

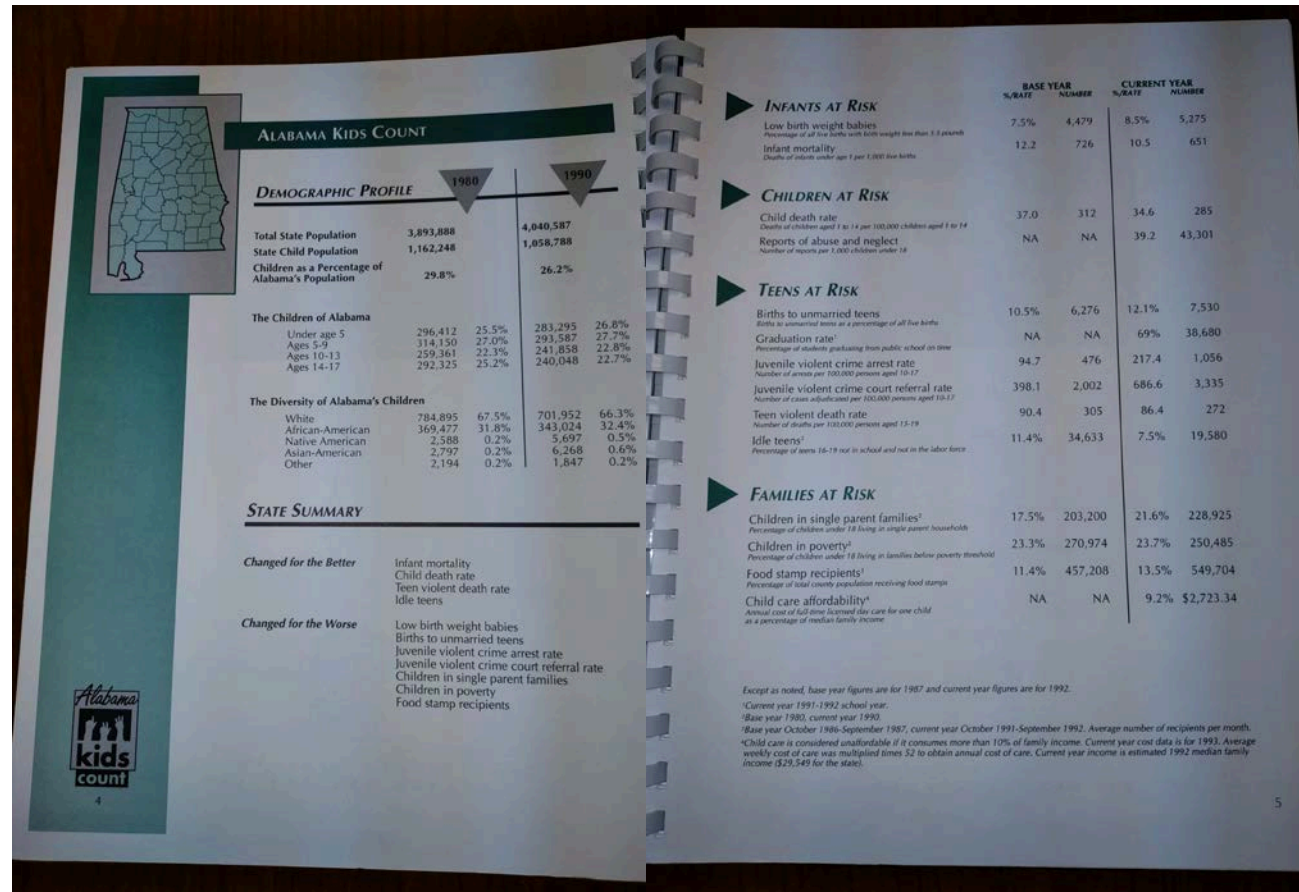


*Our Mission: To speak for the well-being of Alabama's children
through research, public awareness, and advocacy.*



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Partnerships and Collaborative Efforts on Data Collection and Campaigns



NOTE: Please refer to the "Child Index" under the indicators within the 2020 Alabama Kids Count Data Book for additional information concerning each indicator within this section.

	YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE	BLACK	ALL OTHER	HISPANIC	RANKING	RANKING	TRENDING	TRENDING
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Year	Year
Children Aged 5-11 in Poverty	Base	2000		22.1%							
	Current	2015-2019		24.7%							
Children Aged 12-17 in Poverty	Base	2000		18.9%							
	Current	2015-2019		20.5%							

SAFETY

	YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE	BLACK	ALL OTHER	HISPANIC	RANKING	RANKING	TRENDING	TRENDING
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Year	Year
Children with indication of Abuse or Neglect (per 1,000)	Base	2009	10,461	9.3							
	Current	2020	12,029	11.1						2019-2020	-
Child Death Rate (per 100,000)	Base	2009	217	23.2	130	23.0	73	26.4	2	5.8	12
	Current	2019	229	26.5	126	24.4	83	31.8	7	14.1	23

NOTE: The colored cells for "TWO OR MORE RACES" represent the heading of "ALL OTHER" for this indicator.

	YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	POVERTY	ABOVE POVERTY	WHITE*	BLACK*	HISPANIC*	ASIAN*	AMERICAN INDIAN*	NATIVE HAWAIIAN*	TWO OR MORE RACES*	RANKING	RANKING
													Year	Year
Births to Females with Less Than 12 Years of Education	Base	2009	13,718	22.0%		15.9%	22.6%	67.5%					13.2%	
	Current	2019	8,306	22.0%		9.8%	12.3%	52.0%					8.2%	2019
Aged 0-3 Receiving Early	Base	2010	6,004											

	2000	2020	2000	2020
Total County Population	4,447,100	4,921,532	Diversity of Children	Number Percent
County Child Population	1,256,169	1,211,661	White	793,451 63.2%
By Age	Number Percent	Number Percent	African-American	401,241 31.9%
Under Age 5	295,992 23.6%	291,520 24.1%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	8,869 0.5%
Ages 5-9	315,345 25.1%	299,404 24.7%	Asian/Pacific Islander	8,808 0.7%
Ages 10-14	320,252 25.5%	310,210 25.4%	More than One Race	15,905 1.3%
Ages 15-19	324,580 25.8%	310,127 25.6%	Hispanic	28,245 2.2%

ALABAMA kids count

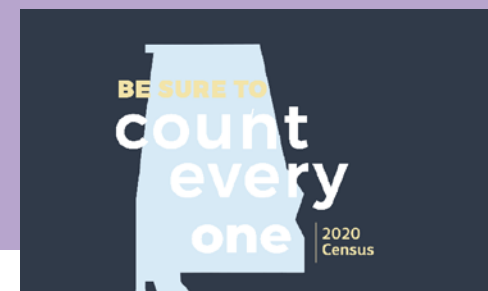
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	2000	2020
Pre-K Children	Number	Number
Age 3	58,988	59,339
Age 4	56,905	58,205

NOTE: The colored cells for "ALL OTHER" represent the heading of "BLACK AND ALL OTHER" for this indicator.

	YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE	BLACK	ALL OTHER	HISPANIC	RANKING	RANKING	TRENDING	TRENDING
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Year	Year
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)	Base	2009	513	8.2	230	6.4	249	13.2	7	2.8	27
	Current	2019	449	7.7	191	5.6	222	11.9	1	0.8	35
Pre-Term Births to All Females	Base	2009	7,801	12.5%	4,075	11.3%	2,590	15.9%	129	10.5%	607
	Current	2019	7,309	12.5%	3,673	10.8%	3,039	16.4%	124	10.3%	473
Low Weight Births, All Races	Base	2009	6,472	10.4%	3,033	8.4%	2,893	15.4%	218	9.5%	308
	Current	2019	6,153	10.5%	2,673	7.9%	3,036	16.3%	109	9.0%	335
Births to Teens Aged 15-17 (per 1,000)	Base	2009	2,492	25.7							
	Current	2019	925	9.9	391	6.6	387	14.0	9	1.4	138
Births to Females Aged 10-19 (per 1,000)	Base	2009	8,567	27.4	4,105	21.5	3,681	36.4	80	8.8	701
	Current	2019	4,002	13.1	1,867	10.5	1,615	18.0	36	2.4	484
Births to Unmarried Females Aged 10-19 (per 1,000)	Base	2009	6,616	10.6%	2,817	7.8%	3,330	17.7%	184	7.3%	285
	Current	2019	3,590	6.1%	1,573	4.0%	1,586	8.5%	33	2.7%	398
Females Receiving Adolescent/ Adequate Plus Prenatal Care	Base	2009	44,405	72.8%	28,161	78.3%	13,156	70.1%	908	73.9%	2,180
	Current	2019	41,419	73.3%	25,801	77.7%	12,379	68.5%	872	74.1%	2,367
Mothers who Breastfed	Base										
	Current	2019	40,195	69.0%	25,843	76.6%	10,297	55.6%	983	82.0%	3,072
Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	Base										
	Current	2019	3,837	4.9%	3,125	6.5%			712	2.3%	
Drug-Related Deaths (per 100,000)	Base	2009	16,874	358.4	12,499	387.4	4,346	352.9	58	60.1	61
	Current	2019	17,882	364.7	13,083	408.7	4,592	353.8	122	67.3	85

