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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book examines statewide trends in well-being for Alabama's children. The statistical portrait is based on 17 indicators in the areas of health, education, safety, and security. The indicators are: (1) infant mortality rate; (2) low weight births; (3) child health index; (4) births to unmarried teens; (5) first grade retention; (6) event dropout rate; (7) projected dropout rate; (8) child death rate; (9) children with indication of abuse or neglect; (10) juvenile substance abuse arrest rate; (11) juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; (12) juvenile violent crime arrest rate; (13) juvenile violent crime court referral rate; (14) preventable teen death rate; (15) number of vulnerable families; (16) children receiving AFDC/TANF; and (17) children in poverty. The data book begins with an introduction, examples of community mobilization, and a summary of new information for this year's report. Following a summary of state data and information on using the book, the bulk of the report presents data for each indicator by county, as well as a summary of county data and county rankings. Indicators showing improvement include infant mortality rate, event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, children with indication of abuse or neglect, vulnerable families, and children receiving AFDC/TANF. Indicators with worsening statistics include low weight births, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, and juvenile violent crime court referral rate. The data book concludes with acknowledgments, definitions, notes, and sources of information. (SD)

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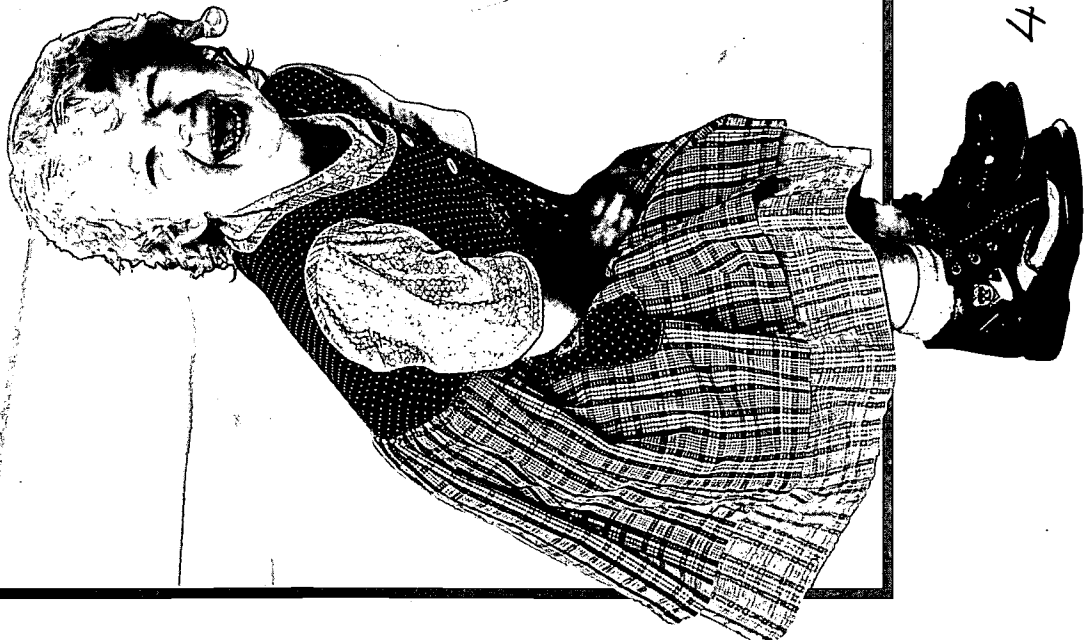
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INTRODUCTION

A breeze of change is blowing through Alabama. Unlike previous years, our state is experiencing a whole new and refreshing spirit of cooperation and collaboration that will ultimately benefit our youngest, most vulnerable citizens. For the first time ever, Alabama C.E.O.s have been meeting to discuss child care, brain development and early learning. Every county in the state now has its own Policy Council to coordinate child and family services and initiate new programs. The Governor's Infant Mortality Task Force is prepared to release sweeping recommendations to give babies a better chance of celebrating their first birthdays. Children even have an office in state government with the Department of Children's Affairs.

Small towns and communities are also mobilizing. Family Resource Centers are being built as community leaders and child advocates work to craft solutions to better the lives of those living in their areas. Faith-based mobilization efforts are also taking place. One downtown Montgomery church canvassed its neighborhood and determined that Success by Six would make a difference for the families in the area. The preschool program housed at the church has just completed its first year!

The *2001 Alabama Kids Count Data Book* does not reflect the current change taking place in our state. Every new initiative we begin today takes years before these numbers improve. The reason is that change, old habits, and trends are hard to break. Alabama did not earn the national rank of 46th in the nation overnight. There is no silver bullet for change. The picture for families and children improves incrementally over time only as we develop ways to meet the needs before us.

The goal of the *2001 Alabama Kids Count Data Book* is to present a holistic, numerical portrait of the status of our children using the best available data. And yet the data is meaningless when presented without context. We hope you will use the information in this document to address the challenges children face in your neighborhood, community or city. In the past the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* has been a widely used source of information for leaders, policy makers, media and grant writers. We are gratified by this and hope that we continue to be a valued ally in improving the well-being of children in this state.

Linda Tilly
Executive Director

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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

There are heroes among us in every city and community in Alabama. People who are touched by a problem and become advocates for others in finding solutions. Using data from the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* ordinary people can identify community needs, organize, and network for change in their area. Teamwork, commitment and collaboration are the keys.

Finding a SAFE Solution in Sylacauga

Every quarter they met and every quarter they faced the same growing problems.

As members of the Drug Free Community Task Force examined the impact of their program on Sylacauga and its schools, task force members continued to see increases in juvenile delinquency, child abuse, drug-abuse, illiteracy and other issues involving families and children.

"We decided something more had to be done. In the fall of 1995, we pulled together a broad-based committee of educators, businessmen, healthcare workers, attorneys, ministers and others interested in finding solutions to some of these problems," said Margaret Morton, executive director of SAFE.

To do this, volunteer representatives formed the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement or "SAFE." This alliance spent nearly two years studying community needs, conducting focus groups, and planning. They traveled to other cities such as Dothan to learn more about coordinated programs that are making a difference.

"We decided we wanted a family service center because our problems weren't just about children, they involve and impact their entire family. And because families have changed a lot over the past twenty years, more and more parents need support and services," said Morton.

In May 1997, the group established a Family Services Center to address the identified needs of families and to foster the positive development of Sylacauga's children. Money of course, became the number one issue.

"That's when the SAFE volunteers stepped up to the plate. Everyone pitched in where they could. Glen Stevenson, on the Housing Authority, provided a location for the Center; Mayor Jessie Cleveland worked to get us a line-item in the budget,

and Sylacauga City Schools paid the salary of some of the new employees. We also took advantage of the contacts some of our volunteers had to help us secure flexible funding from the Department of Human Resources and the Children's Trust Fund," said Morton.

During its first year of operation, the SAFE Family Services Center served 1000 clients, providing both services and referrals. Today that number has tripled. SAFE provides a whole host of family and children's services including career education/ training, parenting education, DHR services, substance abuse and prevention services, mental health counseling, child/ family health services and child care services.

Mobilizing the Sylacauga community required its leaders to document the serious conditions affecting children and families in the area and educate policy makers and the public about the solutions available. It was not an easy job and took more than two years to accomplish. The results, however, have been overwhelming. SAFE continues to serve more clients every year and is now considered to be a model for other communities interested in improving child well-being.

A HERO in Hale County

Hale County District Court Judge Sonny Ryan was working late one afternoon when there was a knock on his office door. Opening it, a woman introduced herself and her 16-year old son. "I can't do a thing with him, he's yours," she told the Judge.

"I had to explain to her that I couldn't just take him and unfortunately, there were no services in Hale County to which I could refer them," remembers Judge Ryan.

The next day, the same thing happened again only this time it was a different mother and son. "This mother had actually brought his suitcase with them. She was at her wits' end she said, and could no longer handle the boy," said Ryan.



Volunteers assemble packets to deliver to new mothers and their babies born in Sylacauga



Judge Sonny Ryan (third from the right), Family Resource Center staff members and volunteers are working to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Hale County, Alabama.

wo visits have changed the landscape of this poor, rural county. Judge Ryan began a three-year quest to examine family needs and find solutions to the problems he saw every day in his courtroom—basic poverty, illiteracy, poor housing and unemployment.

"Not knowing where to start made it hard. First I went to teachers and we talked about the dropout problem. These teachers told me they could always tell who would not finish school. It was the children who came to school sleepy, dirty and unprepared. These kids are just existing because there is no support or direction for them at home," said Ryan.

To address some of these needs, Ryan and others set their sights on winning an Empowerment Zone grant from the USDA. One of the criteria for this grant was that it be a collaborative effort involving as many diverse groups of people as possible. Meetings were held around the county to assess strengths and weaknesses and come up with programs to address them.

"Our motivation for all this work was a big chunk of money from the USDA. We, of course, did not receive this \$40 million dollars, but in the process we began to chart a course for our community. We hired an outside facilitator to come in and do some strategic planning. The facilitator helped us deal with problems we might have otherwise avoided," said Ryan.

What they came up with is a one-stop shop for Hale County that provides comprehensive services and referrals to families and children. In 1997, The Hale Empowerment Revitalization Center opened its doors and started its engines. HERO, as it is called, tries to accommodate county residents who have limited access to transportation through its outreach programs and mobile rural clinic.

"Hale County is a very rural, impoverished community. We rank as one of the 50 poorest counties in America. Three out of every five children in our schools are at-risk. The more than 25 programs we offer at our family services center work to address these issues," says executive director Jim Kellan.

Hale County has become a model for other rural areas that are trying to address similar problems. And although this west Alabama county has not seen overnight, dramatic improvements in its *Kids Count Data Book* rankings, it is making significant progress, which over time will prove to better the lives of children and families living in Hale County.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Not all community mobilization projects involve an entire city or county. Sometimes a program is needed to assist citizens in a neighborhood or small community. The premise is still the same, however. Someone sees a need, joins with others to identify a solution and goes to work.

The Sayre Project: Sayre is a rural community fifteen miles from the heart of downtown Birmingham. During the first half of the century, it was a thriving mining town. When the mines closed in 1972, Sayre was left to decay, with no businesses, grocery stores or health care facilities available for its population. Russell Jackson with Kid One Transport first identified the needs of this isolated community when he came to pick up a child and take him to the doctor. He called A Family Place, a non-profit counseling center in Birmingham for assistance.

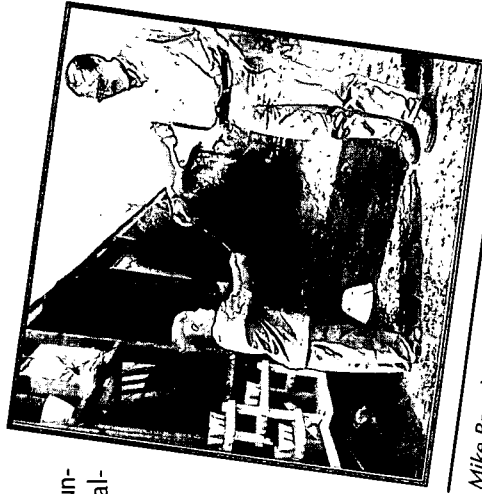
"Barbara Williams was director of the counseling at Family Place at that time. She realized that families couldn't be counseled until their basic needs were met," said Bonnie Roberts, executive director of the Sayre Revitalization Project.

Basic needs included health care, transportation and housing improvements. Families in this all white community of 600 live in substandard housing built for miners in the 1940s. There was no indoor plumbing for many, the roofs leaked and other parts of the houses needed care.

Family Place was able to take federal grant money to buy land for a community center. The Corporate Foundation for Children, Alabama Power Company and Birmingham churches came in to offer financial help and other assistance.



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship sings with children and families in the community during a week-long vacation bible school program.



Mike Bramlett, Co-director of the Sayre Project, plays with a resident of the community.

The community center will be completed in December 2001. But even more exciting is a meeting scheduled for summer 2001 involving other poor, rural communities like Cardiff, Brookside, and Adamsville. By mobilizing residents in these isolated West Jefferson communities, Roberts and others hope to be able to pool resources and have an even greater impact on those served.

Faith Based Outreach

Alabama's 2001 Chess Champion, Jeffrey Bird, made a special guest appearance at this year's Preschool Partners Graduation Ceremony. Four years ago, Jeffrey had crossed the same stage to receive his diploma and now he was returning to support the other children who were going on to kindergarten.

"He's incredible. Jeffrey won the state championship for his age group this year. We are proud to say he started his academic career at our St. Lukes' Preschool Partners," says Lella Carl, Director.



Sharon Bester with her daughter, Traira.

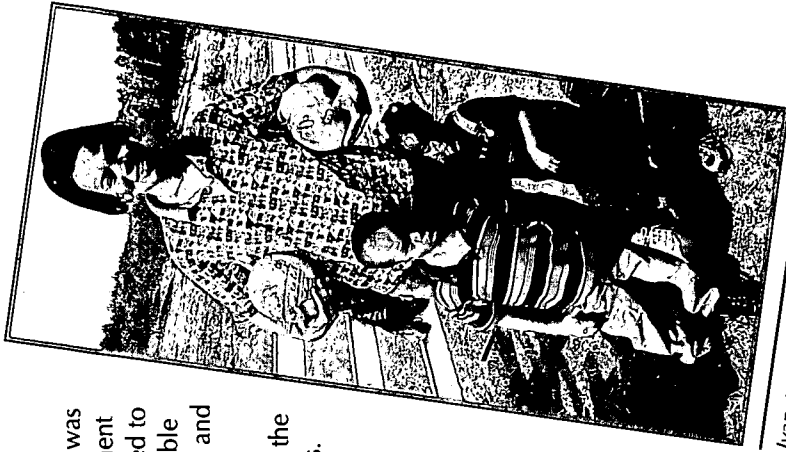
ers to address our parents on a variety of topics including stress management, alternative discipline, consumer credit counseling and even financial planning," says Carl.

The program also encourages family reading by having parents read to their children on Mondays during school. They get to keep the books they read and start their own collection at home.

The unique program began after members of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church were tutoring third graders in Birmingham Public Schools. They realized that to make

a difference with children, early education was essential. New research on brain development and early learning shows that when exposed to good teaching, high risk preschoolers are able to catch up to their more advantaged peers and perform well in elementary school.

This fall, Lella Carl will spend a few days in the public schools to check up on her graduates. The work that she and her staff are doing makes things a little easier on the kindergarten teachers. Their dedication and the financial support of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church also paves the way for academic success for the youngsters enrolled in this important program.



Ivanetta Bostick with her twins, Ki-Jana and Ki-Shaun.

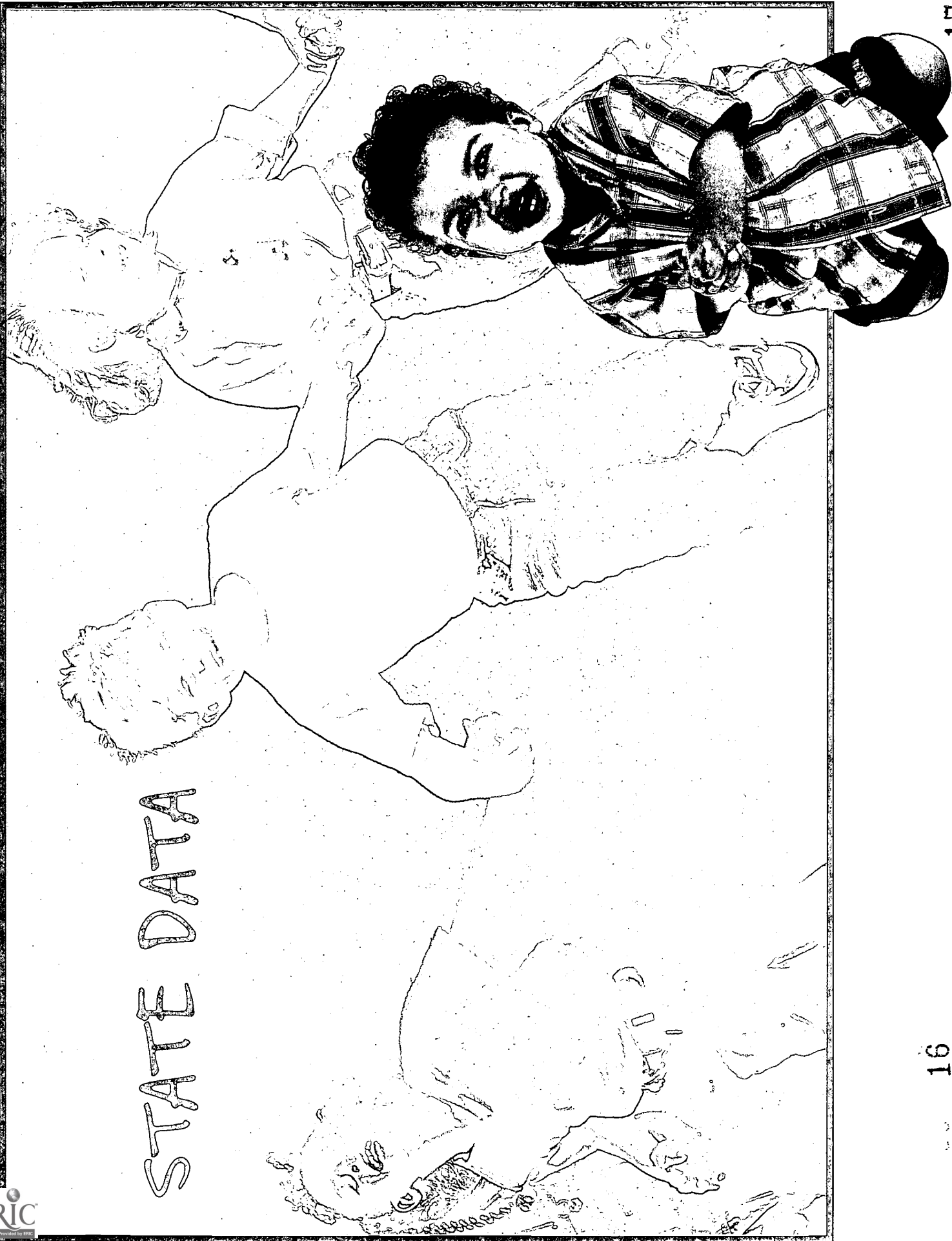
NEW THIS YEAR

Two new child welfare indicators have been added to the Data Book this year: the “juvenile substance abuse arrest rate” (children under 18 arrested for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness) and the “juvenile substance abuse court referral rate” (children under 18 referred to the juvenile court system for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness). These variables are designed to provide information concerning the critical problems of alcohol and drug abuse within Alabama’s teenage population. As will be readily apparent on the “County Pages” of this book, there are many counties throughout the state wherein both the arrest rate and the court referral rate for substance abuse violations are on the rise.

In addition, the “percentage of the population receiving food stamps” and “all reported instances of child abuse or neglect” (irrespective of whether child abuse or neglect was actually indicated) have been deleted from the Data Book. However, a new variable, “children with indication of abuse or neglect” has been added. This measure, we believe, gets closer to the actual number of children who are experiencing abuse or neglect than the more global approach of using “total reports.” The “percentage of the population receiving food stamps” was dropped for two reasons. A good measure of child economic welfare is already included in the database in the form of “children in poverty.” Plus, the food stamp measure as traditionally presented in the Data Book focuses on the total population and not just children (hence, deviates somewhat from our main focus). For those who have used these two indicators over the years and wish to continue doing so, the most recent data for each variable can be obtained by contacting the Alabama Kids Count office.

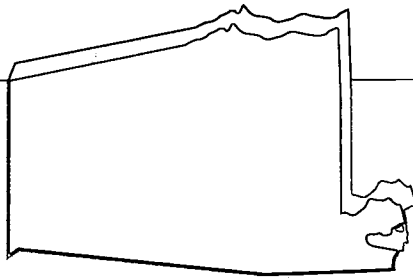
As a result of these adjustments, a county’s rank last year cannot be compared totally with its rank this year. However, because the changes that we have made are minimal, there will be little overall effect on the year-to-year rankings.

