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# Teen Pregnancy in West Virginia



The Numbers & What We Can Do.

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## Our Vision

West Virginia KIDS COUNT is determined to make West Virginia a great place to be a kid.

## Our Mission

KIDS COUNT provides the most trusted data about the well-being of children and builds alliances to advocate for what kids need.



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WV TEENAGE GIRLS WILL HAVE A BABY

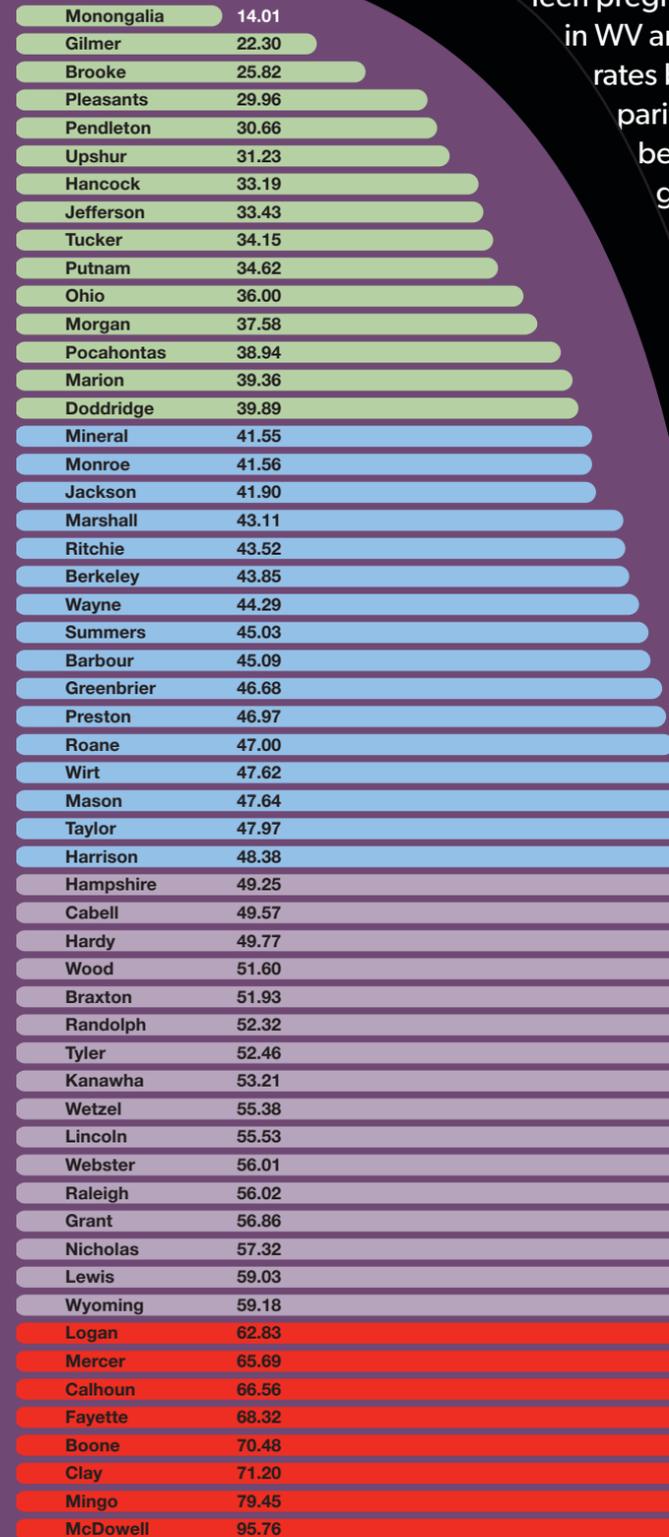
## What goes wrong when teens have babies:

- **Dropping Out.** One in three girls cites pregnancy as her reason for dropping out of high school.
- **Poverty.** The poverty rate for kids born to teenage mothers who have never married and did not graduate from high school is 78%, compared to 9% of children born to married women over 20 who are high school graduates.
- **Unhealthy Babies.** Children born to teen mothers are at higher risk of being born under weight and dying within their first year of life. They are less likely to get the emotional and intellectual stimulation they need for healthy child development.

