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This Kids Count report examines statewide trends in the well-being of Illinois' children, focusing on the impact of communities on children. The statistical portrait is based on 14 indicators of well-being: (1) uninsured children; (2) infant mortality; (3) low birth weight; (4) violent death and injury; (5) early childhood education; (6) high school dropout rates; (7) family income; (8) families receiving welfare assistance; (9) child support enforcement; (10) tax policy; (11) new families at risk; (12) teen pregnancy; (13) child abuse and neglect; and (14) children in foster and substitute care. The report outlines an action agenda that involves improving health care, encouraging learning beginning at birth, promoting economic security, strengthening vulnerable families, and collaborating toward a vision for children. The report also describes the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods and highlights several other community programs addressing areas of concern. The bulk of the document is comprised of data tables delineating countywide data on the indicators. Findings indicate that in 10 areas of child well-being, Illinois ranks thirty-fourth among the states, an improvement over the 1998 ranking of 38. Illinois has a high percentage of children lacking health insurance, the second highest rate of high school dropouts in the Midwest, and the eleventh highest median income among the states. Fifteen percent of Illinois children are in a "high risk" category--the highest rate in the Midwest, though still lower than California or New York. (HTH)



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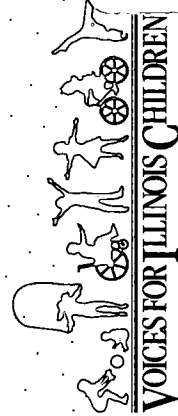
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About Voices for Illinois Children

Voices for Illinois Children champions the full development of every child in Illinois to assure the future well-being of the people of the state. We work with families, communities and policy makers to ensure that all children grow up healthy, nurtured, safe and well educated.

Voices is a non-profit, non-partisan, citizen-based advocacy group addressing problems faced by Illinois children and their families. Through research, public education and coalition building, Voices generates support from civic, business and community leaders for cost-effective proposals to improve the lives of Illinois children. Jerome Stermer is the President of Voices for Illinois Children, and Lorraine Barba is the Chair of the Board.

Voices for Illinois Children dedicates this report to all the individuals who make an impact on the lives of children, including parents, teachers, family members, volunteers, advocates – and all who help children cross the bridge to adulthood through examples of caring, patience, creativity and humor.

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Communities Helping Families



When we talk about the challenges facing kids, and strategies for improving their opportunities, we usually focus first on the role of the family. There are many reasons: Parents and families are the child's first teacher, role model and protector. Families have enormous influence on children—and on the conditions in which children are raised. If we are interested in improving outcomes for children, there is no better place to start than the family.

After family, the discussion often turns to the responsibilities of government. While we may debate endlessly on the extent of the government's role, we generally agree there are things that government and policy makers can do to support families in helping children.

But there is another part of society that plays a crucial role in the lives of children—communities. Strong, stable communities are often the key to fighting poverty and increasing opportunities for children. In contrast, communities with concentrated poverty tend to have problems such as higher crime rates and increased isolation and vulnerability for children and families.

When we examine the impact of communities on children, one of the first challenges we face is defining the idea of community. A community can be an entire city or town, or neighbors living within a few blocks. There are communities of parents, teachers, service providers, advocates, ethnic groups, business leaders, clergy and others. Our sense of community can be based on where we live and work, the schools our children attend, our place of worship, and many different elements.

Defining communities is even harder because most of us belong to several communities, which overlap and interact. And if it is difficult to define communities, it is even more difficult to describe all the ways they can improve the lives of children.

Some communities come together to support their members through local volunteer programs and service organizations. Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard in Freeport and Students Offering Services in Decatur are just two examples of those programs profiled in this *Illinois Kids Count*.

Communities also get involved through collaborations, like the diverse group—police, probation officers, ministers, social workers, academics and others—who joined together in Boston, Massachusetts to turn back the tide of youth gun violence. From 1990 to 1997, their innovative efforts helped reduce the number of homicide victims under age 24 by nearly 80%.

Sometimes new communities form around common ideals, like the hundreds of people who came together in February 1999 to talk about the responsibilities we share toward the children of our state. They laid the foundation for the new *Charter for Illinois Children*—a tool for uniting communities, organizations and individuals around actions that will

help all children thrive and succeed.

While it may not be easy to pin down the nature of community involvement, it is easy to see its importance. Communities have an essential role in the interwoven networks that support our children, improve the conditions they face, and increase their opportunities for success.

This year, the *Illinois Kids Count* attempts to explore some of the work that communities are doing to help children, and to clarify the importance of community in the lives of kids. We've included an interview (on page 3) with John Holton, director of the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods—probably the largest study ever conducted on the impact of local community structures.

This *Illinois Kids Count* also profiles a variety of individuals and organizations that have come together to make a difference for children and families in their cities, towns, counties and neighborhoods. We hope other communities can use these examples as models for similar efforts around the state.

The importance of community involvement is also the reason behind the biggest change in this *Illinois Kids Count*. The indicators of child well-being are presented on pages for each county—so that parents, neighbors and local leaders can more easily see the conditions facing children in their community. (While most counties include many different communities, counties are the smallest unit for which data is readily available.) By concentrating this information on the local level, we hope to help many more groups join together to foster positive change in their communities.

Our focus on communities shouldn't be seen as an indication that they are more important than families or state policy makers. Each of these groups plays an essential role in the lives of children. Families, communities and policy makers have already done a great deal to make kids count in Illinois, but there is much more that needs to be done. By working together, we can meet many of the challenges that still lie ahead.

Why Communities Matter:

The Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods

An extensive—and ongoing—study in Chicago neighborhoods reveals some interesting evidence about why communities matter. The Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods is a multi-year study designed to track the social and behavioral development of children in different neighborhoods.

The researchers surveyed over 8,700 residents in 343 neighborhoods. Participants were asked questions such as whether they thought their neighbors could be counted on to intervene if children were skipping school or showing disrespect to an adult. Other questions involved whether they felt their neighborhood was “close-knit,” and whether their neighbors got along.

Illinois Kids Count discussed the study with Project Director John Holton.

Kids Count: What has your study revealed about neighborhoods and communities?

Holton: What this study did is simply ask: Is there something other than census data that can better inform what we know about the relationship between communities and crime? We know that communities are important, but we wanted to know more about why they're important. We wanted to focus on the informal ways that communities are organized, to see what we could learn about the impact of those informal structures.

Our questions were designed to measure different factors—like cohesion among neighbors, trust among neighbors, and reciprocity between neighbors. These factors combine to make what we call “collective efficacy,” which is essentially a measurement of how much a group is willing or able to work together.

We found that collective efficacy varies considerably across Chicago neighborhoods, and where it is high, rates of street crime and violence are low. In fact, neighborhoods that had high collective efficacy were 40 percent less likely to have street crime and violence than neighborhoods with low collective efficacy.

KC: Are there lessons your study offers for local community leaders, and for people working on issues like education and public health?

Holton: High levels of community efficacy probably have an impact in many ways beyond reducing violence. We already know that community strength is important, because we see examples of how a stable community helps parents nurture, protect and supervise children.

In this study, we've found tremendous variations among neighborhoods in their willingness and capacity to care for the children in the area. Those variations are certainly influenced by factors like residential stability and resources, but they're also influenced by the internal factors like trust and reciprocity.

One clear lesson is that cohesion, trust and reciprocity are essential, and we really

ought to be encouraging the informal growth of these factors. Who helps build these things? Does it get done by community organizers? By churches? By CAPS programs and soccer teams?

Leaders from all segments of the community can be encouraged to think about the ways we can encourage the growth of informal community strength, especially in neighborhoods undergoing transitions, including those experiencing gentrification, demolition of public housing, or a flux of immigrants. Developers, community groups, local government ... everyone needs to work together to promote the informal factors that foster stability in a neighborhood.

When you have collective efficacy, crime is low. How do we build on each of the three variables that equal collective efficacy? Trust alone isn't enough. Reciprocity alone isn't enough. Neighborhood cohesion isn't enough. I think it's a fascinating equation.

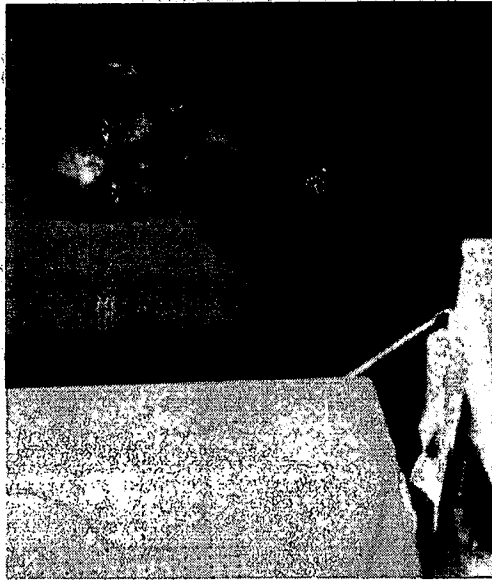
KC: Are there lessons from your study for policy makers and leaders of state government?

Holton: How do we address collective efficacy in our policy questions? How do we make it a central part of school reform in Chicago, for example? Schools may be thinking in terms of building a community within the school, but are they thinking enough about the school's role in the greater community around it—about their role in the neighborhood?

Also, it's important to note that we found impoverished neighborhoods that had real strengths. It's obviously easier when a neighborhood has resources, but it's crucial that they have stability, regardless of their racial makeup or income level.

We can't let the concept of collective efficacy overshadow other social and ecological factors. At the same time that they should join in the efforts to nurture community trust and cohesion, policy makers need to continue trying to help neighborhoods become economically stable.

For more information on the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods call 312-879-0889, or contact John Holton at 312-663-3520 or jholton@preventionchildabuse.org.



John Holton

Child Health and Well-Being



The conditions facing children are often interconnected, and nowhere is this more clear than in issues of health. Good health is the foundation for physical, intellectual and emotional development, both in the short-term and the long-term. A child who grows up healthy will have a much better chance at succeeding in school, finding or keeping a job and leading a productive adult life.

While most Illinois children have access to health care and a good chance at growing up healthy, too many do not. Barriers to proper health care include lack of income, a shortage of providers in some communities, and a lack of recognition of the importance of preventive care. This section explores several key indicators of child health and well-being.

UNINSURED CHILDREN

One of the most important barriers to quality health care is the lack of health insurance.

Estimates based on the U.S. Census indicate that over 358,000 children in Illinois (about 10%) are uninsured.¹ Nationally, about 14% of children have no health insurance, a rate that has been fairly consistent since 1987.

Children without health insurance are less likely to visit a physician, less likely to receive needed medical and dental care, and consequently, more likely to suffer from long-term health problems.²

In order to provide better health care for children of low-income working families, in 1998 Illinois policy makers created the KidCare child health insurance program to supplement Medicaid and provide comprehensive, affordable health insurance to children in families up to 185% of poverty (\$2,536 monthly income for a family of four).

However, enrollment in KidCare (and in similar child health insurance programs in other states) has been slower than expected. As of August 1999, only 38,288 Illinois children were enrolled in the program. A recent study conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago for the Illinois Department of Public Aid estimated that more than 190,000 Illinois children are eligible for Medicaid or KidCare, but are still uninsured.³

Responding to the slow enrollment, the state has taken steps to simplify the application process and increase public awareness about KidCare.

Several community programs around the state are also working to improve KidCare outreach efforts. For example, the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition is coordinating the "Covering Kids Illinois" project, in which public schools, libraries, hospitals and child care centers are collaborating to increase KidCare enrollment.

INFANT MORTALITY AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

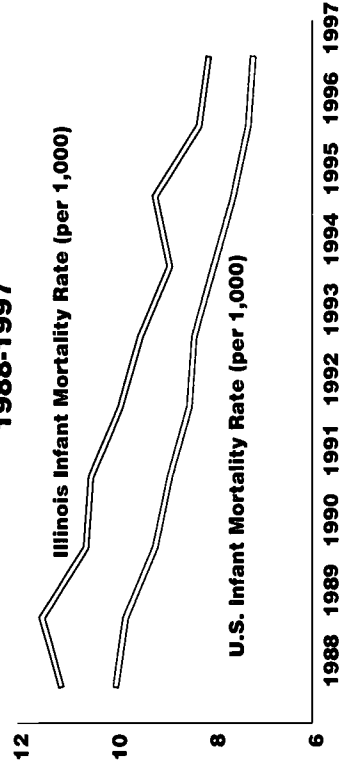
The death rate of infants under 1 year is a well-established health measure, often connected to problems such as poor health care, inadequate nutrition, and unsafe home environments.

Infant mortality rates in Illinois have declined in recent years, but not as fast as the decline in national infant mortality rates. Illinois still has one of the highest infant mortality rates among the states, ranking 42nd in 1996.

- Nationally, the infant mortality rate declined from 7.3 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1996 to 7.1 per 1,000 in 1997.⁴
- In Illinois, the infant mortality rate declined from 8.4 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1996 to 8.1 per 1,000 live births in 1997.
- In the five-year period from 1993-97, four counties—Cook, Marshall, St. Clair and Vermillion—had infant mortality rates exceeding 10 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- Six counties—Bureau, Franklin, Iroquois, Knox, McHenry, and Rock Island—saw their infant mortality rate decrease by more than 30% between 1988-92 and 1993-97.

Recognizing that communities can play a key role in reducing infant mortality, the

Infant Mortality Rates 1988-1997



Sources: Illinois Department of Public Health (www.idph.state.il.us/) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics

y Start program at the Mother and Child Center in East St. Louis formed an advisory council of local service providers to discuss issues affecting families' access to health care. The Chicago Health Connection's Doula Project is working to reduce infant mortality and child abuse and neglect by training women in the community to provide pregnancy and childbirth support to adolescent mothers.

While the infant mortality rate in Illinois continues to improve, another important measure of poor infant health—the low birth-weight rate—is getting worse. Babies with low birth weight (less than 5.5 pounds) have significantly higher mortality rates than babies born at normal weight. In addition, they face many more problems and developmental delays during infancy and at later stages of life.

While one reason for the recent rise in low birth-weight rates is the growing number of twins and other multiple births, other causes include poor prenatal care and mothers engaging in high-risk behaviors such as smoking and drug or alcohol consumption.

- Nationally, there are approximately 250,000 low birth-weight babies born each year.
- In 1997, the national low birth-weight rate was 7.5%—the highest rate in 20 years.⁵
- In 1993-97, the low birth-weight rate in Illinois was 8%, an increase of 3.9% from 1988-92. Illinois low birth-weight rates have been increasing steadily since the mid-1980s.
- In 1993-97, Alexander County had the highest low birth-weight rate at 11.5%, while Jo Daviess County had the lowest rate at 3.7%.
- In two counties—Jo Daviess and Marshall—the low birth-weight rate declined by more than 24% from 1988-92 to 1993-97.

VIOLENT DEATH AND INJURY

Too many children in Illinois do not live long enough to realize their full potential because of fatalities associated with violence (homicides, suicides and accidents). Violent deaths of children are a public health concern not only because of the lost potential, but because so many of these deaths are preventable.

Between 1994 and 1997, 4,949 Illinois children ages 1-18 died—a rate of 15.1 deaths per 10,000 children. 3,531 (71.4%) of these deaths were considered violent, and 1,007 (20.4%) were gun-related.

- In 1994-97, 15 Illinois counties had five or more gun-related child deaths.
- In five counties—Cook, Franklin, Jackson, White, and Williamson—more than 80% of child deaths between 1994-97 were due to homicide, suicide, or accident.
- In four counties—Jackson, Lee, McDonough and Randolph—the child death rate increased by more than 60% between 1990-93 and 1994-1997.

The rate of non-fatal firearm injuries is also alarming, and clarifies the impact of guns on youth. Ongoing national research from the Violence Policy Center shows that non-fatal firearm injuries treated in hospital emergency departments outnumber firearm fatalities by nearly three to one. For every child who dies in an unintentional shooting, an estimated 10 children are treated for non-fatal unintentional gunshot wounds.⁶

Communities at Work: Agape Care Center

The Agape Care Center of Whiteside County is a collaboration in the truest sense. Connie Cato, a local nurse, had always seen a need for a free health clinic in Whiteside County, a farming community where many people are uninsured. Connie brought the idea to Dr. Hasmukh Shah, her employer, seeking his support. "I had just returned from a trip to India," explained Dr. Shah. "I saw a free health clinic there that was getting a significant response from the community. I was inspired, and I think Connie approached me at the right time."

Next, Cato's church, the Rock River Christian Center, agreed to donate space and secretarial support. "It felt like everything was falling into place very quickly," said Cato, who worked to unite the community around the Agape Care Center.

CGH Medical Center donated all of the medical equipment. Medical supply companies donated supplies and prescription samples. A local plumber donated and installed sinks. The Welfare Council—a committee representing area social service agencies—sponsored promotional events. Local medical practitioners agreed to volunteer their services.

The Agape Care Center opened in 1997, and served 540 people in 1998. Their services have been crucial to the healthy development of children in Whiteside County. "We focus on preventive care for children," explained Dr. Shah. "We have chartered parents to locations for immunizations and other help, we have tried to prevent hearing loss and detect early asthma, and we have made parents aware of Kid-Care."

"In the beginning, people were skeptical. They would think, 'It's in a church and it's free. What do they want?'" said Tamme Akridge, whose children have been served by the clinic. "But they have more people that they help each week. Even though many parents work like I do, when children get sick, it can be very draining on a family's budget."

The success of the Agape Center brought the Governor's Cup—an annual award for community work—to Whiteside County. Agape demonstrates the impact one person can have on her community, and the impact a cohesive community effort can have on its residents. "I hope this inspires others because this is a much-needed service," said Cato, "and it can be done."

For more information, contact the Agape Care Center at 815-625-4554.

Firearm use places a tremendous monetary burden on health agencies at the state and local level. In 1998, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley filed a lawsuit against gun manufacturers and distributors, seeking monetary compensation for costs incurred by Cook County between 1994 and 1998. The lawsuit seeks damages of over \$358 million, including \$50 million to cover the Cook County Bureau of Health's costs for treating firearm victims.

Education and Child Care



Education is the keystone to success in life, and our children have a much greater chance at achieving success if they are encouraged to learn beginning at birth. Parents are the child's first teachers, and have enormous opportunities—and responsibilities—to give children a good foundation for learning. Later in life, our schools take a primary role in education—although too many schools in Illinois still lack the resources they need to give children the training, encouragement and tools to succeed.

A third essential role in the education of many children is played by child care centers and homes, but many community leaders and policy makers still fail to recognize this important educational component, and see child care only as a service that enables parents to work.

If we want Illinois children to have the best chance at success—and Illinois to continue to thrive economically—we must support education through every stage of childhood.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Quality early childhood education programs—including child care, Head Start and PreKindergarten—can provide young children with important skills and encouragement, and can increase their chances of success in school. Many studies have demonstrated that participation in high-quality early childhood education programs has positive effects on both short-term and long-term achievement—especially for children who are at risk of school failure.

A 1999 study from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development found that children attending high quality child care centers scored higher on school readiness and language tests, and had fewer behavioral problems than their peers in other centers.

The study defined high quality centers as those that follow professional guidelines established by the American Public Health Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, including:

- Small group sizes and low child/staff ratios.
- Teachers with some post-secondary training in child development and early childhood education or a related field.⁷

Studies like this present a clear message: If we want Illinois children ready to succeed in school, we must continue to improve the quality of child care experiences that are available.

While parents have the first and largest role in preparing children for school, child care is increasingly important because many more mothers with young children are now

part of the workforce. In 1947, only 12 percent of American women with children under age six were in the workforce, but that level jumped to 32% by 1970 and 62% by 1996.⁸

This trend will only continue with welfare reform. From 1997 to 1998, the number of Illinois children using state child care vouchers (provided for families with income less than half the state median) increased 40%, from 56,524 to 79,410. Nearly all of this growth came among families who had left welfare—an increase of 117%, from 17,074 to 37,118.⁹

As more parents—especially single mothers—move into the workforce, many more children will need child care, and it will be even more important to improve child care quality and help prepare those children for success in school and life.

