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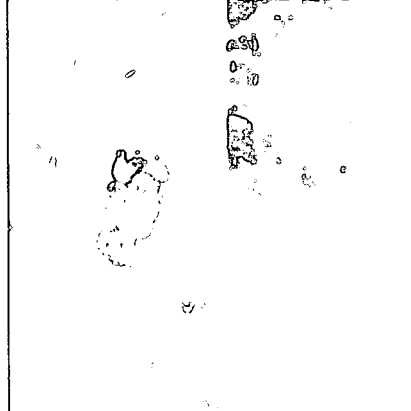
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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book examines statewide trends in well-being of Alabama's children. The statistical portrait is based on 18 indicators in the areas of child health, education, safety, and security: (1) infant mortality rate; (2) low weight births; (3) child health index; (4) births to unmarried teens; (5) first grade retention; (6) school dropout rate; (7) projected school 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) vulnerable families; (16) children receiving AFDC/TANF; (17) children in poverty; and (18) single-parent families with children. The data book begins with an introduction and an explanation of features new to this year's report. Following the summary of state data, county information on licensed child care, a list of the current and base years for indicator comparisons, and information on using the book, the bulk of the data book presents data for each indicator by county, as well as a summary of county data and county rankings. The data indicate that there have been statewide improvements in infant mortality, event and projected school dropout rates, child death rate, child abuse or neglect, preventable teen death rate, vulnerable families, and children receiving AFDC/TANF. Indicators with worsening statistics include low weight births, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, and juvenile substance abuse court referral rate. The data book concludes with acknowledgements, definitions, notes, and information sources. (KB)

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Positive changes continue to sweep across Alabama. During the past decade Alabama saw an increase in concern for issues affecting its children and families. This concern continued to grow during the beginning of the new decade with the creation and growth of the Department of Children's Affairs and its Children's Policy Councils. Grassroots movements across the state are also working to bring more attention to the need for tax and constitutional reform in order to help families build on the improvements of the past few years.

As the Children's Policy Councils (CPC) continue to grow they have become more active in their counties. A majority of councils submitted a County Needs Assessment Plan and have begun to implement their plan. Communities are following the lead of their local CPC and working to develop solutions to the issues that face the children and families in their community. Communities across Alabama are realizing they must work together to improve the quality of life for all.

With the transitioning of many Alabama families from welfare to work, the number of low-income working families has increased. These low-income working families are vulnerable to many challenges resulting from poverty. Alabama's regressive tax structure keeps low-income working families in poverty. Alabama is only one of 15 states that collect taxes on necessary items such as food. On average, an Alabama family will pay \$480 in food sales taxes this year. This money could buy more food for the family or go towards other family expenses. Alabama's income tax also exhibits a regressive nature. Alabama has the lowest income tax threshold in the nation, \$4600 for a family of four. This threshold is \$13,001 below the Federal Poverty Level.

The challenges faced by low-income working families impact the state as a whole. Alabama's regressive tax structure and earmarking severely limit both the amount of taxes collected and the distribution of the tax dollars. The narrow base of the tax structure limits overall tax dollars the state collects. If Alabama were to match the collection practices of peer states such as Kentucky it would see an increase of \$2 billion in revenue. Matching Mississippi would result in an increase of \$836 million. Matching these collection practices would require increasing the tax base and redistributing the tax burden more fairly and adequately. If these reforms were made, fewer families would be in poverty, education and other services for children would receive adequate funding and economic security for the state as a whole would be greatly improved.

The goal of the 2002 Alabama Kids Count Data Book is to present a holistic, numerical portrait of the status of our children using the best available data. We hope that you will use the information in this book to bring awareness and action to 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, VOICES for Alabama's Children

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NEW THIS YEAR

This year's *Kids Count Data Book* reports statistical information on 18 child welfare indicators. Past users will find that almost all of these variables have appeared annually in previous editions of the *Data Book*. With the release of the 2000 census data, "percent single-parent families with children under 18" has reappeared after having been last reported in the 1996 *Data Book*. In addition, "median family income" and "percent of persons living below the poverty level" are included from recently released census data, along with population data from the 2000 census. Only portions of the decennial census had been released at the time this publication was prepared. Other data from the 2000 census will appear in future editions of the *Data Book*.

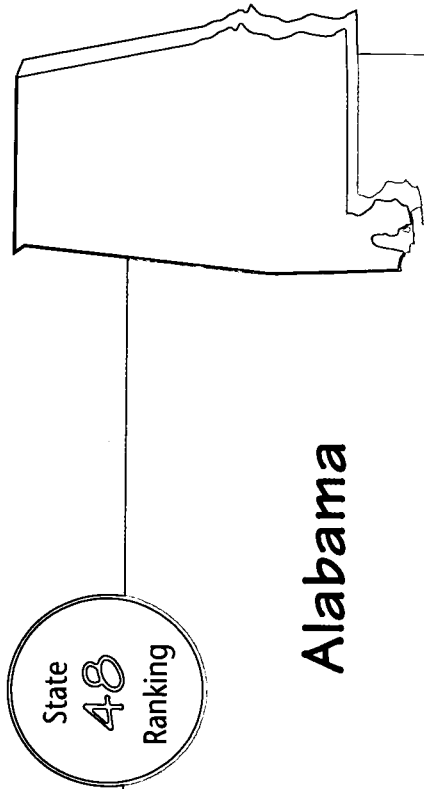
A major improvement this year is the eight-variable scale that is used to compute overall ranks of counties on child welfare. In the past, all variables deemed to be related to child welfare were included in the composite scale on the basis of face validity alone. This year, each of the candidate variables was statistically analyzed for inclusion in the final scale through correlation analysis. The variables included in this year's county ranking index include: births to unmarried teens; children in poverty; children receiving AFDC/TANF; children's health index; infant mortality rate; low weight births; single-parent families; and the vulnerable families index.

The variables chosen this year were a result of a more scientific analysis and were the variables with the strongest correlation. The overall reliability coefficient of the resulting scale, at .748, was beyond the generally accepted standard for acceptability. As a result, users of this year's *Data Book* can have more confidence in both the validity and reliability of the indicators that were used to generate the overall county rankings.

Additional maps have been added to this year's *Data Book* as well to give a better picture of geographical concentrations with similar rankings on the indicators used in the overall county rankings index. The maps for the indicators are similar to the overall county rankings map. Based on the scores of the counties, the top and bottom ranking 17 counties are illustrated in different colors.



STATE DATA



Alabama

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	4,040,587	4,447,100
County 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 15-17	182,493	191,833
The diversity of Alabama's children		
White	702,982	711,149
African American	342,751	357,442
Hispanic		24,875
Other races	14,268	15,344
More than one race		14,612
Median family income	\$37,233*	\$41,657
All persons living below poverty level	18.3%	16.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		TREND
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	

HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	689	594	10.9	9.4	I
Low weight births	5,331	6,154	8.4	9.7	W
Child health index	34,539	37,100	56.9	58.7	—
Births to unmarried teens	7,289	7,064	11.5	11.2	—
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	4,690	4,375	7.4	7.3	—
Event dropout rate	12,524	8,188	6.1	4.1	I
Projected dropout rate	14,384	9,333	22.1	15.5	I
SAFETY					
Child death rate	317	235	38.3	26.9	I
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	17,790	9,238	16.9	8.2	I
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1,512	2,602	316.0	508.1	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3,110	5,160	645.4	1,007.6	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	695	739	144.2	144.3	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2,628	2,772	545.3	541.3	—
Preventable teen death rate	327	235	102.1	72.4	I
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	4,477	3,619	16.7	14.0	I
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	96,083	34,228	8.0	2.7	I
Children in poverty	250,485	233,961	24.0	21.2	—
Single-parent families with children	155,185	203,931	27.0	32.8	—

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Alabama National Composite Rank 48

	State		National		Rank
	1990	1999	1990	1999	
Low-weight births	8.4	9.3	7.0	7.6	47
Infant mortality rate	10.8	9.8	9.2	7.1	48
Child death rate	39	37	31	24	49
Teen death rate	101	84	71	53	48
Teen birth rate	47	38	37	29	42
Teen dropout rate	15	10	10	10	30
Idle teens	13	10	10	8	38
Under-employed parents	37	30	30	25	44
Children in poverty	24	23	20	19	41
Single-parent families	24	29	24	27	39

Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes			Group Day Care Centers			Total Licensed Providers	Exempt Centers	Family Day Care Homes			Group Day Care Centers			Total Licensed Providers	Exempt Centers
	Family Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Group Day Care Homes	Family Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Group Day Care Homes			Family Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Group Day Care Homes	Family Day Care Homes	Day Care Centers	Group Day Care Homes		
Autauga	23	9	9	13	45	5										
Baldwin	74	16	16	42	132	26										
Barbour	20	2	2	2	24	0										
Bibb	9	0	0	3	12	2										
Blount	18	0	0	7	25	4										
Bullock	1	0	0	4	5	3										
Butler	24	2	2	6	32	2										
Calhoun	42	15	15	24	81	22										
Chambers	12	14	14	10	36	2										
Cherokee	3	2	2	8	13	3										
Chilton	7	4	4	8	19	3										
Choctaw	4	2	2	6	12	0										
Clarke	6	3	3	10	19	4										
Clay	2	8	8	5	15	0										
Cleburne	10	2	2	3	15	1										
Cofee	15	12	12	19	46	6										
Colbert	26	0	0	13	39	10										
Conecuh	4	7	7	5	16	0										
Coosa	5	3	3	2	10	0										
Covington	12	9	9	11	32	5										
Crenshaw	14	3	3	3	20	1										
Cullman	17	0	0	22	39	7										
Dale	27	12	12	17	56	8										
Dallas	34	11	11	17	62	5										
DeKalb	10	12	12	21	43	1										
Elmore	41	0	0	17	58	17										
Escambia	14	1	1	12	27	8										
Etowah	14	11	11	26	51	20										
Fayette	9	4	4	2	15	3										
Franklin	6	7	7	7	20	2										
Geneva	10	8	8	11	29	2										
Greene	4	2	2	4	10	1										
Hale	14	5	5	3	22	2										
Henry	8	3	3	6	17	3										
Houston	34	1	1	61	96	22										
Jackson	13	10	10	16	39	7										
Jefferson	181	46	46	227	454	172										
Lamar	9	4	4	2	15	2										
Lauderdale	7	4	4	17	28	11										
Lawrence	5	5	5	9	19	0										
Lee	64	5	5	39	108	4										
Limestone	1	0	0	12	13	5										
Lowndes	3	0	0	2	5	1										
Macon	16	0	0	14	30	3										
Madison	114	9	9	96	219	29										
Marengo	11	9	9	16	36	1										
Marion	28	0	0	5	33	3										
Marshall	12	6	6	25	43	12										
Mobile	125	20	20	101	246	97										
Monroe	10	5	5	7	22	2										
Montgomery	185	0	0	132	317	33										
Morgan	35	2	2	35	72	11										
Perry	7	1	1	6	14	0										
Pickens	6	2	2	6	14	4										
Pike	30	13	13	6	49	3										
Randolph	8	6	6	10	24	0										
Russell	19	4	4	19	42	9										
St. Clair	9	7	7	12	28	11										
Shelby	34	14	14	40	88	17										
Sumter	4	2	2	8	14	1										
Talladega	9	23	23	24	56	8										
Tallapoosa	76	0	0	17	93	10										
Tuscaloosa	41	7	7	45	93	30										
Walker	6	8	8	12	26	6										
Washington	4	9	9	3	16	0										
Wilcox	1	1	1	3	5	3										
Winston	8	11	11	5	24	0										
TOTAL	1,654	423	423	1,401	3,478	695										

Data reported as of February, 2002.

Current and Base Years for the collection of Indicator Data

Indicator	Base Year	Current Year	Indicator	Base Year	Current Year
Infant mortality rate	1990	2000	Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1990	2000
Low weight births	1990	2000	Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1990	2000
Child health index	1994	2000	Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1990	2000
Births to unmarried teens	1990	2000	Preventable teen death rate	1990	2000
First grade retention	1998	2001	Vulnerable families	1994	2000
Event dropout rate	1995	2001	Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1991	2001
Projected dropout rate	1995	2001	Children in poverty	1989	1999
Child death rate	1990	2000	Single-parent families	1990	2000
Children with indication of abuse and neglect	1991	2001			
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1991	2000			

HOW TO USE THIS DATA BOOK

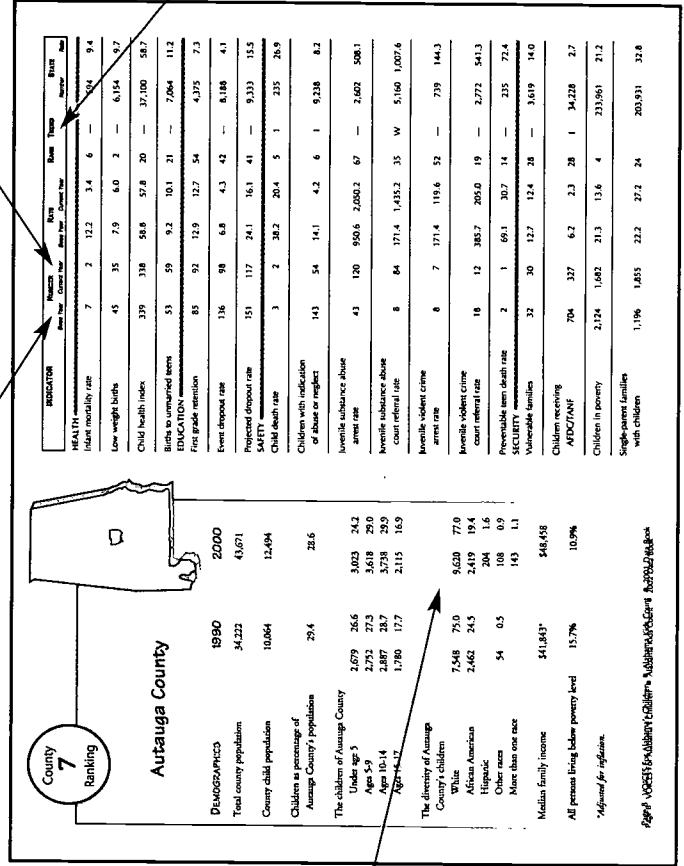
The Alabama Kids Count 2002 Data Book presents eighteen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. 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 eighteen 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 children in poverty is 1989. 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, children receiving AFDC/TANF, and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate is 1991. The base year for all other indicators is 1990.

Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. The current year for children in poverty is 1999. 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 2001. The current year for all other indicators is 2000. 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 1991 through 2001 for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF; 1994 through 2000 for the children's health index and vulnerable families; 1995 through 2001 for the event dropout and projected dropout rate; and 1991 through 2000 for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate. Time span for trend analysis for all other indicators is 1990 through 2000. There is no trend analysis for first-grade retention due to the lack of historical data. Also, trends are not reported for children in poverty or single-parent families due to an absence of sufficient data.

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.

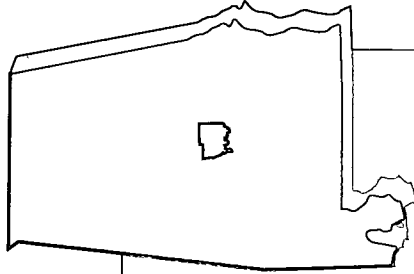




COUNTY PAGES

County
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Ranking

Autauga County



	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	3,023
Ages 5-9	2,752	3,618
Ages 10-14	2,887	3,738
Ages 15-17	1,780	2,115
The diversity of Autauga County's children		
White	7,548	9,620
African American	2,462	2,419
Hispanic		204
Other races	54	108
More than one race		143
Median family income	\$41,843*	\$48,458
All persons living below poverty level	15.7%	10.9%

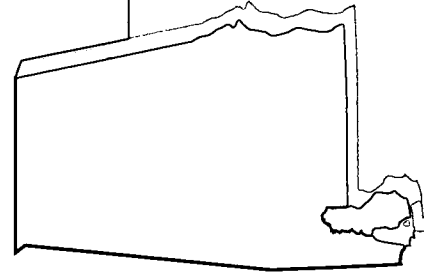
*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	2	12.2	3.4	6	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	45	35	7.9	6.0	2	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	339	338	58.8	57.8	20	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	59	9.2	10.1	21	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	85	92	12.9	12.7	54		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	136	98	6.8	4.3	42	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1	16.1	41	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	38.2	20.4	5	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	54	14.1	4.2	6	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	120	950.6	2,050.2	67	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	84	171.4	1,435.2	35	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	7	171.4	119.6	52	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	18	12	385.7	205.0	19	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	69.1	30.7	14	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	30	12.7	12.4	28	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	704	327	6.2	2.3	28	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,124	1,682	21.3	13.6	4		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,196	1,855	22.2	27.2	24		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	11	5.8	6.1	31	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	83	156	6.1	8.6	13	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	856	1,103	58.4	60.8	13	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	131	159	9.6	8.8	23	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	166	113	9.1	6.3	28		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	435	233	7.6	3.6	35	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	518	296	27.8	14.4	36	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	8	25.0	30.1	41	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	575	512	22.0	14.4	46	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	104	181	898.5	1,116.4	65	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	95	256	812.7	1,579.0	61	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	14	68.4	86.4	43	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	66	51	564.6	314.6	31	I	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	10	68.3	105.7	50	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	73	72	11.4	10.4	20	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,151	273	4.0	0.7	2	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	5,186	4,403	20.5	13.1	2		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,003	4,869	22.1	25.8	14		203,931	32.8

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Baldwin County



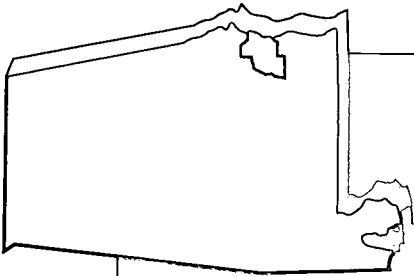
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	98,280	140,415
County child population	25,455	34,320
Children as percentage of Baldwin County's population	25.9	24.4
The children of Baldwin County		
Under age 5	6,753	8,621
Ages 5-9	7,091	9,486
Ages 10-14	7,264	10,144
Ages 15-17	4,425	6,069
The diversity of Baldwin County's children		
White	20,452	28,007
African American	4,641	4,718
Hispanic		763
Other races	362	396
More than one race		436
Median family income	\$39,194*	\$47,028

All persons living below poverty level 14.3% 10.1%

**Adjusted for inflation.*

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Barbour County

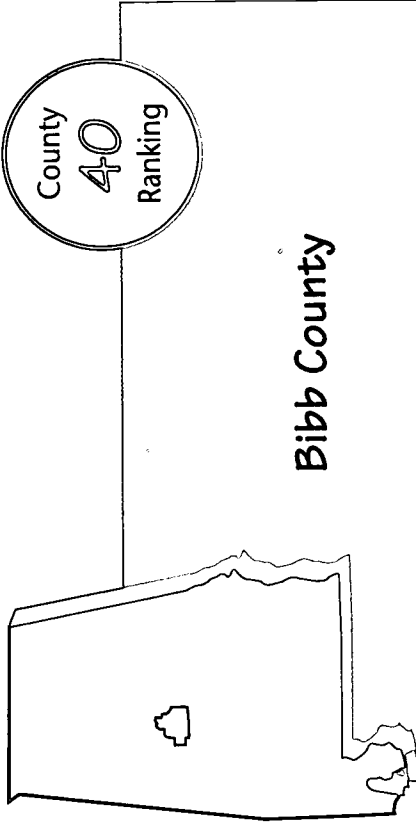


	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total county population	25,417	29,038
County child population	7,438	7,383
Children as percentage of Barbour County's population	29.3	25.4
The children of Barbour County		
Under age 5	1,885	1,788
Ages 5-9	2,141	2,053
Ages 10-14	2,129	2,156
Ages 15-17	1,309	1,386
The diversity of Barbour County's children		
White	3,364	3,101
African American	4,029	4,085
Hispanic	94	1.3
Other races	45	44
More than one race	59	0.8
Median family income	\$30,938*	\$31,877
All persons living below poverty level	25.2%	26.8%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	5	19.1	12.5	37	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	42	45	10.0	11.3	55	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	209	220	51.5	55.1	26	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	70	58	16.7	14.5	57	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	34	28	7.6	7.7	44		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	102	53	7.6	4.1	16	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	125	59	25.7	15.8	16	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	13	2	223.1	35.4	11	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	258	82	34.8	11.1	37	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	46	90.4	1,298.7	64	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	57	349.0	1,609.3	46	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	141.2	35	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	22	727.2	621.1	53	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	286.7	46.5	47	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	31	27.7	19.9	60	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	891	285	10.8	3.5	49	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,308	2,689	32.2	37.1	59		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,215	1,692	33.3	43.0	57		203,931	32.8