STATE DATA



State
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Ranking

Alabama



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total state population	4,040,587	4,447,100
State child population	1,060,001	1,123,422
Children as percentage of Alabama's population	26.2%	25.3%
The children of Alabama		
Under age 5	283,295	295,992
Ages 5-9	293,587	315,345
Ages 10-14	299,413	320,252
Ages 15-19	320,426	324,580
The diversity of Alabama's children		
White	702,982	711,149
African American	342,751	357,442
Hispanic	24,875	24,875
Other Races	14,268	15,344
More than one race	14,612	14,612

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		TREND
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	756	607	12.1	9.8	I
Low weight births	5,171	5,800	8.3	9.3	W
Child health index	34,539	36,326	56.9	58.5	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,335	7,133	11.7	11.5	—
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	4,690	4,688	7.4	7.6	—
Event dropout rate	12,524	8,938	6.1	4.4	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	10,194	22.1	16.7	I
SAFETY					
Child death rate	301	302	36.2	36.8	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	16,639	9,350	15.9	8.3	I
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1,512	2,636	316.0	552.0	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2,832	5,701	571.1	1,170.7	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	803	726	164.3	152.0	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1,843	3,396	371.7	697.4	W
Preventable teen death rate	248	268	76.0	84.0	—
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	4,477	3,654	16.7	14.2	I
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	92,978	35,476	7.8	2.8	I
Children in poverty	253,636	260,970	24.2	23.8	—

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	State		National		Rank
	1990	1998	1990	1998	
Percent low-weight births	8.4	9.3	7.0	7.6	47
Infant mortality rate	10.8	10.2	9.2	7.2	50
Child death rate	39	34	31	24	47
Preventable teen death	102	78	71	54	44
Teen birth rate	47	41	37	30	45
Percent teen dropout	15	10	10	9	33
Idle teens	13	9	10	8	30
Under-employed parents	37	30	30	26	42
Children in poverty	24	24	20	20	41
Single parent families	24	29	24	27	40

Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes			Group Day Care Homes			Licensed Day Care Centers			Exempt Day Care Centers				
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Autauga	40	5	13	4	Dallas	41	11	17	6	Marion	55	0	6	3
Baldwin	90	14	40	24	DeKalb	16	14	22	1	Marshall	25	6	26	10
Barbour	33	2	11	0	Elmore	59	0	17	14	Mobile	211	20	95	97
Bibb	10	0	3	2	Escambia	24	0	12	6	Monroe	15	8	7	2
Blount	25	0	5	3	Etowah	22	11	25	18	Montgomery	230	0	135	33
Bullock	3	0	5	3	Fayette	7	6	2	3	Morgan	48	1	36	13
Butler	42	3	6	2	Franklin	22	8	5	2	Perry	7	1	7	1
Calhoun	60	26	24	23	Geneva	14	13	13	1	Pickens	8	5	5	3
Chambers	15	16	13	2	Greene	3	2	4	1	Pike	49	15	7	3
Cherokee	4	2	8	3	Hale	26	5	4	2	Randolph	12	7	9	0
Chilton	11	5	11	2	Henry	13	3	6	2	Russell	22	5	16	7
Choctaw	7	2	7	0	Houston	45	1	61	18	St. Clair	15	8	10	10
Clarke	17	5	9	4	Jackson	24	17	13	6	Shelby	44	15	39	15
Clay	6	10	5	0	Jefferson	222	48	226	155	Sumter	4	2	9	1
Cleburne	12	2	3	1	Lamar	21	4	6	2	Talladega	16	26	23	9
Coffee	26	10	19	6	Lauderdale	14	6	14	11	Tallapoosa	56	0	15	8
Colbert	27	0	13	9	Lawrence	7	5	9	0	Tuscaloosa	61	8	45	27
Conecuh	6	5	6	0	Lee	100	4	36	5	Walker	5	8	13	7
Coosa	5	3	2	0	Limestone	29	7	10	5	Washington	5	9	4	0
Covington	29	6	13	3	Lowndes	7	0	1	1	Wilcox	4	2	3	3
Crenshaw	18	5	4	1	Macon	25	0	5	3	Winston	18	15	4	0
Cullman	21	0	22	6	Madison	169	9	84	29	TOTAL	2,384	463	1,377	649
Dale	42	0	15	7	Marengo	15	7	14	1					

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Improved/Needs Improvement

Improved/Needs Improvement: In order to show the progress of Alabama, five indicators were chosen that have similar success rates in the data collection process. All counties were rank-ordered by how much they **have improved from 1993 to 1999**. These data were obtained by comparing the actual amounts and the rank positions from 1993-1995, and from 1997-1999.

The counties that appear under the "improved" headings are listed in order with the most improved at the top of the list. The counties under the "needs improvement" headings are listed with most needed improvement at the top of the list.

INFANT MORTALITY

Improved

- Hale County improved from 64th to 3rd.
- Cleburne County improved from 61st to 6th.
- Jackson County improved from 16th to 56th.
- Monroe County improved from 49th to 11th.
- Perry County improved from 63rd to 30th.

Needs Improvement

- Escambia County dropped from 9th to 64th.
- Henry County dropped from 4th to 55th.
- Geneva County dropped from 1st to 38th.
- Dale County dropped from 28th to 61st.
- Colbert County dropped from 10th to 36th.

CHILD DEATH RATE

Improved

- Henry County improved from 64th to 2nd.
- Clay County improved from 53th to 1st.
- Dale County improved from 60th to 9th.
- Monroe County improved from 58th to 8th.
- Cleburne County improved from 65th to 18th.

Needs Improvement

- Lowndes County dropped from 4th to 65th.
- Covington dropped from 14th to 63th.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 7th to 41st.
- Clarke County dropped from 33th to 54th.
- Henry County dropped from 21st to 40th.
- Pike County dropped from 43rd to 61st.
- Crenshaw County dropped from 27th to 45th.

PERCENT LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS

Improved

- Clay County improved from 46th to 5th.
- Fayette County improved from 48th to 11th.
- Butler County improved from 60th to 25th.
- Clarke County improved from 57th to 29th.
- Marion County improved from 21st to 1st.

Needs Improvement

- Bibb County dropped from 6th to 42th.
- Houston County dropped from 5th to 37th.
- Dallas County dropped from 38th to 62nd.
- Escambia County dropped from 31st to 53rd.
- Lawrence County dropped from 23rd to 45th.

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

Improved

- Fayette County improved from 30th to 10th.
- Calhoun County improved from 31st to 17th.
- Henry County improved from 46th to 32nd.
- Autauga County improved from 26th to 18th.
- Lamar County improved from 11th to 3rd.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 8th to 36th.
- Coosa County dropped from 35th to 53th.
- Geneva County dropped from 16th to 30th.
- Colbert County dropped from 21st to 31st.
- Coffee County dropped from 20th to 29th.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Improved

- Fayette County improved from 40th to 10th.
- Marengo County improved from 56th to 32nd.
- Calhoun County improved from 31st to 12th.
- St. Clair County improved from 20th to 7th.
- Cleburne County improved from 16th to 4th.

HOW TO USE THIS DATA BOOK

The *Alabama Kids Count 2001 Data Book* presents seventeen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. The Introduction summarizes the status of Alabama's children and their families from the perspective of VOICES. The State Profile presents statewide information about the condition of Alabama's 67 counties in alphabetical order. The Appendices include a map of overall county rankings, definitions and acknowledgements.

The state and county profile pages contain the most recent available data and historical data for each of the seventeen indicators. Actual numbers of children or events are presented along with rates or percentages that allow county-to-county comparisons. Base year numbers and rates serve as benchmarks to help measure change. The base year for the event dropout and projected dropout is 1995. The base year for the first-grade retention is 1998. The base year for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF is 1990. The base year for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate is 1988. The base year for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate is 1991. The base year for the children's health index and vulnerable families is 1994. The base year for all other indicators is 1989.

Current state numbers and rates are included to allow easy county-state comparisons. Population figures from the 1990 and 2000 Censuses are presented for every county.

Antauga County

County Ranking: 11

Year	Population	Children's population	Children as percentage of population
1990	34,227	10,064	29.4%
2000	41,011	12,064	29.4%

The diversity of Antauga County's children

Age Group	1990	2000
Under age 5	2,579	3,023
Ages 5-9	2,737	3,618
Ages 10-14	2,887	3,738
Ages 15-19	2,855	3,262

The diversity of Antauga County's children

Race	1990	2000
White	7,548	9,620
African American	2,442	2,419
Hispanic	10	19
Other Races	54	108
More than one race	143	143

INDICATOR	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
HEALTH												
Infant mortality rate	3	3	5.2	5.1	12	—	26	9.8	—	—	—	—
Low-weight births	40	37	6.9%	6.3%	9	—	5,800	9.4%	—	—	—	—
Child health index	319	335	58.8%	62.4%	18	—	36,326	58.5%	—	—	—	—
EDUCATION												
Births to unmarried teens	68	52	11.7%	8.9%	18	—	7,133	11.5%	—	—	—	—
First grade retention	85	76	12.9%	8.9%	56	—	4,680	7.6%	—	—	—	—
Event dropout rate	136	106	6.8%	4.5%	53	—	8,235	4.4%	—	—	—	—
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1%	16.5%	51	—	10,194	16.7%	—	—	—	—
SAFETY												
Child death rate	1	1	12.7	11.0	7	—	302	34.8	—	—	—	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	106	57	19.6	4.6	4	—	9,350	8.2	—	—	—	—
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	92	950.6	1,713.9	67	—	2,636	552.0	—	—	—	—
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	356.0	652.1	23	W	5,701	1,170.7	—	—	—	—
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	11	21.1	204.9	59	—	726	152.0	—	—	—	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	22	229.1	409.9	27	W	3,396	697.4	—	—	—	—
Preventable teen death rate	4	0	135.4	0.0	31	—	260	84.0	—	—	—	—
SECURITY												
Vulnerable families	32	33	12.7%	14.8%	31	—	3,654	14.2%	—	—	—	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	652	274	5.8%	2.0%	23	—	35,476	2.8%	—	—	—	—
Children in poverty	2,156	2,091	21.3%	17.4%	4	—	260,970	23.8%	—	—	—	—

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Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. The current year for children in poverty is 1997. The current year for children receiving AFDC/TANF, event dropout rate, projected dropout, first-grade retention and children with indication of abuse or neglect is 2000. The current year for juvenile violent crime court referrals and juvenile substance abuse arrests is 1998. The current year for all other indicators is 1999. Counties are ranked on each indicator from best (1st) to worst (67th). If counties are tied, they share the same rank. Because the number of events can change a great deal each year in sparsely populated counties, three-year averages were used to determine most rankings.

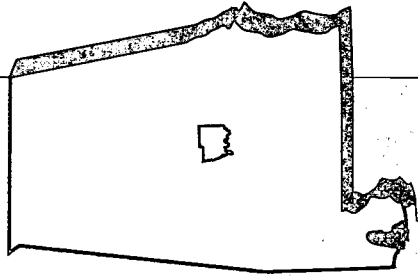
There is an indication of trend for each indicator. The letters "I" and "W" indicate whether conditions are significantly improving or worsening. A dash(-) indicates the absence of any significant trend. The time span for the trend analysis is each of the years from 1990 through 2000 for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF; 1994 through 1999 for the children's health index and vulnerable families; 1995 through 2000 for the event dropout and projected dropout rate; 1988 through 1998 for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; and 1991 through 1999 for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate. Time span for trend analysis for all other indicators, except poverty, is 1989 through 1999. For poverty the years 1989, 1993, 1995, and 1997 were used. There is no trend analysis for first-grade retention due to the lack of historical data.

COUNTY PAGES



County
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Ranking

Autauga County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 34,222 43,671

County child population 10,064 12,494

Children as percentage of Autauga County's population 29.4% 28.6%

The children of Autauga County

Under age 5 2,679 23.9% 3,023 22.2%
 Ages 5-9 2,752 24.5% 3,618 26.5%
 Ages 10-14 2,887 25.7% 3,738 27.4%
 Ages 15-19 2,895 25.8% 3,262 23.9%

The diversity of Autauga County's children

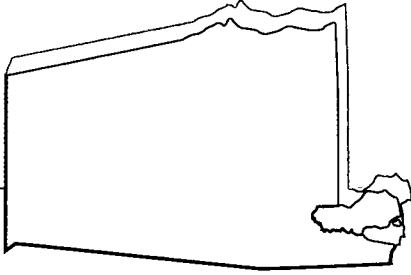
White 7,548 75.0% 9,620 77.0%
 African American 2,462 24.5% 2,419 19.4%
 Hispanic 204 1.6%
 Other Races 54 0.5% 108 0.9%
 More than one race 143 1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	3	3	5.2	5.1	12	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	40	37	6.9%	6.3%	9	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	339	365	58.8%	62.4%	18	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	68	52	11.7%	8.9%	18	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	85	76	12.9%	9.9%	56	—	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	136	106	6.8%	4.5%	53	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1%	16.5%	51	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	1	1	12.7	11.0	7	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	196	57	19.6	4.6	4	I	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	92	950.6	1,713.9	67	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	354.0	652.1	23	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	11	21.1	204.9	59	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	22	229.1	409.9	27	W	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	0	135.4	0.0	23	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	32	33	12.7%	14.8%	31	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	652	274	5.8%	2.0%	23	—	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,156	2,091	21.5%	17.4%	4	—	260,970 23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	15	20	10.6	11.1	57	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	96	137	6.8%	7.6%	15	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	856	1,047	58.4%	57.9%	23	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	125	188	8.9%	10.4%	25	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	166	137	9.1%	7.6%	37	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	435	293	7.6%	4.7%	38	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	518	363	27.8%	18.1%	38	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	11	30.3	43.3	28	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	471	226	18.6	6.6	30	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	104	225	898.5	1,504.7	66	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	120	218	1,031.0	1,456.1	63	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	21	60.0	140.4	38	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	46	52	395.2	347.3	25	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	68.2	87.2	41	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	73	101	11.4%	13.6%	20	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,185	265	4.2%	0.7%	2	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,286	5,614	20.9%	16.7%	2	—	260,970	23.8%

County
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Ranking

Baldwin County



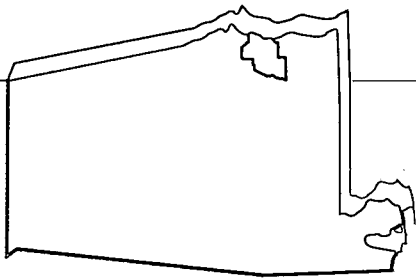
DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	98,280	140,415		
County child population	25,455	34,320		
Children as percentage of Baldwin County's population	25.9%	24.4%		
The children of Baldwin County				
Under age 5	6,753	23.8%	8,621	22.9%
Ages 5-9	7,091	24.9%	9,486	25.2%
Ages 10-14	7,264	25.6%	10,144	26.9%
Ages 15-19	7,321	25.8%	9,463	25.1%
The diversity of Baldwin County's children				
White	20,452	80.3%	28,007	81.6%
African American	4,641	18.2%	4,718	13.7%
Hispanic			763	2.2%
Other Races	362	1.4%	396	1.2%
More than one race			436	1.3%

County
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Ranking

Barbour County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	25,417	29,038
County child population	7,438	7,383
Children as percentage of Barbour County's population	29.3%	25.4%
The children of Barbour County		
Under age 5	1,885	1,788
Ages 5-9	2,141	2,053
Ages 10-14	2,129	2,156
Ages 15-19	2,093	2,149

The diversity of Barbour County's children

White	3,364	45.2%	3,101	42.0%
African American	4,029	54.2%	4,085	55.3%
Hispanic			94	1.3%
Other Races	45	0.6%	44	0.6%
More than one race			59	0.8%

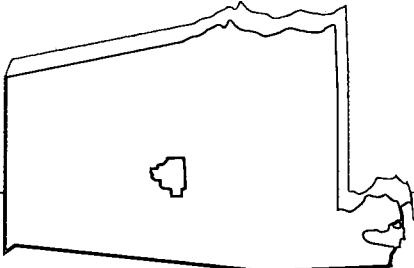
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	1	12.2	2.8	7	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	34	41	8.3%	11.6%	60	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	209	197	51.5%	55.8%	34	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	70	63	17.0%	17.8%	58	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	34	33	7.6%	8.6%	41		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	102	45	7.6%	3.4%	9	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	125	54	25.7%	12.0%	9	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	0	51.3	0.0	45	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	255	57	34.5	7.7	41	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	42	90.4	1,335.5	65	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	36	197.9	1,106.0	45	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	41	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	10	339.3	307.2	41	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	47.0	50.0	55	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	32	27.7%	22.1%	60	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	872	306	10.6%	3.7%	52	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,353	2,340	32.6%	32.8%	55	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE			
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number			
					Rate			
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	14.9	11.8	41	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	17	39	6.3%	11.5%	42	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	130	168	54.9%	49.7%	62	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	23	43	8.6%	12.7%	34	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	33	9.6%	10.1%	57		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	63	32	6.6%	3.5%	27	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	77	41	21.9%	12.7%	27	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	49.6	44	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	28	97	5.9	18.4	58	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	38	427.7	1,521.2	56	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	35	171.1	1,401.1	62	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	202.7	185.0	63	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	23	24	19.8%	16.4%	33	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	280	136	5.2%	2.3%	24	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,292	1,312	27.4%	24.8%	33	I	260,970	23.8%

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Ranking

Bibb County



DEMOGRAPHICS

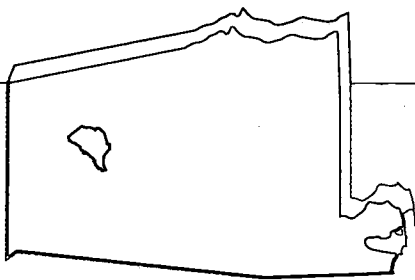
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2000

Total county population	16,576	20,826		
County child population	4,829	5,286		
Children as percentage of Bibb County's population	29.1%	25.4%		
The children of Bibb County				
Under age 5	1,171	21.9%	1,449	24.8%
Ages 5-9	1,307	24.4%	1,530	26.2%
Ages 10-14	1,400	26.1%	1,454	24.9%
Ages 15-19	1,476	27.6%	1,407	24.1%
The diversity of Bibb County's children				
White	3,472	71.9%	3,835	72.6%
African American	1,357	28.1%	1,339	25.3%
Hispanic			62	1.2%
Other Races	0	0.0%	11	0.2%
More than one race			39	0.7%

County
6
Ranking

Blount County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 **2000**

Total county population 39,248 51,024

County child population 10,108 12,948

Children as percentage of
Blount County's population 25.8% 25.4%

The children of Blount County

Under age 5 2,648 23.5% 3,528 24.8%

Ages 5-9 2,671 23.7% 3,633 25.6%

Ages 10-14 2,862 25.4% 3,662 25.8%

Ages 15-19 3,083 27.4% 3,382 23.8%

The diversity of Blount

County's children

White 9,731 96.3% 11,549 89.2%

African American 203 2.0% 177 1.4%

Hispanic 1,011 7.8%

Other Races 174 1.7% 98 0.8%

More than one race 113 0.9%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	9	9.8	14.5	47	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	59	7.1%	9.5%	23	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	343	382	57.8%	61.4%	6	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	39	5.9%	6.3%	4	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	71	2.9%	9.8%	33	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	113	137	5.5%	6.5%	48	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	123	159	20.1%	23.6%	47	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	64.6	45.8	16	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	200	91	20.1	7.0	25	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	12	325.6	224.8	39	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	29	54	600.5	1,011.0	24	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	21	20.7	393.2	14	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	96.4	88.4	22	I	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	22	24	8.3%	16.4%	8	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	254	197	2.3%	1.4%	13	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,807	2,323	18.2%	20.1%	11	—	260,970	23.8%

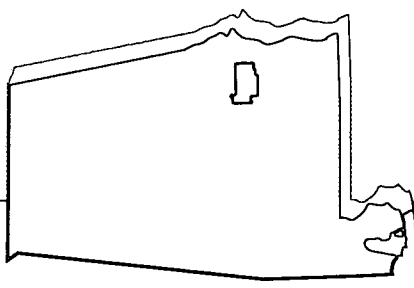
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	4	38.3	26.5	60	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	14	12.9%	9.3%	64	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	95	71	55.6%	47%	65	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	38	27	18.2%	17.9%	62	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	43	29	21.8%	18.7%	67	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	18	20	3.8%	4.2%	21	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	20	21	13.6%	15.8%	22	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	37.7	82.2	52	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	25	26.6	8.2	5	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	3	0.0	216.8	3	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	73.3	23	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	4	0.0	289.0	23	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	119.0	8	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2%	25.9%	67	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	718	266	19.4%	7.9%	61	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,718	1,114	50.8%	34.2%	58	—	260,970	23.8%

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County Ranking **55**

Bullock County



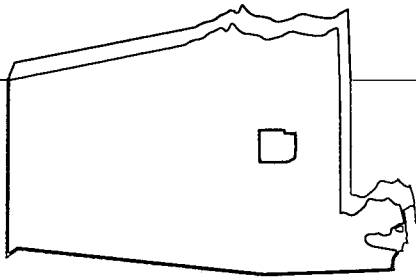
DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	11,042	11,714		
County child population	3,422	3,058		
Children as percentage of Bullock County's population	31.0%	26.1%		
The children of Bullock County				
Under age 5	948	25.6%	737	21.8%
Ages 5-9	940	25.4%	877	25.9%
Ages 10-14	939	25.4%	875	25.9%
Ages 15-19	875	23.6%	891	26.4%
The diversity of Bullock County's children				
White	524	15.3%	403	13.2%
African American	2,880	84.2%	2,568	84.0%
Hispanic			54	1.8%
Other Races	18	0.5%	16	0.5%
More than one race			17	0.6%

County
48
Ranking

Butler County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 **2000**

Total county population	21,892	21,399
County child population	6,586	5,754
Children as percentage of Butler County's population	30.1%	26.9%
The children of Butler County		
Under age 5	1,639	1,358
Ages 5-9	1,954	1,539
Ages 10-14	1,863	1,699
Ages 15-19	1,793	1,802
The diversity of Butler County's children		
White	3,150	2,786
African American	3,421	2,885
Hispanic	15	32
Other Races	15	17
More than one race	15	34