However, recent national studies have found that less than 10% of child care—whether in centers or homes—is of high enough quality to be called educational.¹⁰

Child care quality must be improved, and parents cannot be expected to bear the costs of that improvement on their own. In Illinois, quality child care programs usually cost more than \$150 per child per week. For many parents—especially low and middle income parents—that cost is already out of reach. Increased investments from both the public and private sector will be needed to raise child care to the level of quality that will help our children succeed.

Child Care Accreditation

One strategy for improving the quality of child care is voluntary accreditation by independent organizations like the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The accreditation process requires centers and homes to measure up to national standards of quality, and also provides parents and communities with an independent assessment of programs they are considering.

To create incentives for accreditation, more than a dozen states have implemented higher reimbursement rates for subsidized care at accredited centers and homes. The City of Chicago took similar steps in 1998, creating a public-private partnership to help centers and homes earn accreditation and increase the reimbursement rates for accredited programs.

- There are 534 accredited child care centers and 144 accredited child care homes in Illinois—representing 6.1% of all licensed centers and homes statewide.
- Six counties—Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, McLean and Will—have 10 or more accredited child care centers or homes.

Start and PreKindergarten

For children of low-income families—who are more at risk of school failure—the federal Head Start and state-funded PreKindergarten programs are especially important.

Several studies—in Illinois and nationwide—have demonstrated the benefits of these programs¹⁾, and in recent years, Illinois has significantly increased its investment in PreKindergarten.

- In FY1998, 14% of 3-5 year-olds in Illinois were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten programs.
- In DuPage, Lake and McHenry counties, less than 5% of 3-5 year-olds were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten in FY1998.
- In Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski and Schuyler counties, at least 50% of 3-5 year-olds were enrolled in Head Start or PreKindergarten in FY1998.

While the educational benefits of these programs are clear, most Head Start and PreKindergarten programs are only part-day and/or part-year, which can make it difficult for parents to balance them with work and transportation arrangements. As more parents leave welfare for work, it will be harder for them to keep their children enrolled in these valuable programs.

Community collaboration can help solve some of these challenges. In several parts of the state, local schools and child care programs are working together to supplement Head Start or PreKindergarten programs with child care in the same location. For example, the Heartland Head Start in Bloomington collaborates with two local child care centers to offer full-year child care services, and the Head Start program in Kankakee joined forces with the local YMCA.

Child care is an important economic issue, because it enables parents—at all income levels—to work. However, parents, community leaders and policy makers must not lose sight of child care as an educational issue, and a prime opportunity to give all our children a foundation for school achievement.

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

While it is crucial to nurture learning beginning at birth, it is also important to continue supporting education beyond the early years. In the past few decades, public education in Illinois has been increasingly reliant on local property taxes, with state funds covering a shrinking share of costs. From 1976 to 1996, the state share of public education funding declined from 48% to 32%. As a result, schools in communities with high property values were funded two to three times more than those relying primarily on state support.

In 1997, the Illinois General Assembly enacted education funding reforms that raised the “foundation” level—the minimum funding guaranteed by the state. During the 1999 session, the legislature passed the Illinois FIRST (Fund for Infrastructure, Roads, Schools and Transit) program, which included additional increases in state funding for public education. These decisions will boost state education funding by over 47% from FY1997 to FY2000, and increase the state share of education funding to 38%. However, Illinois con-

Communities at Work: Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center

When Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center in Peoria opened in 1993, it was the result of an extensive community collaboration. “There was a growing concern about the number of young parents who hadn’t finished high school,” said Sandy Burke, director of the center’s Early Head Start program. “At the same time, it became clear that their children were having difficulty when they got to kindergarten.”

In response, a community task force joined with the local school district and several early childhood programs to create an innovative education center to address the needs of both parents and pre-school children.

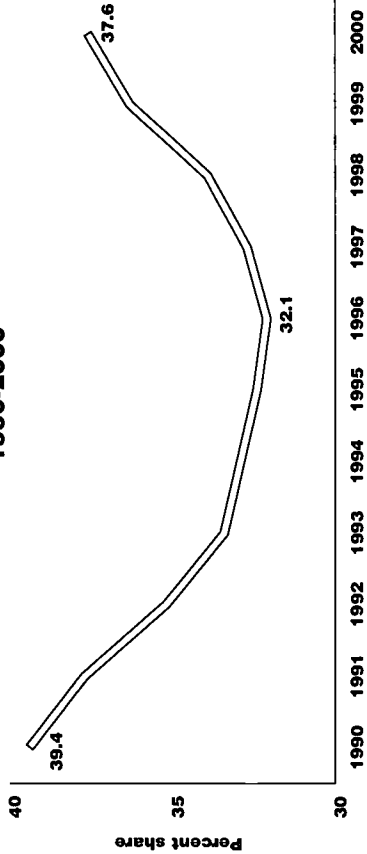
By collaborating with other service providers, the center is able to offer full-day, full-year early childhood education. “Welfare reform puts more pressure on parents to get the training they need to become employed, so a full-time program for their children is critical,” said Burke. “We could never offer these extensive programs without collaborating, so it’s crucial that this is a joint community effort.”

Parents are encouraged to participate in their children’s classrooms, and also in the on-site adult education program. “My kids see me working hard to get a better education and that encourages them to work hard in their classes,” said a woman who earned her GED at Valeska Hinton and is now pursuing a 2-year degree.

Many Peoria agencies contribute time and resources to support classes in job training, GED readiness, parenting skills and nutrition. In addition, Valeska Hinton recently joined forces with a local hospital to provide on-site health care. “We set a precedent in the community by linking with a health center,” said Burke. “Now, other hospitals are collaborating with schools, and immunization rates increased significantly this year. It really showed us how one program can have an impact on the community.”

For more information, contact the Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center at 309-672-6810.

Illinois' Falling and Rising Share of Total School Funding 1990-2000



Sources: Illinois State Board of Education data and Metropolitan Planning Council calculations

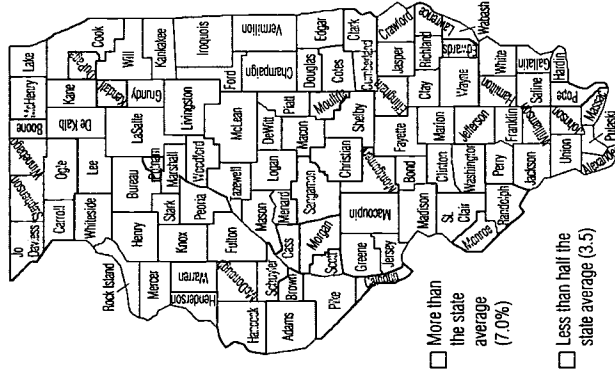
continues to rely on local property taxes for the majority of public school funding.¹²

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

Graduating from high school does not guarantee a good job or a secure future, but a high school degree is a critical step in the right direction. Teens who drop out of high school are about three times more likely to slip into poverty than their classmates who stayed in school. In addition, as technical skills become increasingly important in the job market, the hurdles facing high school dropouts will only grow larger.

- Nationally, the high school dropout rate for students ages 16-19 has changed very little over the last ten years, holding around 10%. The Illinois rate for that age group has followed the same pattern.¹³
- The dropout rate for all Illinois high school students was 7.0% in the 1997-98

High School Dropout Rates 1997-98



Communities at Work: Tutor/Mentor Connection

Chicago's Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) was established in 1993, when Daniel Bassill, president of a tutoring program called Cabrini Connections, saw a way for different tutoring programs to help each other. "In our attempt to establish a program in Chicago's Cabrini Green neighborhood," said Bassill, "we realized we needed support from programs that were already successfully providing tutoring."

This idea has led to a network of several hundred tutoring programs that aim to bring tutors into all areas of Chicago. "Some programs get lots of resources and attention, but we want to see all programs succeed," said Bassill. "It's not about competing for the same pot of resources. It's about working together to get resources for every child, to find ways to get programs started in neighborhoods that are underserved."

T/MC sponsors two annual conferences where tutoring programs network and share ideas. "Each program has their own insights to offer," explained Bassill. "This is an opportunity to build on each other's knowledge and come up with new ideas and models."

Bassill said one key to T/MC's success is participation from all sectors of the community. "Volunteers from businesses, religious groups, and community organizations bring new ideas and resources to our programs," said Bassill. At its annual volunteer recruitment fair, T/MC brings nearly 100 programs together to expand their volunteer base and build public awareness. T/MC has also launched a partnership with the Chicago Bar Foundation that has raised more than \$250,000 for one-on-one tutoring and mentoring programs.

"If tutoring and mentoring programs can pool their resources, borrow ideas, and get the public involved, we can reach every neighborhood in Chicago," said Bassill. His vision is to see Tutor/Mentor Connection expand into a statewide network of programs, working together to make sure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

For more information about Tutor/Mentor Connection, call 312-573-8851 or check their Web site at www.tutormentorconnection.org.

- school year, a decrease from 7.3% five years earlier.
- Five counties—Effingham, Jasper, Monroe, Moultrie and Washington—had high school dropout rates below 2.5% in 1997-98.
- Ten counties had high school dropout rates higher than the state average (7.0%) in 1997-98. In three of those counties—Cook, Macon and Marion—the dropout rate decreased since 1993-94. In seven—Clay, Coles, Lawrence, Peoria, Richland, Saline and Winnebago—the rate increased.

Economic Security



One of the most significant factors in the lives of children is the economic situation in which they are raised. For years, far too many children in Illinois have grown up in poverty—and many of them have fallen behind as a result.

POVERTY

As we continue to struggle with the challenge of helping children and families out of poverty, we also continue to learn about the negative impacts associated with growing up poor. Compared to children who live above the poverty level, poor children are:

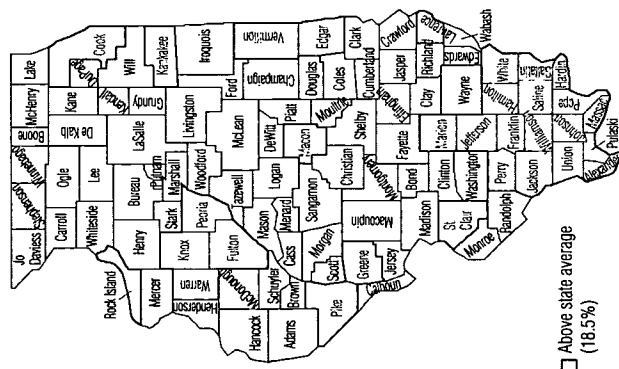
- 1.7 times more likely to be born with low birth weight
- 3.5 times more likely to suffer from lead poisoning
- 2.0 times more likely to repeat a grade in school
- 3.1 times more likely become single, teen mothers

• 9.9 times more likely to experience hunger at least once in the past year.¹⁴ Overall, children who grow up in poverty are more likely to lack the resources that can help them reach their full potential.

Despite an economy that continues to improve, the number of children growing up in poverty—in Illinois and around the nation—remains frighteningly high.

- Nationally, 19% of children were living in poverty in 1997, and 8% were living in extreme poverty (with family income less than 50% of the poverty level). The national child poverty rate has been fairly consistent over the last ten years.¹⁵
- Nationally, 11% of white, non-Hispanic children lived in poverty in 1997, compared with 37% of black and 36% of Hispanic children.¹⁶
- In Illinois, over 587,000 children (18.2%) were living in poverty in 1996, when the federal poverty level was defined as

Child Poverty Rates 1995



□ Above state average (18.5%)

annual income of \$15,911 or less for a family of four. The Illinois child poverty rate has declined over the last ten years. It was 23% in 1986.

- In five counties—Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Pulaski and Saline—29% or more of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In five counties—DuPage, Grundy, Kendall, McHenry and Monroe—7.0% or less of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In urban Illinois counties, 19% of children lived in poverty in 1995.
- In rural Illinois counties, 18% of children lived in poverty in 1995.

While the federal poverty level is still the most common indicator of economic difficulty, there is increasing evidence that it no longer provides a realistic estimate of the cost of living for low-income families.

Another economic measure—the Self-Sufficiency Standard—was created by the Women and Poverty Project of Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. to clarify the income a family needs to afford their basic needs. It includes several expenses that are not calculated into the federal poverty level, such as transportation, child care and taxes.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard also accounts for geographic variations in the cost of things like housing, food, and child care. As a result, while the federal poverty level is the same (\$15,911 for a family of four) throughout Illinois, the Self-Sufficiency Standard reflects different costs around the state:

- In Cook County, the 1996 Self-Sufficiency Standard for a family of four was \$38,497.
- In Jackson County, it was \$28,370.
- In Peoria County, it was \$31,651.
- In Sangamon County, it was \$31,022.¹⁷

Neither the federal poverty level nor the Self-Sufficiency Standard can provide a complete picture of the economic difficulties facing individual families. The county profiles in this *Illinois Kids Count* include both numbers, so that readers can compare them and get a more accurate picture.

WELFARE TO WORK: STEPS TOWARD ECONOMIC SECURITY

For the lowest-income families in Illinois, the most important economic issue is making the transition from welfare to work. Since federal welfare reform began in 1996, Illinois—like all states—has had real success moving families off the welfare program once known as AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and now known as TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.)

- There were 115,683 total TANF cases in Illinois in June 1999, a decrease of nearly

Communities at Work: Students Offering Services

Students Offering Services began as a project of the Decatur school district, when Volunteer Coordinator Eve Shade met with parents to discuss ways to get students more involved in the community.

Initially, the founders planned to involve members of the National Honor Society, but SOS now creates volunteer opportunities that help keep all teens in school and off the streets. Shade designed the program to serve two purposes: Helping school-age youth learn about the meaning of a career, while enriching the community through youth volunteer activities.

"I think that it's shown our community that there are a lot of teens out there doing a lot of good things," said Linda Middaugh, Coordinator of SOS. "You just hear too much about bad teens."

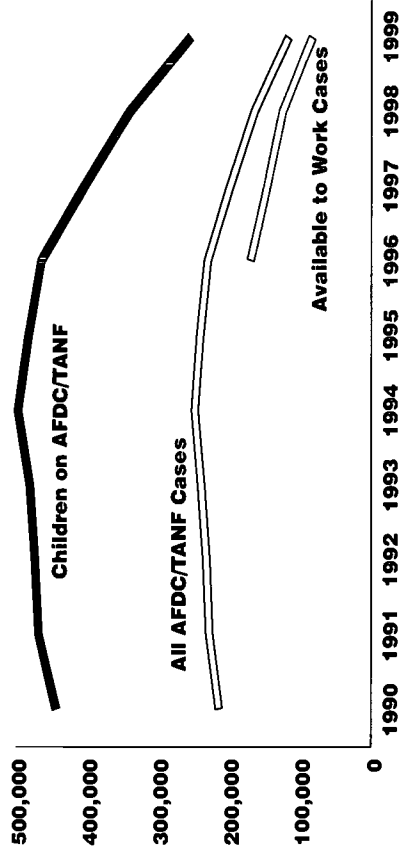
The success of SOS is due to the community partnerships that support it. "To be successful with a program like this, you have to be very community-aware," said Shade. The collaboration includes local non-profit organizations as well as the YWCA and Decatur schools.

Most youth work for one semester or more in a Macon County non-profit, contributing to the organizations while also gaining valuable work experience. One high school participant said, "I think this experience will help me in the future to achieve my goal as a surgeon or a lawyer." Another participant speaking at a recent Rotary Club meeting said, "I've been able to stay away from drugs, and I know that I can make something of my life."

By working together, SOS, local agencies and Decatur schools are showing many kids how they can become a positive force in their community. "Students Offering Services opens their eyes to the fact that they can make a difference, and that's how they get their pride," said Shade. "It's just changed so many kids' lives."

For more information, contact Students Offering Services at 217-423-3415.

Illinois Welfare Cases 1990-1999



Data are from June of each year.
Source: Illinois Department of Human Services

50% since June 1996.

- There were 82,057 "Available to Work" TANF cases—which do not include cases such as new mothers or children in foster care—in Illinois in June 1999, a decrease of 51.7% since June 1996.
- There were 253,859 Illinois children receiving TANF in June 1999, a decrease of over 45% since June 1996.
- In eight counties—Cass, Edgar, Hardin, Logan, Montgomery, Moultrie, Putnam and Schuyler—the number of "Available to Work" TANF cases decreased by more than 95%. Putnam and Schuyler counties had zero cases in June 1999.
- In seven counties—Champaign, Cook, Jackson, Kankakee, Macon, Massac and St. Clair—the number of "Available to Work" TANF cases decreased by less than the 51.7% statewide reduction.
- Overall, urban counties reduced their "Available to Work" TANF caseload by 49%, while rural counties reduced their caseload by 71%.

The progress we are seeing in welfare reform is important, but it is also essential to recognize that many families who have moved off the welfare rolls still do not have the economic resources to provide for their children. A parent making minimum wage earns just \$10,700 per year, which is well below the federal poverty line for a single parent with two children, and even further below the Self-Sufficiency Standard.

The negative consequences linked with poverty (an issue explored in detail in the 1998-1999 *Illinois Kids Count*) make it clear that we must continue to focus on helping Illinois families make the transition from welfare to work. We must also work to ensure that their transition leads to economic security for their children.

Springfield, an innovative local collaboration called Jobs First is helping families with this economic transition by providing job training, case management, job development and follow-up services. Working with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Mass Transit Authority, Jobs First also created TESS (Transportation to Employment and Self-Sufficiency), a program that provides off-hour transportation services to workers.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Child support is crucial to many families, and for some low-income families, it is an essential part of the "economic package" keeping them out of poverty. In FY1998, there were 803,872 child support cases in Illinois. More than 38% (308,226) were children in families receiving TANF.¹⁸

The child support process involves many challenges. After a case is created, paternity must be established, and then a support order must be set by the court or administrative office. Even after a family completes these steps, collecting child support payments can be difficult.

- In FY1997, there were 281,500 child support cases in Illinois in which an order was in place and the case was part of the state/federal Child Support Enforcement program. Only 146,300 (52%) received any payment.¹⁹

Even when child support is collected for the lowest-income families in Illinois, most of it is diverted to the state treasury. Illinois keeps most of the child support paid for families on TANF (using it to pay for the overall child support program) and provides only a \$50 "pass-through" to the family. In 1998, Illinois collected more than \$88 million in child support for families on TANF, yet those families received only \$8.8 million.

This approach is contrary to the goals of welfare reform, because at the same time that we are working to help families move off welfare and achieve economic self-sufficiency, our child support policy withholds a crucial financial support.

Several other states have changed their child support systems to let families on TANF keep a larger share of the child support paid on their behalf. This approach puts more money in the hands of families who need it, encourages non-custodial parents to pay the child support they owe, and helps custodial parents make the transition from welfare to work.

TAXES

Another burden for low-income working families is the Illinois tax policy, which begins taxing residents at a lower level of income than almost any other state. Among the 42 states with income taxes, Illinois has the third lowest tax threshold for families of four, and the fifth highest income tax on families at the poverty level.

In 1998, the legislature took steps to improve Illinois tax policy by increasing the personal exemption—and as a result, raising the tax threshold from \$4,000 to \$8,000 for a family of four. Even with that change, Illinois continues to place a substantial burden on

Communities at Work: Carbondale Youth Council

The City of Carbondale formed the Carbondale Youth Council (CYC) in 1995, because "in order to develop youth programs, we need the input of the youth," said Community Youth Coordinator Jennifer Guthrie.

The 30 CYC members are junior high and high school students, appointed by their school principals. The CYC provides teens with a voice on issues relating to youth, and has become a catalyst for engaging the entire community.

Community members use the CYC for input about their work in the school system, businesses, and social service agencies. For example, a manager from the Southern Illinois University Recreation Center recently contacted the CYC for their feedback regarding SIU's new freshman orientation programs.

CYC members have also been able to build community support for local projects, including the recently established Carbondale Teen Center. "These kids worked hours and hours and presented to different boards and wrote proposals and eventually, in November of 1998, they opened the doors of their new teen center," said Guthrie. The CYC has also worked with the Mayoral Youth Action Plan Task Force to increase youth participation in city programs.