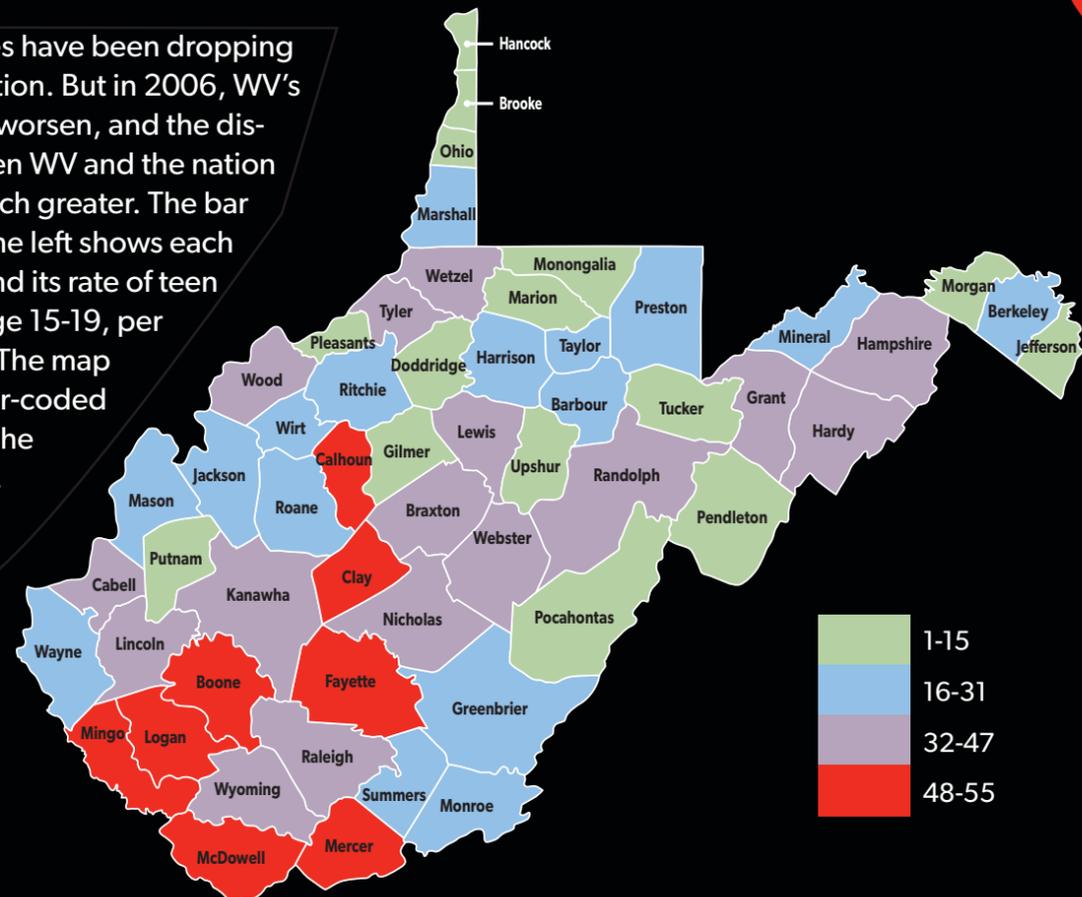
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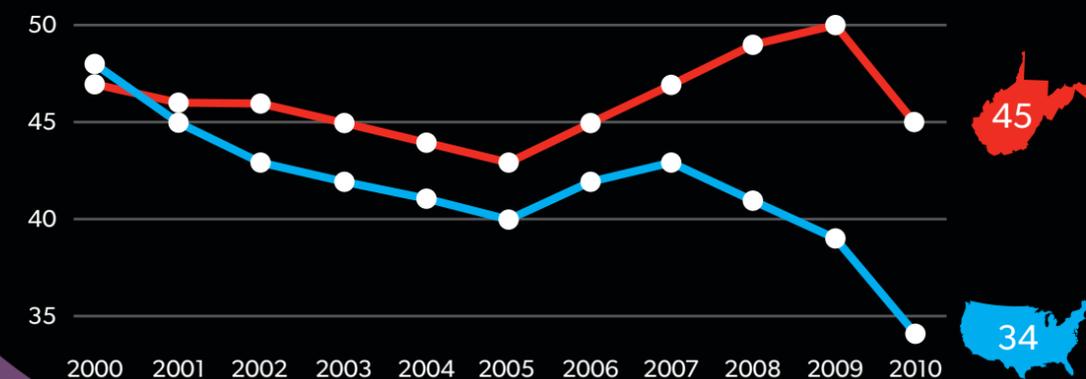
WV BABIES IS BORN TO A TEEN MOTHER