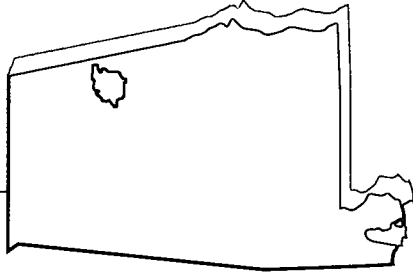
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	3	30.8	9.7	14	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	40	22	12.3%	7.1%	25	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	136	144	49.8%	46.8%	47	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	56	51	17.2%	16.6%	54	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	24	11.6%	9.6%	50	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	108	115	8.6%	10.3%	64	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	115	114	30.2%	34.6%	64	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	3	135.1	63.8	50	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	44	31.3	7.6	31	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	7	7	241.0	258.9	35	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	5	99.1	179.1	7	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	74.0	54	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	4	297.4	143.3	4	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	120.0	43	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	28	22	24.1%	17.1%	48	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	913	200	12.6%	3.2%	45	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,791	1,953	42.6%	30.8%	53	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	25	10	14.4	6.3	49	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	130	113	7.5%	7.1%	19	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	864	880	53.6%	55.4%	38	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	210	145	12.1%	9.1%	17	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	104	124	6.1%	7.6%	35		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	363	283	6.5%	5.7%	39	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	399	315	22.9%	21.3%	37	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	1	30.6	4.8	11	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	578	295	20.1	11.2	57	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	74	43	508.0	340.1	48	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	191	194	1,348.8	1,486.4	59	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	35	15	251.8	118.7	51	I	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	90	88	635.6	674.2	47	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	9	5	85.7	55.4	38	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	122	68	16.7%	10.0%	12	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,172	937	6.4%	3.1%	39	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,511	6,937	19.2%	24.5%	30	—	260,970	23.8%

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Calhoun County



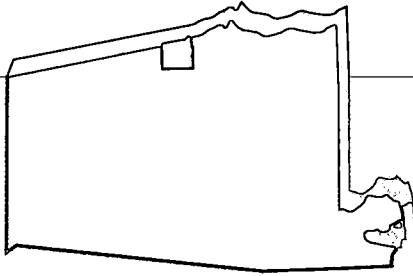
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Total county population	116,034	112,249		
County child population	29,046	26,456		
Children as percentage of Calhoun County's population	25.0%	23.6%		
The children of Calhoun County				
Under age 5	7,379	21.7%	6,926	23.1%
Ages 5-9	7,965	23.5%	7,410	24.7%
Ages 10-14	8,442	24.9%	7,469	24.9%
Ages 15-19	10,179	30.0%	8,180	27.3%
The diversity of Calhoun County's children				
White	21,732	74.8%	19,028	71.9%
African American	6,890	23.7%	6,242	23.6%
Hispanic			535	2.0%
Other Races	424	1.5%	282	1.1%
More than one race			369	1.4%

County
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Ranking

Chambers County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 36,876 36,583

County child population 9,559 9,017

Children as percentage of
Chambers County's population 25.9% 24.6%

The children of Chambers County

Under age 5 2,418 22.4% 2,430 24.3%
Ages 5-9 2,636 24.4% 2,604 26.1%
Ages 10-14 2,748 25.4% 2,475 24.8%
Ages 15-19 3,010 27.8% 2,480 24.8%

The diversity of Chambers

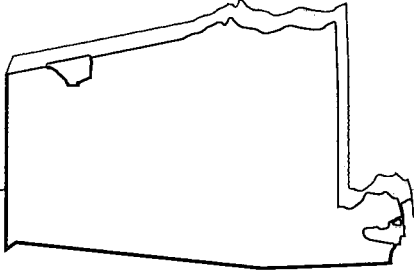
County's children
White 5,008 52.4% 4,666 51.7%
African American 4,539 47.5% 4,169 46.2%
Hispanic 84 0.9%
Other Races 33 0.4%
More than one race 65 0.7%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	6	19.9	12.7	21	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	41	8.9%	8.7%	35	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	298	257	55.2%	54.3%	22	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	104	85	17.2%	18.0%	59	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	27	9	5.5%	1.9%	8	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	92	66	5.7%	4.5%	28	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	111	78	20.0%	16.3%	26	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	2	79.7	30.1	10	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	217	75	22.8	8.3	33	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	39	51	881.6	1,228.3	60	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	86	792.6	2,002.8	44	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	5	128.0	120.4	42	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	16	208.6	372.6	46	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	32.7	72.3	6	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	50	24.6%	25.6%	57	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	841	324	7.8%	3.2%	40	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,623	2,285	27.7%	24.7%	32	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.5	11.0	17	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	11	21	5.2%	7.7%	28	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	135	149	56.0%	54.6%	26	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	13	44	6.1%	16.1%	36	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	25	2.0%	6.9%	10	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	78	80	6.5%	7.6%	65	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	90	87	23.9%	28.0%	66	W	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	4	27.5	109.1	51	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	144	125	30.9	23.5	67	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	1	43.8	41.8	10	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	36	668.9	1,464.0	35	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	16	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	3	41.8	122.0	1	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	195.2	65.5	48	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	23	5.7%	16.7%	41	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	138	123	2.6%	2.1%	31	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	946	1,265	20.5%	25.0%	34	—	260,970	23.8%

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Cherokee County



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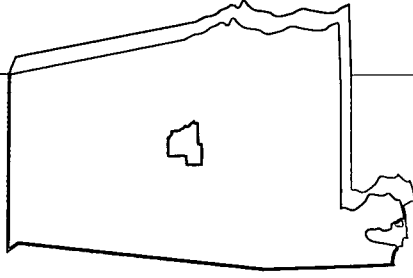
1990

2000

Total county population	19,543	23,988		
County child population	4,623	5,320		
Children as percentage of Cherokee County's population	23.7%	22.2%		
The children of Cherokee County				
Under age 5	1,132	21.3%	1,433	24.4%
Ages 5-9	1,199	22.6%	1,516	25.8%
Ages 10-14	1,451	27.3%	1,502	25.6%
Ages 15-19	1,529	28.8%	1,416	24.1%
The diversity of Cherokee County's children				
White	4,270	92.4%	4,810	90.4%
African American	350	7.6%	347	6.5%
Hispanic			84	1.6%
Other Races	3	0.1%	24	0.5%
More than one race			55	1.0%

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Ranking

Chilton County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	32,458	39,593
County child population	8,735	10,165
Children as percentage of Chilton County's population	26.9%	25.7%
The children of Chilton County		
Under age 5	2,199	2,734
Ages 5-9	2,332	2,838
Ages 10-14	2,575	2,896
Ages 15-19	2,553	2,710
The diversity of Chilton County's children		
White	7,419	8,323
African American	1,305	1,364
Hispanic	339	339
Other Races	11	62
More than one race	11	77

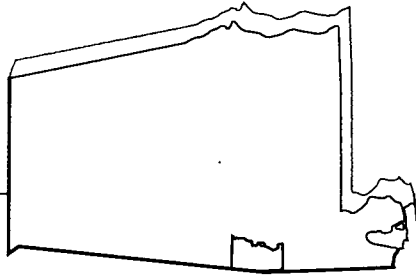
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.9	12.3	35	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	24	34	5.3%	7.0%	34	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	230	252	49.0%	51.7%	55	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	40	42	8.9%	8.6%	22	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	49	1.1%	8.1%	18	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	107	7.1%	6.3%	49	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	134	116	25.1%	23.4%	50	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	5	29.8	68.5	60	W	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	195	82	22.7	8.1	22	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	1	124.8	22.2	20	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	406.3	772.5	28	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	22	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	21	23.9	463.5	15	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	116.5	36.7	25	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	33	15.7%	16.3%	35	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	440	180	4.6%	1.6%	27	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,658	2,344	19.3%	24.2%	27	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	0	21.8	0.0	1	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	18	17	7.9%	8.4%	36	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	122	118	57.5%	58.1%	24	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	28	31	12.2%	15.3%	45	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	23	12	10.9%	5.6%	47		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	43	63	4.8%	9.4%	61	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	46	69	18.2%	32.0%	61	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	3	27.3	96.5	26	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	38	12	8.2	2.9	14	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	7	41.4	324.8	10	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	9	82.8	417.6	11	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	62	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	12	16.3%	14.6%	38	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	621	153	11.8%	3.3%	48	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,757	1,316	37.9%	29.6%	49	—	260,970	23.8%

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Ranking

Choctaw County



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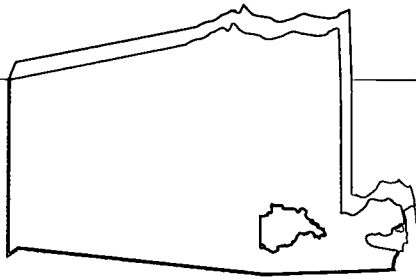
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Total county population	16,018	15,922
County child population	4,648	4,148
Children as percentage of Choctaw County's population	29.0%	26.1%
The children of Choctaw County		
Under age 5	1,136	1,103
Ages 5-9	1,232	1,074
Ages 10-14	1,396	1,203
Ages 15-19	1,484	1,161
The diversity of Choctaw County's children		
White	2,210	1,948
African American	2,435	2,139
Hispanic		25
Other Races	3	12
More than one race		24

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Ranking

Clarke County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 27,240 27,867

County child population 8,184 7,811

Children as percentage of Clarke County's population 30.0% 28.0%

The children of Clarke County

Under age 5 1,948 21.4% 2,080 24.1%
 Ages 5-9 2,275 25.0% 2,193 25.4%
 Ages 10-14 2,439 26.7% 2,191 25.4%
 Ages 15-19 2,456 26.9% 2,162 25.1%

The diversity of Clarke County's children

White 3,824 46.7% 3,749 48.0%
 African American 4,309 52.7% 3,907 50.0%
 Hispanic 61 0.8%
 Other Races 46 0.6%
 More than one race 48 0.6%

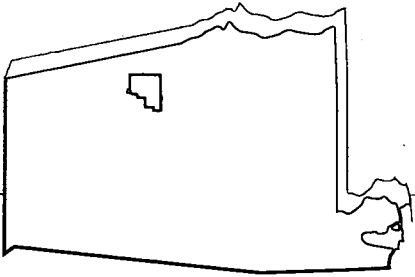
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	4	11.0	9.3	33	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	39	40	8.6%	9.3%	29	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	216	234	50.0%	54.2%	36	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	74	71	16.3%	16.4%	49	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	62	53	12.4%	10.8%	60	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	43	23	2.5%	1.6%	8	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	50	28	9.8%	6.1%	8	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	3	78.1	49.5	61	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	63	17.7	8.1	27	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	19	131.1	500.4	38	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	49.5	286.8	9	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	25.1	52.7	40	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	11	123.7	286.8	12	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	200.8	40.7	20	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	34	18.0%	21.4%	54	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,090	553	12.0%	6.3%	60	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,608	2,457	32.0%	29.9%	50	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	0	16.9	0.0	31	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	13	9	7.3%	5.4%	5	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	96	86	54.9%	51.8%	51	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	22	14	12.4%	8.4%	23	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	12	29	6.3%	13.6%	51	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	53	33	7.1%	4.2%	3	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	53	35	26.1%	16.1%	3	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	42	49	12.7	14.4	60	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	255.1	15	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	20	7	1,182.0	434.0	11	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	5	236.4	310.0	34	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	277.6	196.9	42	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	7	11.3%	9.6%	14	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	159	66	4.3%	1.7%	29	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	642	727	19.8%	21.8%	18	—	260,970	23.8%

County Ranking
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Clay County



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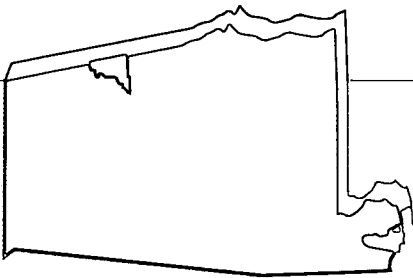
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Total county population	13,252	14,254		
County child population	3,307	3,397		
Children as percentage of Clay County's population	25.0%	23.8%		
The children of Clay County				
Under age 5	788	21.2%	877	23.4%
Ages 5-9	918	24.7%	921	24.5%
Ages 10-14	957	25.7%	979	26.1%
Ages 15-19	1,056	28.4%	977	26.0%
The diversity of Clay County's children				
White	2,571	77.7%	2,610	76.8%
African American	732	22.1%	674	19.8%
Hispanic			57	1.7%
Other Races	4	0.1%	16	0.5%
More than one race			40	1.2%

County
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Ranking

Cleburne County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 12,730 14,123

County child population 3,308 3,435

Children as percentage of Cleburne County's population 26.0% 24.3%

The children of Cleburne County

Under age 5	854	23.0%	867	22.7%
Ages 5-9	916	24.6%	997	26.2%
Ages 10-14	939	25.2%	982	25.8%
Ages 15-19	1,011	27.2%	966	25.3%

The diversity of Cleburne County's children

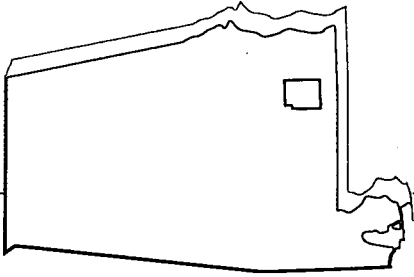
White	3,060	92.5%	3,175	92.4%
African American	224	6.8%	147	4.3%
Hispanic			56	1.6%
Other Races	24	0.7%	14	0.4%
More than one race			43	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	12.5	5.3	6	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	9	15	5.6%	8.0%	21	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	82	90	59.4%	48.1%	56	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	11	9	6.9%	4.8%	2	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	17	24	7.3%	11.3%	40	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	22	40	3.1%	5.7%	44	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	45	12.1%	20.8%	46	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	121	85	37.0	24.7	66	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	4	3	264.7	183.6	12	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	15	375.6	908.5	14	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	61.2	55	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	6	0.0	363.4	22	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	292.4	96.9	4	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	6	15.5%	7.4%	4	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	137	53	3.7%	1.4%	9	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	577	782	17.5%	21.4%	15	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	2	8.9	3.5	26	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	53	48	9.4%	8.3%	4	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	302	332	52.1%	57.6%	30	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	49	46	8.7%	8.0%	29	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	35	4.3%	5.6%	13	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	139	143	5.6%	5.9%	36	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	146	141	20.9%	22.3%	40	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	0	37.6	0.0	3	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	165	98	16.1	9.1	40	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	26	462.4	555.8	54	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	49	75	975.4	1,558.9	51	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	9	40.4	192.4	45	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	18	378.2	374.1	18	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	66.8	51	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	24	23	9.1%	9.8%	22	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	532	337	4.6%	2.8%	33	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,947	2,391	19.0%	23.1%	23	W	260,970	23.8%

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Coffee County



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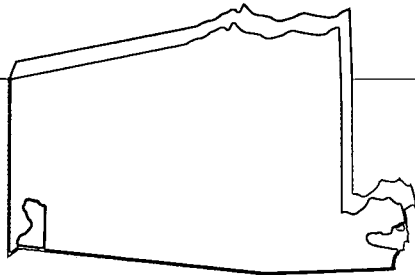
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Total county population	40,240	43,615	
County child population	10,371	10,806	
Children as percentage of Coffee County's population	25.8%	24.8%	
The children of Coffee County			
Under age 5	2,694	2,718	22.7%
Ages 5-9	2,749	2,947	24.6%
Ages 10-14	2,949	3,184	26.6%
Ages 15-19	3,191	3,115	26.0%
The diversity of Coffee County's children			
White	7,868	7,443	68.9%
African American	2,358	2,416	22.4%
Hispanic		436	4.0%
Other Races	145	250	2.3%
More than one race		261	2.4%

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Colbert County



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Total county population	51,666	54,984
County child population	12,493	13,077
Children as percentage of Colbert County's population	24.2%	23.8%
The children of Colbert County		
Under age 5	3,406	3,358
Ages 5-9	3,449	3,728
Ages 10-14	3,581	3,735
Ages 15-19	3,590	3,645
The diversity of Colbert County's children		
White	9,631	9,875
African American	2,725	2,692
Hispanic	230	188
Other Races	137	121
More than one race	159	122

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	6	8	8.6	11.5	36	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	73	77	10.5%	11.0%	41	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	434	429	64.3%	61.5%	10	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	66	88	9.5%	12.6%	31	W	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	64	54	8.6%	8.5%	38	—	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	125	114	5.0%	4.9%	46	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	145	122	18.3%	18.1%	45	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	3	29.9	33.0	14	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	137	82	11.0	6.3	9	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	31	395.3	589.8	49	W	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	32.6	202.8	5	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	6	0.0	114.2	44	W	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	10	16.3	184.4	20	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	26.6	90.7	44	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	40	54	12.7%	17.9%	44	W	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	507	98	3.6%	0.7%	3	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,479	2,590	19.9%	21.0%	13	—	260,970 23.8%

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

HEALTH

Infant mortality rate	5	6	23.5	29.9	67	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	23	10.8%	11.4%	61	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	111	104	54.4%	51.7%	54	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	39	24	18.3%	11.9%	42	—	7,133	11.5%

EDUCATION

First grade retention	35	29	15.6%	15.5%	65		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	26	37	3.7%	6.9%	58	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	34	46	14.3%	25.0%	56	—	10,194	16.7%

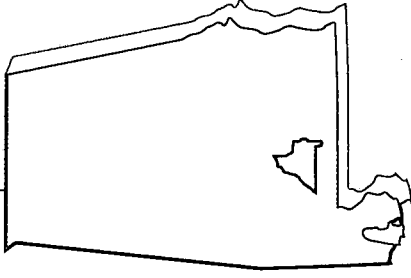
SAFETY

Child death rate	2	2	64.1	72.4	49	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	39	67	10.0	18.4	65	W	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	6	0.0	356.7	31	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	17	403.4	968.7	15	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	46	—	726	152.0

SECURITY

Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	6	100.9	341.9	7	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	518.7	99.3	3	—	268	84.0
Vulnerable families	16	7	18.4%	9.1%	39	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	459	400	10.6%	9.9%	67	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,406	1,479	36.8%	39.2%	60	—	260,970	23.8%

Conecuh County



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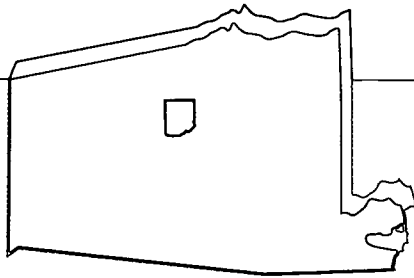
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Total county population	14,054	14,089		
County child population	3,838	3,648		
Children as percentage of Conecuh County's population	27.3%	25.9%		
The children of Conecuh County				
Under age 5	943	21.8%	875	21.8%
Ages 5-9	1,088	25.1%	1,073	26.7%
Ages 10-14	1,184	27.4%	1,044	26.0%
Ages 15-19	1,112	25.7%	1,022	25.5%
The diversity of Conecuh County's children				
White	1,784	46.5%	1,593	43.7%
African American	2,054	53.5%	1,977	54.2%
Hispanic			26	0.7%
Other Races	0	0.0%	17	0.5%
More than one race			35	1.0%

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Coosa County



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Total county population 11,063

County child population 2,875

Children as percentage of Coosa County's population 26.0%

The children of Coosa County

Under age 5	790	24.4%	759	23.6%
Ages 5-9	795	24.5%	797	24.7%
Ages 10-14	776	23.9%	845	26.2%
Ages 15-19	882	27.2%	821	25.5%

The diversity of Coosa County's children

White	1,708	59.4%	1,664	57.6%
African American	1,152	40.1%	1,156	40.0%
Hispanic			32	1.1%
Other Races	15	0.5%	15	0.5%
More than one race			24	0.8%

2000

Total county population 12,202

County child population 2,891

Children as percentage of Coosa County's population 23.7%

The children of Coosa County

Under age 5	766	24.4%	759	23.6%
Ages 5-9	795	24.5%	797	24.7%
Ages 10-14	776	23.9%	845	26.2%
Ages 15-19	882	27.2%	821	25.5%

The diversity of Coosa County's children

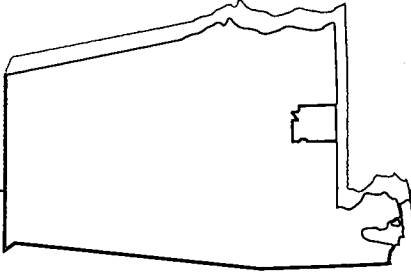
White	1,708	59.4%	1,664	57.6%
African American	1,152	40.1%	1,156	40.0%
Hispanic			32	1.1%
Other Races	15	0.5%	15	0.5%
More than one race			24	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	2	0.0	14.8	20	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	16	21	9.4%	15.6%	66	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	74	69	60.7%	51.1%	61	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	32	26	18.8%	19.3%	53	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	7	6.2%	5.7%	29		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	24	37	4.4%	7.9%	67	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	31	38	16.3%	27.6%	67	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	76	32	26.5	11.1	53	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	326.8	24	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	16	145.2	1,289.3	41	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	36	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	8	217.9	644.6	57	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	111.6	235.8	67	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	13	15.5%	20.0%	53	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	179	84	5.5%	2.6%	37	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	637	667	22.3%	23.7%	26	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE			
	Base Year	Base Year	Current Year	Current Year	Number			
	Rate				Rate			
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	7.6	4.4	13	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	35	5.1%	7.8%	16	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	254	287	52.3%	63.8%	19	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	61	40	11.5%	8.9%	38	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	25	6.9%	4.7%	15		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	110	118	5.4%	6.2%	57	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	130	135	19.3%	22.9%	58	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	4	13.9	58.7	63	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	65	22.3	7.3	42	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	20	140.4	483.0	45	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	67	80	1,504.2	1,899.3	67	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	5	90.9	120.7	28	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	17	25	381.7	593.5	43	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	107.9	115.6	56	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	22	21.5%	11.8%	37	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	662	241	6.4%	2.4%	35	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,633	2,612	28.3%	28.3%	45	—	260,970	23.8%