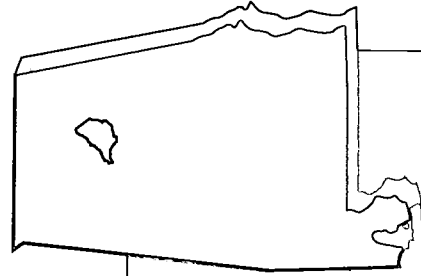
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	2	12.8	7.1	48	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	22	24	9.4	8.5	42	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	130	160	54.9	56.5	58	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	28	15.4	9.9	33	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	52	9.6	15.1	61		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	63	35	6.6	4.1	18	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	77	52	21.9	16.3	17	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	27.2	0.0	8	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	91	95	18.9	17.7	62	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	17	345.6	736.9	29	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	12	388.8	520.2	59	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	135.5	71.1	62	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	23	14	19.8	13.3	31	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	249	134	4.6	2.3	31	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,260	1,442	26.9	27.6	49		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	509	792	20.8	27.9	26		203,931	32.8



Bibb County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	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	1,449
Ages 5-9	1,307	1,530
Ages 10-14	1,400	1,454
Ages 15-17	915	853
The diversity of Bibb County's children		
White	3,472	3,835
African American	1,357	1,339
Hispanic		62
Other races	0	11
More than one race		39
Median family income	\$30,777*	\$37,230
All persons living below poverty level	21.2%	20.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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Blount County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	3,528
Ages 5-9	2,671	3,633
Ages 10-14	2,862	3,662
Ages 15-17	1,855	2,125
The diversity of Blount County's children		
White	9,731	11,549
African American	203	177
Hispanic		1,011
Other races	174	98
More than one race		113
Median family income	\$34,164*	\$41,573
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%	11.7%

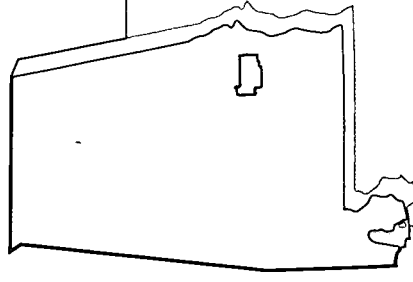
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	6	13.5	8.9	50	—	594
Low weight births	34	57	6.6	8.4	25	—	6,154
Child health index	343	405	57.8	59.8	7	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	33	52	6.4	7.7	5	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	21	66	2.9	8.5	46		4,375
Event dropout rate	113	116	5.5	5.4	53	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	123	130	20.1	19.8	54	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	4	1	52.0	9.9	23	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	198	73	19.7	5.5	17	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	10	325.6	172.8	32	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	46	34	975.2	587.5	22	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	21.2	0.0	1	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	14	127.2	241.9	16	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	194.6	29.6	23	I	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	22	37	8.3	13.7	22	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	296	228	2.6	1.6	17	I	34,228
Children in poverty	1,744	1,699	17.7	13.2	3		233,961
Single-parent families with children	845	1,355	14.7	18.8	2		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	4	0.0	24.4	66	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	17	20	8.8	12.2	59	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	95	84	55.6	51.2	65	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	43	36	22.3	22.0	64	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	43	20	21.8	11.6	65		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	18	20	3.8	3.8	23	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	20	28	13.6	13.9	21	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	37.8	0.0	51	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	110	42	33.2	14.0	35	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	6	200.9	415.5	6	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	138.5	37	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	6	401.9	415.5	23	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	6	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2	25.4	67	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	674	257	18.1	7.7	62	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,707	1,329	50.6	44.7	64		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	791	935	49.7	59.9	67		203,931	32.8



Bullock County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total county population	1990	2000
	11,042	11,714
County child population	3,422	3,058

Children as percentage of Bullock County's population

	1990	2000
	31.0	26.1

The children of Bullock County

Under age 5	948	27.7	737	24.1
Ages 5-9	940	27.5	877	28.7
Ages 10-14	939	27.4	875	28.6
Ages 15-17	554	16.2	569	18.6

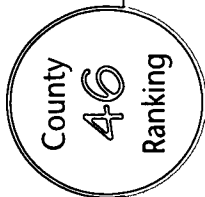
The diversity of Bullock County's children

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

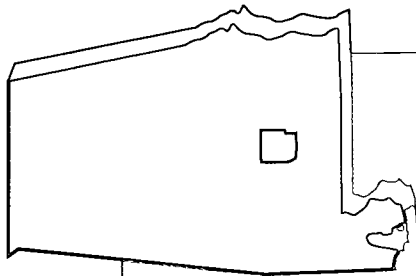
Median family income

	\$23,097*	\$23,990
All persons living below poverty level	36.5%	33.5%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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 15-17	1,135	1,158

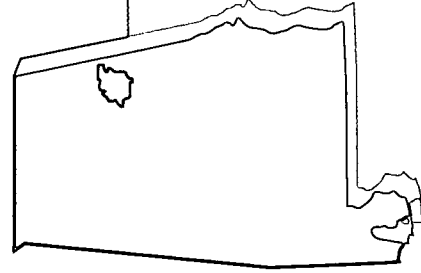
The diversity of Butler County's children	2000
White	2,786
African American	2,885
Hispanic	32
Other races	17
More than one race	34

Median family income	\$27,903*
All persons living below poverty level	31.5%
	24.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	2	6.6	6.6	22	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	28	30	9.2	9.8	18	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	136	154	49.8	50.5	52	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	44	43	14.5	14.1	52	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	20	11.6	8.0	43	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	108	65	8.6	5.9	67	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	115	71	30.2	22.0	67	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	19.3	0.0	45	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	248	57	38.6	10.0	29	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	7	1	241.0	35.0	29	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	35	13	1,167.4	455.0	5	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	50	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	4	300.2	140.0	2	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	111.5	55.5	46	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	28	22	24.1	17.1	46	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	909	184	12.6	2.9	42	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,790	1,788	42.7	31.3	53	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,043	1,272	33.7	41.1	53	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	24	19	14.1	12.4	45	—	594
Low weight births	152	152	8.9	10.0	30	—	6,154
Child health index	864	867	53.6	56.8	29	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	198	156	11.6	10.2	19	I	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	104	107	6.1	7.0	35	—	4,375
Event dropout rate	363	218	6.5	4.4	41	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	399	245	22.9	16.7	40	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	12	8.9	58.6	37	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	554	338	19.5	12.9	56	—	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	74	64	508.0	528.1	44	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	138	136	1,012.2	1,122.1	38	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	43	11	315.4	90.8	48	I	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	86	67	630.8	552.8	41	—	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	14	6	137.5	73.3	41	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	122	89	16.7	13.1	9	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,144	776	6.3	2.6	40	I	34,228
Children in poverty	5,416	5,833	18.9	22.6	37	—	233,961
Single-parent families with children	4,136	4,888	25.3	32.5	36	—	203,931



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Calhoun County

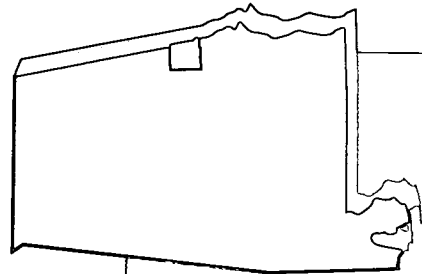
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	116,034	112,249
County child population	29,046	26,456
Children as percentage of Calhoun County's population	25.0	23.6
The children of Calhoun County		
Under age 5	7,379	25.4
Ages 5-9	7,965	27.4
Ages 10-14	8,442	29.1
Ages 15-17	5,192	17.9
The diversity of Calhoun County's children		
White	21,732	74.8
African American	6,890	23.7
Hispanic		
Other races	424	1.5
More than one race		
Median family income	\$36,781*	\$39,908

All persons living below poverty level 15.7% 16.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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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	2,430
Ages 5-9	2,636	2,604
Ages 10-14	2,748	2,475
Ages 15-17	1,830	1,508
The diversity of Chambers County's children		
White	5,008	4,666
African American	4,539	4,169
Hispanic		84
Other races	12	33
More than one race		65
Median family income	\$34,174*	\$36,598
All persons living below poverty level	18.8%	17.0%

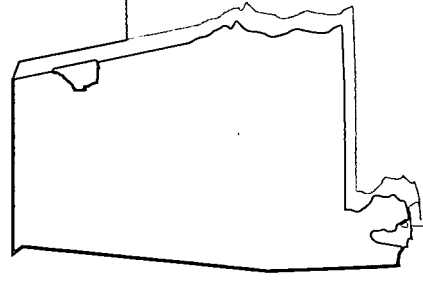
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	3	12.2	6.1	20	I	594
Low weight births	66	45	11.5	9.2	39	—	6,154
Child health index	298	296	55.2	60.5	22	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	99	79	17.2	16.2	60	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	27	26	5.5	5.3	5		4,375
Event dropout rate	92	67	5.7	4.6	33	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	111	79	20.0	17.0	30	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	4	1	54.4	14.2	13	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	226	76	23.8	8.5	39	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	39	28	881.6	703.0	61	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	47	1,048.5	1,180.0	52	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	6	174.7	150.6	51	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	47	22	1,026.6	552.3	32	I	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	99.7	80.6	13	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	56	36	24.6	17.7	59	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	967	246	9.0	2.5	39	I	34,228
Children in poverty	2,602	2,000	27.5	22.5	36		233,961
Single-parent families with children	1,668	1,998	32.2	39.8	50		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	2	0.0	6.7	23	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	20	29	8.7	9.7	35	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	135	155	56.0	51.8	44	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	12	32	5.2	10.7	38	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	22	2.0	7.2	24		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	78	63	6.5	6.0	66	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	90	71	23.9	21.9	66	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	83.6	24.1	63	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	198	79	42.8	14.8	66	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	2	43.8	84.4	12	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	15	52	635.3	2,193.2	62	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	5	169.4	210.9	4	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	261.6	211.9	63	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	20	5.7	15.4	44	W	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	166	134	3.2	2.3	32	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	936	1,062	20.4	20.4	26		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	473	728	17.4	23.4	6		203,931	32.8

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Cherokee County

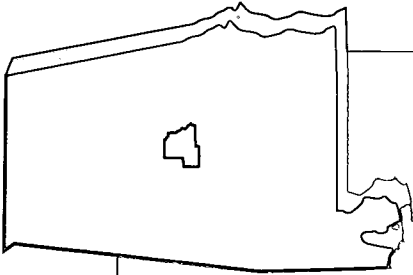


DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	19,543	23,988
County child population	4,623	5,320
Children as percentage of Cherokee County's population	23.7	22.2
The children of Cherokee County		
Under age 5	1,132	24.5
Ages 5-9	1,199	25.9
Ages 10-14	1,451	31.4
Ages 15-17	910	19.7
The diversity of Cherokee County's children		
White	4,270	92.4
African American	350	7.6
Hispanic		84
Other races	3	0.1
More than one race		24
Median family income	\$32,358*	55
All persons living below poverty level	17.6%	15.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Chilton County



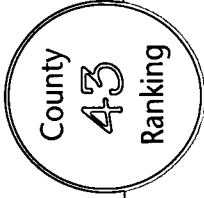
	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total county population	32,458	39,593
County child population	8,735	10,165
Children as percentage of Chilton County's population	26.9	25.7
The children of Chilton County		
Under age 5	2,199	2,734
Ages 5-9	2,332	2,838
Ages 10-14	2,575	2,896
Ages 15-17	1,581	1,697
The diversity of Chilton County's children		
White	7,419	8,323
African American	1,305	1,364
Hispanic		339
Other races	11	62
More than one race		77
Median family income	\$34,008*	\$39,505
All persons living below poverty level	17.1%	15.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	6	7	12.4	11.9	54	—	594
Low weight births	32	45	6.6	7.6	22	—	6,154
Child health index	230	296	49.0	50.3	54	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	59	52	12.2	8.8	18	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	6	47	1.1	8.4	39		4,375
Event dropout rate	128	78	7.1	4.4	46	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	134	93	25.1	16.8	46	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	1	44.9	12.6	47	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	141	144	16.2	14.0	45	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	14	124.8	304.8	24	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	70	72.2	1,524.1	31	W	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	65.3	20	W	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	17	72.2	370.1	28	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	195.8	147.6	53	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	31	37	15.7	15.6	40	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	485	208	5.0	1.8	25	I	34,228
Children in poverty	1,619	1,942	18.9	19.4	21		233,961
Single-parent families with children	910	1,406	18.8	24.5	11		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	4	21.2	20.1	11	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	24	28	10.2	14.1	53	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	122	122	57.5	61.3	16	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	32	28	13.6	14.1	45	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	23	15	10.9	8.6	41	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	43	55	4.8	8.5	65	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	46	57	18.2	30.0	65	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	28.0	62.9	57	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	61	16	13.2	3.9	5	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	9	170.9	456.6	10	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	12	42.7	608.8	35	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	134.8	86.1	36	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	17	16.3	21.0	41	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	625	126	12.1	2.8	46	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,757	1,408	38.1	34.8	57	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	681	856	27.8	36.6	47	—	203,931	32.8



Choctaw County

DEMOGRAPHICS 1990 2000

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 24.4 1,103 26.6
 Ages 5-9 1,232 26.5 1,074 25.9
 Ages 10-14 1,396 30.0 1,203 29.0
 Ages 15-17 944 20.3 768 18.5

The diversity of Choctaw County's children

White 2,210 47.5 1,948 47.0
 African American 2,435 52.4 2,139 51.6
 Hispanic 25 0.6
 Other races 3 0.1
 More than one race 24 0.6

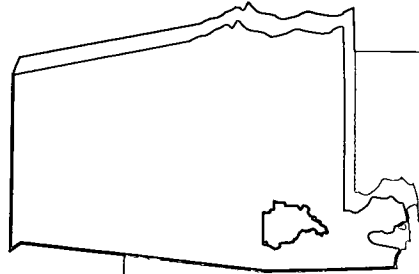
Median family income \$30,641* \$31,870

All persons living below poverty level 30.2% 24.5%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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	2,080
Ages 5-9	2,275	2,193
Ages 10-14	2,439	2,191
Ages 15-17	1,493	1,347
The diversity of Clarke County's children		
White	3,824	3,749
African American	4,309	3,907
Hispanic		61
Other races	51	46
More than one race		48
Median family income	\$29,955*	\$34,546
All persons living below poverty level	25.9%	22.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	9	3	19.1	6.9	34	I	594
Low weight births	43	40	9.1	9.2	31	—	6,154
Child health index	216	244	50.0	56.2	34	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	58	60	12.3	13.8	50	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	62	21	12.4	4.3	48		4,375
Event dropout rate	43	13	2.5	0.9	3	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	50	16	9.8	3.6	3	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	5	2	79.1	33.0	54	I	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	136	35	16.8	4.5	12	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	11	131.1	310.9	35	W	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	21	23	534.1	650.1	15	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	25.4	0.0	26	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	12	356.1	339.2	11	—	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	122.1	92.5	28	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	34	28	18.0	16.5	56	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,183	383	13.1	4.5	60	I	34,228
Children in poverty	2,592	2,284	31.9	29.6	51		233,961
Single-parent families with children	1,127	1,414	27.9	33.7	38		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK		TREND		STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	1	2	6.4	10.5	29	—	—	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	10	17	6.4	8.9	15	—	—	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	96	91	54.9	47.6	61	—	—	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	11	13	7.0	6.8	11	—	—	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	12	19	6.3	9.0	57	—	—	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	53	18	7.1	2.4	5	—	—	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	53	21	26.1	9.9	5	—	—	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY										
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	—	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	62	63	18.9	18.5	64	—	—	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	62.5	16	—	—	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	16	496.3	1,000.6	25	W	—	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	—	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	5	434.2	312.7	17	—	—	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	0	189.4	0.0	25	—	—	—	235	72.4
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	9	9	11.3	10.6	10	—	—	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	136	61	3.7	1.6	24	I	—	—	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	634	719	19.7	21.6	31	—	—	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	368	523	19.9	26.8	20	—	—	—	203,931	32.8

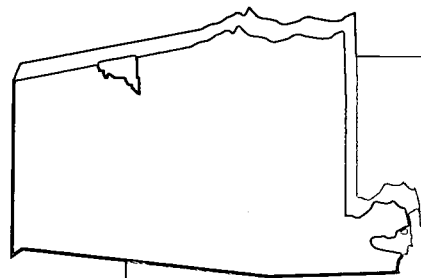


Clay County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	877
Ages 5-9	918	921
Ages 10-14	957	979
Ages 15-17	655	620
The diversity of Clay County's children		
White	2,571	2,610
African American	732	674
Hispanic		57
Other races	4	16
More than one race		40
Median family income	\$31,337*	\$34,033

All persons living below poverty level 17.4% 17.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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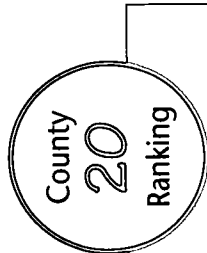
Cleburne County

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	867
Ages 5-9	916	997
Ages 10-14	939	982
Ages 15-17	603	589
The diversity of Cleburne County's children		
White	3,060	3,175
African American	224	147
Hispanic		56
Other races	24	14
More than one race		43
Median family income	\$33,615*	\$35,579
All persons living below poverty level	15.3%	13.9%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	1	5.6	5.3	5	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	10	16	5.6	8.5	8	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	82	111	59.4	59.0	42	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	12	12	6.8	6.4	2	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	17	20	7.3	9.0	49		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	22	38	3.1	5.6	47	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	43	12.1	20.3	47	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	37.7	22	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	95	69	29.2	19.8	67	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	4	0	264.7	0.0	11	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	14	18	907.9	1,145.8	27	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	254.6	64	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	7	324.3	445.6	21	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	98.9	310.6	59	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	6	15.5	8.0	2	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	171	61	4.6	1.6	10	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	573	542	17.4	16.1	10		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	309	432	16.1	21.6	3		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	2	10.9	3.5	3	—	594 9.4
Low weight births	54	61	8.4	10.6	19	—	6,154 9.7
Child health index	302	301	52.1	52.3	35	—	37,100 58.7
Births to unmarried teens	78	63	12.1	10.9	29	—	7,064 11.2
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	29	37	4.3	6.4	18	—	4,375 7.3
Event dropout rate	139	116	5.6	4.9	49	—	8,188 4.1
Projected dropout rate	146	115	20.9	18.2	53	—	9,333 15.5
SAFETY							
Child death rate	4	5	50.6	60.4	29	—	235 26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	140	68	13.8	6.3	31	I	9,238 8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	27	462.4	525.2	51	—	2,602 508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	33	78	675.7	1,517.2	51	—	5,160 1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	3	41.0	58.4	41	—	739 144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	14	7	286.7	136.2	22	—	2,772 541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	2	125.4	64.2	18	—	235 72.4
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	24	37	9.1	15.0	29	—	3,619 14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	601	249	5.2	2.1	35	I	34,228 2.7
Children in poverty	1,922	2,334	18.9	22.3	35	—	233,961 21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,276	1,816	21.9	29.8	32	—	203,931 32.8

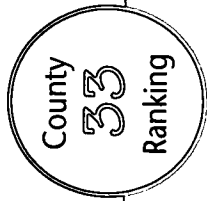


Coffee County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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
Ages 5-9	2,749	2,947
Ages 10-14	2,949	3,184
Ages 15-17	1,935	1,957
The diversity of Coffee County's children		
White	7,868	7,443
African American	2,358	2,416
Hispanic		436
Other races	145	250
More than one race		261
Median family income	\$35,890*	\$39,664