At the same time, the Council is encouraging more kids to play an active role in decisions that affect their peers. "I was surprised to find out that a lot of people had no idea what teens wanted and they were eager to hear from us," said one teen council member. Another teen said, "the council is a way for me to be an active part of the community instead of sitting on the side complaining about decisions I had nothing to do with."

For more information about the Carbondale Youth Council, contact Jennifer Guthrie at 618-549-5302.

low-income families—the same families we are encouraging to reach economic self-sufficiency.

During the 1999 session, the Illinois legislature considered—but did not pass—a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). A state EITC would work like the existing federal EITC to target low-income working families and enable them to keep more of their income.

In 1996, more than 750,000 Illinois families and individuals collected a total of over \$1 billion through the federal EITC.²⁰ Like the federal tax credit, an Illinois EITC would be an important step toward helping more low-income families achieve economic security, and lifting more children out of poverty.

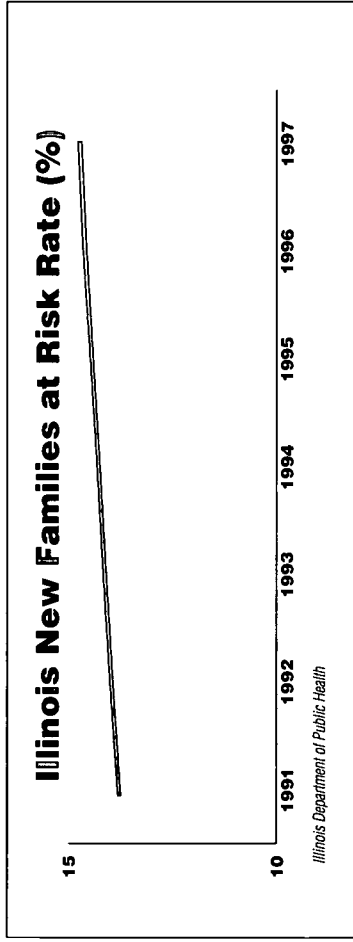
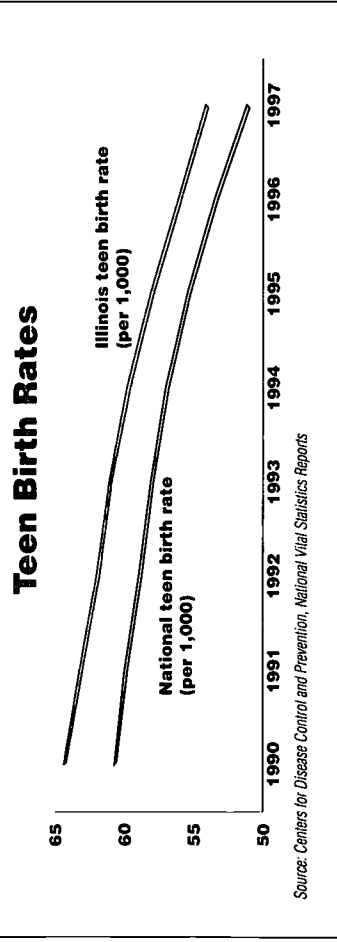
Vulnerable Families

Children need strong, loving families that can provide for their basic needs and maintain a safe and healthy environment. However, some families in Illinois are especially vulnerable to stressful economic and social factors, which can put their children at high risk for abuse and neglect.

In vulnerable families, the likelihood that children will suffer physical or emotional distress is increased by problems such as early parenthood, financial hardship, substance abuse, and exposure to violence.

NEW FAMILIES AT RISK

While having a baby poses challenges for nearly all parents, first-time parents are especially vulnerable, particularly when they are young and single. A young, single mother may not have the maturity, income, or parenting skills she needs, and she and her baby may both face long-term difficulties as a result.



Communities at Work: AWARE Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

DuPage County MYM (MELD for Young Mothers) was founded in 1984 as a program to support young mothers, and has developed into a vehicle for uniting community organizations to improve the state of families in DuPage County.

"In 1993, we noticed that teen pregnancy was on the rise in DuPage County," explained Becky Beilfuss, who helped launch MYM's teen pregnancy prevention program, called AWARE. "A social worker from Hinsdale South High School mentioned the need for programs in the schools to one of MYM's founders, and the idea took off." To create AWARE, MYM collaborated with three other community organizations, and recruited participants from their parenting programs as volunteer peer mentors for the students.

AWARE's focus is promoting abstinence. The Care and Counseling Center begins the four-day presentation by discussing healthy decision-making about sexual activity. The DuPage County Health Department follows by defining terms and emphasizing the impact of sexually transmitted diseases. In the third part of the program, a YWCA representative focuses on sexually abusive relationships. Finally, said Prevention Program Coordinator Marnie Bittman, the program "brings the kids back to reality when the peer mentors tell their stories."

"The discussion really hits the students," said Beilfuss. "It's an awakening for them. They see the impact having a child will have on a young woman—how it changes your hopes and dreams."

In one presentation, two peer mentors who now have a child together spoke in the classroom where they once attended their high school health class. "I never thought that I would find myself standing in line at the food pantry where I had worked as a Girl Scout," said the young mother. "Having a child forced me into that lifestyle." After the presentation, one student said, "my boyfriend's been pressuring me to have sex, and now I know I'm going to hold off."

AWARE is now used in a growing number of junior high and middle schools in DuPage County, and its unique alliance of community organizations provides a comprehensive approach to high-risk behavior. "I don't believe AWARE would be nearly as effective if any one piece was missing," said Bittman.

For more information about the AWARE program, contact the Greater DuPage MYM, at 630-790-8433 or gdmym@aol.com.



dition, early childbearing is often accompanied by difficult socioeconomic conditions. Babies born to adolescent mothers are at higher risk of low birth weight and infant mortality, and less likely to receive adequate health care. Babies in these at-risk families are more likely to grow up with less emotional support and stimulation, and in the long run they are less likely to earn high school diplomas.²¹

Because of these challenges, the *Illinois Kids Count* tracks the number of new families at risk—defined as first births to young, single mothers who have not earned a high school diploma.

- In 1997, there were 8,479 first births to at-risk mothers in Illinois—14.7% of all first births. That's an increase over 1992, when the rate of new families at risk was 14.1%.
- In four counties—Alexander, DeWitt, Fayette and Vermillion—the rate of new families at risk in 1997 was at or above 23%.
- In four counties—DeKalb, DuPage, Lake and McHenry—the rate of new families at risk in 1997 was below 8.5%.

Collaborating with local partner agencies in Chicago, East St. Louis, Peoria and Lake County, Voices for Illinois Children's *Start Early: Learning Begins at Birth* campaign targets young, at-risk mothers with information and advice about nurturing their babies' brain development during the crucial early years. Over the next two years, Voices will expand the *Start Early* campaign and bring these parent education materials to partner agencies in many more Illinois communities.

TEEN PREGNANCY

While the number of new families at risk continues to grow, there are signs of progress. The recent national *KIDS COUNT Special Report—When Teens Have Sex*, noted that the rate of American teenagers getting pregnant has dropped 14% since 1990, when it reached a peak of 117 pregnancies for every 1,000 women ages 15-19. In 1995, there were 101 pregnancies for every 1,000 women ages 15-19—the lowest level since 1975.

- Nationally, there were 54 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1996, a decrease of 12% since 1990. 22% of those teen births were repeat births.
- In Illinois, there were 57 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1996, a decrease of 12% since 1990. 24% of those teen births were repeat births.²²

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

When families face hardships and stress, children too often become the victims of abuse and neglect. Children who are subjected to violence or maltreatment may bear emotional and physical scars throughout their entire lives.

- Nationally, 3,195,000 children were reported to child protective service (CPS) agencies for child abuse and neglect in 1997, an increase of 1.7% over the previous year.
- About 1,054,000 of those children (15 per 1,000) were confirmed by CPS agencies as victims of abuse or neglect in 1997.²³

- In 1998, Illinois had 32,668 indicated reports of child abuse or neglect, or 9.7 per 1,000 children. This is the third straight year the number of indicated reports has declined.

- Three counties—Alexander, Knox and St. Clair—had indicated child abuse and neglect rates above 22 per 1,000 in 1998.

- Three counties—DuPage, Piatt and Will—had indicated child abuse and neglect rates below 3.5 per 1,000 in 1998.

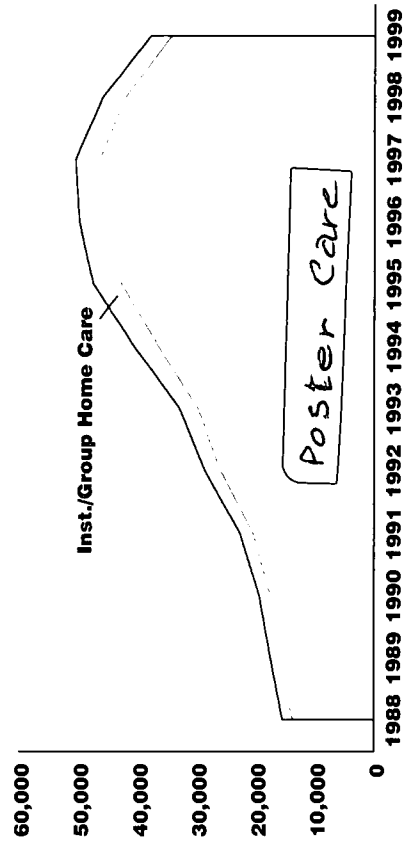
CHILDREN IN FOSTER AND SUBSTITUTE CARE

The number of Illinois children in foster care rose significantly from the late 1980s until 1997, in part because of the state's response to increasing reports of child abuse and neglect in the early 1990s. In 1995, the rate of children in substitute care (including foster care, institutions and group homes) in Illinois was 17.1 per 1,000—the highest rate in the country.

Over the last two years, the number of children in foster and substitute care has begun to decrease, although Illinois still has one of the highest foster care caseloads in the country.

- In June 1999, there were 37,960 children in substitute care in Illinois, a decline of more than 25% since 1997.

Illinois Children in Foster and Substitute Care 1988-1999



Data are from June of each year.
Source: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Communities at Work: Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard is a program in Freeport for teen mothers and mothers participating in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) support program. Responding to a growing number of young mothers in the Freeport area, Mayor Dick Weis teamed up with three women who wanted to motivate young mothers to make and keep doctor and social service appointments. They also wanted to engage senior citizens in the community, and they found the opportunity through Mother Hubbard's.

Mother Hubbard's opened in November of 1994 and won the Governor's Home-town Award less than one year later. "We started with \$6 in the bank and have depended on the good people of Stephenson County to keep the program growing," said Joanne Schamberger, one of Mother Hubbard's founders. "They have never let us down."

With the support of the United Way and the backing of the community, Mother Hubbard's runs a store where mothers can redeem 'Baby Bucks' for everything from diapers and food to books and toys. "We don't handle real money at all," explained volunteer Ruth Cable, "but the moms are learning to handle those bucks just as though it's money."

The mothers earn 'Baby Bucks' by demonstrating responsible behavior, such as keeping appointments on time, volunteering with a community agency, immunizing their children and maintaining good attendance in school.

The store is organized and staffed by senior women who volunteer their time. The volunteers draw on their own parenting experiences to mentor the young women, so participants not only get products to help their children grow, but also receive guidance and support.

"We're noticing a big change in the girls," said one volunteer. "They appreciate the help we give them. The girls have a feeling that we're more like good friends than store clerks."

For more information about Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard, contact Joanne Schamberger at 815-233-5656 or ironj1@mwci.net.

- In March 1999, there were 13,214 children under age six in substitute care in Illinois, a decline of more than 28% since 1997.
- Three counties—Cook, Peoria and Vermilion—had substitute care rates higher than the state rate (12.5 per 1,000 children).
- Two counties—DuPage and Kendall—had substitute care rates at or below 1 per 1,000 children.

One reason for the reduced number of children in foster and substitute care is the state's campaign to increase adoptions and move children into permanent family situations. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services reported 7,315 adoptions in FY1999, an increase from 2,229 in FY1997.

The Village Initiative Project, or VIP, is a program in seven Illinois communities that works with older foster children who have been waiting the longest for adoption. VIP mentors are volunteers from local community groups, churches, businesses and veteran organizations who recruit adoptive families from the community.

Other community programs work to strengthen families so that foster care isn't needed. For example, FACT (Female Addicts and their Children in Treatment) provides intensive support for at-risk families through a collaboration of service providers in Cook County. Best Interests of Children in Champaign brings relatives, religious leaders, teachers and other community members together to support the family and keep the children out of the child welfare system.

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Illinois Kids Count Action Agenda



There are many ways we can work together to help children and families. The *Illinois Kids Count* Action Agenda highlights steps each of us can take to help improve the lives of children—in our communities and around the state.

Improve Health Care

- Individuals and families...* can make sure their children benefit from preventive care, through private insurance or the state's KidCare child health insurance program.
- Communities...* should bring schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, and other community groups together to build awareness of KidCare and local health services.
- Policy makers...* must work to ensure that all children and families have access to quality health care and good nutrition.

Encourage Learning Beginning at Birth

- Individuals and families...* can support the crucial development that takes place in the earliest years, and help parents be their child's first teacher. Individuals can also volunteer at local schools and child care programs.
- Communities...* must foster partnerships between schools, parents and local groups to ensure that the educational needs of the community are fulfilled.
- Policy makers...* should encourage collaboration between child care, Head Start, PreKindergarten and schools, and establish a voluntary accreditation system for child care.

Promote Economic Security

- Individuals and families...* must acknowledge that moving families off welfare is only the first step toward the economic conditions that will help children reach their full potential.
- Communities...* can develop local services (including job training, child care and transportation) to help low-income parents find and keep good jobs.
- Policy makers...* should take steps to help more low-income families move out of poverty, such as a state Earned Income Tax Credit and improvements in the child support system.

Strengthen Vulnerable Families

- Individuals and families...* can help a stressed parent in their neighborhood, and encourage parents to seek appropriate support from family and friends when needed.
- Communities...* must help make sure that at-risk parents are aware of local services that can help them deal with the challenges of parenting.
- Policy makers...* should continue to support voluntary home visiting and family support programs that have made a difference for many vulnerable families.

Work Together Toward a Vision for Children

Hundreds of individuals and organizations from around the state are coming together to support the *Charter for Illinois Children*—a clear and comprehensive statement of our vision for the children of our state, and of the responsibilities we all share in helping them thrive and succeed. You can get involved in the *Charter* through the Internet (www.voices4kids.org/charter.htm) or by calling Voices for Illinois Children at 312-516-5557.

Even if you only have a few minutes of spare time, you can be a powerful advocate for children. If you want to receive regular e-mail or fax alerts on children and family issues—with suggestions on simple ways you can help—send your e-mail address or fax number to:

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Comparing Illinois to Other States



Each year the Annie E. Casey Foundation releases the national *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, profiling conditions for children in each state. The 1999 *KIDS COUNT* ranks Illinois 34th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, an improvement over the 1998 ranking (38th). Illinois ranks last among eight Midwestern states, and also trails two of the most populous states—California and New York.

Child Health and Well-Being

In Illinois, 1 of every 10 children lacks health insurance. This is below the national average (14%), but higher than the rates in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Although the state's infant mortality rate has declined in recent years, Illinois still has a higher rate than 41 other states.

Education

One in ten Illinois teens (ages 16-19) is a high school dropout—the second highest rate in the Midwest, and the same rate as California and the nation overall.

Economic Security

The median income of families with children in Illinois is \$44,100, or 11th highest among the states. The national median income is \$39,700. Despite this relative wealth, 9% of Illinois children live in extreme poverty (family income below 50% of the poverty level). Illinois has the 15th highest rate of extreme child poverty among the states.

Vulnerable Families

The 1999 *KIDS COUNT* examined several family characteristics that can lead to negative consequences for children. Children in families with four or more of the following characteristics are considered at "high-risk" for failure:

- Child is not living with two parents
- Household head is a high school dropout
- Family income is below the poverty line
- Child is living with parent(s) who do not have steady, full-time employment
- Family is receiving welfare benefits
- Child does not have health insurance

15% of Illinois children are in this "high-risk" category—the highest rate in the Midwest, but lower than in California or New York.

Comparison to Other States

	United States	Ill.	Ind.	Iowa	Mich.	Minn.	Mo.	Ohio	Wis.	Calif.	N.Y.
National rank (including the District of Columbia)		34	15	7	30	3	32	28	4	31	33
Midwest rank (among 8 states)		8	4	3	6	1	7	5	2		
Percent of children with no health insurance	14%	10%	11%	10%	8%	7%	12%	10%	6%	18%	14%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.3	8.6	8.7	7	8.1	5.9	7.6	7.7	7.3	5.9	7
Percent of babies with low birth weight	7.4%	8.0%	7.6%	6.4%	7.7%	5.8%	7.5%	7.5%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Child death rate (per 100,000 children ages 1-14)	26	26	29	29	26	20	30	25	22	23	23
Teen violent death rate (per 100,000 teens ages 15-19)	62	64	65	54	59	52	76	43	52	59	41
Percent of teens who are high school dropouts (age 16-19)	10%	10%	6%	5%	8%	7%	12%	9%	4%	10%	9%
Median income of families with children	\$39,700	\$44,100	\$39,100	\$41,300	\$43,800	\$48,100	\$38,500	\$41,800	\$46,500	\$39,000	\$38,300
Percent of children in families with income below 50% of poverty level	9%	9%	4%	4%	8%	4%	7%	9%	3%	9%	12%
Percent of children with parents who do not have steady employment	30%	30%	22%	18%	31%	21%	27%	29%	22%	35%	35%
Teen birth rate (births per 1,000 females ages 15-17)	34	36	33	21	28	19	31	30	22	39	26
Percent of children living in "high-risk" conditions	14%	15%	9%	7%	9%	14%	10%	14%	9%	17%	20%

Source: 1999 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation (www.aecf.org)

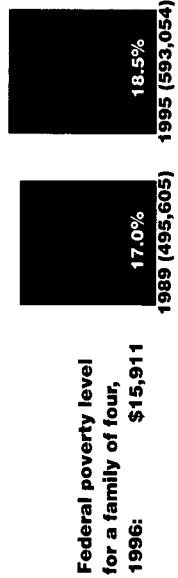


State of Illinois

1997 Child Population: 3,338,049

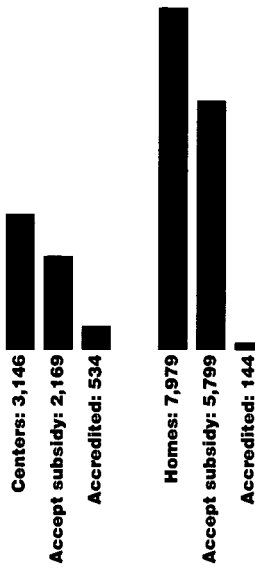
Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)



Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)



Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1,007

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 929,391
Infant deaths 8,284

Deaths/1,000 8.9

% change since 1988-92 -17.6%

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 73,997

Rate/1,000 8.0

% change since 1988-92 3.9%

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 38,288

Children enrolled in Medicaid 739,540

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 287,060

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 169,869
Children, 1996 464,316

Grantees, 1999 82,057
Children, 1999 253,855

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -51.7%

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 803,996

% of child support collected 52%

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 32,425

Children in Pre-K 45,841

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 14.1%

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 37,590

Dropout rate 7.0%

% change since 1993-94 -4.8%

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8,459
All 1st births, 1997 57,557

Children born to NFAR, 1997 8,479

Percent, 1997 14.7%
% change 1992 to 1997 4.3%

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 35,788
Rate/1,000, 1997 10.7

Cases, 1998 32,668

Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.7
% change from 1997 to 1998 -9.1%

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 51,801
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.5

Children in substitute care, 1999 42,079
Rate/1,000, 1999 12.5

% change from 1997 to 1999 -19.1%

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Adams County



1997 Child Population: 18,603
(0.56% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



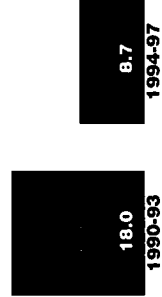
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 14
Accept subsidy: 10
Accredited: 2

