.5	70.0
30.2	84.5	70.8

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,161	2,064	642	33	20
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**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

49	174	225
18.4	37.9	33.3
6.6	12.7	11.5
87.8	48.5	57.2
10.1	16.9	15.5
		61.3

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

4	58	62	8	29	4	5	7	5
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**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

45	116	161	15	125	17	23
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**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,110	\$4,212	\$23,268	53
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children in the parish



# children in the parishes

## children in East Feliciana Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)	20,412	TOTAL
Under 20 (1992)	6,393	(includes all races)
Under 5 (1992)	1,603	

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	31.6
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	34.2

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC	847
Food Stamps	1,693
WIC	559
Child Care Assistance	12
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	3

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	302
% Births to Teens	158
% Low Birthweight Babies	25.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	13.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	50.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)	20.0

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	54
Assault/Battery	77
Burglary	13
Drugs	19
Status Offenses	1
Theft	17
Other Property Crimes	4
Other Crimes Against Persons	15
	8

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	39
Physical Abuse	43
Neglect	82
Sexual Abuse	25
Children in Foster Care	47
	2
	14

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration	3,643
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$3,368
Teacher Salary (average)	\$24,083
Dropouts	27



children in Evangeline Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)		<b>TOTAL</b>
Under 20 (1992)	7,613	(includes all races)
Under 5 (1992)	1,815	33,967
		11,447
		2,898

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	39.9
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	42.7

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC	1,851
Food Stamps	3,772
WIC	1,472
Child Care Assistance	36
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	13

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births	344
% Births to Teens	20.9
% Low Birthweight Babies	7.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	76.4
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.8
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)	

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	57
Assault/Battery	96
Burglary	
Drugs	
Status Offenses	
Theft	
Other Property Crimes	
Other Crimes Against Persons	

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	56
Physical Abuse	44
Neglect	
Sexual Abuse	
Children in Foster Care	20

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration	7,225
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,130
Teacher Salary (average)	\$23,236
Dropouts	65



children in Franklin Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	4,246	3,078	22,434
Under 20 (1992)	947	737	7,349
Under 5 (1992)			1,694

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	25.6	71.8	44.3
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	26.7	72.9	46.6

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	1,023
Food Stamps	2,276
WIC	835
Child Care Assistance	57
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	55

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	147	140	288
% Births to Teens	21.1	36.4	28.5
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.1	13.5	9.6
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	77.6	54.7	66.2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	13.4	25.2	18.9
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			63.8

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	12	27	39
Assault/Battery			7
Burglary			13
Drugs			5
Status Offenses			1
Theft			3
Other Property Crimes			3
Other Crimes Against Persons			5

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	15	21	38
Physical Abuse			7
Neglect			29
Sexual Abuse			2
Children in Foster Care	6	15	22

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	4,798
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,147
Teacher Salary (average)	\$22,343
Dropouts	102



children in the parishes

children in Grant Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	4,645	973	17,775
Under 20 (1992)	1,122	255	5,670
Under 5 (1992)			1,383

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	25.5	54.7	30.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	30.0	51.2	34.0

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	560
Food Stamps	1,452
WIC	739
Child Care Assistance	21
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	29

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	221	42	264
% Births to Teens	21.3	40.5	24.6
% Low Birthweight Babies	8.3	15.8	9.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	68.5	35.7	63.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	12.4	12.5	12.4
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			69.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	43	8	51
Assault/Battery			4
Burglary			18
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			7
Theft			9
Other Property Crimes			10
Other Crimes Against Persons			1

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	91	14	106
Physical Abuse			23
Neglect			72
Sexual Abuse			6
Children in Foster Care	11	6	17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	3,611
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$3,662
Teacher Salary (average)	\$21,010
Dropouts	58



# children in the parishes

## children in Iberia Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
14,970	8,697	70,783
3,758	2,272	24,197
		6,164

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

20.6	59.1	34.8
21.0	62.6	36.5

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,679	6,255	1,182	164	65
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### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

562	1,258	21.3	8.4	64.6	9.2	64.8
14.2	29.7	12.1	51.2	13.1		
6.0						
76.3						
6.5						

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

79	162	243	35	62	20	21	40	31	27
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### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

102	111	217	61	124	19	53
19	33					

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

15,764	\$3,943	\$24,182	185
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80



# children in Iberville Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
	4,578	5,472	31,018
	1,106	1,488	10,075
			2,598

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	18.5	50.6	35.5
	16.1	51.6	35.7

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	1,552		
	3,079		
	694		
	62		
	31		

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	243	323	567
	18.1	22.0	20.3
	7.0	14.6	11.5
	85.8	54.2	67.9
	4.4	11.4	8.5
			84.9

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	9	68	77
			14
			21
			12
			11
			8
			11

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

	24	82	107
			6
			94
			7
	1	58	59

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

	5,443		
	\$5,220		
	\$30,748		
			22

# children in Jackson Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
3,080	1,679	15,683
680	352	4,773
		1,035

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

22.9	48.9	31.5
23.5	68.4	37.5

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

477	999	704	10	8
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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

132	68	200
11.4	27.9	17.0
5.7	12.6	8.1
55.3	31.3	47.2
7.5	11.2	8.8
		90.2

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

8	20	28
		4
		14
		1
		5
		1
		3

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

9	0	9
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## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,992	\$4,168	\$21,316	17
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# children in the parishes

## children in Jefferson Parish

### POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	94,454	33,990	456,591
Under 20 (1992)	23,328	8,758	133,440
Under 5 (1992)			33,311

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	11.3	46.4	20.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	11.6	46.7	20.5

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			13,308
Food Stamps			24,538
WIC			5,220
Child Care Assistance			518
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			343

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	4,449	2,039	6,815
% Births to Teens	10.0	25.0	14.4
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.0	13.1	8.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	85.3	62.5	77.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	8.0	13.3	9.2
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			36.7

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	284	407	747
Assault/Battery			120
Burglary			113
Drugs			95
Status Offenses			107
Theft			148
Other Property Crimes			33
Other Crimes Against Persons			130

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	663	650	1399
Physical Abuse			441
Neglect			782
Sexual Abuse			146
Children in Foster Care	123	321	456

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			55,484
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,635
Teacher Salary (average)			\$28,626
Dropouts			1,826



# children in Jefferson Davis Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
7,866	2,447	31,380
1,850	619	10,363
		2,484

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

23.5	62.1	32.0
22.2	58.4	30.6

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

728		
1,980		
1,143		
14		
13		

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

380	108	489
13.4	33.3	17.8
5.6	10.9	6.9
65.9	37.0	59.5
8.4	16.9	11.0
		66.1

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

52	64	116
		24
		8
		15
		3
		17
		5
		3

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

65	32	101
		24
		67
		8
14	13	28

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

6,886
\$4,222
\$23,845
19

# children in the parishes





# children in Lafayette Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
38,620	15,855	176,592
10,262	4,123	55,102
		14,542

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

12.4	55.4	24.5
12.8	60.9	25.6

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

3,815	8,857	524	438	175
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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,901	993	2,924
7.8	23.6	13.1
6.2	14.9	8.9
85.6	58.1	76.2
5.6	14.5	8.4
		57.9

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

192	407	603
		127
		82
		88
		15
		163
		67
		61

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

228	211	448
		101
		303
		25
56	69	129

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

25,387	
\$3,767	
\$26,215	
5	

89

90

children in the parishes

children in Lafourche Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery

Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts



children in the parishes

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
22,285	4,928	86,912
5,440	1,357	28,522
		7,074
20.1	74.6	30.2
19.9	74.2	30.2
		2,737
		5,796
		1,728
		117
	40	
		1,348
	292	16.8
	27.1	7.8
	14.9	74.6
	71.4	8.7
	18.8	72.1
		371
		96
		51
		34
		68
		44
		45
		32
		319
		65
		232
		14
		76
		16,124
		\$3,724
		\$23,839
		171
		92

## children in LaSalle Parish

### POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	3,493	516	13,795
Under 20 (1992)	749	137	4,068
Under 5 (1992)			896

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	19.8	45.5	22.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	18.0	40.5	20.7

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC	241		
Food Stamps	582		
WIC	2,102		
Child Care Assistance	0		
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	4		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	174	33	209
% Births to Teens	21.3	33.3	23.0
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.6	14.6	8.2
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	70.0	51.5	66.8
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	15.6	6.1	13.8
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			87.8

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	16	16	32
Assault/Battery			1
Burglary			14
Drugs			1
Status Offenses			4
Theft			6
Other Property Crimes			0
Other Crimes Against Persons			6

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)			*
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	29	0	29

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			2,997
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$4,034
Teacher Salary (average)			\$22,736
Dropouts			0



# children in Livingston Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	23,342	1,714	77,863
Under 20 (1992)	5,497	416	25,140
Under 5 (1992)			5,934

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	14.4	58.9	17.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	15.1	56.4	18.2

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	984
Food Stamps	3,242
WIC	1,822
Child Care Assistance	37
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	30

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	1,109	100	1,216
% Births to Teens	16.6	30.0	17.7
% Low Birthweight Babies	7.1	17.4	8.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	85.2	61.5	83.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	9.7	13.9	10.0
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			70.1

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	208	45	253
Assault/Battery			29
Burglary			40
Drugs			16
Status Offenses			62
Theft			39
Other Property Crimes			37
Other Crimes Against Persons			22

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	289	20	312
Physical Abuse			111
Neglect			130
Sexual Abuse			28
Children in Foster Care	39	12	54

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	17,152
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$3,229
Teacher Salary (average)	\$23,031
Dropouts	85



