

	2000		2023	
Total County Population	49,129		49,871	
County Child Population	14,513	29.5%	12,648	25.4%
By Age:	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under Age 5	3,686	25.4%	3,420	27.0%
Ages 5-9	3,694	25.5%	3,276	25.9%
Ages 10-14	3,513	24.2%	3,123	24.7%
Ages 15-19	3,620	24.9%	2,829	22.4%

	2000		2023	
Diversity of Children	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	9,305	64.1%	7,234	57.2%
African-American	3,821	26.3%	3,121	24.7%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	81	0.6%	55	0.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	138	1.0%	160	1.3%
More than One Race	420	2.9%	746	5.9%
Hispanic	707	4.9%	1,330	10.5%



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	2000	2023
Pre-K Children	Number	Number
Age 3	759	709
Age 4	699	676

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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 YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING	
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate					
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)	Base	2012	4	6.1	2	4.2	1	7.8	1	50.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	2	2.9	1	2.1	1	7.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2020-2022	14	2012-2022	-
Pre-Term Births to All Females	Base	2012	75	11.4%	40	8.4%	28	21.9%	1	5.0%	6	17.1%				
	Current	2022	68	9.9%	41	8.7%	21	14.7%	0	0.0%	6	10.3%				
Low-Weight Births, All Races	Base	2012	65	9.9%	34	7.2%	26	20.3%	1	5.0%	4	11.4%				
	Current	2022	58	8.4%	34	7.2%	20	14.0%	0	0.0%	4	6.9%	2020-2022	14	2012-2022	-
Births to Teens Aged 15-17 (per 1,000)	Base	2012	14	14.4	11	17.6	3	11.6	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	8	9.1	3	5.2	4	16.6	0	0.0	1	25.0	2020-2022	23	2012-2022	I
Births to Females Aged 10-19 (per 1,000)	Base	2012	54	16.9	37	18.8	16	19.4	1	5.2	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	50	17.2	31	18.2	13	18.2	0	0.0	6	19.8	2020-2022	53	2012-2022	-
Births to Unmarried Females Aged 10-19	Base	2012	40	6.1%	26	5.5%	13	10.2%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%				
	Current	2022	43	6.3%	26	5.5%	12	8.4%	0	0.0%	5	8.6%	2020-2022	31	2012-2022	-
Females Receiving Adequate/Adequate Plus Prenatal Care	Base	2012	514	78.4%	380	80.3%	91	71.1%	15	75.0%	28	80.0%				
	Current	2022	542	79.9%	380	82.3%	111	78.7%	12	66.7%	39	68.4%	2020-2022	26	2012-2022	-
Mothers Who Breastfed	Base															
	Current	2022	499	72.7%	354	75.8%	82	57.3%	16	88.9%	47	81.0%				
Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	Base															
	Current	2022	33	3.9%	26	4.1%			7	3.3%						
Diet-Related Deaths (per 100,000)	Base	2012	167	331.9	130	363.9	34	357.5	3	135.9	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	208	419.8	164	494.9	40	386.2	1	41.4	3	82.6	2022	29		

Children Without Health Insurance	2018-2022	Adult Diabetes: 2020	Adult Obesity: 2021	Poor Mental Health Days: 2021	Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers: 2023	Rate			
Number	278	Rate	13.6%	Rate	38.9%	Number	6.0	759:1	
Rate	2.3%	Trend	62	Trend	18	Trend	37	Children With Serious Emotional Disturbance Receiving MH Services: 2023	
								Number	147

