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This Kids Count data book provides statistics on the well-being of children in Louisiana. Data are provided for the state as a whole and for each of Louisiana's 64 parishes. An introduction summarizes findings for 1999, and a final section summarizes trends in the data over the past several years. Indicators used in the report to measure child well-being are: (1) population; (2) poverty; (3) employment and income (median family income, percent and number unemployed); (4) children receiving aid from Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), Medicaid, food stamps, Women Infants and Children (WIC) program, child care assistance, and FINDWORK child care; (5) maternal and child health (percent births to teens, percent low birth weight, percent women receiving adequate prenatal care, infant mortality rate, immunization rates); (6) children in trouble (children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development, crimes against property, crimes against persons); (7) child abuse and neglect (physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, children in foster care); and (8) public education (registration, per pupil expenditure, teacher salary, exceptional children program, dropout rates). (EV)

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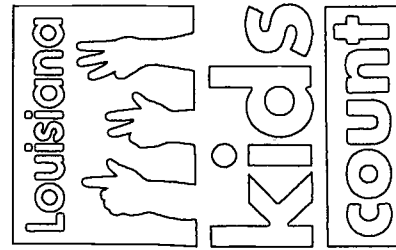
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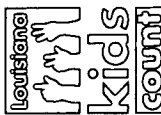
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# The Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children...

## Introduction

provides comprehensive parish-by-parish data on the status of children in our state. It is produced by Agenda for Children as part of the national Kids Count initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The Casey Foundation also publishes the national *Kids Count Data Book*, which provides a state-by-state profile of child well-being and ranks the states on the condition of their children and families. It is perhaps no longer surprising that Louisiana consistently finds itself at or near the bottom of these rankings every year. This still makes the news, however, because Louisianians *do* care about how well, or how poorly, our children are doing.

On the eve of the new millennium, we propose looking at what we want for Louisiana's children and assessing how we can make our vision real. We want to look forward to what we can be. The question raised by the data is: "What will it take to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive?" Then we must ask ourselves: "How can we make it happen?"

The right combination of incentives, investments, and opportunities can improve conditions throughout the state in ways that support families and help more children overcome the odds. We know that strong, nurturing families are the foundation from which strong,

healthy children emerge. We also know that strong, nurturing families tend to emerge from strong, healthy communities supported by family-friendly public policies. Investing in child care and basic health care, for example, represent policy decisions that can provide basic building blocks for a healthy future. A few dollars in after school programs, a solid education, and safe streets are a lot cheaper, socially and economically, than building more prisons and locking children up for the rest of their lives. That's the bottom line. It's the best investment we can make in the next century, and perhaps the only one that truly counts.

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## Introduction

### Indicators

#### Population

The Census Bureau provides estimates of the population. Only during the decennial census is an actual count attempted. In the intervening years estimates are made based on samples. The figures in this book are estimates of the total population, the population of all children under age 20, and the number of young children under age 5.

Overall, Louisiana's population has remained relatively stable, growing only slightly from 4,350,579 in 1996 to 4,351,769 in 1998. Children constitute 31%

of the population of the state. This exceeds the national rate of 25% in 1998, down from a national high of 36% at the end of the 'baby boom.' (Federal Inter-agency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, 1999).

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#### Poverty

While the prosperity of the nation has increased on the whole in the last 20 years, poverty rates among children remain staggeringly high at 20%. This is particularly noteworthy given the tremendous economic growth the nation has experienced, evidenced by unprecedented highs in the stock market and unprecedented lows in unemployment. Despite the enormous wealth of the United States, our children poverty rate is among the highest in industrialized nations.

Child poverty is linked to a host of negative outcomes for children related to health, delinquency, academic success and future earning potential. While many children who live in poverty do not suffer these negative outcomes as they grow up and other

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children who do not live in poverty do suffer them, the link is irrefutable.

Louisiana retains the dubious distinction of being at the bottom of this bottom with a child poverty rate of 31.3%. Among the parishes this ranges from a low of 16.3% poverty among children in St. Tammany Parish to an unconscionable high of 62% poverty among children in East Carroll Parish. St. Charles, Cameron, Livingston and Ascension join St. Tammany with the lowest child poverty rates. Richland, Madison, Orleans and Tensas join East Carroll with the highest rates.

Children of color are over-represented in the poverty statistics. The 1990 Census (the latest period for which these figures are available) reported the poverty rate of African American children at 56.5%, compared to 15.4% for white children in Louisiana. Children of color tend to live in poor areas and thus go to poor schools. Children of color and their parents face racial discrimination in hiring and housing, bank



loans and business deals, promotions and perceptions, and all the various privileges that lead to an adequacy of resources.

In 1998, 58% of Louisiana children were white, 40% African American, and 2% other races. This compares to 1998 U.S. rates in which 65% of children were white, 15% were African American, 15% were Hispanic, 4% were Asian/Pacific Islander, & 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native in 1998.

#### ***How Poverty is Measured***

The federal government's official poverty index is used to classify income as above or below the poverty line. The poverty level, created in 1964, was computed by using as a yardstick the minimum amount of money believed necessary to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. This price was then multiplied by three to obtain a poverty threshold. A family is officially classified as poor if its cash income (wages, pensions, social security benefits and all other forms of cash income) falls below the poverty threshold. The poverty income thresholds are updated each year for inflation (as reflected in the Consumer Price Index.)

There is much debate on whether this methodology can accurately determine which families are in fact "poor." Many suggest that it produces an unrealistically low threshold (\$15,569 for a family of 4 in 1995, the year of the data presented in this book). There are families with wage earners whose incomes may in fact ex-

ceed the official poverty level but who still have difficulty meeting the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and health care for their families.

The data presented in this book are the most current available poverty estimates at the parish level. These data are estimates, and as such it is important to point out there is a certain amount of variability inherent in producing them. This is taken into consideration by producing a range within which the actual number will fall — known as a confidence level. These poverty estimates are produced at the 90% confidence level. This means that we can be 90% confident that the actual number: "Percent of children in poverty" is within the range, or confidence interval indicated.

#### ***Employment and Income***

Louisiana's unemployment rate has reached a record low. The statewide average in April 1999 was 4.7%, compared to 6.8% in January 1997, as reported in the *1996 Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children*.

Median family income varies widely from parish to parish in Louisiana. The average median income in Louisiana is \$28,000, ranging from a high of \$43,600 in the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area to a low of \$16,500 in East Carroll Parish.

#### ***Children Receiving***

The items in this category include the major public benefits programs providing assistance to children.

#### ***FITAP (Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program)***

In January of 1997, sweeping changes in the laws governing "welfare" — cash assistance to needy families — took effect. The federal government passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act in 1996, eliminating the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) entitlement program that had existed for 60 years and replacing it with TANF, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. Louisiana's legislature also enacted changes in the way the state offers assistance to poor families which come together with the new federal policies in the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP).

The number of children receiving assistance through FITAP has decreased significantly compared to the number who received assistance under the AFDC program. Statewide, 97,663 children were receiving assistance through FITAP in fiscal year 1998, compared to 156,392 on AFDC in fiscal year 1996.

While proponents of welfare reform inter-

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pret these figures as a sign of success, others point to the fact that dwindling welfare rolls are not necessarily an indication of family well-being or even self-sufficiency, the assumed goal of the reform efforts. Families leaving welfare have reported giving up their own residences and moving in with other relatives to make ends meet, working odd hours and night shifts which make child care arrangements difficult or impossible, and other scenarios which continue to make "self-sufficiency" an elusive goal. These issues and their impact on children's development and well being are not reflected in the numbers that show only that fewer families are represented on the welfare rolls.

Research efforts to track what is happening to families as they leave are underway, but are still quite limited. Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) has conducted limited research on families leaving welfare in New Orleans. While these findings were meant to tell only what is happening with the families contacted and not to be generalized to the entire population of those leaving welfare, they are nonetheless telling.

Of the 349 families formerly receiving welfare who were contacted by SUNO, 21% left welfare for paid work, 40% were sanctioned off of the program because of non-compliance with the rules and 15% reported leaving because of finding

another source of income (primarily Social Security Income – SSI). The mean income of the people who were employed full-time was only \$800 per month. Given that the poverty level for a family of 3 is \$1,094 per month, these families are clearly struggling.

Also not reflected in the figures on cash assistance are figures on child support. The failure on the part of an absent parent to contribute to the support of children is a major factor contributing to a family's need for public assistance. There is still substantial room for improvement in moving child support cases through the enforcement and collection process. In Louisiana in fiscal year 1998, only 43.5% of child support cases have orders for collection established (though this is higher than the average of 38.7% in fiscal year 1996.) The rest of the cases are awaiting some type of action to collect what is owed by absent parents to their children.

If we are indeed interested in strong, healthy families and the well-being of children relative to these sweeping and still relatively new changes in public policy, we need more data pointing to outcomes for children and their families – which is the ultimate question behind the drop in numbers.

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#### Medicaid

Medicaid is the key source of health insurance for poor fami-

lies and their children. While other forms of public assistance to families and children have shrunk, eligibility for Medicaid has expanded, and now covers some children in families with income above the official poverty line.

Access to health care is a significant factor in a family's ability to sustain itself financially. For some families receiving cash assistance, the medical card that came with it was then the most compelling reason to stay on welfare. It was not unheard of for a family to receive a welfare check of only \$1 per month – the true value of which was the medical card that came along with it. One of the biggest hindrances to a parent leaving welfare for a low wage job has been the threat of losing access to health care services for their children.

Access to health care involves both the availability of a regular source of care and the ability to pay for it. Children with health insurance are much more likely than children without insurance to have a regular and accessible source of health care – a particular person or place a child goes for sick and preventive care.

Policy makers have begun to address this with CHIP – the Children's Health Insurance Program. CHIP was created by Congress and offers a high rate of federal matching funds to states that offer health insurance coverage for children of working families with low wages and no other health care coverage.





In Louisiana, this has taken the form of an expansion of Medicaid and is known as "LaCHIP." LaCHIP became effective in November of 1998 and currently is offered to children up to age 18 with family incomes up to 33% above the poverty line. (\$21,888 for a family of 4). In its 1999 session, the Louisiana Legislature approved expansion of eligibility to 50% above the poverty line, effective October 1999, and up to twice the rate of poverty in the following year, though the details of this phase are still to be determined.

This is welcome news for the more than 1 in 4 children in the state who lack health insurance. It should be noted that there is still no help for low income working adults (including parents) who need health care. The immediate challenge, however, is to enroll the eligible children. Many families leaving welfare are operating on assumptions of the old rules governing these programs; not knowing their children may still be eligible for a medical card after they leave welfare. Other families, including those at the higher end of these income guidelines — may have never before been eligible for such assistance and not know that it is available to them.

For these reasons, extensive outreach and enrollment efforts are underway throughout the state to sign children up for LaCHIP. The state has also streamlined and simplified the application process to encourage families to sign their children up for health insurance. In fact, Louisiana has been cited as a model among states in these efforts.

In the months since its inception, the state has met its goals for enrolling not only children newly eligible under LaCHIP guidelines, but also those children previously eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled. The Medicaid figure in this book is a snapshot of children enrolled in Medicaid and LaCHIP in March of 1999.

**Food Stamps and WIC**

Access at all times to a diet sufficient in nutrients and calories is a fundamental measure of child well being. The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics reports that there are "food insecure households" with and without hunger. "Food insecure households without hunger" report difficulty obtaining enough food, inadequate diets, anxiety about their food supply, and increased need for emergency food sources, but do not report actual hunger to any significant degree. However, "food insecure households with moderate and severe hunger" report increasing difficulty obtaining food and decreased food intakes. In 1997, 11.3% of U.S. children, and 26.8% or poor children lived in households experiencing food insecurity without hunger, while 4.2% of U.S. children lived in households experiencing food insecurity with moderate or severe hunger.

While we do not have parish or state level data indicating how many children and families fall into the "food insecure" categories, we do know that in FY 1998, 232,548 children were in families who depended on food stamps for at least a part of their access to food supply and 157,977 infants and children received basic nutrition services through WIC (Women, Infants, and Children program).

**Child Care**

Participation in an early childhood education program can provide preschoolers with skills and enrichment that can increase their chances of success in school. For working parents, access to child care is fundamental to their ability to secure and maintain employment outside of the home. While access to good quality, affordable child care is an issue for all working parents, it is especially challenging for those who have limited resources to pay for it. Low wage families, including those leaving welfare for the workforce, can have particular difficulty finding and paying for child care and consequently maintaining their jobs.

The Child Care Assistance program is designed to help families in this situation. 19,891 children receive child care assistance; another 14,302 receive it as part

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of welfare reform. In past years we have reported the number of children on the waiting list to receive Child Care Assistance. Happily there is no waiting list at the time these figures were collected due to the fact that additional funds were allocated to child care.

There are additional challenges facing families who need child care, especially those with limited resources. The first is the quality of care available. Louisiana's licensing regulations are weak and the payment rate available through Child Care Assistance is correspondingly low, at \$65 per week or less. It is usually impossible to find child care during non-traditional working hours or for the time it takes to search for a job. Families also find a gap of a month or more between securing a job and being certified for Child Care Assistance. Care for a sick child is virtually unavailable. Many parents in tenuous employment or part-time work lose their jobs when they or their children become ill.

### Maternal and Child Health

#### Live Births

The number of births in Louisiana has increased slightly from 65,574 in 1995 to 65,947 in 1997.

#### Births to Teens

Of the 65,947 babies born in Louisiana 18.1% – or 11,936 –

are to mothers between the ages of 15-19. Bearing a child during adolescence is associated with long term difficulties for the mother, the child and society.

Most teen mothers are unmarried, have not completed high school and are unable to financially support their children. Babies born to teen parents also face a number of risks. Because teen parents have fewer career and educational opportunities, their children are more likely to suffer the effects of poverty.

Among the 64 parishes, teen births as a percentage of all births range from a low of 12.3% in St. Tammany Parish to a high of 31.8% in Tensas Parish. Along with St. Tammany, the lowest teen birth rates are found in Ascension, St. James, Lafayette, and St. Bernard parishes. Along with Tensas Parish, the highest rates are found in Morehouse, Catahoula, Concordia, and Winn parishes.

#### Low Birthweight Babies

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in our ability to sustain babies born at low birthweight, this remains the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States.

Cigarette smoking by pregnant women, poverty, lack of education, inadequate prenatal care, lack of health insurance and premature birth are all risk factors associated with low birthweight.

Low birthweight among African American babies is double that among white babies. State-wide low birthweight rates are 14.6 % among African American babies compared to 7% among white babies.

#### Adequate Prenatal Care

Adequate health care during pregnancy increases the likelihood of healthy babies because medical and developmental problems can be detected early. Also, high-risk behaviors of the mother, such as substance abuse and poor nutrition, can be addressed.

The overall trend in prenatal care has been positive, but wide disparities by race and parish still exist. 75.4% of pregnant women in Louisiana receive adequate prenatal care, up from 73.5% in 1995. Among white mothers in Louisiana, the rate is 84.3% compared to 63.3% among African American mothers. The rate of adequate prenatal care ranges from a high of 89.9% in St. Bernard Parish, to a low of 49.2% in Lincoln Parish.

Babies considered to have low birthweight are those weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. Of all the babies born in Louisiana, 10.2% are low birthweight babies.

Although important gains have been made



**Infant Mortality Rate**

The infant mortality rate refers to the number of infants who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births.

Louisiana's infant mortality rate continues to follow the national downward trend. Although the infant mortality rate in the U.S. has steadily decreased, America still has one of the highest infant mortality rates among industrialized nations.

While rates for both white and African American babies have fallen, the rate among African American babies is double that among white babies — 13.6 deaths per 1,000 births compared to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 births, respectively.

Many of these deaths are preventable. Risk factors associated with infant mortality include the mother's age (below 19 or above 40), less than 2 years between births, poor maternal health or nutrition, inadequate prenatal care, and exposure to toxins such as alcohol, drugs, and tobacco smoke (Parish Health Profile, 1995).