# children in Madison Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
1,311	3,227	12,472
274	789	4,545
		1,065

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.3	74.0	57.8
23.1	71.0	56.6

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,068		
1,925		
827		
4		
6		

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

69	200	269
24.6	32.0	30.1
9.1	14.5	13.1
66.2	47.2	52.1
6.7	24.3	19.8
		83.0

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

5	75	80
		14
		22
		1
		3
		12
		6
		12

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

24	81	105
		15
		87
		3
6	37	43

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,879	
\$3,814	
\$23,892	
45	

100



children in Morehouse Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
5,011	5,620	32,062
1,168	1,314	10,655
		2,485

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.3	66.7	43.1
17.7	73.6	46.4

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,463
3,516
1,055
145
77

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

215	304	520
20.0	41.1	32.3
7.0	11.9	9.7
57.8	49.8	53.2
13.6	16.3	15.1
		78.5

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

29	169	198
		18
		50
		18
		6
		26
		27
		27

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

44	84	128
		26
		85
		10
		28

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

6,392
\$3,912
\$21,946
40

102

101

children in the parishes

children in Natchitoches Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts



children in the parishes

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
	6,785	5,892	37,253
	1,326	1,498	12,824
			2,841
	22.6	69.2	45.2
	23.8	70.8	47.9
			1,698
			3,607
			1,369
			122
			51
	255	312	569
	15.7	29.5	23.2
	6.3	11.3	8.9
	72.2	52.8	61.4
	6.7	10.9	8.9
			81.2
	24	188	212
			59
			26
			22
			16
			43
			13
			22
	110	165	276
			37
			220
			6
	22	50	73
			8,126
			\$4,080
			\$24,230
			96

children in Orleans Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			484,194
Under 20 (1992)	31,114	114,330	150,119
Under 5 (1992)	8,035	29,344	38,748

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	10.3	55.3	46.2
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	9.8	60.0	48.8

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC	45,777
Food Stamps	70,453
WIC	15,551
Child Care Assistance	1,158
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	678

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	9,114
% Births to Teens	23.3
% Low Birthweight Babies	12.3
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	64.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	14.5
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)	49.2

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	98
Assault/Battery	3,267
Burglary	318
Drugs	500
Status Offenses	220
Theft	904
Other Property Crimes	174
Other Crimes Against Persons	842

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	134
Physical Abuse	2,301
Neglect	490
Sexual Abuse	1,617
Children in Foster Care	93
	1,288

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration	87,433
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,419
Teacher Salary (average)	\$31,800
Dropouts	2,681

# children in Ouachita Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
27,359	19,872	146,449
6,386	5,229	47,563
		11,687

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

34.4	64.1	34.4
38.9	71.7	38.9

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

6,097	12,389	6,097
669	439	669
251		251

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,229	1,082	2,328
14.8	31.5	22.5
5.5	13.4	9.1
81.4	48.6	66.3
10.5	15.5	12.8
		67.9

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

137	428	567
		76
		104
		54
		22
		139
		73
		89

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

312	589	918
		180
		611
		87
36	135	180

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

17,875		17,875
\$3,878		\$3,878
\$23,981		\$23,981
275		275

# children in the parishes





# Children in the parishes

## children in Plaquemines Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White  
5,857  
1,458

African American  
2,452  
603

TOTAL  
(includes all races)  
25,454  
8,769  
2,176

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.3  
18.9

51.3  
52.0

29.2  
30.6

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,210  
1,908  
902  
8  
8

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

261  
19.5  
5.9  
82.2  
8.8

117  
23.9  
11.4  
59.5  
7.9

402  
20.9  
7.3  
75.4  
8.1  
32.2

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

12

9

27  
1  
3  
1  
9  
3  
2  
7

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

102

59

162  
27  
129

Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

12

6

18

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

4,462  
\$4,404  
\$28,024  
52



children in Pointe Coupee Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
	3,782	3,616	23,016
	878	863	7,414
			1,741

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	16.3	57.9	36.1
	12.8	58.8	35.3

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	1,069		
	2,055		
	2,810		
	16		
	6		

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	184	182	371
	13.0	22.0	17.3
	4.9	13.8	9.4
	82.3	54.2	68.2
	2.3	15.5	9.0
			74.3

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	15	37	52
			14
			5
			1
			7
			2
			11
			12

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

	16	49	65
			19
			44
			2
	10	10	20

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

	3,573
	\$4,719
	\$25,849
	13

# children in the parishes

children in Rapides Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

**TOTAL**  
(includes all races)  
126,484  
41,209  
10,105

African American

14,541  
3,514

White  
26,145  
6,445

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

30.3  
32.5

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,207  
9,691  
2,590  
311  
152

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

802  
28.8  
14.0  
45.3  
16.7

1,119  
15.5  
6.7  
75.0  
7.5

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

151  
13  
13  
13  
41  
33  
7  
31

102

46

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

313

338

660  
136  
447  
63  
250

172

78

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

24,118  
\$4,410  
\$26,498  
149

children in Red River Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
1,576	1,508	9,323
392	391	3,089
		785

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

21.9	67.8	43.8
29.8	79.4	53.9

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

371	790	727	6	0
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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

72	67	139
9.7	23.9	16.5
5.0	12.7	8.6
86.1	55.2	71.2
7.5	25.4	15.9
		89.8

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

14	35	49
		9
		21
		3
		2
		7
		3
		3

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

2	15	17
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

1,942
\$4,192
\$19,199
18

children in the parishes



## children in Richland Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
3,531	3,225	20,571
763	791	6,762
		1,555

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

21.5	70.3	43.9
17.6	78.0	46.9

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,189		
2,480		
831		
36		
35		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

150	177	327
20.0	33.9	27.5
5.8	11.5	8.7
83.2	59.2	70.3
10.4	20.3	15.5
		71.6

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

20	70	90
		15
		32
		9
		1
		13
		4
		9

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

34	16	50
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Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

6	6	12
35	35	70
9	9	18
19	19	38

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

4,345		
\$3,900		
\$23,630		
112		

118



# children in St. Bernard Parish

## POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	18,207	1,227	66,984
Under 20 (1992)	4,482	325	19,809
Under 5 (1992)			4,901

## POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	16.9	60.9	19.8
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	17.6	71.8	21.3

## POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	1,497		
Food Stamps	3,076		
WIC	1,226		
Child Care Assistance	120		
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	53		

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	847	75	940
% Births to Teens	14.0	28.0	15.3
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.9	16.4	7.7
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	85.1	52.0	82.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.6	15.9	7.4
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			37.9

## CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	53	7	62
Assault/Battery			4
Burglary			9
Drugs			6
Status Offenses			29
Theft			5
Other Property Crimes			4
Other Crimes Against Persons			5

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	82	36	118
Physical Abuse			31
Neglect			76
Sexual Abuse			7
Children in Foster Care	33	16	51

## PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	9,079		
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$4,219		
Teacher Salary (average)	\$26,052		
Dropouts	153		



# children in the parishes

## children in St. Charles Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
10,329	4,399	45,749
2,842	1,167	14,862
		4,050

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

18.9	47.5
19.2	50.8

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

945	2,192	839	93	32
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### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

482	247	733
9.1	26.3	14.9
5.9	13.6	8.4
84.2	65.7	78.0
6.6	8.1	7.0
		70.2

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

31	57	88	23	17	11	1	16	5	15
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### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

23	29	52
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### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

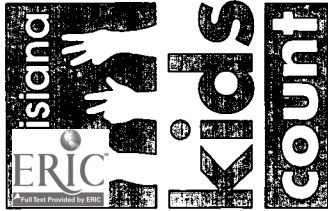
Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

9,504	\$5,608	\$31,466	45
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124







children in St. Helena Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
1,356	2,018	9,868
356	509	3,381
		865

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

42.1	63.2
40.6	61.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

343	
1,049	
702	
2	
11	

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

55	48	105
9.1	20.8	14.3
9.0	11.1	10.1
89.1	74.5	81.7
3.9	15.5	10.3
		92.1

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

4	3	7
		1
		2
		2
		2
		2

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

*	23
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

1,865	
\$3,843	
\$22,578	
36	

Children in the parishes

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	3,043	African American	4,082	TOTAL	20,999
	741		1,061	(includes all races)	7,133
					1,803

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	6.9		54.0		33.0
	6.8		59.5		36.8

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	1,029
	1,946
	960
	40
	24

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	152		231
	10.5		22.5
	6.4		11.2
	75.7		54.6
	10.2		9.9

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	4		39
	43		11
			6
			5
			5
			8
			8

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

	2		32
			34

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

	4,304
	\$5,092
	\$29,507
	66

# children in the parishes



## children in St. John Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
	8,577	6,256	41,742
	2,343	1,606	14,940
			3,986

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	7.5	47.4	23.8
	7.9	48.9	23.7

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

			1,778
			3,321
			839
			74
			49

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	405	335	745
	10.1	22.1	15.6
	4.7	12.1	8.0
	77.5	49.8	64.9
	2.8	14.0	7.6
			77.1

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	5	26	31
			6
			2
			6
			2
			5
			10

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

	87	138	229
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Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

			75
			139
			14
			53

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

			7,165
			\$4,307
			\$27,924
			65

129

130



# children in the parishes

## children in St. Landry Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
14,414	13,342	82,156
3,471	3,372	27,869
		6,864

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

24.5	65.8	43.8
27.8	70.5	48.5

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,672	9,348	2,007	113	45
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### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

657	665	1,326
16.3	23.2	19.7
6.5	13.1	9.9
66.4	42.8	54.5
7.1	17.2	12.2
		60.5

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

110	284	394
		64
		65
		58
		56
		74
		40
		37

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

159	234	398
		81
		270
		30
40	82	127

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

18,034	\$3,859	\$24,657	163
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children in St. Martin Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)	9,244	6,120	45,741
Under 20 (1992)	2,304	1,653	15,578
Under 5 (1992)			3,998

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	17.6	54.6	32.5
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	20.1	51.4	32.8