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Covington County



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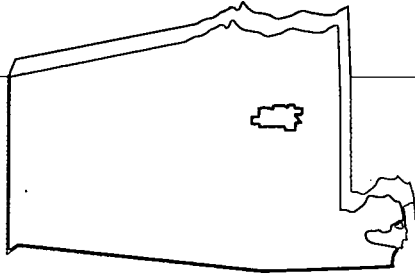
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Total county population	36,478	37,631		
County child population	9,343	8,860		
Children as percentage of Covington County's population	25.6%	23.5%		
The children of Covington County				
Under age 5	2,320	2,223	22.5%	22.6%
Ages 5-9	2,569	2,462	24.9%	25.0%
Ages 10-14	2,717	2,593	26.3%	26.3%
Ages 15-19	2,722	2,571	26.4%	26.1%
The diversity of Covington County's children				
White	7,601	7,176	81.4%	81.0%
African American	1,688	1,471	18.1%	16.6%
Hispanic		90		1.0%
Other Races	54	60	0.6%	0.7%
More than one race		63		0.7%

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Ranking

Crenshaw County



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1990 2000

Total county population	13,635	13,665
County child population	3,637	3,372
Children as percentage of Crenshaw County's population	26.7%	24.7%
The children of Crenshaw County		
Under age 5	896	803
Ages 5-9	992	971
Ages 10-14	1,074	985
Ages 15-19	1,084	953

The diversity of Crenshaw County's children

White	2,440	67.1%	2,318	68.7%
African American	1,197	32.9%	949	28.1%
Hispanic	0	0.0%	33	1.0%
Other Races	0	0.0%	33	1.0%
More than one race			39	1.2%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	3	0.0	16.6	52	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	17	15	9.2%	8.3%	10	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	102	100	61.4%	55.2%	49	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	21	16.3%	11.6%	43	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	22	12	11.5%	6.5%	32	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	41	25	5.6%	3.7%	37	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	48	25	20.8%	14.1%	36	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	70.0	0.0	19	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	98	43	27.3	12.8	61	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	124.1	29	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	22	111.6	1,337.4	30	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	12	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	6	223.1	364.7	49	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	272.4	97.0	19	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	12	7	15.4%	9.2%	45	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	90	8.7%	2.4%	36	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,077	1,064	29.7%	29.3%	50	—	260,970	23.8%

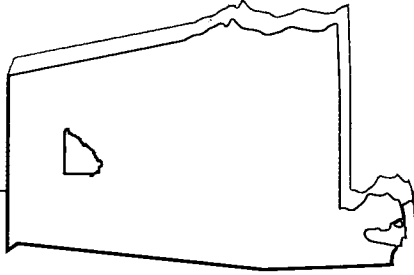
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number		
	Rate	Rate			Rate		
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	8	7	9.1	6.9	18	607	9.8
Low weight births	57	84	6.5%	8.3%	17	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	507	550	58.6%	54.5%	37	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	37	75	4.2%	7.4%	8	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	57	78	5.9%	7.5%	30	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	202	175	5.8%	5.1%	6	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	220	195	21.5%	19.0%	6	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	9	15.0	64.9	36	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	208	177	12.4	9.4	36	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	31	204.6	379.1	37	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	109	95	1,356.8	1,142.8	32	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	3	25.2	36.7	17	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	20	46	249.0	553.4	28	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	58.1	57.9	16	268	84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	32	51	8.2%	11.1%	15	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	303	159	1.6%	0.8%	4	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,901	3,470	17.4%	18.9%	6	260,970	23.8%

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Cullman County



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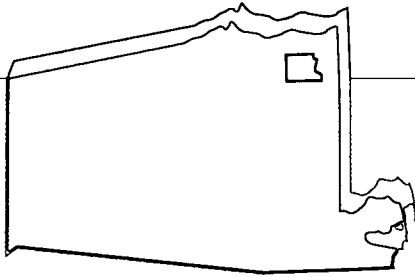
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Total county population	67,613	77,483		
County child population	16,926	18,790		
Children as percentage of Cullman County's population	25.0%	24.3%		
The children of Cullman County				
Under age 5	4,463	23.3%	4,943	23.7%
Ages 5-9	4,701	24.6%	5,166	24.7%
Ages 10-14	4,861	25.4%	5,343	25.6%
Ages 15-19	5,106	26.7%	5,447	26.1%
The diversity of Cullman County's children				
White	16,655	98.4%	17,725	94.3%
African American	182	1.1%	167	0.9%
Hispanic	89	0.5%	576	3.1%
Other Races			124	0.7%
More than one race			198	1.1%

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Dale County



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Total county population 49,633 49,129

County child population 13,846 13,047

Children as percentage of Dale County's population 27.9% 26.6%

The children of Dale County

Under age 5 4,283 27.4% 3,686 25.4%
 Ages 5-9 3,885 24.9% 3,694 25.5%
 Ages 10-14 3,598 23.0% 3,513 24.2%
 Ages 15-19 3,849 24.6% 3,620 24.9%

The diversity of Dale County's children

White 10,082 72.8% 8,361 64.1%
 African American 3,349 24.2% 3,427 26.3%
 Hispanic 639 4.9%
 Other Races 224 1.7%
 More than one race 415 3.0% 396 3.0%

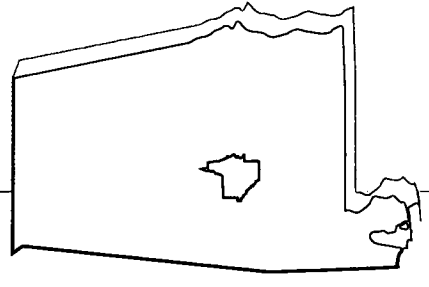
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	7	10.6	9.6	61	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	50	58	5.9%	8.0%	12	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	438	433	55.0%	59.5%	12	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	56	54	6.6%	7.4%	19	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	35	4.8%	6.6%	21		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	120	105	5.2%	4.6%	30	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	130	113	19.3%	17.1%	30	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	2	54.2	20.0	9	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	272	151	19.8	11.6	52	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	45	555.2	877.4	58	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	40	108	687.4	2,067.8	62	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	8	86.8	156.0	56	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	29	42	498.4	804.1	59	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	6	50.9	181.8	50	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	24	13.9%	10.3%	17	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	674	404	4.3%	2.8%	41	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,759	3,446	20.1%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE			
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number			
					Rate			
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	18	12	19.8	14.9	50	607	9.8	
Low weight births	74	100	8.2%	12.4%	62	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	453	426	58.8%	52.9%	48	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	176	173	19.4%	21.5%	63	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	48	88	5.7%	10.8%	53		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	152	104	5.8%	4.1%	22	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	177	121	20.6%	15.0%	20	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	25.0	28.8	23	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	328	111	22.0	8.4	16	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	45	17	665.0	275.1	34	I	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	61	245.1	967.0	43	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	10	9	139.8	145.7	61	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	69	67	939.6	1,062.1	66	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	22.0	50.7	27	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	116	85	33.7%	27.3%	62	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	4,023	1,156	23.9%	7.8%	62	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	7,325	5,467	49.3%	39.2%	60	—	260,970	23.8%

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Dallas County



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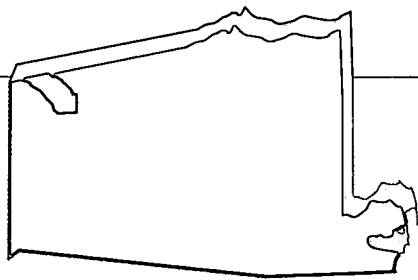
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Total county population	48,130	46,365		
County child population	15,069	13,253		
Children as percentage of Dallas County's population	31.3%	28.6%		
The children of Dallas County				
Under age 5	3,870	23.0%	3,415	23.1%
Ages 5-9	4,276	25.4%	3,579	24.2%
Ages 10-14	4,310	25.6%	3,836	25.9%
Ages 15-19	4,388	26.1%	3,964	26.8%
The diversity of Dallas County's children				
White	4,713	31.3%	3,356	25.3%
African American	10,308	68.4%	9,653	72.8%
Hispanic			98	0.7%
Other Races	48	0.3%	67	0.5%
More than one race			79	0.6%

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Ranking

DeKalb County



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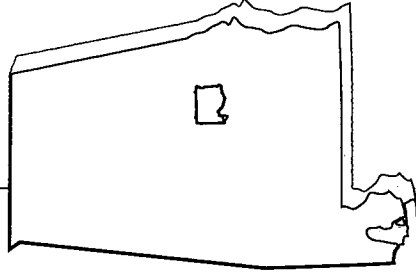
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Total county population	54,651	64,452
County child population	13,890	15,899
Children as percentage of DeKalb County's population	25.4%	24.7%
The children of DeKalb County		
Under age 5	3,362	4,379
Ages 5-9	3,804	4,588
Ages 10-14	4,138	4,269
Ages 15-19	4,231	4,427
The diversity of DeKalb County's children		
White	13,275	13,870
African American	305	322
Hispanic	1,292	1,292
Other Races	310	180
More than one race	235	235

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	9	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	56	70	7.5%	7.6%	32	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	442	494	55.3%	53.6%	52	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	41	67	5.5%	7.3%	13	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	24	58	2.7%	6.5%	3		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	166	135	6.6%	5.0%	51	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	217	139	24.4%	18.9%	52	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	5	18.5	46.5	41	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	88	110	6.4	6.9	20	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	15	244.1	221.7	23	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	50	79	727.8	1,150.4	40	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	14.8	8	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	16	43.7	233.0	3	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	6	93.7	143.5	57	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	47	9.1%	12.0%	23	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	446	231	2.9%	1.3%	10	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,631	3,383	19.1%	23.4%	24	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	19	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	51	73	6.8%	7.9%	26	--	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	451	541	56.4%	58.6%	13	--	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	79	88	10.5%	9.5%	28	--	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	75	57	6.9%	5.7%	24		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	53	157	1.8%	4.9%	23	--	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	68	189	7.2%	18.9%	28	--	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	5	30.2	41.7	39	--	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	232	83	18.2	4.9	7	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	11	62	187.9	863.8	57	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	9	136	150.1	1,892.8	60	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	16.8	69.7	34	--	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	46	183.4	640.2	48	--	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	6	77.7	128.1	49	--	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	48	49	14.2%	13.3%	29	--	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	803	251	5.6%	1.3%	18	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,440	3,067	18.9%	19.3%	7	--	260,970	23.8%

Elmore County
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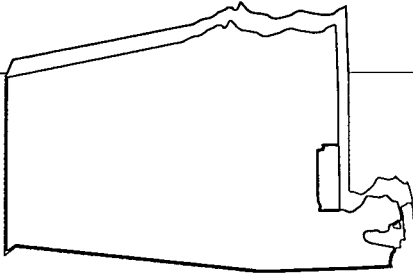
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Total county population	49,210	65,874		
County child population	13,009	16,924		
Children as percentage of Elmore County's population	26.4%	25.7%		
The children of Elmore County				
Under age 5	3,327	23.2%	4,370	23.5%
Ages 5-9	3,566	24.9%	4,801	25.8%
Ages 10-14	3,614	25.2%	4,882	26.3%
Ages 15-19	3,839	26.8%	4,543	24.4%
The diversity of Elmore County's children				
White	9,452	72.7%	12,541	74.1%
African American	3,433	26.4%	3,708	21.9%
Hispanic			279	1.6%
Other Races	124	1.0%	160	0.9%
More than one race			236	1.4%

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Escambia County



DEMOGRAPHICS **1990** **2000**

Total county population	35,518	38,440
County child population	9,488	9,270
Children as percentage of Escambia County's population	26.7%	24.1%
The children of Escambia County		
Under age 5	2,306	2,390
Ages 5-9	2,548	2,662
Ages 10-14	2,826	2,614
Ages 15-19	2,999	2,750

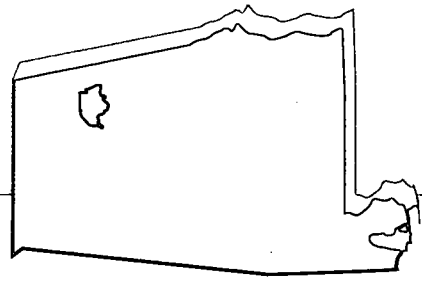
The diversity of Escambia County's children		
White	5,871	61.9%
African American	3,168	33.4%
Hispanic	118	1.3%
Other Races	449	4.7%
More than one race	399	4.3%
	148	1.6%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.4	12.4	64	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	45	50	9.5%	10.4%	53	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	252	268	54.5%	55.6%	46	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	76	81	16.6%	16.0%	47	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	49	7.5%	8.8%	42	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	94	7.0%	5.6%	40	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	137	97	25.0%	20.6%	39	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	40.3	29.7	58	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	238	62	25.5	6.7	24	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	9	22.5	210.5	22	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	21	104.1	478.0	8	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	117.0	52	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	21	62.5	478.0	39	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	32.5	35.1	17	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	37	19.3%	23.9%	52	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	843	140	7.9%	1.3%	22	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,603	2,586	38.2%	27.8%	42	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	21	12	15.4	9.1	29	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	120	115	8.8%	8.7%	22	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	737	756	55.4%	57.2%	20	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	142	153	10.4%	11.6%	33	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	104	4.8%	7.8%	27		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	245	252	5.2%	5.6%	41	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	273	271	19.4%	20.9%	41	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	26.0	22.2	17	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	511	298	21.1	12.1	56	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	31	25.8	272.0	19	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	114	637.9	972.3	27	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	49	8	402.3	70.2	33	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	41	242.3	349.7	21	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	5	50.4	67.4	28	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	96	83	15.7%	14.1%	30	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,151	407	4.2%	1.5%	12	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,047	6,312	20.8%	25.5%	36	—	260,970	23.8%

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Etowah County

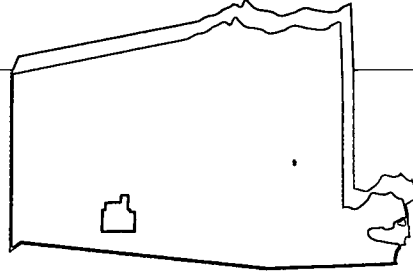


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Total county population	99,840	103,459
County child population	24,517	24,654
Children as percentage of Etowah County's population	24.6%	23.8%
The children of Etowah County		
Under age 5	5,973	6,611
Ages 5-9	6,639	6,705
Ages 10-14	7,223	6,930
Ages 15-19	7,823	7,143
The diversity of Etowah County's children		
White	19,785	18,606
African American	4,466	4,861
Hispanic		654
Other Races	266	201
More than one race		332

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Fayette County



DEMOGRAPHICS

2000

	1990	2000
Total county population	17,962	18,495
County child population	4,560	4,424
Children as percentage of Fayette County's population	25.4%	23.9%

The children of Fayette County

Under age 5	1,099	21.1%	1,113	22.6%
Ages 5-9	1,259	24.2%	1,201	24.4%
Ages 10-14	1,378	26.5%	1,260	25.6%
Ages 15-19	1,461	28.1%	1,350	27.4%

The diversity of Fayette County's children

White	3,861	84.7%	3,694	83.5%
African American	658	14.4%	633	14.3%
Hispanic			48	1.1%
Other Races	41	0.9%	15	0.3%
More than one race			34	0.8%

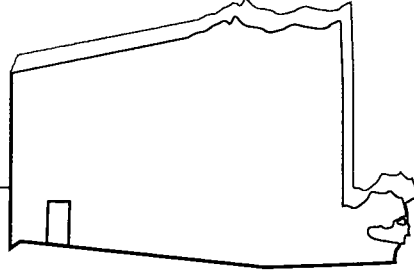
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	9.1	4.6	22	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	18	19	8.2%	8.8%	11	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	122	110	56.5%	50.9%	53	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	23	16	10.5%	7.4%	10	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	26	36	11.6%	14.4%	46	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	57	55	6.9%	7.0%	63	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	57	58	25.6%	24.9%	62	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	60.0	59	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	50	50	11.0	11.3	51	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	19	858.5	913.0	63	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	54	42	2,337.1	1,963.5	66	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	144.2	48	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	6	389.5	280.5	29	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	13	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	10	19.6%	11.6%	10	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	288	179	5.5%	3.6%	38	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,031	1,006	22.8%	23.9%	20	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	11.0	9.2	27	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	26	27	7.1%	6.2%	31	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	220	236	56.1%	54.1%	42	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	24	32	6.6%	7.3%	5	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	52	12.1%	10.6%	59	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	22	51	1.4%	3.4%	20	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	58	5.5%	13.3%	21	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	55.0	56.0	62	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	53	5.4	6.9	10	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	17	21	538.0	659.3	44	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	57	43	1,702.4	1,318.6	55	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	30.4	0.0	13	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	14	149.3	429.3	38	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	95.3	150.7	66	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	13	9.1%	7.4%	3	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	394	187	5.1%	2.2%	28	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,657	1,767	24.2%	24.5%	30	—	260,970	23.8%

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Franklin County



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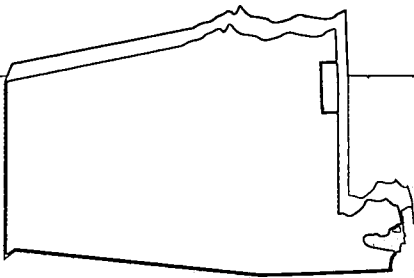
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Total county population	27,814	31,223		
County child population	6,875	7,645		
Children as percentage of Franklin County's population	24.7%	24.5%		
The children of Franklin County				
Under age 5	1,795	23.2%	1,983	23.3%
Ages 5-9	1,881	24.3%	2,180	25.7%
Ages 10-14	2,005	25.9%	2,156	25.4%
Ages 15-19	2,057	26.6%	2,178	25.6%
The diversity of Franklin County's children				
White	6,412	93.3%	6,304	82.5%
African American	401	5.8%	391	5.1%
Hispanic			829	10.8%
Other Races	62	0.9%	39	0.5%
More than one race			82	1.1%

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Geneva County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 **2000**

Total county population	23,647	25,764
County child population	5,912	6,183
Children as percentage of Geneva County's population	25.0%	24.0%

The children of Geneva County

Under age 5	1,516	22.8%	1,437	21.1%
Ages 5-9	1,599	24.0%	1,668	24.5%
Ages 10-14	1,675	25.2%	1,928	28.3%
Ages 15-19	1,863	28.0%	1,773	26.1%

The diversity of Geneva County's children

White	4,853	82.1%	5,028	81.3%
African American	1,005	17.0%	864	14.0%
Hispanic			168	2.7%
Other Races	54	0.9%	70	1.1%
More than one race			53	0.9%

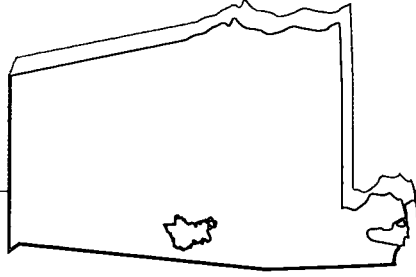
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	3	19.2	9.4	38	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	33	24	10.5%	7.5%	6	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	153	188	47.8%	58.9%	33	1	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	47	30	15.0%	9.4%	30	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	32	11.0%	9.2%	39		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	76	57	6.1%	5.0%	35	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	78	66	21.9%	19.0%	35	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	3	107.6	66.8	64	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	241	93	41.2	15.0	55	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	11	292.0	398.6	30	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	19	42	651.7	1,494.1	54	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	36.2	25	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	15	102.9	533.6	51	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	105.6	166.1	59	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	20	20	13.9%	13.4%	27	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	435	106	6.5%	1.5%	19	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,294	1,737	22.0%	28.5%	46	W	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	21.2	12.1	45	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	22	18	11.6%	10.9%	67	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	82	60	45.3%	36.4%	67	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	38	42	20.1%	25.5%	66	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	30	13	15.4%	8.4%	58		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	13	31	2.0%	6.5%	62	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	15	33	8.0%	24.0%	60	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	66	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	72	48	21.7	16.5	59	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	1	199.3	73.8	18	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	2	0.0	142.8	2	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	1	244.9	71.4	6	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	38	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	16	32.1%	30.2%	64	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	854	128	23.3%	4.0%	55	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,954	1,366	58.3%	44.6%	66	—	260,970	23.8%

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Greene County



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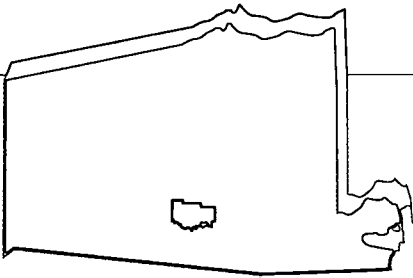
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Total county population	10,153	9,974		
County child population	3,397	2,911		
Children as percentage of Greene County's population	33.5%	29.2%		
The children of Greene County				
Under age 5	787	21.5%	770	23.7%
Ages 5-9	989	27.0%	830	25.5%
Ages 10-14	1,001	27.3%	777	23.9%
Ages 15-19	883	24.1%	873	26.9%
The diversity of Greene County's children				
White	353	10.4%	326	11.2%
African American	3,043	89.6%	2,543	87.4%
Hispanic			26	0.9%
Other Races	1	0.0%	11	0.4%
More than one race			5	0.2%

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Hale County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	15,498	17,185
County child population	4,862	5,087
Children as percentage of Hale County's population	31.4%	29.6%

The children of Hale County

Under age 5	1,233	23.0%	1,408	25.1%
Ages 5-9	1,333	24.9%	1,376	24.5%
Ages 10-14	1,466	27.4%	1,453	25.9%
Ages 15-19	1,323	24.7%	1,383	24.6%

The diversity of Hale County's children

White	1,464	30.1%	1,581	31.1%
African American	3,365	69.2%	3,395	66.7%
Hispanic	43	0.8%	43	0.8%
Other Races	33	0.7%	29	0.6%
More than one race	39	0.8%	39	0.8%