All persons living below poverty level 15.5% 14.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Colbert County

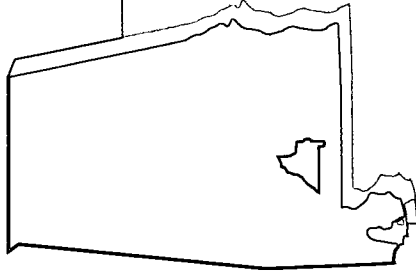
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	51,666	54,984
County child population	12,493	13,077
Children as percentage of Colbert County's population	24.2	23.8
The children of Colbert County		
Under age 5	3,406	3,358
Ages 5-9	3,449	3,728
Ages 10-14	3,581	3,735
Ages 15-17	2,112	2,256
The diversity of Colbert County's children		
White	9,631	9,875
African American	2,725	2,692
Hispanic		230
Other races	137	121
More than one race		159
Median family income	\$36,161*	\$39,294
All persons living below poverty level	14.6%	14.0%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	7	5.4	10.5	35	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	64	81	8.6	12.1	51	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	434	383	64.3	57.4	10	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	68	84	9.2	12.6	37	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	64	48	8.6	6.5	30		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	125	90	5.0	3.8	37	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	145	103	18.3	14.7	34	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	30.5	19.7	9	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	88	97	7.1	7.4	16	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	18	395.3	300.5	45	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	34	527.0	567.5	12	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	1	105.4	16.7	38	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	11	123.0	183.6	5	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	139.3	27.4	26	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	40	44	12.7	16.5	43	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	504	93	3.6	0.6	3	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,476	2,376	19.9	18.4	16		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,610	2,172	22.3	28.7	28		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	3	2	11.8	11.0	65	—	594
Low weight births	24	32	9.4	17.7	67	W	6,154
Child health index	111	91	54.4	50.3	57	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	37	26	14.5	14.4	43	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	35	35	15.6	17.6	66	—	4,375
Event dropout rate	26	41	3.7	7.9	63	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	34	52	14.3	31.9	63	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	1	0	32.8	0.0	42	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	15	24	3.8	6.7	63	—	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	6	0.0	352.9	37	W	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	5	371.0	294.1	20	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	53.0	176.5	47	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	7	53.0	411.8	26	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	89.9	195.7	49	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	16	9	18.4	14.1	36	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	504	304	11.6	7.7	67	—	34,228
Children in poverty	1,398	1,298	36.8	36.1	58	—	233,961
Single-parent families with children	618	809	30.7	40.2	52	—	203,931

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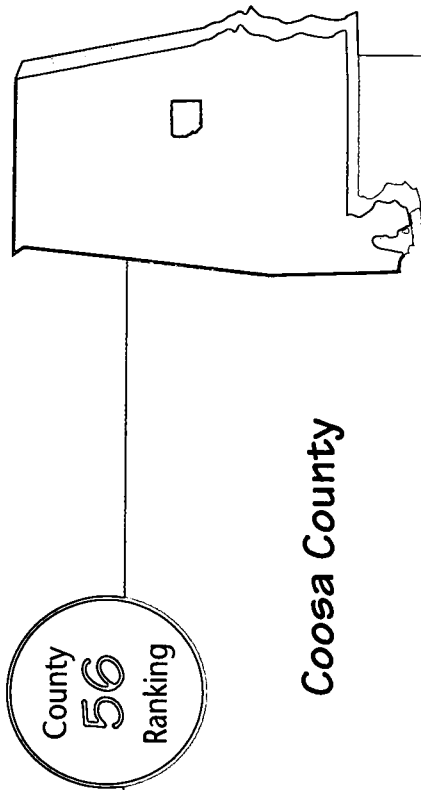


Conecuh County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	875
Ages 5-9	1,088	1,073
Ages 10-14	1,184	1,044
Ages 15-17	703	656
The diversity of Conecuh County's children		
White	1,784	1,593
African American	2,054	1,977
Hispanic		26
Other races	0	17
More than one race		35
Median family income	\$27,555*	\$31,424

All persons living below poverty level 29.7% 26.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Coosa County

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total county population 11,063 2000 12,202

County child population 2,875 2,891

Children as percentage of Coosa County's population 26.0 23.7

The children of Coosa County
 Under age 5 790 27.5 759 26.3
 Ages 5-9 795 27.7 797 27.6
 Ages 10-14 776 27.0 845 29.2
 Ages 15-17 521 18.1 490 16.9

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
 More than one race 24 0.8

Median family income \$30,463* \$36,082

All persons living below poverty level 18.2% 14.9%

*Adjusted for inflation.

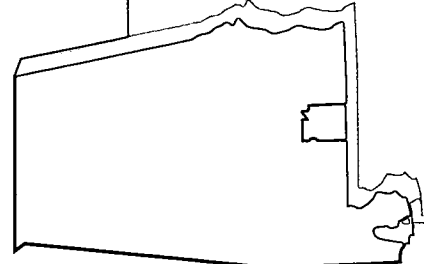
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			

HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	1	3	6.2	25.6	61	—	594 9.4
Low weight births	16	13	9.9	11.1	61	—	6,154 9.7
Child health index	74	60	60.7	51.3	64	—	37,100 58.7
Births to unmarried teens	32	15	19.9	12.8	53	—	7,064 11.2
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	9	7	6.2	5.4	23	—	4,375 7.3
Event dropout rate	24	20	4.4	4.4	64	—	8,188 4.1
Projected dropout rate	31	26	16.3	16.8	64	—	9,333 15.5
SAFETY							
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	235 26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	78	42	27.2	14.6	53	I	9,238 8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	149.8	28	W	2,602 508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	26	77.1	1,947.6	49	W	5,160 1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	149.8	29	—	739 144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	7	462.6	524.3	39	—	2,772 541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	113.4	0.0	66	—	235 72.4
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	9	8	15.5	16.3	58	—	3,619 14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	180	89	5.6	2.8	38	I	34,228 2.7
Children in poverty	618	562	21.8	19.5	24	—	233,961 21.2
Single-parent families with children	398	526	25.8	32.5	37	—	203,931 32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	11.7	4.4	16	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	31	39	6.1	8.7	26	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	254	238	52.3	52.9	24	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	50	56	9.8	12.4	35	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	34	6.9	7.2	13		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	110	112	5.4	6.0	58	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	130	126	19.3	22.2	57	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	1	69.7	14.6	58	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	161	70	17.7	8.0	34	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	25	140.4	598.8	48	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	108	874.0	2,586.8	67	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	23.0	71.9	30	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	13	575.0	311.4	38	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	5	110.2	194.5	58	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	25	21.5	14.0	32	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	629	249	6.1	2.6	36	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,601	2,093	28.1	23.9	38		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,250	1,482	24.4	29.2	30		203,931	32.8

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Covington County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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
Ages 5-9	2,569	2,462
Ages 10-14	2,717	2,593
Ages 15-17	1,631	1,582
The diversity of Covington County's children		
White	7,601	7,176
African American	1,688	1,471
Hispanic	90	90
Other races	54	60
More than one race	63	63
Median family income	\$30,184*	\$33,201

All persons living below poverty level 22.0% 18.4%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Crenshaw County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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	24.6
Ages 5-9	992	27.3
Ages 10-14	1,074	29.5
Ages 15-17	682	18.8
The diversity of Crenshaw County's children		
White	2,440	67.1
African American	1,197	32.9
Hispanic	33	1.0
Other races	0	0.0
More than one race	33	1.0
Median family income	\$27,733*	\$31,724
All persons living below poverty level	24.3%	22.1%

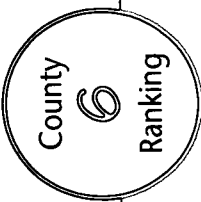
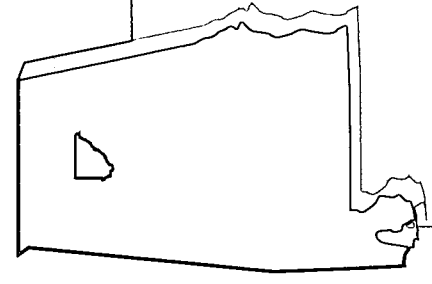
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	7	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	15	9	8.3	5.3	1	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	102	98	61.4	57.6	43	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	15	21	8.3	12.4	40	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	22	17	11.5	9.0	20	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	41	25	5.6	3.8	25	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	48	27	20.8	13.5	25	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	35.4	0.0	1	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	74	21	20.7	6.2	52	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	9	0.0	563.2	39	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	16	170.8	1,001.3	32	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	187.7	32	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	7	569.5	438.0	33	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	12	10	15.4	13.5	34	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	369	81	9.2	2.2	33	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,069	920	29.5	28.3	50	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	552	658	28.6	34.4	41	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	4	10.9	4.0	18	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	71	72	7.8	7.3	7	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	507	539	58.6	54.4	36	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	77	3.9	7.8	8	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	57	74	5.9	7.6	33	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	202	188	5.8	5.3	24	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	220	206	21.5	19.9	24	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	4	30.1	27.7	43	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	346	258	20.4	13.7	47	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	35	204.6	403.2	42	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	56	97	713.6	1,117.4	40	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	46.1	22	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	15	40	191.1	460.8	40	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	6	117.5	110.2	35	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	40	8.2	9.9	8	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	372	191	1.9	0.9	4	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,829	2,642	17.0	14.5	7	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,539	2,328	15.9	21.9	4	—	203,931	32.8

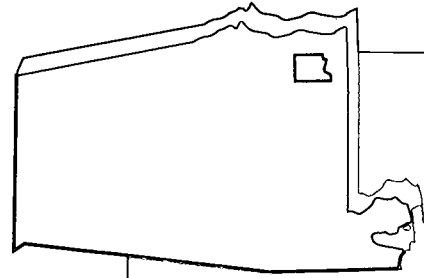
Cullman County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	26.4
Ages 5-9	4,701	27.8
Ages 10-14	4,861	28.7
Ages 15-17	2,987	17.6
The diversity of Cullman County's children		
White	16,655	98.4
African American	182	1.1
Hispanic	89	0.5
Other races	124	0.7
More than one race	198	1.1
Median family income	\$33,557*	\$39,341

All persons living below poverty level 15.3% 13.0%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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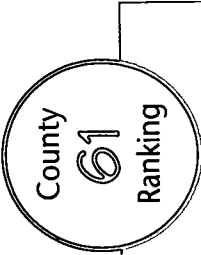
Dale County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	3,686
Ages 5-9	3,885	3,694
Ages 10-14	3,598	3,513
Ages 15-17	2,110	2,154
The diversity of Dale County's children		
White	10,082	8,361
African American	3,349	3,427
Hispanic		639
Other races	415	224
More than one race		396
Median family income	\$35,801*	\$37,806
All persons living below poverty level	14.8%	15.1%

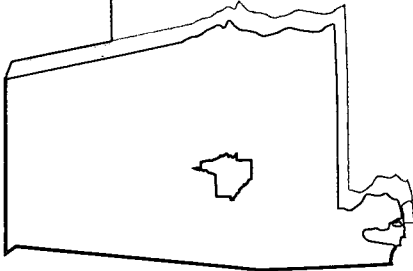
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	8	10.1	10.1	58	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	47	76	5.3	9.6	16	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	438	453	55.0	57.1	17	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	58	76	6.5	9.6	20	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	37	4.8	6.7	25		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	120	105	5.2	4.6	32	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	130	122	19.3	17.5	33	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	1	27.1	9.9	7	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	313	109	22.9	8.4	54	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	51	555.2	899.9	62	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	98	103	1,716.9	1,817.5	66	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	11	52.6	194.1	57	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	40	47	700.8	829.4	57	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	77.9	0.0	38	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	50	41	13.9	13.9	15	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	724	328	4.7	2.3	37	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,743	2,497	20.0	19.4	21		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,732	2,357	23.1	32.3	35		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	2	11.1	2.5	32	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	78	87	8.6	10.7	60	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	453	437	58.8	53.9	49	W	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	190	185	21.0	22.8	66	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	48	95	5.7	12.6	59	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	152	50	5.8	2.0	13	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	177	55	20.6	7.9	11	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	1	50.9	9.8	26	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	344	77	23.2	5.9	14	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	45	15	665.0	239.7	26	I	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	53	186.8	846.8	26	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	17	11	244.3	175.7	58	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	72	119	1,034.6	1,901.3	67	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	0	113.9	0.0	21	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	116	96	33.7	30.3	65	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,998	1,075	23.9	7.3	63	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	7,299	5,292	49.2	40.7	60	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,264	3,697	45.3	52.6	63	—	203,931	32.8



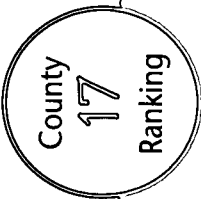
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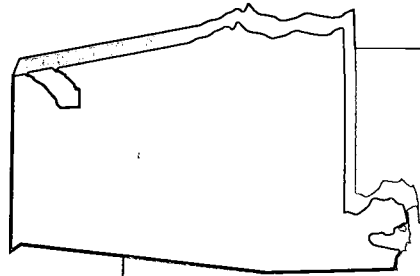
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	48,130	46,365
County child population	15,069	13,253
Children as percentage of Dallas County's population	31.3	28.6
The children of Dallas County		
Under age 5	3,870	3,415
Ages 5-9	4,276	3,579
Ages 10-14	4,310	3,836
Ages 15-17	2,649	2,423
The diversity of Dallas County's children		
White	4,713	3,356
African American	10,308	9,653
Hispanic		98
Other races	48	67
More than one race		79
Median family income	\$26,628*	\$29,906

All persons living below poverty level 36.2% 31.1%

**Adjusted for inflation.*



DeKalb County

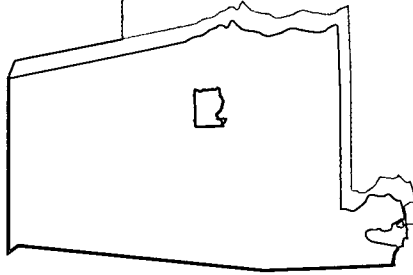
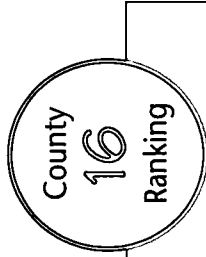


DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	54,651	64,452
County child population	13,890	15,899
Children as percentage of DeKalb County's population	25.4	24.7
The children of DeKalb County		
Under age 5	3,362	4,379
Ages 5-9	3,804	4,588
Ages 10-14	4,138	4,269
Ages 15-17	2,603	2,663
The diversity of DeKalb County's children		
White	13,275	13,870
African American	305	322
Hispanic		1,292
Other races	310	180
More than one race		235
Median family income	\$32,234*	\$35,801
All persons living below poverty level	17.4%	15.4%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	9	6.4	9.9	12	—	594
Low weight births	54	85	6.9	9.3	23	—	6,154
Child health index	442	513	55.3	56.3	47	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	44	80	5.6	8.8	14	W	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	24	59	2.7	6.6	15		4,375
Event dropout rate	166	163	6.6	6.1	55	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	217	178	24.4	22.8	55	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	4	4	37.5	32.5	36	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	156	5.8	9.7	33	—	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	9	244.1	129.8	20	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	43	71	637.9	1,024.2	36	W	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	29.7	0.0	7	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	8	29.7	115.4	3	—	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	5	6	118.2	135.5	57	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	33	51	9.1	13.3	26	W	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	472	288	3.0	1.6	11	I	34,228
Children in poverty	2,598	2,884	18.9	18.6	18		233,961
Single-parent families with children	1,412	2,200	17.5	24.4	10		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	10	10	11.9	10.2	30	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	90	90	10.7	9.2	27	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	451	564	56.4	57.4	14	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	91	85	10.8	8.7	25	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	75	36	6.9	4.0	10	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	53	175	1.8	5.5	40	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	212	7.2	20.6	42	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	5	50.3	38.0	49	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	163	79	12.5	4.6	7	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	11	58	187.9	748.1	56	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	100	220.4	1,289.8	50	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	6	17.0	77.4	34	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	37	508.6	477.2	43	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	78.1	44.0	29	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	48	41	14.2	10.4	23	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	839	211	5.8	1.1	9	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,418	2,356	18.8	14.2	6	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,537	2,444	22.6	26.4	16	—	203,931	32.8



Elmore County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	4,370
Ages 5-9	3,566	4,801
Ages 10-14	3,614	4,882
Ages 15-17	2,285	2,871
The diversity of Elmore County's children		
White	9,452	12,541
African American	3,433	3,708
Hispanic		279
Other races	124	160
More than one race	1.0	0.9
Median family income	\$40,043*	\$47,155

All persons living below poverty level 14.5% 10.2%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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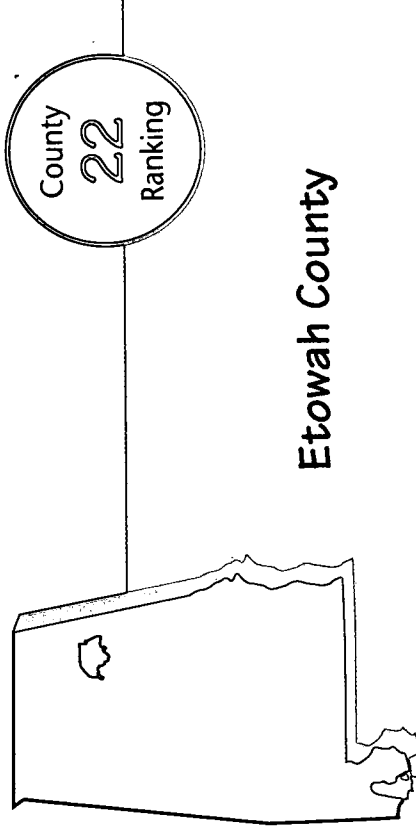
Escambia County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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 15-17	1,787	1,604
The diversity of Escambia County's children		
White	5,871	5,357
African American	3,168	3,248
Hispanic		118
Other races	449	399
More than one race		148
Median family income	\$29,667*	\$36,086
All persons living below poverty level	28.1%	20.9%

*Adjusted for inflation. **78**

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	5	11.4	9.2	57	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	40	63	7.6	11.6	47	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	252	295	54.5	54.5	51	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	86	83	16.4	15.3	48	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	49	7.5	9.4	50	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	128	67	7.0	4.1	27	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	137	78	25.0	15.2	26	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	2	41.2	27.9	27	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	229	27	24.5	2.9	11	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	13	22.5	308.2	34	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	1	346.8	23.7	4	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	8	0.0	189.7	53	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	7	476.9	166.0	6	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	3	166.7	109.1	22	I	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	44	19.3	19.7	54	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	877	157	8.3	1.5	18	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,563	2,241	37.9	24.7	41	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,455	1,817	29.0	35.2	46	—	203,931	32.8

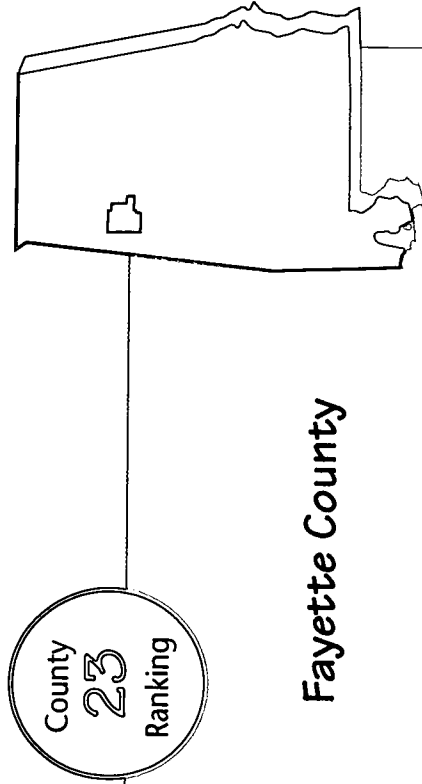
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	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	19	11	14.1	8.0	24	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	110	111	8.2	8.0	21	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	737	833	55.4	60.3	15	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	126	133	9.4	9.6	32	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	95	4.8	7.3	34		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	245	242	5.2	5.5	48	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	273	245	19.4	20.3	48	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	4	42.4	21.1	10	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	565	266	23.3	10.8	55	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	15	25.8	132.3	21	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	33	84	275.5	740.9	24	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	17.6	28	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	64	44	534.4	388.1	30	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	4	51.1	56.0	27	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	96	73	15.7	12.9	30	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,359	404	4.9	1.5	14	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	4,939	5,175	20.5	21.6	31		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,320	4,316	23.7	31.2	33		203,931	32.8