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

AFDC	1,338
Food Stamps	3,472
WIC	899
Child Care Assistance	76
Child Care Assistance Waiting List	33

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

Births	415	376	795
% Births to Teens	12.0	19.7	15.6
% Low Birthweight Babies	7.3	13.4	9.9
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	78.5	52.6	65.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	6.7	12.8	9.5
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			70.7

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)	84	116	205
Assault/Battery			35
Burglary			17
Drugs			18
Status Offenses			8
Theft			28
Other Property Crimes			24
Other Crimes Against Persons			16

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	22	19	42
Physical Abuse			14
Neglect			22
Sexual Abuse			2
Children in Foster Care	23	47	72

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

Registration	8,805
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$3,759
Teacher Salary (average)	\$22,361
Dropouts	142

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
 Under 20 (1992)  
 Under 5 (1992)

White	11,372	African American	7,858	TOTAL	(includes all races)
	2,820		2,049		57,185
					20,173
					5,144

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
 % Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	18.1		34.0
	20.9		35.4

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
 Food Stamps  
 WIC  
 Child Care Assistance  
 Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	2,597
	5,642
	1,057
	104
	75

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
 % Births to Teens  
 % Low Birthweight Babies  
 % Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
 Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
 % Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	573		988
	13.8		17.7
	5.6		7.8
	82.7		75.1
	8.4		9.8
			63.7

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
 Assault/Battery  
 Burglary  
 Drugs  
 Status Offenses  
 Theft  
 Other Property Crimes  
 Other Crimes Against Persons

	102		162
			266
			41
			56
			27
			52
			30
			30
			24

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
 Physical Abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual Abuse  
 Children in Foster Care

	77		87
			172
			31
			120
	9		17
			39

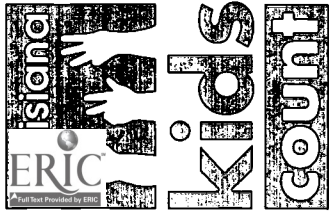
**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
 Per Pupil Expenditures  
 Teacher Salary (average)  
 Dropouts

	11,634
	\$4,032
	\$25,967
	105

136





children in St. Tammany Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White  
43,064  
10,554

African American  
7,050  
1,805

TOTAL  
(includes all races)  
167,242  
50,615  
12,511

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

17.0  
16.4

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,016  
5,797  
1,438  
72  
89

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

374  
25.9  
12.5  
65.9  
17.1  
48.5

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

422  
79  
81  
47  
25  
83  
47  
51

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

310  
119  
58

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

29,420  
\$4,180  
\$27,882  
282

Children in the parishes



children in Tangipahoa Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
18,588	11,106	91,260
4,145	2,711	29,856
		6,896

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

23.5	40.9
23.1	42.6

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

4,431	9,427	3,225	163	92
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**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

943	663	1,612
16.8	33.3	23.5
6.6	15.2	10.4
86.3	69.1	79.2
10.4	15.1	12.4
		82.1

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

92	293	385	64	47	28	57	52	30	75
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**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

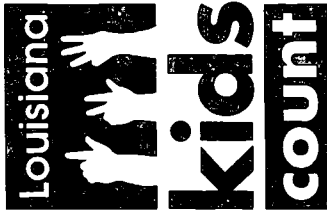
95	108	210	49	123	28	102
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**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

17,258	\$3,849	\$24,854	197
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children in the parishes





# Children in the parishes

## children in Tensas Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
841	1,484	6,909
197	354	2,331
		553

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

32.3	76.2	59.6
34.4	87.5	67.4

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

518		
1,035		
361		
9		
6		

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

37	53	90
16.2	34.0	26.7
5.8	14.4	11.4
83.8	62.3	71.1
10.4	20.2	16.7
		91.0

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

2	32	34
		2
		22
		2
		2
		1
		1
		6

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

1	10	11
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### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

1,502		
\$4,543		
\$20,937		
17		

children in Terrebonne Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
24,872	7,193	100,359
6,102	1,917	34,695
		8,621

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.4	62.7	31.3
21.6	70.2	35.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

2,812		
7,328		
1,661		
123		
50		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

1,181	418	1,740
14.0	22.0	17.0
6.9	14.1	8.7
72.5	67.2	70.2
8.0	16.8	9.9
		60.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

94	110	214
		28
		73
		21
		29
		29
		8
		26

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

85	83	171
		30
		122
		15
114	78	197

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

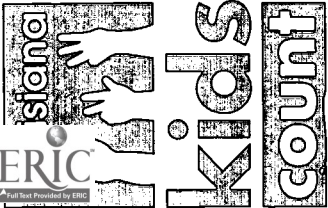
20,046		
\$3,517		
\$25,184		
427		

144

143

# children in the parishes





children in Union Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White  
African American  
TOTAL  
(includes all races)

4,030  
908

2,253  
601

21,475  
6,290  
1,511

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

30.7  
32.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

478  
1,189  
279  
17  
7

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

171  
22.2  
7.1  
67.9  
6.5

292  
23.6  
9.3  
56.2  
8.5  
83.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

38

68  
8  
8  
6  
3  
14  
19  
9

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

30

56  
17  
35  
4  
17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

4,098  
\$3,487  
\$22,144  
23

children in the parishes

children in Vermillion Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
	13,116	2,971	50,794
	3,087	852	16,516
			4,033

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

	24.9	69.1	33.1
	25.8	66.4	35.7

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

	1,499		
	3,531		
	861		
	57		
	38		

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

	554	173	740
	15.0	26.0	17.4
	5.6	16.6	8.2
	76.2	57.7	71.6
	5.8	22.3	9.7
			58.9

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

	50	60	113
			26
			19
			5
			5
			17
			20
			21

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

	106	77	189
			55
			109
			15
	20	19	40

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

	10,466		
	\$3,992		
	\$25,821		
	41		

children in the parishes





# Children in the parishes

## children in Vernon Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
15,585	5,293	57,008
4,614	1,825	21,671
		6,718

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

22.7	19.1	21.9
23.0	21.1	23.7

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

866
2,459
2,213
27
26

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

794	235	1,068
15.7	14.5	15.5
5.7	10.2	6.8
69.4	65.6	68.6
9.1	12.8	9.7
		56.8

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

74	61	135
		12
		36
		5
		4
		51
		7
		20

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

186	107	321
		62
		242
		11
		97

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

11,661
\$4,243
\$24,437
46

children in Washington Parish

**POPULATION**

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
8,216	5,104	42,899
1,791	1,209	13,360
		3,010

**POVERTY (1990 census)**

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

28.4	65.1	41.8
30.1	67.6	44.3

**POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)**

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,906		
4,260		
1,996		
17		
14		

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)**

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

417	244	663
17.0	25.8	20.2
6.7	11.3	8.5
71.7	33.0	57.4
10.0	16.7	12.6
		85.6

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

27	27	54
		11
		14
		3
		3
		7
		7
		9

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)**

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

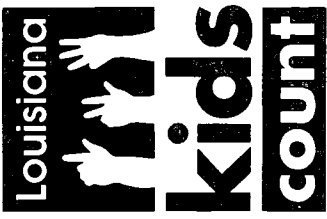
58	58	121
		27
		75
		13
51	59	111

**PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)**

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

5,290		
\$4,863		
\$25,637		
71		

152



children in the parishes



## children in Webster Parish

### POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White  
African American  
TOTAL  
(includes all races)

7,429  
1,716

4,829  
1,248

42,228  
12,283  
2,969

### POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

18.0  
19.1

32.5  
34.9

### POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

1,252  
2,986  
1,202  
45  
44

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

310  
14.2  
6.3  
83.7  
5.6

253  
30.0  
12.6  
58.2  
16.4

568  
21.1  
9.1  
72.5  
10.4  
82.5

### CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

37

97

134  
22  
24  
6  
2  
23  
13  
16

### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

139

161

301  
49  
206  
24  
85

### PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

46

8,151  
\$3,593  
\$23,290  
105

children in West Baton Rouge Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
3,759	2,685	20,057
953	670	6,467
		1,628

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

10.5	52.2	27.1
10.5	59.1	29.7

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

762		
1,572		
497		
52		
22		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

211	161	374
11.8	21.7	16.0
5.8	15.0	9.8
82.7	58.0	71.7
6.8	10.5	8.4
		77.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

21	44	66
		9
		22
		7
		7
		10
		11

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

1	12	13
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PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

		3,913
		\$4,350
		\$26,300
		85

156



children in West Carroll Parish

POPULATION

	White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
Total (1994)			11,999
Under 20 (1992)	2,900	836	3,746
Under 5 (1992)	612	242	857

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty	23.0	81.5	35.4
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty	30.7	81.5	43.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC			358
Food Stamps			827
WIC			573
Child Care Assistance			15
Child Care Assistance Waiting List			10

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births	120	46	168
% Births to Teens	15.0	32.6	19.6
% Low Birthweight Babies	6.1	16.7	9.0
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	63.0	50.0	59.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)	9.8	12.8	10.6
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)			84.4

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)			
Assault/Battery	22	10	32
Burglary			11
Drugs			2
Status Offenses			2
Theft			6
Other Property Crimes			8
Other Crimes Against Persons			3

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)	0	5	5
Physical Abuse			
Neglect			5
Sexual Abuse			
Children in Foster Care	5	12	17

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration			2,638
Per Pupil Expenditures			\$3,948
Teacher Salary (average)			\$23,375
Dropouts			38

children in the parishes

children in West Feliciana Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
1,401	1,362	13,132
314	360	2,773

