	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

HEALTH

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
Number	278
Rate	2.3%

Adult Diabetes: 2020	
Rate	13.6%
Trend	62

Adult Obesity: 2021	
Rate	38.9%
Trend	18

Poor Mental Health Days: 2021	
Number	6.0
Trend	37

Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers: 2023	Rate
	759:1

Children With Serious Emotional Disturbance Receiving MH Services: 2023	Number
	147

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/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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Child Care Center Capacity	2024
Day Care	881
Night Care	57
All Centers	938

Child Care Facilities	May 2024
Total All Licensed	18
Center Based Licensed	12
Center Based Exempt	2
Family Homes	4
Group Homes	2
Total All Child Care Facilities	20

Number of Early Head Start/ Head Start Slots: 2024

EHS	HS	TOTAL
0	67	67

Children Participating in First Class Pre-K: 2023-2024

Classrooms	Number	Percent
14	235	33.9%

Average 11th Grade: ACT Scores

2022-2023	
English	16
Math	17
Reading	17
Science	17
Composite	17

First Class Pre-K Sites by Type of Delivery

2023-2024	
Head Start	0
Private School	2
Public School	8
Other	4
Total	14

Career and College Ready Index

Base Year 2022	Current Year 2023
82.4%	87.0%

Per Pupil Expenditures* (Adjusted for Inflation)

	Base Year FY2018	Current Year FY2023
Dollars	$10,026	$12,372

***LEGEND** - FULL ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

White | Black or African American | Hispanic/Latino | Asian | American Indian/Alaska Native | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | Two or More Races

SAFETY

		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE		BLACK		ALL OTHER		HISPANIC		RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
					Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate				
Children with Indication of Abuse or Neglect (per 1,000)	Base	2012	127	10.3												
	Current	2023	123	10.6									2021-2023	31		
Child Death Rate (per 100,000)	Base	2012	2	19.6	1	15.4	1	46.8	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	2	20.5	1	17.9	1	43.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2020-2022	20	2012-2022	_
Preventable Teen Death Rate (per 100,000)	Base	2012	1	32.1	1	52.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
	Current	2022	1	35.0	1	58.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2020-2022	28	2012-2022	_
Teens Not Attending School/ Not Working	Base	2000	261	9.4%												
	Current	2018-2022	237	10.8%												
Juvenile Violent Crime Court Petition Rate (per 1,000)	Base	2013	39	7.5												
	Current	2023	32	6.5									2021-2023	45	2013-2023	I

Children in Foster Care

Base Year: 2016	Current Year: 2024
9	50

Children Adopted

Base Year: 2016	Current Year: 2024
0	10

ILP Ages 14 and Older: March 2024

Total
10

Children in Protective Services: March 2024

Total
56

Youth Incarcerations Before & After Juvenile Justice Act

Base Year: 1999-2009	Current Year: 2013-2023
111	30

ECONOMIC SECURITY

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		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE		BLACK		ALL OTHER		HISPANIC		RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
					Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate				
Persons Living in Poverty	Base	2000	7,140	15.1%	3,857	11.0%	2,924	29.9%	359	15.0%	233	16.5%				
	Current	2018-2022	8,469	17.5%	5,157	15.1%	2,640	25.9%	672	17.2%	605	18.1%	2018-2022	31		
Children in Poverty	Base	2000	2,531	19.6%	1,070	12.7%	1,287	36.2%	174	19.6%	103	17.6%				
	Current	2018-2022	3,250	29.1%	1,607	22.1%	1,356	51.5%	287	22.6%	298	25.4%	2018-2022	43		
Children Under Age 5 in Poverty	Base	2000		24.3%												
	Current	2018-2022		28.9%												

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		YEAR	NUMBER	RATE	WHITE		BLACK		ALL OTHER		HISPANIC		RANKING YEAR	RANKING	TRENDING YEAR	TRENDING
					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		SNAP Eligible, All Ages		SNAP Eligible, Children Under 20		SNAP Recipients, All Ages	
Base Year: 2022	Current Year: 2023	Base Year: 2019***	Current Year: 2024***	Base Year: 2019	Current Year: 2024	Base Year: 2019	Current Year: 2024**
1,301	1,161	8,667	8,307	4,436	4,173	9,307	8,197

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