Etowah County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	24.4
Ages 5-9	6,639	27.1
Ages 10-14	7,223	29.5
Ages 15-17	4,754	19.4
The diversity of Etowah County's children		
White	19,785	80.7
African American	4,466	18.2
Hispanic	654	2.7
Other races	266	1.1
More than one race	201	0.8
332	1.3	
Median family income	\$35,134*	\$38,697
All persons living below poverty level	16.5%	15.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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Fayette County

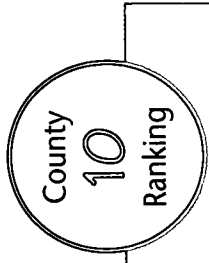
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	17,962	18,495
County child population	4,560	4,424
Children as percentage of Fayette County's population	25.4	23.9
The children of Fayette County		
Under age 5	1,099	1,113
Ages 5-9	1,259	1,201
Ages 10-14	1,378	1,260
Ages 15-17	866	850
The diversity of Fayette County's children		
White	3,861	3,694
African American	658	633
Hispanic	48	48
Other races	41	15
More than one race	866	850
Median family income	\$33,747*	\$35,291
All persons living below poverty level	20.3%	17.3%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	2	31.0	8.5	19	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	34	22	13.2	9.4	20	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	122	125	56.5	53.4	53	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	19	20	7.4	8.5	10	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	26	29	11.6	12.9	52	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	57	30	6.9	3.8	52	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	57	31	25.6	14.6	52	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	28.2	59.2	55	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	70	42	15.3	9.6	50	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	13	858.5	616.1	60	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	39	32	1,738.0	1,516.6	64	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	94.8	44	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	6	222.8	284.4	10	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	136.9	222.2	48	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	9	19.6	9.8	11	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	327	177	6.3	3.6	45	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,009	920	22.5	21.1	28	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	502	670	19.5	26.5	18	—	203,931	32.8

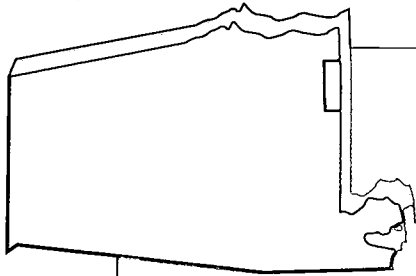
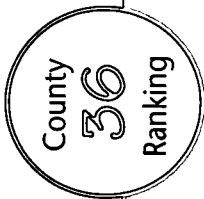
INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	4	10.4	9.0	17	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	30	31	7.8	7.0	5	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	220	245	56.1	54.9	45	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	25	28	6.5	6.3	6	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	66	35	12.1	7.6	53	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	22	56	1.4	3.7	14	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	62	5.5	14.4	13	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	5	18.6	84.3	66	W	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	52	93	7.6	12.3	23	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	17	20	538.0	574.4	50	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	82	57	2,540.3	1,637.0	59	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	1	62.0	28.7	17	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	16	12	495.7	344.6	34	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	2	243.1	91.8	54	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	17	15	9.1	8.2	4	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	383	174	5.0	2.1	29	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,629	1,827	23.9	24.6	40	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	735	1,088	18.3	25.0	13	—	203,931	32.8



Franklin County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	26.1
Ages 5-9	1,881	27.4
Ages 10-14	2,005	29.2
Ages 15-17	1,223	17.8
The diversity of Franklin County's children		
White	6,412	93.3
African American	401	5.8
Hispanic	829	10.8
Other races	62	0.9
More than one race	39	0.5
	82	1.1
Median family income	\$29,533*	\$34,274
All persons living below poverty level	20.7%	18.9%

*Adjusted for inflation.



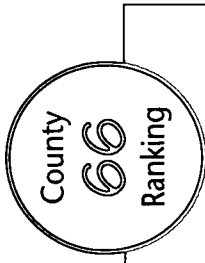
Geneva County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	1,437
Ages 5-9	1,599	1,668
Ages 10-14	1,675	1,928
Ages 15-17	1,100	1,150
The diversity of Geneva County's children		
White	4,853	5,028
African American	1,005	864
Hispanic		168
Other races	54	70
More than one race		53
Median family income	\$32,432*	\$32,563
All persons living below poverty level	19.5%	19.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	3	5.9	10.1	52	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	34	9.7	11.4	29	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	153	155	47.8	52.2	30	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	39	27	11.5	9.1	27	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	38	33	11.0	9.2	36		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	76	47	6.1	4.0	36	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	78	54	21.9	15.2	35	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	21.9	21.1	61	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	340	112	57.3	18.3	61	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	5	292.0	162.4	33	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	15	25	540.5	812.2	42	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	24	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	20	432.4	649.8	55	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	214.7	169.2	65	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	20	20	13.9	17.5	38	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	462	124	7.0	1.8	20	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,278	1,657	21.8	27.2	48		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	702	991	21.3	28.2	27		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	2	16.2	13.8	59	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	19	22	10.3	15.2	65	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	82	66	45.3	45.5	67	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	37	30	20.0	20.7	67	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	30	5	15.4	3.3	27	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	13	27	2.0	6.0	56	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	15	30	8.0	21.6	56	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	38.2	44.7	67	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	117	30	35.3	10.4	58	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	0	199.3	0.0	8	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	1	63.9	76.3	2	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	76.3	13	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	27	27	1,724.1	2,059.5	64	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	114.5	8	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	13	32.1	22.8	62	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	780	141	21.2	4.4	53	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,952	1,278	58.3	44.1	63		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	730	867	49.0	57.0	65		203,931	32.8



Greene County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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

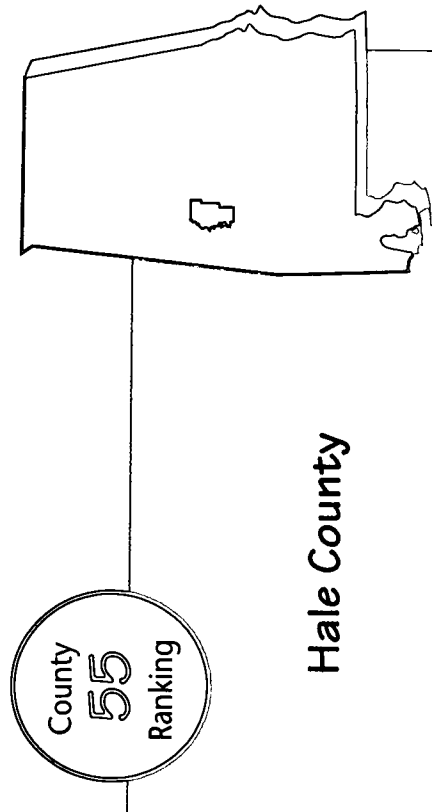
Under age 5	787	23.2	770	26.5
Ages 5-9	989	29.1	830	28.5
Ages 10-14	1,001	29.5	777	26.7
Ages 15-17	565	16.6	534	18.3

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

Median family income	\$20,328*	\$24,604
All persons living below poverty level	45.6%	34.3%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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Hale County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	1,408
Ages 5-9	1,333	1,376
Ages 10-14	1,466	1,453
Ages 15-17	850	850
The diversity of Hale County's children		
White	1,464	1,581
African American	3,365	3,395
Hispanic		43
Other races	33	29
More than one race		39
Median family income	\$23,715*	\$31,875
All persons living below poverty level	35.6%	26.9%

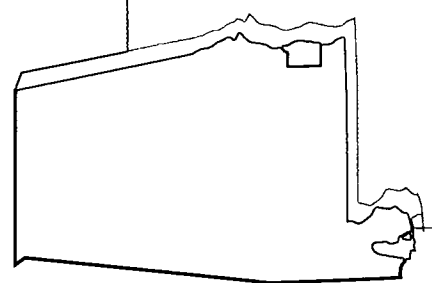
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	3	5	12.8	18.5	9	—	594
Low weight births	22	35	9.4	13.0	62	—	6,154
Child health index	138	153	56.3	56.7	62	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	40	39	17.0	14.4	51	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	32	26	10.8	9.6	60	—	4,375
Event dropout rate	36	38	3.7	4.0	21	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	43	46	14.0	16.1	23	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	0	52.2	0.0	39	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	133	17	27.1	3.3	8	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	90.8	0.0	5	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	4	43.2	173.7	7	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	86.4	0.0	11	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	21	215.9	911.9	61	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	0	5	0.0	361.5	67	W	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	34	14	32.4	15.9	42	I	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	607	196	11.3	3.5	44	I	34,228
Children in poverty	2,254	1,691	46.8	34.0	55	—	233,961
Single-parent families with children	926	1,209	40.9	45.3	59	—	203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	3	9.3	14.0	60	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	14	23	6.5	10.7	40	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	110	132	49.3	61.7	6	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	35	24	16.4	11.2	28	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	54	65	9.9	10.9	55	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	122	89	7.4	5.4	57	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	147	109	27.4	20.8	58	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	1	31.6	33.3	18	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	50	20	12.2	5.1	1	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	3	988.2	163.0	43	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	14	16	696.5	869.1	41	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	25	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	6	99.5	325.9	27	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	78.2	0.0	3	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	8	15.4	9.2	21	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	344	200	7.5	4.6	54	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	850	1,055	21.0	27.0	46	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	610	762	28.3	33.8	39	—	203,931	32.8

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Henry County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	24.4
Ages 5-9	1,083	26.2
Ages 10-14	1,241	30.0
Ages 15-17	769	18.6
The diversity of Henry County's children		
White	2,267	54.9
African American	1,855	44.9
Hispanic	77	2.0
Other races	10	0.2
More than one race	54	1.4

Median family income	\$35,761*	\$36,555
All persons living below poverty level	17.4%	19.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Houston County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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 15-17	3,926	3,975
The diversity of Houston County's children		
White	15,501	14,879
African American	6,920	7,181
Hispanic		403
Other races	153	259
More than one race		264
Median family income	\$38,700*	\$42,437
All persons living below poverty level	16.5%	15.0%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	12	9.3	8.6	33	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	110	118	8.5	8.5	32	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	679	828	56.7	59.5	8	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	142	137	11.0	9.8	34	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	138	82	10.6	7.1	45	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	215	217	4.9	5.1	51	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	248	236	17.9	19.1	51	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	2	39.9	11.3	21	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	574	171	25.6	7.4	42	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	64	116	642.3	1,090.6	63	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	101	176	983.6	1,654.8	53	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	24	26	233.7	244.5	60	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	63	67	613.6	629.9	49	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	47.1	16.3	33	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	97	74	18.3	13.5	35	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,573	524	6.3	2.1	27	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	4,813	4,782	21.7	21.1	28	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,334	4,368	27.6	34.0	40	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	5	2.8	7.6	15	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	61	53	8.7	8.1	12	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	322	363	50.7	55.3	46	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	55	56	7.8	8.5	15	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	43	2.6	6.3	19	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	173	93	6.3	3.9	44	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	193	107	23.0	14.6	43	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	31.7	30.0	16	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	138	15.7	10.5	43	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	23	2	398.9	33.3	9	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	149	82	2,471.4	1,365.5	55	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	0	49.8	0.0	1	I	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	33	27	547.4	449.6	37	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	52.3	81.4	30	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	30	10.1	11.3	17	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	502	159	3.7	1.1	6	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,226	2,178	18.3	17.2	14	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,272	1,942	17.7	26.0	15	—	203,931	32.8

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Jackson County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	47,796	53,926
County child population	12,351	13,036

Children as percentage of Jackson County's population 25.8

The children of Jackson County	1990	2000
Under age 5	2,986	3,387
Ages 5-9	3,299	3,644
Ages 10-14	3,680	3,655
Ages 15-17	2,349	2,350

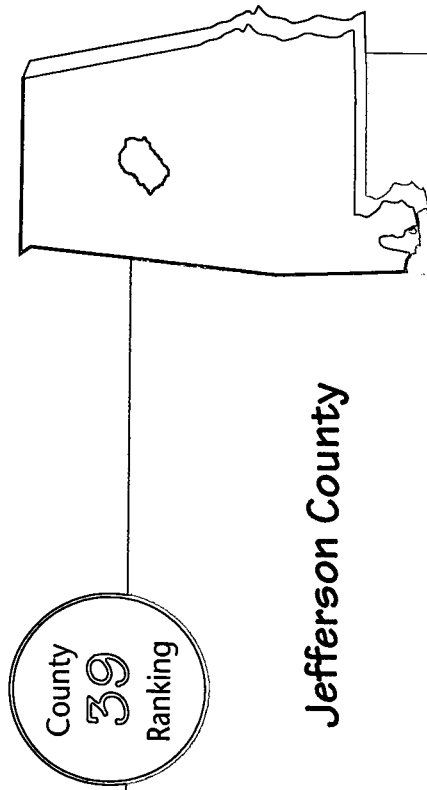
The diversity of Jackson County's children

White	11,060	89.5	11,551	88.6
African American	653	5.3	596	4.6
Hispanic			223	1.7
Other races	638	5.2	302	2.3
More than one race			364	2.8

Median family income \$33,448* \$38,082

All persons living below poverty level 16.6% 13.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Jefferson County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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	27.6
Ages 5-9	45,910	28.3
Ages 10-14	45,366	27.9
Ages 15-17	26,393	16.2
The diversity of Jefferson County's children		
White	89,819	55.3
African American	71,117	43.8
Hispanic		2,888
Other races	1,561	1.0
More than one race		1,676
Median family income	\$41,024*	\$45,951
All persons living below poverty level	16.0%	14.8%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	119	113	11.7	11.8	55	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	956	1,001	9.4	10.5	46	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	5,523	6,087	59.1	63.6	5	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	1,167	1,143	11.5	11.9	39	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	705	342	7.7	4.1	8		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	1,850	941	5.8	3.0	11	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	2,242	1,072	21.0	11.5	10	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	51	28	39.6	22.0	30	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,912	824	11.9	5.0	18	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	280	443	395.4	589.5	53	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	432	387	602.0	515.0	19	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	173	144	241.1	191.6	61	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	582	394	811.0	524.3	56	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	57	23	126.8	49.9	32	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	744	546	18.0	13.8	39	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	17,125	6,939	9.4	3.8	48	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	35,345	32,576	22.1	20.2	25		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	28,764	34,523	32.0	37.9	48		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	1	19.7	4.9	64	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	11	19	5.4	9.4	34	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	101	127	50.5	62.6	11	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	20	14	9.9	6.9	4	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	17	7.6	8.2	22	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	40	22	4.4	2.8	6	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	41	24	16.5	11.0	6	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	1	65.2	34.9	62	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	80	35	20.3	9.5	15	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	9	257.9	498.1	37	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	8	51.6	442.7	25	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	80.2	87.1	40	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	9	9	10.0	9.5	3	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	146	72	3.3	1.8	23	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	766	706	19.5	19.1	20	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	429	589	19.1	26.8	21	—	203,931	32.8

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Lamar County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	1990	2000
Under age 5	999	926
Ages 5-9	1,052	1,017
Ages 10-14	1,191	1,101
Ages 15-17	748	706

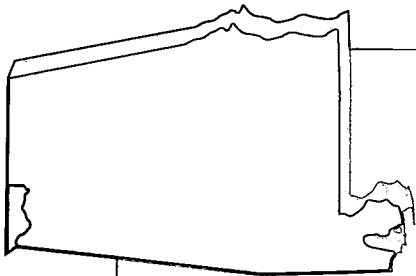
The diversity of Lamar County's children	1990	2000
White	3,373	3,086
African American	607	567
Hispanic	62	62
Other races	7	2
More than one race	0.2	0.1

Median family income	\$33,103*	\$33,050
All persons living below poverty level	18.0%	16.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Lauderdale County



	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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 15-17	3,339	3,523
The diversity of Lauderdale County's children		
White	16,483	17,030
African American	2,418	2,545
Hispanic	167	303
Other races	0.9	1.66
More than one race		223
Median family income	\$38,402*	\$41,437
All persons living below poverty level	14.9%	14.4%

*Adjusted for inflation.

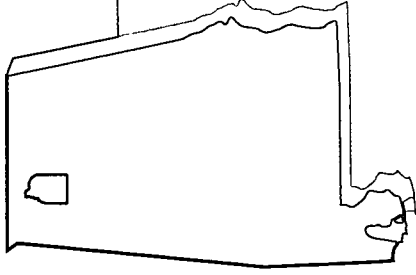
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	4	6.6	4.0	4	—	594
Low weight births	75	91	7.0	9.1	38	—	6,154
Child health index	669	643	62.4	64.6	3	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	82	85	7.7	8.5	12	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	60	46	5.5	4.6	2		4,375
Event dropout rate	199	138	5.0	3.6	15	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	229	148	18.5	13.9	15	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	5	6	33.7	38.2	19	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	331	181	17.4	9.0	24	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	38	87	430.2	922.3	59	W	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	156	439.0	1,653.8	63	W	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	12	104.0	127.2	45	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	53	369.6	561.9	42	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	65.8	48.3	31	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	60	49	11.8	11.6	14	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	788	186	3.6	0.8	5	I	34,228
Children in poverty	3,516	3,691	18.6	18.5	17		233,961
Single-parent families with children	2,242	3,135	20.4	26.6	19		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	2	7.8	4.6	10	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	31	6.4	7.1	33	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	266	237	56.4	54.6	40	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	48	51	9.3	11.8	30	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	35	27	7.1	5.6	7		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	73	57	4.4	3.4	9	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	79	66	17.0	12.9	8	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	15.0	28.7	44	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	187	112	21.6	12.5	60	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	5	0.0	119.5	13	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	40	296.5	956.3	45	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	31	469.5	741.1	62	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	38.3	0.0	7	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	26	34	12.9	17.1	27	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	524	167	5.4	1.7	22	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,198	1,490	25.9	16.8	13		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	942	1,278	19.5	24.7	12		203,931	32.8

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Lawrence County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	31,513	34,803
County child population	8,618	8,940

Children as percentage of Lawrence County's population 27.3

The children of Lawrence County	2000
Under age 5	2,293
Ages 5-9	2,299
Ages 10-14	2,479
Ages 15-17	1,568

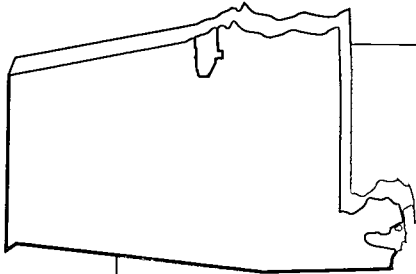
The diversity of Lawrence County's children	2000
White	5,835
African American	1,760
Hispanic	120
Other races	1,023
More than one race	382

Median family income \$33,067*
All persons living below poverty level 19.8%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Lee County

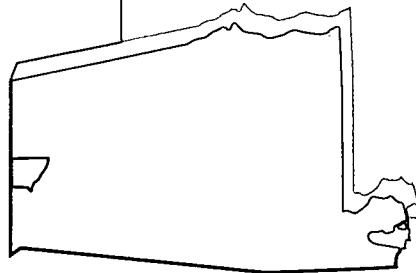
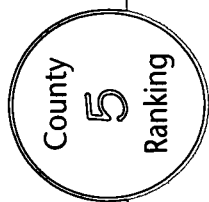