**Up-to-date Immunization**

Adequate immunization protects children against several diseases that killed or disabled many children in past decades. Rates of childhood immunization are one measure of the extent to which children are protected from serious preventable illnesses. The combined series immunization rate measures the extent to which children have received 4 key vaccinations.

The figure in this book reflects data collected in public clinics. The statewide rate of up-to-date immunization in 1998 was 82%, up from 79% in 1996.

**Children in Trouble**

In 1998, 15,113 Louisiana children and youth were in the custody or under the supervision of the Office of Youth Development for crimes ranging from truancy to murder.

National research suggests that children at high risk for involvement in violence and crime include teenage boys born to adolescent mothers, young people doing poorly in school, youth who expect to die young, youth who are neither in school nor working, and those living in urban areas. Victims of child abuse and neglect are also more likely than other children to become involved in delinquent behaviors.

The Office of Youth Development collects data on the types of crime committed by the youth entering that system. Because of space limitations, these categories have been condensed into 2 categories in the *Kids Count Data Book on Louisiana's Children: crimes against property and crimes against persons*. The "crimes against property" cat-

egory includes: burglary, theft, drug offenses, public order, and status offenses. Status offenses describe behavior, such as curfew violations and truancy that is not classified as criminal among adults. The "crimes against persons" category includes: assault-battery, robbery, homicide, sex crimes, weapons offenses, and other violent and non-violent crimes against persons. Some youth who are in trouble do not enter the Office of Youth Development system and therefore are not reflected in these numbers.

**Child Abuse and Neglect and Foster Care**

Every day of the year, approximately 40 children are known to have been abused or neglected in the State of Louisiana — and this represents only those cases that are reported to and investigated by the State and then subse-

quently found "valid." We know that not all cases of child abuse proceed to this point. Nonetheless, 14,791 children were known to have been abused or neglected in Louisiana. 5,911 children in the State of Louisiana have been placed in foster care. Long-term, stable placement for these children, preferably with their own fami-

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lies, is the goal of foster care. Yet this is all too often not the case, especially for older children whose cases may have languished for years in the system.

**Education**

Success in school is a fundamental building block for a child's success. The overall state of education in a community has impact beyond the individual – defining to a large extent the condition of the social fabric.

Our basic investment in the education of children is reflected in the monetary investments we make towards that end, including the average expenditure per pupil and the average salary of teachers included in this book. The “children with special needs” category includes over

95,834 children who are receiving special education services.

High school graduation is a minimum prerequisite to compete effectively in today's labor market. Students who drop out of school face staggering odds in achieving economic success in the modern world. Those who drop out are 3 times more likely to live in poverty than those who complete high school. In the nation as a whole, 82 % of prisoners are high school dropouts. 21,367 classrooms every day – the equivalent of 2 classrooms every day – drop out of school in Louisiana.

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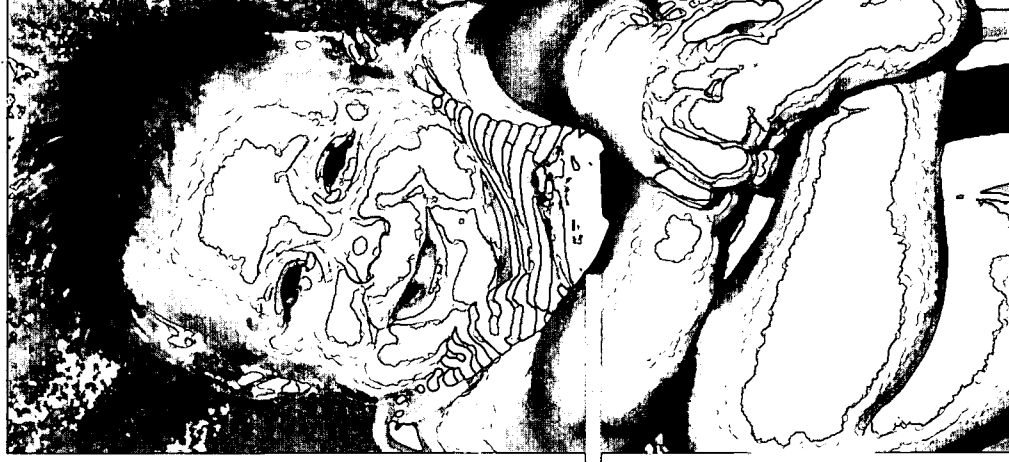
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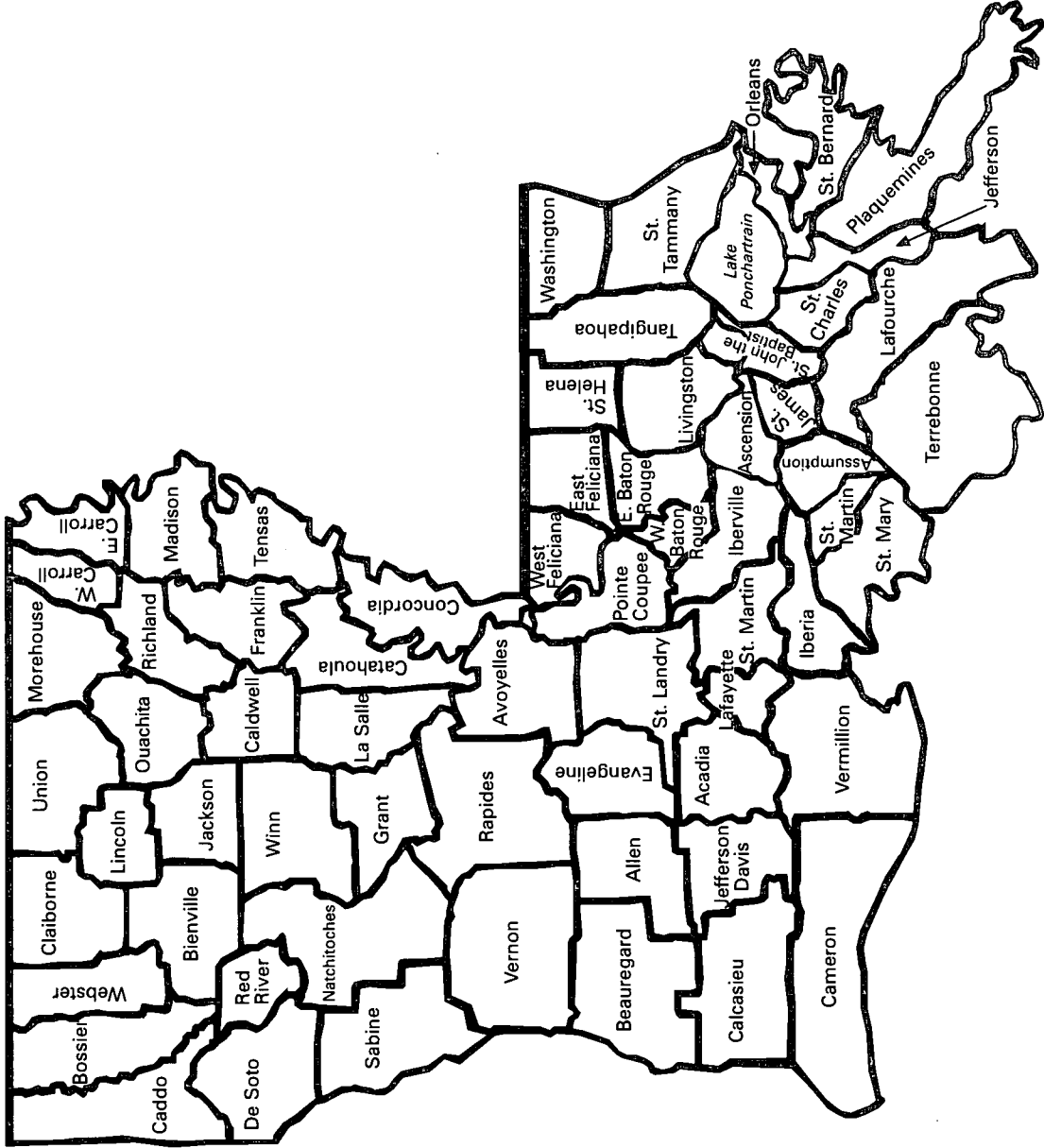
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# Children in Louisiana Section 1



# Map of Louisiana



# Children in Louisiana

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	2,882,333	1,396,453	4,351,769
Under 20	780,091	530,610	1,336,924
Under 5	180,720	126,372	313,700
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			31.3
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			388,182
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			28,000
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.7
% Unemployed (April 1999)			95,500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			97,663
Medicaid (March 1999)			314,808
Food Stamps (November 1998)			232,548
WIC (1998)		181,164	157,977
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	44,690		19,891
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	58,953	97,171	14,302
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	37,438		65,947
% Births to teens	13.3	25.1	18.1
% Low birthweight babies	7.0	14.6	10.2
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	84.3	63.3	75.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.8	13.6	9.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			82
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	4,675	10,186	15,113
Crimes against property			9,429
Crimes against persons			4,348
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	6,594	7,984	14,791
Physical abuse	1,466	1,506	3,024
Neglect	4,221	5,870	10,219
Sexual abuse	577	381	974
Children in foster care	1,921	3,927	5,911
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			773,073
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,178
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,131
Exceptional children program			95,834
Dropouts			21,367

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# Children in the Parishes Section

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	46,099	11,429	57,691
Under 20	14,212	4,627	18,892
Under 5	3,298	1,133	4,444
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			34.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			6,253
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			33,300*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			8.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)			21,000
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			982
Medicaid (March 1999)			5,008
Food Stamps (November 1998)		1,443	2,757
WIC (1998)	1,294	991	2,307
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,311		168
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			187
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	711		972
% Births to teens	18.4	258	21.6
% Low birthweight babies	8.6	30.6	10.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	68.5	14.3	59.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	14.1	34.9	14.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)		15.5	69
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	92	144	236
Crimes against property			160
Crimes against persons			73
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	158	76	234
Physical abuse	34	8	42
Neglect	105	62	167
Sexual abuse	15	3	18
Children in foster care	37	30	67
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			10,691
\$ Per pupil expenditure		3,038	4,516
\$ Teacher salary (average)			25,744
Exceptional children program			1,639
Dropouts			253

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**Population (1997)**

Total	17,364	White	17,364	African American	6,146	Total	23,908
Under 20	4,611		4,611		1,759	(Includes all races)	6,477
Under 5	1,038		1,038		405		1,458

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

33.0  
 2,030

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

27,000  
 7.0  
 640

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

306  
 1,594  
 762  
 1,640  
 30  
 66

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

45251  
 17.9  
 11.6  
 70.1  
 -

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

71  
 34

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

140  
 31  
 96  
 7  
 26

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

4,527  
 4,891  
 26,417  
 432  
 183

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



## Ascension

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	52,269	17,322	69,978
Under 20	16,156	7,165	23,459
Under 5	3,633	1,722	5,393
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			20.9
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,510
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			43,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,400
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	1,036		1,036
Medicaid (March 1999)	3,841		3,841
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,481		1,481
WIC (1998)	2,778		2,778
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	95		95
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	152		152
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	863	300	1,166
% Births to teens	10.5	21.0	13.2
% Low birthweight babies	6.5	10.7	7.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	88.1	68.9	83
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	2.3	10.0	4.3
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			92
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	77	67	146
Crimes against property			103
Crimes against persons			42
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			113
Physical abuse	77	36	31
Neglect	20	11	75
Sexual abuse	50	25	7
Children in foster care	7	0	45
20	25		
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	9,885	4,426	14,595
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,249
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,182
Exceptional children program			2,062
Dropouts			247



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### Population (1997)

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
Total	14,801	7,932	22,863
Under 20	4,364	3,078	7,510
Under 5	975	681	1,671

### Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

	31.5
	2,224

### Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

	30,400
	6.3
	620

### Children Receiving

FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

	380
	1,714
	977
	947
	20
	42

### Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

	298
	23.2
	6.0
	82.7
	6.7
	81

### Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

	8
	17

### Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

	*	*	*	*	*
	*	*	*	*	*
	*	*	*	*	*
	*	*	*	*	*
	*	*	*	*	*

### Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

	2,619	2,068	4,733
			5,392
			28,027
			651
			100

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

# Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	28,287	12,324	40,791
Under 20	7,601	4,467	12,127
Under 5	1,638	1,090	2,745
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			41.1
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,682
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			23,900
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.8
# Unemployed (April 1999)			910
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)	793		916
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,412		3,691
Food Stamps (November 1998)		1,238	2,041
WIC (1998)		1,282	2,696
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			151
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			64
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	369	213	585
% Births to teens	19.0	27.2	21.9
% Low birthweight babies	7.0	19.7	11.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	79.9	51.9	69.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	5.4	4.7	5.1
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			82
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	71	101	174
Crimes against property			86
Crimes against persons			47
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	81	47	128
Physical abuse	23	3	26
Neglect	43	38	81
Sexual abuse	10	3	13
Children in foster care	11	23	34
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration		3,106	7,622
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,624
\$ Teacher salary (average)			28,678
Exceptional children program			727
Dropouts			257

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	26,290	5,181	31,799
Under 20	7,739	1,771	9,607
Under 5	1,810	399	2,226
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			23.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,069
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			34,700
% Unemployed (April 1999)			6.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)			780
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			389
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,650
Food Stamps (November 1998)	406		1,011
WIC (1998)	228		1,217
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	589		59
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	969		86
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	400	71	479
% Births to teens	18.3	31.0	19.8
% Low birthweight babies	8.8	16.9	9.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	76.9	39.1	70.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	7.5	-	6.3
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			87
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	64	27	95
Crimes against property			79
Crimes against persons			15
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	149	46	196
Physical abuse	27	6	33
Neglect	104	37	142
Sexual abuse	11	0	11
Children in foster care	27	17	44
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration		1,077	6,224
\$ Per pupil expenditure	5,054		5,090
\$ Teacher salary (average)			30,734
Exceptional children program			759
Dropouts			123



Bienville

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	8,478	7,299	15,827
Under 20	2,123	2,437	4,573
Under 5	459	608	1,068
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			36.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,560
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			28,500
% Unemployed (April 1999)			7.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			390
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	433		433
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,451		1,451
Food Stamps (November 1998)	919	746	1,665
WIC (1998)	864	583	1,447
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	31		31
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	80		80
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	120	96	217
% Births to teens	20.8	29.2	24.4
% Low birthweight babies	8.3	16.7	12.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.2	44.1	64.5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	8.3	10.4	9.2
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			98
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	14	41	55
Crimes against property			29
Crimes against persons			18
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,126	1,863	2,990
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,724
\$ Teacher salary (average)			29,287
Exceptional children program			341
Dropouts			61

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**Population (1997)**

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
Total	70,958	20,109	92,750
Under 20	19,785	8,074	28,339
Under 5	4,892	2,060	7,060

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

	21.3
	5,627

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

	36,600*
	4.2
	2,000

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

	956
	4,396
	3,230
	3,322
	253
	185

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

	968
	13.6
	7.9
	84.2
	8.3
	381
	26.2
	13.4
	55.4
	26.2

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

	150
	145
	79

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

	166
	39
	99
	20
	54
	355
	99
	201
	42
	75

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

	12,707
	5,562
	18,931
	4,967
	30,105
	1,989
	320

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# Caddo

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	138,096	103,265	243,391
Under 20	32,448	39,569	72,574
Under 5	7,632	9,498	17,263
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			35.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			24,264
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			36,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			4,900
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			6,054
Medicaid (March 1999)			19,257
Food Stamps (November 1998)			15,495
WIC (1998)	1,682	13,737	9,066
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	2,224	6,778	1,849
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			891
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	1,592	2,048	3,690
% Births to teens	11.3	24.9	18.8
% Low birthweight babies	7.0	16.8	12.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	85.6	54.2	67.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.4	19.5	12.7
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			89
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	87	436	526
Crimes against property			360
Crimes against persons			160
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	251	769	1,030
Physical abuse	53	128	182
Neglect	163	586	751
Sexual abuse	15	31	50
Children in foster care	109	417	529
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	18,185	29,596	48,347
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,421
\$ Teacher salary (average)			33,583
Exceptional children program			5,963
Dropouts			1,806