Children Without Health Insurance	2015-2019	Adult Diabetes, 2017	Adult Obesity, 2017	Past Mental Health Days, 2019	Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers, 2020	Rate
Number	36,972	Rate	12.5%	Rate	36.1%	Number
Rate	3.2%	Trend	-	Trend	-	Children With Serious Emotional Disturbance Receiving MH Services, 2020
						31,057



WAYS TO BE SURE EVERYONE IS COUNTED:

When people are missed, we miss out on funding for programs that support communities.

Shape your future. Start here:

SPRING '19

- Develop Complete Count Committees to improve census count
- Locate hard to count communities
- Identify partners to carry message about census, funds & kids' programs

SUMMER '19

- CCC develops plan to get message county-wide
- Partners start talking about importance of census, funds & kids' programs.
- Census to conduct in-field Address Canvassing

FALL '19

- CCC implement work plans.
- Plan a Census kick-off event for your community or county.
- Partners engage community about census through community events and activities where people are gathered.

WINTER '19

- Continue messaging!

APRIL '20

- Don't stop messaging!



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HOUSTON COUNTY

ECONOMIC SECURITY

18.9%	Persons Living in Poverty
18,807	SNAP Recipients
4.3%	Unemployment Rate
20.9%	ALABAMA Workers with 1/No Vehicles

EDUCATION

27	Head Start/Early Head Start Classrooms
\$5.6M	Title I Funding Allocation
44.5%	Direct Certification in Qualified Public School Students

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

29.6%	Households with No- or Dial-Up-Only Internet Access
77.9%	Returned Census Questionnaire by Mail
17%	People who Live in Hard to Count Tracts

HEALTH

1,160:1	Population-to-Primary Care Provider Ratio
17.3%	Food Insecurity, All Ages
60%	Medicaid Paid Births

FAMILY

57	Total Child Care Facilities
920	Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies

COMMUNITY

63%	Employed Mothers with Young Children
~13%	Single Parent Households
11.9%	Adult Illiteracy Rate

BY VOICES FOR ALABAMA'S CHILDREN



Memorandum of Understanding Pledge to Get Out the Count!

Understanding that children under five years of age had the largest undercount in the 2010 Census and that this undercount resulted in **\$13,075,090** lost revenue in program funding for young children, we the undersigned, pledge our support to use our relationships, contacts, and resources to reach the families we serve in order to raise awareness about the census and the importance of being counted in order to increase participation in the 2020 Census.

Signature

Organization / Name specific program if there is one

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<i>Day Finn</i>	<i>AL Dept. of Education ARI</i>
<i>Lynn Bious</i>	<i>AL Network of Child Advocacy Ctrs.</i>
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**Gov. Ivey proclaims April 2, 2020
Kids Count Day in Alabama at
the VOICES' KIDS COUNT Rally
at the Capitol.**



Data and Policy/Programs



EDUCATION: EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION KEY POINTS

■ Alabama needs a uniform standard for inspection of all child care to ensure parents that every child is in a safe and healthy learning environment.

■ Since 2000, the state has seen a steady decline in the number of licensed child care centers from 4,269 to 1,717 in July 2015. This represents a decrease of nearly 60 percent while the number of exempt centers has risen steadily from 628 to 891 during the same time frame representing an increase of nearly 42 percent.

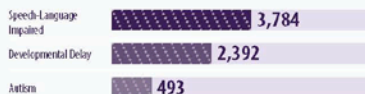
■ Alabama is 1 of 7 states that allow broad based exemptions from licensure and inspection of child care providers potentially putting children's health and safety at risk.

■ As of April 2015, the number of children eligible for child care subsidies was 26,459 representing \$6,679,719 paid to child care providers. This is an 8 percent increase in both number of eligible children and subsidy dollars paid compared to April 2014.

■ The early years are critical to the success of any child and early assessments in the first three years of life can identify developmental delays or other disabilities that can keep children from learning and achieving at their full ability. Programs and services that offer training for parents and other caregivers on how to help their child learn as well as participate in extracurricular activities can help reduce the effects of these special challenges.