Homes: 182
Accept subsidy: 164
Accredited: 2

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 4,228 Infant deaths 25 Deaths/1,000 5.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-14.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 229 Rate/1,000 5.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-13.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 329 Children enrolled in Medicaid 3,585

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990
1,565

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 688 Children, 1996 1,661 Grantees, 1999 329 Children, 1999 868 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -52.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,638 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 334 Children in Pre-K 679

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
39.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 157 Dropout rate 5.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-16.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 39 All 1st births, 1997 270 Children born to NFAR, 1997 34

Percent, 1997 12.6% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 -5.4% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 262 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.2 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 287 Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
10.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 166 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.0 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 129 Rate/1,000, 1999 7.0 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999
-21.7% (-19.1%)[†]

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Alexander County

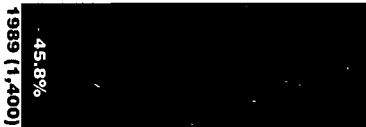
1997 Child Population: 2,968
(0.09% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3

Accept subsidy: 1

Accredited: 0

Homes: 9

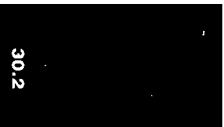
Accept subsidy: 6

Accredited: 0

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



1990-93

1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 729 Infant deaths 8

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 84

Rate/1,000 11.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 34.9% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 90

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,325

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 360

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 420 Children, 1996 1,115

Grantees, 1999 182

Children, 1999 612

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -56.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,609

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 145

Children in Pre-K 138

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 63.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 28

Dropout rate 6.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 48.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 25 All 1st births, 1997 39

Children born to NFAR, 1997 11

Percent, 1997 28.2% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 -26.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 50 Rate/1,000, 1997 16.6 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 66

Rate per/1,000, 1998 22.2 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 33.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 24 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.0 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 27

Rate/1,000, 1999 9.1 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 13.8% (-19.1%)[†]

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Bond County

1997 Child Population: 4,380
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,760



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 10

Accept subsidy: 7

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 995 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 87 Rate/1,000 8.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 53.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 69 Children enrolled in Medicaid 704 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 318

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 133 Children, 1996 320 Grantees, 1999 23 Children, 1999 93 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -82.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 691 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17 Children in Pre-K 36 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 8.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 42 Dropout rate 4.1% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 -21.8% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 60 Children born to NFAR, 1997 7 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 56 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.6 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 52 Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.5 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -7.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 6 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 10 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Boone County

1997 Child Population: 11,321
(0.34% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$32,259



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Homes: 56

Accept subsidy: 46

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,661 Infant deaths 21 Deaths/1,000 7.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -15.1% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 182 Rate/1,000 6.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 19.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 106 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,246

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 628

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 170 Children, 1996 404 Grantees, 1999 28 Children, 1999 102

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -83.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,518 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34 Children in Pre-K 72

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 6.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 111 Dropout rate 5.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -0.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 13 All 1st births, 1997 164 Children born to NFAR, 1997 36

Percent, 1997 22.0% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 106.0% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 94 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.3 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 125 Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.8 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 30.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 40 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.5 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 26 Rate/1,000, 1999 2.3 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -36.3% (-19.1%)[†]

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Brown County

1997 Child Population: 1,403
(0.04% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 1
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 16
Accept subsidy: 13
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93

1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 288
Infant deaths 0
Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 16
Rate/1,000 5.6 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 48.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 24
Children enrolled in Medicaid 183

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 144

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 19
Children, 1996 58

Children, 1999 15

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -84.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 216
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 13
Children in Pre-K 0

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 7.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 12
Dropout rate 4.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 0
All 1st births, 1997 21
Children born to NFAR, 1997 1

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 14
Rate/1,000, 1997 10.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 14
Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -10.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 5
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 3
Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Bureau County

1997 Child Population: 9,898
(0.30% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number
in parentheses)

Federal poverty level
for a family of four,
1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency
level for a family of
four, 1996: \$29,919



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 1

Homes: 25

Accept subsidy: 21

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of
gun-related
deaths,
1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,041
Infant deaths 16

Deaths/1,000
7.8 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-32.2% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 96

Rate/1,000
4.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-0.4% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 178

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,063

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 837

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 146
Children, 1996 454

Grantees, 1999 36
Children, 1999 138

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-75.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,448

% of child support collected
NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 43

Children in Pre-K 198

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
19.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 77

Dropout rate
3.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
32.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 22
All 1st births, 1997 127

Children born to NFAR, 1997 17

Percent, 1997 13.4% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997
-16.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 120
Rate/1,000, 1997 12.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 66

Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.7 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998
-44.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 32
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.2 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 36

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.6 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999
13.8% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

[†]Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

[†]Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Calhoun County

1997 Child Population: 1,264
(0.04% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

- Centers: 1
- Accept subsidy: 1
- Accredited: 0
- Homes: 0
- Accept subsidy: 0
- Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 257 Infant deaths 1 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 12 Rate/1,000 4.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -19.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 25 Children enrolled in Medicaid 130

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 123

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 41 Children, 1996 88 Grantees, 1999 10 Children, 1999 31 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -75.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 130 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 18 Children in Pre-K 28

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 27.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 5 Dropout rate *(7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 3 All 1st births, 1997 9 Children born to NFAR, 1997 0

Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 7 Rate/1,000, 1997 *(10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 2

Rate per/1,000, 1998 *(9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 * (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 2 Rate/1,000, 1997 *(15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 2

Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Carroll County

1997 Child Population: 4,476
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,955



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

Homes: 19

Accept subsidy: 13

Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



* 1990-93

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 902 Infant deaths 9

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 56

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 14.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 107

Children enrolled in Medicaid 575

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 365

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 89 Children, 1996 248

Grantees, 1999 13 Children, 1999 54

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -85.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 777

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 98

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 23.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 31

Dropout rate 3.2% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 40.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 48

Children born to NFAR, 1997 4

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 55 Rate/1,000, 1997 12.3 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 71

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.9 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 29.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 34 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.6 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 16

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.6 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -52.8% (-19.1%)[†]

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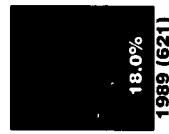


Cass County

1997 Child Population: 3,576
(0.11% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911
County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3 |
Accept subsidy: 2 |
Accredited: 0 |

Homes: 23 |
Accept subsidy: 21 |
Accredited: 0 |

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 855
Infant deaths 3
Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 54
Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -13.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 62
Children enrolled in Medicaid 507
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 323

% change since 1988-92 -13.7% (3.9%)[†]

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 92
Children, 1996 223
Grantees, 1999 3
Children, 1999 26

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -96.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 707
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 50
Children in Pre-K 122

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 33.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 22
Dropout rate 3.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -2.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 10
All 1st births, 1997 68
Children born to NFAR, 1997 14

Percent, 1997 20.6% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 19.4% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 68
Rate/1,000, 1997 18.7 (10.7)[†]
Cases, 1998 57
Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -16.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 14
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.8 (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 19
Rate/1,000, 1999 5.2 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 36.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Champaign County

1997 Child Population: 46,004
(1.38% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$32,188



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 52
Accept subsidy: 38
Accredited: 4

Homes: 391
Accept subsidy: 276
Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 11,139
Infant deaths 84

Deaths/1,000 7.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -19.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 786

Rate/1,000 7.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 0.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 399

Children enrolled in Medicaid 6,826

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 3,147

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,482
Children, 1996 3,863

Grantees, 1999 718
Children, 1999 2,093

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -51.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 8,334

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 418

Children in Pre-K 458

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 13.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 301

Dropout rate 4.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -18.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 72
All 1st births, 1997 710

Children born to NFAR, 1997 76

Percent, 1997 10.7% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 15.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 596
Rate/1,000, 1997 13.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 497
Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -15.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 616
Rate/1,000, 1997 14.3 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 454
Rate/1,000, 1999 10.6 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -25.6% (-19.1%)[†]

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Christian County

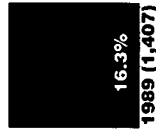
1997 Child Population: 9,240
(0.28% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: **\$15,911**

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: **\$28,808**



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 27
Accept subsidy: 24
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,143
Infant deaths 18

Deaths/1,000 8.4 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -2.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 158

Rate/1,000 7.4 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 8.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 200

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,844

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 735

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 377
Children, 1996 854

Grantees, 1999 35
Children, 1999 202

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -90.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,808
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 104

Children in Pre-K 268

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 29.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 83

Dropout rate 4.9% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -32.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 20
All 1st births, 1997 142

Children born to NFAR, 1997 25

Percent, 1997 17.6% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 49.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 183
Rate/1,000, 1997 19.7 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 95

Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.3 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -47.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 55
Rate/1,000, 1997 5.9 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 35

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.8 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -35.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Clark County

1997 Child Population: 4,363
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,232



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

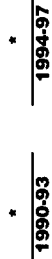
Homes: 21

Accept subsidy: 20

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 986 Infant deaths 4

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 62

Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -5.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 99

Children enrolled in Medicaid 719

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 378

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 145 Children, 1996 335

Grantees, 1999 10 Children, 1999 40

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -93.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 718

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 62

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 32

Dropout rate 3.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 100.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 6 All 1st births, 1997 70

Children born to NFAR, 1997 7

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 55 Rate/1,000, 1997 13.7 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 35

Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.7 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -36.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 5 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 1

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Clay County

1997 Child Population: 3,829
(0.11% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3

Accept subsidy: 1

Accredited: 0

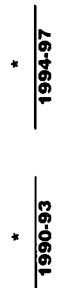
Homes: 19

Accept subsidy: 19

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 860 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 70 Rate/1,000 8.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 31.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 76 Children enrolled in Medicaid 702

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 390

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 98 Children, 1996 266 Grantees, 1999 11 Children, 1999 48

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -88.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 715 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 63 Children in Pre-K 113

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 34.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 61 Dropout rate 7.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 13.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 5 All 1st births, 1997 57 Children born to NFAR, 1997 11

Percent, 1997 19.3% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 96.8% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 43 Rate/1,000, 1997 11.1 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 48

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.3 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 11.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 15 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.9 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 14

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.6 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -7.2% (-19.1%)[†]

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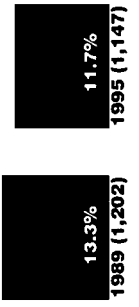
Clinton County

1997 Child Population: 10,036
(0.30% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,867

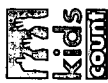


Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

- Centers: 4
- Accept subsidy: 3
- Accredited: 0
- Homes: 61
- Accept subsidy: 43
- Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births: 2,126
Infant deaths: 12

Deaths/1,000: 5.6 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92: -17.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight: 102

Rate/1,000: 4.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92: 10.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare: 94

Children enrolled in Medicaid: 1,030

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990: 729

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996: 194
Children, 1996: 482

Grantees, 1999: 57
Children, 1999: 196

% change in grantees, 1996-99: -70.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases: 1,016

% of child support collected: NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start: 36

Children in Pre-K: 240

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K: 21.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts: 48

Dropout rate: 3.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94: 29.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992: 14

All 1st births, 1997: 124

Children born to NFAR, 1997: 18

Percent, 1997: 14.5% (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997: 57.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997: 90

Rate/1,000, 1997: 9.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998: 72

Rate per/1,000, 1998: 7.2 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998: -20.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997: 29

Rate/1,000, 1997: 2.9 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999: 27

Rate/1,000, 1999: 2.7 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999: -7.2% (-19.1%)[†]

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Coles County

1997 Child Population: 13,308
(0.40% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,627



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 17
Accept subsidy: 13
Accredited: 1

Homes: 107
Accept subsidy: 83
Accredited: 3

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,904
Infant deaths 26

Deaths/1,000 9.0 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -28.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 191

Rate/1,000 6.6 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 6.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 189

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,871

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 979

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 366
Children, 1996 882

Grantees, 1999 82
Children, 1999 269

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -77.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,003

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 100

Children in Pre-K 264

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 21.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 191

Dropout rate 8.0% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 50.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 32
All 1st births, 1997 200

Children born to NFAR, 1997 35

Percent, 1997 17.5% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 17.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 201
Rate/1,000, 1997 16.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 160
Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.9 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -20.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 54
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.3 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 36
Rate/1,000, 1999 2.9 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -33.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Cook County

1997 Child Population: 1,394,334
(41.77% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

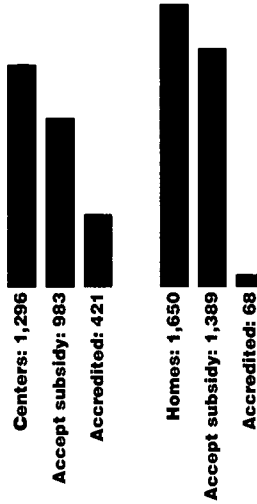
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Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$38,497



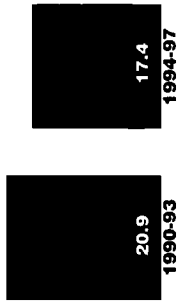
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)



Child Deaths/10,000

1990-93: 20.9

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 748



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 450,860
Infant deaths 4,786

Deaths/1,000 10.6 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -18.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 42,209

Rate/1,000 9.4 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 2.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 16,843

Children enrolled in Medicaid 470,665

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 156,232

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 110,856
Children, 1996 310,445

Grantees, 1999 61,149
Children, 1999 186,412

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -44.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 476,355

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17,588

Children in Pre-K 23,687

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 21,623

Dropout rate 10.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -0.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4,960
All 1st births, 1997 26,993

Children born to NFAR, 1997 4,660

Percent, 1997 17.3% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 1.8% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 14,060
Rate/1,000, 1997 9.9 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 12,176

Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.6 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -13.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 38,701
Rate/1,000, 1997 27.2 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 30,822

Rate/1,000, 1999 21.7 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 -20.5% (-19.1%)[†]

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[†]Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

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Crawford County

1997 Child Population: 5,309
(0.16% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 22

Accept subsidy: 21

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93

1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,100 Infant deaths 9 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)†

% change since 1988-92 *(-17.6%)†

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 70 Rate/1,000 6.4 (8.0)†

% change since 1988-92 9.5% (3.9%)†

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 146 Children enrolled in Medicaid 965

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 452

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 189 Children, 1996 410

Grantees, 1999 37 Children, 1999 94

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -80.4% (-51.7%)†

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 906 % of child support collected NA (52%)†

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 46 Children in Pre-K 94

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 20.9% (14.1%)†

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 51 Dropout rate 4.4% (7.0%)†

% change since 1993-94 17.9% (-4.8%)†

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 12 All 1st births, 1997 82 Children born to NFAR, 1997 14

Percent, 1997 17.1% (14.7%)† % change 1992 to 1997 25.2% (4.3%)†

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 74 Rate/1,000, 1997 13.9 (10.7)† Cases, 1998 83

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.7 (9.7)† % change from 1997 to 1998 13.0% (-9.1%)†

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 9 Rate/1,000, 1997 10 Children in substitute care, 1999 10

Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)† % change from 1997 to 1999 *(-19.1%)†

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Cumberland County

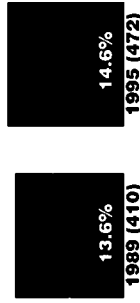
1997 Child Population: 3,300
(0.10% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,232



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Homes: 18

Accept subsidy: 12

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93 * 1994-97 *

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 711 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 55 Rate/1,000 7.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 41.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 94 Children enrolled in Medicaid 572

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 302

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 91 Children, 1996 240

Grantees, 1999 5 Children, 1999 30

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -94.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 458 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 44

Children in Pre-K 35

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 18.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 22

Dropout rate 3.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -7.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 41 Children born to NFAR, 1997 5

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 40 Rate/1,000, 1997 12.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 41

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.5 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 2.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 1 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 1

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

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DeKalb County

1997 Child Population: 22,326
(0.67% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$33,704



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 32
Accept subsidy: 19
Accredited: 2

Homes: 80
Accept subsidy: 36
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 5,010 Infant deaths 32 Deaths/1,000 6.4 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -27.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 287 Rate/1,000 5.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 24.4% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 130

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,908

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,220

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 401 Children, 1996 928 Grantees, 1999 71 Children, 1999 215 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -82.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,846 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 104 Children in Pre-K 157

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 8.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 158 Dropout rate 3.6% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -24.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 16 All 1st births, 1997 358 Children born to NFAR, 1997 30

Percent, 1997 8.4% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 66.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 273 Rate/1,000, 1997 12.8 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 263

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.3 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -4.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 60 Rate/1,000, 1997 2.8 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 73

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.4 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 20.7% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



DeWitt County



1997 Child Population: 4,548
(0.14% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,417



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Homes: 21

Accept subsidy: 15

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,033 Infant deaths 5 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 72 Rate/1,000 7.0 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 1.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 85 Children enrolled in Medicaid 733

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 373

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 175 Children, 1996 403 Grantees, 1999 52 Children, 1999 169

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -70.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 811 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34 Children in Pre-K 149

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 28.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 63 Dropout rate 6.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 174.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 13 All 1st births, 1997 61 Children born to NFAR, 1997 14

Percent, 1997 23.0% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 48.3% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 82 Rate/1,000, 1997 17.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 81 Rate per/1,000, 1998 17.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -1.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 12 Rate/1,000, 1997 2.6 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 6 Rate/1,000, 1999 12.5 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

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Douglas County

1997 Child Population: 5,842
(0.18% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,313



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5 |
Accept subsidy: 2 |
Accredited: 0 |

Homes: 34 |
Accept subsidy: 21 |
Accredited: 0 |

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,390
Infant deaths 9
Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 90
Rate/1,000 6.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 23.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 65
Children enrolled in Medicaid 520

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 521

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 93
Children, 1996 235
Grantees, 1999 21
Children, 1999 77

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -77.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 619
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34
Children in Pre-K 23

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 7.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 24
Dropout rate 2.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -7.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8
All 1st births, 1997 85
Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 35
Rate/1,000, 1997 6.0 (10.7)[†]
Cases, 1998 37
Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 6.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 5
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 3
Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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DuPage County

1997 Child Population: 244,060
(7.31% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$42,739

2.9%
1989 (6,036)

4.3%
1995 (10,107)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 215

Accept subsidy: 114

Accredited: 28

Homes: 470

Accept subsidy: 169

Accredited: 17

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 12

9.9
1990-93

9.0
1994-97



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 69,330 Infant deaths 415 Deaths/1,000 6.0 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -9.1% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 3,884 Rate/1,000 5.6 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 12.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 826 Children enrolled in Medicaid 11,000

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 12,159

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,879 Children, 1996 4,554 Grantees, 1999 556 Children, 1999 1,686

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -70.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 13,358 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 427 Children in Pre-K 1,086

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 3.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 1,290 Dropout rate 3.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -0.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 132 All 1st births, 1997 4,395 Children born to NFAR, 1997 196

Percent, 1997 4.5% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 55.8% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 724 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.0 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 623 Rate per/1,000, 1998 2.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -14.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 236 Rate/1,000, 1997 1.0 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 238 Rate/1,000, 1999 1.0 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 0.0% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

^{*}Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

[†]Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.

Edgar County



1997 Child Population: 5,283
(0.16% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,232



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 35
Accept subsidy: 30
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



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1990-93

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,140 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 93 Rate/1,000 8.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 42.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 93 Children enrolled in Medicaid 948

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 525

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 191 Children, 1996 491 Grantees, 1999 6 Children, 1999 79

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -96.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 980 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 59 Children in Pre-K 143

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 29.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 52 Dropout rate 4.6% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 66.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 16 All 1st births, 1997 63 Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 74 Rate/1,000, 1997 13.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 67

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.6 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -9.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 5 Rate/1,000, 1997 2 Children in substitute care, 1999 2

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Edwards County

1997 Child Population: 1,829
(0.05% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 2

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

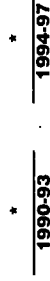
Homes: 7

Accept subsidy: 5

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 345 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 22 Rate/1,000 6.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -17.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 65 Children enrolled in Medicaid 277

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 163

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 40 Children, 1996 78 Grantees, 1999 8 Children, 1999 22

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -80.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 360 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 20 Children in Pre-K 28

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 23.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 8 Dropout rate * (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 29 Children born to NFAR, 1997 6

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 20 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.8 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 17

Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.4 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -13.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 7 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 6 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

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Effingham County

1997 Child Population: 10,501
(0.31% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 13
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

Homes: 59
Accept subsidy: 45
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,365 Infant deaths 13 Deaths/1,000 5.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -24.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 134 Rate/1,000 5.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 3.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children 197 in KidCare 329 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,400

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 822

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 200 Children, 1996 454

Grantees, 1999 30 Children, 1999 103

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -85.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,488 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 100 Children in Pre-K 127

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 37 Dropout rate 1.9% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -45.5% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 15 All 1st births, 1997 149 Children born to NFAR, 1997 13

Percent, 1997 8.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 -0.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 100 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.5 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 144

Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.7 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 43.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 19 Rate/1,000, 1997 1.8 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 16

Rate/1,000, 1999 1.5 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -15.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

[†] Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

[†] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.