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

**Population (1997)**

Total	133,209	White	44,405	African American	178,874	Total
Under 20	37,667		16,590		54,639	(Includes all races)
Under 5	8,652		3,829		12,578	

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty	24.5
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	12,399

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)	39,100*
% Unemployed (April 1999)	4.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)	3,900

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)	1,069
Medicaid (March 1999)	9,225
Food Stamps (November 1998)	5,943
WIC (1998)	6,741
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,086
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	161

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births	1,913
% Births to teens	14.9
% Low birthweight babies	8.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	86.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	8.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	73

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	104
Crimes against property	191
Crimes against persons	89

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	726
Physical abuse	170
Neglect	427
Sexual abuse	32
Children in foster care	145

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration	22,477	10,650	33,534
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,090
\$ Teacher salary (average)			30,619
Exceptional children program			4,147
Dropouts			607

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	8,295	2,015	10,351
Under 20	2,339	725	3,072
Under 5	520	153	675
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			30.7
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			880
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			25,000
% Unemployed (April 1999)			10.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			420
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			198
Medicaid (March 1999)			699
Food Stamps (November 1998)		164	385
WIC (1998)	218	221	911
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	687		31
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			36
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	107		138
% Births to teens	23.4	30	20.3
% Low birthweight babies	2.8	10.0	3.6
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.3	6.7	78.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	18.7	70.0	14.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)		-	96
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	21	10	31
Crimes against property			26
Crimes against persons			3
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,621	421	2,073
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,006
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,016
Exceptional children program			170
Dropouts			66
			55

**Population (1997)**

Total	8,379	White	8,379	African American	557	Total	9,012
Under 20	2,605		2,605		205	(Includes all races)	2,827
Under 5	629		629		53		683

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty	18.8
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	491

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)	36,900
% Unemployed (April 1999)	4.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)	210

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)	25
Medicaid (March 1999)	344
Food Stamps (November 1998)	142
WIC (1998)	377
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	2
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	0

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births	107
% Births to teens	22.4
% Low birthweight babies	6.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	83.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	89

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	38
Crimes against property	6
Crimes against persons	

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*
Physical abuse	*
Neglect	*
Sexual abuse	*
Children in foster care	*

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration	2,016	103	2,152
\$ Per pupil expenditure			6,070
\$ Teacher salary (average)			32,346
Exceptional children program			265
Dropouts			33

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## Catahoula

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	7,992	3,047	11,063
Under 20	2,250	1,206	3,462
Under 5	494	280	775
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			40.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,337
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			24,400
% Unemployed (April 1999)			9.9
# Unemployed (April 1999)			470
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			223
Medicaid (March 1999)			954
Food Stamps (November 1998)	164	379	547
WIC (1998)	418	394	814
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			35
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			10
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	96	40	136
% Births to teens	18.8	45.0	26.5
% Low birthweight babies	12.5	15.0	13.2
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	80.0	57.5	73.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	31.3	25.0	29.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			91
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	22	40	62
Crimes against property			52
Crimes against persons			6
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	72	36	108
Physical abuse	12	7	19
Neglect	45	24	69
Sexual abuse	12	3	15
Children in foster care	22	32	54
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,369	784	2,165
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,256
\$ Teacher salary (average)			25,231
Exceptional children program			184
Dropouts			52
			<b>59</b>

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

**Population (1997)**

 Total  
 Under 20  
 Under 5

**White**  
 8,678  
 1,940  
 414

**African American**  
 8,165  
 2,497  
 603

**Total  
(Includes all races)**  
 16,888  
 4,447  
 1,019

**Poverty (1995)**

 % Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

 38.2  
 1,621

**Employment and Income**

 \$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

 27,300  
 7.8  
 460

**Children Receiving**

 FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

 450  
 1,399  
 1,032  
 853  
 62  
 67

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

 Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

 214  
 19.6  
 12.1  
 60.9  
 18.7  
 96

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

 Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

 45  
 30  
 7

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

 Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

 \*  
 \*  
 \*  
 \*  
 \*

**Public Education (1997-98)**

 Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

 2,973  
 4,837  
 25,958  
 394  
 48

1,941

1,019

60

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation





Concordia

**Population (1997)**

Total  
Under 20  
Under 5

White  
12,679  
3,467  
750

African American

7,999  
3,090  
663

Total  
(Includes all races)

20,741  
6,573  
1,418

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

39.0  
2,450

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

683  
2,052  
1,262  
1,453  
61  
128

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

328  
25.6  
11.9  
65.7  
12.2  
83

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

61  
35  
26

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

112  
16  
90  
5  
11

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

4,354  
5,087  
28,722  
391  
58

63

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

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**Population (1997)**

Total	13,310	African American	11,702	Total	25,091
Under 20	3,543		4,221	(Includes all races)	7,782
Under 5	808		1,001		1,811

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty	36.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	2,624

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)	26,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)	5.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)	600

**Children Receiving**

FTAP (FY 1998)	710
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,802
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,481
WIC (1998)	1,655
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	140
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	112

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births	186
% Births to teens	14.0
% Low birthweight babies	4.3
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	77.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	12.3

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	42
Crimes against property	100
Crimes against persons	25

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	183
Physical abuse	20
Neglect	85
Sexual abuse	2
Children in foster care	59

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration	2,305		2,945
\$ Per pupil expenditure	5,310		5,767
\$ Teacher salary (average)	29,375		637
Exceptional children program	84		84
Dropouts			

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

East Baton Rouge

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	239,512	147,016	394,249
Under 20	61,978	55,326	119,664
Under 5	14,206	12,981	27,774
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			26.2
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			27,980
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			43,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			6,700
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			7,992
Medicaid (March 1999)			22,005
Food Stamps (November 1998)		15,281	16,632
WIC (1998)		7,242	8,512
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,092		2,336
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	1,010		840
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	2,870	3,045	6,072
% Births to teens	7.5	21.6	14.4
% Low birthweight babies	6.0	15.4	10.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	90.0	61.8	75.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	3.5	19.4	11.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			56
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	62	343	407
Crimes against property			271
Crimes against persons			107
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	232	721	970
Physical abuse	72	164	239
Neglect	130	488	630
Sexual abuse	26	61	88
Children in foster care	58	336	398
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			56,801
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,519
\$ Teacher salary (average)			30,585
Exceptional children program			6,697
Dropouts			2,642

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



# East Carroll

## Population (1997)

Total  
Under 20  
Under 5

White  
2,979  
735  
168

African American

5,986  
2,649  
621

Total  
(Includes all races)

8,991  
3,397  
794

## Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

62.0  
2,002

## Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

16,500  
13.1  
410

## Children Receiving

FTAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

782  
1,831  
1,104  
997  
87  
120

## Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

144  
21.5  
9.7  
60.3  
6.9  
96

## Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

60  
41  
17

## Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

101  
15  
83  
3  
18

## Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

2,016  
4,918  
26,758  
152  
45

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	10,186	10,579	20,825
Under 20	2,789	3,555	6,363
Under 5	633	850	1,488
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			30.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,831
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			29,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)			320
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			303
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,454
Food Stamps (November 1998)			811
WIC (1998)			1,012
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	112	699	26
FINDBWORK Child Care (June 1998)	335	674	25
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	158	147	307
% Births to teens	17.7	30.6	23.8
% Low birthweight babies	7.6	11.6	9.4
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	84.0	57.5	70.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.3	6.8	6.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			90
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	24	77	101
Crimes against property			63
Crimes against persons			38
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	54	60	114
Physical abuse	9	8	17
Neglect	30	48	78
Sexual abuse	8	2	10
Children in foster care	16	21	37
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	620	2,266	2,889
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,033
\$ Teacher salary (average)			26,772
Exceptional children program			333
Dropouts			77

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation





	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	24,433	9,581	34,108
Under 20	7,123	3,919	11,077
Under 5	1,597	1,036	2,641
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			40.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,302
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			23,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)			680
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	791	1,378	1,104
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,330	1,329	4,064
Food Stamps (November 1998)			2,174
WIC (1998)			2,661
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			118
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			144
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	375	208	585
% Births to teens	16.3	33.2	22.2
% Low birthweight babies	7.2	11.6	11.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	79.8	49.5	68.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	8.0	14.4	10.3
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			89
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	58	128	186
Crimes against property			121
Crimes against persons			65
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	62	41	104
Physical abuse	19	12	31
Neglect	40	27	67
Sexual abuse	3	1	5
Children in foster care	3	21	24
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	4,149	2,709	6,880
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,701
\$ Teacher salary (average)			25,559
Exceptional children program			1,027
Dropouts			96



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	14,667	7,338	22,068
Under 20	3,893	3,120	7,034
Under 5	812	688	1,506
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			43.7
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,895
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			25,400
% Unemployed (April 1999)			7.9
# Unemployed (April 1999)			750
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			544
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,201
Food Stamps (November 1998)			1,430
WIC (1998)			1,292
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			77
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			49
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	156	131	288
% Births to teens	17.9	27.5	22.2
% Low birthweight babies	5.8	19.1	11.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	82.6	55.4	70.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	15.3	6.9
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			95
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	19	61	81
Crimes against property			41
Crimes against persons			31
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	45	73	122
Physical abuse	11	3	14
Neglect	28	70	102
Sexual abuse	5	0	5
Children in foster care	7	11	19
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			4,382
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,820
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,065
Exceptional children program			360
Dropouts			110
			75

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Population (1997)

Total 15,552  
Under 20 4,590  
Under 5 1,043

White 15,552  
African American 2,946  
Total (Includes all races) 18,625

31.1  
1,681  
1,309

Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

Employment and Income  
\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

Children Receiving

FITAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation





	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	47,907	22,900	72,092
Under 20	14,315	9,180	24,084
Under 5	3,418	2,246	5,801
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			31.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			7,181
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			33,300
% Unemployed (April 1999)			8.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,780
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			1,879
Medicaid (March 1999)			6,243
Food Stamps (November 1998)		3,452	4,584
WIC (1998)		874	1,490
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,053		434
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	544		580
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	684	515	1,225
% Births to teens	15.1	25.8	19.9
% Low birthweight babies	7.6	12.2	9.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	74.6	44.0	61.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	10.2	15.5	12.2
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			66
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	156	212	389
Crimes against property			266
Crimes against persons			123
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	227	201	436
Physical abuse	70	34	107
Neglect	118	141	261
Sexual abuse	24	15	39
Children in foster care	51	50	101
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			15,261
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,246
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,138
Exceptional children program			2,495
Dropouts			357

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

# Iberville

## Population (1997)

Total	15,766	White	15,279	African American	487	Total	15,766
Under 20	4,147		5,457			(Includes all races)	31,129
Under 5	951		1,379				9,628
							2,334

## Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty	33.5
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	3,007

## Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)	34,100
% Unemployed (April 1999)	6.9
# Unemployed (April 1999)	850

## Children Receiving

FTAP (FY 1998)	903
Medicaid (March 1999)	2,802
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,525
WIC (1998)	1,019
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	109
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	93

## Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births	201
% Births to teens	11.4
% Low birthweight babies	5.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	93.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	10.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	86

## Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	16
Crimes against property	66
Crimes against persons	22

## Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	124
Physical abuse	29
Neglect	87
Sexual abuse	8
Children in foster care	49

## Public Education (1997-98)

Registration	1,371
\$ Per pupil expenditure	5,283
\$ Teacher salary (average)	6,157
Exceptional children program	32,707
Dropouts	676

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

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# Jackson

## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	10,639	4,861	15,500
Under 20	2,800	1,717	4,529
Under 5	577	334	913
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			27.7
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,185
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			28,700
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.9
# Unemployed (April 1999)			290
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	289		289
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,113		1,113
Food Stamps (November 1998)	681		681
WIC (1998)	1,081		1,081
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	26		26
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	11		11
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	138		138
% Births to teens	10.9	70	209
% Low birthweight babies	6.5	22.9	14.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	68.2	11.4	8.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births		37.1	57.8
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)		-	-
			82
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	34	29	64
Crimes against property			25
Crimes against persons			11
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,788	1,011	2,802
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,223
\$ Teacher salary (average)			23,674
Exceptional children program			307
Dropouts			50
			<b>83</b>
			<b>82</b>

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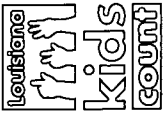
# Jefferson



## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	351,076	85,238	451,240
Under 20	87,390	34,172	126,928
Under 5	20,707	8,202	30,273
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			24.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			28,761
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			7,500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			7,010
Medicaid (March 1999)			23,645
Food Stamps (November 1998)	3,807	13,029	17,654
WIC (1998)	2,588	4,010	7,279
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			1,518
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			949
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	4,008	1,964	6,327
% Births to teens	11.4	22.8	14.8
% Low birthweight babies	6.7	13.0	8.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	89.4	72.3	83.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	8.0	9.2	8.2
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			74
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	305	467	817
Crimes against property			537
Crimes against persons			280
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	445	557	1,045
Physical abuse	127	144	288
Neglect	254	382	659
Sexual abuse	47	21	71
Children in foster care	169	309	493
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	24,323	23,899	54,414
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,643
\$ Teacher salary (average)			32,766
Exceptional children program			7,689
Dropouts			1,340

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



# Jefferson Davis

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	25,006	6,520	31,675
Under 20	7,484	2,566	10,105
Under 5	1,660	605	2,284
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			31.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,997
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			26,900
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.7
# Unemployed (April 1999)			700
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			262
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,371
Food Stamps (November 1998)	605	750	1,374
WIC (1998)	1,106	607	1,726
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			61
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			17
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	401	106	515
% Births to teens	19.2	29.2	21.2
% Low birthweight babies	7.0	15.1	8.7
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	68.4	40.9	62.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	2.5	37.7	9.7
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			86
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	53	62	116
Crimes against property			56
Crimes against persons			24
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	108	41	149
Physical abuse	29	6	35
Neglect	72	35	107
Sexual abuse	7	0	7
Children in foster care	18	7	25
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			
\$ Per pupil expenditure	4,625	1,531	6,260
\$ Teacher salary (average)			4,835
Exceptional children program			28,104
Dropouts			921
			105
			87

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

# Lafayette

## Population (1997)

Total  
Under 20  
Under 5

White  
136,724  
38,829  
9,815

African American  
44,658  
17,493  
4,270

Total  
(Includes all races)  
184,102  
57,067  
14,278

## Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

22.7  
11,791

## Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

33,300\*  
4.2  
4,300

## Children Receiving

FITAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDBRICK Child Care (June 1998)

1,636  
9,363  
7,483  
3,350  
1,075  
531

## Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

2,871  
13.7  
9.2  
80.3  
8.7  
79

## Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

693  
498  
194

## Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

532  
103  
380  
21  
131

## Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

30,552  
4,880  
31,231  
3,468  
793

10,574

19,381

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	73,272	11,927	88,037
Under 20	21,327	5,162	27,838
Under 5	4,913	1,329	6,533
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			27.3
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			7,034
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			32,500*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.4
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			1,227
Medicaid (March 1999)			5,123
Food Stamps (November 1998)		2,448	3,928
WIC (1998)		1,082	3,532
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			196
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			276
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	909	225	1,181
% Births to teens	15.0	26.2	17.3
% Low birthweight babies	6.6	13.3	7.9
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	79.4	74.3	78.2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	8.8	8.9	8.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			85
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	258	299	566
Crimes against property			408
Crimes against persons			158
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			172
Physical abuse	119	52	31
Neglect	25	6	136
Sexual abuse	89	46	4
Children in foster care	4	0	271
115	150		
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			15,836
\$ Per pupil expenditure		3,322	5,444
\$ Teacher salary (average)			30,891
Exceptional children program			2,465
Dropouts			356