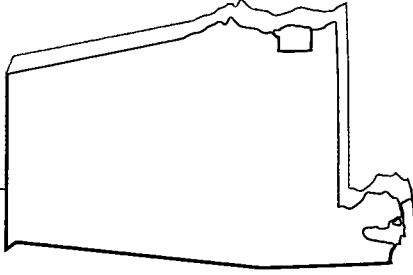
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	0	11.7	0.0	3	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	20	30	7.8%	11.2%	58	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	138	132	56.3%	49.1%	66	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	54	37	21.1%	13.8%	55	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	31	10.8%	10.7%	62	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	36	45	3.7%	4.6%	29	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	43	51	14.0%	17.8%	29	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	3	0.0	77.8	46	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	173	21	35.7	4.1	26	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	90.8	0.0	8	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	14	169.2	598.0	16	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	17	465.3	726.2	56	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	293.1	212.6	65	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	34	13	32.4%	12.0%	55	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	713	167	13.3%	3.0%	44	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,275	1,761	47.0%	34.1%	57	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.1	15.2	55	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	16	13	7.4%	6.6%	38	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	110	130	49.3%	65.7%	8	I	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	40	21	18.5%	10.6%	32	I	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	54	54	9.9%	9.0%	54		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	122	121	7.4%	7.7%	56	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	147	143	27.4%	28.1%	57	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	0	62.3	0.0	2	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	22	17	5.4	4.3	1	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	13	988.2	698.9	59	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	21	1,475.5	1,097.8	64	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	107.5	32	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	8	49.2	418.2	31	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	155.9	85.4	35	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	16	15	15.4%	18.3%	40	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	201	7.6%	4.6%	53	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	860	1,133	21.2%	28.6%	47	W	260,970 23.8%

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Henry County



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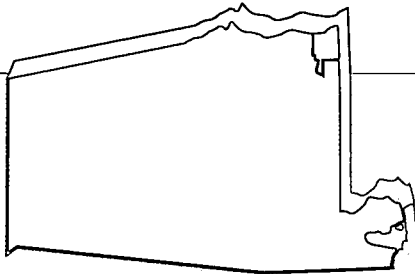
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Total county population	15,374	16,310
County child population	4,132	3,925
Children as percentage of Henry County's population	26.9%	24.1%
The children of Henry County		
Under age 5	1,008	1,019
Ages 5-9	1,083	1,065
Ages 10-14	1,241	1,106
Ages 15-19	1,279	1,180
The diversity of Henry County's children		
White	2,267	2,208
African American	1,855	1,570
Hispanic	77	77
Other Races	10	16
More than one race	54	54

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Houston County



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1990 2000

Total county population	81,331	88,787
County child population	22,574	22,986
Children as percentage of Houston County's population	27.8%	25.9%
The children of Houston County		
Under age 5	5,985	6,037
Ages 5-9	6,220	6,313
Ages 10-14	6,342	6,661
Ages 15-19	6,367	6,140
The diversity of Houston County's children		
White	15,501	14,879
African American	6,920	7,181
Hispanic	403	403
Other Races	153	259
More than one race	264	264

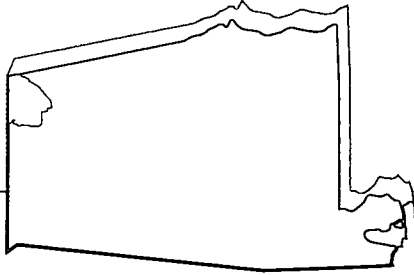
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	11	5.7	8.6	39	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	80	118	6.5%	9.2%	37	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	679	807	56.7%	63.0%	7	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	136	152	11.0%	11.9%	35	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	138	115	10.6%	9.0%	55	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	215	222	4.9%	5.2%	43	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	248	242	17.9%	19.3%	42	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	7	5.7	40.4	31	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	571	282	25.6	12.3	32	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	64	111	642.3	1,101.3	61	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	152	123	1,467.3	1,199.9	34	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	24	0.0	238.1	58	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	59	63	569.5	614.6	50	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	78.0	127.6	32	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	97	77	18.3%	14.3%	34	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,397	492	5.6%	1.9%	26	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	4,891	5,628	22.0%	24.4%	29	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	4	9.6	6.0	16	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	52	58	8.3%	8.7%	30	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	322	363	50.7%	54.3%	43	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	42	49	6.7%	7.3%	15	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	39	2.6%	5.3%	7	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	173	126	6.3%	5.1%	45	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	193	131	23.0%	18.9%	48	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	41.1	10.7	13	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	199	106	16.3	8.1	44	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	23	0	398.9	0.0	14	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	105	88	1,669.4	1,454.3	57	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	32.5	0.0	1	I	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	28	413.4	462.7	13	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	127.9	109.2	45	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	31	10.1%	10.5%	13	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	469	130	3.4%	0.9%	6	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,302	2,756	18.8%	21.7%	17	—	260,970	23.8%

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Jackson County



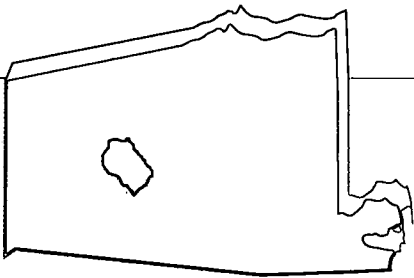
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Total county population	47,796	53,926
County child population	12,351	13,036
Children as percentage of Jackson County's population	25.8%	24.2%
The children of Jackson County		
Under age 5	2,986	3,387
Ages 5-9	3,299	3,644
Ages 10-14	3,680	3,655
Ages 15-19	3,826	3,686
The diversity of Jackson County's children		
White	11,060	11,551
African American	653	596
Hispanic		223
Other Races	638	302
More than one race		364

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Jefferson County



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1990 2000

Total county population 651,525 662,047

County child population 162,497 164,240

Children as percentage of Jefferson County's population 24.9% 24.8%

The children of Jefferson County
 Under age 5 44,919 24.8% 43,281 23.8%
 Ages 5-9 45,910 25.3% 45,809 25.1%
 Ages 10-14 45,366 25.0% 47,066 25.8%
 Ages 15-19 44,936 24.8% 46,075 25.3%

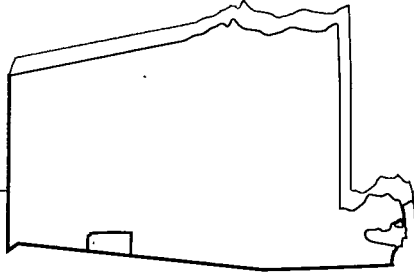
The diversity of Jefferson County's children
 White 89,819 55.3% 79,472 48.4%
 African American 71,117 43.8% 78,330 47.7%
 Hispanic 2,888 1.8%
 Other Races 1,561 1.0% 1,874 1.1%
 More than one race 1,676 1.0%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	122	114	11.9	12.1	54	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	941	985	9.2%	10.5%	52	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	5,523	5,865	59.1%	62.4%	5	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	1,224	1,131	12.0%	12.0%	40	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	705	594	7.7%	6.7%	26		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	1,850	1,158	5.8%	3.6%	18	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	2,242	1,314	21.0%	13.8%	18	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	42	41	32.4	34.8	30	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,530	1,060	9.5	6.5	23	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	280	360	395.4	547.7	50	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	330	629	441.8	933.2	33	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	149	136	203.5	206.9	62	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	440	920	589.1	1,364.9	65	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	43	41	92.9	97.2	34	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	744	558	18.0%	14.0%	36	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	16,380	7,088	9.0%	3.9%	47	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	35,664	33,805	22.2%	21.5%	16	—	260,970	23.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	3	24.4	17.6	66	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	20	13	9.8%	7.6%	39	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	101	98	50.5%	57.6%	21	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	20	5	9.8%	2.9%	3	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	16	13	7.6%	6.0%	23		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	40	31	4.4%	3.8%	12	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	41	32	16.5%	14.8%	13	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	2	95.6	70.3	57	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	47	24	11.8	6.4	8	I	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	24	649.0	1,311.5	20	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	10	399.4	546.4	24	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	79.1	85.5	36	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	9	2	10.0%	2.9%	2	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	133	90	3.0%	2.1%	17	—	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	782	1,066	19.7%	27.2%	40	W	260,970 23.8%

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Lamar County



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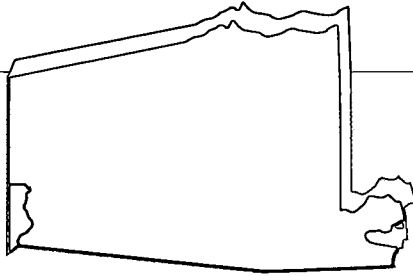
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Total county population	15,715	15,904		
County child population	3,987	3,750		
Children as percentage of Lamar County's population	25.4%	23.6%		
The children of Lamar County				
Under age 5	999	22.3%	926	22.1%
Ages 5-9	1,052	23.4%	1,017	24.3%
Ages 10-14	1,191	26.5%	1,101	26.3%
Ages 15-19	1,247	27.8%	1,148	27.4%
The diversity of Lamar County's children				
White	3,373	84.6%	3,086	82.3%
African American	607	15.2%	567	15.1%
Hispanic			62	1.7%
Other Races	7	0.2%	2	0.1%
More than one race			33	0.9%

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Lauderdale County



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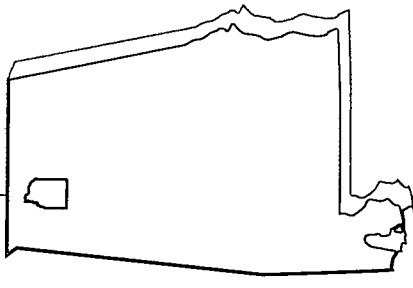
Total county population	79,661	87,966
County child population	19,068	20,267
Children as percentage of Lauderdale County's population	23.9%	23.0%
The children of Lauderdale County		
Under age 5	5,096	5,217
Ages 5-9	5,328	5,617
Ages 10-14	5,318	5,910
Ages 15-19	6,075	6,214
The diversity of Lauderdale County's children		
White	16,483	17,030
African American	2,418	2,545
Hispanic	303	303
Other Races	167	166
More than one race	167	223

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	7	8.3	6.7	8	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	86	87	7.9%	8.3%	44	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	669	671	62.4%	64.2%	3	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	74	86	6.8%	8.2%	11	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	34	5.5%	3.3%	6		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	199	165	5.0%	4.3%	17	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	229	175	18.5%	16.1%	15	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	19.9	20.8	12	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	275	112	14.6	5.5	37	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	38	86	430.2	1,025.0	55	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	39	126	421.9	1,462.6	48	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	17	11	189.9	131.1	49	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	48	248.8	557.2	30	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	31.8	34.8	26	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	60	44	11.8%	10.2%	9	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	822	230	3.8%	1.0%	7	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,540	3,820	18.7%	19.6%	8	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	3	3	6.0	7.0	15	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	34	43	6.8%	10.1%	45	W	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	266	228	56.4%	53.5%	35	+	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	52	45	10.4%	10.6%	26	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	35	20	7.1%	4.2%	17		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	73	54	4.4%	3.3%	4	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	79	59	17.0%	11.9%	4	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	3	44.4	47.5	43	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	273	132	31.9	14.8	62	I	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	103.2	9	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	36	55	849.8	1,386.1	51	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	48	141.6	1,209.7	54	W	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	37.6	0.0	47	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	26	20	12.9%	9.9%	16	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	553	184	5.7%	1.8%	16	—	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,234	1,925	26.1%	22.2%	19	—	260,970 23.8%

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Lawrence County



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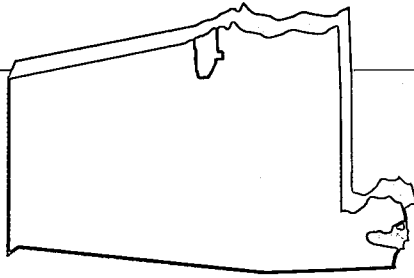
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Total county population	31,513	34,803		
County child population	8,618	8,940		
Children as percentage of Lawrence County's population	27.3%	25.7%		
The children of Lawrence County				
Under age 5	2,293	23.7%	2,201	22.3%
Ages 5-9	2,299	23.7%	2,556	25.9%
Ages 10-14	2,479	25.6%	2,628	26.7%
Ages 15-19	2,611	27.0%	2,470	25.1%
The diversity of Lawrence County's children				
White	5,835	67.7%	6,408	71.7%
African American	1,760	20.4%	1,373	15.4%
Hispanic			120	1.3%
Other Races	1,023	11.9%	657	7.3%
More than one race			382	4.3%

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Lee County



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1990 2000

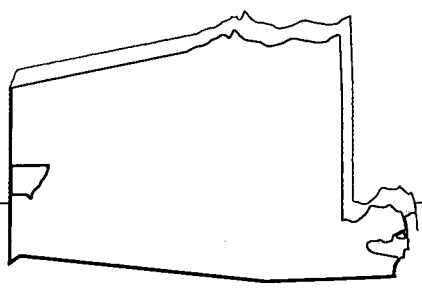
Total county population	87,146	115,092	
County child population	19,274	26,802	
Children as percentage of Lee County's population	22.1%	23.3%	
The children of Lee County			
Under age 5	5,409	7,195	21.0%
Ages 5-9	5,229	7,655	22.4%
Ages 10-14	5,289	7,603	22.2%
Ages 15-19	9,775	11,767	34.4%
The diversity of Lee County's children			
White	12,216	17,412	65.0%
African American	6,662	8,061	30.1%
Hispanic	488		1.8%
Other Races	396	501	1.9%
More than one race		340	1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	17	14	13.6	10.0	37	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	102	100	8.1%	7.2%	3	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	866	876	62.6%	62.8%	4	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	165	130	13.2%	9.3%	20	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	81	89	5.6%	6.0%	9		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	259	90	6.1%	1.9%	5	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	337	107	22.5%	7.2%	5	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	11	13.4	65.9	47	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	512	171	27.0	6.4	19	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	48	40	407.4	424.4	52	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	64	134	743.3	1,415.4	47	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	18	93.8	191.0	65	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	40	67	464.5	707.7	55	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	81.6	37.9	1	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	84	68	13.1%	12.5%	18	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,060	488	4.1%	1.4%	21	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,882	4,335	20.5%	19.8%	9	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	5	9.3	6.0	4	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	49	71	6.5%	8.5%	14	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	493	491	59.8%	59.0%	15	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	60	80	8.0%	9.6%	12	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	56	71	6.1%	7.8%	28		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	197	208	7.0%	7.4%	55	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	211	224	25.3%	26.1%	55	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	3	65.6	26.3	42	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	184	134	13.7	8.2	12	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	20	32	327.0	480.6	36	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	21	30	331.5	446.7	6	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	3	48.0	45.1	30	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	20	110.5	297.8	9	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	24.9	70.3	37	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	48	12.4%	14.1%	19	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	360	263	2.4%	1.4%	25	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,055	3,040	15.1%	20.0%	10	—	260,970	23.8%

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Limestone County

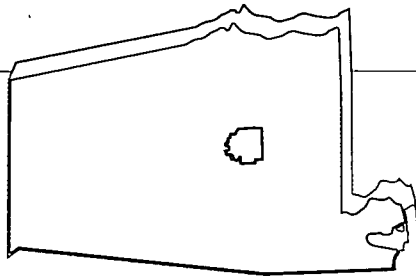


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	1990	2000
Total county population	54,135	65,676
County child population	13,654	16,341
Children as percentage of Limestone County's population	25.2%	24.9%
The children of Limestone County		
Under age 5	3,691	4,349
Ages 5-9	3,757	4,638
Ages 10-14	3,812	4,628
Ages 15-19	3,963	4,311
The diversity of Limestone County's children		
White	11,635	13,110
African American	1,902	2,162
Hispanic	699	4.3%
Other Races	117	0.9%
More than one race	216	1.3%

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Lowndes County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population	12,658	13,473
County child population	4,431	4,068
Children as percentage of Lowndes County's population	35.0%	30.2%

The children of Lowndes County

Under age 5	1,142	23.5%	1,004	22.3%
Ages 5-9	1,218	25.1%	1,047	23.2%
Ages 10-14	1,275	26.3%	1,270	28.2%
Ages 15-19	1,220	25.1%	1,183	26.3%

The diversity of Lowndes County's children

White	694	15.7%	709	17.4%
African American	3,726	84.1%	3,303	81.2%
Hispanic	11	0.2%	33	0.8%
Other Races	7	0.2%	7	0.2%
More than one race	16	0.4%	16	0.4%

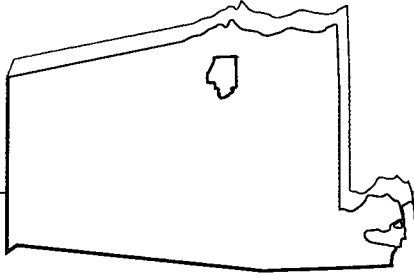
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	3	16.0	14.1	65	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	39	27	12.5%	12.7%	65	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	96	118	46.2%	55.4%	29	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	71	39	22.8%	18.3%	64	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	45	38	17.0%	14.9%	66	—	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	51	42	6.0%	5.6%	52	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	62	54	23.4%	20.5%	53	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	3	57.9	93.1	65	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	18	8.5	4.4	3	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	0	51.1	0.0	1	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	13	141.3	658.6	12	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	35	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	47	424.0	2,381.0	64	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	78.9	163.8	60	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	18	19	23.4%	21.8%	63	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,197	273	24.7%	6.0%	59	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,327	1,724	52.8%	39.4%	62	—	260,970 23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	6	22.8	19.7	59	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	37	12.3%	12.2%	59	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	185	156	52.6%	51.3%	59	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	90	58	20.5%	19.1%	61	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	12	8.2%	3.4%	19		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	35	47	3.0%	4.8%	14	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	43	57	12.0%	17.7%	14	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	2	77.9	48.6	54	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	45	17	6.8	2.8	34	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	3	25.8	117.6	41	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	12	154.3	453.2	17	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	31.5	196.0	43	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	24	40	740.5	1,510.6	63	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	33.9	5	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	30	27.3%	25.4%	59	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,542	660	18.1%	8.1%	64	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,995	2,293	45.9%	40.4%	64	—	260,970	23.8%

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Macon County



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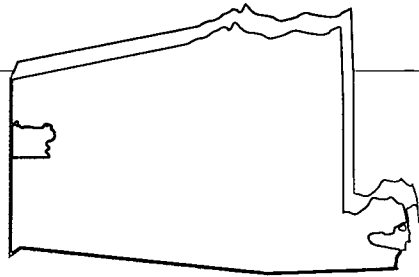
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Total county population	24,928	24,105		
County child population	6,620	6,081		
Children as percentage of Macon County's population	26.6%	25.2%		
The children of Macon County				
Under age 5	1,794	21.0%	1,565	20.8%
Ages 5-9	1,738	20.4%	1,714	22.8%
Ages 10-14	1,820	21.3%	1,801	24.0%
Ages 15-19	3,177	37.2%	2,438	32.4%
The diversity of Macon County's children				
White	649	9.8%	614	10.1%
African American	5,968	90.2%	5,343	87.9%
Hispanic			50	0.8%
Other Races	3	0.0%	22	0.4%
More than one race			52	0.9%

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Ranking

Madison County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 238,912 276,700

County child population 58,845 70,787

Children as percentage of Madison County's population 24.6% 25.6%

The children of Madison County

Under age 5 17,462 26.1% 18,800 23.8%
 Ages 5-9 16,650 24.9% 20,194 25.5%
 Ages 10-14 15,485 23.1% 20,298 25.6%
 Ages 15-19 17,320 25.9% 19,846 25.1%

The diversity of Madison County's children

White 42,391 72.0% 46,566 65.8%
 African American 14,750 25.1% 18,455 26.1%
 Hispanic 1,786 2.5%
 Other Races 2,005 2.8%
 More than one race 1,975 2.8%

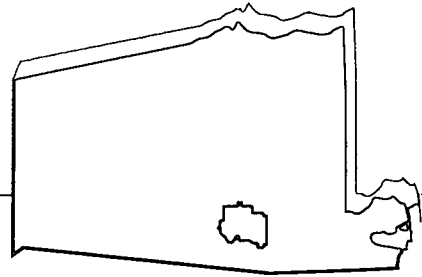
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	36	28	8.9	7.3	10	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	278	309	6.9%	8.1%	13	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	2,523	2,539	64.3%	66.4%	2	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	342	373	8.5%	9.8%	16	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	148	188	3.9%	5.3%	2		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	762	346	6.7%	2.8%	13	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	850	422	23.9%	10.5%	12	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	20	17	43.4	34.5	35	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	451	456	7.7	6.4	15	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	62	252	239.9	962.8	62	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	181	404	707.3	1,510.7	46	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	38	47.8	145.2	57	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	98	150	383.0	560.9	40	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	12	10	67.9	54.1	15	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	186	173	10.8%	11.0%	11	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,989	1,475	4.5%	1.8%	30	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	8,621	11,453	14.8%	17.6%	5	—	260,970	23.8%

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	Base Year	Current Year	NUMBER	BASE YEAR	RATE	CURRENT YEAR	RANK	TREND	STATE
				Rate	Rate				Number
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	9	6	22.0	18.3	25	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	38	46	9.3%	14.0%	63	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	211	171	58.0%	52.1%	57	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	75	49	18.3%	14.9%	52	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	67	60	15.0%	13.8%	64		4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	33	33	2.3%	2.6%	7	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	36	33	9.0%	10.0%	7	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	4	1	72.7	20.2	22	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	86	51	12.5	7.9	17	I	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	3	63.9	98.8	13	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	48	201.3	1,523.8	53	W	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	3	117.8	98.8	27	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	18	143.8	571.4	53	W	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	97.1	105.5	21	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	44	18	27.5%	14.0%	32	I	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,118	303	14.5%	4.3%	58	I	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	2,754	2,217	39.6%	32.6%	54	—	260,970	23.8%	