	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total county population	87,146	115,092
County child population	19,274	26,802
Children as percentage of Lee County's population	22.1	23.3
The children of Lee County		
Under age 5	5,409	7,195
Ages 5-9	5,229	7,655
Ages 10-14	5,289	7,603
Ages 15-17	3,161	4,349
The diversity of Lee County's children		
White	12,216	17,412
African American	6,662	8,061
Hispanic		488
Other races	396	501
More than one race		340
Median family income	\$42,305*	\$46,781
All persons living below poverty level	24.9%	21.8%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	14	15	10.8	10.6	42	—	594
Low weight births	110	125	8.5	8.9	14	—	6,154
Child health index	866	900	62.6	63.7	4	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	154	130	11.9	9.2	22	I	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	81	71	5.6	4.9	4		4,375
Event dropout rate	259	100	6.1	2.0	2	I	8,188
Projected dropout rate	337	123	22.5	8.4	2	I	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	8	2	53.5	9.5	28	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	374	196	19.6	7.2	21	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	48	69	407.4	577.3	52	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	97	130	1,147.9	1,087.7	43	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	38	82.8	317.9	65	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	41	85	485.2	711.2	51	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	51.2	34.0	2	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	84	65	13.1	11.1	16	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,135	462	4.4	1.3	15	I	34,228
Children in poverty	3,796	4,309	20.1	16.3	12		233,961
Single-parent families with children	2,877	4,704	27.4	31.7	34		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	4	8.8	4.2	2	—	594
Low weight births	61	83	7.7	8.7	10	—	6,154
Child health index	493	580	59.8	61.0	12	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	48	99	6.0	10.4	17	W	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	56	69	6.1	7.7	32	—	4,375
Event dropout rate	197	180	7.0	6.4	60	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	211	183	25.3	23.1	60	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	1	28.1	7.8	32	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	119	153	8.7	9.2	32	—	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	20	52	327.0	707.1	47	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	27	42	438.5	571.1	16	—	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	10	16.2	136.0	31	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	24	97.4	326.4	15	W	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	50.5	69.6	37	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	50	56	12.4	14.7	25	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	636	170	4.1	0.9	13	I	34,228
Children in poverty	2,035	2,609	15.0	16.2	11	—	233,961
Single-parent families with children	1,432	2,181	18.3	23.6	7	—	203,931



Limestone County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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

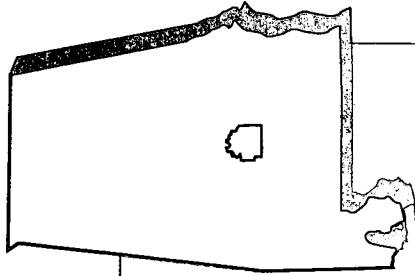
The children of Limestone County	1990	2000
Under age 5	3,691	4,349
Ages 5-9	3,757	4,638
Ages 10-14	3,812	4,628
Ages 15-17	2,346	2,726

The diversity of Limestone County's children	1990	2000
White	11,635	13,110
African American	1,902	2,162
Hispanic		699
Other races	117	154
More than one race	0.9	216

Median family income	\$41,193*	\$45,146
All persons living below poverty level	14.0%	12.3%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Lowndes County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	1,004
Ages 5-9	1,218	1,047
Ages 10-14	1,275	1,270
Ages 15-17	760	747
The diversity of Lowndes County's children		
White	694	709
African American	3,726	3,303
Hispanic		33
Other races	11	7
More than one race		16
Median family income	\$24,056*	\$28,935
All persons living below poverty level	38.6%	31.4%

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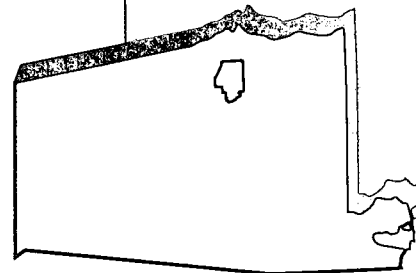
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	21.8	8.9	62	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	36	29	13.1	12.9	64	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	96	137	46.2	60.9	25	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	57	19.3	25.3	65	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	21	17.0	10.7	67	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	51	20	6.0	2.7	26	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	62	29	23.4	11.8	32	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	7	1	205.2	32.0	65	—	235	26.9
Children with indication abuse or neglect	54	18	12.4	4.4	2	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	1	51.1	49.6	6	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	5	0.0	247.9	11	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	49.6	40	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	18	10	884.5	495.8	65	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	19	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	25	23.4	25.8	64	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,100	270	22.5	6.0	59	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,305	1,667	52.6	41.7	61	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	912	1,071	47.6	50.9	60	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	3	18.6	9.5	53	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	67	33	15.6	10.5	57	I	6,154	9.7
Child health index	185	179	52.6	56.8	55	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	95	53	22.1	16.8	61	I	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	29	22	8.2	7.1	12		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	35	38	3.0	3.8	22	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	43	50	12.0	14.2	22	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	19.9	0.0	53	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	158	22	24.5	3.6	4	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	3	25.8	107.1	25	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	4	321.5	142.8	9	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	32.2	71.4	39	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	22	675.2	785.2	63	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	31.5	41.0	5	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	20	27.3	16.8	61	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,536	486	17.9	6.5	64	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,892	2,596	45.1	43.8	62		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,639	1,834	51.3	59.2	66		203,931	32.8

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Macon County

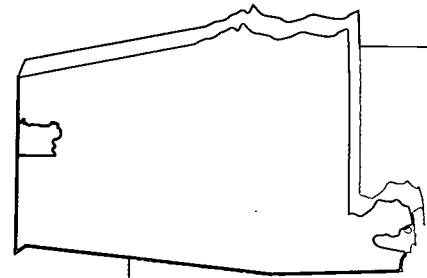


DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	24,928	24,105
County child population	6,620	6,081
Children as percentage of Macon County's population	26.6	25.2
The children of Macon County		
Under age 5	1,794	1,565
Ages 5-9	1,738	1,714
Ages 10-14	1,820	1,801
Ages 15-17	1,290	1,001

The diversity of Macon County's children	1990	2000
White	649	614
African American	5,968	5,343
Hispanic		50
Other races	3	22
More than one race	0	52

Median family income \$26,082*
 All persons living below poverty level 34.5%
 32.8%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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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	18,800
Ages 5-9	16,650	20,194
Ages 10-14	15,485	20,298
Ages 15-17	9,158	11,495
The diversity of Madison County's children		
White	42,391	46,566
African American	14,750	18,455
Hispanic		1,786
Other races	1,704	2,005
More than one race		1,975
Median family income	\$50,959*	\$54,360
All persons living below poverty level	10.9%	10.5%

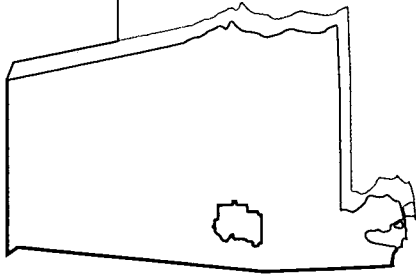
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*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	38	21	9.4	5.6	8	I	594
Low weight births	263	333	6.5	8.9	17	W	6,154
Child health index	2,523	2,472	64.3	65.8	2	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	366	321	9.1	8.6	16	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	148	206	3.9	5.8	6		4,375
Event dropout rate	762	318	6.7	2.5	4	I	8,188
Projected dropout rate	850	383	23.9	9.7	4	I	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	14	16	30.1	28.7	40	—	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	603	518	10.1	7.2	19	—	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	62	195	239.9	613.3	58	W	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	140	311	568.1	978.2	44	W	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	33	46	133.9	144.7	56	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	99	189	401.7	594.5	46	—	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	11	14	63.5	70.5	24	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	186	174	10.8	11.3	12	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,651	1,530	5.4	1.9	26	I	34,228
Children in poverty	8,457	9,824	14.6	14.1	5		233,961
Single-parent families with children	7,566	11,311	22.8	28.9	29		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	5	20.9	14.2	56	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	50	42	11.6	11.9	66	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	211	171	58.0	48.4	60	W	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	72	50	16.7	14.2	55	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	67	48	15.0	11.0	63		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	33	38	2.3	3.1	8	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	36	42	9.0	12.1	9	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	20.0	14	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	84	45	12.2	7.1	28	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	6	63.9	197.0	15	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	12	24	361.9	787.9	39	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	9	60.3	295.5	49	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	17	361.9	558.1	44	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	0	149.6	0.0	16	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	44	15	27.5	11.3	17	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	968	253	12.6	3.6	56	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,738	2,150	39.5	33.7	54		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,164	1,426	33.8	41.5	54		203,931	32.8

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Marengo County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	25.7	1,524	23.7
Ages 5-9	1,877	26.8	1,852	28.8
Ages 10-14	2,035	29.0	1,902	29.6
Ages 15-17	1,281	18.3	1,144	17.8

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

Median family income \$29,870*
All persons living below poverty level 30.0% 25.9%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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Marion County

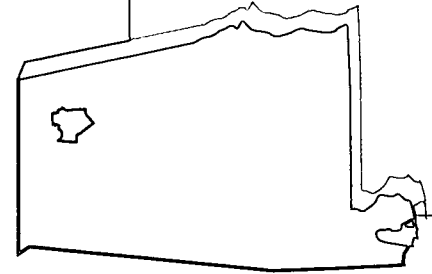
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	29,830	31,214
County child population	7,364	7,038
Children as percentage of Marion County's population	24.7	22.5
The children of Marion County		
Under age 5	1,887	25.6
Ages 5-9	1,990	27.0
Ages 10-14	2,059	28.0
Ages 15-17	1,386	18.8
The diversity of Marion County's children		
White	7,044	95.7
African American	252	3.4
Hispanic	68	0.9
Other races		
More than one race		
Median family income	\$29,064*	\$34,359
All persons living below poverty level	19.1%	15.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	14.2	7.9	39	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	22	29	6.3	7.7	3	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	204	202	55.4	53.4	33	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	16	28	4.5	7.4	9	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	9	30	2.1	7.3	29	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	60	69	3.9	4.9	39	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	78	14.8	17.8	39	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	2	17.8	36.6	59	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	219	89	30.7	12.9	57	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	9	88.9	276.2	49	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	19	46	551.5	1,411.5	58	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	61.4	18	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	7	174.2	214.8	24	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	2	5	85.2	249.5	61	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	21	17	13.3	9.2	5	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	321	120	3.9	1.6	8	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,515	1,305	20.9	18.8	19	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	781	1,007	18.2	24.1	8	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	10	12.0	8.6	28	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	83	90	8.3	7.7	11	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	594	604	54.7	51.7	50	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	67	128	6.7	10.9	24	W	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	32	55	3.2	5.7	9		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	225	177	7.7	5.6	59	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	258	211	27.0	21.1	59	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	11	5	81.6	31.4	48	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	364	423	20.9	20.7	65	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	53	200.9	584.6	55	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	47	84	579.4	926.5	30	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	4	37.0	44.1	23	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	37	28	456.1	308.8	29	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	8	9	149.8	161.7	51	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	63	75	12.5	15.7	33	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	958	333	4.9	1.5	19	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,441	3,579	19.9	17.9	15		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,118	3,112	20.6	27.0	22		203,931	32.8

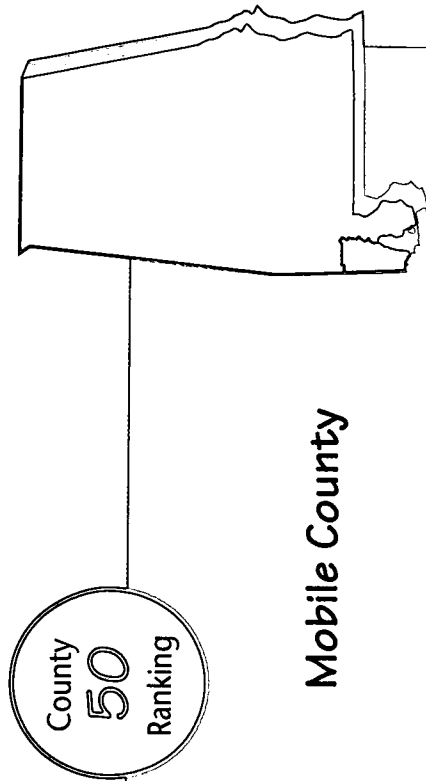


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Marshall County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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	26.1
Ages 5-9	4,771	27.2
Ages 10-14	4,884	27.9
Ages 15-17	3,228	18.4
The diversity of Marshall County's children		
White	17,086	97.5
African American	309	1.8
Hispanic		
Other races	134	0.8
More than one race		
Median family income	\$33,920*	\$38,788
All persons living below poverty level	17.2%	14.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Mobile County

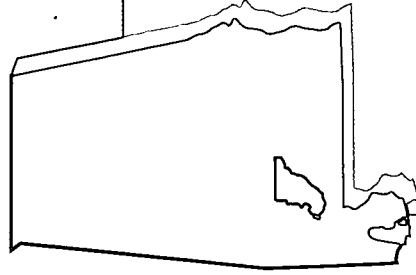
	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total county population	378,643	399,843
County child population	107,799	109,881
Children as percentage of Mobile County's population	28.5	27.5
The children of Mobile County		
Under age 5	29,633	29,334
Ages 5-9	30,316	31,175
Ages 10-14	30,384	30,929
Ages 15-17	17,700	18,443
The diversity of Mobile County's children		
White	63,989	59,231
African American	41,827	45,035
Hispanic		1,525
Other races	1,983	2,649
More than one race		1441
Median family income	\$35,822*	\$40,378
All persons living below poverty level	21.4%	18.5%

*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	72	68	10.9	10.7	46	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	550	685	8.3	10.8	49	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	3,516	3,536	53.0	55.6	41	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	872	792	13.2	12.5	42	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	927	726	15.4	12.5	62	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	1,571	890	8.8	5.0	29	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	1,837	1,026	29.0	18.5	28	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	26	31	30.5	36.2	50	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,954	905	18.2	8.2	38	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	155	228	327.8	461.8	46	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	503	652	1,046.1	1,320.6	47	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	207	158	430.5	320.0	66	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	414	477	861.0	966.1	60	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	29	23	97.7	75.4	34	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	613	415	22.7	16.9	48	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	13,363	4,787	11.1	3.9	51	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	32,181	28,361	30.3	26.2	44	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	18,123	22,130	32.2	38.0	49	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	3	19.1	8.5	13	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	42	42	10.0	11.9	52	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	215	190	54.7	54.0	28	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	77	59	18.4	16.8	54	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	19	11.0	4.9	26	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	104	60	6.8	4.7	38	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	120	67	24.3	18.0	38	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	87.8	75.7	35	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	87	59	12.0	8.6	20	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	4	444.0	127.6	23	I	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	33	229.5	1,052.6	21	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	5	114.7	159.5	42	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	22	9	631.1	287.1	14	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	227.9	51.5	55	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	38	22	23.8	16.8	47	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	585	173	7.1	2.3	41	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,122	1,846	29.2	27.0	46	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,058	1,299	28.5	34.6	43	—	203,931	32.8

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Monroe County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	25.3	1,827	26.5
Ages 5-9	2,023	27.4	1,921	27.9
Ages 10-14	2,111	28.6	1,905	27.7
Ages 15-17	1,375	18.6	1,230	17.9

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

Median family income \$34,280* \$34,569

All persons living below poverty level 22.7% 21.3%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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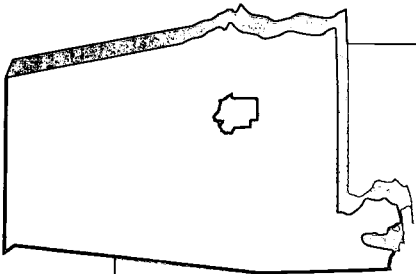
Montgomery County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	28.0
Ages 5-9	16,150	28.0
Ages 10-14	15,564	27.0
Ages 15-17	9,551	16.6
The diversity of Montgomery County's children		
White	26,746	46.4
African American	30,053	52.1
Hispanic		793
Other races	856	1.5
More than one race		717
Median family income	\$41,987*	\$44,669
All persons living below poverty level	17.9%	17.3%

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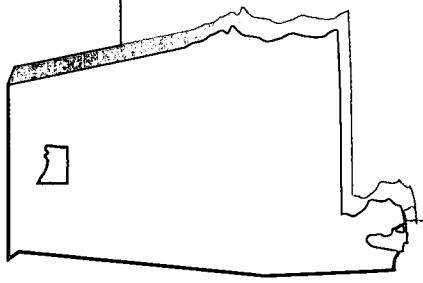
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	45	22	11.7	6.0	44	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	346	405	9.0	11.1	48	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	2,051	2,227	58.4	60.9	9	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	587	492	15.2	13.5	46	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	95	228	3.0	8.2	38	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	464	384	5.2	4.6	17	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	564	398	20.3	17.6	18	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	14	14	31.1	31.2	46	—	235	26.9
Children with indication abuse or neglect	786	249	13.8	4.3	3	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	98	82	383.5	317.1	36	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	130	159	517.6	614.9	23	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	99	89	394.2	344.2	67	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	210	149	836.2	576.2	52	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	16	8	92.9	46.4	39	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	307	239	19.9	15.7	45	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	7,798	3,233	11.9	5.0	58	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	14,383	14,123	25.4	25.1	43	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	10,359	13,171	35.0	42.6	56	—	203,931	32.8



INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	11	14	7.4	8.8	40	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	105	151	7.1	9.5	37	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	817	883	56.0	55.7	37	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	123	163	8.3	10.3	26	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	134	85	8.2	5.5	3		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	337	168	6.0	3.1	50	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	366	190	22.0	11.9	49	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	6	9	29.4	41.0	34	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	523	294	20.0	10.4	41	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	93	51.9	724.6	57	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	180	524.8	1,402.4	48	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	9	0.0	70.1	46	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	24	270.9	187.0	13	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	7	84.0	93.3	56	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	86	95	13.5	14.9	37	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,152	273	4.0	0.9	7	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,668	4,445	14.3	15.9	9		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	3,105	4,282	21.2	27.1	23		203,931	32.8

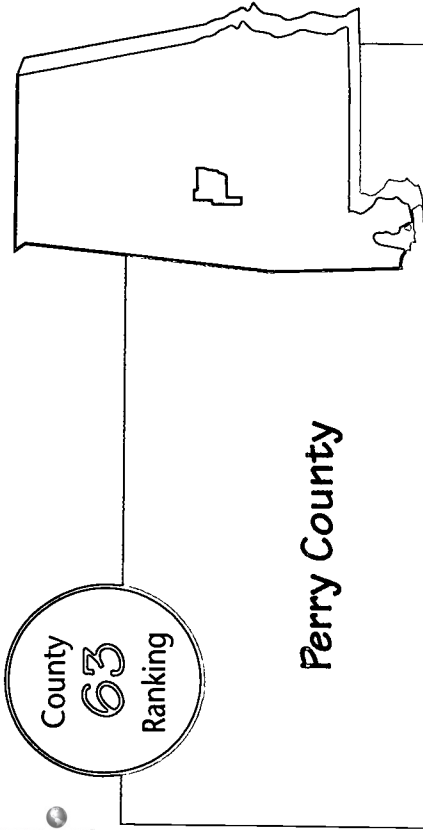
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Morgan County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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	7,317
Ages 5-9	7,291	7,992
Ages 10-14	7,460	8,119
Ages 15-17	4,354	4,716
The diversity of Morgan County's children		
White	22,176	21,942
African American	3,502	4,072
Hispanic		1,286
Other races	269	385
More than one race		459
Median family income	\$42,715*	\$45,827
All persons living below poverty level	12.0%	12.3%

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Perry County

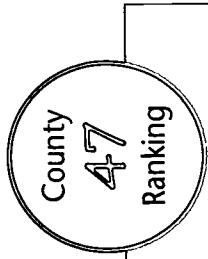
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	12,759	11,861
County child population	4,062	3,537
Children as percentage of Perry County's population	31.8	29.8
The children of Perry County		
Under age 5	976	24.0
Ages 5-9	1,073	26.4
Ages 10-14	1,190	29.3
Ages 15-17	763	18.8
The diversity of Perry County's children		
White	784	19.3
African American	3,247	79.9
Hispanic	30	0.8
Other races	31	0.8
More than one race	18	0.5
Median family income	\$21,290*	\$26,150
All persons living below poverty level	42.6%	35.4%

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*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	4	4.5	18.9	27	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	13	33	5.9	15.6	56	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	116	91	50.2	42.9	66	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	50	36	22.7	17.0	62	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	10	16	5.1	7.3	51	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	41	42	5.9	6.8	61	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	52	46	20.5	25.1	62	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	36.9	20	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	63	19	16.4	5.5	25	1	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	0	144.5	0.0	7	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	21	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	3	51.2	181.6	7	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	85.8	15	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	15	30.5	22.1	66	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,209	250	25.8	6.3	61	1	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,171	1,688	54.3	48.9	67	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	762	902	44.7	52.9	64	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK		TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	12	2	35.7	6.7	1	1	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	36	27	10.7	9.1	43	—	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	162	168	57.9	56.6	19	—	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	56	46	16.7	15.5	59	—	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	33	29	10.2	9.8	47	—	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	21	59	2.0	5.5	19	W	W	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	24	51	7.7	20.9	19	W	W	9,333	15.5
SAFETY									
Child death rate	0	1	0.0	23.1	6	—	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	149	39	25.5	6.8	22	I	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	6	75.8	220.0	22	—	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	9	109.0	330.0	13	W	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	36.7	33	W	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	18	399.6	660.1	45	—	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	62.7	0.0	1	—	—	235	72.4
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	33	23	25.8	19.2	57	—	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	766	256	11.8	4.1	57	I	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,304	1,949	39.0	34.3	56	—	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,014	1,215	34.8	40.2	51	—	—	203,931	32.8



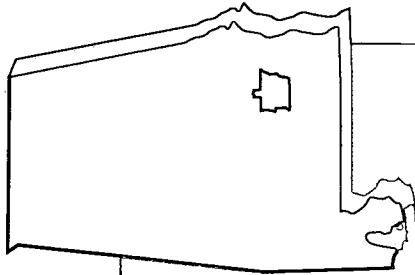
Pickens County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
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 15-17	989	1,067
The diversity of Pickens County's children		
White	2,668	2,547
African American	3,253	3,044
Hispanic		52
Other races	15	19
More than one race	0.3	0.3
Median family income	\$29,168*	\$32,937
All persons living below poverty level	28.9%	24.9%

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Pike County



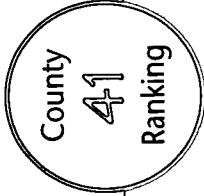
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	27,595	29,605
County child population	6,934	7,211
Children as percentage of Pike County's population	25.1	24.4
The children of Pike County		
Under age 5	1,843	1,923
Ages 5-9	1,873	1,936
Ages 10-14	1,888	2,090
Ages 15-17	1,262	1,262
The diversity of Pike County's children		
White	3,648	3,588
African American	3,250	3,307
Hispanic		114
Other races	36	68
More than one race		134
Median family income	\$30,805*	\$34,132
All persons living below poverty level	27.2%	23.1%

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*Adjusted for inflation.