# La Salle



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	12,253	1,371	13,751
Under 20	3,268	537	3,863
Under 5	658	131	800
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			23.9
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			881
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			30,900
% Unemployed (April 1999)			8.7
# Unemployed (April 1999)			500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			150
Medicaid (March 1999)			801
Food Stamps (November 1998)		154	451
WIC (1998)	290	143	1,012
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	861		3
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			7
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	168	22	190
% Births to teens	16.7	31.8	18.4
% Low birthweight babies	8.3	9.1	8.4
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	76.9	27.3	71.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	-	-
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			100
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	35	6	41
Crimes against property			16
Crimes against persons			17
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	2,368	340	2,756
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,688
\$ Teacher salary (average)			26,457
Exceptional children program			218
Dropouts			72

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation





# Lincoln

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	23,977	17,478	41,952
Under 20	6,770	6,543	13,427
Under 5	1,244	1,161	2,430
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty	30.1		
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	2,920		
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			36,500
% Unemployed (April 1999)			2.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			410
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			882
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,592
Food Stamps (November 1998)			2,119
WIC (1998)	1,840	838	1,124
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			181
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			229
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	255	276	534
% Births to teens	12.2	25.7	19.1
% Low birthweight babies	5.9	13.4	9.7
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	63.8	36.0	49.2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	3.9	10.9	7.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			86
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	85	170	261
Crimes against property			140
Crimes against persons			54
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	46	69	115
Physical abuse	9	9	18
Neglect	31	56	87
Sexual abuse	4	4	8
Children in foster care	12	31	43
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			6,971
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,642
\$ Teacher salary (average)			28,836
Exceptional children program			607
Dropouts			152



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	79,740	5,282	85,470
Under 20	25,583	2,076	27,768
Under 5	5,695	466	6,189
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			18.8
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,792
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			43,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,900
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			450
Medicaid (March, 1999)			4,016
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,438	510	1,959
WIC (1998)	1,949	236	2,197
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			101
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			39
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	1,232	91	1,330
% Births to teens	16.3	20.9	16.6
% Low birthweight babies	8.3	13.2	8.6
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	86.6	65.6	85.2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.9	22.0	6.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			88
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	99	22	121
Crimes against property			85
Crimes against persons			35
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	290	39	332
Physical abuse	62	7	71
Neglect	173	31	205
Sexual abuse	27	1	28
Children in foster care	55	19	74
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	17,523	1,092	18,725
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,412
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,137
Exceptional children program			1,863
Dropouts			508

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

## Madison

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	4,893	8,068	12,987
Under 20	1,254	3,376	4,635
Under 5	242	750	993
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			49.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,093
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			21,000
% Unemployed (April 1999)			7.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)			390
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			637
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,668
Food Stamps (November 1998)		1,417	1,512
WIC (1998)	92	559	752
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	193		13
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			49
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	55	169	224
% Births to teens	16.4	23.1	21.4
% Low birthweight babies	9.1	8.9	8.9
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	83.3	46.4	55.5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	18.2	11.8	13.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			90
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	20	104	124
Crimes against property			74
Crimes against persons			39
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	10	101	111
Physical abuse	3	13	16
Neglect	6	81	87
Sexual abuse	0	6	6
Children in foster care	4	9	13
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	513	2,747	3,289
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,222
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,044
Exceptional children program			339
Dropouts			90
			<b>99</b>

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



# Morehouse



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	17,853	13,796	31,734
Under 20	4,567	5,652	10,245
Under 5	1,001	1,220	2,225
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			40.9
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			3,958
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			26,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)			9.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,190
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	477		859
Medicaid (March 1999)	621		3,139
Food Stamps (November 1998)		2,213	2,700
WIC (1998)		1,078	1,705
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			327
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			85
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	220	279	499
% Births to teens	18.6	34.4	27.5
% Low birthweight babies	4.5	17.6	11.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	64.8	37.7	49.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.5	14.3	10.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			89
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	34	125	161
Crimes against property			102
Crimes against persons			38
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	32	31	63
Physical abuse	7	5	12
Neglect	19	22	41
Sexual abuse	2	4	6
Children in foster care	13	25	38
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,940	3,673	5,635
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,824
\$ Teacher salary (average)			25,779
Exceptional children program			826
Dropouts			146

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	21,886	15,017	37,285
Under 20	6,465	6,048	12,666
Under 5	1,138	1,427	2,584
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			40.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,243
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			27,100
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			920
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			954
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,913
Food Stamps (November 1998)	512	2,392	2,928
WIC (1998)	775	1,818	2,606
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			290
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			134
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	309	278	593
% Births to teens	14.6	27.7	20.9
% Low birthweight babies	12.6	11.2	11.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.6	55.1	68.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.5	10.8	8.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			96
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	57	221	280
Crimes against property			175
Crimes against persons			87
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	67	106	174
Physical abuse	18	27	45
Neglect	44	62	107
Sexual abuse	1	8	9
Children in foster care	19	48	67
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			4,000
\$ Per pupil expenditure	3,197		7,301
\$ Teacher salary (average)			5,392
Exceptional children program			29,748
Dropouts			820
			139
			<b>103</b>



# Orleans



## Population (1997)

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
Total	158,347	298,714	469,089
Under 20	27,492	107,501	139,608
Under 5	6,715	25,684	33,665

## Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

	51.6
	66,565

## Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

	38,800*	4.5	8,900
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## Children Receiving

FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

	737	44,224	19,838
	421	18,767	3,412
			3,599

## Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

	1,419	6,098	7,734
	5.0	23.7	19.8
	7.1	14.7	13.1
	89.3	71.0	74.7
	12.7	12.6	12.3
			88

## Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

	75	2,906	3,025
			1,843
			1,175

## Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

	104	1,398	1,517
	14	307	324
	80	1,007	1,096
	7	55	62
	75	891	970

## Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

	4,247	75,855	83,167
			5,125
			37,824
			7,431
			2,927

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

# Ouachita

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	97,282	48,531	147,055
Under 20	25,900	20,472	46,723
Under 5	5,657	5,011	10,744
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			34.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			14,505
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			35,100*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,400
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			3,664
Medicaid (March 1999)			9,818
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,445	9,143	10,623
WIC (1998)	1,730	4,618	6,387
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			1,188
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			546
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	1,191		2,217
% Births to teens	10.9		17.2
% Low birthweight babies	7.5		10.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	87.4		77
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.2		8.1
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			88
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	121	290	411
Crimes against property			310
Crimes against persons			100
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	355	523	885
Physical abuse	71	75	146
Neglect	225	408	636
Sexual abuse	42	22	67
Children in foster care	73	182	256
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	13,121	4,381	17,702
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,841
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,997
Exceptional children program			1,712
Dropouts			491

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# Plaquemines



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	18,264	6,451	25,856
Under 20	5,468	2,495	8,442
Under 5	1,302	577	2,002
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty	26.9		26.9
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,138
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)	5.0		5.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)	500		500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			603
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,684
Food Stamps (November 1998)	436	890	1,461
WIC (1998)	341	319	741
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			24
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			136
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	272	130	425
% Births to teens	15.4	29.2	19.3
% Low birthweight babies	7.7	13.1	8.9
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.9	63.5	74.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	18.4	-	11.8
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			81
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	20	11	34
Crimes against property			30
Crimes against persons			4
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			
Physical abuse	130	54	187
Neglect	14	6	20
Sexual abuse	113	46	162
Children in foster care	2	2	4
	33	16	51
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			
\$ Per pupil expenditure	3,159	1,688	5,115
\$ Teacher salary (average)			5,847
Exceptional children program			30,994
Dropouts			516
			92

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	13,255	10,327	23,636
Under 20	3,585	3,801	7,404
Under 5	786	842	1,628
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			34.0
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,359
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			27,400
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			480
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			611
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,010
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,134	1,289	1,289
WIC (1998)	1,098	1,561	1,561
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	27		27
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	68		68
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	161	170	331
% Births to teens	12.4	28.2	20.5
% Low birthweight babies	7.5	16.5	12.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	86.6	65.9	75.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.2	5.9	6.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			86
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	25	67	92
Crimes against property			62
Crimes against persons			27
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	36	77	113
Physical abuse	10	9	19
Neglect	26	59	85
Sexual abuse	0	4	4
Children in foster care	5	24	29
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,097	2,333	3,447
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,028
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,569
Exceptional children program			570
Dropouts			55

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	86,575	38,210	126,491
Under 20	23,423	14,423	38,378
Under 5	5,494	3,246	8,888
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			32.8
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			11,711
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			33,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,400
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			2,698
Medicaid (March 1999)			8,707
Food Stamps (November 1998)			8,562
WIC (1998)	1,935	6,506	6,565
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	2,628	3,804	982
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			652
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	1,085	746	1,852
% Births to teens	15.3	28.4	20.6
% Low birthweight babies	6.5	15.7	10.3
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	83.1	61.9	74.5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	9.2	9.4	9.7
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			90
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	41	108	150
Crimes against property			109
Crimes against persons			39
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	237	308	553
Physical abuse	58	36	96
Neglect	152	246	404
Sexual abuse	26	20	46
Children in foster care	112	199	316
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			23,857
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,224
\$ Teacher salary (average)			29,596
Exceptional children program			2,940
Dropouts			798

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# Red River

## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	5,689	3,982	9,696
Under 20	1,491	1,607	3,103
Under 5	347	390	739
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			38.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,136
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			26,400
% Unemployed (April 1999)			9.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			290
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	118		254
Medicaid (March 1999)	499		761
Food Stamps (November 1998)		642	760
WIC (1998)		689	1,188
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			8
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			41
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	67		134
% Births to teens	13.4	23.1	17.9
% Low birthweight babies	6.0	7.7	6.7
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	88.1	40.6	64.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	-	-
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			91
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	17	39	56
Crimes against property			34
Crimes against persons			21
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	891	1,209	2,105
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,219
\$ Teacher salary (average)			25,438
Exceptional children program			260
Dropouts			40
			<b>115</b>

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# Richland



## Population (1997)

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
Total	12,847	7,976	20,861
Under 20	3,335	3,339	6,684
Under 5	675	762	1,438

## Poverty (1995)

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

	43.7
	2,747

## Employment and Income

\$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

	25,000
	7.3
	570

## Children Receiving

FTAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

	669
	2,348
	1,928
	1,250
	112
	107
	355
	470
	1,565
	779

## Maternal and Child Health (1997)

Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

	166
	13.9
	6.0
	81.5
	6.0
	157
	33.1
	16.6
	63.7
	6.4
	324
	23.1
	11.1
	72.3
	6.2
	84

## Children in Trouble (FY 1998)

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

	34
	105
	140
	88
	46

## Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

	15
	2
	11
	1
	8
	15
	1
	13
	1
	10
	29
	3
	24
	2
	18

## Public Education (1997-98)

Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

	1,736
	2,294
	4,053
	4,862
	26,862
	490
	152

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	18,583	4,436	23,762
Under 20	4,746	1,889	6,876
Under 5	1,113	454	1,613
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			31.7
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,072
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			26,700
% Unemployed (April 1999)			6.8
# Unemployed (April 1999)			640
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)	447		447
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,379		1,379
Food Stamps (November 1998)	987		987
WIC (1998)	1,318	613	1,318
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	68	472	68
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	148		148
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	232		232
% Births to teens	20.3	85	331
% Low birthweight babies	8.2	15.3	19.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	79.3	12.9	9.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.3	55.3	73.1
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)		58.8	18.1
94			94
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	28	35	63
Crimes against property			44
Crimes against persons			16
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	69	33	103
Physical abuse	9	0	9
Neglect	52	31	84
Sexual abuse	6	1	7
Children in foster care	25	9	37
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	2,365	1,312	4,686
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,812
\$ Teacher salary (average)			26,786
Exceptional children program			592
Dropouts			103
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# St. Bernard



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	61,664	3,382	66,267
Under 20	17,069	1,269	18,734
Under 5	4,015	305	4,417
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			21.8
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			3,851
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.6
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,100
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			666
Medicaid (March 1999)			3,311
Food Stamps (November 1998)		622	1,950
WIC (1998)	1,256	322	1,374
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	960		280
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			90
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	784	75	884
% Births to teens	13.3	22.7	13.7
% Low birthweight babies	8.3	18.7	9.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	92.1	71.2	89.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	2.6	13.3	3.4
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			87
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	45	36	83
Crimes against property			71
Crimes against persons			12
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	206	34	240
Physical abuse	42	8	50
Neglect	143	26	169
Sexual abuse	7	0	7
Children in foster care	38	11	49
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	7,415	1,076	9,080
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,156
\$ Teacher salary (average)			29,878
Exceptional children program			1,280
Dropouts			307

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# St. Charles

## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	34,690	12,596	47,286
Under 20	10,360	4,873	15,233
Under 5	2,727	1,208	3,935
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			18.1
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			2,641
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,000
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			540
Medicaid (March 1999)			2,061
Food Stamps (November 1998)			1,602
WIC (1998)			902
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			180
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			29
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	489	222	716
% Births to teens	10.6	26.1	15.4
% Low birthweight babies	7.6	12.2	8.9
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	87.6	71.6	82.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.1	4.5	5.6
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			88
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	90	67	157
Crimes against property			103
Crimes against persons			54
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			10,179
\$ Per pupil expenditure			7,553
\$ Teacher salary (average)			35,162
Exceptional children program			995
Dropouts			171
			<b>123</b>

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**Population (1997)**

Total	4,420	White	4,420	Total	9,782
Under 20	1,206	African American	1,985	(Includes all races)	3,197
Under 5	300		463		763

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty	36.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	1,110

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)	26,800
% Unemployed (April 1999)	4.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)	180

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)	190
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,043
Food Stamps (November 1998)	827
WIC (1998)	1,062
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	24
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	5

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births	48
% Births to teens	16.7
% Low birthweight babies	2.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	89.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	20.8
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	100

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	3
Crimes against property	7
Crimes against persons	

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*
Physical abuse	*
Neglect	*
Sexual abuse	*
Children in foster care	*

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration	102	1,482	1,594
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,313
\$ Teacher salary (average)			28,241
Exceptional children program			287
Dropouts			29

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St. James

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	9,917	11,037	20,991
Under 20	2,775	4,132	6,919
Under 5	639	998	1,640
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty	28.6		
Number of children under age 18 in poverty	1,879		
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)	35,100		
% Unemployed (April 1999)	10.6		
# Unemployed (April 1999)	1,000		
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)	430		
Medicaid (March 1999)	1,626		
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,309	1,210	
WIC (1998)	1,299	1,063	
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	113		
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	75		
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	132	171	303
% Births to teens	3.8	21.1	13.5
% Low birthweight babies	6.1	15.8	11.6
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	73.3	55.6	63.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	15.2	5.8	9.9
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			98
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	3	26	29
Crimes against property			12
Crimes against persons			17
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,436	3,188	4,644
\$ Per pupil expenditure			6,180
\$ Teacher salary (average)			32,337
Exceptional children program			504
Dropouts			89
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St. John

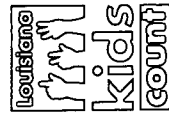


	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	25,337	16,357	42,021
Under 20	8,094	6,510	14,719
Under 5	2,114	1,561	3,716
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			25.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			3,605
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			6.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,200
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FIYAP (FY 1998)			621
Medicaid (March 1999)			3,094
Food Stamps (November 1998)		1,815	2,011
WIC (1998)		983	1,389
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	182		239
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	382		128
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	321	349	674
% Births to teens	11.5	24.6	18.2
% Low birthweight babies	4.7	12.6	8.8
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	77.9	53.9	65.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.2	17.2	11.9
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			96
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	14	34	48
Crimes against property			25
Crimes against persons			23
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	67	162	230
Physical abuse	27	34	61
Neglect	28	116	145
Sexual abuse	9	12	21
Children in foster care	10	59	69
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	1,777	4,768	6,694
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,705
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,025
Exceptional children program			1,169
Dropouts			264