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Fayette County

1997 Child Population: 5,685
(0.17% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 1

Homes: 28

Accept subsidy: 23

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,300 Infant deaths 8 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 86 Rate/1,000 6.6 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 5.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 138 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,148

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 469

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 188 Children, 1996 438 Grantees, 1999 47 Children, 1999 139

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -75.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,090 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 46 Children in Pre-K 139

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 24.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 55 Dropout rate 5.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -13.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 11 All 1st births, 1997 87 Children born to NFAR, 1997 20

Percent, 1997 23.0% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 79.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 109 Rate/1,000, 1997 19.1 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 97 Rate per/1,000, 1998 16.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -12.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 16 Rate/1,000, 1997 2.8 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 14 Rate/1,000, 1999 2.4 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -14.1% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Ford County

1997 Child Population: 3,782
(0.11% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,685



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4 |
Accept subsidy: 2 |
Accredited: 0 |

Homes: 34 |
Accept subsidy: 30 |
Accredited: 0 |

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97	Infant deaths	Deaths/1,000	% change since 1988-92
875	9	*(8.9) [†]	* (-17.6%) [†]
Low Birth Weight, 1993-97	Babies with low birth weight	Rate/1,000	% change since 1988-92
58	58	6.6 (8.0) [†]	32.9% (3.9%) [†]
Child Health Insurance, 1999	Children enrolled in KidCare	Children enrolled in Medicaid	Est. number of uninsured children, 1990
	51	419	297

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999	Grantees, 1996	Children, 1996	Grantees, 1999	Children, 1999	% change in grantees, 1996-99
	93	225	28	86	-69.6% (-51.7%) [†]
Child Support, 1998	Child support cases	% of child support collected			
	513	NA (52%) [†]			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98	Children in Head Start	Children in Pre-K	% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
	28	0	5.5% (14.1%) [†]
High School Dropouts, 1997-98	High school dropouts	Dropout rate	% change since 1993-94
	33	4.2% (7.0%) [†]	8.3% (-4.8%) [†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997	Children born to NFAR, 1992	All 1st births, 1997	Children born to NFAR, 1997	Percent, 1997	% change 1992 to 1997
	3	60	8	*(14.7%) [†]	* (4.3%) [†]
Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998	Cases, 1997	Rate/1,000, 1997	Cases, 1998	Rate per/1,000, 1998	% change from 1997 to 1998
	69	18.0 (10.7) [†]	28	7.3 (9.7) [†]	-59.2% (-9.1%) [†]
Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999	Children in substitute care, 1997	Rate/1,000, 1997	Children in substitute care, 1999	Rate/1,000, 1999	% change from 1997 to 1999
	8	*(15.5) [†]	6	*(12.5) [†]	* (-19.1%) [†]

NA = Not Available
* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate
† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Franklin County

1997 Child Population: 10,332
(0.31% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 14
Accept subsidy: 11
Accredited: 0

Homes: 29
Accept subsidy: 24
Accredited: 0

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,355 Infant deaths 20 Deaths/1,000 8.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -35.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 181 Rate/1,000 7.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 15.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 236 Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,621

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 969

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 651 Children, 1996 1,572

Grantees, 1999 157 Children, 1999 482

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -75.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,709 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 151

Children in Pre-K 69

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 86

Dropout rate 4.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -15.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 22 All 1st births, 1997 185

Children born to NFAR, 1997 34

Percent, 1997 18.4% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 43.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 154 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.6 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 151

Rate per/1,000, 1998 14.4 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -1.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 40 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 34

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.2 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -14.6% (-19.1%)[†]

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Fulton County

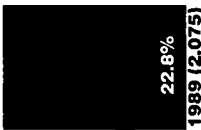
1997 Child Population: 9,780
(0.29% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,759



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 11

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

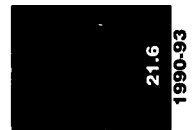
Homes: 5

Accept subsidy: 5

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,098
Infant deaths 12
Deaths/1,000 5.7 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-13.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 124
Rate/1,000 5.9 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-1.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 215
Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,068

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 900

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 457
Children, 1996 1,022

Grantees, 1999 74
Children, 1999 229

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-83.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,208
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 152
Children in Pre-K 95

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
19.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 106
Dropout rate 5.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
21.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 30
All 1st births, 1997 129
Children born to NFAR, 1997 25

Percent, 1997 19.4% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 5.3% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 166
Rate/1,000, 1997 17.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 183
Rate per/1,000, 1998 18.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
9.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 86
Rate/1,000, 1997 8.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 89
Rate/1,000, 1999 9.1 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 3.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Gallatin County

1997 Child Population: 1,663
(0.05% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 3
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93 * 1994-97 *



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 359
Infant deaths 2

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 20

Rate/1,000 5.6 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -16.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 36

Children enrolled in Medicaid 457
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 173

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 141
Children, 1996 320

Grantees, 1999 19
Children, 1999 64
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -86.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 460

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 40

Children in Pre-K 28
% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 30.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 14

Dropout rate 4.8% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -25.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 5
All 1st births, 1997 28

Children born to NFAR, 1997 6
Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 20
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 26
Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.4 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 30.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 9
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 4
Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Greene County

1997 Child Population: 4,299
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

Homes: 15

Accept subsidy: 12

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 962
Infant deaths 9
Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
*(-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 71
Rate/1,000 7.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-2.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 84
Children enrolled in Medicaid 836
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 402

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 175
Children, 1996 433
Grantees, 1999 40
Children, 1999 145
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -77.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 833
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 57
Children in Pre-K 86

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
25.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 35
Dropout rate 4.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-20.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 5
All 1st births, 1997 71
Children born to NFAR, 1997 12

Percent, 1997 16.9% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 62
Rate/1,000, 1997 14.3 (10.7)[†]
Cases, 1998 49
Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.3 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
-20.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 21
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.8 (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 35
Rate/1,000, 1999 8.1 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999
66.7% (-19.1%)[†]

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Grundy County

1997 Child Population: 10,585
(0.32% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$34,573

1989 (620)

1995 (721)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 10

Accept subsidy: 6

Accredited: 0

Homes: 20

Accept subsidy: 9

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93

1994-97 *

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,338

Infant deaths 21

Deaths/1,000 9.0 (8.9)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 133

Rate/1,000 5.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 38.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 66

Children enrolled in Medicaid 619

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 624

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 178

Children, 1996 403

Grantees, 1999 18

Children, 1999 65

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -89.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,287

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 41

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 5.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 100

Dropout rate 3.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 2.5% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 13

All 1st births, 1997 146

Children born to NFAR, 1997 10

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 47

Rate/1,000, 1997 4.4 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 41

Rate per/1,000, 1998 3.8 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -13.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 16

Rate/1,000, 1997 1.5 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 13

Rate/1,000, 1999 1.2 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -19.6% (-19.1%)[†]

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Hamilton County



1997 Child Population: 2,162
(0.06% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

Homes: 3

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

* 1990-93

* 1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 465 Infant deaths 3 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 26 Rate/1,000 5.6 (8.0)
% change since 1988-92 -3.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 71 Children enrolled in Medicaid 467 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 203

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 90 Children, 1996 233 Grantees, 1999 18 Children, 1999 60
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -80.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 405 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 20 Children in Pre-K 71
% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 30.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 27 Dropout rate 6.1% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -5.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 33 Children born to NFAR, 1997 2 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 23 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.4 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 21 Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.5 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -9.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 7 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 5 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Hancock County

1997 Child Population: 5,665
(0.17% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 8

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 61

Accept subsidy: 52

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



* 1990-93

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,127 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 50 Rate/1,000 4.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -5.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 134 Children enrolled in Medicaid 726 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 513

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 150 Children, 1996 383 Grantees, 1999 29 Children, 1999 91 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -80.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 934 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 40 Children in Pre-K 91 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 18.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 42 Dropout rate 3.1% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -8.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 76 Children born to NFAR, 1997 11 Percent, 1997 14.5% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 80 Rate/1,000, 1997 13.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 64 Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.2 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -19.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 27 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.7 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 31 Rate/1,000, 1999 5.4 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 15.6% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Hardin County

1997 Child Population: 1,252
(0.04% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,232



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 1

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

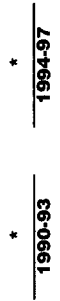
Homes: 2

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 242 Infant deaths 0 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 8 Rate/1,000 *(8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 33 Children enrolled in Medicaid 225

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 152

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 79 Children, 1996 194 Grantees, 1999 2 Children, 1999 13 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -97.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 257 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 56 Children in Pre-K 18

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 52.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 16 Dropout rate 5.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -6.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 1 All 1st births, 1997 23 Children born to NFAR, 1997 6

Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 11 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 19 Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 76.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 3 Rate/1,000, 1997 *(15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 1 Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 *(19.1%)[†]

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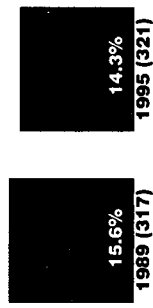
Henderson County

1997 Child Population: 2,306
(0.07% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,622

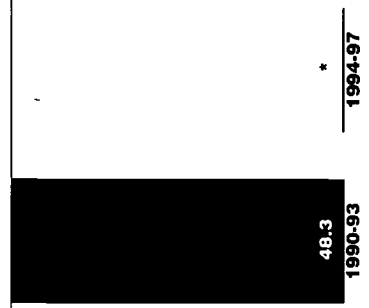


Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 1 |
Accept subsidy: 1 |
Accredited: 0 |

Homes: 10 |
Accept subsidy: 9 |
Accredited: 0 |

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 434 Infant deaths 3 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 23 Rate/1,000 5.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -9.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 37 Children enrolled in Medicaid 370 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 187

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 65 Children, 1996 165 Grantees, 1999 25 Children, 1999 75 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -61/5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 422 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 24 Children in Pre-K 52 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 28.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 20 Dropout rate 4.9% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 28 Children born to NFAR, 1997 4 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 17 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.3 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 16 Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.9 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -5.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 8 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 7 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.

Henry County



1997 Child Population: 14,564
(0.44% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,354



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 8

Accept subsidy: 6

Accredited: 0

Homes: 59

Accept subsidy: 42

Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,882 Infant deaths 13 Deaths/1,000 4.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -28.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 188 Rate/1,000 6.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 34.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 171 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,773

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,268

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 434 Children, 1996 1,058 Grantees, 1999 106 Children, 1999 364

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -75.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,269 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 68 Children in Pre-K 302

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 21.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 131 Dropout rate 4.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 58.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 19 All 1st births, 1997 174 Children born to NFAR, 1997 19

Percent, 1997 10.9% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 -5.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 155 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.6 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 174

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.0 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 12.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 33 Rate/1,000, 1997 2.3 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 43

Rate/1,000, 1999 30.7% (-19.1%)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 30.7% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

[†] Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

[†] Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.

Iroquois County

1997 Child Population: 8,537
(0.26% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,313



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7

Accept subsidy: 5

Accredited: 0

Homes: 64

Accept subsidy: 37

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,765
Infant deaths 10

Deaths/1,000 5.7 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 40.2% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 126

Rate/1,000 7.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 40.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 191

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,140

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 720

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 189
Children, 1996 531

Grantees, 1999 57

Children, 1999 202

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -69.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,416

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 18

Children in Pre-K 140

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 69

Dropout rate 3.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 0.8% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 17
All 1st births, 1997 116

Children born to NFAR, 1997 19

Percent, 1997 16.4% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 12.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 103
Rate/1,000, 1997 12.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 85

Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.0 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -16.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 33
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.9 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 32

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.8 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 -1.9% (-19.1%)[†]

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Jackson County

1997 Child Population: 15,235
(0.46% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,370



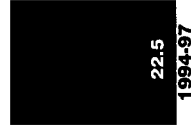
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 23
Accept subsidy: 20
Accredited: 2

Homes: 35
Accept subsidy: 25
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 5



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,443 Infant deaths 31 Deaths/1,000 9.0 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -24.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 250 Rate/1,000 7.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 11.9% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 233 Children enrolled in Medicaid 3,885

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,123

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,037 Children, 1996 2,387 Grantees, 1999 578 Children, 1999 1,429 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -44.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,749 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 205 Children in Pre-K 187

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 19.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 133 Dropout rate 5.2% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 131.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 28 All 1st births, 1997 249 Children born to NFAR, 1997 34 Percent, 1997 13.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 30.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 207 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.6 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 184 Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.1 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -10.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 50 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.5 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 43 Rate/1,000, 1999 3.1 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -13.2% (-19.1%)[†]

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Jasper County

1997 Child Population: 3,115
(0.09% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 2

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

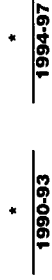
Homes: 23

Accept subsidy: 22

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 619 Infant deaths 6

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 34

Rate/1,000 5.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 2.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 109

Children enrolled in Medicaid 494

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 285

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 56 Children, 1996 157

Grantees, 1999 7 Children, 1999 34

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -87.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 404

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 58

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 25.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 15

Dropout rate 2.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -12.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 37

Children born to NFAR, 1997 2

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 28 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.7 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 27

Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -3.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 13 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.0 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 14

Rate/1,000, 1999 4.4 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 7.8% (-19.1%)[†]

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Jefferson County

1997 Child Population: 10,809
(0.32% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,611



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 9
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

Homes: 37
Accept subsidy: 37
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,388 Infant deaths 14 Deaths/1,000 5.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -10.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 160 Rate/1,000 6.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -2.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 229 Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,853

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 862

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 597 Children, 1996 1,642 Grantees, 1999 175 Children, 1999 624 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -70.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,030 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 216 Children in Pre-K 212

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 29.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 117 Dropout rate 5.9% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -3.8% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 34 All 1st births, 1997 147 Children born to NFAR, 1997 29

Percent, 1997 19.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 -8.9% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 195 Rate/1,000, 1997 19.2 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 106 Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -45.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 63 Rate/1,000, 1997 6.2 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 72 Rate/1,000, 1999 7.1 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 14.4% (-19.1%)[†]

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Jersey County

1997 Child Population: 6,125
(0.18% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,178



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 28

Accept subsidy: 22

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,202
Infant deaths 10

% change since 1988-92
-4.6% (-17.6%)*

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 70

Rate/1,000 5.8 (8.0)*

% change since 1988-92
9.9% (3.9%)*

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 112

Children enrolled in Medicaid 780

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 483

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 165
Children, 1996 370

Grantees, 1999 19
Children, 1999 78

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-88.5% (-51.7%)*

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 733

% of child support collected NA (52%)*

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 26

Children in Pre-K 156

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
26.1% (14.1%)*

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 47

Dropout rate 4.3% (7.0%)*

% change since 1993-94
44.7% (-4.8%)*

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 7
All 1st births, 1997 76

Children born to NFAR, 1997 7

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)*
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)*

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 54
Rate/1,000, 1997 8.9 (10.7)*

Cases, 1998 45

Rate per/1,000, 1998 7.4 (9.7)*
% change from 1997 to 1998 -16.8% (-9.1%)*

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 20
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.3 (15.5)*

Children in substitute care, 1999 12

Rate/1,000, 1999 2.0 (12.5)*
% change from 1997 to 1999 -40.1% (-19.1%)*

NA = Not Available

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Jo Daviess County

1997 Child Population: 5,932
(0.18% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,170



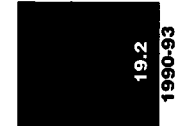
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 27
Accept subsidy: 26
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



* 1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,240 Infant deaths 3 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 46 Rate/1,000 3.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -24.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 75 Children enrolled in Medicaid 540

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 502

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 63 Children, 1996 141 Grantees, 1999 6 Children, 1999 30 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -90.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 675 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 18 Children in Pre-K 131

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 19.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 42 Dropout rate 3.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 52.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 80 Children born to NFAR, 1997 3 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 48 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.2 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 49 Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.5 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 3.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 23 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.9 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 10 Rate/1,000, 1999 1.7 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -55.8% (-19.1%)[†]

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Johnson County

1997 Child Population: 2,682
(0.08% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 1
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 8
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 529 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 37 Rate/1,000 7.0 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 32.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 73 Children enrolled in Medicaid 529 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 219

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 116 Children, 1996 286 Grantees, 1999 18 Children, 1999 78 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -84.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 534 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 60 Children in Pre-K 54

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 35.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 9 Dropout rate * (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 6 All 1st births, 1997 33 Children born to NFAR, 1997 2

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 22 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.0 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 24 Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 7.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 17 Rate/1,000, 1997 6.2 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 7 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Kane County

1997 Child Population: 122,069
(3.66% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$42,739



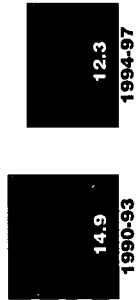
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 82
Accept subsidy: 50
Accredited: 7

Homes: 166
Accept subsidy: 67
Accredited: 2

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 31



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 33,483 Infant deaths 278 Deaths/1,000 8.3 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-7.8% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 2,138 Rate/1,000 6.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-0.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 1,038 Children enrolled in Medicaid 15,749

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990
6,786

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,635 Children, 1996 8,020 Grantees, 1999 647 Children, 1999 2,593

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-75.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 15,868 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 580 Children in Pre-K 871

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
7.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 1,392 Dropout rate 6.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-21.8% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 291 All 1st births, 1997 2,191 Children born to NFAR, 1997 300

Percent, 1997 13.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997
-2.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 992 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.0 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 1,023 Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.1 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
0.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 566 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.6 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 419 Rate/1,000, 1999 3.3 (12.5)[†]

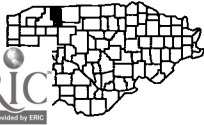
% change from 1997 to 1999
-27.9% (-19.1%)[†]

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Kankakee County

1997 Child Population: 30,985
(0.93% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$34,162



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 32
Accept subsidy: 27
Accredited: 0

Homes: 122
Accept subsidy: 98
Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 8



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 7,775
Infant deaths 70

Deaths/1,000 9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -29.1% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 582

Rate/1,000 7.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -5.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 345

Children enrolled in Medicaid 6,879

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,257

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,545
Children, 1996 4,410

Grantees, 1999 748

Children, 1999 2,478

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -51.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 7,996

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 381

Children in Pre-K 750

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 24.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 280

Dropout rate 5.6% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -3.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 97
All 1st births, 1997 471

Children born to NFAR, 1997 87

Percent, 1997 18.5% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 0.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 467
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 404

Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.1 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -13.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 331
Rate/1,000, 1997 10.7 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 314

Rate/1,000, 1999 10.1 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -5.1% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.