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

41.1  
45.5

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

321  
570  
294  
3  
5

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

72  
9.7  
4.7  
84.5  
5.8  
63  
14.3  
9.9  
49.2  
12.0

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

14  
20  
34  
4  
6  
4  
6  
5  
5  
4

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

\*  
5  
4

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

2,149  
\$5,073  
\$28,623  
6

160

children in the parishes





children in Winn Parish

POPULATION

Total (1994)  
Under 20 (1992)  
Under 5 (1992)

White	African American	TOTAL (includes all races)
3,076	1,801	16,988
711	451	4,908
		1,169

POVERTY (1990 census)

% Children under Age 18 in Poverty  
% Children under Age 5 in Poverty

19.9	59.0	33.5
22.2	50.7	33.6

POVERTY, CHILDREN RECEIVING (fiscal year 1995)

AFDC  
Food Stamps  
WIC  
Child Care Assistance  
Child Care Assistance Waiting List

684		
1,337		
663		
10		
5		

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (1993)

Births  
% Births to Teens  
% Low Birthweight Babies  
% Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 births)  
% Up-to-date Immunization (public clinics 1994)

138	83	221
16.7	33.7	23.1
5.8	10.3	7.5
54.1	36.6	47.5
8.3	4.5	6.9
		77.9

CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System (fiscal year 1995)  
Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Drugs  
Status Offenses  
Theft  
Other Property Crimes  
Other Crimes Against Persons

8	7	15
		6
		3
		4
		1
		1

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (fiscal year 1995)

Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (# of children)  
Physical Abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual Abuse  
Children in Foster Care

41	32	73
		12
		58
		3
2	8	10

PUBLIC EDUCATION (1993-94 school year)

Registration  
Per Pupil Expenditures  
Teacher Salary (average)  
Dropouts

3,399		
\$4,208		
\$23,885		
38		

Children in the parishes

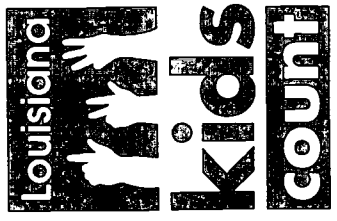
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# trends

## Children in Foster Care

Parish	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	Parish	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Acadia	71	78	86	77	73	84	Red River	11	5	13	7	15	17
Allen	45	44	58	49	43	56	Richland	22	19	14	23	25	19
Ascension	40	38	35	35	38	41	Sabine	19	19	33	22	29	34
Assumption	8	7	20	28	32	31	St. Bernard	38	35	40	47	46	51
Avoyelles	32	23	37	25	36	45	St. Charles	42	60	60	50	47	52
Beauregard	27	20	29	27	30	25	St. Helena	8	9	27	20	24	23
Bienville	26	21	18	19	20	20	St. James	26	35	29	23	34	34
Bossier	70	84	77	92	96	100	St. John	39	49	72	45	51	53
Caddo	283	285	296	374	364	339	St. Landry	131	157	160	141	109	127
Calcasieu	125	104	103	92	99	100	St. Martin	61	75	89	89	59	72
Caldwell	9	14	11	15	12	8	St. Mary	50	55	55	42	34	39
Cameron	2	2	1	0	3	3	St. Tammany	163	165	215	181	173	207
Catahoula	18	14	10	12	20	15	Tangipahoa	100	135	109	96	101	102
Clatborne	13	14	16	17	17	13	Tensas	20	27	27	21	8	11
Concordia	14	18	34	27	22	25	Terrebonne	142	184	184	193	196	197
DeSoto	44	33	55	37	38	46	Union	24	25	29	20	14	17
East Baton Rouge	423	427	405	435	464	454	Vermillion	42	46	48	38	38	40
East Carroll	66	64	63	55	21	23	Vernon	52	54	59	61	81	97
East Feliciana	21	24	20	16	17	14	Washington	97	123	121	121	94	111
Evangeline	27	46	30	33	29	32	Webster	77	84	96	95	71	85
Franklin	26	29	22	22	25	22	West Baton Rouge	9	9	13	21	10	13
Grant	28	37	20	27	16	17	West Carroll	27	25	18	13	11	17
Iberia	59	59	62	45	41	53	West Feliciana	2	12	10	6	5	5
Iberville	44	41	50	60	48	59	Winn	17	14	6	8	7	10
Jackson	11	6	8	4	9	9	State	5,324	5,699	5,714	5,537	5,561	5,981
Jefferson	365	405	386	377	427	456							
Jefferson Davis	21	29	21	32	30	28							
Lafayette	81	106	79	80	128	129							
Lafourche	78	91	59	54	78	76							
LaSalle	20	27	21	13	15	29							
Lincoln	61	62	75	70	55	72							
Livingston	44	38	47	37	50	54							
Madison	47	47	45	28	38	43							
Morehouse	39	36	41	35	28	28							
Natchitoches	47	37	61	64	57	73							
Orleans	793	902	1,053	1,096	1,113	1,288							
Ouachita	191	214	198	155	178	180							
Plaquemines	24	23	21	17	13	18							
Pointe Coupee	17	19	25	22	21	20							
Rapides	156	183	199	209	216	250							

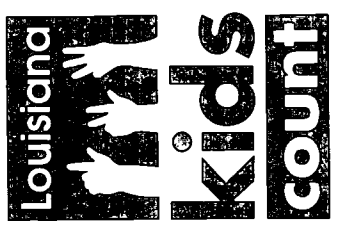






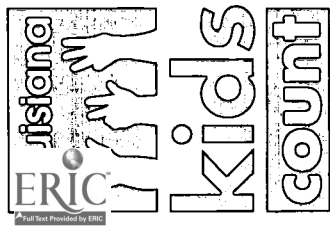
# Average Number Of Persons Per Household Receiving Food Stamps and Average Monthly Coupon Amount Per Household

Parish	1992 avg. # of persons	1992 avg. coupons	1993 avg. # of persons	1993 avg. coupons	1994 avg. # of persons	1994 avg. coupons	1995 avg. # of persons	1995 avg. coupons
Acadia	2.83	\$180	2.82	\$177	2.78	\$176	2.73	\$177
Allen	2.65	\$179	2.63	\$174	2.52	\$171	2.44	\$167
Ascension	3.00	\$219	2.85	\$217	2.81	\$205	2.76	\$206
Assumption	2.63	\$175	2.88	\$192	2.82	\$181	2.76	\$185
Avoyelles	2.64	\$163	2.60	\$158	2.68	\$161	2.48	\$147
Beauregard	2.90	\$195	2.88	\$194	2.84	\$193	2.73	\$187
Bienville	2.54	\$165	2.49	\$163	2.46	\$164	2.41	\$161
Bossier	2.88	\$201	2.84	\$199	3.13	\$220	2.79	\$200
Caddo	2.79	\$204	2.76	\$200	2.73	\$198	2.70	\$200
Calcasieu	2.68	\$188	2.65	\$185	2.62	\$185	2.60	\$190
Caldwell	2.73	\$183	2.69	\$180	2.65	\$181	2.55	\$181
Cameron	2.93	\$198	2.90	\$200	2.79	\$189	2.75	\$190
Catahoula	2.75	\$167	2.69	\$161	2.63	\$156	2.56	\$157
Clabornne	2.77	\$182	2.70	\$177	2.66	\$175	2.57	\$173
Concordia	2.90	\$188	2.84	\$182	2.77	\$177	2.74	\$179
DeSoto	2.63	\$179	2.43	\$174	2.63	\$180	2.56	\$180
East Baton Rouge	2.84	\$212	2.85	\$227	2.83	\$212	2.78	\$215
East Carroll	3.06	\$205	3.02	\$198	2.94	\$193	2.81	\$193
East Feliciana	3.14	\$202	3.15	\$208	3.09	\$195	3.00	\$198
Evangeline	2.78	\$161	2.74	\$158	2.70	\$156	2.66	\$158
Franklin	2.98	\$183	2.92	\$176	2.82	\$174	2.75	\$173
Grant	2.79	\$174	2.77	\$171	2.74	\$174	2.68	\$177
Iberia	2.93	\$200	2.92	\$219	2.91	\$197	2.84	\$198
Iberville	2.90	\$195	2.84	\$198	2.78	\$191	2.72	\$190
Jackson	2.62	\$174	2.57	\$169	2.50	\$167	1.98	\$136
Jefferson	2.90	\$82	2.87	\$213	2.81	\$208	2.70	\$208
Jefferson Davis	2.95	\$439	2.92	\$177	2.86	\$175	2.76	\$175
Lafayette	2.93	\$17	2.94	\$200	2.92	\$200	2.84	\$200
Lafourche	2.97	\$95	2.97	\$210	2.93	\$200	2.89	\$202
LaSalle	2.80	\$863	2.77	\$157	2.65	\$156	2.62	\$160
Lincoln	2.74	\$136	2.69	\$180	2.64	\$184	2.59	\$190
Livingston	2.91	\$198	2.88	\$195	2.86	\$192	2.79	\$196
Madison	2.97	\$195	2.88	\$192	2.84	\$193	2.84	\$196
Morehouse	2.91	\$190	2.84	\$184	2.79	\$180	2.67	\$177
Natchitoches	2.74	\$182	2.70	\$177	2.65	\$176	2.59	\$176
Orleans	2.60	\$199	2.54	\$196	2.51	\$195	2.48	\$198
Ouachita	3.09	\$217	3.06	\$217	3.07	\$221	2.94	\$221
Plaquemines	3.25	\$234	3.15	\$230	3.02	\$224	2.94	\$224
Pointe Coupee	2.68	\$181	2.65	\$180	2.62	\$175	2.55	\$172
Rapides	2.86	\$199	2.80	\$187	2.76	\$186	2.71	\$189
Red River	2.94	\$183	2.90	\$174	2.83	\$167	2.69	\$166
Richland	3.20	\$204	3.16	\$200	3.07	\$199	2.99	\$201
Sabine	2.65	\$175	2.63	\$170	2.58	\$166	2.53	\$169
St. Bernard	2.73	\$190	2.66	\$188	2.61	\$187	2.52	\$186
St. Charles	2.97	\$217	2.92	\$211	2.90	\$214	2.85	\$214
St. Helena	3.08	\$194	2.95	\$185	2.92	\$180	2.77	\$174
St. James	2.92	\$207	2.89	\$207	2.89	\$206	2.85	\$210
St. John	3.07	\$220	3.03	\$219	2.98	\$217	2.93	\$217
St. Landry	2.80	\$180	2.77	\$178	2.75	\$175	2.69	\$176
St. Martin	3.11	\$195	3.06	\$211	3.04	\$190	2.96	\$191
St. Mary	2.93	\$199	2.90	\$219	2.85	\$195	2.74	\$194
St. Tammany	2.78	\$198	2.74	\$193	2.70	\$193	2.66	\$198
Tangipahoa	2.89	\$199	2.86	\$196	2.88	\$193	2.83	\$197
Tensas	2.91	\$191	2.77	\$178	2.71	\$172	2.64	\$169
Terrebonne	3.13	\$216	3.11	\$223	3.08	\$208	3.00	\$212
Union	6.97	\$175	2.64	\$163	2.62	\$161	2.55	\$164
Vermillion	2.89	\$197	2.86	\$195	2.82	\$192	2.77	\$192
Vernon	3.04	\$180	2.99	\$180	2.92	\$179	2.91	\$183
Washington	2.76	\$179	2.68	\$171	3.54	\$224	2.54	\$164
Webster	2.78	\$185	2.73	\$181	2.68	\$182	2.63	\$181
West Baton Rouge	2.82	\$201	2.85	\$207	2.83	\$199	2.76	\$199
West Carroll	2.71	\$160	2.68	\$153	2.66	\$152	2.60	\$157
West Feliciana	2.90	\$184	2.80	\$185	2.72	\$181	2.67	\$180
Winn	2.56	\$168	2.49	\$161	2.46	\$159	2.42	\$159
State	2.81	\$197	2.77	\$197	2.73	\$193	2.73	\$193