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	3	5	6.7	10.9	43	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	44	35	9.8	7.6	28	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	241	253	52.9	55.2	21	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	81	69	18.1	15.1	56	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	58	9.2	14.8	58	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	61	55	4.4	4.5	54	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	73	59	16.5	16.4	45	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	37.9	0.0	12	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	201	59	29.2	8.3	27	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	18	208.9	537.0	41	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	15	539.7	447.5	18	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	3	158.7	89.5	54	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	25	36	793.7	1,074.0	66	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	100.8	74.6	12	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	42	30	21.2	16.0	53	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	970	357	11.2	4.2	52	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,062	2,111	30.3	29.9	52	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,289	1,670	35.1	41.7	55	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	2	19.2	6.8	25	I	594	9.4
Low weight births	33	32	10.5	10.9	44	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	164	159	54.5	54.1	38	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	36	43	11.5	14.6	44	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	16	38	4.7	12.5	64		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	64	52	6.1	5.1	30	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	68	54	23.0	19.0	29	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	2	50.1	46.0	56	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	34	17.3	6.0	36	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	8	42.3	318.3	40	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	42	1,232.5	1,671.3	56	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	39.8	10	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	6	328.7	238.8	9	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	31	19	23.1	15.0	52	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	403	217	7.0	3.4	43	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,187	1,213	23.0	22.1	34		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	652	882	23.3	29.2	31		203,931	32.8



Randolph County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	19,881	22,380
County child population	5,192	5,620

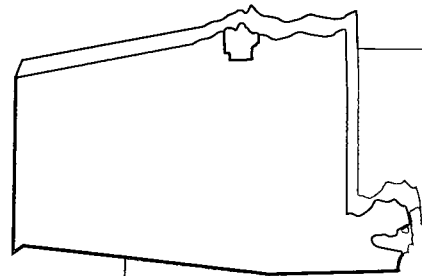
Children as percentage of Randolph County's population	26.1	25.1
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The children of Randolph County	1990	2000
Under age 5	1,272	1,480
Ages 5-9	1,479	1,627
Ages 10-14	1,468	1,568
Ages 15-17	966	945

The diversity of Randolph County's children	1990	2000
White	3,529	3,880
African American	1,663	1,560
Hispanic		103
Other races	0	35
More than one race		42

Median family income	\$31,141*	\$34,684
All persons living below poverty level	18.9%	17.0%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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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	28.3
Ages 5-9	3,408	27.3
Ages 10-14	3,381	27.0
Ages 15-17	2,155	17.2
The diversity of Russell County's children		
White	6,782	54.2
African American	5,657	45.2
Hispanic		254
Other races	65	0.5
More than one race		207
Median family income	\$31,982*	\$34,004
All persons living below poverty level	20.4%	19.9%

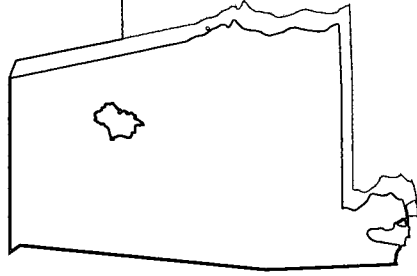
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				

HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	15	13.2	22.7	63	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	58	68	8.5	10.3	41	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	373	378	51.4	57.1	27	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	75	102	11.0	15.4	41	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	55	47	6.8	6.2	14		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	194	129	8.5	5.6	62	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	233	162	29.1	20.0	61	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	2	20.6	19.5	38	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	280	165	22.3	12.5	59	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	19	594.5	321.9	38	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	59	307.1	999.7	54	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	10	144.5	169.4	59	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	31	37	560.0	626.9	54	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	3	165.5	85.0	20	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	56	60	19.1	23.4	49	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,289	632	9.3	4.4	55	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,479	3,435	28.0	26.5	45		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,302	3,125	34.5	43.3	58		203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	6	8	7.7	9.1	36	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	50	86	6.4	9.8	9	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	425	489	54.7	55.8	23	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	61	62	7.8	7.1	7	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	94	7.2	10.4	40	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	209	152	8.1	5.2	45	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	225	187	28.7	20.0	50	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	19.3	23.4	52	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	259	145	19.2	8.6	51	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	22	33.7	289.2	31	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	30	82.0	394.4	65	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	26.3	16	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	28	32.8	368.1	20	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	4	105.5	93.8	43	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	43	47	12.5	12.7	7	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	680	347	4.5	1.9	21	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,257	2,461	17.2	15.2	8	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,294	2,136	17.4	23.0	5	—	203,931	32.8



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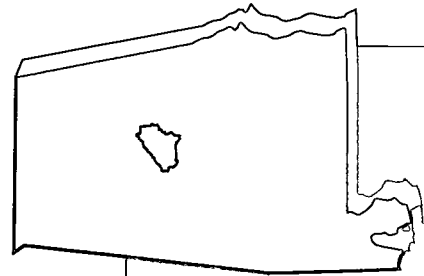
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	50,009	64,742
County child population	13,331	16,417
Children as percentage of St. Clair County's population	26.7	25.4

The children of St. Clair County	1990	2000
Under age 5	3,602	4,252
Ages 5-9	3,611	4,558
Ages 10-14	3,769	4,855
Ages 15-17	2,328	2,752

The diversity of St. Clair County's children	1990	2000
White	11,973	14,579
African American	1,287	1,348
Hispanic		220
Other races	71	109
More than one race		161

Median family income	\$35,546*	\$43,152
All persons living below poverty level	14.8%	12.1%

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Shelby County

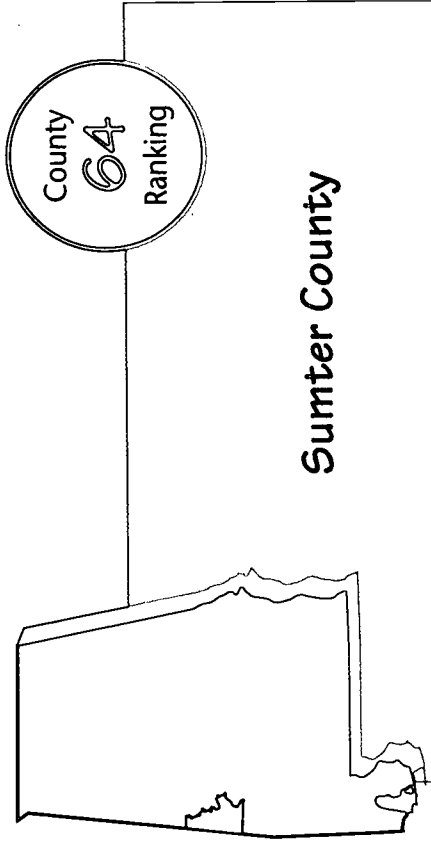
DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	99,358	143,293
County child population	27,321	37,620
Children as percentage of Shelby County's population	27.5	26.3
The children of Shelby County		
Under age 5	7,978	10,718
Ages 5-9	7,890	10,616
Ages 10-14	7,267	10,398
Ages 15-17	4,056	5,888
The diversity of Shelby County's children		
White	24,397	32,677
African American	2,575	3,170
Hispanic		888
Other races	349	542
More than one race		343
Median family income	\$55,223*	\$64,105
All persons living below poverty level	9.2%	6.3%

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	21	5.0	9.5	21	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	119	162	6.6	7.3	4	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	1,126	1,516	65.2	68.2	1	I	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	82	99	4.5	4.5	1	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	68	69	4.1	4.2	1	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	227	167	4.9	3.1	10	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	257	188	18.3	12.0	12	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	6	18.4	20.3	15	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	288	191	10.4	4.9	9	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	9	0.0	55.3	14	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	206	547.6	1,264.9	34	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	8.8	12.3	12	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	32	56	282.6	343.9	12	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	14	12	201.0	128.6	45	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	46	51	6.0	5.2	1	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	673	216	2.2	0.5	1	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,769	2,612	10.3	7.1	1	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	2,215	3,648	14.6	17.2	1	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	5	7.2	22.6	67	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	25	31	9.0	14.0	54	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	112	134	48.9	60.6	56	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	66	42	23.8	19.0	58	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	4	13	1.7	5.9	21	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	46	3	5.1	0.4	12	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	53	3	19.3	1.5	14	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	1	51.5	29.9	60	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	33	23	6.7	5.5	30	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	49.9	19	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	3	41.5	149.6	3	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	2	124.4	99.7	36	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	10	248.8	498.5	36	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	57.1	78.1	52	W	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	25	18	28.1	20.0	55	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,255	497	21.6	10.5	65	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,433	2,007	49.7	47.4	65	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,070	1,126	45.8	52.3	62	—	203,931	32.8



Sumter County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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	24.9
Ages 5-9	1,332	27.0
Ages 10-14	1,505	30.5
Ages 15-17	907	18.4
The diversity of Sumter County's children		
White	865	17.5
African American	4,065	82.4
Hispanic	72	1.7
Other races	6	0.1
More than one race	26	0.6

Median family income	\$23,207*	\$23,176
All persons living below poverty level	39.7%	38.7%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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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	24.8
Ages 5-9	5,513	26.8
Ages 10-14	6,043	29.4
Ages 15-17	3,844	18.7

The diversity of Talladega County's children		
White	12,521	60.9
African American	7,956	38.7
Hispanic		179
Other races	94	0.5
More than one race		194

Median family income	\$32,739*	\$38,004
All persons living below poverty level	20.2%	17.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	10	8	9.1	7.0	38	—	594
Low weight births	104	128	9.5	11.2	58	W	6,154
Child health index	521	580	50.8	50.9	59	—	37,100
Births to unmarried teens	174	169	15.8	14.8	49	—	7,064
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	42	57	3.6	5.5	17		4,375
Event dropout rate	237	147	6.0	4.0	31	—	8,188
Projected dropout rate	265	167	21.3	15.2	31	—	9,333
SAFETY							
Child death rate	8	4	50.6	25.9	17	I	235
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	400	182	19.6	9.1	40	I	9,238
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	52	11	536.3	116.4	30	—	2,602
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	24	109	242.7	1,153.3	28	W	5,160
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	10.1	42.3	19	—	739
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	71	71	718.1	751.2	48	—	2,772
Preventable teen death rate	8	6	122.4	102.5	42	—	235
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	101	92	20.9	20.2	50	—	3,619
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,343	695	10.2	3.1	47	I	34,228
Children in poverty	5,264	4,809	26.5	24.7	41		233,961
Single-parent families with children	3,019	3,915	28.1	35.1	45		203,931

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	6	8.3	11.1	49	--	594	9.4
Low weight births	65	54	10.7	10.0	45	--	6,154	9.7
Child health index	311	298	54.5	55.2	18	--	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	101	88	16.7	16.3	47	--	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	46	23	7.2	4.0	11		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	154	95	7.4	5.1	34	--	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	178	106	26.9	19.4	37	--	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	0	52.8	0.0	4	I	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	105	40	10.6	4.0	10	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	95	215.2	2,058.1	66	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	86	206.1	1,863.1	60	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	4	0.0	86.7	62	--	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	30	144.3	649.9	58	--	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	6	2	191.1	73.9	10	--	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	50	21.2	23.0	51	--	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	846	269	7.6	2.5	34	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,920	2,378	19.5	24.3	39		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,551	1,944	28.4	34.6	44		203,931	32.8

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Tallapoosa County

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	38,826	41,475
County child population	10,016	10,037

Children as percentage of Tallapoosa County's population 25.8

The children of Tallapoosa County	1990	2000
Under age 5	2,493	2,562
Ages 5-9	2,582	2,859
Ages 10-14	2,931	2,892
Ages 15-17	1,921	1,724

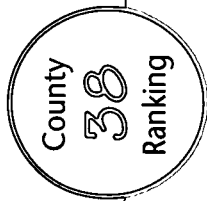
The diversity of Tallapoosa County's children

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

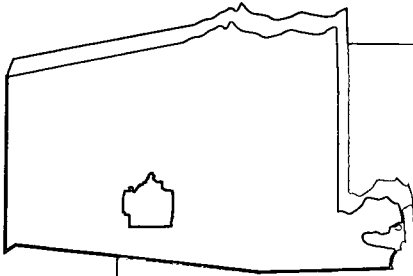
Median family income \$35,363* \$38,148

All persons living below poverty level 16.0% 16.6%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Tuscaloosa County



DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total county population	150,522	164,875
Country 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	10,592
Ages 5-9	9,766	10,853
Ages 10-14	10,139	10,690
Ages 15-17	6,113	6,408
The diversity of Tuscaloosa County's children		
White	22,920	22,745
African American	12,633	14,332
Hispanic		631
Other races	410	394
More than one race		441
Median family income	\$39,111*	\$45,485
All persons living below poverty level	20.1%	17.0%

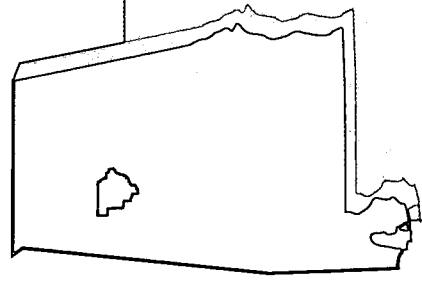
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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	22	33	10.1	14.2	51	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	188	247	8.6	10.6	50	W	6,154	9.7
Child health index	1,254	1,345	61.3	57.7	32	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	275	253	12.6	10.9	36	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	88	190	4.0	8.7	42	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	503	332	7.2	5.0	28	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	563	373	26.1	18.7	27	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	11	11	39.4	36.7	33	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	390	307	10.9	8.0	44	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	136	52.2	795.4	54	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	71	177	436.9	1,035.2	33	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	35	6.2	204.7	63	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	75	125	461.5	731.1	50	W	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	4	9	27.8	61.8	11	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	158	102	15.9	10.4	19	I	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,399	899	7.7	1.9	30	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	8,435	7,439	23.8	19.5	23	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	5,480	7,433	28.2	34.5	42	—	203,931	32.8

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	13	13	14.1	13.3	41	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	68	76	7.4	7.8	24	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	473	518	53.2	53.1	48	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	98	81	10.7	8.3	13	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	63	6.1	7.2	37		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	258	99	7.4	3.5	7	I	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	280	119	25.9	13.6	7	I	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	8	2	60.5	15.5	25	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	291	162	17.2	9.7	49	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	18	198.8	238.1	27	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	65	142	781.2	1,878.3	57	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	2	48.1	26.5	14	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	4	132.2	52.9	1	I	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	8	6	150.4	127.5	60	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	42	13.1	10.0	13	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,229	286	6.4	1.5	16	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	3,806	3,406	22.5	21.0	27		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	1,976	2,708	20.0	27.6	25		203,931	32.8

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Walker County

DEMOGRAPHICS	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

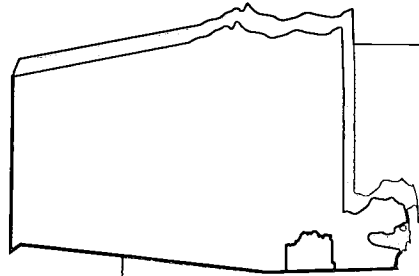
Under age 5	4,220	24.6	4,520	27.2
Ages 5-9	4,569	26.6	4,556	27.4
Ages 10-14	5,151	30.0	4,711	28.3
Ages 15-17	3,170	18.4	2,849	17.1

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

Median family income	\$32,864*	\$35,221
All persons living below poverty level	17.3%	16.5%

*Adjusted for inflation.



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Washington County

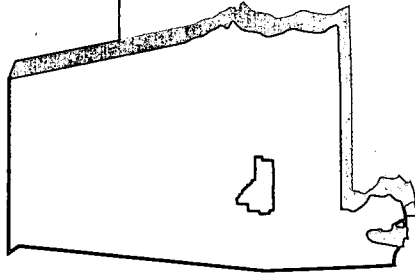
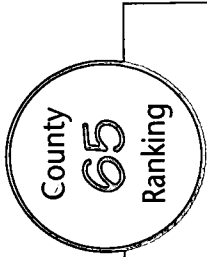
	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total county population	16,694	18,097
County child population	5,101	5,189
Children as percentage of Washington County's population	30.6	28.7
The children of Washington County		
Under age 5	1,229	1,308
Ages 5-9	1,483	1,499
Ages 10-14	1,469	1,478
Ages 15-17	902	904
The diversity of Washington County's children		
White	2,936	2,974
African American	1,761	1,628
Hispanic	54	1.0
Other races	404	465
More than one race	68	1.3
Median family income	\$30,912*	\$37,881
All persons living below poverty level	24.8%	18.5%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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

HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	2	1	6.9	3.8	26	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	23	22	8.0	8.5	36	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	141	149	49.0	57.3	31	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	27	31	9.4	11.9	31	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	33	16	10.3	5.2	31	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	31	9	2.7	0.9	1	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	36	10	10.3	3.1	1	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	2	99.9	49.7	24	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	38	7.4	7.4	26	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	84.0	18	W	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	84.4	461.8	17	W	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	27	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	11	421.8	461.8	47	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	44	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	13	17.6	11.0	24	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	621	204	11.1	3.6	50	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,480	1,110	29.3	21.5	30	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	596	750	22.7	26.5	17	—	203,931	32.8



Wilcox County

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	1	5	4.0	19.0	47	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	29	38	11.6	14.4	63	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	114	139	49.4	52.9	63	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	53	46	21.3	17.5	63	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	19	20	8.3	10.2	56	—	4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	57	32	6.7	4.3	20	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	62	34	23.2	16.5	20	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	0	56.2	0.0	64	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	35	33	7.5	8.2	48	—	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	7	93.5	373.5	17	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	8	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	160.1	55	W	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	0	86.9	0.0	18	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	77.3	0.0	17	—	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	29	23	26.9	22.8	63	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,263	452	25.3	10.2	66	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	2,619	1,920	57.4	48.4	66	—	233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	856	1,048	43.6	52.2	61	—	203,931	32.8

DEMOGRAPHICS	1990	2000
Total country population	13,568	13,183
Country child population	4,573	4,041

Children as percentage of Wilcox County's population 33.7 30.7

The children of Wilcox County	1990	2000
Under age 5	1,075	1,067
Ages 5-9	1,236	1,100
Ages 10-14	1,430	1,136
Ages 15-17	871	738

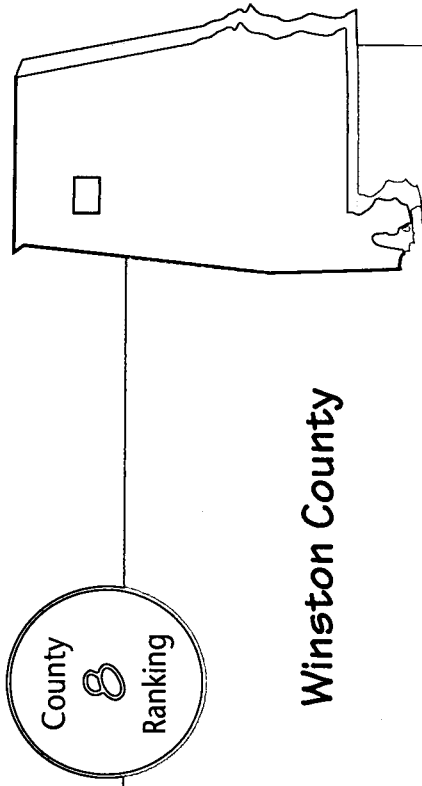
The diversity of Wilcox County's children

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

Median family income \$19,865* \$22,200

All persons living below poverty level 45.2% 39.9%

*Adjusted for inflation.