		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	POVERTY	ABOVE POVERTY	WHITE*	BLACK*	HISPANIC*	ASIAN*	AMERICAN INDIAN*	NATIVE HAWAIIAN*	TWO/MORE RACES*	RANKING YEAR	RANKING
Births to Females with Less Than 12 Years of Education	Base	2012	61	9.3%			8.0%	13.3%	14.3%				5.0%		
	Current	2022	55	8.0%			7.2%	8.4%	14.0%				5.6%	2022	6
Aged 0-3 Receiving Early Intervention Services	Base	2013	39												
	Current	2023	39												
First Grade Retention	Base	2016-2017		0.9%											
	Current	2022-2023		7.3%	9.3%	4.6%	5.5%	8.9%	13.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	2022-2023	44
ACAP-Fourth Grade English Language Arts (ELA)	Base														
	Current	2023-2024		60.6%	53.6%	79.1%	44.3%	30.6%	23.5%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	2023-2024	24
ACAP-Fourth Grade Math	Base														
	Current	2023-2024		43.3%	35.7%	63.5%	29.7%	15.3%	20.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	2023-2024	19
ACAP-Eighth Grade English Language Arts (ELA)	Base														
	Current	2023-2024		51.7%	42.9%	76.2%	40.9%	19.2%	24.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	51.4%	2023-2024	28
ACAP-Eighth Grade Math	Base														
	Current	2023-2024		33.7%	26.3%	54.3%	29.2%	7.0%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	2023-2024	6
Ninth Grade Retention	Base	2016-2017		1.5%											
	Current	2022-2023		7.1%	9.2%	5.4%	5.2%	9.9%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	2022-2023	56
Graduation Rate	Base	2021-2022		88.0%	84.4%	90.9%	88.5%	86.0%	88.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Current	2022-2023		90.8%	86.5%	97.6%	94.4%	85.0%	90.0%	75.0%	100.0%	0.0%	83.3%	2022-2023	32
High School Dropout Rate	Base	2016-2017		4.9%											
	Current	2022-2023		4.1% ^B	6.4%	0.6%	4.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	2022-2023	27
Suspensions	Base														
	Current	2022-2023		12.5%			8.4%	20.8%	9.1%	7.9%	10.7%	11.8%	12.1%		
Expulsions	Base														
	Current	2022-2023		0.1%			0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Chronic Absenteeism (10-17 Days)	Base														
	Current	2022-2023		33.1%	33.8%	31.8%	33.8%	31.9%	32.2%	19.2%	36.0%	35.3%	38.0%		
Chronic Absenteeism (18+ Days)	Base														
	Current	2022-2023		21.0%	24.9%	12.5%	21.7%	20.8%	20.7%	7.7%	24.0%	11.8%	17.2%		
English Language Learners	Base	2016-2017 ^{***}		1.5%	2.0%	1.0%	0.1%	0.0%	26.0%	23.4%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%		
	Current	2022-2023 ^{***}		3.6%	4.3%	1.9%	0.1%	0.1%	36.5%	30.8%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Homeless Students	Base	2021-2022		1.2%	2.3%	0.1%	0.7%	2.2%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
	Current	2022-2023		0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	0.6%	1.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%		
Teachers Teaching Out of Field	Base	2016-2017		5.6%											
	Current	2022-2023		15.0%											
Direct Certification	Base														
	Current	2022-2023		68.5%			54.5%	88.7%	79.1%						

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					Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate				
Children Aged 5-11 in Poverty	Base	2000		20.5%												
	Current	2018-2022		35.9%												
Children Aged 12-17 in Poverty	Base	2000		14.4%												
	Current	2018-2022		20.5%												
Children in Extreme Poverty	Base	2000	1,142	8.9%												
	Current	2018-2022	1,971	17.7%									2018-2022	56		
Vulnerable Families	Base	2012		5.6%												
	Current	2022		3.0%									2020-2022	5	2012-2022	-
Children Under 18 in Single-Parent Families	Base	2000	3,547	29.7%												
	Current	2018-2022	3,363	29.5%									2022	31		
Employed Mothers with Young Children	Base	2000	1,452	46.2%												
	Current	2018-2022	1,078	52.1%									2018-2022	57		
Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies (All Centers)	Base															
	Current	May 2024	349	\$159,412												
Unemployment Rate	Base	2012	1,631	7.6%												
	Current	2023	537	2.5%									2023	29		
Median Household Income *Adjusted for Inflation	Base	2012*	\$51,146													
	Current	2022	\$50,567													
Medicaid Paid Births	Base	2012	281	42.8%	178	37.6%	83	64.8%	9	45.0%	11	31.4%				
	Current	2022	299	43.4%	163	34.7%	100	69.9%	6	33.3%	30	51.7%	2022	19		
Food Insecurity, All Ages	Base	2010	7,470	15.0%												
	Current	2022	9,390	19.0%									2022	50		
Food Insecurity, Children Under 18	Base	2010	2,740	22.3%												
	Current	2022	3,140	27.5%									2022	45		

WIC Case Load, Average Monthly	
Base Year: 2022	Current Year: 2023
1,301	1,161

SNAP Eligible, All Ages	
Base Year: 2019***	Current Year: 2024***
8,667	8,307

SNAP Eligible, Children Under 20	
Base Year: 2019	Current Year: 2024
4,436	4,173

SNAP Recipients, All Ages	
Base Year: 2019	Current Year: 2024**
9,307	8,197

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