# trends

Parish	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95	Parish	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95
Acadia	250	227	294	Pointe Coupee	56	81	65
Allen	176	141	122	Rapides	589	627	660
Ascension	102	81	95	Red River	*	*	*
Assumption	*	*	*	Richland	84	78	50
Avoyelles	121	135	156	Sabine	126	82	87
Beauregard	219	171	140	St. Bernard	146	204	118
Bienville	*	*	*	St. Charles	*	*	*
Bossier	382	273	216	St. Helena	*	*	*
Caddo	1,065	980	697	St. James	*	*	*
Calcasieu	626	574	872	St. John	189	206	229
Caldwell	*	*	*	St. Landry	292	307	398
Cameron	*	*	*	St. Martin	68	111	42
Catahoula	140	105	93	St. Mary	158	157	172
Claiborne	*	*	*	St. Tammany	390	420	445
Concordia	106	40	23	Tangipahoa	272	205	210
DeSoto	89	133	100	Tensas	*	*	*
East Baton Rouge	989	998	790	Terrebonne	482	295	171
East Carroll	106	214	161	Union	59	66	56
East Feliciana	59	59	82	Vermillion	125	188	189
Evangeline	102	114	103	Vernon	295	332	321
Franklin	48	74	38	Washington	111	108	121
Grant	60	88	106	Webster	185	171	301
Iberia	188	191	217	West Baton Rouge	*	*	*
Iberville	84	87	107	West Carroll	17	12	5
Jackson	*	*	*	West Feliciana	*	*	*
Jefferson	1,183	1,259	1,399	Winn	19	106	73
Jefferson Davis	189	139	101	Total	15,705	16,197	14,795
Lafayette	532	466	448				
Lafourche	451	339	319				
LaSalle	*	*	*				
Lincoln	256	172	139				
Livingston	302	386	312				
Madison	115	59	105				
Morehouse	123	130	128				
Natchitoches	371	356	276				
Orleans	2,706	3,478	2,301				
Ouachita	771	898	918				
Plaquemines	120	155	162				



Children Receiving Aid To Families With Dependent Children

Parish	Fiscal Yr '91	Fiscal Yr '92	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95	Parish	Fiscal Yr '91	Fiscal Yr '92	Fiscal Yr '93	Fiscal Yr '94	Fiscal Yr '95
Acadia	2,547	2,533	2,466	2,380	2,289	Richland	1,199	1,196	1,181	1,206	1,189
Allen	911	918	918	788	658	Sabine	865	838	805	713	651
Ascension	2,483	2,451	2,415	2,306	2,220	St. Bernard	1,405	1,424	1,449	1,541	1,497
Assumption	1,020	974	916	855	851	St. Charles	1,402	1,347	1,285	1,160	945
Avoyelles	2,181	2,142	2,055	1,807	1,434	St. Helena	474	449	420	426	343
Beauregard	760	757	760	744	630	St. James	1,239	1,230	1,213	1,131	1,029
Bienville	725	735	760	754	717	St. John	1,850	1,851	1,838	1,776	1,778
Bossier	2,111	2,080	2,096	1,981	1,836	St. Landry	5,395	5,334	5,237	4,802	4,672
Caddo	13,152	13,015	12,748	11,978	10,777	St. Martin	1,322	1,315	1,286	1,265	1,338
Calcasieu	5,126	5,065	4,941	4,584	4,330	St. Mary	2,734	2,741	2,694	2,673	2,597
Caldwell	341	333	350	325	324	St. Tammany	2,301	2,260	2,177	2,035	2,016
Cameron	122	126	134	117	97	Tangipahoa	5,359	5,196	4,854	4,353	4,431
Catahoula	504	482	463	441	436	Tensas	644	628	604	552	518
Claiborne	834	845	861	758	716	Terrebonne	3,253	3,204	3,072	2,850	2,812
Concordia	1,301	1,242	1,131	1,033	997	Union	661	620	545	495	478
DeSoto	1,371	1,380	1,389	1,300	1,186	Vermillion	1,683	1,704	1,692	1,615	1,499
East Baton Rouge	16,077	15,853	15,451	14,696	14,160	Vernon	878	861	865	845	866
East Carroll	1,350	1,325	1,295	1,224	1,161	Washington	2,159	2,104	2,006	1,918	1,906
East Feliciana	1,070	1,034	1,023	909	847	Webster	1,374	1,360	1,331	1,327	1,252
Evangeline	2,025	2,002	1,969	1,875	1,851	West Baton Rouge	840	841	849	802	762
Franklin	1,162	1,152	1,109	1,076	1,023	West Carroll	379	374	362	330	358
Grant	637	599	542	520	560	West Feliciana	376	359	356	365	321
Iberia	2,837	2,788	2,709	2,676	2,679	Winn	823	785	743	716	684
Iberville	1,945	1,911	1,809	1,605	1,552	State	195,504	193,705	190,469	181,786	173,825
Jackson	557	561	556	532	477						
Jefferson	13,518	13,508	13,550	13,324	13,308						
Jefferson Davis	958	920	853	797	728						
Lafayette	4,089	4,117	4,105	3,975	3,815						
Lafourche	2,944	2,893	2,779	2,640	2,737						
LaSalle	260	259	251	244	241						
Lincoln	1,401	1,353	1,283	1,277	1,301						
Livingston	1,249	1,226	1,202	1,107	984						
Madison	1,353	1,344	1,325	1,243	1,068						
Morehouse	2,050	2,013	1,933	1,687	1,463						
Natchitoches	2,034	2,032	1,986	1,803	1,698						
Orleans	49,636	49,677	49,778	48,274	45,777						
Ouachita	6,701	6,631	6,458	6,132	6,097						
Plaquemines	1,265	1,268	1,258	1,277	1,210						
Pointe Coupee	1,270	1,239	1,190	1,141	1,069						
Rapides	4,461	4,384	4,292	4,271	4,207						
Red River	548	521	496	437	371						