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# St. Landry

## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	47,275	35,902	83,465
Under 20	13,538	13,856	27,508
Under 5	3,080	3,262	6,366
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			42.5
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			10,992
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			33,300*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			7.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,300
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			3,098
Medicaid (March 1999)			8,397
Food Stamps (November 1998)		6,196	7,641
WIC (1998)	1,410	2,094	3,397
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,288		332
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			513
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	672	664	1,340
% Births to teens	15.6	25.3	20.5
% Low birthweight babies	8.6	17.3	13.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	76.5	50.8	63.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	10.4	12.0	11.2
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			78
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	123	291	416
Crimes against property			302
Crimes against persons			108
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	116	207	323
Physical abuse	17	35	52
Neglect	85	151	236
Sexual abuse	7	9	16
Children in foster care	44	75	120
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			16,581
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,510
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,079
Exceptional children program			2,489
Dropouts			285
	7,358	9,129	
			131

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# St. Martin



	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	29,558	16,682	46,769
Under 20	8,921	6,528	15,697
Under 5	2,106	1,649	3,798
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			30.8
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,501
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			33,300*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.7
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,300
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)	779		779
Medicaid (March 1999)	3,577		3,577
Food Stamps (November 1998)	2,665		2,665
WIC (1998)	1,547		1,547
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	235		235
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	257		257
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	429	316	755
% Births to teens	15.2	24.7	19.1
% Low birthweight babies	7.2	15.5	10.7
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.1	62.5	73.2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.7	3.2	4.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			77
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	125	216	343
Crimes against property			178
Crimes against persons			55
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			
Physical abuse	75	110	185
Neglect	22	16	38
Sexual abuse	41	79	120
Children in foster care	6	1	7
	11	32	43
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			9,002
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,879
\$ Teacher salary (average)			29,758
Exceptional children program			1,316
Dropouts			239
	4,719	4,168	
			132
			133

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	35,699	19,246	56,950
Under 20	10,296	7,797	19,062
Under 5	2,422	1,888	4,598
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			34.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			6,250
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			30,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)			11.1
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,980
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			1,121
Medicaid (March 1999)			4,655
Food Stamps (November 1998)	869	2,950	3,890
WIC (1998)	659	846	1,594
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			262
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			146
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	504	364	887
% Births to teens	19.2	26.1	21.9
% Low birthweight babies	4.6	15.7	9.2
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	84.3	63.9	75.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births			5.6
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)	4.0	8.2	84
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	134	230	375
Crimes against property			275
Crimes against persons			100
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			286
Physical abuse	156	127	63
Neglect	31	31	204
Sexual abuse	110	92	10
Children in foster care	8	2	47
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<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			11,563
\$ Per pupil expenditure	5,700	5,289	5,440
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,274
Exceptional children program			1,567
Dropouts			262
			135





	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	160,062	22,530	184,590
Under 20	47,774	8,616	57,017
Under 5	11,128	2,059	13,374
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			16.3
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			8,635
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			38,800*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			2.8
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,500
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			893
Medicaid (March 1999)			6,932
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,969	1,982	3,989
WIC (1998)	2,856	1,469	4,423
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			243
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			145
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	2,144	361	2,532
% Births to teens	9.9	27.1	12.3
% Low birthweight babies	6.6	13.6	7.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	88.5	69.9	85.8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	5.1	8.3	5.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			80
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	384	146	534
Crimes against property			393
Crimes against persons			141
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	384	94	504
Physical abuse	61	15	78
Neglect	274	68	365
Sexual abuse	47	11	59
Children in foster care	206	112	323
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration	27,122	4,860	32,536
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,452
\$ Teacher salary (average)			32,752
Exceptional children program			4,478
Dropouts			612

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Tangipahoa

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	65,159	29,506	95,254
Under 20	18,542	12,310	31,044
Under 5	3,944	2,796	6,790
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			38.1
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			10,701
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			30,200
% Unemployed (April 1999)			6.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,550
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			2,315
Medicaid (March 1999)			9,960
Food Stamps (November 1998)			3,966
WIC (1998)			5,068
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	11		348
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	2,836		261
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	964	678	1,652
% Births to teens	17.2	34.4	24.3
% Low birthweight babies	7.2	14.6	10.2
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	90.1	83.9	87.5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.2	11.8	8.5
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			99
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	92	234	330
Crimes against property			197
Crimes against persons			99
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	97	121	219
Physical abuse	24	21	45
Neglect	56	95	151
Sexual abuse	10	3	14
Children in foster care	13	38	54
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			18,705
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,383
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,675
Exceptional children program			2,679
Dropouts			368
			<b>139</b>

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**Population (1997)**

 Total  
 Under 20  
 Under 5

**White**

 2,987  
 768  
 169

**African American**

 3,744  
 1,478  
 326

**Total**  
**(Includes all races)**

 6,747  
 2,252  
 497

**Poverty (1995)**

 % Children under age 18 in poverty  
 Number of children under age 18 in poverty

 53.9  
 1,166

**Employment and Income**

 \$ Median family income (1998)  
 % Unemployed (April 1999)  
 # Unemployed (April 1999)

 19,700  
 5.8  
 180

**Children Receiving**

 FITAP (FY 1998)  
 Medicaid (March 1999)  
 Food Stamps (November 1998)  
 WIC (1998)  
 Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
 FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

 257  
 978  
 683  
 449  
 13  
 30

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

 Live births  
 % Births to teens  
 % Low birthweight babies  
 % Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
 % Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

 85  
 31.8  
 8.2  
 60.7  
 11.8  
 93

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

 Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
 Crimes against property  
 Crimes against persons

 45  
 27  
 13

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

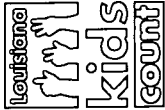
 Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
 Physical abuse  
 Neglect  
 Sexual abuse  
 Children in foster care

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**Public Education (1997-98)**

 Registration  
 \$ Per pupil expenditure  
 \$ Teacher salary (average)  
 Exceptional children program  
 Dropouts

 1,338  
 5,436  
 24,946  
 266  
 31

# Terrebonne

## Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	78,193	18,901	103,190
Under 20	24,034	7,689	34,408
Under 5	5,604	1,909	8,144
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			29.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			9,457
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			32,500*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)			2,300
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			1,460
Medicaid (March 1999)			6,706
Food Stamps (November 1998)			5,828
WIC (1998)	2,064	3,336	1,187
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	565	477	211
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			457
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	1,171	405	1,701
% Births to teens	18.7	25.4	21.4
% Low birthweight babies	7.3	13.6	9.1
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	74.3	74.6	73.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	7.7	19.8	10.6
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			85
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	98	178	301
Crimes against property			199
Crimes against persons			98
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	91	44	141
Physical abuse	23	9	36
Neglect	52	34	88
Sexual abuse	12	1	13
Children in foster care	80	58	143
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			20,678
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,891
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,517
Exceptional children program			3,306
Dropouts			821
	13,297	5,435	
			143

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**Population (1997)**

Total  
Under 20  
Under 5

**White**  
15,188  
3,863  
818

**African American**

6,540  
2,367  
587

**Total**  
**(Includes all races)**

21,788  
6,242  
1,407

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

29.7  
1,737

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

29,100  
4.4  
520

**Children Receiving**

FTAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

235  
1,292  
855  
1,003  
34  
17

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

306  
19.0  
7.8  
66.7  
19.6  
92

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

59  
40  
17

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

64  
16  
37  
11  
11

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

3,900  
4,061  
25,221  
334  
96

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



## Vermillion

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	42,750	7,969	51,693
Under 20	12,567	3,124	16,190
Under 5	2,804	843	3,765
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			30.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			4,663
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			28,700
% Unemployed (April 1999)			7.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,780
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FIITAP (FY 1998)			695
Medicaid (March 1999)			3,640
Food Stamps (November 1998)	1,089	1,399	2,592
WIC (1998)	1,058	656	1,778
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			96
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			72
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	542	150	710
% Births to teens	15.7	18.7	16.1
% Low birthweight babies	5.2	10.0	6.2
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	88.1	69.8	83.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	5.5	26.7	9.9
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			71
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	136	64	201
Crimes against property			147
Crimes against persons			53
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	103	52	157
Physical abuse	22	13	37
Neglect	62	33	95
Sexual abuse	15	6	21
Children in foster care	26	41	67
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			9,522
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,588
\$ Teacher salary (average)			29,037
Exceptional children program			1,402
Dropouts			125
			<b>147</b>

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



**Population (1997)**

Total  
Under 20  
Under 5

White  
38,090  
11,500  
3,256

African American

11,591  
4,132  
1,374

Total  
(Includes all races)

51,832  
16,282  
4,831

**Poverty (1995)**

% Children under age 18 in poverty  
Number of children under age 18 in poverty

23.9  
3,577

**Employment and Income**

\$ Median family income (1998)  
% Unemployed (April 1999)  
# Unemployed (April 1999)

30,200  
6.2  
1,110

**Children Receiving**

FITAP (FY 1998)  
Medicaid (March 1999)  
Food Stamps (November 1998)  
WIC (1998)  
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)  
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)

381  
2,283  
1,550  
2,961  
51  
71

**Maternal and Child Health (1997)**

Live births  
% Births to teens  
% Low birthweight babies  
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care  
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births  
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)

962  
17.3  
7.6  
77.7  
7.3  
84

**Children in Trouble (FY 1998)**

Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development  
Crimes against property  
Crimes against persons

70

137  
88  
42

**Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)**

Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)  
Physical abuse  
Neglect  
Sexual abuse  
Children in foster care

244  
30  
189  
14  
36

347  
46  
266  
17  
64

**Public Education (1997-98)**

Registration  
\$ Per pupil expenditure  
\$ Teacher salary (average)  
Exceptional children program  
Dropouts

7,525

2,289

10,505  
5,405  
31,089  
1,232  
305

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	28,807	14,150	43,087
Under 20	7,562	5,174	12,780
Under 5	1,547	1,136	2,696
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			41.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			5,012
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			27,100
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.7
# Unemployed (April 1999)			910
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			977
Medicaid (March 1999)			4,444
Food Stamps (November 1998)			3,234
WIC (1998)			2,228
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	1,068	2,155	28
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)	1,159	1,068	115
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	421	240	662
% Births to teens	21.6	30.8	24.9
% Low birthweight babies	8.1	15.0	10.6
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	81.4	61.3	74.1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	4.8	12.5	7.6
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			100
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	34	35	69
Crimes against property			40
Crimes against persons			29
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)			177
Physical abuse	89	88	25
Neglect	10	15	131
Sexual abuse	63	68	16
Children in foster care	13	3	151
72			
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			4,834
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,299
\$ Teacher salary (average)			27,945
Exceptional children program			701
Dropouts			108
			151

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	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	28,031	14,410	42,597
Under 20	6,991	4,991	12,008
Under 5	1,520	1,193	2,719
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			31.4
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			3,532
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			36,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			6.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)			1,200
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FTAP (FY 1998)			731
Medicaid (March 1999)			3,008
Food Stamps (November 1998)			2,223
WIC (1998)	429	1,790	1,739
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	681	1,049	92
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			57
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	311	241	555
% Births to teens	18.0	29.5	22.9
% Low birthweight babies	7.1	20.7	13.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	83.4	49.6	68.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	6.4	12.4	9.0
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			85
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	65	76	141
Crimes against property			67
Crimes against persons			35
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	174	177	352
Physical abuse	38	32	70
Neglect	97	130	228
Sexual abuse	24	11	35
Children in foster care	48	91	139
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			8,250
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,648
\$ Teacher salary (average)			31,305
Exceptional children program			882
Dropouts			202

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation

## West Baton Rouge

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	12,389	8,005	20,468
Under 20	3,564	2,831	6,423
Under 5	855	660	1,520
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			25.6
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,546
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			43,600*
% Unemployed (April 1999)			4.0
# Unemployed (April 1999)			400
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			299
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,472
Food Stamps (November 1998)		690	858
WIC (1998)	161	550	916
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)	364		123
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			15
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	185	158	344
% Births to teens	14.1	25.3	19.5
% Low birthweight babies	5.4	13.3	9.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	89.1	66.2	78.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	5.4	19.0	11.6
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			91
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	33	36	69
Crimes against property			56
Crimes against persons			11
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration		1,813	3,891
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,888
\$ Teacher salary (average)			28,301
Exceptional children program			406
Dropouts			108
			<b>155</b>

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



# West Carroll



## Children in the Parish

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	9,875	2,273	12,196
Under 20	2,746	863	3,621
Under 5	542	233	779
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			36.2
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,246
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			24,800
% Unemployed (April 1999)			16.3
# Unemployed (April 1999)			900
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			173
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,015
Food Stamps (November 1998)		361	705
WIC (1998)	335	273	908
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			15
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			19
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	96	33	129
% Births to teens	20.8	18.2	20.2
% Low birthweight babies	8.3	9.1	8.5
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	65.6	37.5	58.6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	-	-
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			90
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	38	29	67
Crimes against property			54
Crimes against persons			5
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	11	3	14
Physical abuse	1	0	1
Neglect	9	3	12
Sexual abuse	1	0	1
Children in foster care	2	6	8
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration		578	2,653
\$ Per pupil expenditure			4,368
\$ Teacher salary (average)			26,641
Exceptional children program			287
Dropouts			69
			<b>157</b>

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\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



# West Feliciana

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	6,017	7,188	13,275
Under 20	1,376	1,471	2,858
Under 5	290	366	659
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			27.3
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			736
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			27,600
% Unemployed (April 1999)			3.2
# Unemployed (April 1999)			120
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			133
Medicaid (March 1999)			594
Food Stamps (November 1998)	20	290	310
WIC (1998)	131	362	493
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			15
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			18
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	59	50	109
% Births to teens	3.4	32.0	16.5
% Low birthweight babies	-	16.0	7.3
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	83.1	57.1	71.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	40.0	18.3
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			95
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	29	37	66
Crimes against property			50
Crimes against persons			16
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	*	*	*
Physical abuse	*	*	*
Neglect	*	*	*
Sexual abuse	*	*	*
Children in foster care	*	*	*
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration			2,352
\$ Per pupil expenditure			7,551
\$ Teacher salary (average)			34,259
Exceptional children program			291
Dropouts			47
	1,265	1,077	159

\*Refer to "Notes and Sources" for explanation



Children in the Parishes

	White	African American	Total (Includes all races)
<b>Population (1997)</b>			
Total	11,878	5,730	17,769
Under 20	2,948	1,992	4,971
Under 5	631	454	1,092
<b>Poverty (1995)</b>			
% Children under age 18 in poverty			33.7
Number of children under age 18 in poverty			1,556
<b>Employment and Income</b>			
\$ Median family income (1998)			30,400
% Unemployed (April 1999)			5.5
# Unemployed (April 1999)			370
<b>Children Receiving</b>			
FITAP (FY 1998)			376
Medicaid (March 1999)			1,404
Food Stamps (November 1998)	298	721	1,021
WIC (1998)	553	526	1,097
Child Care Assistance (June 1998)			12
FINDWORK Child Care (June 1998)			12
<b>Maternal and Child Health (1997)</b>			
Live births	133	98	231
% Births to teens	20.3	32.7	25.5
% Low birthweight babies	3.0	19.4	10.0
% Women receiving adequate prenatal care	68.7	41.3	57.4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births	-	10.2	4.3
% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics 1998)			86
<b>Children in Trouble (FY 1998)</b>			
Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development	30	20	50
Crimes against property			40
Crimes against persons			10
<b>Child Abuse and Neglect (FY 1998)</b>			
Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# of children)	62	39	101
Physical abuse	16	6	22
Neglect	43	32	75
Sexual abuse	3	0	3
Children in foster care	7	14	21
<b>Public Education (1997-98)</b>			
Registration		1,207	3,229
\$ Per pupil expenditure			5,338
\$ Teacher salary (average)			30,768
Exceptional children program			382
Dropouts			60