Winston County

	1990	2000
DEMOGRAPHICS		
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	26.1
Ages 5-9	1,442	26.6
Ages 10-14	1,556	28.7
Ages 15-17	1,020	18.8
The diversity of Winston County's children		
White	5,385	99.4
African American	17	0.3
Hispanic	118	2.0
Other races	13	0.2
More than one race	46	0.8
Median family income	\$28,583*	\$32,628
All persons living below poverty level	19.8%	17.1%

*Adjusted for inflation.

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INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			Number	Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	2	17.1	5.8	14	—	594	9.4
Low weight births	21	30	7.2	8.7	6	—	6,154	9.7
Child health index	142	190	52.6	55.1	39	—	37,100	58.7
Births to unmarried teens	13	20	4.4	5.8	3	—	7,064	11.2
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	21	1.7	5.7	16		4,375	7.3
Event dropout rate	52	54	3.9	4.2	43	—	8,188	4.1
Projected dropout rate	56	55	14.7	15.7	44	—	9,333	15.5
SAFETY								
Child death rate	1	0	24.1	0.0	31	—	235	26.9
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	114	26	21.5	4.4	13	I	9,238	8.2
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,602	508.1
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	2	659.9	74.3	14	—	5,160	1,007.6
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	74.3	15	—	739	144.3
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	2	271.7	74.3	8	—	2,772	541.3
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	59.4	122.9	64	W	235	72.4
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	13	5.5	9.6	6	—	3,619	14.0
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	194	100	3.2	1.5	12	I	34,228	2.7
Children in poverty	1,209	1,266	22.7	21.8	33		233,961	21.2
Single-parent families with children	550	842	17.3	24.4	9		203,931	32.8



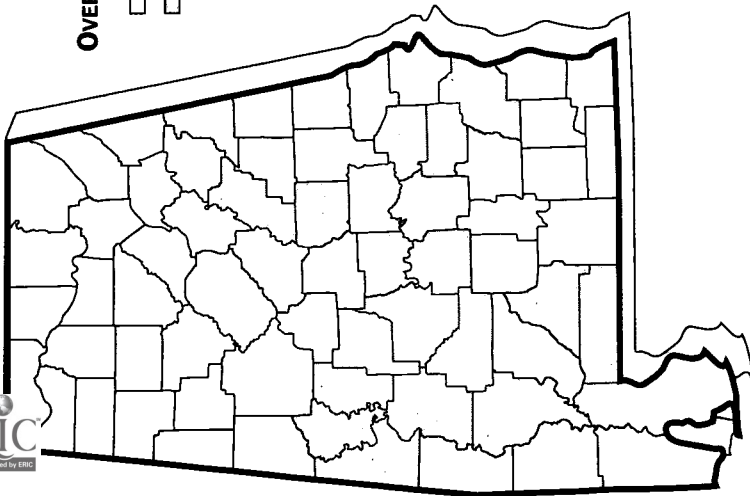
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RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE
1	Shelby	-13.01
2	Cleburne	-8.40
3	Madison	-7.83
4	Lauderdale	-7.32
5	Limestone	-7.24
6	Cullman	-7.05
7	Autauga	-6.65
8	Winston	-6.57
9	Blount	-6.43
10	Franklin	-6.09
11	Baldwin	-6.08
12	Marion	-6.01
13	Saint Clair	-5.99
14	Jackson	-5.63
15	Lee	-5.37
16	Elmore	-5.12
17	De Kalb	-4.80
18	Lawrence	-4.32
19	Lamar	-4.07
20	Coffee	-3.90
21	Marshall	-3.71
22	Etowah	-3.65
23	Fayette	-3.47
24	Walker	-3.26
25	Clay	-3.17
26	Crenshaw	-3.02
27	Covington	-3.00
28	Morgan	-2.96
29	Dale	-2.87
30	Houston	-2.72
31	Calhoun	-2.25
32	Washington	-2.21
33	Colbert	-2.07
34	Cherokee	-2.00
35	Chilton	-1.79
36	Geneva	-1.56
37	Henry	-0.72
38	Tuscaloosa	-0.43
39	Jefferson	-0.09
40	Bibb	0.41
41	Randolph	0.44
42	Monroe	1.13
43	Choctaw	1.27
44	Chambers	1.47
45	Tallapoosa	1.55
46	Butler	1.94
47	Pickens	2.33
48	Montgomery	2.64
49	Pike	2.72
50	Mobile	2.83
51	Clarke	2.85
52	Escambia	2.91
53	Russell	3.59
54	Talladega	4.04
55	Hale	4.75
56	Coosa	5.08
57	Barbour	5.61
58	Marengo	6.45
59	Conecuh	10.53
60	Lowndes	11.33
61	Dallas	11.66
62	Macon	11.88
63	Perry	12.91
64	Sumter	14.09
65	Wilcox	14.47
66	Greene	15.32
67	Bullock	16.60

Overall county rankings are based on a scale containing eight child welfare factors: births to unmarried teens, children in poverty, children receiving AFDC/TANF, children's health index, infant mortality rate, low weight births, vulnerable families index, and single-parent families. These eight factors were selected from a larger pool of variables based on the degree of intercorrelation among the variables and other factors. The reliability coefficient of the resulting scale, as measured by Chronbach's Alpha, is .748. All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall score. Thus, no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each of the individual indicators.

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

First, the numerical values for all eight variables were converted into standard scores. Standard scores are derived through subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).

Next the standard scores were summed in order to create a total standard score for each county.

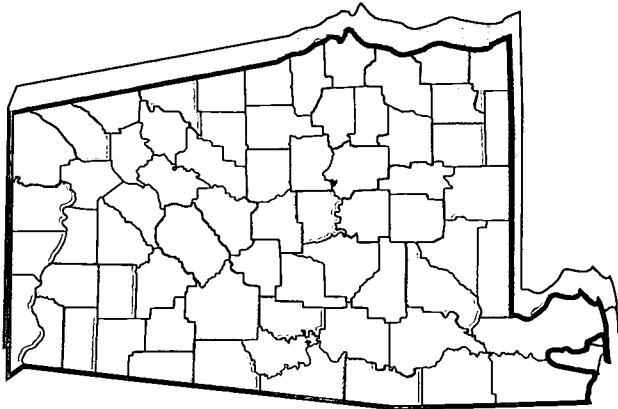
Finally, the state's 67 counties were ranked on the basis of their total standard score from the lowest/best (1) to highest/worst (67).

The scale used this year in ranking counties does not correspond totally with scales used in previous years. For that reason, one-to-one comparisons between this year's rank and rankings from earlier years should not be made. However, broad comparisons (e.g., middle third of all counties in one year and upper third in another, etc.) are generally permissible.

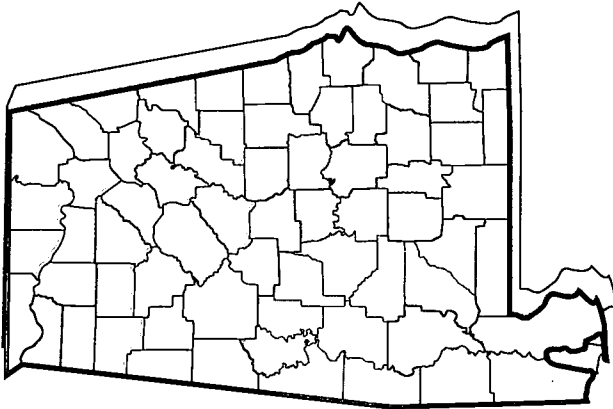
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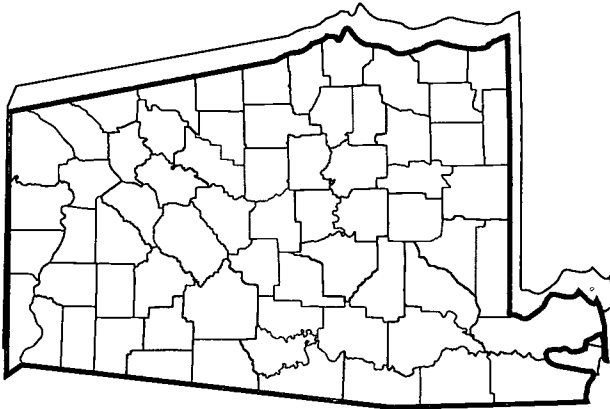
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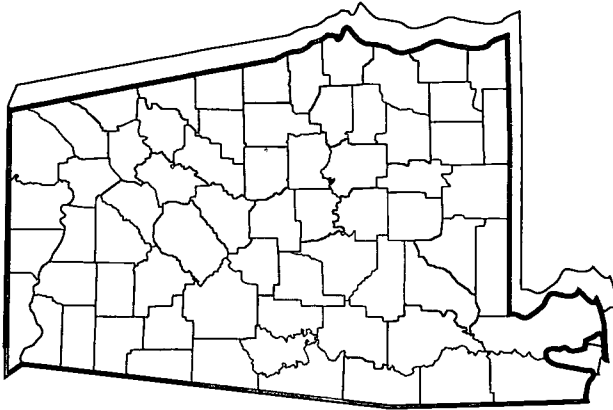
INFANT MORTALITY RATE



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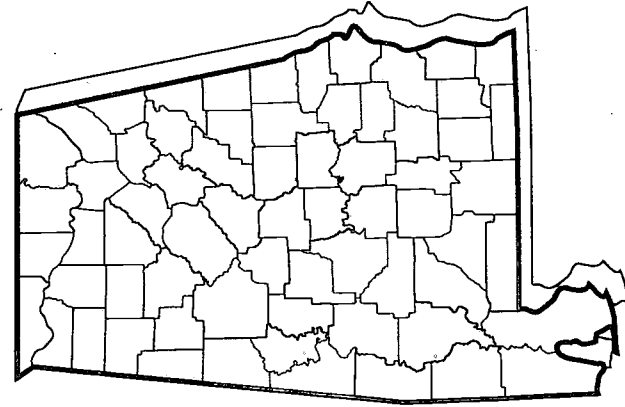
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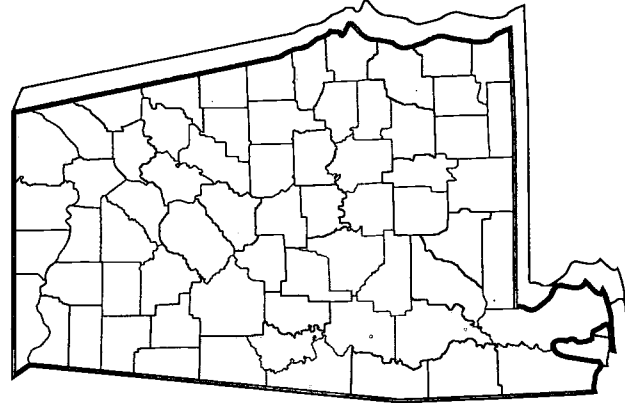
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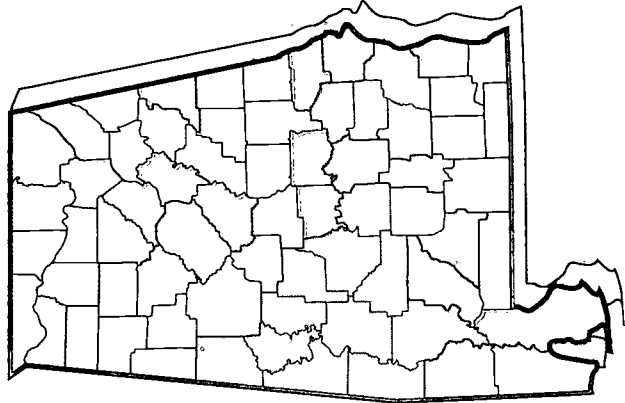
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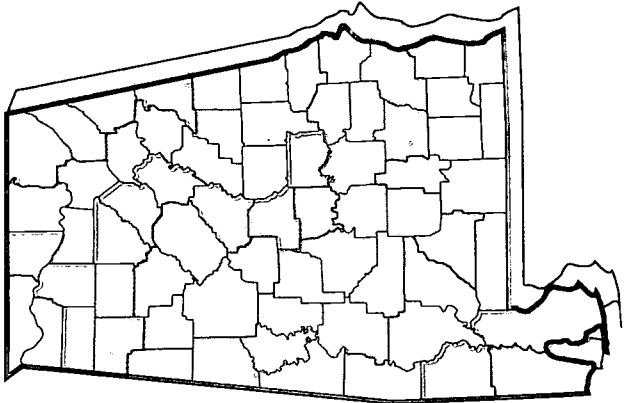
VULNERABLE FAMILIES*



CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC/TANF



CHILDREN IN POVERTY



SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

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Abbreviations: IM—Infant mortality, LWB—Low weight birth, CHI—Child health index, BUT—Births to unmarried teens, FGRR—First grade retention rate, EDO—Event dropout rate, PDO—Projected dropout rate, CDR—Child death rate, CIAN—Children with indication of abuse or neglect, JSAA—Juvenile substance abuse arrest, JSAC—Juvenile substance abuse court referral, JVA—Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, JVCC—Juvenile violent crime court referral, PTD—Preventable teen death, VF—Vulnerable families, TANF/AFDC—Children receiving TANF, POV—Children in poverty, SPF—Single-parent families with children.

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '00	LWB '00	CHI '00	BUT '00	FGRR '01	EDO '01	PDO '01	CDR '00	CIAN '01	JSAA '00	JSAC '00	JVA '00	JVCC '00	PTD '00	VF '00	TANF/AFDC '01	POV '99	SPF '00
Autauga	3.4	6.0	57.8	10.1	12.7	4.3	16.1	20.4	4.2	2,050.2	1,435.2	119.6	205.0	30.7	12.4	2.3	13.6	27.2
Baldwin	6.1	8.6	60.8	8.8	6.3	3.6	14.4	30.1	14.4	1,116.4	1,579.0	86.4	314.6	105.7	10.4	0.7	13.1	25.8
Barbour	12.5	11.3	55.1	14.5	7.7	4.1	15.8	35.4	11.1	1,298.7	1,609.3	141.2	621.1	46.5	19.9	3.5	37.1	43.0
Bibb	7.1	8.5	56.5	9.9	15.1	4.1	16.3	0.0	17.7	0.0	736.9	0.0	520.2	71.1	13.3	2.3	27.6	27.9
Blount	8.9	8.4	59.8	7.7	8.5	5.4	19.8	9.9	5.5	172.8	587.5	0.0	241.9	29.6	13.7	1.6	13.2	18.8
Bullock	24.4	12.2	51.2	22.0	11.6	3.8	13.9	0.0	14.0	0.0	415.5	138.5	415.5	0.0	25.4	7.7	44.7	59.9
Butler	6.6	9.8	50.5	14.1	8.0	5.9	22.0	0.0	10.0	35.0	455.0	0.0	140.0	55.5	17.1	2.9	31.3	41.1
Calhoun	12.4	10.0	56.8	10.2	7.0	4.4	16.7	58.6	12.9	528.1	1,122.1	90.8	552.8	73.3	13.1	2.6	22.6	32.5
Chambers	6.1	9.2	60.5	16.2	5.3	4.6	17.0	14.2	8.5	703.0	1,180.0	150.6	552.3	80.6	17.7	2.5	22.5	39.8
Cherokee	6.7	9.7	51.8	10.7	7.2	6.0	21.9	24.1	14.8	84.4	2,193.2	0.0	210.9	211.9	15.4	2.3	20.4	23.4
Chilton	11.9	7.6	50.3	8.8	8.4	4.4	16.8	12.6	14.0	304.8	1,524.1	65.3	370.1	147.6	15.6	1.8	19.4	24.5
Choctaw	20.1	14.1	61.3	14.1	8.6	8.5	30.0	62.9	3.9	0.0	456.6	0.0	608.8	86.1	21.0	2.8	34.8	36.6
Clarke	6.9	9.2	56.2	13.8	4.3	0.9	3.6	33.0	4.5	310.9	650.1	0.0	339.2	92.5	16.5	4.5	29.6	33.7
Clay	10.5	8.9	47.6	6.8	9.0	2.4	9.9	0.0	18.5	62.5	1,000.6	0.0	312.7	0.0	10.6	1.6	21.6	26.8
Cleburne	5.3	8.5	59.0	6.4	9.0	5.6	20.3	37.7	19.8	0.0	1,145.8	254.6	445.6	310.6	8.0	1.6	16.1	21.6
Coffee	3.5	10.6	52.3	10.9	6.4	4.9	18.2	60.4	6.3	525.2	1,517.2	58.4	136.2	64.2	15.0	2.1	22.3	29.8
Colbert	10.5	12.1	57.4	12.6	6.5	3.8	14.7	19.7	7.4	300.5	567.5	16.7	183.6	27.4	16.5	0.6	18.4	28.7
Conecuh	11.0	17.7	50.3	14.4	17.6	7.9	31.9	0.0	6.7	352.9	294.1	176.5	411.8	195.7	14.1	7.7	36.1	40.2
Coosa	25.6	11.1	51.3	12.8	5.4	4.4	16.8	0.0	14.6	149.8	1,947.6	149.8	524.3	0.0	16.3	2.8	19.5	32.5
Covington	4.4	8.7	52.9	12.4	7.2	6.0	22.2	14.6	8.0	598.8	2,586.8	71.9	311.4	194.5	14.0	2.6	23.9	29.2
Crenshaw	0.0	5.3	57.6	12.4	9.0	3.8	13.5	0.0	6.2	563.2	1,001.3	187.7	438.0	0.0	13.5	2.2	28.3	34.4
Cullman	4.0	7.3	54.4	7.8	7.6	5.3	19.9	27.7	13.7	403.2	1,117.4	46.1	460.8	110.2	9.9	0.9	14.5	21.9
Dale	10.1	9.6	57.1	9.6	6.7	4.6	17.5	9.9	8.4	899.9	1,817.5	194.1	829.4	0.0	13.9	2.3	19.4	32.3
Dallas	2.5	10.7	53.9	22.8	12.6	2.0	7.9	9.8	5.9	239.7	846.8	175.7	1,901.3	0.0	30.3	7.3	40.7	52.6
DeKalb	9.9	9.3	56.3	8.8	6.6	6.1	22.8	32.5	9.7	129.8	1,024.2	0.0	115.4	135.5	13.3	1.6	18.6	24.4
Elmore	10.2	9.2	57.4	8.7	4.0	5.5	20.6	38.0	4.6	748.1	1,289.8	77.4	477.2	44.0	10.4	1.1	14.2	26.4
Escambia	9.2	11.6	54.5	15.3	9.4	4.1	15.2	27.9	2.9	308.2	23.7	189.7	166.0	109.1	19.7	1.5	24.7	35.2
Etowah	8.0	8.0	60.3	9.6	7.3	5.5	20.3	21.1	10.8	132.3	740.9	17.6	388.1	56.0	12.9	1.5	21.6	31.2
Fayette	8.5	9.4	53.4	8.5	12.9	3.8	14.6	59.2	9.6	616.1	1,516.6	94.8	284.4	222.2	9.8	3.6	21.1	26.5
Franklin	9.0	7.0	54.9	6.3	7.6	3.7	14.4	84.3	12.3	574.4	1,637.0	28.7	344.6	91.8	8.2	2.1	24.6	25.0
Geneva	10.1	11.4	52.2	9.1	9.2	4.0	15.2	21.1	18.3	162.4	812.2	0.0	649.8	169.2	17.5	1.8	27.2	28.2
Greene	13.8	15.2	45.5	20.7	3.3	6.0	21.6	44.7	10.4	0.0	76.3	76.3	2,059.5	114.5	22.8	4.4	44.1	57.0
Hale	18.5	13.0	56.7	14.4	9.6	4.0	16.1	0.0	3.3	0.0	173.7	0.0	911.9	361.5	15.9	3.5	34.0	45.3
Henry	14.0	10.7	61.7	11.2	10.9	5.4	20.8	33.3	5.1	163.0	869.1	0.0	325.9	0.0	9.2	4.6	27.0	33.8