# Births To Women Under 19 Years Of Age Per 100 Live Births To Women Of All Ages By Race and Parish: 1989 : 1993

- = worsening conditions    + = improving conditions

Parish	1989 white		1993 white		1989 black		1993 black		1989 total		1993 total		% change white		% change black		% change total	
Acadia	15.3	17.5	26.2	31.6	18.0	21.2	24.9	21.7	18.0	21.2	24.9	21.7	-2.19	-5.41	-3.27	-5.41	-3.27	
Allen	22.9	19.1	31.2	29.1	24.9	29.1	24.9	29.1	24.9	29.1	24.9	29.1	3.79	2.10	3.26	2.10	3.26	
Ascension	13.3	10.3	24.5	21.7	17.0	13.5	17.0	13.5	17.0	13.5	17.0	13.5	3.79	2.81	3.43	2.81	3.43	
Assumption	16.3	7.8	24.5	23.2	19.7	8.53	19.7	8.53	19.7	8.53	19.7	8.53	0.24	-4.64	-1.79	-4.64	-1.79	
Avoyelles	18.8	18.5	24.5	26.5	19.8	21.8	19.8	21.8	19.8	21.8	19.8	21.8	0.24	-4.64	-1.79	-4.64	-1.79	
Beauregard	18.0	19.9	30.9	31.0	20.2	21.8	20.2	21.8	20.2	21.8	20.2	21.8	-1.94	-0.02	-1.58	-0.02	-1.58	
Bienville	15.0	17.9	29.8	23.5	23.3	20.7	23.3	20.7	23.3	20.7	23.3	20.7	-2.97	6.31	2.57	6.31	2.57	
Bossier	10.8	10.9	20.4	23.3	13.7	15.3	13.7	15.3	13.7	15.3	13.7	15.3	-0.02	-4.91	-1.61	-4.91	-1.61	
Caddo	12.6	11.8	26.9	27.7	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	0.75	-0.74	-0.02	-0.74	-0.02	
Calcasieu	14.4	15.9	22.8	26.0	17.0	19.0	17.0	19.0	17.0	19.0	17.0	19.0	-1.50	-3.20	-1.96	-3.20	-1.96	
Caldwell	22.0	20.8	7.4	27.3	19.1	22.0	19.1	22.0	19.1	22.0	19.1	22.0	1.19	-19.87	-2.92	-19.87	-2.92	
Cameron	13.8	10.2	18.6	33.3	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	-3.59	-15.15	-15.00	-15.15	-15.00	
Catahoula	20.9	23.9	28.6	32.2	23.8	27.2	23.8	27.2	23.8	27.2	23.8	27.2	-3.04	3.63	-3.37	3.63	-3.37	
Claiborne	3.6	27.4	33.1	26.3	23.0	26.7	23.0	26.7	23.0	26.7	23.0	26.7	-23.83	6.81	-3.75	6.81	-3.75	
Concordia	17.4	18.4	35.8	40.6	26.7	30.1	26.7	30.1	26.7	30.1	26.7	30.1	-0.93	-4.81	-3.40	-4.81	-3.40	
DeSoto	14.3	18.8	24.8	22.3	20.6	20.9	20.6	20.9	20.6	20.9	20.6	20.9	-4.54	2.46	-0.37	2.46	-0.37	
East Baton Rouge	7.8	7.6	21.1	22.2	14.0	14.4	14.0	14.4	14.0	14.4	14.0	14.4	0.25	-1.04	-0.41	-1.04	-0.41	
East Carroll	12.5	18.4	33.1	37.9	28.0	33.3	28.0	33.3	28.0	33.3	28.0	33.3	-5.87	-4.82	-5.33	-4.82	-5.33	
East Feliciana	15.4	11.2	23.8	25.3	0.0	18.5	0.0	18.5	0.0	18.5	0.0	18.5	4.20	-1.48	-18.54	-1.48	-18.54	
Evangeline	14.4	20.9	24.7	28.7	18.3	23.9	18.3	23.9	18.3	23.9	18.3	23.9	-6.56	-4.05	-5.59	-4.05	-5.59	
Franklin	12.6	21.1	32.9	36.4	22.7	28.5	22.7	28.5	22.7	28.5	22.7	28.5	-8.44	-3.49	-5.80	-3.49	-5.80	
Grant	19.7	21.3	22.2	40.5	0.0	24.6	0.0	24.6	0.0	24.6	0.0	24.6	-1.52	-24.62	-24.62	-1.52	-24.62	
Iberia	16.0	14.2	29.7	17.6	19.8	21.3	19.8	21.3	19.8	21.3	19.8	21.3	1.80	-9.51	-3.70	-9.51	-3.70	
Iberville	16.6	18.1	21.9	22.0	17.9	20.3	17.9	20.3	17.9	20.3	17.9	20.3	-1.52	-0.12	-0.47	-0.12	-0.47	
Jackson	16.6	11.4	20.5	27.9	17.9	17.0	17.9	17.0	17.9	17.0	17.9	17.0	5.19	-7.39	0.86	-7.39	0.86	
Jefferson	9.6	10.0	23.8	25.0	13.4	14.4	13.4	14.4	13.4	14.4	13.4	14.4	-0.41	-1.20	-1.01	-0.41	-1.01	
Jefferson Davis	13.2	13.4	33.3	33.3	16.2	17.8	16.2	17.8	16.2	17.8	16.2	17.8	-0.21	-9.52	-1.61	-9.52	-1.61	
Lafayette	8.5	7.8	18.8	23.6	11.5	13.1	11.5	13.1	11.5	13.1	11.5	13.1	0.62	-4.76	-1.64	-4.76	-1.64	
Lafourche	12.0	14.1	24.9	27.1	14.7	16.8	14.7	16.8	14.7	16.8	14.7	16.8	-2.15	-2.14	-2.09	-2.14	-2.09	
LaSalle	25.0	21.3	48.3	33.3	28.9	33.3	28.9	33.3	28.9	33.3	28.9	33.3	3.74	14.94	5.96	14.94	5.96	
Lincoln	9.9	12.5	22.1	27.5	15.3	19.8	15.3	19.8	15.3	19.8	15.3	19.8	-2.64	-5.38	-4.48	-5.38	-4.48	
Livingston	16.3	16.6	17.1	30.0	16.4	17.7	16.4	17.7	16.4	17.7	16.4	17.7	0.24	-12.86	-1.32	-12.86	-1.32	
Madison	15.4	24.6	38.4	32.0	32.5	30.1	32.5	30.1	32.5	30.1	32.5	30.1	-9.25	6.41	2.40	6.41	2.40	
Morehouse	20.2	20.0	34.3	41.1	27.6	32.3	27.6	32.3	27.6	32.3	27.6	32.3	-3.84	-6.82	-4.71	-6.82	-4.71	
Natchitoches	11.8	15.7	30.2	29.5	21.1	23.2	21.1	23.2	21.1	23.2	21.1	23.2	-3.84	0.71	-2.07	0.71	-2.07	
Orleans	6.1	5.8	24.8	27.8	20.2	23.3	20.2	23.3	20.2	23.3	20.2	23.3	0.30	-3.05	-3.18	-3.05	-3.18	
Ouachita	10.9	14.8	27.4	31.5	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	-3.88	-4.09	-4.14	-4.09	-4.14	
Plaquemines	17.4	19.5	27.4	27.4	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	18.4	22.5	-2.12	-12.07	-5.40	-12.07	-5.40	
Pointe Coupee	11.8	13.0	15.3	22.0	0.0	17.3	0.0	17.3	0.0	17.3	0.0	17.3	-1.24	-6.68	-17.25	-6.68	-17.25	
Rapides	14.7	15.5	24.5	28.8	17.9	20.7	17.9	20.7	17.9	20.7	17.9	20.7	-0.80	-4.27	-2.82	-4.27	-2.82	
Red River	25.4	9.7	28.3	23.9	27.3	16.5	27.3	16.5	27.3	16.5	27.3	16.5	15.63	4.45	10.73	4.45	10.73	
Richland	17.8	20.0	31.6	33.9	24.7	27.5	24.7	27.5	24.7	27.5	24.7	27.5	-2.18	-2.29	-2.81	-2.18	-2.81	
Sabine	23.0	18.7	31.9	36.1	25.4	33.5	25.4	33.5	25.4	33.5	25.4	33.5	4.36	-4.23	1.89	-4.23	1.89	
St. Bernard	12.5	14.0	22.2	28.0	13.3	15.3	13.3	15.3	13.3	15.3	13.3	15.3	-1.56	-5.78	-2.04	-5.78	-2.04	
St. Charles	9.1	9.1	17.0	26.3	11.4	14.9	11.4	14.9	11.4	14.9	11.4	14.9	-0.07	-9.36	-3.51	-9.36	-3.51	
St. Helena	3.8	9.1	18.9	20.8	12.6	14.3	12.6	14.3	12.6	14.3	12.6	14.3	-5.32	-1.91	-1.69	-5.32	-1.69	
St. James	7.6	10.5	19.3	22.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	-2.88	-3.19	-3.65	-3.19	-3.65	
St. John	7.3	10.1	22.9	22.1	13.8	15.6	13.8	15.6	13.8	15.6	13.8	15.6	-2.83	0.79	-1.79	0.79	-1.79	
St. Landry	11.0	16.3	22.7	23.2	16.9	19.7	16.9	19.7	16.9	19.7	16.9	19.7	-5.25	-0.42	-2.82	-0.42	-2.82	
St. Martin	14.5	12.0	13.1	19.7	13.9	15.6	13.9	15.6	13.9	15.6	13.9	15.6	2.44	-6.58	-1.67	-6.58	-1.67	
St. Mary	14.8	13.8	19.6	24.3	16.3	17.7	16.3	17.7	16.3	17.7	16.3	17.7	1.03	-4.69	-1.39	-4.69	-1.39	
St. Tammany	8.6	9.7	24.7	25.9	10.9	12.2	10.9	12.2	10.9	12.2	10.9	12.2	-1.08	-1.23	-1.27	-1.08	-1.27	
Tangipahoa	16.2	16.8	29.9	33.3	22.2	23.5	22.2	23.5	22.2	23.5	22.2	23.5	-0.58	-3.39	-1.28	-3.39	-1.28	
Tensas	5.4	16.2	20.8	34.0	16.5	26.7	16.5	26.7	16.5	26.7	16.5	26.7	-10.81	1.48	1.09	1.48	1.09	
Terrebonne	15.0	14.0	33.1	22.0	18.1	17.0	18.1	17.0	18.1	17.0	18.1	17.0	1.08	1.48	1.09	1.08	1.09	
Union	16.0	22.2	23.5	25.6	23.2	23.6	23.2	23.6	23.2	23.6	23.2	23.6	-6.20	7.46	-0.48	7.46	-0.48	
Vermillion	12.6	15.0	20.9	26.0	14.2	17.4	14.2	17.4	14.2	17.4	14.2	17.4	-2.40	-5.13	-3.24	-5.13	-3.24	
Vernon	20.8	15.7	12.1	14.5	17.8	14.5	17.8	14.5	17.8	14.5	17.8	14.5	5.01	-2.41	2.28	-2.41	2.28	
Washington	18.2	17.0	23.9	25.8	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.2	1.16	-1.88	0.22	-1.88	0.22	
Webster	17.7	14.2	34.5	30.0	25.2	21.1	25.2	21.1	25.2	21.1	25.2	21.1	3.51	4.48	4.11	4.48	4.11	
West Baton Rouge	8.7	11.8	16.1	21.7	11.6	16.0	11.6	16.0	11.6	16.0	11.6	16.0	-3.15	-5.63	-4.43	-5.63	-4.43	
West Carroll	20.2	15.0	16.4	32.6	18.9	19.6	18.9	19.6	18.9	19.6	18.9	19.6	5.16	-16.25	-0.75	-16.25	-0.75	
West Feliciana	14.5	9.7	18.2	14.3	0.0	11.8	0.0	11.8	0.0	11.8	0.0	11.8	4.77	3.90	-11.76	3.90	-11.76	
Winn	27.8	16.7	28.2	33.7	28.0	23.1	28.0	23.1	28.0	23.1	28.0	23.1	11.18	-5.50	4.91	-5.50	4.91	
State	12.4	12.8	24.1	26.7	17.6	18.7	17.6	18.7	17.6	18.7	17.6	18.7	-0.40	-2.55	-0.40	-2.55	-0.40	