Teen pregnancy rates have been dropping in WV and the nation. But in 2006, WV's rates began to worsen, and the disparity between WV and the nation became much greater. The bar graph to the left shows each county and its rate of teen births age 15-19, per 1,000. The map is color-coded with the bars.



## WV vs US Teen Pregnancy Rate



## What we can do:

- Implement the state's comprehensive sex education curriculum
- Give young people a credible vision of a positive future
- Help parents succeed as sex educators
- Help adults provide good information about how to reduce risk-taking behaviors
- Create community-wide action plans for teen pregnancy prevention



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## Sources for Teen Pregnancy Infographic

### WV vs. US Teen Pregnancy Line Graph

State and national data through 2009 is from the National KIDS COUNT Data Center.  
State and national data for 2010 is from National Vital Statistics Reports, 61(1).  
Single years are used in the line graph.

### Map and Bar Graph of State Teen Pregnancy Rates

Based on an average of three years of data from 2008-2010. Health Statistic Center,  
West Virginia Bureau for Public Health.

### National Teen Pregnancy Rank 2009

Source: Data Across States, Total teen births (rate per 1,000) – 2009, National KIDS COUNT Program,  
KIDS COUNT Data Center, Data Across States, The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Ranks accessed January  
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**DURING HARD ECONOMIC TIMES, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO MONITOR CHILD WELL-BEING.**

Our graphic artist Phil Evans has designed all 21 of the *West Virginia KIDS COUNT Data Book* covers and never ceases to impress us

with his visual creativity in support of our key messages. KIDS COUNT continues to have a very small but very dedicated staff who share the organization's commitment to making West Virginia a great place to be a kid. Laura Gandee, KIDS COUNT's Director of Communications, has creatively marketed our *Data Book* and the entire organization since 2004. And, KIDS COUNT's newest addition, Executive Assistant Ameer Beckner, has hit the ground running since joining us in August of 2012 and done a wonderful job of aggregating all of the data for this year's book.

We also appreciate the support of the KIDS COUNT Advisory Committee and our regional dissemination partners for helping us put the *Data Book* in the hands of key community leaders and local policymakers. Our advisors and regional partners are listed on the back cover.

During hard economic times, it is more important than ever to monitor child well-being. KIDS COUNT is therefore so fortunate to have the support of a loyal group of businesses, individuals and nonprofit organizations that underwrite the cost of producing the *Data Book*. The names of our *Data Book* sponsors are located on page 2.



Finally, we are thankful to all West Virginians who share our determination to make West Virginia a great place to be a kid. As we enter our 23rd year of child advocacy, we will continue to need your strong and active support so that, one day soon, when someone asks us, "Is West Virginia a great place for all kids?," we can finally say, "Yes, it is!"