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Kendall County

1997 Child Population: 15,722
(0.47% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$36,733

4.4%
1989 (518)

4.6%
1995 (686)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 10

Accept subsidy: 5

Accredited: 0

Homes: 36

Accept subsidy: 22

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3

15.9
1990-93

13.4
1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,373
Infant deaths 24

% change since 1988-92
73.2% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 161

Rate/1,000 4.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
6.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 58

Children enrolled in Medicaid 633

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 770

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 123
Children, 1996 278

Grantees, 1999 39
Children, 1999 121

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-68.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 928

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 74

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
5.5% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 87

Dropout rate 3.1% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-6.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 13
All 1st births, 1997 193

Children born to NFAR, 1997 18

Percent, 1997 9.3% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 34.9% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 98
Rate/1,000, 1997 6.3 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 111

Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.8 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 9.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 16
Rate/1,000, 1997 1.0 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 14

Rate/1,000, 1999 0.9 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 -15.6% (-19.1%)[†]

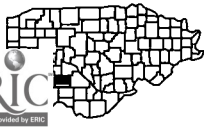
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Knox County

1997 Child Population: 14,148
(0.42% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,622



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 9

Accept subsidy: 8

Accredited: 0

Homes: 63

Accept subsidy: 37

Accredited: 0

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,143
Infant deaths 22

Deaths/1,000 7.0 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -30.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 196

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -15.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 254

Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,796

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,213

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 650
Children, 1996 1,597

Grantees, 1999 176

Children, 1999 583
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -72.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,676

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 155

Children in Pre-K 240

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 21.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 123

Dropout rate 4.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -14.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 43
All 1st births, 1997 201

Children born to NFAR, 1997 38

Percent, 1997 18.9% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 -5.0% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 267
Rate/1,000, 1997 19.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 329

Rate per/1,000, 1998 23.7 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 24.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 106
Rate/1,000, 1997 7.6 (15.5)[†]

Rate/1,000, 1999 8.2 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 8.3% (-19.1%)[†]

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Lake County

1997 Child Population: 178,220
(5.34% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

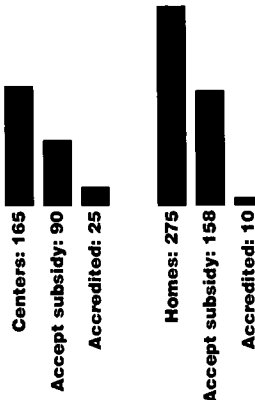
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Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$41,473

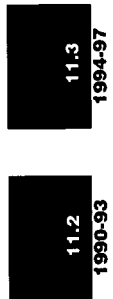


Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)



Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 20



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 50,195
Infant deaths 316

% change since 1988-92
-21.3% (-17.6%)*

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 3,181

% change since 1988-92
6.8% (3.9%)*

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 975

Children enrolled in Medicaid 16,464

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 9,424

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,651
Children, 1996 7,488

Grantees, 1999 876
Children, 1999 3,207

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-67.0% (-51.7%)*

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 20,440

% of child support collected NA (52%)*

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 638

Children in Pre-K 778

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
4.7% (14.1%)*

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 1,149

% change since 1993-94
-25.8% (-4.8%)*

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 207
All 1st births, 1997 3,115

Children born to NFAR, 1997 245

Percent, 1997 7.9% (14.7%)*
% change 1992 to 1997 13.1% (4.3%)*

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 1,201
Rate/1,000, 1997 6.8 (10.7)*

Cases, 1998 1,098
Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.1 (9.7)*

% change from 1997 to 1998
-10.0% (-9.1%)*

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 748
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.3 (15.5)*

Children in substitute care, 1999 653
Rate/1,000, 1999 3.7 (12.5)*

% change from 1997 to 1999
-14.0% (-19.1%)*

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LaSalle County

1997 Child Population: 29,823
(0.89% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,276

15.2%
1989 (4,129)

14.4%
1995 (4,159)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 27

Accept subsidy: 13

Accredited: 0

Homes: 50

Accept subsidy: 39

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

15.9
1990-93

11.1
1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 6,729 Infant deaths 52 Deaths/1,000 7.7 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 2.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 420 Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 9.9% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 369 Children enrolled in Medicaid 3,800

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,261

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 932 Children, 1996 2,306 Grantees, 1999 130 Children, 1999 444

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -86.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 5,469 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 266 Children in Pre-K 349

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 304 Dropout rate 5.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -22.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 49 All 1st births, 1997 426 Children born to NFAR, 1997 62

Percent, 1997 14.6% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 20.9% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 541 Rate/1,000, 1997 18.1 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 585

Rate per/1,000, 1998 19.5 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 7.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 119 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.0 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 147

Rate/1,000, 1999 4.9 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 23.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Lawrence County

1997 Child Population: 3,928
(0.12% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

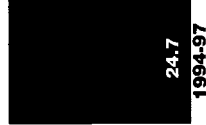
Homes: 17

Accept subsidy: 15

Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 823 Infant deaths 8 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 62 Rate/1,000 7.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -3.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 110 Children enrolled in Medicaid 885

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 417

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 154 Children, 1996 369 Grantees, 1999 64 Children, 1999 166 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -58.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 894 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 68 Children in Pre-K 60

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 24.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 56 Dropout rate 7.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 22.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 7 All 1st births, 1997 75 Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 68 Rate/1,000, 1997 17.1 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 36

Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.2 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -46.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 14 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.5 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 22

Rate/1,000, 1999 5.6 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 59.2% (-19.1%)[†]

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Lee County

1997 Child Population: 9,755
(0.29% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,330



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 13
Accept subsidy: 9
Accredited: 0

Homes: 26
Accept subsidy: 15
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,043 Infant deaths 17 Deaths/1,000 8.3 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -2.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 112 Rate/1,000 5.5 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 23.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 114 Children enrolled in Medicaid 978 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 735

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 149 Children, 1996 418 Grantees, 1999 29 Children, 1999 136

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -80.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,513 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 53 Children in Pre-K 61

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 9.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 94 Dropout rate 5.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -0.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 14 All 1st births, 1997 137 Children born to NFAR, 1997 21

Percent, 1997 15.3% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 32.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 142 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.7 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 134 Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -6.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 73 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.5 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 47 Rate/1,000, 1999 4.8 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -36.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Livingston County

1997 Child Population: 10,464
(0.31% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,292



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6
Accept subsidy: 5
Accredited: 1

Homes: 41
Accept subsidy: 32
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,368 Infant deaths 15 Deaths/1,000 6.3 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -4.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 137 Rate/1,000 5.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 9.9% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 201 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,337

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 833

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 219 Children, 1996 586 Grantees, 1999 48 Children, 1999 170 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -78.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,548 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 81 Children in Pre-K 297

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 26.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 100 Dropout rate 4.2% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 12.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 15 All 1st births, 1997 133 Children born to NFAR, 1997 21

Percent, 1997 15.8% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 55.8% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 187 Rate/1,000, 1997 17.3 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 168 Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.9 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -8.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 76 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.0 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 84 Rate/1,000, 1999 7.9 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 12.7% (-19.1%)[†]

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Logan County

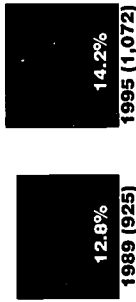
1997 Child Population: 8,024
(0.24% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,379



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 8
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 30
Accept subsidy: 24
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,700
Infant deaths 12

% change since 1988-92
34.0% (-17.6%)*

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 128

Rate/1,000 7.5 (8.0)*

% change since 1988-92
11.1% (3.9%)*

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 153

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,309

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 610

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 217
Children, 1996 586

Grantees, 1999 10

Children, 1999 76

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-95.4% (-51.7%)*

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,492

% of child support collected NA (52%)*

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 68

Children in Pre-K 99

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
16.0% (14.1%)*

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 80

Dropout rate 5.7% (7.0%)*

% change since 1993-94
9.4% (-4.8%)*

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 25
All 1st births, 1997 98

Children born to NFAR, 1997 10

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)*
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)*

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 73

Rate/1,000, 1997 9.4 (10.7)*

Cases, 1998 77

Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.9 (9.7)*

% change from 1997 to 1998 5.3% (-9.1%)*

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 68

Rate/1,000, 1997 8.7 (15.5)*

Children in substitute care, 1999 43

Rate/1,000, 1999 5.5 (12.5)*

% change from 1997 to 1999 -36.9% (-19.1%)*

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Macon County

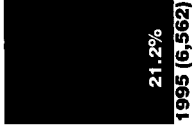
1997 Child Population: 31,859
(0.95% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,492



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 40
Accept subsidy: 30
Accredited: 0

Homes: 94
Accept subsidy: 47
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 12



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 7,971 Infant deaths 79 Deaths/1,000 9.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -5.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 692 Rate/1,000 8.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 14.4% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 437 Children enrolled in Medicaid 7,702

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,656

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,875 Children, 1996 4,944

Grantees, 1999 942 Children, 1999 2,822

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -49.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 10,351 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 361 Children in Pre-K 507

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 17.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 443 Dropout rate 8.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -9.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 114 All 1st births, 1997 481 Children born to NFAR, 1997 102

Percent, 1997 21.2% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 0.3% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 338 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.8 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 328

Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.6 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -2.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 457 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.6 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 335

Rate/1,000, 1999 10.8 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -26.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Macoupin County

1997 Child Population: 13,490
(0.40% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,772



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 14

Accept subsidy: 8

Accredited: 3

Homes: 33

Accept subsidy: 23

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,691
Infant deaths 20

Deaths/1,000 7.4 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 21.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 191

Rate/1,000 7.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 19.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 216

Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,227

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,134

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 544
Children, 1996 1,309

Grantees, 1999 83
Children, 1999 321

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -84.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,615

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 152

Children in Pre-K 269

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 25.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 114

Dropout rate 3.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 12.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 31
All 1st births, 1997 164

Children born to NFAR, 1997 25

Percent, 1997 15.2% (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 -13.9% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 182
Rate/1,000, 1997 13.5 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 172
Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.8 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -5.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 31
Rate/1,000, 1997 2.3 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 29
Rate/1,000, 1999 2.2 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -5.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Madison County

1997 Child Population: 70,799
(2.12% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,867



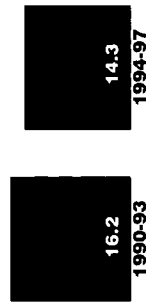
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 73
Accept subsidy: 63
Accredited: 4

Homes: 184
Accept subsidy: 147
Accredited: 4

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 14



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 16,973 Infant deaths 131 Deaths/1,000 7.7 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -14.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,286 Rate/1,000 7.6 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 12.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 811 Children enrolled in Medicaid 14,035

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 5,181

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 3,706 Children, 1996 9,395 Grantees, 1999 1,719 Children, 1999 4,835 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -53.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 16,426 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 735 Children in Pre-K 832

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 718 Dropout rate 5.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -14.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 160 All 1st births, 1997 1,132 Children born to NFAR, 1997 174

Percent, 1997 15.4% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 3.9% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 1,036 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.7 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 1,000 Rate per/1,000, 1998 14.2 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -3.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 378 Rate/1,000, 1997 5.4 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 351 Rate/1,000, 1999 5.0 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -6.9% (-19.1%)[†]

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Marion County



1997 Child Population: 11,871
(0.36% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 12

Accept subsidy: 9

Accredited: 0

Homes: 46

Accept subsidy: 46

Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,819 Infant deaths 23 Deaths/1,000 8.2 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 20.6% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 224 Rate/1,000 7.9 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 27.9% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 226 Children enrolled in Medicaid 3,005 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,064

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -64.6% (-51.7%)[†]

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 704 Children, 1996 1,754 Grantees, 1999 249 Children, 1999 776

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,354 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 189 Children in Pre-K 98

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 17.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 221 Dropout rate 7.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -13.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 29 All 1st births, 1997 175 Children born to NFAR, 1997 37

Percent, 1997 21.1% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 34.1% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 261 Rate/1,000, 1997 21.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 244 Rate per/1,000, 1998 20.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -5.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 83 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.0 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 93 Rate/1,000, 1999 7.9 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 13.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Marshall County

1997 Child Population: 3,384
(0.10% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,759



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

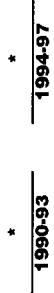
Homes: 6

Accept subsidy: 6

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 752 Infant deaths 10 Deaths/1,000 13.3 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 36 Rate/1,000 4.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -27.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 53 Children enrolled in Medicaid 503

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 277

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 98 Children, 1996 194 Grantees, 1999 26 Children, 1999 92 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -73.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 506 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17 Children in Pre-K 32

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 11.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 29 Dropout rate 5.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 3.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 43 Children born to NFAR, 1997 5 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 29 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.5 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 26 Rate per/1,000, 1998 7.6 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -9.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 9 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 10 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Mason County

1997 Child Population: 4,601
(0.14% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,772



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 10
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

1990-93 * 1994-97 *

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 972 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†] % change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 77 Rate/1,000 7.9 (8.0)[†] % change since 1988-92 25.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 73 Children enrolled in Medicaid 873 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 403

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 232 Children, 1996 585 Grantees, 1999 41 Children, 1999 140 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -82.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,074 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 51 Children in Pre-K 31 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 13.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 45 Dropout rate 4.2% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 -16.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 48 Children born to NFAR, 1997 6 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 58 Rate/1,000, 1997 12.5 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 52 Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.2 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -12.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 41 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.8 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 22 Rate/1,000, 1999 4.8 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -46.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Massac County



1997 Child Population: 3,883
(0.12% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

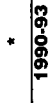
Centers: 2
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 12
Accept subsidy: 10
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 876 Infant deaths 1 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 49 Rate/1,000 5.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -19.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 98 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,054

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 336

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 197 Children, 1996 462 Grantees, 1999 100 Children, 1999 280

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -49.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,277 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 78 Children in Pre-K 181

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 48.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 49 Dropout rate 6.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -27.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 5 All 1st births, 1997 62 Children born to NFAR, 1997 10

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 43 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 50 Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 14.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 15 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 14 Rate/1,000, 1999 3.5 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -6.6% (-19.1%)[†]

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McDonough County

1997 Child Population: 8,622
(0.26% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,622



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 13

Accept subsidy: 11

Accredited: 1

Homes: 24

Accept subsidy: 15

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,513
Infant deaths 15

% change since 1988-92
-11.6% (-17.6%)*

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 94

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)*

% change since 1988-92
-4.7% (3.9%)*

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 122
Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,175

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 576

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 325
Children, 1996 683

Grantees, 1999 83

Children, 1999 235

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-74.5% (-51.7%)*

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,445

% of child support collected NA (52%)*

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 75

Children in Pre-K 141

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 23.7% (14.1%)*

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 40

Dropout rate 3.1% (7.0%)*

% change since 1993-94
-19.9% (-4.8%)*

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8
All 1st births, 1997 89

Children born to NFAR, 1997 11

Percent, 1997 12.4 (14.7%)*
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)*

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 124
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.6 (10.7)*

Cases, 1998 126

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.9 (9.7)*
% change from 1997 to 1998 1.9% (-9.1%)*

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 61
Rate/1,000, 1997 7.7 (15.5)*

47

Rate/1,000, 1999 5.9 (12.5)*
% change from 1997 to 1999 -22.6% (-19.1%)*

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McHenry County

1997 Child Population: 72,278
(2.17% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$40,658

1989 (2,155) 4.1%

1995 (3,080) 4.4%

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 64

Accept subsidy: 44

Accredited: 7

Homes: 183

Accept subsidy: 80

Accredited: 7

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 5

1990-93 13.3

1994-97 10.9

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 18,691 Infant deaths 85 Deaths/1,000 4.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -40.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,053 Rate/1,000 5.6 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 5.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 272 Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,869

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 3,464

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 413 Children, 1996 1,192 Grantees, 1999 33 Children, 1999 173 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -92.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 4,257 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 220 Children in Pre-K 305

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 4.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 363 Dropout rate 3.2% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -2.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 52 All 1st births, 1997 1,147 Children born to NFAR, 1997 77

Percent, 1997 6.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 35.4% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 673 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.3 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 527 Rate per/1,000, 1998 7.1 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -21.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 95 Rate/1,000, 1997 1.3 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 90 Rate/1,000, 1999 1.2 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -7.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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McLean County

1997 Child Population: 38,889
(1.17% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$32,917



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 70

Accept subsidy: 56

Accredited: 8

Homes: 166

Accept subsidy: 100

Accredited: 2

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 9,548
Infant deaths 71

Deaths/1,000 7.4 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -1.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 649

Rate/1,000 6.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 17.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 415

Children enrolled in Medicaid 4,266

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,271

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 800
Children, 1996 2,048

Grantees, 1999 135

Children, 1999 523

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -83.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 5,086

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 196

Children in Pre-K 350

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 9.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 239

Dropout rate 4.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -17.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 48
All 1st births, 1997 629

Children born to NFAR, 1997 62

Percent, 1997 9.9% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 18.1% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 544
Rate/1,000, 1997 14.5 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 626

Rate per/1,000, 1998 16.4 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 15.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 330
Rate/1,000, 1997 8.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 399

Rate/1,000, 1999 10.5 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 19.4% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Menard County

1997 Child Population: 3,539
(0.11% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,022



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 18

Accept subsidy: 14

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 735 Infant deaths 5 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)†

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)†

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 46 Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)†

% change since 1988-92 33.6% (3.9%)†

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 72 Children enrolled in Medicaid 512

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 279

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 82 Children, 1996 219 Grantees, 1999 23 Children, 1999 83

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -72.0% (-51.7%)†

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 532 % of child support collected NA (52%)†

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 16 Children in Pre-K 109

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 29.2% (14.1%)†

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 36 Dropout rate 4.4% (7.0%)†

% change since 1993-94 3.6% (-4.8%)†

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 52 Children born to NFAR, 1997 3

Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)† % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)†

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 21 Rate/1,000, 1997 5.8 (10.7)† Cases, 1998 31

Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.6 (9.7)† % change from 1997 to 1998 47.7% (-9.1%)†

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 8 Rate/1,000, 1997 *(15.5)† Children in substitute care, 1999 4

Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)† % change from 1997 to 1999 *(19.1%)†

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Mercer County

1997 Child Population: 4,898
(0.15% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,622



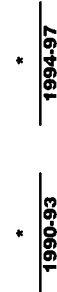
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 10
Accept subsidy: 10
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 878
Infant deaths 9

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 44

Rate/1,000 5.0 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 24.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 124

Children enrolled in Medicaid 696
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 380

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 138
Children, 1996 321

Grantees, 1999 52
Children, 1999 128

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -62.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 823

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34

Children in Pre-K 49

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 27

Dropout rate 4.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 142.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 6
All 1st births, 1997 53

Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (-4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 56
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.3 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 47
Rate per 1,000, 1998 9.5 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -16.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 6
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 10
Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Monroe County

1997 Child Population: 7,282
(0.22% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,867

4.8%
1989 (286)

5.1%
1995 (363)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 10
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 0

Homes: 11
Accept subsidy: 6
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

18.1
1990-93

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1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,531 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 *(-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 97 Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 31.4% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 30 Children enrolled in Medicaid 295

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 420

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 54 Children, 1996 131 Grantees, 1999 8 Children, 1999 28 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -85.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 482 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 48 Children in Pre-K 55

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 11.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 31 Dropout rate 2.2% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -20.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 92 Children born to NFAR, 1997 3

Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 34 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.7 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 37

Rate per/1,000, 1998 5.0 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 6.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 15 Rate/1,000, 1997 2.1 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 10 Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 *(-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

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Montgomery County

1997 Child Population: 8,201
(0.25% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,772



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 10

Accept subsidy: 7

Accredited: 0

Homes: 19

Accept subsidy: 13

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,774
Infant deaths 14

Deaths/1,000 7.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 51.9% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 118

Rate/1,000 6.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 19.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 225

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,623

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 708

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 377
Children, 1996 843

Grantees, 1999 18
Children, 1999 127

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -95.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,811

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 52

Children in Pre-K 325

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 34.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 55

Dropout rate 3.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -8.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 22
All 1st births, 1997 91

Children born to NFAR, 1997 6

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (-4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 79
Rate/1,000, 1997 9.7 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 101
Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.2 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 26.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 20
Rate/1,000, 1997 2.4 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 26
Rate/1,000, 1999 3.1 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 28.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Morgan County

1997 Child Population: 9,569
(0.29% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,825



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 12
Accept subsidy: 7
Accredited: 2

Homes: 53
Accept subsidy: 45
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,113
Infant deaths 16

Deaths/1,000 7.6 (8.9)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 148

Rate/1,000 7.0 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 29.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 183

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,531

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 744

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 377
Children, 1996 903

Grantees, 1999 94
Children, 1999 347

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -75.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,831

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 143

Children in Pre-K 103

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 18.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 94

Dropout rate 5.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 5.5% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 22
All 1st births, 1997 150

Children born to NFAR, 1997 25

Percent, 1997 16.7% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 0.0% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 142
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.5 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 140