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# Trends & Definitions Section

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Child Abuse and Neglect



	1993	1995	1998	1993	1995	1998	1993	1995	1998
Acadia	250	294	234	Madison	115	111	115	105	111
Allen	176	122	140	Morehouse	123	63	123	128	63
Ascension	102	95	113	Natchitoches	371	174	371	276	174
Assumption	*	*	*	Orleans	2,706	1,517	2,706	2,301	1,517
Avoynes	121	156	128	Ouachita	771	885	771	913	885
Beauregard	219	147	196	Plaquemines	120	187	120	162	187
Bienville	*	*	*	Pointe Coupee	56	113	56	65	113
Bossier	382	216	355	Rapides	589	553	589	660	553
Caddo	1,065	697	1,030	Red River	*	*	*	*	*
Calcasieu	626	872	726	Richland	84	29	84	41	29
Caldwell	*	*	*	Sabine	126	103	126	87	103
Cameron	*	*	*	St. Bernard	146	240	146	118	240
Catahoula	140	93	108	St. Charles	*	*	*	*	*
Claiborne	*	*	*	St. Helena	*	*	*	*	*
Concordia	106	23	112	St. James	*	*	*	*	*
DeSoto	89	100	183	St. John	189	230	189	229	230
East Baton Rouge	989	796	970	St. Landry	292	323	292	398	323
East Carroll	106	161	101	St. Martin	68	185	68	42	185
East Feliciana	59	82	114	St. Mary	158	286	158	172	286
Evangeline	102	103	104	St. Tammany	390	504	390	445	504
Franklin	48	38	122	Tangipahoa	272	219	272	210	219
Grant	60	106	75	Tensas	*	*	*	*	*
Iberia	188	217	436	Terrebonne	482	141	482	171	141
Iberville	84	107	124	Union	59	64	59	56	64
Jackson	*	*	*	Vermillion	125	157	125	189	157
Jefferson	1,183	801	1,045	Vernon	295	347	295	315	347
Jefferson Davis	189	101	149	Washington	111	177	111	121	177
Lafayette	532	448	532	Webster	185	352	185	301	352
Lafourche	451	319	172	West Baton Rouge	*	*	*	*	*
LaSalle	*	*	*	West Carroll	17	14	17	5	14
Lincoln	256	139	115	West Feliciana	*	*	*	*	*
Livingston	302	182	332	Winn	19	101	19	73	101
				Total	15,705	14,791	15,705	14,795	14,791





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	1993	1995	1998	1993	1995	1998
Acadia	77	84	67	Madison	28	43
Allen	49	56	26	Morehouse	35	28
Ascension	35	41	45	Natchitoches	64	73
Assumption	28	31	*	Orleans	1,096	1,288
Avoyelles	25	45	34	Ouachita	155	180
Beauregard	27	25	44	Plaquemines	17	18
Bienville	19	20	*	Pointe Coupee	22	20
Bossier	92	100	75	Rapides	209	250
Caddo	374	339	529	Red River	7	17
Calcasieu	92	100	145	Richland	23	19
Caldwell	15	8	*	Sabine	22	34
Cameron	0	3	*	St. Bernard	47	51
Catahoula	12	15	54	St. Charles	50	52
Claiborne	17	13	*	St. Helena	20	23
Concordia	27	25	11	St. James	23	34
DeSoto	37	46	78	St. John	45	53
East Baton Rouge	435	454	398	St. Landry	141	127
East Carroll	55	23	18	St. Martin	89	72
East Feliciana	16	14	37	St. Mary	42	39
Evangeline	33	32	24	St. Tammany	181	207
Franklin	22	22	19	Tangipahoa	96	102
Grant	27	17	11	Tensas	21	11
Iberia	45	53	101	Terrebonne	193	197
Iberville	60	59	49	Union	20	17
Jackson	4	9	*	Vermillion	38	40
Jefferson	377	456	493	Vernon	61	97
Jefferson Davis	32	28	25	Washington	121	111
Lafayette	80	129	131	Webster	95	85
Lafourche	54	76	271	West Baton Rouge	21	13
LaSalle	13	29	*	West Carroll	13	17
Lincoln	70	72	43	West Feliciana	6	5
Livingston	37	54	74	Winn	8	10
				State	5,537	5,911

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# Children Receiving AFDC and FITAP

## Trends

	AFDC, fiscal year 1993	AFDC, fiscal year 1995	FITAP, fiscal year 1998	AFDC, fiscal year 1993	AFDC, fiscal year 1995	FITAP, fiscal year 1998
Acadia	2,466	2,289	982	1,325	1,068	637
Allen	918	658	306	1,933	1,463	859
Ascension	2,415	2,220	1,036	1,986	1,698	954
Assumption	916	851	380	49,778	45,777	28,786
Avoyelles	2,055	1,434	916	6,458	6,097	3,664
Beauregard	760	630	389	1,258	1,210	603
Bienville	760	717	433	1,190	1,069	611
Bossier	2,096	1,836	956	4,292	4,207	2,698
Caddo	12,748	10,777	6,054	496	371	254
Calcasieu	4,941	4,330	1,069	1,181	1,189	669
Caldwell	350	324	198	805	651	447
Cameron	134	97	25	1,449	1,497	666
Catahoula	463	436	223	1,285	945	540
Claiborne	861	716	450	420	343	190
Concordia	1,131	997	683	1,213	1,029	430
DeSoto	1,389	1,186	710	1,838	1,778	621
East Baton Rouge	15,451	14,160	7,992	5,237	4,672	3,098
East Carroll	1,295	1,161	782	1,286	1,338	779
East Feliciana	1,023	847	303	2,694	2,597	1,121
Evangeline	1,969	1,851	1,104	2,177	2,016	893
Franklin	1,109	1,023	544	4,854	4,431	2,315
Grant	542	560	329	604	518	257
Iberia	2,709	2,679	1,879	3,072	2,812	1,460
Iberville	1,809	1,552	903	545	478	235
Jackson	556	477	289	1,692	1,499	695
Jefferson	13,550	13,308	7,010	865	866	381
Jefferson Davis	853	728	262	2,006	1,906	977
Lafayette	4,105	3,815	1,636	1,331	1,252	731
Lafourche	2,779	2,737	1,227	849	762	299
LaSalle	251	241	150	362	358	173
Lincoln	1,283	1,301	882	356	321	133
Livingston	1,202	984	450	743	684	376
State	190,469	173,825	169	97,663	169	97,663

Five-Year Average Annual Rate of Low Birthweight (under 2500 grams or 5.5 pounds) per 100 Live Births



	White		African American		Total	
	1989-93	1991-95	1989-93	1991-95	1989-93	1991-95
Acadia	6.0	5.6	13.7	15.5	8.0	8.3
Allen	6.8	6.7	10.9	12.9	7.8	8.2
Ascension	6.2	6.7	13.6	12.6	8.5	8.4
Assumption	6.6	6.1	13.6	13.3	9.7	9.3
Avozelles	6.3	7.1	12.5	12.4	8.7	9.0
Beauregard	5.6	6.1	7.3	9.9	6.0	6.8
Bienville	5.7	7.4	13.0	14.5	9.8	11.1
Bossier	5.8	6.3	13.1	12.3	7.9	8.0
Caddo	6.1	6.6	13.9	14.7	10.3	10.9
Calcasieu	6.9	6.9	13.5	13.8	8.9	9.0
Caldwell	5.4	4.7	13.3	16.0	7.0	7.0
Cameron	8.4	9.6	11.9	10.3	8.6	9.6
Catahoula	5.3	4.5	13.2	10.4	8.4	6.7
Claiborne	4.8	6.8	10.7	12.8	8.7	10.6
Concordia	5.7	6.5	14.0	15.2	9.9	11.0
DeSoto	5.3	5.9	13.4	13.9	9.9	10.4
East Baton Rouge	5.7	5.9	14.9	15.0	10.0	10.2
East Carroll	6.6	6.8	12.7	13.9	11.5	12.4
East Feliciana	6.7	7.3	13.2	13.7	10.2	10.5
Evangeline	7.7	6.5	14.4	15.7	10.4	10.1
Franklin	6.1	5.5	13.5	12.8	9.6	8.9
Grant	8.3	8.1	15.8	14.5	9.7	9.1
Iberia	6.0	6.1	12.1	12.2	8.4	8.7
Iberville	7.0	7.3	14.6	15.1	11.5	11.9
Jackson	5.7	5.1	12.6	11.7	8.1	7.6
Jefferson	6.0	6.2	13.1	13.0	8.0	8.1
Jefferson Davis	5.6	6.0	10.9	10.9	6.9	7.2
Lafayette	6.2	6.4	14.9	15.3	8.9	9.2
Lafourche	5.9	6.7	14.9	13.4	7.8	8.1
LaSalle	6.6	7.2	14.6	14.2	8.2	8.4
Lincoln	5.0	6.3	13.4	13.3	9.0	9.9
Livingston	7.1	7.2	17.4	17.4	8.0	8.0

Trends



	White 1989-93 1991-95		African American 1989-93 1991-95		Total 1989-93 1991-95	
Madison	9.1	7.8	14.5	14.3	13.1	12.6
Morehouse	7.0	6.9	11.9	12.8	9.7	10.1
Natchitoches	6.3	5.8	11.3	12.2	8.9	9.2
Orleans	5.8	5.9	14.2	13.9	12.3	12.2
Ouachita	5.5	5.7	13.4	13.8	9.1	9.4
Plaquemines	5.9	6.0	11.4	10.4	7.3	7.2
Pointe Coupee	4.9	5.2	13.8	14.6	9.4	9.9
Rapides	6.7	6.5	14.0	13.2	9.5	9.1
Red River	5.0	6.7	12.7	15.0	8.6	10.7
Richland	5.8	6.8	11.5	13.4	8.7	10.2
Sabine	5.6	6.3	14.0	12.8	8.0	8.1
St. Bernard	6.9	6.7	16.4	18.0	7.7	7.8
St. Charles	5.9	5.7	13.6	15.8	8.4	9.0
St. Helena	9.0	10.1	11.1	12.0	10.1	11.1
St. James	6.4	6.8	11.2	11.9	9.2	9.8
St. John	4.7	6.2	12.1	12.3	8.0	8.9
St. Landry	6.5	7.2	13.1	13.4	9.9	10.3
St. Martin	7.3	7.3	13.4	13.2	9.9	9.9
St. Mary	5.6	5.8	11.4	11.9	7.8	8.1
St. Tammany	6.0	5.8	12.5	12.2	7.0	6.8
Tangipahoa	6.6	6.9	15.2	16.4	10.4	10.9
Tensas	5.8	4.2	14.4	15.4	11.4	11.1
Terrebonne	6.9	7.4	14.1	12.9	8.7	8.6
Union	7.1	7.3	12.6	13.8	9.3	9.7
Vermillion	5.6	5.8	16.6	16.0	8.2	8.4
Vernon	5.7	6.1	10.2	10.9	6.8	7.3
Washington	6.7	6.6	11.3	12.7	8.5	9.0
Webster	6.3	6.8	12.6	13.3	9.1	9.7
West Baton Rouge	5.8	4.7	15.0	13.5	9.8	8.6
West Carroll	6.1	7.0	16.7	13.3	9.0	8.6
West Feliciana	4.7	3.7	9.9	11.5	7.3	7.5
Winn	5.8	6.5	10.3	13.0	7.5	8.9
State	6.2	6.3	13.7	13.8	9.3	9.5

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# Births to Women Under 19 Years of Age Per 100 Live Births to Women of All Ages

	White			African American			Total	
	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997		1995
Acadia	17.5	17.0	18.8	31.6	31.6	31.8	21.2	22.2
Allen	19.1	21.2	17.9	29.1	27.5	31.8	21.7	20.7
Ascension	10.3	12.7	10.8	21.7	23.7	22.0	13.5	13.6
Assumption	7.8	10.7	16.8	23.2	31.0	33.3	14.9	23.2
Avoyelles	18.5	15.9	19.2	26.5	30.1	29.1	21.6	22.7
Beauregard	19.9	15.2	18.5	31.0	30.1	31.0	21.8	20.0
Bienville	17.9	13.6	20.8	23.5	25.2	29.2	20.7	24.4
Bossier	10.9	12.1	13.6	25.3	27.4	27.0	15.3	17.3
Caddo	11.8	11.4	11.3	27.7	28.1	26.1	20.3	19.5
Calcasieu	15.9	15.6	15.0	26.0	28.7	28.5	19.0	18.9
Caldwell	20.8	18.7	23.4	27.3	32.1	16.7	22.0	21.7
Cameron	13.8	16.2	24.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	15.0	22.4
Catahoula	23.9	19.8	18.8	32.2	36.2	45.0	27.2	26.5
Claiborne	27.4	14.5	13.9	26.3	21.8	26.1	26.7	20.1
Concordia	18.4	23.2	18.8	40.6	43.8	34.3	30.1	26.8
DeSoto	18.8	14.4	14.0	22.3	32.5	28.8	20.9	20.9
East Baton Rouge	7.6	7.0	7.5	22.2	23.9	22.7	14.4	15.0
East Carroll	18.4	10.5	6.7	37.9	33.1	27.2	33.3	22.9
East Feliciana	11.2	10.3	17.7	25.3	25.5	30.6	18.5	23.8
Evangeline	20.9	20.5	16.8	28.7	28.8	34.6	23.9	23.1
Franklin	21.1	19.8	17.9	36.4	31.4	28.2	28.5	22.6
Grant	21.3	22.2	20.0	40.5	25.6	19.4	24.6	20.2
Iberia	14.2	17.8	15.2	29.7	33.8	26.6	21.3	20.3
Iberville	18.1	12.3	11.4	22.0	23.7	22.6	20.3	17.6
Jackson	11.4	20.2	10.9	27.9	26.7	24.3	17.0	15.3
Jefferson	10.0	11.4	11.5	25.0	27.3	23.4	14.4	15.1
Jefferson Davis	13.4	18.2	19.2	33.3	34.2	31.1	17.8	21.6
Lafayette	7.8	10.2	9.8	23.6	25.5	24.1	13.1	14.1
Lafourche	14.1	15.4	15.1	27.1	31.5	27.1	16.8	17.5
LaSalle	21.3	16.6	16.7	33.3	43.8	31.8	23.0	18.4
Lincoln	12.5	10.0	12.2	27.5	26.1	26.8	19.8	19.7
Livingston	16.6	16.6	16.4	30.0	29.0	20.9	17.7	16.7
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Total