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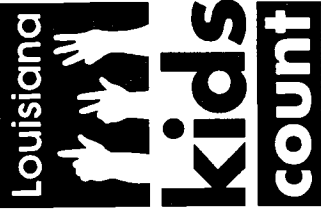
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Parish	1991 white		1993 white		1991 black		1993 black		1991 total		1993 total		% change white		% change black		% change total	
Acadia	75.7	71.9	51.3	48.8	69.0	65.7	-3.9	-2.5	-3.3									
Allen	68.3	68.8	34.4	47.7	59.4	63.0	0.5	13.3	3.6									
Ascension	82.2	83.3	48.6	58.7	71.9	76.3	1.1	10.0	4.4									
Assumption	80.1	76.4	61.3	75.3	71.2	75.7	-3.7	14.0	4.5									
Avoyelles	77.0	67.6	46.9	41.4	64.7	57.1	-9.5	-5.5	-7.6									
Beauregard	61.9	63.1	40.7	33.3	58.6	58.5	1.2	-7.3	-0.1									
Blenville	60.4	37.8	37.8	39.5	47.6	57.0	15.1	1.7	9.4									
Bossier	81.3	85.8	43.2	58.8	70.1	77.2	4.4	15.6	7.1									
Caddo	78.2	84.1	42.4	56.4	58.7	69.1	5.9	14.0	10.4									
Caldcasieu	79.0	81.3	55.4	65.6	72.0	76.3	2.3	10.2	4.3									
Caldwell	85.2	74.5	73.0	59.1	82.2	71.6	-10.7	-13.9	-10.7									
Cameron	75.8	83.9	42.9	16.7	74.6	79.8	8.0	-26.2	5.2									
Catahoula	73.4	82.6	54.8	59.3	65.3	73.5	9.2	4.6	8.2									
Claiborne	66.7	78.1	29.3	39.7	61.9	67.1	11.4	10.3	11.6									
Concordia	77.8	78.8	48.5	56.7	61.9	67.1	1.0	8.2	5.2									
DeSoto	73.1	80.9	45.6	59.7	58.7	68.2	7.8	14.1	9.5									
East Baton Rouge	87.4	87.7	51.2	55.2	69.9	72.0	0.2	3.9	2.1									
East Carroll	82.9	87.8	60.1	48.5	63.6	57.2	4.9	-11.6	-6.4									
East Feliciana	73.9	78.7	48.2	50.0	59.9	63.7	4.8	1.8	3.7									
East Feliciana	76.1	76.4	50.8	47.8	65.8	65.1	0.3	-3.0	-0.6									
Evangeline	81.9	77.6	59.3	54.7	71.5	66.2	-4.3	-4.6	-5.3									
Franklin	73.1	73.1	38.0	35.7	65.9	63.0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.9									
Grant	85.2	76.3	61.9	51.2	75.6	64.6	-8.9	-10.8	-10.9									
Iberia	81.1	85.8	51.0	54.2	63.3	67.9	4.8	3.2	4.5									
Jackson	56.8	55.3	48.5	31.3	53.7	47.2	-1.5	-17.2	-6.5									
Jefferson	83.3	85.3	59.9	37.0	76.1	77.9	2.0	2.7	1.9									
Jefferson Davis	70.7	65.9	38.8	37.0	63.2	59.5	-4.9	-1.7	-3.7									
Lafayette	87.4	85.6	66.0	58.1	81.0	76.2	-1.8	-7.9	-4.8									
Lafourche	76.5	75.6	60.4	71.4	73.0	74.6	-1.0	11.0	1.6									
LaSalle	78.3	70.0	31.6	51.5	67.0	66.8	-0.3	19.9	-0.6									
Lincoln	65.5	57.1	38.0	30.5	52.7	44.0	-8.4	-7.5	-8.8									
Livingston	79.8	85.2	47.6	61.5	77.1	83.3	5.4	13.9	6.2									
Madison	86.4	66.2	63.3	47.2	69.3	52.1	-20.3	-16.1	-17.2									
Morehouse	66.5	57.8	52.2	49.8	58.4	61.4	0.6	1.2	-0.3									
Natchitoches	71.6	72.2	51.5	52.8	61.7	53.2	-8.7	-2.4	-5.2									
Orleans	83.4	85.3	53.5	60.8	59.4	64.9	1.9	7.4	5.6									
Ouachita	86.4	81.4	54.4	48.6	71.1	66.3	-5.0	-5.8	-4.8									
Plaquemines	78.6	82.2	62.1	59.5	72.7	75.4	3.6	-2.7	2.7									
Pointe Coupee	82.4	82.3	44.4	68.2	61.2	62.7	-0.1	9.7	7.1									
Rapides	76.2	75.0	48.6	45.3	65.9	62.7	-1.2	-3.3	-3.2									
Red River	70.5	86.1	39.7	55.2	57.3	71.2	15.7	15.9	13.9									
Richland	84.4	83.2	50.0	59.2	67.7	70.3	-1.2	9.2	2.6									
Sabine	59.8	71.2	33.0	53.0	51.6	66.2	11.3	20.0	14.6									
St. Bernard	82.9	85.1	50.6	52.0	79.8	82.0	2.2	1.5	2.2									
St. Charles	87.2	84.2	57.1	65.7	76.8	78.0	-3.0	8.5	1.2									
St. Helena	80.0	89.1	63.4	74.5	70.1	81.7	9.1	11.1	11.7									
St. James	75.2	75.7	55.9	63.6	63.6	63.0	0.5	-1.2	-0.6									
St. John	78.5	77.5	51.4	49.8	68.0	64.9	-1.0	-1.5	-3.1									
St. Landry	73.6	66.4	51.5	42.8	62.3	54.5	-7.2	-8.8	-7.8									
St. Martin	81.9	78.5	65.6	52.6	74.8	65.9	-3.4	-13.0	-8.9									
St. Mary	83.4	82.7	70.6	64.0	75.1	75.1	-0.7	-6.5	-2.6									
St. Mary	83.5	88.1	63.9	65.9	80.6	84.5	4.6	2.0	3.9									
St. Tammany	78.3	86.3	56.5	69.1	68.4	79.2	7.9	12.6	10.7									
Tangipahoa	84.2	83.8	53.8	62.3	71.1	71.1	-0.4	8.4	6.1									
Tensas	76.5	72.5	66.1	67.2	73.2	70.2	-4.0	1.2	-3.0									
Terrebonne	73.9	67.9	46.8	40.0	64.3	56.2	-6.0	-6.8	-8.1									
Union	80.8	76.2	62.0	57.7	74.8	71.6	-4.6	-4.3	-3.2									
Vermillion	71.8	69.4	66.1	65.6	70.3	68.6	-2.5	-0.5	-1.7									
Vernon	62.6	71.7	27.7	33.0	49.2	57.4	9.2	5.3	8.2									
Washington	76.0	83.7	42.9	58.2	60.6	72.5	7.7	15.3	11.9									
Webster	76.3	82.7	54.8	58.0	66.6	71.7	6.4	3.2	5.1									
West Baton Rouge	67.2	63.0	44.1	50.0	63.6	59.9	-4.1	-4.0	-3.8									
West Carroll	83.1	84.5	44.1	49.2	63.4	68.2	1.4	5.1	4.7									
West Feliciana	49.3	54.1	44.2	36.6	47.3	47.5	0.2	-7.6	0.1									
Win	79.9	80.6	52.9	56.7	68.4	70.1	0.6	3.8	1.7									
State																		