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM '00	LXVB '00	CHI '00	RUT '00	FGRR '01	EDO '01	PDO '01	CDR '00	CIAN '01	JSA '00	JSAC '00	JVCA '00	JVCC '00	PTD '00	VF '00	TAN/AFDC '01	POV '99	SPF '00
Houston	8.6	8.5	59.5	9.8	7.1	5.1	19.1	11.3	7.4	1,090.6	1,654.8	244.5	629.9	16.3	13.5	2.1	21.1	34.0
Jackson	7.6	8.1	55.3	8.5	6.3	3.9	14.6	30.0	10.5	33.3	1,365.5	0.0	449.6	81.4	11.3	1.1	17.2	26.0
Jefferson	11.8	10.5	63.6	11.9	4.1	3.0	11.5	22.0	5.0	589.5	515.0	191.6	524.3	49.9	13.8	3.8	20.2	37.9
Lamar	4.9	9.4	62.6	6.9	8.2	2.8	11.0	34.9	9.5	0.0	498.1	0.0	442.7	87.1	9.5	1.8	19.1	26.8
Lauderdale	4.0	9.1	64.6	8.5	4.6	3.6	13.9	38.2	9.0	922.3	1,653.8	127.2	561.9	48.3	11.6	0.8	18.5	26.6
Lawrence	4.6	7.1	54.6	11.8	5.6	3.4	12.9	28.7	12.5	119.5	956.3	0.0	741.1	0.0	17.1	1.7	16.8	24.7
Lee	10.6	8.9	63.7	9.2	4.9	2.0	8.4	9.5	7.2	577.3	1,087.7	317.9	711.2	34.0	11.1	1.3	16.3	31.7
Limestone	4.2	8.7	61.0	10.4	7.7	6.4	23.1	7.8	9.2	707.1	571.1	136.0	326.4	69.6	14.7	0.9	16.2	23.6
Lowndes	8.9	12.9	60.9	25.3	10.7	2.7	11.8	32.0	4.4	49.6	247.9	49.6	495.8	0.0	25.8	6.0	41.7	50.9
Macon	9.5	10.5	56.8	16.8	7.1	3.8	14.2	0.0	3.6	107.1	142.8	71.4	785.2	41.0	16.8	6.5	43.8	59.2
Madison	5.6	8.9	65.8	8.6	5.8	2.5	9.7	28.7	7.2	613.3	978.2	144.7	594.5	70.5	11.3	1.9	14.1	28.9
Marengo	14.2	11.9	48.4	14.2	11.0	3.1	12.1	20.0	7.1	197.0	787.9	295.5	558.1	0.0	11.3	3.6	33.7	41.5
Marion	7.9	7.7	53.4	7.4	7.3	4.9	17.8	36.6	12.9	276.2	1,411.5	61.4	214.8	249.5	9.2	1.6	18.8	24.1
Marshall	8.6	7.7	51.7	10.9	5.7	5.6	21.1	31.4	20.7	584.6	926.5	44.1	308.8	161.7	15.7	1.5	17.9	27.0
Mobile	10.7	10.8	55.6	12.5	12.5	5.0	18.5	36.2	8.2	461.8	1,320.6	320.0	966.1	75.4	16.9	3.9	26.2	38.0
Monroe	8.5	11.9	54.0	16.8	4.9	4.7	18.0	75.7	8.6	127.6	1,052.6	159.5	287.1	51.5	16.8	2.3	27.0	34.6
Montgomery	6.0	11.1	60.9	13.5	8.2	4.6	17.6	31.2	4.3	317.1	614.9	344.2	576.2	46.4	15.7	5.0	25.1	42.6
Morgan	8.8	9.5	55.7	10.3	5.5	3.1	11.9	41.0	10.4	724.6	1,402.4	70.1	187.0	93.3	14.9	0.9	15.9	27.1
Perry	18.9	15.6	42.9	17.0	7.3	6.8	25.1	36.9	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	181.6	85.8	22.1	6.3	48.9	52.9
Pickens	6.7	9.1	56.6	15.5	9.8	5.5	20.9	23.1	6.8	220.0	330.0	36.7	660.1	0.0	19.2	4.1	34.3	40.2
Pike	10.9	7.6	55.2	15.1	14.8	4.5	16.4	0.0	8.3	537.0	447.5	89.5	1,074.0	74.6	16.0	4.2	29.9	41.7
Randolph	6.8	10.9	54.1	14.6	12.5	5.1	19.0	46.0	6.0	318.3	1,671.3	39.8	238.8	0.0	15.0	3.4	22.1	29.2
Russell	22.7	10.3	57.1	15.4	6.2	5.6	20.0	19.5	12.5	321.9	999.7	169.4	626.9	85.0	23.4	4.4	26.5	43.3
St. Clair	9.1	9.8	55.8	7.1	10.4	5.2	20.0	23.4	8.6	289.2	394.4	26.3	368.1	93.8	12.7	1.9	15.2	23.0
Shelby	9.5	7.3	68.2	4.5	4.2	3.1	12.0	20.3	4.9	55.3	1,264.9	12.3	343.9	128.6	5.2	0.5	7.1	17.2
Sumter	22.6	14.0	60.6	19.0	5.9	0.4	1.5	29.9	5.5	49.9	149.6	99.7	498.5	78.1	20.0	10.5	47.4	52.3
Talladega	7.0	11.2	50.9	14.8	5.5	4.0	15.2	25.9	9.1	116.4	1,153.3	42.3	751.2	102.5	20.2	3.1	24.7	35.1
Tallahassee	11.1	10.0	55.2	16.3	4.0	5.1	19.4	0.0	4.0	2,058.1	1,863.1	86.7	649.9	73.9	23.0	2.5	24.3	34.6
Tuscaloosa	14.2	10.6	57.7	10.9	8.7	5.0	18.7	36.7	8.0	795.4	1,035.2	204.7	731.1	61.8	10.4	1.9	19.5	34.5
Walker	13.3	7.8	53.1	8.3	7.2	3.5	13.6	15.5	9.7	238.1	1,878.3	26.5	52.9	127.5	10.0	1.5	21.0	27.6
Washington	3.8	8.5	57.3	11.9	5.2	0.9	3.1	49.7	7.4	84.0	461.8	0.0	461.8	0.0	11.0	3.6	21.5	26.5
Wilcox	19.0	14.4	52.9	17.5	10.2	4.3	16.5	0.0	8.2	373.5	0.0	160.1	0.0	0.0	22.8	10.2	48.4	52.2
Winston	5.8	8.7	55.1	5.8	5.7	4.2	15.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	74.3	74.3	74.3	122.9	9.6	1.5	21.8	24.4
Alabama	9.4	9.7	58.7	11.2	7.3	4.1	15.5	26.9	8.2	508.1	1,007.6	144.3	541.3	72.4	14.0	2.7	21.2	32.8

COUNTY RANKINGS

Abbreviations: IM—Infant mortality, LWB—Low weight birth, CHI—Child health index, BUT—Births to unmarried teens, FGRR—First grade retention rate, EDO—Event dropout rate, PDO—Projected dropout rate, CDR—Child death rate, CIAN—Children with indication of abuse or neglect, JSAA—Juvenile substance abuse arrest, JSAC—Juvenile substance abuse court referral, JVCA—Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, JVCC—Juvenile violent crime court referral, PTD—Preventable teen death, VF—Vulnerable families, TANF/AFDC—Children receiving TANF, POV—Children in poverty, SPF—Single-parent families with children.

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 '98-'00	LWB '98-'00	CHI '98-'00	BUT '98-'00	FGRR '98-'01	EDO '99-'01	PDO '99-'01	CDR '98-'00	CIAN '99-'01	JSAA '98-'00	JSAC '98-'00	JVCA '98-'00	JVCC '98-'00	PTD '98-'00	VF '98-'00	TANF/AFDC '99-'01	POV '99	SPF '00
Autauga	6	2	20	21	54	42	41	5	6	67	35	52	19	14	28	28	4	24
Baldwin	31	13	13	23	28	35	36	41	46	65	61	43	31	50	20	2	2	14
Barbour	37	55	26	57	44	16	16	11	37	64	46	35	53	47	60	49	59	57
Bibb	48	42	58	33	61	18	17	8	62	1	29	8	59	62	31	31	49	26
Blount	50	25	7	5	46	53	54	23	17	32	22	1	16	23	22	17	3	2
Bullock	66	59	65	64	65	23	21	51	35	10	6	37	23	6	67	62	64	67
Butler	22	18	52	52	43	67	67	45	29	29	5	50	2	46	46	42	53	53
Calhoun	45	30	29	19	35	41	40	37	56	44	38	48	41	41	9	40	37	36
Chambers	20	39	22	60	5	33	30	13	39	61	52	51	32	13	59	39	36	50
Cherokee	23	35	44	38	24	66	66	63	66	12	62	9	4	63	44	32	26	6
Chilton	54	22	54	18	39	46	46	47	45	24	31	20	28	53	40	25	21	11
Choctaw	11	53	16	45	41	65	65	57	5	1	10	1	35	36	41	46	57	47
Clarke	34	31	34	50	48	3	3	54	12	35	15	26	11	28	56	60	51	38
Clay	29	15	61	11	57	5	5	1	64	16	25	1	17	25	10	24	31	20
Cleburne	5	8	42	2	49	47	47	22	67	11	27	64	21	59	2	10	10	3
Coffee	3	19	35	29	18	49	53	29	31	51	51	41	22	18	29	35	35	32
Colbert	35	51	10	37	30	37	34	9	16	45	12	38	5	26	43	3	16	28
Conecuh	65	67	57	43	66	63	63	42	63	37	20	47	26	49	36	67	58	52
Coosa	61	61	64	53	23	64	64	1	53	28	49	29	39	66	58	38	24	37
Covington	16	26	24	35	13	58	57	58	34	48	67	30	38	58	32	36	38	30
Crenshaw	7	1	43	40	20	25	25	1	52	39	32	32	33	4	34	33	50	41
Cullman	18	7	36	8	33	24	24	43	47	42	40	22	40	35	8	4	7	4
Dale	58	16	17	20	25	32	33	7	54	62	66	57	57	38	15	37	21	35
Dallas	32	60	49	66	59	13	11	26	14	26	26	58	67	21	65	63	60	63
DeKalb	12	23	47	14	15	55	55	36	33	20	36	7	3	57	26	11	18	10
Elmore	30	27	14	25	10	40	42	49	7	56	50	34	43	29	23	9	6	16
Escambia	57	47	51	48	50	27	26	27	11	34	4	53	6	22	54	18	41	46
Etowah	24	21	15	32	34	48	48	10	55	21	24	28	30	27	30	14	31	33
Fayette	19	20	53	10	52	52	52	55	50	60	64	44	10	48	11	45	28	18
Franklin	17	5	45	6	53	14	13	66	23	50	59	17	34	54	4	29	40	13
Geneva	52	29	30	27	36	36	35	61	61	33	42	24	55	65	38	20	48	27
Greene	59	65	67	67	27	56	56	67	58	8	2	13	64	8	62	53	63	65
Hale	9	62	62	51	60	21	23	39	8	5	7	11	61	67	42	44	55	59
Henry	60	40	6	28	55	57	58	18	1	43	41	25	27	3	21	54	46	39

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 '98-'00	LVB '98-'00	CHI '98-'00	BUT '98-'00	FCRR '99-'01	EDO '99-'01	PDO '99-'01	CDR '98-'00	CIAN '99-'01	JSAA '98-'00	JSAC '98-'00	JVCA '98-'00	JVCC '98-'00	PID '98-'00	VF '98-'00	TANF/AFDC '99-'01	POV '99	SPF '00
Houston	33	32	8	34	45	51	51	21	42	63	53	60	49	33	35	27	28	40
Jackson	15	12	46	15	19	44	43	16	43	9	55	1	37	30	17	6	14	15
Jefferson	55	46	5	39	8	11	10	30	18	53	19	61	56	32	39	48	25	48
Lamar	64	34	11	4	22	6	6	62	15	1	37	1	25	40	3	23	20	21
Lauderdale	4	38	3	12	2	15	15	19	24	59	63	45	42	31	14	5	17	19
Lawrence	10	33	40	30	7	9	8	44	60	13	45	1	62	7	27	22	13	12
Lee	42	14	4	22	4	2	2	28	21	52	43	65	51	2	16	15	12	34
Limestone	2	10	12	17	32	60	60	32	32	47	16	31	15	37	25	13	11	7
Lowndes	62	64	25	65	67	26	32	65	2	6	11	40	65	19	64	59	61	60
Macon	53	57	55	61	12	22	22	53	4	25	9	39	63	5	61	64	62	66
Madison	8	17	2	16	6	4	4	40	19	58	44	56	46	24	12	26	5	29
Marengo	56	66	60	55	63	8	9	14	28	15	39	49	44	16	17	56	54	54
Marion	39	3	33	9	29	39	39	59	57	49	58	18	24	61	5	8	19	8
Marshall	28	11	50	24	9	59	59	48	65	55	30	23	29	51	33	19	15	22
Mobile	46	49	41	42	62	29	28	50	38	46	47	66	60	34	48	51	44	49
Monroe	13	52	28	54	26	38	38	35	20	23	21	42	14	55	47	41	46	43
Montgomery	44	48	9	46	38	17	18	46	3	36	23	67	52	39	45	58	43	56
Morgan	40	37	37	26	3	50	49	34	41	57	48	46	13	56	37	7	9	23
Perry	27	56	66	62	51	61	62	20	25	7	1	21	7	15	66	61	67	64
Pickens	1	43	19	59	47	19	19	6	22	22	13	33	45	1	57	57	56	51
Pike	43	28	21	56	58	54	45	12	27	41	18	54	66	12	53	52	52	55
Randolph	25	44	38	44	64	30	29	56	36	40	56	10	9	9	52	43	34	31
Russell	63	41	27	41	14	62	61	38	59	38	54	59	54	20	49	55	45	58
St. Clair	36	9	23	7	40	45	50	52	51	31	65	16	20	43	7	21	8	5
Shelby	21	4	1	1	1	10	12	15	9	14	34	12	12	45	1	1	1	1
Sumter	67	54	56	58	21	12	14	60	30	19	3	36	36	52	55	65	65	62
Talladega	38	58	59	49	17	31	31	17	40	30	28	19	48	42	50	47	41	45
Tallapoosa	49	45	18	47	11	34	37	4	10	66	60	62	58	10	51	34	39	44
Tuscaloosa	51	50	32	36	42	28	27	33	44	54	33	63	50	11	19	30	23	42
Walker	41	24	48	13	37	7	7	25	49	27	57	14	1	60	13	16	27	25
Washington	26	36	31	31	31	1	1	24	26	18	17	27	47	44	24	50	30	17
Wilcox	47	63	63	63	56	20	20	64	48	17	8	55	18	17	63	66	66	61
Winston	14	6	39	3	16	43	44	31	13	1	14	15	8	64	6	12	33	9

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INDICATORS AND DEFINITIONS

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

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 1993 through 1996 and 1998 through 2000.

CHILD DEATH RATE: The 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 1993 through 2000.

CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES: The number of legal child day care facilities located within a specified county as of February 2002. "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 business 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: Related children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all related children under 18. "Related children" include sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc....but not unrelated individuals such as foster children.

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, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May 2002.

CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC/TANF: The 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: The 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.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH INDEX: The 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 births).

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

EVENT DROPOUT RATE: The percent 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 Statistic. 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 education program; and does not meet any of the exclusionary conditions (i.e., transfer to another school system or approved education program, temporary absence due to suspension or illness, or death).

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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.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE: The number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data are reported by infant's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of Alabama Vital Events for 1990 through 1997, Table 5-31 (1990-93) and Volume 4 (1994-97); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health for 1998 through 2000.

PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF ALCOHOL LAWS: The number of arrests of persons under age 18 for violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

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

JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT REFERRAL RATE: The 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 1990 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 and 2000.

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARREST RATE: The 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 data supplied by the Alabama criminal justice information center, Statistical Analysis Center.

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME COURT REFERRAL RATE: The 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, or 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 1990 through 1998 (Table 4) and unpublished data provided by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts for 1999 and 2000.

LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS: The percent of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams). Data are reported by the 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 1993 through 1996 and 1998 through 2000.

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: The point at which half of the families are above a specified income level and half of the families are below.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary tape File 3A. Issued in CD-ROM Format, December, 1992, Table P107A and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May, 2002. Although these data are from the 1990 and 2000 censuses, they reflect income values for 1989 and 1999. Incomes for 1989 have been adjusted for inflation so that they will be comparable with 1999 dollars.

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

Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 3, DP-3, Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics, Released May 2002. Although these data are from the 1990 and 2000 censuses, they are based on income levels for 1989 and 1999. The poverty threshold for a family of four (two adults and two children under 18) was \$12,575 in 1989 and \$16,895 in 1999.

POPULATION: Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to persons under 18 years of age.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Housing and Population, Summary Tape Files 1A and 3A, issued in CD-ROM Format, September, 1991 and December, 1992, Tables P011 (STF1A) and P013 and P014 (STF3) and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 1, Tables P6 and P8, Released March, 2002. Totals for the individual age categories reported under "demographics" on the count profile pages will not add exactly to the total population because of both 100 percent population counts and sample data from the 1990 census.

PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATH RATE: The 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.

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES: Percent of all children under 18 years of age living in a family headed by only one parent.

Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Housing and Population, Summary tape File 1C, issued in CD-ROM Format, February, 1992, Table P018 and Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Census Bureau Website, www.census.gov, Summary File 1, Table P19, released March, 2002.

TREND ANALYSIS: Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminate" (-). Trends are not provided for single-parent families and related children in poverty because of lack of sufficient data.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES: First births to unmarried teenage mothers who had not finished high school as a percent 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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- Provides information on the well-being of children in Alabama
- Aids organizations and others in grant applications, needs assessment and program planning

- One copy at no charge to Organizational members at the Individual Contributor level and above
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- *Alabama Kids Count Report*: a companion to the *Data Book* (all members receive a copy)
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- *Children's Legislative Report* (all members receive a copy)

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- Staff lobbyist works in legislature to represent VOICES Agenda
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- VOICES acts as the eyes, ears, and voice of child advocates across the state in the legislature

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To ensure a decent childhood for every Alabama child.
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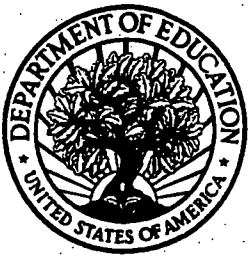
- researches the conditions of children in our state
- communicates those conditions to those who can work for change, and
- advocates for public policy and private programs that will improve the lives of children and families.
- builds coalitions to work for improvement in Alabama's child well-being.

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