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	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997
Madison	24.6	24.3	16.4	32.0	30.1	25.4	30.1	28.4	23.2
Morehouse	20.0	24.5	18.6	41.1	36.2	34.8	32.3	31.0	27.7
Natchitoches	15.7	16.9	14.9	29.5	31.8	28.1	23.2	24.5	21.2
Orleans	5.8	4.3	5.1	27.8	27.0	24.5	23.3	22.3	20.4
Ouachita	14.8	13.4	10.9	31.5	29.0	26.2	22.5	20.4	17.9
Plaquemines	19.5	14.2	15.4	23.9	24.6	30.0	20.9	17.2	19.5
Pointe Coupee	13.0	11.2	12.4	22.0	28.0	30.0	17.3	19.7	21.5
Rapides	15.5	16.0	15.4	28.8	30.5	29.2	20.7	21.4	21.0
Red River	9.7	14.5	13.4	23.9	24.2	27.7	16.5	18.9	20.1
Richland	20.0	23.2	13.9	33.9	36.5	35.0	27.5	29.9	24.1
Sabine	18.7	21.4	20.3	36.1	36.4	15.3	23.5	25.1	19.0
St. Bernard	14.0	15.3	13.3	28.0	19.7	22.7	15.3	15.6	13.7
St. Charles	9.1	7.1	10.8	26.3	26.3	26.1	14.9	13.4	15.5
St. Helena	9.1	22.2	16.7	20.8	23.4	24.5	14.3	22.9	20.8
St. James	10.5	8.8	3.8	22.5	25.9	22.2	17.7	18.6	14.2
St. John	10.1	10.7	11.5	22.1	26.4	25.2	15.6	17.2	18.5
St. Landry	16.3	14.3	15.9	23.2	25.3	26.1	19.7	19.7	21.0
St. Martin	12.0	15.8	15.6	19.7	22.4	25.6	15.6	18.3	19.7
St. Mary	13.8	19.1	19.2	24.3	30.0	26.6	17.7	22.9	22.1
St. Tammany	9.7	9.3	9.9	25.9	36.4	27.7	12.2	13.1	12.4
Tangipahoa	16.8	16.1	17.4	33.3	32.8	35.3	23.5	22.8	24.8
Tensas	16.2	18.6	16.7	34.0	40.0	41.8	26.7	31.5	32.9
Terrebonne	13.0	17.0	18.9	22.0	20.5	26.4	17.0	18.6	21.8
Union	22.2	15.9	17.4	25.6	36.7	24.7	23.6	22.7	19.6
Vermillion	15.0	18.2	16.1	26.0	23.9	19.3	17.4	19.2	16.5
Vernon	15.7	16.8	17.3	14.5	15.0	19.8	15.5	16.2	17.5
Washington	17.0	26.9	22.1	25.8	34.9	32.1	20.2	30.3	25.7
Webster	14.2	20.2	18.0	30.0	26.2	30.7	21.1	23.0	23.4
West Baton Rouge	11.8	11.2	14.1	21.7	22.8	26.6	16.0	16.3	20.1
West Carroll	15.0	19.5	20.8	32.6	25.0	18.2	19.6	20.9	20.2
West Feliciana	9.7	6.0	3.4	14.3	28.6	34.0	11.8	16.3	17.4
Winn	16.7	20.7	20.3	33.7	32.1	34.7	23.1	25.5	26.4
State	12.8	13.3	13.4	26.7	27.7	26.0	18.7	19.1	18.5

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# Five Year Average Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births



	White 1989-93 1991-95		African American 1989-93 1991-95		Total 1989-93 1991-95	
Acadia	11.2	9.8	16.5	22.9	12.6	13.4
Allen	4.7	5.7	9.3	14.3	6.4	8.4
Ascension	5.0	5.7	14.8	13.9	8.0	8.0
Assumption	10.1	11.6	13.7	13.0	11.7	12.2
Avoyelles	7.1	7.0	9.5	10.7	8.0	8.4
Beauregard	5.4	5.2	10.8	12.1	6.3	6.3
Bienville	9.5	7.6	14.7	6.7	12.4	7.1
Bossier	6.7	5.4	12.6	12.7	8.3	7.5
Caddo	6.5	5.7	15.9	14.9	11.5	10.6
Calcasieu	8.5	7.7	14.9	14.2	10.4	9.6
Caldwell	14.4	9.5	7.0	30.5	12.9	13.6
Cameron	8.7	12.9	*	*	8.1	12.0
Catahoula	7.6	*	9.0	3.3	8.1	1.3
Claiborne	*	2.4	13.2	12.9	8.7	9.0
Concordia	13.0	10.5	17.1	16.2	15.1	13.4
DeSoto	15.5	13.6	11.5	13.9	13.2	13.8
East Baton Rouge	6.0	5.8	18.1	17.1	11.6	11.1
East Carroll	10.1	9.7	16.9	15.4	15.5	14.2
East Feliciana	8.5	11.0	20.0	23.9	14.8	17.5
Evangeline	6.8	5.1	15.7	15.2	10.3	9.0
Franklin	13.4	9.0	25.2	27.2	18.9	17.4
Grant	12.4	8.2	12.5	22.6	12.4	10.6
Iberia	6.5	7.0	13.1	14.1	9.2	10.0
Iberville	4.4	5.6	11.4	10.8	8.5	8.7
Jackson	7.5	9.6	11.2	16.3	8.8	12.1
Jefferson	8.0	6.8	13.3	14.7	9.2	8.8
Jefferson Davis	8.4	5.8	16.9	19.5	11.0	9.1
Lafayette	5.6	5.0	14.5	15.0	8.4	8.1
Lafourche	6.1	6.0	18.8	17.3	8.7	8.3
LaSalle	15.6	20.5	6.1	*	13.8	17.4
Lincoln	9.4	10.0	13.9	14.5	11.5	12.2
Livingston	9.7	9.4	13.9	20.2	10.0	10.3

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	White 1989-93 1991-95		African African American 1989-93 1991-95		Total 1989-93 1991-95	
Madison	6.7	6.2	24.3	18.4	19.8	15.2
Morehouse	13.6	13.4	16.3	19.6	15.1	16.8
Natchitoches	6.7	6.2	16.3	15.0	8.9	10.9
Orleans	8.9	7.2	10.9	14.5	14.5	12.8
Ouachita	10.5	7.7	16.3	15.8	12.8	11.4
Plaquemines	8.8	5.1	15.5	9.3	8.1	6.6
Pointe Coupee	2.3	7.0	7.9	7.8	9.0	7.3
Rapides	7.5	9.1	15.5	15.5	11.0	11.6
Red River	7.5	7.7	16.7	19.1	15.9	13.2
Richland	7.5	12.1	25.4	18.1	15.5	15.2
Sabine	10.4	8.3	20.3	8.8	9.0	8.3
St. Bernard	7.7	6.8	12.3	16.9	7.4	7.6
St. Charles	6.6	6.0	15.9	9.8	7.0	7.2
St. Helena	6.6	7.5	8.1	21.5	10.3	15.2
St. James	3.9	10.7	15.5	11.1	10.0	10.9
St. John	10.2	5.6	9.9	14.4	7.6	9.4
St. Landry	2.8	7.1	14.0	17.6	12.2	12.4
St. Martin	7.1	6.1	17.2	13.0	9.5	9.0
St. Mary	6.7	6.3	12.8	16.9	9.8	10.2
St. Tammany	6.7	6.2	12.8	18.0	8.5	7.8
Tangipahoa	8.4	9.5	17.1	13.0	12.4	10.9
Tensas	7.1	5.2	15.1	18.9	16.7	13.7
Terrebonne	10.4	8.3	20.2	16.7	9.9	9.9
Union	10.4	6.5	16.8	16.4	8.5	10.2
Vermillion	8.0	6.1	11.6	18.9	9.7	9.0
Vernon	6.5	9.9	22.3	18.0	9.7	11.4
Washington	5.8	8.3	12.8	20.5	12.6	13.1
Webster	9.1	4.5	16.7	13.4	10.4	8.5
West Baton Rouge	10.0	4.1	16.4	9.2	8.4	6.3
West Carroll	5.6	13.1	10.5	*	10.6	9.7
West Feliciana	6.8	5.7	12.8	24.9	8.9	14.9
Winn	8.3	14.4	4.5	9.4	6.9	12.5
State	7.7	7.1	15.5	15.2	10.9	10.4





# Adequate Prenatal Care



	White			African American			Total	
	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997	1995	1997
Acadia	71.9	58.8	68.5	48.8	29.7	34.9	50.3	59.6
Allen	68.8	67.9	70.1	47.7	48.5	53.1	63.3	67.2
Ascension	83.3	86.5	88.1	58.7	61.3	68.9	79.5	83.0
Assumption	76.4	77.4	83.5	75.3	72.9	81.4	75.5	82.7
Avoyelles	67.6	75.2	79.9	41.4	42.8	51.9	64.4	69.7
Beauregard	63.1	65.9	76.9	33.3	30.6	39.1	60.7	70.8
Bienville	75.5	74.3	81.2	39.5	48.5	44.1	61.5	64.5
Bossier	85.8	86.1	84.2	58.9	60.3	55.4	79.5	76.3
Caddo	84.1	86.2	85.6	56.4	57.3	54.2	71.0	67.9
Calcasieu	81.3	85.0	86.3	65.6	67.6	70.9	80.0	81.6
Caldwell	74.5	82.4	81.3	59.1	75.0	70.0	80.7	78.9
Cameron	83.9	87.6	85.8	16.7	100.0	50.0	88.6	83.9
Catahoula	82.6	79.2	80.0	59.3	63.0	57.5	74.3	73.3
Claiborne	78.1	79.3	77.3	39.7	58.2	45.9	67.4	60.9
Concordia	78.8	86.0	84.2	56.7	58.3	49.1	72.7	65.7
DeSoto	80.0	86.5	77.4	59.7	55.1	57.4	68.8	68.1
East Baton Rouge	87.7	89.8	90.0	55.2	66.1	61.8	78.3	75.4
East Carroll	87.8	76.3	70.0	48.5	50.7	57.7	55.9	60.3
East Feliciana	78.7	82.3	84.0	50.0	46.8	57.5	67.7	70.8
Evangeline	76.4	70.4	79.8	47.8	51.1	49.5	62.7	68.9
Franklin	77.5	84.0	82.6	54.7	64.3	55.4	74.6	70.3
Grant	68.5	78.6	83.3	35.7	66.7	53.3	77.0	79.5
Iberia	76.3	81.2	74.6	51.2	50.4	44.0	66.9	61.1
Iberville	85.8	91.2	93.9	54.2	63.8	65.3	75.4	78.1
Jackson	55.3	65.9	68.2	31.3	39.7	37.1	57.8	57.8
Jefferson	85.3	88.5	89.4	62.5	67.3	72.3	81.6	83.6
Jefferson Davis	65.9	68.9	68.4	37.0	41.5	40.9	62.6	62.6
Lafayette	85.6	81.4	86.6	58.1	53.3	66.4	72.5	80.3
Lafourche	75.6	83.4	79.4	71.4	85.0	74.3	83.4	78.2
LaSalle	70.0	70.0	76.9	51.5	25.0	27.3	65.7	71.1
Lincoln	57.1	62.2	63.8	30.5	35.2	36.0	48.6	49.2
Livingston	85.2	82.3	86.6	61.5	50.5	65.6	79.8	85.2

	White			African American			Total	
	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997	1995	1997
Madison	66.2	67.6	83.3	47.2	52.5	46.4	56.8	55.5
Morehouse	57.8	64.5	64.8	49.8	38.5	37.7	50.0	49.8
Natchitoches	72.2	82.3	81.6	52.8	65.7	55.1	73.7	68.9
Orleans	85.3	86.1	89.3	60.9	61.1	71.0	65.8	74.7
Ouachita	81.4	89.1	87.4	48.6	64.8	64.8	78.3	77.0
Plaquemines	82.2	82.4	81.9	59.5	59.8	63.5	74.0	74.8
Pointe Coupee	82.3	85.6	86.6	54.2	67.3	65.9	76.5	75.9
Rapides	75.0	81.2	83.1	45.3	53.3	61.9	70.3	74.5
Red River	86.1	85.5	88.1	55.2	60.9	40.6	74.5	64.7
Richland	83.2	80.4	81.5	59.2	57.0	63.7	68.5	72.8
Sabine	71.2	80.6	79.3	53.0	48.0	55.3	72.9	73.1
St. Bernard	85.1	88.9	92.1	52.1	67.6	71.2	86.7	89.9
St. Charles	84.2	83.8	87.6	65.7	72.2	71.6	80.0	82.6
St. Helena	89.1	81.5	89.4	74.5	57.1	84.6	68.4	86.9
St. James	75.7	72.4	73.3	54.6	60.2	55.6	65.5	63.3
St. John	77.5	70.1	77.9	49.9	54.6	53.9	62.9	65.1
St. Landry	66.4	73.8	76.5	42.8	49.8	50.8	62.0	63.6
St. Martin	78.5	80.4	81.1	52.6	54.9	62.5	70.2	73.2
St. Mary	82.7	83.6	84.3	64.0	65.3	63.9	76.9	75.7
St. Tammany	88.1	90.9	88.5	65.9	66.8	69.9	87.3	85.8
Tangipahoa	86.3	84.8	90.1	69.1	69.6	83.9	78.8	87.5
Tensas	83.8	86.1	93.3	62.3	55.4	42.6	77.6	60.7
Terrebonne	72.5	76.7	74.3	67.2	75.8	74.6	75.9	73.4
Union	67.9	76.1	74.2	40.0	45.4	50.5	66.1	66.7
Vermillion	76.2	82.1	88.1	57.6	58.8	69.8	77.1	83.9
Vernon	69.4	76.4	78.6	65.6	77.1	74.2	76.8	77.7
Washington	71.7	79.8	81.4	33.1	46.2	61.3	65.6	74.1
Webster	83.7	83.3	83.4	58.2	60.1	49.6	72.6	68.9
West Baton Rouge	82.7	89.8	89.1	57.0	66.0	66.2	79.3	78.6
West Carroll	63.0	65.8	65.6	50.0	60.0	37.5	64.4	58.6
West Feliciana	84.5	92.0	83.1	49.2	56.1	57.1	75.8	71.3
Winn	54.1	57.1	68.7	36.6	41.5	41.3	51.4	57.4
State	80.6	83.1	84.3	56.7	60.3	63.3	73.5	75.4

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	1993	1995	1997	1993	1995	1997
Acadia	918	910	972	Madison	269	224
Allen	337	317	323	Morehouse	520	499
Ascension	1,123	1,110	1,166	Natchitoches	569	593
Assumption	349	321	298	Orleans	9,114	7,734
Avoyelles	565	591	585	Ouachita	2,328	2,217
Beauregard	555	475	479	Plaquemines	402	425
Bienville	222	209	217	Pointe Coupee	371	331
Bossier	1,347	1,370	1,382	Rapides	1,947	1,852
Caddo	3,699	3,581	3,690	Red River	139	134
Calcasieu	2,812	2,637	2,777	Richland	327	324
Caldwell	118	119	138	Sabine	294	331
Cameron	100	114	107	St. Bernard	940	884
Catahoula	151	153	136	St. Charles	733	716
Claiborne	206	194	214	St. Helena	105	101
Concordia	312	321	328	St. James	384	303
DeSoto	435	361	349	St. John	745	674
East Baton Rouge	6,525	6,183	6,072	St. Landry	1,326	1,340
East Carroll	225	186	144	St. Martin	795	755
East Feliciana	302	267	307	St. Mary	988	887
Evangeline	569	559	585	St. Tammany	2,366	2,532
Franklin	288	342	288	Tangipahoa	1,612	1,652
Grant	264	284	262	Tensas	90	85
Iberia	1,258	1,212	1,225	Terrebonne	1,740	1,701
Iberville	567	459	444	Union	292	306
Jackson	200	189	209	Vermillion	740	710
Jefferson	6,815	6,572	6,327	Vernon	1,068	962
Jefferson Davis	489	524	515	Washington	663	662
Lafayette	2,924	2,819	2,871	Webster	568	555
Lafourche	1,348	1,243	1,181	West Baton Rouge	374	344
LaSalle	209	167	190	West Carroll	168	129
Lincoln	546	500	534	West Feliciana	136	109
Livingston	1,216	1,116	1,330	Winn	221	231
				State	69,328	65,947

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Percent of Children in Poverty  
1990 Census