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.6 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 0.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 55
Rate/1,000, 1997 6.0 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 76

Rate/1,000, 1999 8.4 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 41.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Moultrie County

1997 Child Population: 3,931
(0.12% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

Homes: 17

Accept subsidy: 11

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 886 Infant deaths 6 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 *(-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 57 Rate/1,000 6.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 28.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 57 Children enrolled in Medicaid 333

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 293

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 55 Children, 1996 118 Grantees, 1999 1 Children, 1999 28 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -98.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 515 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 34 Children in Pre-K 19

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 10.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 15 Dropout rate 2.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 29.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4 All 1st births, 1997 56 Children born to NFAR, 1997 8 Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 37 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.2 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 26 Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.5 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -29.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 1 Rate/1,000, 1997 *(15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 1 Rate/1,000, 1999 *(12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 *(-19.1%)[†]

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Ogle County

1997 Child Population: 14,587
(0.44% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$32,044



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 13
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 58
Accept subsidy: 35
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,006
Infant deaths 23

Deaths/1,000 7.7 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 21.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 156

Rate/1,000 5.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -15.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 141

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,271

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 964

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 243
Children, 1996 590

Grantees, 1999 54

Children, 1999 161

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -77.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,906

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 64

Children in Pre-K 116

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 9.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 102

Dropout rate 3.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 6.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 14
All 1st births, 1997 188

Children born to NFAR, 1997 30

Percent, 1997 16.0% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 93.8% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 169
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.6 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 220

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.0 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 29.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 40
Rate/1,000, 1997 2.7 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 25

Rate/1,000, 1999 1.7 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 -37.7% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Peoria County

1997 Child Population: 51,831
(1.55% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,651



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 72
Accept subsidy: 49
Accredited: 1

Homes: 117
Accept subsidy: 90
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 10



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 13,551
Infant deaths 121

Deaths/1,000 8.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -17.9% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,103

Rate/1,000 8.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 3.4% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 738

Children enrolled in Medicaid 12,400

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 4,063

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 3,259
Children, 1996 8,771

Grantees, 1999 1,559
Children, 1999 5,125

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -52.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 16,053

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 627

Children in Pre-K 763

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 704

Dropout rate 8.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 3.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 172
All 1st births, 1997 860

Children born to NFAR, 1997 165

Percent, 1997 19.2% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 -1.1% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 911
Rate/1,000, 1997 17.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 869

Rate per/1,000, 1998 17.1 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -4.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 1,050
Rate/1,000, 1997 20.5 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 1,054

Rate/1,000, 1999 20.8 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 1.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Perry County

1997 Child Population: 5,896
(0.18% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Homes: 8

Accept subsidy: 7

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 4



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1990-93

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,202
Infant deaths 8

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 83

Rate/1,000 6.9 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 18.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 329

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,090

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990/08 553

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 271
Children, 1996 702

Grantees, 1999 95
Children, 1999 229

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -64.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,175

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 87

Children in Pre-K 34

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 52

% change since 1993-94 6.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 11
All 1st births, 1997 79

Children born to NFAR, 1997 16

Percent, 1997 20.3% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 45.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 51

Rate/1,000, 1997 8.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 70

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.2 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 38.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 15

Rate/1,000, 1997 2.6 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 22

Rate/1,000, 1999 3.8 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 48.1% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Piatt County

1997 Child Population: 4,455
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,903

7.1%
1989 (282)

8.6%
1995 (372)

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Homes: 63

Accept subsidy: 26

Accredited: 0

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

25.1
1990-93

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1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 980 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 *(-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 57 Rate/1,000 5.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 4.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 45 Children enrolled in Medicaid 398 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 318

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -71.8% (-51.7%)[†]

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 71 Children, 1996 146 Grantees, 1999 20 Children, 1999 50

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 507 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 16 Children in Pre-K 63

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 13.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 40 Dropout rate 3.9% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 68.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4 All 1st births, 1997 67 Children born to NFAR, 1997 9 Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 24 Rate/1,000, 1997 5.4 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 15 Rate per/1,000, 1998 3.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -36.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 27 Rate/1,000, 1997 6.1 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 23 Rate/1,000, 1999 5.2 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -13.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Pike County

1997 Child Population: 4,513
(0.14% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 48
Accept subsidy: 40
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 990 Infant deaths 3 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 78 Rate/1,000 7.9 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 17.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 97 Children enrolled in Medicaid 831 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 430

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -78.3% (-51.7%)[†]

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 138 Children, 1996 360 Grantees, 1999 30 Children, 1999 106

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 819 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 68 Children in Pre-K 89

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 26.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 31 Dropout rate 3.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -11.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8 All 1st births, 1997 70 Children born to NFAR, 1997 8 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 59 Rate/1,000, 1997 12.8 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 82 Rate per/1,000, 1998 17.8 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 39.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 31 Rate/1,000, 1997 6.7 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 23 Rate/1,000, 1999 5.0 (12.5)[†]

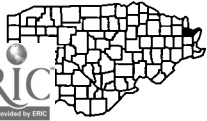
% change from 1997 to 1999 -25.7% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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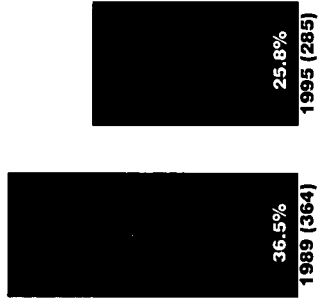


Pope County

1997 Child Population: 1,205
(0.04% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)



Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911
County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

* 1990-93
* 1994-97



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 191
Infant deaths 1
Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 12
Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 9.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 18
Children enrolled in Medicaid 207
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 108

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 56
Children, 1996 139
Grantees, 1999 10
Children, 1999 31
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -82.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 258
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 15
Children in Pre-K 23

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 39.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 5
Dropout rate * (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 0
All 1st births, 1997 19
Children born to NFAR, 1997 4
Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 7
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 16
Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.3 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 * (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 3
Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 5
Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Pulaski County

1997 Child Population: 2,200
(0.07% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty
(actual number in parentheses)



Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732

Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 11
Accept subsidy: 10
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

* 1990-93
* 1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97
Live births 502 Infant deaths 4 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†] % change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97
Babies with low birth weight 48 Rate/1,000 9.6 (8.0)[†] % change since 1988-92 -14.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999
Children enrolled in KidCare 104 Children enrolled in Medicaid 851 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 235

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999
Grantees, 1996 254 Children, 1996 655 Grantees, 1999 79 Children, 1999 253 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -68.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998
Child support cases 1,068 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98
Children in Head Start 116 Children in Pre-K 100 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 74.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98
High school dropouts 18 Dropout rate 3.5% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 -44.7% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997
Children born to NFAR, 1992 5 All 1st births, 1997 35 Children born to NFAR, 1997 9 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998
Cases, 1997 17 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.5 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 44 Rate per/1,000, 1998 19.4 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 157.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999
Children in substitute care, 1997 21 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.3 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 23 Rate/1,000, 1999 10.1 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 9.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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Putnam County

1997 Child Population: 1,624
(0.05% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,759



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 2

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

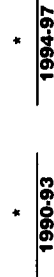
Homes: 5

Accept subsidy: 4

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 340
Infant deaths 2

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 20

Rate/1,000 5.9 (6.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -1.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 24

Children enrolled in Medicaid 164

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 131

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 18
Children, 1996 53

Grantees, 1999 0

Children, 1999 5

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -100.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 195

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17

Children in Pre-K 46

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 29.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 11

Dropout rate 3.5% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 11.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 1

All 1st births, 1997 18

Children born to NFAR, 1997 0

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]

% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 17

Rate/1,000, 1997 10.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 16

Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.1 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -5.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 4

Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 5

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Randolph County

1997 Child Population: 8,678
(0.26% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,760



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 6 |
Accept subsidy: 3 |
Accredited: 0 |

Homes: 28 ■
Accept subsidy: 24 ■
Accredited: 1 |

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,849
Infant deaths 16

% change since 1988-92
3.6% (-17.6%)*

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 141

% change since 1988-92
23.6% (3.9%)*

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 143

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,343
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 728

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 278
Children, 1996 727

Grantees, 1999 96
Children, 1999 344
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -65.5% (-51.7%)*

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,640

% of child support collected NA (52%)*

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 96

Children in Pre-K 141

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 21.0% (14.1%)*

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 49

% change since 1993-94 -16.2% (-4.8%)*

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 16
All 1st births, 1997 118

Children born to NFAR, 1997 22
Percent, 1997 18.6% (14.7%)*
% change 1992 to 1997 35.2% (4.3%)*

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 113
Rate/1,000, 1997 12.8 (10.7)*

Cases, 1998 96
Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.1 (9.7)*
% change from 1997 to 1998 -13.1% (-9.1%)*

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 35
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.0 (15.5)*

Children in substitute care, 1999 32
Rate/1,000, 1999 3.7 (12.5)*
% change from 1997 to 1999 -6.5% (-19.1%)*

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Richland County

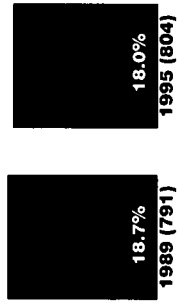
1997 Child Population: 4,634
(0.14% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5

Accept subsidy: 2

Accredited: 0

Homes: 22

Accept subsidy: 19

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,027
Infant deaths 6

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 74

Rate/1,000 7.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 14.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 114

Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,000

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 388

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 160
Children, 1996 391

Grantees, 1999 45
Children, 1999 149

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -71.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,053

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 68

Children in Pre-K 63

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 22.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 65

Dropout rate 7.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 3.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8
All 1st births, 1997 79

Children born to NFAR, 1997 13

Percent, 1997 16.5% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 80
Rate/1,000, 1997 17.2 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 94

Rate per/1,000, 1998 20.5 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 18.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 19
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.1 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 22

Rate/1,000, 1999 4.8 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 17.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Rock Island County



1997 Child Population: 40,740
(1.22% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,354



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 37
Accept subsidy: 29
Accredited: 3

Homes: 147
Accept subsidy: 103
Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 9



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 9,852 Infant deaths 84 Deaths/1,000 8.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -31.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 656 Rate/1,000 6.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -6.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 553

Children enrolled in Medicaid 7,416

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 3,343

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,137 Children, 1996 5,301 Grantees, 1999 793 Children, 1999 2,434 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -62.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 11,168 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 541 Children in Pre-K 558

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 18.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 481 Dropout rate 6.2% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -34.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 126 All 1st births, 1997 657 Children born to NFAR, 1997 128

Percent, 1997 19.5% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 2.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 724 Rate/1,000, 1997 18.0 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 626

Rate per/1,000, 1998 15.7 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -13.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 314 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.8 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 330

Rate/1,000, 1999 8.3 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 5.5% (-19.1%)[†]

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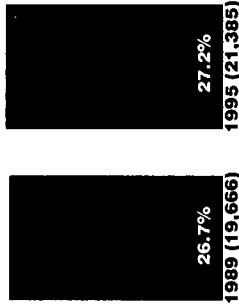
St. Clair County

1997 Child Population: 80,610
(2.41% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911
County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,867



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 72
Accept subsidy: 57
Accredited: 4

Homes: 302
Accept subsidy: 259
Accredited: 2

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 21



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 20,150
Infant deaths 206

Deaths/1,000 10.2 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -22.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,764

Rate/1,000 8.8 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -4.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 1,083
Children enrolled in Medicaid 23,019

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 6,877

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 6,619
Children, 1996 18,167

Grantees, 1999 3,594
Children, 1999 11,127

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -45.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 29,410
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 1,368
Children in Pre-K 1,346

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 21.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 912
Dropout rate 6.9% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -2.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 292
All 1st births, 1997 1,154

Children born to NFAR, 1997 257

Percent, 1997 22.3% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 2.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 1,281
Rate/1,000, 1997 16.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 1,031
Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.0 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -18.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 893
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.1 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 701

Rate/1,000, 1999 8.8 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 -20.7% (-19.1%)[†]

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Saline County

1997 Child Population: 6,756
(0.20% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



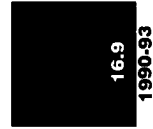
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 4
Accept subsidy: 3
Accredited: 0

Homes: 25
Accept subsidy: 22
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,548 Infant deaths 11 Deaths/1,000 7.1 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 14.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 115 Rate/1,000 7.4 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 14.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 153 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,880

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 571

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 507 Children, 1996 1,175 Grantees, 1999 56 Children, 1999 289 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -89.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,987 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 124 Children in Pre-K 140

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 27.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 105 Dropout rate 8.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 12.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 7 All 1st births, 1997 114 Children born to NFAR, 1997 23

Percent, 1997 20.2% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 134 Rate/1,000, 1997 19.5 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 152

Rate per/1,000, 1998 22.2 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 13.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 54 Rate/1,000, 1997 7.9 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 34 Rate/1,000, 1999 5.0 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -36.8% (-19.1%)[†]

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Sangamon County

1997 Child Population: 51,875
(1.55% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,022



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 78
Accept subsidy: 63
Accredited: 2

Homes: 269
Accept subsidy: 209
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 9



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 12,767 Infant deaths 127 Deaths/1,000 9.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 1.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,022 Rate/1,000 8.0 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 9.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 555 Children enrolled in Medicaid 9,111

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 3,604

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,044 Children, 1996 5,543 Grantees, 1999 716 Children, 1999 2,458

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -65.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 11,688 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 399 Children in Pre-K 1,129

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 19.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 250 Dropout rate 3.0% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -42.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 140 All 1st births, 1997 817 Children born to NFAR, 1997 128

Percent, 1997 15.7% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 1.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 613 Rate/1,000, 1997 11.8 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 690 Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 13.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 528 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.2 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 430 Rate/1,000, 1999 8.3 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -18.2% (-19.1%)[†]

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Schuyler County

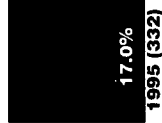
1997 Child Population: 1,980
(0.06% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 0
Accept subsidy: 0
Accredited: 0

Homes: 16
Accept subsidy: 13
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

* 1990-93 * 1994-97

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 424 Infant deaths 5 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 28 Rate/1,000 6.6 (8.0)
% change since 1988-92 36.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 48 Children enrolled in Medicaid 261 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 179

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 49 Children, 1996 105 Grantees, 1999 0 Children, 1999 3 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -100.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 280 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 5 Children in Pre-K 119 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 50.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 4 Dropout rate * (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 1 All 1st births, 1997 26 Children born to NFAR, 1997 2 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 14 Rate/1,000, 1997 6.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 9 Rate per/1,000, 1998 * (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 * (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 7 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 7 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Scott County

1997 Child Population: 1,532
(0.05% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,772



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 0

Accept subsidy: 0

Accredited: 0

Homes: 10

Accept subsidy: 9

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 337 Infant deaths 1

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 18

Rate/1,000 5.3 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 3.1% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 36

Children enrolled in Medicaid 208

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 133

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 35 Children, 1996 95

Grantees, 1999 13 Children, 1999 47

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -62.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 205

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 10

Children in Pre-K 14

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 12.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 11

Dropout rate 3.1% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 * (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4 All 1st births, 1997 26

Children born to NFAR, 1997 4

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 16 Rate/1,000, 1997 10.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 22

Rate per/1,000, 1998 14.0 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 37.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 1 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 1

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Shelby County

1997 Child Population: 6,123
(0.18% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,232



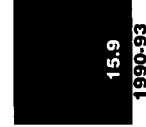
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 7
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 15
Accept subsidy: 14
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



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CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,348
Infant deaths 7
Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 83
Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 6.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 103
Children enrolled in Medicaid 744

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 543

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 129
Children, 1996 337
Grantees, 1999 14
Children, 1999 61

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -89.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 807
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 51
Children in Pre-K 84

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 53
Dropout rate 3.9% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 11.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 11
All 1st births, 1997 84
Children born to NFAR, 1997 14

Percent, 1997 16.7% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 19.7% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 70
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.2 (10.7)[†]
Cases, 1998 39
Rate per/1,000, 1998 6.3 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -44.1% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 8
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.5 (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 4
Rate/1,000, 1999 12.5 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Stark County

1997 Child Population: 1,704
(0.05% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,759



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 2

Accept subsidy: 1

Accredited: 0

Homes: 9

Accept subsidy: 8

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 418 Infant deaths 2 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 29 Rate/1,000 6.9 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 39.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 48 Children enrolled in Medicaid 186

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 149

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 42 Children, 1996 78 Grantees, 1999 3 Children, 1999 14 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -92.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 247 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17 Children in Pre-K 84

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 38.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 22 Dropout rate 6.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 24.8% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4 All 1st births, 1997 19 Children born to NFAR, 1997 2 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 19 Rate/1,000, 1997 11.1 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 16 Rate per/1,000, 1998 9.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -15.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 1 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 3 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (-19.1%)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Stephenson County

1997 Child Population: 13,554
(0.41% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,528



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 14

Accept subsidy: 10

Accredited: 0

Homes: 105

Accept subsidy: 97

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000



Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,104
Infant deaths 26

Deaths/1,000 8.4 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -16.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 247

Rate/1,000 8.0 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 29.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 191
Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,021

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 987

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 361
Children, 1996 1,036

Grantees, 1999 78
Children, 1999 388

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -78.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,628

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 172

Children in Pre-K 135

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.6% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 73

Dropout rate 3.0% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -46.9% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 21
All 1st births, 1997 208

Children born to NFAR, 1997 41

Percent, 1997 19.7% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 91.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 164
Rate/1,000, 1997 12.2 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 121
Rate per 1,000, 1998 9.1 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -25.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 120
Rate/1,000, 1997 8.9 (15.5)[†]

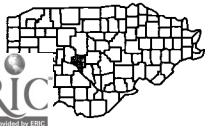
Children in substitute care, 1999 70
Rate/1,000, 1999 5.3 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -41.3% (-19.1%)[†]

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Tazewell County

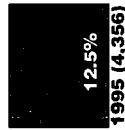
1997 Child Population: 35,545
(1.06% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,651



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 35
Accept subsidy: 20
Accredited: 0

Homes: 85
Accept subsidy: 51
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 2



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 7,972
Infant deaths 50

Deaths/1,000 6.3 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -20.3% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 491

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 4.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 426

Children enrolled in Medicaid 4,072

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,581

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,003
Children, 1996 2,196

Grantees, 1999 177
Children, 1999 531

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -82.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 4,992

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 303

Children in Pre-K 306

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 12.7% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 284

Dropout rate 4.6% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -16.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 79
All 1st births, 1997 535

Children born to NFAR, 1997 66

Percent, 1997 12.3% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 -15.2% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 410
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.9 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 379

Rate per/1,000, 1998 11.0 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -7.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 112
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.2 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 92

Rate/1,000, 1999 2.7 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -17.6% (-19.1%)[†]

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Union County

1997 Child Population: 4,421
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,732



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3
Accept subsidy: 1
Accredited: 0

Homes: 14
Accept subsidy: 10
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93 * 1994-97 *

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97
Live births 1,046 Infant deaths 8 Deaths/1,000 *(8.9)[†] % change since 1988-92 *(-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97
Babies with low birth weight 66 Rate/1,000 6.3 (8.0)[†] % change since 1988-92 20.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999
Children enrolled in KidCare 164 Children enrolled in Medicaid 1,231 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 392

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999
Grantees, 1996 276 Children, 1996 620 Grantees, 1999 87 Children, 1999 268 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -68.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998
Child support cases 1,134 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98
Children in Head Start 103 Children in Pre-K 95 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 31.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98
High school dropouts 60 Dropout rate 5.9% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 -18.2% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997
Children born to NFAR, 1992 9 All 1st births, 1997 73 Children born to NFAR, 1997 6 Percent, 1997 *(14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 *(4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998
Cases, 1997 52 Rate/1,000, 1997 11.4 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 47 Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.4 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -8.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999
Children in substitute care, 1997 26 Rate/1,000, 1997 5.7 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 21 Rate/1,000, 1999 4.7 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -18.4% (-19.1%)[†]

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Vermilion County

1997 Child Population: 23,379
(0.70% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,956



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 17
Accept subsidy: 13
Accredited: 1