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Marengo County



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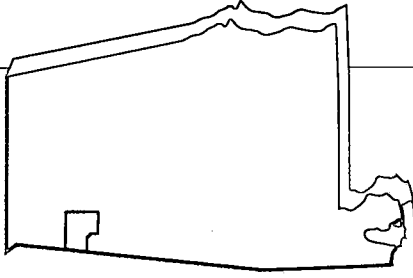
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Total county population	23,084	22,539		
County child population	7,015	6,422		
Children as percentage of Marengo County's population	30.4%	28.5%		
The children of Marengo County				
Under age 5	1,800	23.3%	1,524	21.7%
Ages 5-9	1,877	24.3%	1,852	26.3%
Ages 10-14	2,035	26.4%	1,902	27.0%
Ages 15-19	2,006	26.0%	1,756	25.0%
The diversity of Marengo County's children				
White	2,829	40.3%	2,391	37.2%
African American	4,178	59.6%	3,898	60.7%
Hispanic			74	1.2%
Other Races	8	0.1%	28	0.4%
More than one race			31	0.5%

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Marion County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990

2000

Total county population	29,830	31,214
County child population	7,364	7,038
Children as percentage of Marion County's population	24.7%	22.5%
The Children of Marion County		
Under age 5	1,887	1,876
Ages 5-9	1,990	1,903
Ages 10-14	2,059	2,060
Ages 15-19	2,347	2,004
The diversity of Marion County's children		
White	7,044	6,560
African American	252	245
Hispanic		128
Other Races	68	38
More than one race		67

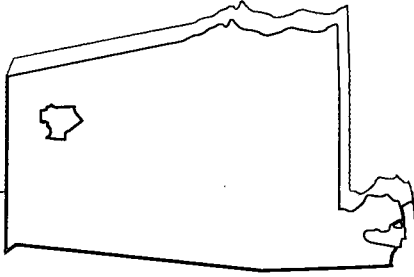
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	5	12.6	13.1	63	—	607
Low weight births	29	27	7.3%	7.0%	1	—	5,800
Child health index	204	212	55.4%	55.4%	14	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	33	30	8.3%	7.8%	7	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	9	29	2.1%	7.0%	12		4,688
Event dropout rate	60	65	3.9%	4.6%	33	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	68	72	14.8%	17.1%	33	—	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	4	35.0	75.8	55	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	69	26.5	9.8	54	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	25	88.9	769.9	47	W	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	68	471.3	2,012.4	61	W	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	726
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	23	110.9	680.7	26	W	3,396
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	126.1	92.9	29	—	268
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	21	11	13.3%	6.1%	5	—	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	321	92	3.9%	1.2%	5	—	35,476
Children in poverty	1,535	1,652	21.0%	22.5%	21	—	260,970

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	10	12	10.9	9.5	28	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	74	90	8.0%	7.1%	18	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	594	708	54.7%	56.1%	45	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	61	120	6.6%	9.5%	14	W	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	32	38	3.2%	3.8%	4		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	225	197	7.7%	6.4%	60	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	258	221	27.0%	23.7%	63	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	4	5	29.5	35.2	48	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	289	383	16.7	18.7	64	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	83	200.9	971.2	53	W	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	35	80	419.6	916.9	18	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	5	36.5	58.5	21	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	44	44	527.5	504.3	33	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	147.8	73.1	52	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	63	69	12.5%	12.5%	21	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	908	392	4.6%	1.7%	20	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	3,508	4,410	20.2%	23.0%	22	—	260,970 23.8%

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Marshall County

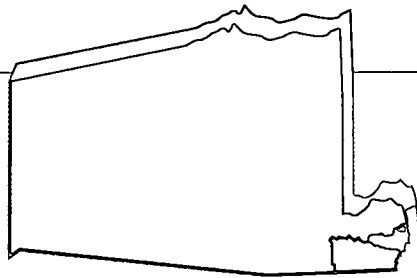


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	1990	2000
Total county population	70,832	82,231
County child population	17,529	20,437
Children as percentage of Marshall County's population	24.7%	24.9%
The children of Marshall County		
Under age 5	4,583	5,503
Ages 5-9	4,771	5,868
Ages 10-14	4,884	5,599
Ages 15-19	5,339	5,566
The diversity of Marshall County's children		
White	17,086	17,846
African American	309	411
Hispanic		1,761
Other Races	134	185
More than one race		234

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Mobile County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 378,643 399,843

County child population 107,799 109,881

Children as percentage of Mobile County's population 28.5% 27.5%

The children of Mobile County
 Under age 5 29,633 24.7% 29,334 24.1%
 Ages 5-9 30,316 25.3% 31,175 25.6%
 Ages 10-14 30,384 25.3% 30,929 25.4%
 Ages 15-19 29,676 24.7% 30,504 25.0%

The diversity of Mobile County's children
 White 63,989 59.4% 59,231 53.9%
 African American 41,827 38.8% 45,035 41.0%
 Hispanic 1,525 1.4%
 Other Races 2,649 2.4%
 More than one race 1,441 1.3%

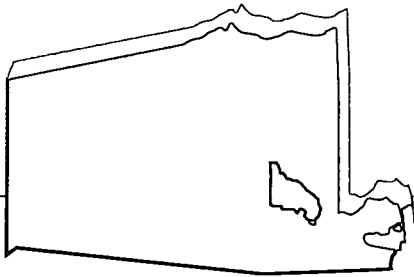
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	78	65	12.1	10.5	58	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	575	658	8.9%	10.6%	54	W	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	3,516	3,426	53.0%	55.1%	44	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	837	828	13.0%	13.3%	44	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	927	684	15.4%	11.5%	63		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	1,571	772	8.8%	4.3%	26	I	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	1,837	924	29.0%	15.9%	24	I	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	35	39	40.9	47.3	40	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,773	1,035	16.6	9.4	45	I	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	155	267	327.8	573.9	46	W	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	312	611	635.7	1,286.7	49	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	346	150	712.2	322.4	66	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	272	441	554.2	928.7	58	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	24	27	79.3	92.4	24	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	613	435	22.7%	17.5%	49	I	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	13,515	4,706	11.3%	3.9%	50	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	32,431	31,547	30.5%	28.8%	48	—	260,970 23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.0	2.7	11	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	42	38	11.1%	10.2%	49	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	215	216	54.7%	58.2%	41	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	62	57	16.4%	15.4%	48	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	33	11.0%	8.9%	44		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	104	69	6.8%	5.2%	32	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	120	78	24.3%	19.2%	34	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	17.5	19.3	8	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	116	58	15.8	8.4	11	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	11	444.0	344.9	28	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	21	85.2	641.4	23	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	2	199.8	62.7	26	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	9	85.2	274.9	5	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	96.7	40	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	20	23.8%	19.2%	50	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	690	222	8.4%	2.9%	42	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,151	2,153	29.4%	30.5%	52	—	260,970	23.8%

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Monroe County



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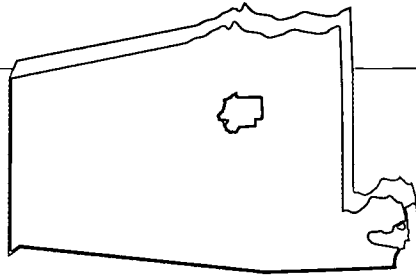
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Total county population	23,968	24,324		
County child population	7,382	6,883		
Children as percentage of Monroe County's population	30.8%	28.3%		
The children of Monroe County				
Under age 5	1,869	22.8%	1,827	24.1%
Ages 5-9	2,023	24.7%	1,921	25.3%
Ages 10-14	2,111	25.8%	1,905	25.1%
Ages 15-19	2,194	26.8%	1,942	25.6%
The diversity of Monroe County's children				
White	3,725	50.5%	3,397	49.4%
African American	3,539	47.9%	3,252	47.2%
Hispanic			62	0.9%
Other Races	118	1.6%	97	1.4%
More than one race			75	1.1%

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Ranking

Montgomery County



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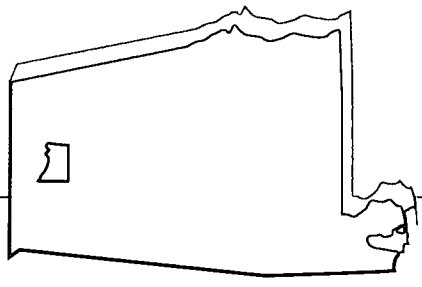
Total county population	209,085	223,510
County child population	57,655	57,646
Children as percentage of Montgomery County's population	27.6%	25.8%
The children of Montgomery County		
Under age 5	16,119	15,472
Ages 5-9	16,150	16,315
Ages 10-14	15,564	16,298
Ages 15-19	17,221	17,257
The diversity of Montgomery County's children		
White	26,746	21,855
African American	30,053	33,528
Hispanic	793	1,474
Other Races	856	753
More than one race		717

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	58	37	15.1	10.6	62	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	333	382	8.6%	11.0%	48	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	2,051	2,105	58.4%	60.4%	9	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	565	516	14.7%	14.8%	50	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	95	230	3.0%	7.7%	22		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	464	207	5.2%	2.5%	16	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	564	223	20.3%	9.6%	17	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	23	20	51.0	47.5	33	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	648	233	11.4	4.0	2	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	98	72	383.5	305.1	43	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	78	280	305.0	1,150.7	36	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	85	98	335.4	415.3	67	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	138	223	539.5	916.5	52	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	7	15	40.2	88.3	31	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	307	253	19.9%	17.4%	51	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	7,430	3,150	11.4%	4.8%	57	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	14,519	14,853	25.5%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	18	15	11.7	9.5	44	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	115	155	7.5%	9.9%	24	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	817	865	56.0%	55.1%	31	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	118	138	7.7%	8.8%	21	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	134	59	8.2%	3.8%	16		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	337	304	6.0%	5.7%	59	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	366	327	22.0%	21.1%	59	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	5	39.2	24.3	24	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	392	227	15.2	8.1	39	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	124	51.9	1,043.8	56	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	151	649.4	1,245.2	39	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	15	33.4	126.3	53	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	45	213.7	371.1	19	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	9	41.2	126.4	54	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	86	83	13.5%	12.8%	26	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,030	389	3.6%	1.3%	8	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,761	4,621	14.6%	16.9%	3	—	260,970	23.8%

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Morgan County



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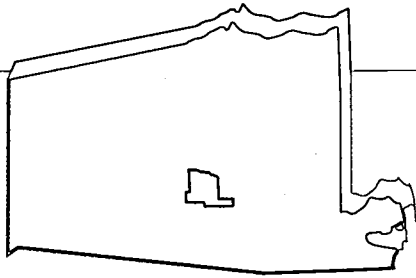
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Total county population	100,043	111,064		
County child population	25,947	28,144		
Children as percentage of Morgan County's population	25.9%	25.3%		
The children of Morgan County				
Under age 5	6,911	24.0%	7,317	23.7%
Ages 5-9	7,291	25.3%	7,992	25.8%
Ages 10-14	7,460	25.9%	8,119	26.3%
Ages 15-19	7,144	24.8%	7,499	24.2%
The diversity of Morgan County's children				
White	22,176	85.5%	21,942	78.0%
African American	3,502	13.5%	4,072	14.5%
Hispanic			1,286	4.6%
Other Races	269	1.0%	385	1.4%
More than one race			459	1.6%

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Ranking

Perry County



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1990 2000

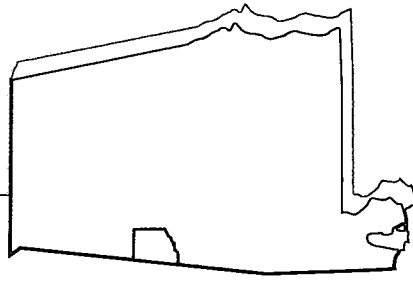
Total county population	12,759	11,861
County child population	4,062	3,537
Children as percentage of Perry County's population	31.8%	29.8%
The children of Perry County		
Under age 5	976	903
Ages 5-9	1,073	982
Ages 10-14	1,190	988
Ages 15-19	1,458	1,165
The diversity of Perry County's children		
White	784	673
African American	3,247	2,814
Hispanic	30	0
Other Races	31	2
More than one race	18	18

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	13.4	5.4	30	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	14	19	6.3%	10.3%	46	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	116	87	50.2%	47.3%	60	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	50	45	22.3%	24.5%	65	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	10	20	5.1%	10.1%	43	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	41	22	5.9%	3.5%	54	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	52	27	20.5%	13.8%	54	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	31.8	0.0	15	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	26	14.2	7.4	43	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	1	144.5	55.6	7	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	1	147.5	54.1	1	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	50.2	111.2	37	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	4	245.9	216.2	10	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	66.8	72.6	2	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	26	30.5%	34.2%	66	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,127	313	24.0%	7.5%	63	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,197	1,746	54.6%	45.2%	67	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.9	3.5	2	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	28	26	8.3%	9.0%	47	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	162	170	57.9%	59.0%	11	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	60	51	17.8%	17.7%	60	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION%								
First grade retention	33	24	10.2%	8.4%	48		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	21	35	2.0%	3.1%	2	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	36	7.7%	12.0%	2	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY%								
Child death rate	1	1	21.2	22.9	25	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	129	31	22.1	5.4	48	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	4	75.8	155.1	27	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	21	34.8	795.2	29	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	35.5	116.3	39	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	19	0.0	719.4	45	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	121.4	66.1	9	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	33	26	25.8%	19.1%	58	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	808	256	12.4%	4.1%	56	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,311	1,921	39.1%	32.9%	56	—	260,970	23.8%

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Pickens County

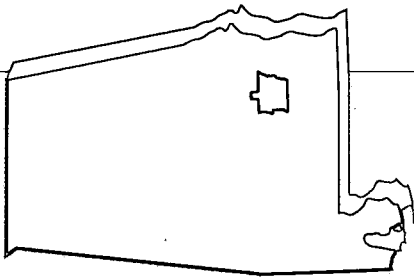


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Total county population	20,699	20,949
County child population	5,936	5,711
Children as percentage of Pickens County's population	28.7%	27.3%
The children of Pickens County		
Under age 5	1,463	1,421
Ages 5-9	1,678	1,563
Ages 10-14	1,764	1,660
Ages 15-19	1,594	1,668
The diversity of Pickens County's children		
White	2,668	2,547
African American	3,253	3,044
Hispanic	52	52
Other Races	15	19
More than one race	0.3%	0.9%

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Ranking

Pike County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 27,595 29,605

County child population 6,934 7,211

Children as percentage of Pike County's population 25.1% 24.4%

The children of Pike County

Under age 5 1,843 21.5% 1,923 22.3%
 Ages 5-9 1,873 21.8% 1,936 22.4%
 Ages 10-14 1,888 22.0% 2,090 24.2%
 Ages 15-19 2,977 34.7% 2,681 31.1%

The diversity of Pike County's children

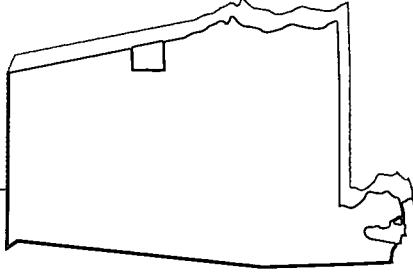
White 3,648 52.6% 3,588 49.8%
 African American 3,250 46.9% 3,307 45.9%
 Hispanic 114 1.6%
 Other Races 36 0.5% 68 0.9%
 More than one race 134 1.9%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	4	16.4	9.9	48	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	30	8.5%	7.4%	43	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	241	234	52.9%	57.9%	16	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	75	71	17.6%	17.6%	56	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	35	9.2%	9.0%	49	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	61	66	4.4%	5.5%	50	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	73	76	16.5%	19.4%	44	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	37.5	58.7	37	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	231	54	33.9	7.5	18	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	13	208.9	421.3	32	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	11	27	335.2	843.8	26	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	6	62.2	194.4	47	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	49	274.2	1,531.3	61	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	66.4	34.3	11	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	42	44	21.2%	22.7%	61	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	862	352	10.0%	3.9%	49	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,097	2,439	30.6%	34.4%	59	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	4	21.4	12.8	53	I	607	9.8
Low weight births	27	37	9.6%	11.9%	40	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	164	168	54.5%	53.8%	27	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	37	42	13.2%	13.5%	37	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	55	4.7%	18.6%	61		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	64	67	6.1%	6.4%	34	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	68	70	23.0%	22.6%	31	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	24.7	26.7	32	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	111	51	21.6	9.1	35	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	15	42.3	655.6	40	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	20	318.0	865.4	42	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	19	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	0	318.0	0.0	35	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	63.7	0.0	10	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	28	23.1%	22.8%	46	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	342	198	5.9%	3.2%	43	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,209	1,416	23.3%	27.9%	43	—	260,970	23.8%

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Randolph County



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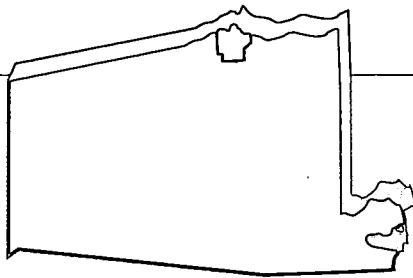
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Total county population	19,881	22,380		
County child population	5,192	5,620		
Children as percentage of Randolph County's population	26.1%	25.1%		
The children of Randolph County				
Under age 5	1,272	22.1%	1,480	23.5%
Ages 5-9	1,479	25.7%	1,627	25.9%
Ages 10-14	1,468	25.5%	1,568	24.9%
Ages 15-19	1,544	26.8%	1,616	25.7%
The diversity of Randolph County's children				
White	3,529	68.0%	3,880	69.0%
African American	1,663	32.0%	1,560	27.8%
Hispanic			103	1.8%
Other Races	0	0.0%	35	0.6%
More than one race			42	0.7%

County
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Ranking

Russell County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 46,860 49,756

County child population 12,504 13,194

Children as percentage of Russell County's population 26.7% 26.5%

The children of Russell County

Under age 5 3,536 25.3% 3,515 24.2%
 Ages 5-9 3,408 24.4% 3,777 26.0%
 Ages 10-14 3,381 24.2% 3,691 25.4%
 Ages 15-19 3,625 26.0% 3,531 24.3%

The diversity of Russell County's children

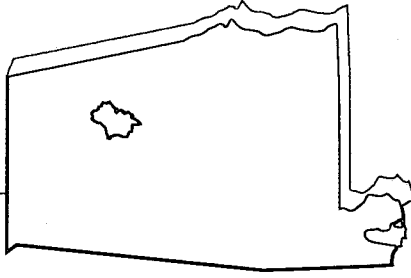
White 6,782 54.2% 6,360 48.2%
 African American 5,657 45.2% 6,260 47.4%
 Hispanic 254 1.9%
 Other Races 65 0.5% 113 0.9%
 More than one race 207 1.6%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	8	7.9	10.7	43	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	54	77	7.1%	10.3%	33	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	373	437	51.4%	58.5%	39	I	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	87	97	11.5%	13.0%	41	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	55	44	6.8%	5.7%	20	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	194	135	8.5%	5.8%	66	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	233	177	29.1%	20.9%	65	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	2	50.8	21.3	34	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	357	190	28.8	14.4	63	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	32	594.5	598.8	42	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	94	308.4	1,701.7	58	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	11	140.7	205.8	60	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	43	394.0	778.4	44	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	134.0	28.2	7	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	49	19.1%	16.4%	43	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,190	590	8.5%	4.0%	54	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,509	3,609	28.2%	28.0%	44	—	260,970	23.8%

	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	11	7.9	13.0	32	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	55	47	7.3%	5.6%	2	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	425	485	54.7%	57.3%	28	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	66	67	8.7%	7.9%	9	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	70	7.2%	8.2%	34		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	209	159	8.1%	5.5%	42	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	225	190	28.7%	20.3%	43	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	9	9.7	73.1	38	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	151	186	11.5	11.3	49	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	15	33.7	206.7	25	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	337	65.6	4,676.0	65	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	27.6	20	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	29	82.1	402.4	16	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	5	26.4	111.5	39	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	35	12.5%	9.9%	7	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	639	302	4.3%	1.7%	15	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,297	3,245	17.4%	20.2%	12	—	260,970	23.8%

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Ranking

St. Clair County



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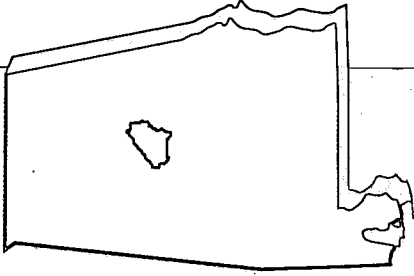
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Total county population	50,009	64,742		
County child population	13,331	16,417		
Children as percentage of St. Clair County's population	26.7%	25.4%		
The children of St. Clair County				
Under age 5	3,602	24.4%	4,252	23.7%
Ages 5-9	3,611	24.4%	4,558	25.4%
Ages 10-14	3,769	25.5%	4,855	27.1%
Ages 15-19	3,791	25.7%	4,265	23.8%
The diversity of St. Clair County's children				
White	11,973	89.8%	14,579	88.8%
African American	1,287	9.7%	1,348	8.2%
Hispanic			220	1.3%
Other Races	71	0.5%	109	0.7%
More than one race			161	1.0%