Margie Hale

## Foreword

The Annie E. Casey Foundation launched the KIDS COUNT initiative in 1989. The nationwide project was founded on the notion that the more the public and policymakers know about the status and needs of children, the greater the chance those needs would be addressed.

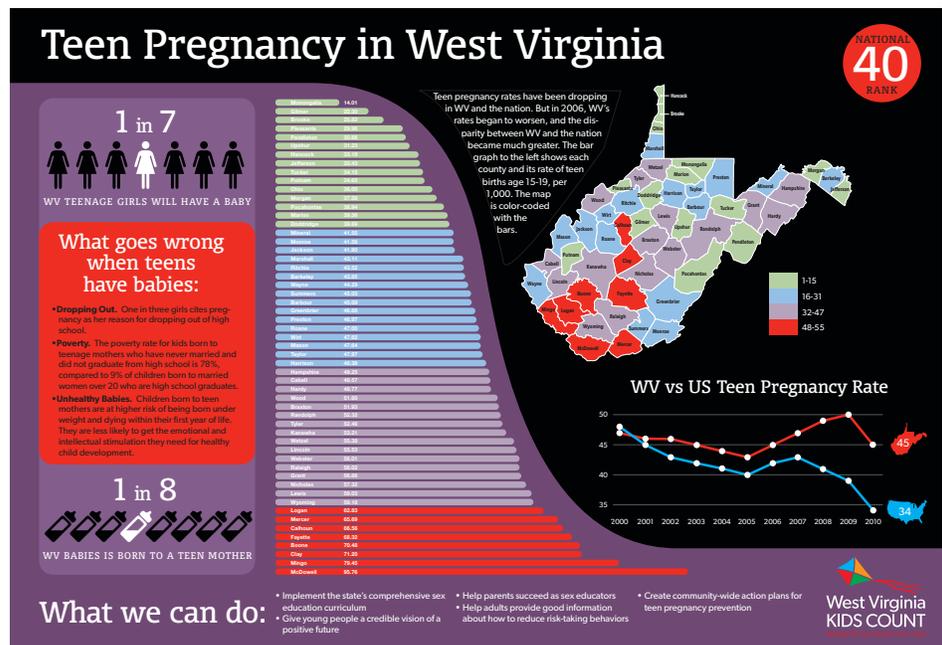
The West Virginia KIDS COUNT project was first funded in 1991 and is one of 50 similar projects throughout the United States. The 2012 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* is the 21st annual profile of West Virginia's children.

To compile this *Data Book*, KIDS COUNT pulls together the best available data to measure the well-being of children in West Virginia. This year, the *KIDS COUNT Data Book* measures 12 indicators of child well-being and 15 background facts. Also included are statewide changes in the indicators and background facts as well as the county-level data. The county profiles are available on-line at [www.wvkidscount.org](http://www.wvkidscount.org) and through the Casey Foundation's data center at [datacenter.kidscount.org](http://datacenter.kidscount.org).

One of the most important ways the *Data Book* can be used is as a tool for selecting children's issues that need our attention. Last year, KIDS COUNT published a stand-alone essay about children's oral health in West Virginia, which is called "Is West Virginia a Great Place for Kids' Smiles?" That report took an in-depth look at the progress being made by the state's oral health community to address deficiencies in the care of our children's teeth and what can be done to keep the momentum going.