Homes: 148
Accept subsidy: 85
Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 1



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 5,954
Infant deaths 60

Deaths/1,000 10.1 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -4.7% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 486

Rate/1,000 8.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 6.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 424

Children enrolled in Medicaid 5,553

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 2,155

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 1,284
Children, 1996 3,687

Grantees, 1999 473
Children, 1999 1,732

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -63.2% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 7,006

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 368

Children in Pre-K 319

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 18.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 287

Dropout rate 6.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -10.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 71
All 1st births, 1997 345

Children born to NFAR, 1997 80

Percent, 1997 23.2% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 22.1% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 435
Rate/1,000, 1997 18.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 418

Rate per/1,000, 1998 18.2 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -2.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 273
Rate/1,000, 1997 11.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 297

Rate/1,000, 1999 13.0 (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 9.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Wabash County

1997 Child Population: 3,553
(0.11% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



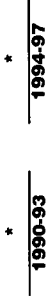
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 3
Accept subsidy: 2
Accredited: 0

Homes: 16
Accept subsidy: 16
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 666 Infant deaths 8

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 48

Rate/1,000 7.2 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 10.5% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 131

Children enrolled in Medicaid 664
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 294

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 134 Children, 1996 351

Grantees, 1999 29 Children, 1999 94

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -78.4% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 813

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 50

Children in Pre-K 103

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 35.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 43

Dropout rate 5.9% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 15.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 6 All 1st births, 1997 31

Children born to NFAR, 1997 4

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 49 Rate/1,000, 1997 14.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 47

Rate per/1,000, 1998 13.6 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 -2.8% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 3

Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 1

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

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Warren County

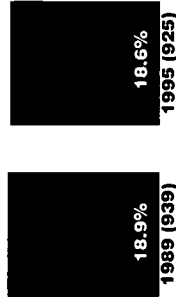
1997 Child Population: 5,217
(0.16% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$28,622



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 13

Accept subsidy: 3

Accredited: 0

Homes: 22

Accept subsidy: 15

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 1,130
Infant deaths 5

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 69

Rate/1,000 6.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 17.3% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 77

Children enrolled in Medicaid 830

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 488

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 215
Children, 1996 478

Grantees, 1999 69
Children, 1999 196

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -67.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,075

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 163

Children in Pre-K 17

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 27.3% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 34

% change since 1993-94 -57.1% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 8
All 1st births, 1997 71

Children born to NFAR, 1997 11

Percent, 1997 15.5% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 111
Rate/1,000, 1997 21.4 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 111

Rate per/1,000, 1998 21.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 0.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 42
Rate/1,000, 1997 8.1 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 21

Rate/1,000, 1999 4.1 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -49.9% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Washington County

1997 Child Population: 4,223
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$29,421



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 5
Accept subsidy: 4
Accredited: 0

Homes: 13
Accept subsidy: 13
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0

1990-93: *
1994-97: *

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 811 Infant deaths 4

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 44

Rate/1,000 5.4 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 47.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 51

Children enrolled in Medicaid 363
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 323

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 61 Children, 1996 175

Grantees, 1999 13 Children, 1999 44

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -78.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 477

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 18

Children in Pre-K 65

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 16

Dropout rate 2.0% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -42.6% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 3 All 1st births, 1997 55

Children born to NFAR, 1997 7

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 19 Rate/1,000, 1997 4.4 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 23

Rate per/1,000, 1998 5.4 (9.7)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1998 21.3% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 8 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 7

Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†]
% change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

* Data were insufficient to calculate a rate

† Numbers in parentheses are comparable rates or percentages for the entire state.



Wayne County



1997 Child Population: 4,394
(0.13% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,437



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 2

Accept subsidy: 1

Accredited: 0

Homes: 14

Accept subsidy: 13

Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 917 Infant deaths 7 Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 65 Rate/1,000 7.1 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 3.0% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 108 Children enrolled in Medicaid 876 Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 454

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 166 Children, 1996 413 Grantees, 1999 25 Children, 1999 78 % change in grantees, 1996-99 -84.9% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 829 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 40 Children in Pre-K 129 % of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 31.1% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 28 Dropout rate 3.1% (7.0%)[†] % change since 1993-94 -20.5% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 9 All 1st births, 1997 68 Children born to NFAR, 1997 6 Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 44 Rate/1,000, 1997 9.9 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 46 Rate per/1,000, 1998 10.4 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 5.0% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 10 Rate/1,000, 1997 * (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 10 Rate/1,000, 1999 * (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 * (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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White County

1997 Child Population: 3,846
(0.12% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: **\$15,911**

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: **\$27,732**



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: **6**
Accept subsidy: **4**
Accredited: **0**

Homes: **4**
Accept subsidy: **2**
Accredited: **0**

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: **1**



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1990-93

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 851
Infant deaths 5

Deaths/1,000 * (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 * (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 53

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 1.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 107

Children enrolled in Medicaid 804

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 386

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 198
Children, 1996 458

Grantees, 1999 33
Children, 1999 110

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -83.3% (-51.7%)[†]
% change in grantees, 1996-99 -83.3% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 947

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 30

Children in Pre-K 95

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 24.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 48

Dropout rate 5.1% (7.0%)[†]
% change since 1993-94 -28.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 11
All 1st births, 1997 71

Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 59
Rate/1,000, 1997 15.1 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 56
Rate per/1,000, 1998 14.5 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -4.2% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 12
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.1 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 12
Rate/1,000, 1999 3.1 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 0.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Whiteside County

1997 Child Population: 19,554
(0.59% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$30,633



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 18
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

Homes: 29
Accept subsidy: 25
Accredited: 1

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,866
Infant deaths 25
Deaths/1,000 6.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92
-27.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 227
Rate/1,000 5.9 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92
7.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 180
Children enrolled in Medicaid 2,021

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,381

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 379
Children, 1996 1,013

Grantees, 1999 53
Children, 1999 234

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-86.0% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 2,453
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 165
Children in Pre-K 351

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
22.4% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 143
Dropout rate 4.4% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-32.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 42
All 1st births, 1997 256
Children born to NFAR, 1997 45

Percent, 1997 17.6% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 10.5% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 179
Rate/1,000, 1997 10.5 (10.7)[†]
Cases, 1998 236
Rate per/1,000, 1998 14.0 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
32.9% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 86
Rate/1,000, 1997 5.1 (15.5)[†]
Children in substitute care, 1999 93
Rate/1,000, 1999 5.5 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999
9.0% (-19.1%)[†]

NA = Not Available

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Will County

1997 Child Population: 141,457
(4.24% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$38,019



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 87
Accept subsidy: 55
Accredited: 1

Homes: 279
Accept subsidy: 181
Accredited: 10

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 18



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 32,302
Infant deaths 219

% change since 1988-92
-18.1% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 2,109

% change since 1988-92
9.2% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 676

Children enrolled in Medicaid 13,688
Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 7,307

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,783
Children, 1996 7,354

Grantees, 1999 1,062
Children, 1999 3,496

% change in grantees, 1996-99
-61.8% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 15,732
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 639

Children in Pre-K 461

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K
5.9% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 744
Dropout rate 3.7% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94
-35.0% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 169
All 1st births, 1997 2,115

Children born to NFAR, 1997 203

Percent, 1997 9.6% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997
-2.0% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 566
Rate/1,000, 1997 4.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 487
Rate per/1,000, 1998 3.4 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998
-16.6% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 553
Rate/1,000, 1997 3.9 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 420
Rate/1,000, 1999 2.9 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999
-26.4% (-19.1%)[†]

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Williamson County

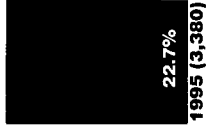
1997 Child Population: 15,660
(0.47% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$27,782



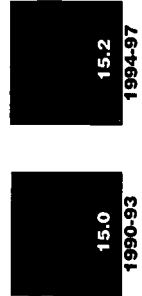
Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 16
Accept subsidy: 15
Accredited: 1

Homes: 51
Accept subsidy: 45
Accredited: 0

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 3



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 3,461 Infant deaths 28 Deaths/1,000 8.1 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -9.0% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 197 Rate/1,000 5.7 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 12.8% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 270 Children enrolled in Medicaid 3,569

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 1,334

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 877 Children, 1996 2,098 Grantees, 1999 380 Children, 1999 1,029

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -56.7% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 3,645 % of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 194 Children in Pre-K 130

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 15.8% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 109 Dropout rate 3.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 -32.3% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 32 All 1st births, 1997 240 Children born to NFAR, 1997 32

Percent, 1997 13.3% (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 4.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 201 Rate/1,000, 1997 13.0 (10.7)[†] Cases, 1998 198

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.8 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 -1.7% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 80 Rate/1,000, 1997 5.2 (15.5)[†] Children in substitute care, 1999 71

Rate/1,000, 1999 4.6 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -11.5% (-19.1%)[†]

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Winnebago County

1997 Child Population: 75,011
(2.25% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$32,259



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 60

Accept subsidy: 35

Accredited: 1

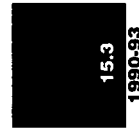
Homes: 473

Accept subsidy: 369

Accredited: 7

Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 23



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CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 19,443
Infant deaths 166

Deaths/1,000 8.5 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -11.5% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 1,513

Rate/1,000 7.8 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 5.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 860

Children enrolled in Medicaid 14,029

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 5,278

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 2,914
Children, 1996 8,117

Grantees, 1999 988

Children, 1999 3,541

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -66.1% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 19,502

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 557

Children in Pre-K 1,329

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.2% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 915

Dropout rate 7.8% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 20.5% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 208
All 1st births, 1997 1,301

Children born to NFAR, 1997 247

Percent, 1997 19.0% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 10.1% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 1,025
Rate/1,000, 1997 13.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 949

Rate per/1,000, 1998 12.7 (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 -7.4% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 734
Rate/1,000, 1997 9.9 (15.5)[†]

Rate/1,000, 1999 668

Rate/1,000, 1999 9.0 (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 -9.0% (-19.1%)[†]

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Woodford County

1997 Child Population: 10,550
(0.32% of Illinois children)

Children in Poverty

(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

County self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$31,651



Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)

Centers: 12
Accept subsidy: 8
Accredited: 0

Homes: 8
Accept subsidy: 6
Accredited: 0

Child

Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: 0



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 2,019 Infant deaths 12

Deaths/1,000 5.9 (8.9)[†]

% change since 1988-92 -24.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 125

Rate/1,000 6.2 (8.0)[†]

% change since 1988-92 11.7% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare 78

Children enrolled in Medicaid 662

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 750

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 157 Children, 1996 375

Grantees, 1999 40 Children, 1999 109

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -74.5% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases 1,749

% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 17

Children in Pre-K 174

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K 16.0% (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 81

Dropout rate 3.3% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 15.4% (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 2 All 1st births, 1997 109

Children born to NFAR, 1997 9

Percent, 1997 * (14.7%)[†] % change 1992 to 1997 * (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 84 Rate/1,000, 1997 8.0 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 91

Rate per/1,000, 1998 8.6 (9.7)[†] % change from 1997 to 1998 7.5% (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 40 Rate/1,000, 1997 3.8 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 31

Rate/1,000, 1999 2.9 (12.5)[†] % change from 1997 to 1999 -23.1% (-19.1%)[†]

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City of Chicago

1997 Child Population: 721,203 (estimated)

Children in Poverty

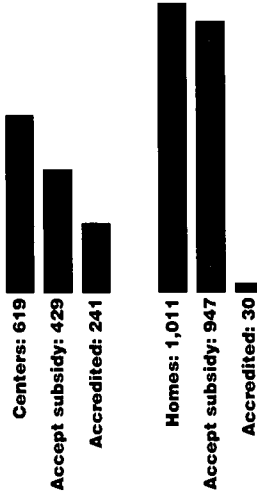
(actual number in parentheses)

Federal poverty level for a family of four, 1996: \$15,911

City self-sufficiency level for a family of four, 1996: \$26,418

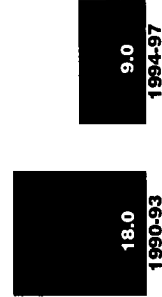


Licensed Child Care Providers (1999)



Child Deaths/10,000

Number of gun-related deaths, 1994-97: NA



CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Infant Mortality, 1993-97

Live births 274,799
Infant deaths 3,322

Deaths/1,000 12.1 (8.9)[†]
% change since 1988-92 -20.4% (-17.6%)[†]

Low Birth Weight, 1993-97

Babies with low birth weight 29,658

Rate/1,000 10.8 (8.0)[†]
% change since 1988-92 0.6% (3.9%)[†]

Child Health Insurance, 1999

Children enrolled in KidCare NA

Children enrolled in Medicaid NA

Est. number of uninsured children, 1990 NA

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Families and Children on TANF, June 1996 to June 1999

Grantees, 1996 92,163 (est.)
Children, 1996 NA

Grantees, 1999 52,344 (est.)
Children, 1999 NA

% change in grantees, 1996-99 -47.6% (-51.7%)[†]
% change in children, 1996-99 -47.6% (-51.7%)[†]

Child Support, 1998

Child support cases NA
% of child support collected NA (52%)[†]

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and Pre-K Enrollment, FY98

Children in Head Start 14,443

Children in Pre-K 19,063

% of 3- to 5-year-olds in HS or Pre-K NA (14.1%)[†]

High School Dropouts, 1997-98

High school dropouts 17,328

Dropout rate 17.6% (7.0%)[†]

% change since 1993-94 NA (-4.8%)[†]

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families at Risk (NFAR), 1992 to 1997

Children born to NFAR, 1992 4,113
All 1st births, 1997 15,874

Children born to NFAR, 1997 3,668

Percent, 1997 23.1% (14.7%)[†]
% change 1992 to 1997 0.6% (4.3%)[†]

Child Abuse and Neglect, 1997 to 1998

Cases, 1997 10,694
Rate/1,000, 1997 14.8 (10.7)[†]

Cases, 1998 9,403

Rate per/1,000, 1998 NA (9.7)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1998 NA (-9.1%)[†]

Children in Foster/Substitute Care, 1997 to 1999

Children in substitute care, 1997 34,173
Rate/1,000, 1997 47.4 (15.5)[†]

Children in substitute care, 1999 27,204

Rate/1,000, 1999 NA (12.5)[†]

% change from 1997 to 1999 NA (-19.1%)[†]

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Definitions and Sources:

Numbers and percentages in the state and county pages may not add due to rounding error.

CHILD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Child Deaths

Child deaths for 1990-1993 were computed by dividing all the deaths for persons between 1-18 years of age by the total number of persons that age in 1991 and multiplying by 10,000. Child deaths for 1994-1997 were computed similarly using total number of persons that age in 1995. The years were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates. A single year (1991 & 1995) was used to calculate a rate because of the lack of general population data. This technique is used and recommended by the Population Reference Bureau and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Source: *Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Community Health & Prevention* (<http://state.il.us/agency/dhs/>)

Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rate was computed by dividing the number of deaths of persons under one year of age by the total number of live births that year and multiplying by 1,000. The years 1988 to 1992 and 1993 to 1997 were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates.

Source: *Illinois Department of Public Health* (<http://www.idph/state.il.us/>)

Low Birth Weight

The low birth-weight rate was computed by dividing the number of low birth-weight babies (less than 5.5 pounds) by the total number of live births that year and multiplying by 100. The years 1988 to 1992 and 1993 to 1997 were grouped to generate sufficient numbers to calculate rates.

Source: *Illinois Department of Public Health*

Child Health Insurance

The estimated number of uninsured children in a county was derived by using Current Population Survey Data (1994-1998) and the 1990 U.S. Census, STF-3 data file. An estimate was calculated by determining the probability of being uninsured for children with particular characteristics (for example, the probability that a child age 3, whose family income is 150 percent of poverty, and who lives in an urban area will have no health insurance.) This probability was then applied to the number of children in 1990 with those characteristics.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Northern Illinois University.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Children in Poverty

The numbers and rates of children in poverty are based on the 1990 Census and the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipr.html>)

Families and Children on TANF

Grantees refers to TANF recipients in the "available to work" category defined by the Illinois Department of Human Services, which does not include pregnant women or child-only cases.

Source: Illinois Department of Human Services.

Child Support

This indicator represents the number of active child support cases, according to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Due to a change in accounting systems, the Department of Public Aid was unable to provide caseload data for previous years. The percent of support collected represents the collection on cases within the state/federal child support enforcement program, as reported by the Office of Child Support Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Aid (<http://state.il.us/dpa/>)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Support Enforcement (<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse>)

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Head Start and PreKindergarten Enrollment

The Head Start program serves children ages 3-5 who, due to economic factors, are at risk of educational failure. A rate was constructed by comparing the figures to the estimated 3-5 year-old population in 1998.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 5, Office of Head Start Administration.

Children in PreKindergarten refers to the number of children ages 3-5 enrolled in the Illinois State Board of Education's Children at Risk of Academic Failure program in FY98. A rate was constructed by comparing enrollment figures to the estimated 3-5 year-old population in 1998.

Source: Illinois State Board of Education, Early Childhood Education Section. (<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/>)

Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau for children ages 3-5 years are used as the population base for Head Start and PreKindergarten programs, although these programs primarily serve low-income and other at-risk children. The percent of children served does not represent need. The figures for children ages 3-5 in poverty are not available by county.

High School Dropouts

The number and rate of high school dropouts were provided by the State Board of Education, and refer to all dropouts among students in grades 9 through 12.

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

Licensed Child Care Providers

The data on licensed child care providers includes information on the number of providers willing to accept a DHS certificate or DHS voucher. This does not count the actual number of children receiving subsidies, only the number of providers indicating that they will accept a child care subsidy. Accredited providers refers to centers and homes that have been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Child Care Association or the National Association for Family Child Care.

Source: Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA) <http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/~ILCare/>

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

New Families At Risk

This indicator refers to the number of first births where the mother was under the age of twenty, had less than twelve years of schooling, and was unmarried at the time of the birth of her child. The number is then divided by the total number of the first births to obtain a percentage of first births where the mother had these characteristics. State new families at risk totals include 11 births in 1992 and 2 births in 1997 whose place of residence was unknown.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Child Abuse and Neglect

An "indicated" case refers to those children where the Department of Children and Family Services found evidence that abuse or neglect occurred. This number is smaller

The number of reported cases, some of which are eventually proven unfounded. We present unduplicated counts, meaning that a child was only counted once during a given year, regardless of the number of times an indication was made. A rate was constructed by comparing these figures to the under 19 population. State child abuse and neglect total includes 1432 children in 1997 and 1286 children in 1998 with unknown, out of state or out of country residence.

Source: *Illinois Department of Children and Family Services* (<http://state.il.us/dcf/s/>)

Children in Foster/Substitute Care

This indicator represents the number of children in the Department of Children and Family Services' custody living in out-of-home placements, not including children who are runaways or homeless. The data provided are from March 1997 and March 1999. A rate was constructed by comparing these figures to the under 19 population. The state substitute care totals include 2,284 children in 1997 and 1,663 children in 1999 with unknown, out of state or out of country residence.

Source: *Illinois Department of Children and Family Services*

DETERMINATION OF RURAL AND URBAN

For the purposes of this report, a rural county is defined as one which is not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. All other counties are considered urban. By this definition, there are 74 rural counties in Illinois.

Additional sources for information on children and families:

- American Academy of Pediatrics – <http://www.aap.org>
- American Public Human Services Association – <http://www.aphsa.org/>
- Asset-Based Community Development Institute – <http://www.nwu.edu/IPR/abcd.html>
- The Chapin Hall Center for Children – <http://www.chapin.uchicago.edu/>
- Children's Defense Fund – <http://www.childrensdefense.org/>
- Chicago Early Childhood News Network – <http://www.ecnewsnet.org/>
- Connect for Kids – <http://www.connectforkids.org/>
- Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children – <http://www.ilaeYC.org/>
- National Association of Child Advocates – <http://www.childadvocacy.org/>
- National Association for the Education of Young Children – <http://www.naeyc.org/>
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy – <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/>
- National Center for Education Statistics – <http://nces.ed.gov/>
- National Center for Health Statistics – <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
- RAND – <http://www.rand.org/>
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