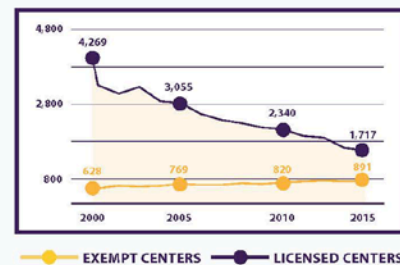
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS 3 - 5 YEAR OLDS

Highest incidence by disability area for preschool children



Total number of preschool children in special education based on October 2014 child count - 7,150

NUMBER OF LICENSED AND EXEMPT
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS: 2000-2015



CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL
READINESS: 2000-2015

SOURCE: ChildCare Aware,
www.childcareaware.org



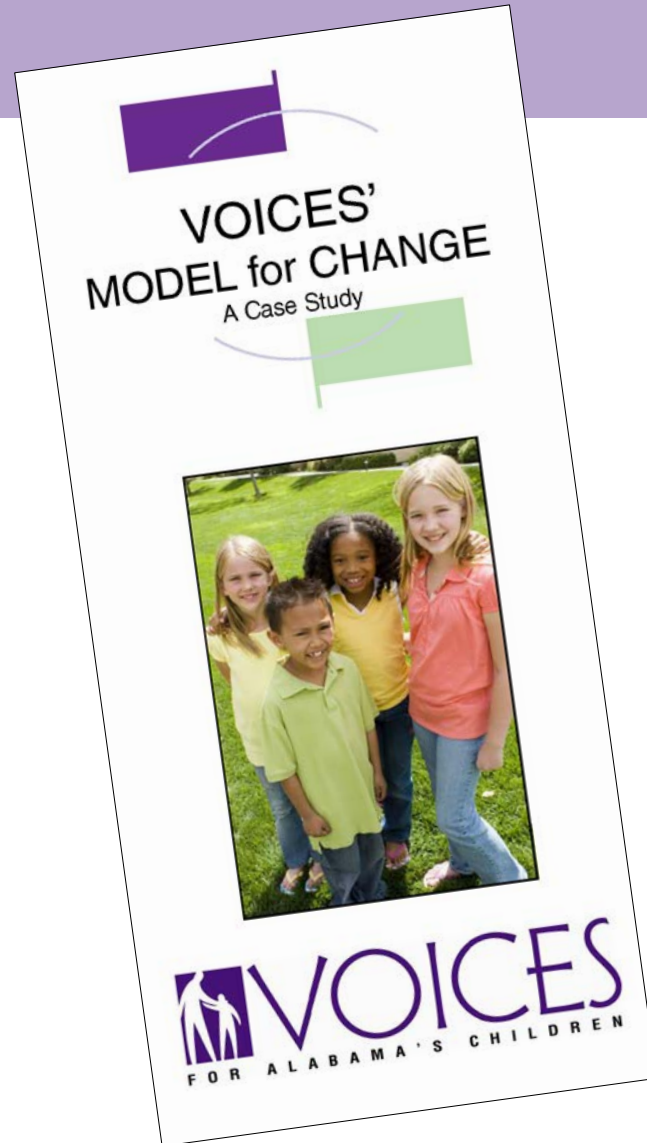
Alabama currently allows broad based exemptions from licensure and inspection to child care providers.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES PAID:
APRIL 2015

CHILD CARE CENTERS	CHILDREN SERVED	DAY CARE HOMES	CHILDREN SERVED
	24,790		1,208
INFORMAL CARE	SUBSIDY	ALL FACILITIES	SUBSIDY
	\$6,350,597		\$287,190
	CHILDREN SERVED		CHILDREN SERVED
	461		26,459
	SUBSIDY		SUBSIDY
	\$41,932		\$6,679,719

- Data revealed a startling trend in the decrease in licensed child care and an equally disturbing increase in license exempt child care.
- Passage of the Child Care Safety Act of 2018 (went into effect August 1, 2019)
- Results of this legislation is a decrease in center based license exempt care going from 54% in 2017 down to 37% in 2021 and it continues to decrease.

Data and Policy/Programs



- Child Death Review Team – identify trends and patterns that would highlight causes of preventable child deaths. Reduced preventable child deaths by 23%. This work became our Model for Change.
- Child Passenger Safety Law – reduced preventable child deaths by 23%
- Graduated Teen Driver's Licensing – reduced preventable teen deaths by 29%
- Juvenile Justice Act of 2010 – reduced the number of incarcerated youth for low-risk, non-violent offenses by 64%.

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Questions?

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