	White		African American		Total	
	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5
Acadia	25.9	26.1	76.4	75.8	37.1	38.0
Allen	26.1	23.9	61.3	69.8	36.0	36.2
Ascension	10.1	11.6	54.3	51.5	22.0	23.2
Assumption	22.1	16.1	62.9	66.4	37.5	34.6
Avoyelles	31.0	37.3	73.7	81.8	45.2	53.5
Beauregard	16.6	18.6	53.4	44.0	22.5	22.3
Bienville	25.2	20.9	55.9	59.3	40.1	40.8
Bossier	11.6	15.1	51.2	58.1	22.0	26.9
Caddo	10.3	11.1	56.9	64.3	34.2	38.8
Calcasieu	13.7	17.0	49.3	57.4	23.5	27.9
Caldwell	29.0	10.9	62.1	41.4	36.5	31.7
Cameron	14.9	9.4	52.1	43.6	16.4	11.0
Catahoula	34.6	44.3	71.5	79.3	46.6	57.1
Claiborne	9.2	11.1	66.2	76.4	39.1	47.3
Concordia	18.2	15.8	67.4	69.7	39.5	37.7
DeSoto	12.6	13.4	62.8	70.5	37.8	43.1
East Baton Rouge	7.5	9.1	47.6	52.1	25.0	28
East Carroll	24.1	30.2	85.5	84.5	70.0	70.8
East Feliciana	13.8	17.2	47.9	49.6	31.6	34.2
Evangeline	25.9	28.8	69.7	66.8	39.9	42.7
Franklin	25.6	26.7	71.8	72.9	44.3	46.6
Grant	25.5	30.0	54.7	51.2	30.5	34.0
Iberia	20.6	21.0	59.1	62.6	34.8	36.5
Iberville	18.5	16.1	50.6	51.6	35.5	35.7
Jackson	22.9	23.5	48.9	68.4	31.5	37.5
Jefferson	11.3	11.6	46.4	46.7	20.2	20.5
Jefferson Davis	23.5	22.2	62.1	58.4	32.0	30.6
Lafayette	12.4	12.8	55.4	60.9	24.5	25.6
Lafourche	20.1	19.9	74.6	74.2	30.2	30.2
LaSalle	19.8	18.0	45.5	40.5	22.8	20.7
Lincoln	10.5	12.4	52.9	60.8	28.4	34.5
Livingston	14.4	15.1	58.9	56.4	17.2	18.2

# Percent of Children in Poverty 1990 Census



	White		African American		Total	
	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5
Madison	19.3	23.1	74.0	71.0	57.8	56.6
Morehouse	17.3	17.7	66.7	73.6	43.1	46.4
Natchitoches	22.6	23.8	69.2	70.8	45.2	47.9
Orleans	10.3	9.8	55.3	60.0	46.2	48.8
Ouachita	13.5	13.7	64.1	71.7	34.4	38.9
Plaquemines	17.3	18.9	51.3	52.0	29.2	30.6
Pointe Coupee	16.3	12.8	57.9	58.8	36.1	35.3
Rapides	15.6	15.6	58.1	65.1	30.3	32.5
Red River	21.9	29.8	67.8	79.4	43.8	53.9
Richland	21.5	17.6	70.3	78.0	43.9	46.9
Sabine	24.0	24.5	71.4	82.3	36.1	38.5
St. Bernard	16.9	17.6	60.9	71.8	19.8	21.3
St. Charles	7.9	6.9	47.5	50.8	18.9	19.2
St. Helena	12.8	12.2	63.2	61.6	42.1	40.6
St. James	6.9	6.8	54.0	59.5	33.0	36.8
St. John	7.5	7.9	47.4	48.9	23.8	23.7
St. Landry	24.5	27.8	65.8	70.5	43.8	48.5
St. Martin	17.6	20.1	54.6	51.4	32.5	32.8
St. Mary	18.1	20.9	55.9	54.1	34.0	35.4
St. Tammany	12.3	11.3	48.9	48.1	17.0	16.4
Tangipahoa	23.5	23.1	68.8	73.4	40.9	42.6
Tensas	32.3	34.4	76.2	87.5	59.6	67.4
Terrebonne	19.4	21.6	62.7	70.2	31.3	35.7
Union	17.8	19.8	56.7	53.9	30.7	32.5
Vermillion	24.9	25.8	69.1	66.4	33.1	35.7
Vernon	22.7	23.0	19.1	21.1	21.9	23.7
Washington	28.4	30.1	65.1	67.6	41.8	44.3
Webster	18.0	19.1	56.3	58.9	32.5	34.9
West Baton Rouge	10.5	10.5	52.2	59.1	27.1	29.7
West Carroll	23.0	30.7	81.5	81.5	35.4	43.6
West Feliciana	14.1	11.8	70.6	76.0	41.1	45.5
Winn	19.9	22.2	59.0	50.7	33.5	33.6
State	15.4	16.1	56.5	60.3	31.4	33.5

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# Percent Female Householder Families with Children (under age 18 & under age 5) in Poverty

	White		African American		Total	
	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18
Acadia	60.0	57.2	64.8	88.5	85.5	75.1
Allen	54.3	59.9	100.0	85.8	86.5	71.1
Ascension	72.1	45.3	51.7	72.3	59.4	61.1
Assumption	27.8	40.9	72.9	76.0	71.3	64.8
Avoyelles	83.3	69.6	90.5	87.3	92.0	81.4
Beauregard	49.2	39.9	70.5	78.0	63.8	58.2
Bienville	51.9	57.2	77.9	73.7	73.7	69.6
Bossier	41.5	30.6	67.2	73.1	63.7	50.4
Caddo	37.2	25.7	75.0	69.7	74.3	59.0
Calcasieu	47.0	40.6	68.7	69.7	70.6	55.2
Caldwell	78.3	50.7	89.3	86.0	83.9	64.7
Cameron	44.4	38.2	0.0	100.0	53.1	48.1
Catahoula	100.0	60.0	73.9	76.1	86.2	71.1
Claiborne	0.0	22.1	83.1	74.1	78.2	66.1
Concordia	38.9	36.0	71.9	81.5	80.2	70.7
DeSoto	66.7	34.1	81.5	76.0	84.7	68.1
East Baton Rouge	34.1	21.6	69.1	65.9	68.1	52.7
East Carroll	100.0	76.2	75.8	91.0	92.3	89.8
East Feliciana	100.0	47.3	48.6	68.6	79.9	64.0
Evangeline	91.2	58.3	100.0	85.8	94.7	73.4
Franklin	100.0	60.8	85.9	84.9	87.8	77.0
Grant	90.0	55.9	52.3	68.8	70.6	60.4
Iberia	45.8	41.4	61.8	70.5	68.9	59.8
Iberville	78.0	59.1	87.6	68.7	81.9	66.3
Jackson	92.9	50.8	75.5	72.7	84.6	64.4
Jefferson	31.1	28.4	67.0	64.1	56.6	45.0
Jefferson Davis	100.0	51.3	75.7	76.8	78.2	63.4
Lafayette	39.9	31.2	78.6	76.4	72.2	55.1
Lafourche	48.5	51.1	77.6	88.6	76.0	69.0
LaSalle	28.6	36.7	66.7	66.4	70.0	51.3
Lincoln	39.6	36.0	72.7	69.0	74.1	60.4
Livingston	57.8	37.1	92.6	78.5	65.5	44.9
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# Percent Female Householder Families with Children (under age 18 & under age 5) in Poverty



	White		African American		Total	
	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18	Under 5	Under 18
Madison	27.3	19.0	81.5	87.3	81.4	82.0
Morehouse	52.8	36.0	75.4	79.0	81.3	71.1
Natchitoches	80.3	60.0	73.0	80.4	83.7	74.8
Orleans	35.4	26.2	72.9	66.7	75.6	63.2
Ouachita	25.8	31.4	77.3	73.7	75.6	60.0
Plaquemines	60.7	45.2	83.3	73.9	82.1	64.3
Pointe Coupee	63.2	55.4	83.1	79.8	85.4	75.2
Rapides	53.9	39.5	82.0	73.0	77.4	60.6
Red River	92.9	63.8	93.5	82.9	87.4	78.4
Richland	0.0	59.9	89.6	86.6	84.6	81.0
Sabine	61.6	55.6	100.0	90.0	78.6	73.5
St. Bernard	35.7	36.8	62.5	81.3	58.5	43.4
St. Charles	39.7	22.9	72.1	66.1	61.3	49.6
St. Helena	0.0	35.6	83.6	76.0	77.4	71.5
St. James	100.0	38.1	64.5	69.0	76.9	65.9
St. John	42.9	23.2	73.2	74.4	71.7	59.9
St. Landry	76.8	56.9	83.1	86.7	87.0	79.5
St. Martin	43.3	36.9	58.0	73.2	65.8	60.5
St. Mary	57.4	45.3	79.8	71.9	74.1	63.4
St. Tammany	41.6	35.1	36.8	59.8	57.3	42.0
Tangipahoa	67.0	50.8	77.1	77.8	79.9	68.6
Tensas	50.0	55.6	93.5	83.9	86.6	81.2
Terrebonne	56.5	40.5	68.9	79.5	77.6	60.7
Union	17.1	39.5	68.8	74.4	69.4	61.5
Vermillion	58.5	53.4	87.0	83.5	82.9	66.8
Vernon	53.3	54.5	50.0	49.9	62.7	54.6
Washington	58.4	50.0	85.9	82.9	81.0	70.8
Webster	65.0	47.0	81.1	70.2	76.4	62.7
West Baton Rouge	59.0	41.4	50.8	67.6	68.4	59.0
West Carroll	90.9	58.0	100.0	89.0	92.6	76.7
West Feliciana	14.3	46.7	80.0	80.1	75.5	71.0
Winn	57.1	45.7	86.2	86.8	75.6	72.7
State	46.6	36.9	73.2	71.4	73.7	60.1

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## Data Notes & Sources

### POPULATION

1997 estimates of the resident population by age, race, and parish.

**Source:** **United States Bureau of the Census.**

### Poverty

**Poverty** The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine poverty level. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation with the Consumer Price Index. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid and food stamps). The weighted average threshold for a family of four was \$15,569 in 1995, the year on which these estimates are based.

**Source:** **United States Bureau of the Census.**

### EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

**Median Family Income** 1998 estimates of median family income developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Estimates are based on 1990 census data estimates updated with a combination of local Bureau of Labor Statistics data and census divisional data. Separate median family income estimates are calculated for all Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Primary Metropolitan Statistics (PMSAs) and nonmetropolitan counties. An asterisk (\*) following the data in this category indicates that the MSA median, rather than individual parish median, was reported as follows:

East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Livingston, and Ascension parishes are included in the Baton Rouge MSA.

Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes are included in the Houma MSA.

St. Martin, Lafayette, Acadia and St. Landry parishes are included in the Lafayette MSA.

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, St. John and St. Charles parishes are included in the New Orleans MSA.

Caddo, Bossier, and Webster parishes are included in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA.

Calcasieu is included in the Lake Charles MSA. Ouchita is included in the Monroe MSA. Rapides is included in the Alexandria MSA.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic and Market Analysis Division, Office of Economic Affairs, 1996.

**Unemployment** Estimate of the civilian labor force 16 and over who are not employed and are actively seeking employment. Civilian labor force statistics are developed in accordance with Bureau of Labor Statistics methodology. Rates are computed from unrounded data. Data is not seasonally adjusted. The number and rate in this book reflect revised data for April 1999.

**Source:** **Louisiana Department of Labor, Research and Statistics Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

### CHILDREN RECEIVING

**FIATAP** Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (replaced Aid to Families with

Dependent Children, or AFDC) provides cash assistance for families with children who meet specific eligibility and work requirements. The number of family members and the family's countable income determines the benefit amount. The average grant per household for this period was \$158. The figures in this book reflect the average number of children receiving FIATAP benefits each month in fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998).

**Source:** **State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Assistance Payments Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

**Medicaid** The Medicaid program provides medical assistance to low-income persons who are age 65 or over, blind, disabled or members of families with dependent children or qualified pregnant women or children. Pregnant women and children under the age of 6 whose income unit is less than 133% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) and children under the age of 19 whose income unit is above 100% of the FPIG but less than 133% of the FPIG and who have no creditable health insurance may be considered for Medicaid. The data included here reflects individuals under the age of 21 who were eligible for Medicaid in March 1999.

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

**Food Stamps** The Food Stamp program is a federal public assistance program that provides food coupons that are exchanged for food. The average payment per household for this period was \$203.55. The figures in this book reflect the num-

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ber of children receiving Food Stamps in November 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Food Stamp Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**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." The data contained in this book include the average number of infants and children participating in the WIC program in 1998.

**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 services through the Child Care Assistance Program (children not on welfare) and the FINDWORK program (children on welfare) during the month of June 1998.

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

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

**Live Births** The total number of live births to women by race of mother, 1997.

**Percent Births to Teens** Live births to women ages 15-19 and under as a percent of all live births to women of the same race, 1997.

**Percent Low Birthweight Babies** The total number of live births under 2500 grams (5.5 pounds)

as a percent of all live births to women of the same race, 1997.

**Percent Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care** Women delivering live infants and having adequate prenatal care by race, 1997.

**Infant Mortality Rate** Number of deaths of live-born children under one year of age by race of mother, 1997. Infant mortality rates are reported as the number of deaths per 1,000 live births.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, State Center for Health Information, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**% Up-to-date immunization (public clinics)** Result of public clinic assessments, percent of children 24-35 months old who were up-to-date (4 diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis -DTP, 3 polio - OPV, 1 measles, mumps, rubella - MMR) at age 24 months in 1998.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Immunization Program, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**CHILDREN IN TROUBLE**

**Children in custody/under supervision of Office of Youth Development (OYD)** fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998). This information reflects juveniles, delinquent/FINS, in custody (secure and non-secure placement), under supervision, on Informal Adjustment Agreements, cases referred to OYD but diverted from court, and cases still pending court action. The number served represents the number of active cases 7/1/97 plus all those entering the system during fiscal year 1998. On any given day during the year there are approximately 9,100 juveniles in OYD's care. Juve-

niles whose record indicates no parish of commitment are cases referred to OYD but diverted from court or cases referred to OYD but pending court action. Juveniles whose record indicates no offense type can be Informal Adjustment Agreements (not adjudicated), cases referred to OYD but diverted from court, cases whose court data not input or net yet received, or cases referred to OYD that are pending court action.

**Crimes Against Property** The majority of crimes in this category are burglary, theft, drug offenses, public order, and status offenses. A small number of burglaries should be considered crimes against persons because a person was present at the time the crime was committed.

**Crimes Against Persons** Includes assault-battery, robbery, homicide, sex crimes, weapons offenses, and other violent and non-violent crimes against persons.

**Source:** State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Youth Development, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**Abuse and neglect cases found valid (# 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 1998 fiscal year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998). 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 as reported for fiscal year 1998 (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998).  
**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 enrolled in grades K-12, (adjusted for audit findings) plus the total number of students enrolled in pre-K. Data are reported by districts at the student level as of October 2, via Student Information System (SIS). Note: prior years' data are based on unadjusted data for grades PK-12.

**Per pupil expenditure** Current expenditures divided by the adjusted October 1 Student Membership Count according to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) definition.

**Teacher Salary (average)** The average of actual salaries, including Professional Improvement Program (PIP) payments, reported for all full-time and part-time classroom teachers (excluding re-hired retirees), who were employed during any period of the school year by the public school districts. Data are based on teacher-level data submitted by districts to the La. Dept. of Education via End-of-Year Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) report.

**Pupils being served by exceptional children program** Children identified as needing special education services including children with mental disabilities; hearing, speech and/or visual impairments; emotional/behavioral disorders, and other categories or special needs. Counts are based on student-level data submitted by districts to the Louisiana Department of Education as of December 1 for the federal individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) child count.

**Note:** the cities of Monroe and Bogalusa operate school systems independent of their respective parish systems. Figures for each city are as follows:

	Bogalusa	Monroe
Registration white	1,742	1,234
Registration African American	1,610	9,634
Registration total	3,370	10,912
Per pupil expenditures	5,102	4,791
Teacher salary (average)	27,864	31,236
Dropouts	106	410
Pupils in exceptional children program	542	1,041

All education data reported for the 1997-98 academic year.

**Source:** 149th Annual Financial and Statistical Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Research and Development, Bureau of School Accountability, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Dropouts 1997-98** Number of students in grades 9-12 who were enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current 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.

**Source:** 1997-1998 Louisiana Progress Profiles State Report, Louisiana Department of Education, Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources.

**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 figures. Some of the data, including census data on poverty and HUD median income estimates, are based on samples of the population and as such are subject to sampling variability. Data collection methods within the source agencies have changed from year to year in some cases; therefore caution should be used when comparing figures from year to year.



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