County
7
Ranking

Shelby County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 99,358 143,293

County child population 27,321 37,620

Children as percentage of
Shelby County's population 27.5% 26.3%

The children of Shelby County

Under age 5 7,978 26.5% 10,718 26.1%
Ages 5-9 7,890 26.2% 10,616 25.9%
Ages 10-14 7,267 24.1% 10,398 25.3%
Ages 15-19 6,964 23.1% 9,332 22.7%

The diversity of Shelby County's children

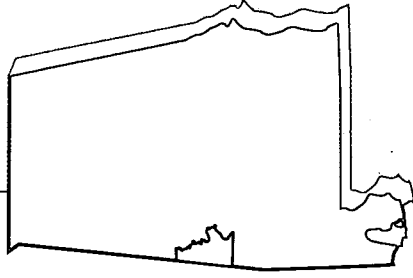
White 24,397 89.3% 32,677 86.9%
African American 2,575 9.4% 3,170 8.4%
Hispanic 888 2.4%
Other Races 542 1.4%
More than one race 343 0.9%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	9	16	5.5	7.1	23	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	95	152	5.8%	6.8%	7	W	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	1,126	1,572	65.2%	70.0%	1	I	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	82	90	5.0%	4.0%	1	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	68	63	4.1%	3.9%	1		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	227	207	4.9%	3.8%	15	I	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	257	252	18.3%	15.2%	16	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	6	5	28.3	16.7	21	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	280	194	10.4	5.2	6	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	12	0.0	77.7	16	W	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	39	439.7	256.7	22	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	1	27.0	6.5	14	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	47	201.5	309.4	17	—	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	10	58.0	107.6	18	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	46	43	6.0%	4.4%	1	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	624	197	2.1%	0.5%	1	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,839	3,683	10.5%	9.8%	1	—	260,970 23.8%

CATEGORY	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	4	0.0	18.4	56	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	29	26	10.5%	12.0%	50	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	112	98	48.9%	45.2%	64	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	65	39	23.6%	18.0%	57	I	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	4	15	1.7%	5.7%	11		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	46	43	5.1%	5.3%	19	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	53	50	19.3%	20.2%	19	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	3	25.4	86.4	56	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	43	11.3	10.0	21	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	46.4	21	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	4	0.0	180.3	4	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	41.1	185.6	29	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	10	0.0	450.9	37	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	56.6	123.6	58	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	16	28.1%	20.0%	56	I	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,322	497	22.7%	9.8%	65	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,443	1,906	49.8%	40.1%	63	—	260,970	23.8%

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Sumter County



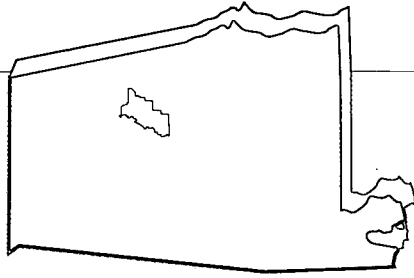
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1990 2000

Total county population	16,174	14,798		
County child population	4,936	4,305		
Children as percentage of Sumter County's population	30.5%	29.1%		
The children of Sumter County				
Under age 5	1,228	21.1%	1,066	22.1%
Ages 5-9	1,332	22.9%	1,233	25.5%
Ages 10-14	1,505	25.9%	1,248	25.8%
Ages 15-19	1,751	30.1%	1,281	26.5%
The diversity of Sumter County's children				
White	865	17.5%	661	15.4%
African American	4,065	82.4%	3,537	82.2%
Hispanic	72	1.7%	9	0.2%
Other Races	6	0.1%	26	0.6%
More than one race				

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Ranking

Talladega County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 74,107 80,321

County child population 20,571 20,066

Children as percentage of Talladega County's population 27.8% 25.0%

The children of Talladega County

Under age 5 5,093 22.0% 5,091 22.8%
 Ages 5-9 5,513 23.8% 5,524 24.7%
 Ages 10-14 6,043 26.1% 5,852 26.2%
 Ages 15-19 6,535 28.2% 5,853 26.2%

The diversity of Talladega County's children

White 12,521 60.9% 12,061 60.1%
 African American 7,956 38.7% 7,540 37.6%
 Hispanic 179 0.9%
 Other Races 94 0.5% 92 0.5%
 More than one race 194 1.0%

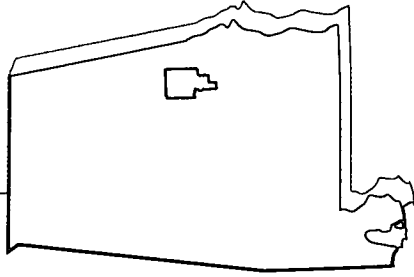
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	11	16	9.4	13.9	46	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	120	137	10.2%	11.9%	57	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	521	585	50.8%	50.8%	58	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	199	168	17.0%	14.6%	51	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	42	60	3.6%	5.5%	14		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	237	196	6.0%	5.3%	24	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	265	229	21.3%	19.2%	23	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	5	18.7	32.9	4	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	374	242	18.4	12.1	50	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	52	26	536.3	273.2	33	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	53	73	518.5	760.1	19	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	3	59.7	31.5	15	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	51	205.5	531.0	32	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	4	30.2	63.7	46	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	101	88	20.9%	16.6%	47	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,137	819	9.2%	3.6%	46	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	5,323	5,582	26.7%	27.6%	41	—	260,970	23.8%

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	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	5	4.9	9.1	51	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	45	57	7.4%	10.4%	51	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	311	325	54.5%	59.4%	17	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	94	79	15.4%	14.4%	46	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	41	7.2%	6.4%	25	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	154	92	7.4%	4.9%	31	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	178	109	26.9%	18.6%	32	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	13.0	13.8	6	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	145	65	14.8	6.5	13	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	58	215.2	1,251.3	64	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	62	99.7	1,298.2	50	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	5	182.5	107.9	64	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	46	39.9	963.1	60	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	157.5	33.2	14	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	40	21.2%	17.3%	42	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	758	236	6.8%	2.1%	34	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,954	2,587	19.8%	26.0%	37	—	260,970	23.8%

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Talapoosa County



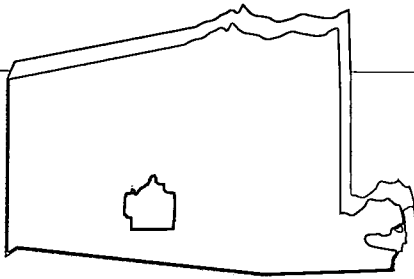
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Total county population	38,826	41,475		
County child population	10,016	10,037		
Children as percentage of Talapoosa County's population	25.8%	24.2%		
The children of Talapoosa County				
Under age 5	2,493	22.4%	2,562	23.2%
Ages 5-9	2,582	23.2%	2,859	25.9%
Ages 10-14	2,931	26.3%	2,892	26.2%
Ages 15-19	3,139	28.2%	2,708	24.6%
The diversity of Talapoosa County's children				
White	6,473	64.6%	6,496	64.7%
African American	3,489	34.8%	3,316	33.0%
Hispanic			84	0.8%
Other Races	54	0.5%	56	0.6%
More than one race			85	0.8%

County
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Ranking

Tuscaloosa County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 150,522 164,875

County child population 35,963 38,543

Children as percentage of Tuscaloosa County's population 23.9% 23.4%

The children of Tuscaloosa County
 Under age 5 9,647 22.0% 10,592 22.7%
 Ages 5-9 9,766 22.2% 10,853 23.2%
 Ages 10-14 10,139 23.1% 10,690 22.9%
 Ages 15-19 14,387 32.7% 14,558 31.2%

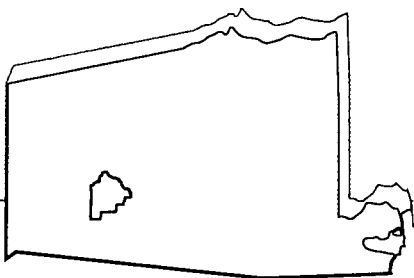
The diversity of Tuscaloosa County's children
 White 22,920 63.7% 22,745 59.0%
 African American 12,633 35.1% 14,332 37.2%
 Hispanic 631 1.6%
 Other Races 410 1.1% 394 1.0%
 More than one race 441 1.1%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	33	23	15.5	10.0	42	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	193	256	9.0%	11.1%	55	W	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	1,254	1,276	61.3%	55.6%	40	W	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	285	297	13.3%	12.9%	39	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	88	198	4.0%	8.7%	31		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	503	306	7.2%	4.5%	25	I	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	563	345	26.1%	17.0%	25	I	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	11	7	39.4	24.9	27	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	502	385	14.2	10.0	46	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	107	52.2	654.4	51	W	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	195	377.8	1,167.5	37	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	51	12.2	311.9	63	W	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	50	87	304.7	520.9	36	W	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	6	20.7	42.0	12	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	158	131	15.9%	13.0%	25	I	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,543	1,034	8.1%	2.2%	32	I	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	8,568	9,051	24.1%	24.2%	27	—	260,970 23.8%

ATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	6	13.2	6.6	34	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	74	79	8.2%	8.7%	20	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	473	479	53.2%	52.7%	50	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	91	91	10.0%	10.0%	24	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	69	6.1%	7.7%	36		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	258	47	7.4%	1.6%	10	I	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	280	51	25.9%	6.4%	10	I	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	9	3	66.8	23.1	29	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	324	166	19.2	10.0	47	I	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	13	198.8	159.6	26	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	44	103	512.9	1,239.8	38	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	1	59.2	12.3	24	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	12	104.9	144.4	2	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	9	74.0	176.8	53	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	51	13.1%	12.6%	24	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,171	262	6.1%	1.4%	11	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,873	3,710	22.8%	21.2%	14	—	260,970	23.8%

County Ranking
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Walker County

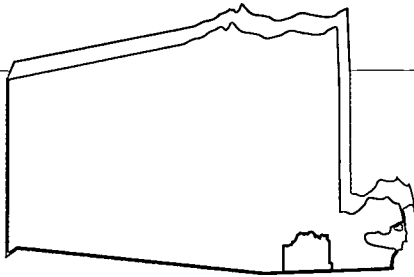


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	1990	2000		
Total county population	67,670	70,713		
County child population	17,184	16,636		
Children as percentage of Walker County's population	25.4%	23.5%		
The children of Walker County				
Under age 5	4,220	21.9%	4,520	24.4%
Ages 5-9	4,569	23.7%	4,556	24.6%
Ages 10-14	5,151	26.7%	4,711	25.5%
Ages 15-19	5,320	27.6%	4,706	25.4%
The diversity of Walker County's children				
White	15,557	90.5%	14,838	89.2%
African American	1,578	9.2%	1,310	7.9%
Hispanic			197	1.2%
Other Races	49	0.3%	98	0.6%
More than one race			193	1.2%

County
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Ranking

Washington County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 16,694 18,097

County child population 5,101 5,189

Children as percentage of Washington County's population 30.6% 28.7%

The children of Washington County

Under age 5 1,229 21.9% 1,308 22.8%
 Ages 5-9 1,483 26.5% 1,499 26.1%
 Ages 10-14 1,469 26.2% 1,478 25.8%
 Ages 15-19 1,424 25.4% 1,451 25.3%

The diversity of Washington County's children

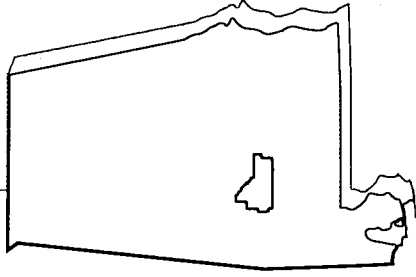
White 2,936 57.6% 2,974 57.3%
 African American 1,761 34.5% 1,628 31.4%
 Hispanic 54 1.0%
 Other Races 404 7.9% 465 9.0%
 More than one race 68 1.3%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	16.2	8.6	40	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	22	9.3%	9.4%	27	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	141	137	49.0%	58.8%	32	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	30	12.1%	12.9%	27	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	20	10.3%	6.8%	45	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	31	16	2.7%	1.5%	1	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	36	18	10.3%	6.0%	1	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	20	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	52	32	10.4	6.2	29	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	88.5	17	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	18	243.4	776.5	13	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	177.1	31	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	15	162.3	647.1	42	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	137.3	215.2	61	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	14	17.6%	14.1%	28	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	609	221	10.9%	3.8%	51	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,483	1,290	29.2%	25.4%	35	—	260,970	23.8%

ATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	2	7.7	9.0	5	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	29	29	11.1%	13.1%	56	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	114	107	49.4%	48.2%	63	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	49	50	18.8%	22.5%	67	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	19	23	8.3%	10.4%	52		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	57	31	6.7%	4.0%	11	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	62	32	23.2%	14.9%	11	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	27.6	30.9	67	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	58	46	12.7	11.4	38	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	93.5	0.0	6	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	9	127.0	412.7	25	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	93.9	50	W	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	13	423.3	596.1	67	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	75.4	161.7	30	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	22	26.9%	24.2%	65	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,337	493	26.6%	11.2%	66	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,629	1,968	57.5%	44.0%	65	—	260,970	23.8%

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Ranking

Wilcox County



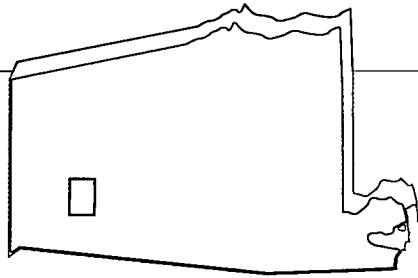
DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 **2000**

Total county population	13,568	13,183		
County child population	4,573	4,041		
Children as percentage of Wilcox County's population	33.7%	30.7%		
The children of Wilcox County				
Under age 5	1,075	21.4%	1,067	23.9%
Ages 5-9	1,236	24.5%	1,100	24.6%
Ages 10-14	1,430	28.4%	1,136	25.4%
Ages 15-19	1,294	25.7%	1,165	26.1%
The diversity of Wilcox County's children				
White	883	19.3%	723	17.9%
African American	3,688	80.6%	3,268	80.9%
Hispanic			40	1.0%
Other Races	2	0.0%	4	0.1%
More than one race			6	0.1%

County
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Ranking

Winston County



DEMOGRAPHICS

1990 2000

Total county population 22,053 24,843

County child population 5,415 5,888

Children as percentage of
Winston County's population 24.6% 23.7%

The children of Winston County

Under age 5	1,414	23.2%	1,545	23.7%
Ages 5-9	1,442	23.7%	1,650	25.4%
Ages 10-14	1,556	25.5%	1,684	25.9%
Ages 15-19	1,683	27.6%	1,628	25.0%

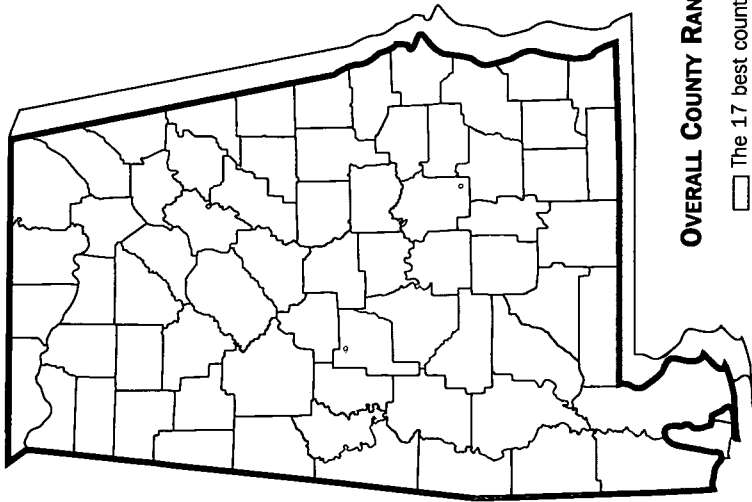
The diversity of Winston
County's children

White	5,385	99.4%	5,652	96.0%
African American	17	0.3%	28	0.5%
Hispanic	118	2.0%	118	2.0%
Other Races	13	0.2%	44	0.7%
More than one race	46	0.8%	46	0.8%

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	3	13.6	10.6	24	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	23	7.8%	8.1%	8	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	142	166	52.6%	58.5%	25	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	16	12	5.4%	4.2%	6	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	28	1.7%	8.0%	5		4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	52	81	3.9%	6.2%	47	W	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	56	86	14.7%	23.2%	49	W	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	46.7	53	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	27	15.1	4.6	28	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	22	184.2	834.6	21	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	7	110.5	265.6	8	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	174.4	181.1	64	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	9	5.5%	7.5%	6	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	153	80	2.5%	1.2%	14	I	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,271	1,356	23.6%	23.5%	25	—	260,970	23.8%

COUNTY RANKINGS & DATA





OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS

- The 17 best counties
- The 17 worst counties

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

- First, we converted the numerical values for all thirteen indicators into standard scores. Standard scores are derived by subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index, was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).
 - Next, we summed the standard scores to create a total standard score for each county.
 - Finally, we ranked the counties on the basis of their total standard score from lowest/best (1) to highest/worst (67).
- All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall standard score; no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each indicator. The 13 indicators that are included in the ranking index are: births to unmarried teens; child death rate; children in poverty; children receiving AFDC/TANF; children with indication of abuse or neglect; children's health index; infant mortality rate; juvenile violent crime arrest rate; juvenile violent crime court referral rate; low weight births; preventable teen death rate; projected dropout rate; and the vulnerable families index.

OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS

RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE
1	Shelby	-11.05
2	Cullman	-8.89
3	Clay	-7.55
4	Jackson	-6.26
5	Walker	-6.23
6	Blount	-6.04
7	Cleburne	-5.98
8	Saint Clair	-5.79
9	DeKalb	-5.67
10	Limestone	-5.41
11	Autauga	-5.17
12	Lauderdale	-5.12
13	Madison	-4.70
14	Coffee	-4.49
15	Baldwin	-4.26
16	Marion	-4.20
17	Winston	-4.04
18	Lee	-3.69
19	Franklin	-3.62
20	Chilton	-3.35
21	Fayette	-3.15
22	Elmore	-3.09
23	Lamar	-2.86
24	Lawrence	-2.66
25	Washington	-2.52
26	Etowah	-2.26
27	Morgan	-2.16
28	Colbert	-2.08
29	Monroe	-1.93
30	Choctaw	-1.59
31	Calhoun	-1.43
32	Randolph	-1.32
33	Chambers	-0.72
34	Crenshaw	
35	Talladega	
36	Tuscaloosa	
37	Marengo	
38	Marshall	
39	Henry	
40	Pickens	
41	Clarke	
42	Geneva	
43	Bibb	
44	Dale	
45	Covington	
46	Houston	
47	Hale	
48	Butler	
49	Tallapoosa	
50	Cherokee	
51	Escambia	
52	Barbour	
53	Jefferson	
54	Russell	
55	Bullock	
56	Mobile	
57	Perry	
58	Pike	
59	Sumter	
60	Montgomery	
61	Coosa	
62	Macon	
63	Greene	
64	Conecuh	
65	Dallas	
66	Wilcox	
67	Lowndes	