Parish

Parish	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993
Acadia	1,035	1,036	982	962	918
Allen	329	372	360	322	337
Ascension	1,002	1,001	1,094	1,044	1,123
Assumption	390	330	351	379	349
Avoyselles	596	595	629	616	565
Beauregard	534	539	527	547	555
Bienville	249	251	254	232	222
Bossier	1,527	1,468	1,437	1,369	1,347
Caddo	4,452	4,364	4,116	4,114	3,699
Calcasieu	2,783	2,726	2,782	2,765	2,812
Caldwell	136	135	152	156	118
Cameron	140	135	130	112	100
Catahoula	185	160	171	171	151
Claiborne	244	219	251	229	206
Concordia	348	327	315	287	312
DeSoto	433	418	431	404	435
East Baton Rouge	6,461	6,616	6,585	6,631	6,525
East Carroll	200	201	228	176	225
East Feliciana	315	318	302	315	302
Evangeline	557	597	619	575	569
Franklin	344	361	341	341	288
Grant	288	223	252	266	264
Iberia	1,267	1,255	1,245	1,251	1,258
Iberville	535	567	589	564	567
Jackson	224	215	188	201	200
Jefferson	7,280	7,254	7,183	6,865	6,815
Jefferson Davis	519	503	544	502	489
Lafayette	2,949	2,851	2,913	2,907	2,924
Lafourche	1,485	1,420	1,448	1,339	1,348
LaSalle	159	197	184	195	209
Lincoln	549	514	548	547	546
Livingston	1,149	1,129	1,210	1,201	1,216
Madison	203	219	228	243	269
Morehouse	529	549	522	533	520
Natchitoches	587	568	533	559	569
Orleans	9,348	9,281	9,243	9,013	9,114
Ouachita	2,357	2,424	2,386	2,418	2,328
Plaquemines	471	446	429	470	402
Pointe Coupee	331	359	358	353	371
Rapides	2,153	2,047	2,201	2,042	1,947
Red River	132	172	157	155	139
Richland	348	398	365	366	327
Sabine	347	341	347	342	294
St. Bernard	1,039	1,020	948	950	940
St. Charles	810	791	773	748	733
St. Helena	127	106	137	106	105
St. James	377	390	371	376	384
St. John	762	830	738	729	745
St. Landry	1,435	1,376	1,466	1,455	1,326
St. Martin	797	764	747	775	795
St. Mary	1,152	1,016	1,095	1,053	988
St. Tammany	2,266	2,354	2,344	2,320	2,366
Tangipahoa	1,570	1,637	1,637	1,617	1,612
Tensas	133	110	103	102	90
Terrebonne	1,862	1,863	1,753	1,764	1,740
Union	311	308	314	296	292
Vermillion	803	792	809	777	740
Vernon	1,509	1,620	1,487	1,295	1,068
Washington	622	617	693	628	663
Webster	622	584	599	522	568
West Baton Rouge	379	346	347	346	374
West Carroll	180	180	187	172	168
West Feliciana	136	107	134	136	136
Winn	243	248	226	229	221
State	72,639	72,121	72,080	70,502	69,328



trends

in this book reflect the number of children receiving Food Stamps in the month of September 1995, as well as the average monthly coupon amount and household size in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Medicaid**

Medicaid is a program jointly funded by state and federal governments to provide medical coverage for poor women and children. Pregnant women and children under the age of six whose family incomes are less than 133% of the federal poverty level and children between the ages of 6 and 8 whose family income is less than 100% of the federal poverty level and older children who are either categorically or medically needy are eligible for Medicaid. Individuals receiving AFDC automatically qualify for Medicaid. The figure in this book reflects the number of children receiving Medicaid in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**WIC Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

WIC Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federal food program which provides supplemental foods, nutritional screening and nutrition counseling to eligible low income pregnant women, new or nursing mothers, and children under 5 who are at "nutritional risk." Eligibility is set by the federal government at 185% of the poverty level. WIC is not an entitlement program. The data contained in this book include the average number of infants and children participating in the WIC program between the months of October 1994 and August 1995.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Nutrition Services, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Child Care Assistance**

The number of children receiving child care subsidies through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant and Title IV-A At-Risk child care programs during the month of September 1995.

**Child Care Assistance Waiting List**

The number of children who have been found eligible to receive Child Care Assistance and are waiting for funds to become available as of September 1995.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Child Care Assistance Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (# of families, 1994)**

The number of families who received the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

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**Population**

1994 Estimates of total population by parish.  
 Source: United States Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Branch.

1992 Estimates of population by age, sex, and race/Hispanic origin.  
 Source: United States Bureau of the Census, Produced by the Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville.

**Poverty and Income (1990 census)**

**Poverty**

The poverty figures in this book reflect individuals and families who fall below the federal poverty threshold. The poverty threshold is the annual income level which is three times the estimate of what a family spends on food in a year. The poverty threshold is adjusted for family size and revised annually to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. The poverty threshold for a family of four persons was \$12,674 at the time these figures were calculated. Poverty thresholds were applied on a national basis and were not adjusted for regional, state, or local variations in the cost of living.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census, 1990.

Median Family Income 1994 estimated income value at which an equal number of families fall above and below.

Source: United States Bureau of the Census.

**Children Receiving AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children**

(AFDC) is a cash assistance program that states administer under federal supervision for families with children who meet specific eligibility requirements. The benefit amount is determined by the number of family members and the family's countable income. For example, a family of three with no countable income will receive a grant of \$190 per month in an urban area; \$174 per month in a non-urban area. A family of three with countable income in excess of these amounts would be ineligible for AFDC benefits. The figures in this book reflect the average number of children receiving AFDC benefits each month in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

**Food Stamps**

The Food Stamp program is a federal public assistance program which provides food coupons that are exchanged for food. Households in Louisiana with gross income below 130% of the poverty level and net income below 100% of the poverty level may be eligible for Food Stamps. For example, the maximum net income for a family of three is \$1027 per month. The figures

based on completed 1994 income tax returns. The EITC is a refundable income tax credit for families who work at low and moderately low wages. The maximum income level for EITC eligibility in 1994 was \$25,296. Source: Internal Revenue Service, New Orleans District, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### Maternal and Child Health

#### Live Births

The total number of live births to women in Louisiana.

#### Percent Births to Teens

Live births to women ages 19 and under as a percent of all live births to women of the same race.

#### Percent Low Birthweight Babies

Live births under 2500 grams (5.5 pounds) as a percent of all live births to women of the same race.

#### Percent Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care

Percentage based on modified Kessner Index. In general, care must begin in the first trimester of pregnancy, with a minimum number of doctor visits during each period of gestation in order to be considered "adequate."

#### Infant Mortality Rate

The average number of deaths per year of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births to mothers of the same race.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### Percent Children with up-to-date Immunization

1994 Parish level data based on a review of immunization records of a stratified random sample of children immunized in public health clinics. Children were considered up-to-date if by age 24 months they had received the following immunizations: 4 DTPs (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), 3 polios, and 1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella).

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Immunization Program, New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### % Children without Health Insurance

An estimated percentage of children under age 18 not covered by public or private health insurance in 1993.

Source: March, 1994 Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

#### Child Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of children between the ages of 1-14 years from all causes per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

#### Teen Violent Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to violence (including accidents, homicides and suicides) per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

#### Teen Suicide Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to suicide per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

#### Teen Accident Death Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to accidents per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

#### Teen Homicide Rate

The average number of deaths per year of teens 15-19 years due to homicide and legal intervention per 100,000 Louisiana residents of the same age.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### Children in Trouble

#### Children Entering the Juvenile Justice System, fiscal year 1995 (July 1, 1994-June 30, 1995).

This includes children in custody (in secure and non-secure placements); children under supervision (including Informal Adjustment Agreements), cases that were referred to the Office of Youth Development but diverted from court, and cases still pending court action. Number served represents the number of active cases on 7/1/94 plus all those entering the system during fiscal year 1995. On any given day during the year, there are approximately 8,500 children in the care of the Office of Youth Development. The state total presented in this book is greater than the sum of children in custody in each parish because the state total includes cases which don't have a parish of commitment.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Youth Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

# definitions

## Child Abuse and Neglect

### Valid Abuse and Neglect Cases (no. of children)

The number of children who have been abused or neglected as determined by the state's office of Child Protective Services in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th). Parishes with an asterisk (\*) do not have parish-specific data available. Valid cases of abuse and neglect in these parishes are reflected in the figures for other parishes of the same region as follows:

Assumption	reflected in	Lafourche data
Bienville	"	Webster data
Caldwell	"	Ouachita data
Cameron	"	Calcasieu data
Claiborne	"	Webster data
Jackson	"	Lincoln data
LaSalle	"	Catahoula data
Red River	"	Natchitoches data
St. Charles	"	St. John data
St. Helena	"	Tangipahoa data
St. James	"	St. John data
Tensas	"	Madison
West Baton Rouge	"	Iberville data
West Feliciana	"	East Feliciana data

### Children in Foster Care

The number of children who are the responsibility of the state in out-of-home placements during the month of June in the given year.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Information Management Unit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### Public Education

#### Registration

The total number of public school students on the first day of the 1993-1994 school year, including pre-kindergarten students.

### Per Pupil Expenditures

The expenditures per student in average daily membership in 1993-1994. Current expenditures include only instruction and support services and do

not include adult education expenses.

### Teacher Salary (average)

The average salary paid to full-time public school teachers in 1993-94.

### Dropouts 1993-94

Number of students in grades 7-12 who were enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, had not graduated from high school or completed an approved education program, and do not meet any of the following exclusive conditions: transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness or death. Special education students are excluded from the count if they attend no regular education classes.

Source: 145th Annual Financial and Statistical Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Research and Development, Bureau of School Accountability, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### Child Support

#### Total Number of Cases

A Child Support Enforcement case is defined as every absent parent who is now or may eventually be obligated under law for the support of one or more dependent children. The number in this book includes collection cases (cases in which an obligation for support has been established) and intake cases (cases in which an obligation has not yet been established).

#### Percent Cases with Collection

The percent of cases in which an obligation for support has been established. An obligation is the legal establishment of an amount of money which is to be paid on a regular basis by a non-custodial parent for the support of that parent's children.

#### Amount Owed

The actual dollar amount owed for all collection cases in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

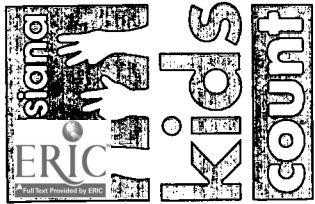
#### Amount Paid

The dollar amount paid on all collection cases in the given fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

Source: State of Louisiana, Office of Child Support Enforcement Services, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### A word about data....

Every attempt has been made to compile the latest and most accurate figures



available on child well-being at the state and parish level. However, there are limitations to these data. Some of the data, including census data on poverty, and uninsured children, are based on samples of the population and as such are subject to sampling variability. For other indicators, such as child support, parish level data were unavailable. For some health indicators, such as child death and teen violent death rates, data could not be presented on the parish level because the numbers were too small to calculate a meaningful rate.

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