COUNTY DATA

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The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '99	LWB '99	CHI '99	BUT '99	FRR '00	EDO '00	PDO '00	CDR '00	CIAN '00	JSAA '00	JSAC '00	JVCA '00	JVCC '00	PTD '00	VF '00	TANF/AFC '00	POY '97
Autauga	5.1	6.3	62.4	8.9	9.9	4.5	16.5	11.0	4.6	1,713.9	652.1	204.9	409.9	0.0	14.8	2.0	17.4
Baldwin	11.1	7.6	57.9	10.4	7.6	4.7	18.1	43.3	6.6	1,504.7	1,456.1	140.4	347.3	87.2	13.6	0.7	16.7
Barbour	2.8	11.6	55.8	17.8	8.6	3.4	12.0	0.0	7.7	1,335.5	1,106.0	0.0	307.2	50.0	22.1	3.7	32.8
Bibb	11.8	11.5	49.7	12.7	10.1	3.5	12.7	49.6	18.4	0.0	1,521.2	0.0	1,401.1	185.0	16.4	2.3	24.8
Blount	14.5	9.5	61.4	6.3	9.8	6.5	23.6	45.8	7.0	224.8	1,011.0	0.0	393.2	88.4	16.4	1.4	20.1
Bullock	26.5	9.3	47.0	17.9	18.7	4.2	15.8	82.2	8.2	0.0	216.8	73.3	289.0	119.0	25.9	7.9	34.2
Butler	9.7	7.1	46.8	16.6	9.6	10.3	34.6	63.8	7.6	258.9	179.1	74.0	143.3	120.0	17.1	3.2	30.8
Calhoun	6.3	7.1	55.4	9.1	7.6	5.7	21.3	4.8	11.2	340.1	1,486.4	118.7	674.2	55.4	10.0	3.1	24.5
Chambers	12.7	8.7	54.3	18.0	1.9	4.5	16.3	30.1	8.3	1,228.3	2,002.8	120.4	372.6	72.3	25.6	3.2	24.7
Cherokee	11.0	7.7	54.6	16.1	6.9	7.6	28.0	109.1	23.5	41.8	1,464.0	0.0	122.0	65.5	16.7	2.1	25.0
Chilton	12.3	7.0	51.7	8.6	8.1	6.3	23.4	68.5	8.1	22.2	772.5	0.0	463.5	36.7	16.3	1.6	24.2
Choctaw	0.0	8.4	58.1	15.3	5.6	9.4	32.0	96.5	2.9	0.0	324.8	0.0	417.6	0.0	14.6	3.3	29.6
Clarke	9.3	9.3	54.2	16.4	10.8	1.6	6.1	49.5	8.1	500.4	286.8	52.7	286.8	40.7	21.4	6.3	29.9
Clay	0.0	5.4	51.8	8.4	13.6	4.2	16.1	0.0	14.4	255.1	434.0	0.0	310.0	196.9	9.6	1.7	21.8
Cleburne	5.3	8.0	48.1	4.8	11.3	5.7	20.8	0.0	24.7	183.6	908.5	61.2	363.4	96.9	7.4	1.4	21.4
Coffee	3.5	8.3	57.6	8.0	5.6	5.9	22.3	0.0	9.1	555.8	1,558.9	192.4	374.1	66.8	9.8	2.8	23.1
Colbert	11.5	11.0	61.5	12.6	8.5	4.9	18.1	33.0	6.3	589.8	202.8	114.2	184.4	90.7	17.9	0.7	21.0
Conecuh	29.9	11.4	51.7	11.9	15.5	6.9	25.0	72.4	18.4	356.7	968.7	0.0	341.9	99.3	9.1	9.9	39.2
Coosa	14.8	15.6	51.1	19.3	5.7	7.9	27.6	0.0	11.1	326.8	1,289.3	0.0	644.6	235.8	20.0	2.6	23.7
Covington	4.4	7.8	63.8	8.9	4.7	6.2	22.9	58.7	7.3	483.0	1,899.3	120.7	593.5	115.6	11.8	2.4	28.3
Crenshaw	16.6	8.3	55.2	11.6	6.5	3.7	14.1	0.0	12.8	124.1	1,337.4	0.0	364.7	97.0	9.2	2.4	29.9
Cullman	6.9	8.3	54.5	7.4	7.5	5.1	19.0	64.9	9.4	379.1	1,142.8	36.7	553.4	57.9	11.1	0.8	18.9
Dale	9.6	8.0	59.5	7.4	6.6	4.6	17.1	20.0	11.6	877.4	2,067.8	156.0	804.1	181.8	10.3	2.8	26.2
Dallas	14.9	12.4	52.9	21.5	10.8	4.1	15.0	28.8	8.4	275.1	967.0	145.7	1,062.1	50.7	27.3	7.8	39.2
DeKalb	4.3	7.6	53.6	7.3	6.5	5.0	18.9	46.5	6.9	221.7	1,150.4	14.8	233.0	143.5	12.0	1.3	23.4
Elmore	4.3	7.9	58.6	9.5	5.7	4.9	18.9	41.7	4.9	863.8	1,892.8	69.7	640.2	128.1	13.3	1.3	19.3
Escambia	12.4	10.4	55.6	16.8	8.8	5.6	20.6	29.7	6.7	210.5	478.0	117.0	478.0	35.1	23.9	1.3	27.8
Etowah	9.1	8.7	57.2	11.6	7.8	5.6	20.9	22.2	12.1	272.0	972.3	70.2	349.7	67.4	14.1	1.5	25.5
Fayette	4.6	8.8	50.9	7.4	14.4	7.0	24.9	60.0	11.3	913.0	1,963.5	144.2	280.5	0.0	11.6	3.6	22.3
Franklin	9.2	6.2	54.1	7.3	10.6	3.4	13.3	56.0	6.9	659.3	1,318.6	0.0	429.3	150.7	7.4	2.2	24.5
Geneva	9.4	7.5	58.9	9.4	9.2	5.0	19.0	66.8	15.0	398.6	1,494.1	36.2	533.6	166.1	13.4	1.5	28.5
Greene	12.1	10.9	36.4	25.5	8.4	6.5	24.0	0.0	16.5	73.8	142.8	0.0	71.4	0.0	30.2	4.0	44.6
Hale	0.0	11.2	49.1	13.8	10.7	4.6	17.8	77.8	4.1	0.0	598.0	0.0	726.2	212.6	12.0	3.0	34.1
Henry	15.2	6.6	65.7	10.6	9.0	7.7	28.1	0.0	4.3	698.9	1,097.8	107.5	418.2	85.4	18.3	4.6	28.6

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County	IM 99	IWB 99	CHI 99	BUT 99	FGRR 00	EDO 00	PDO 00	GDR 99	CIAN 00	JSAA 99	JSAC 99	JVCA 99	JVCC 99	PTD 99	VF 99	TAN/AFDC 00	POV 97
Houston	8.6	9.2	63.0	11.9	9.0	5.2	19.3	40.4	12.3	1,101.3	1,199.9	238.1	614.6	127.6	14.3	1.9	24.4
Jackson	6.0	8.7	54.3	7.3	5.3	5.1	18.9	10.7	8.1	0.0	1,454.3	0.0	462.7	109.2	10.5	0.9	21.7
Jefferson	12.1	10.5	62.4	12.0	6.7	3.6	13.8	34.8	6.5	547.7	933.2	206.9	1,364.9	97.2	14.0	3.9	21.5
Lamar	17.6	7.6	57.6	2.9	6.0	3.8	14.8	70.3	6.4	0.0	1,311.5	0.0	546.4	85.5	2.9	2.1	27.2
Lauderdale	6.7	8.3	64.2	8.2	3.3	4.3	16.1	20.8	5.5	1,025.0	1,462.6	131.1	557.2	34.8	10.2	1.0	19.6
Lawrence	7.0	10.1	53.5	10.6	4.2	3.3	11.9	47.5	14.8	103.2	1,386.1	0.0	1,209.7	0.0	9.9	1.8	22.2
Lee	10.0	7.2	62.8	9.3	6.0	1.9	7.2	65.9	6.4	424.4	1,415.4	191.0	707.7	37.9	12.5	1.4	19.8
Limestone	6.0	8.5	59.0	9.6	7.8	7.4	26.1	26.3	8.2	480.6	446.7	45.1	297.8	70.3	14.1	1.4	20.0
Lowndes	14.1	12.7	55.4	18.3	14.9	5.6	20.5	93.1	4.4	0.0	658.6	0.0	2,381.0	163.8	21.8	6.0	39.4
Macon	19.7	12.2	51.3	19.1	3.4	4.8	17.7	48.6	2.8	117.6	453.2	196.0	1,510.6	33.9	25.4	8.1	40.4
Madison	7.3	8.1	66.4	9.8	5.3	2.8	10.5	34.5	6.4	962.8	1,510.7	145.2	560.9	54.1	11.0	1.8	17.6
Marengo	18.3	14.0	52.1	14.9	13.8	2.6	10.0	20.2	7.9	98.8	1,523.8	98.8	571.4	105.5	14.0	4.3	32.6
Marion	13.1	7.0	55.4	7.8	7.0	4.6	17.1	75.8	9.8	769.9	2,012.4	0.0	680.7	92.9	6.1	1.2	22.5
Marshall	9.5	7.1	56.1	9.5	3.8	6.4	23.7	35.2	18.7	971.2	916.9	58.5	504.3	73.1	12.5	1.7	23.0
Mobile	10.5	10.6	55.1	13.3	11.5	4.3	15.9	47.3	9.4	573.9	1,286.7	322.4	928.7	92.4	17.5	3.9	28.8
Monroe	2.7	10.2	58.2	15.4	8.9	5.2	19.2	19.3	8.4	344.9	641.4	62.7	274.9	96.7	19.2	2.9	30.5
Montgomery	10.6	11.0	60.4	14.8	7.7	2.5	9.6	47.5	4.0	305.1	1,150.7	415.3	916.5	88.3	17.4	4.8	26.2
Morgan	9.5	9.9	55.1	8.8	3.8	5.7	21.1	24.3	8.1	1,043.8	1,245.2	126.3	371.1	126.4	12.8	1.3	16.9
Perry	5.4	10.3	47.3	24.5	10.1	3.5	13.8	0.0	7.4	55.6	54.1	111.2	216.2	72.6	34.2	7.5	45.2
Pickens	3.5	9.0	59.0	17.7	8.4	3.1	12.0	22.9	5.4	155.1	795.2	116.3	719.4	66.1	19.1	4.1	32.9
Pike	9.9	7.4	57.9	17.6	9.0	5.5	19.4	58.7	7.5	421.3	843.8	194.4	1,531.3	34.3	22.7	3.9	34.4
Randolph	12.8	11.9	53.8	13.5	18.6	6.4	22.6	26.7	9.1	655.6	865.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	3.2	27.9
Russell	10.7	10.3	58.5	13.0	5.7	5.8	20.9	21.3	14.4	598.8	1,701.7	205.8	778.4	28.2	16.4	4.0	28.0
St. Clair	13.0	5.6	57.3	7.9	8.2	5.5	20.3	73.1	11.3	206.7	4,676.0	27.6	402.4	111.5	9.9	1.7	20.2
Shelby	7.1	6.8	70.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	15.2	16.7	5.2	77.7	256.7	6.5	309.4	107.6	4.4	0.5	9.8
Sumter	18.4	12.0	45.2	18.0	5.7	5.3	20.2	86.4	10.0	46.4	180.3	185.6	450.9	123.6	20.0	9.8	40.1
Talladega	13.9	11.9	50.8	14.6	5.5	5.3	19.2	32.9	12.1	273.2	760.1	31.5	531.0	63.7	16.6	3.6	27.6
Tallapoosa	9.1	10.4	59.4	14.4	6.4	4.9	18.6	13.8	6.5	1,251.3	1,298.2	107.9	963.1	33.2	17.3	2.1	26.0
Tuscaloosa	10.0	11.1	55.6	12.9	8.7	4.5	17.0	24.9	10.0	654.4	1,167.5	311.9	520.9	42.0	13.0	2.2	24.2
Walker	6.6	8.7	52.7	10.0	7.7	1.6	6.4	23.1	10.0	159.6	1,239.8	12.3	144.4	176.8	12.6	1.4	21.2
Washington	8.6	9.4	58.8	12.9	6.8	1.5	6.0	0.0	6.2	88.5	776.5	177.1	647.1	215.2	14.1	3.8	25.4
Wilcox	9.0	13.1	48.2	22.5	10.4	4.0	14.9	30.9	11.4	0.0	412.7	93.9	596.1	161.7	24.2	11.2	44.0
Winston	10.6	8.1	58.5	4.2	8.0	6.2	23.2	46.7	4.6	0.0	834.6	0.0	265.6	181.1	7.5	1.2	23.5
Alabama	9.8	9.3	58.5	11.5	7.6	4.4	16.7	36.8	8.3	552.0	1,170.7	152.0	697.4	84.0	14.2	2.8	23.8

COUNTY RANKINGS

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The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM 97-99	IWB 97-99	CHI 97-99	BUT 97-99	FCRR 98-00	EDO 98-00	PDO 98-00	CDR 97-99	CIAN 98-00	JSAA 97-99	JSAC 98-99	JVCA 97-99	JVCC 98-99	PTD 97-99	VF 97-99	TANF/AFDC 98-00	POV 97
Autauga	12	9	18	18	56	53	51	7	4	67	31	59	27	31	31	23	4
Baldwin	57	15	23	25	37	38	38	28	30	66	63	38	25	63	20	2	2
Barbour	7	60	34	58	41	9	9	45	41	65	45	41	41	45	60	52	55
Bibb	41	42	62	34	57	27	27	44	58	5	56	10	62	56	33	24	33
Blount	47	23	6	4	33	48	47	16	25	39	24	11	14	24	8	13	11
Bullock	60	64	65	62	67	21	22	52	5	11	3	23	23	3	67	61	58
Butler	14	25	47	54	50	64	64	50	31	35	7	54	4	7	48	45	53
Calhoun	49	19	38	17	35	39	37	11	57	48	59	51	47	59	12	39	30
Chambers	21	35	22	59	8	28	26	10	33	60	44	42	46	44	57	40	32
Cherokee	17	28	26	36	10	65	66	51	67	10	35	16	1	35	41	31	34
Chilton	35	34	55	22	18	49	50	60	22	20	28	22	15	28	35	27	27
Choctaw	1	36	24	45	47	61	61	26	14	1	10	1	11	10	38	48	49
Clarke	33	29	36	49	60	8	8	61	27	38	9	40	12	9	54	60	50
Clay	31	5	51	23	51	3	3	1	60	15	11	1	34	11	14	29	18
Cleburne	6	21	56	2	40	44	46	18	66	12	14	55	22	14	4	9	15
Coffee	26	4	30	29	13	36	40	3	40	54	52	45	18	52	22	33	23
Colbert	36	41	10	31	38	46	45	14	9	49	5	44	20	5	44	3	13
Conecuh	67	61	54	42	65	58	56	49	65	31	15	46	7	15	39	67	60
Coosa	20	66	61	53	29	67	67	5	53	24	41	36	57	41	53	37	26
Covington	13	16	19	38	15	57	58	63	42	45	67	28	43	67	37	35	45
Crenshaw	52	10	49	43	32	37	36	19	61	29	30	12	49	30	45	36	50
Cullman	18	17	37	8	30	6	6	36	36	37	32	17	28	32	15	4	6
Dale	61	12	12	19	21	30	30	9	52	58	62	56	59	62	17	41	38
Dallas	50	62	48	63	53	22	20	23	16	34	43	61	66	43	62	62	60
DeKalb	9	32	52	13	3	51	52	41	20	23	40	8	3	40	23	10	24
Elmore	19	26	13	28	24	23	28	39	7	57	60	34	48	60	29	18	7
Escambia	64	53	46	47	42	40	39	58	24	22	8	52	39	8	52	22	42
Etowah	29	22	20	33	27	41	41	17	56	19	27	33	21	27	30	12	36
Fayette	22	11	53	10	46	63	62	59	51	63	66	48	29	66	10	38	20
Franklin	27	31	42	5	59	20	21	62	10	44	55	13	38	55	3	28	30
Geneva	38	6	33	30	39	35	35	64	55	30	54	25	51	54	27	19	46
Greene	45	67	67	66	58	62	60	66	59	18	2	1	6	2	64	55	66
Hale	3	58	66	55	62	29	29	46	26	8	16	18	56	16	55	44	57
Henry	55	38	8	32	54	56	57	2	1	59	64	32	31	64	40	53	47

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM 97-99	LWB 97-99	CHI 97-99	BUT 97-99	FGRR 98-00	EDO 98-00	FDO 98-00	GDR 97-99	CIAN 98-00	JSAA 97-99	JSAC 98-98	JVCA 97-99	JMGC 98-98	PTID 97-99	VF 97-99	TANFATDC 98-00	POV 97
Houston	39	37	7	35	55	43	42	31	32	61	34	58	50	34	34	26	29
Jackson	16	30	43	15	7	45	48	13	44	14	57	1	13	57	13	6	17
Jefferson	54	52	5	40	26	18	18	30	23	50	33	62	65	33	36	47	16
Lamar	66	39	21	3	23	12	13	57	8	1	20	1	24	20	2	17	40
Lauderdale	8	44	3	11	6	17	15	12	37	55	48	49	30	48	9	7	8
Lawrence	15	45	35	26	17	4	4	43	62	9	51	1	54	51	16	16	19
Lee	37	3	4	20	9	5	5	47	19	52	47	65	55	47	18	21	9
Limestone	4	14	15	12	28	55	55	42	12	36	6	30	9	6	19	25	10
Lowndes	65	65	29	64	66	52	53	65	3	1	12	35	64	12	63	59	62
Macon	59	59	59	61	19	14	14	54	34	41	17	43	63	17	59	64	64
Madison	10	13	2	16	2	13	12	35	15	62	46	57	40	46	11	30	5
Marengo	25	63	57	52	64	7	7	22	17	13	53	27	53	53	32	58	54
Marion	63	1	14	7	12	33	33	55	54	47	61	9	26	61	5	5	21
Marshall	28	18	45	14	4	60	63	48	64	53	18	21	33	18	21	20	22
Mobile	58	54	44	44	63	26	24	40	45	46	49	66	58	49	49	50	48
Monroe	11	49	41	48	44	32	34	8	11	28	23	26	5	23	50	42	52
Montgomery	62	48	9	50	22	16	17	33	2	43	36	67	52	36	51	57	38
Morgan	44	24	31	21	16	59	59	24	39	56	39	53	19	39	26	8	3
Perry	30	46	60	65	43	54	54	15	43	7	1	37	10	1	66	63	67
Pickens	2	47	11	60	48	2	2	25	48	27	29	39	45	29	58	56	56
Pike	48	43	16	56	49	50	44	37	18	32	26	47	61	26	61	49	59
Randolph	53	40	27	37	61	34	31	32	35	40	42	19	35	42	46	43	43
Russell	43	33	39	41	20	66	65	34	63	42	58	60	44	58	43	54	44
St. Clair	32	2	28	9	34	42	43	38	49	25	65	20	16	65	7	15	12
Shelby	23	7	1	1	1	15	16	21	6	16	22	14	17	22	1	1	1
Sumter	56	50	64	57	11	19	19	56	21	21	4	29	37	4	56	65	63
Talladega	46	57	58	51	14	24	23	4	50	33	19	15	32	19	47	46	41
Tallapoosa	51	51	17	46	25	31	32	6	13	64	50	64	60	50	42	34	37
Tuscaloosa	42	55	40	39	31	25	25	27	46	51	37	63	36	37	25	32	27
Walker	34	20	50	24	36	10	10	29	47	26	38	24	2	38	24	11	14
Washington	40	27	32	27	45	1	1	20	29	17	13	31	42	13	28	51	35
Wilcox	5	56	63	67	52	11	11	67	38	6	25	50	67	25	65	66	65
Winston	24	8	25	6	5	47	49	53	28	4	21	1	8	21	6	14	25

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DEFINITIONS, NOTES AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

The number of live births to unmarried females aged 10 through 19 expressed as a percentage of live births to women of all ages. Data are reported by mother's county of residence. Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997; Table 4-26 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

CHILD DEATH RATE

Number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 through 14 per 100,000 children of those ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, and 1992; Table 5-5; and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1999.

CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES

The number of legal child day care facilities located within a specified county as of September and December, 2000. "Legal facilities" are those that are registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. This indicator encompasses family day care homes (serving six children or less), group day care homes (serving 7-12 children), licensed day care centers (serving more than 12 children), and day care centers that are exempt from licensure (serving more than 12 children with church exemption). Homes where children are cared for by relatives or friends, as well as those that operate as businesses but are not registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, are not included in these numbers.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

Children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all children under 18.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. *1990 Census of Population and Housing, CP-2-2, Social and Economic Characteristics*, Tables 29 and 149; and Bureau

of the Census, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch, *County Estimates for People Under Age 18 in Poverty for Alabama: 1997*, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipes/stcty/d_9701.html>, Table D97-01, Released November, 2000.

CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC/TANF

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

Data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Management and Fiscal Analysis Division.

CHILDREN WITH INDICATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Number of children with indication of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under 18. This measure involves instances of child abuse or neglect where both credible evidence and the professional judgement of the social worker substantiate that an alleged perpetrator is responsible for harming the child.

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

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INDEX

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

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

EVENT DROPOUT RATE

The number of students who dropped out of grades 9-12 during the specified school year expressed as a percentage of the total enrolled in grades 9-12 on the fortieth day of that school year. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

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

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

FIRST GRADE RETENTION RATE

The number of students enrolled in the first grade during the specified school year who were not promoted to the second grade expressed as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the first grade. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Education.

NT MORTALITY RATE
Number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data are reported by county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1989 through 1997, Tables 5-29 (1988-89), 5-31 (1990-93), and Volume 4 (1994-97); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health for 1998 and 1999.

JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARREST RATE

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

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

JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT REFERRAL RATE

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

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARREST RATE

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

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

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME COURT REFERRAL RATE

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

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS

Percentage of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams). Data are reported by mother's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997, Table 4-23 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989, 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

POPULATION

Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to all persons under 18 years of age. **Data reported for race in 1990 and 2000 are not totally comparable due to changes in the 2000 census questionnaire. In 2000, census respondents could select more than one race category, but they could select only one in 1990.** In addition, the data reported for 1990 for individual race categories (i.e., white, African-American and "other") include Hispanics (who can be of any race), while those reported for 2000 do not. Instead, the Hispanic child population in 2000 is reported separately.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1A*, Issued in CD-Format, September, 1991; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000 Redistricting Data* (Public Law 94-171) *Summary Data*, Tables PL1 (Race) and PL3 (Race for the Population 18 Years and Over), Released March, 2001 <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTable?_ls=62098832220> (Table PL1) and <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTable?_ls=6087422050> (Table PL3); U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000 Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics, Alabama*, Released May, 2001 <http://www2.census.gov/census_2000/datasets/demographic_profile/Alabama/>; and U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Population Estimates for Counties by Age and Sex: Annual Time Series, July 1, 1990 to July 1, 1999*, Released August, 2000, <<http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/county/cas/cas01.txt>>.

PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATH RATE

Number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to persons aged 15 through 19 per 100,000 persons in that age group.

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

PROJECTED DROPOUT RATE

The proportion of the ninth grade class for the specified school year that would drop out of school prior to graduation if that year's grade specific dropout rates were to remain constant in subsequent years. This procedure produces a projected, four-year dropout rate for a hypothetical cohort of students. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data. For the definition of "dropout" used by Alabama's public school systems, see the information reported above for the "Event Dropout Rate."

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

TREND ANALYSIS

Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminant" (—). Annual data are not available for children in poverty; hence, poverty rates for 1989, 1993, 1995 and 1997 were used as the data points for curve estimation.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

First births to unmarried teenage mothers who had not finished high school as a percentage of all live births.

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

All data are reported by county of residence except the juvenile violent crime arrest rate and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate (tabulated according to the county where the arrest occurred) and the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate (tabulated according to the county where the offense took place).

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