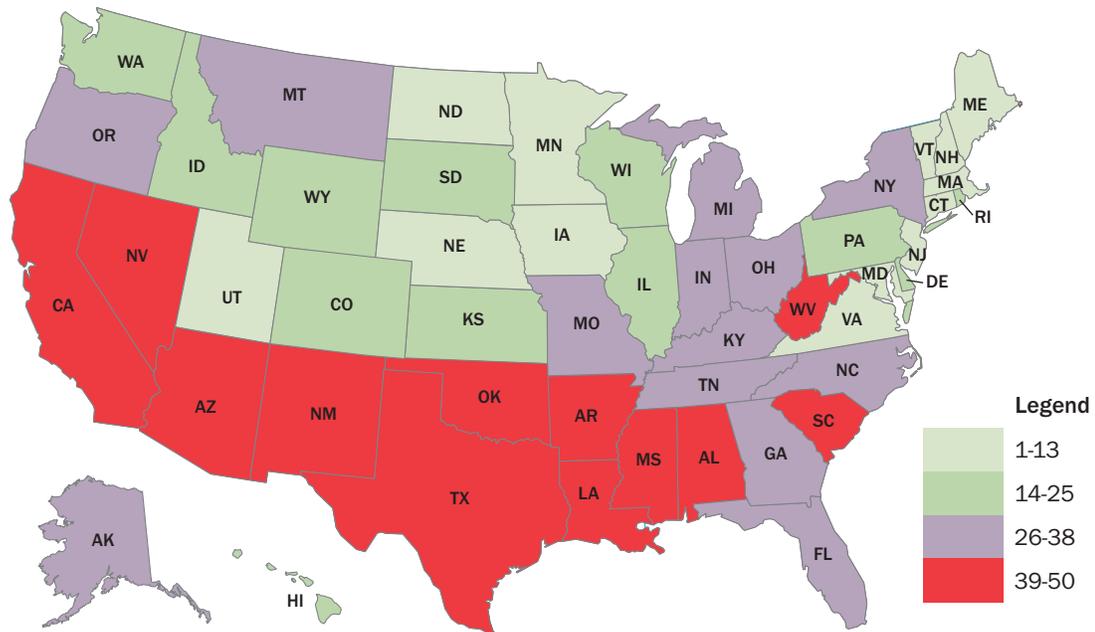
The special focus of this *Data Book* is the increase in West Virginia's teen birth rate since 2005 and its impact on child well-being. This year, instead of our customary essay, we have

produced an "infographic" to tell the story of teen pregnancy in West Virginia. (See pull-out on page 1.) If you're not familiar with the term, infographics are visual representations of information, data or knowledge that present complex information quickly and clearly. We hope that presenting the information about teen pregnancy in this user-friendly format will facilitate a broader understanding of the problem and the solutions. The infographic has also been designed to easily pull out and post on a bulletin board or share with others who are working to stem the rising tide of teen births. A pdf can be downloaded from the KIDS COUNT website at [www.wvkidscount.org](http://www.wvkidscount.org). Feel free to make and distribute copies of it in your community or post the pdf on your own website or Facebook page.



The research for our 2012 *Data Book* was funded in part by The Annie E. Casey Foundation. We thank them for their support but acknowledge that the findings and conclusions presented in this report are those of the author(s) alone, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Foundation.

## Overall State Ranks: 2012



Rank	State	Rank	State	Rank	State
1	New Hampshire	18	Washington	35	Kentucky
2	Massachusetts	19	Wyoming	36	Tennessee
3	Vermont	20	Idaho	37	Georgia
4	New Jersey	21	Illinois	38	Florida
5	Minnesota	22	Colorado	39	West Virginia
6	North Dakota	23	Delaware	40	Oklahoma
7	Connecticut	24	Hawaii	41	California
8	Iowa	25	Rhode Island	42	Arkansas
9	Nebraska	26	Missouri	43	South Carolina
10	Maryland	27	Ohio	44	Texas
11	Utah	28	Montana	45	Alabama
12	Virginia	29	New York	46	Arizona
13	Maine	30	Alaska	47	Louisiana
14	Pennsylvania	31	Indiana	48	Nevada
15	Wisconsin	32	Michigan	49	New Mexico
16	Kansas	33	Oregon	50	Mississippi
17	South Dakota	34	North Carolina	NR	District of Columbia

A state's Overall Rank is determined by the sum of a state's standing on each of 10 measures of the condition of children arranged in sequential order from highest/best (1) to lowest/worst (50). The measures are as follows: percent low birth-weight babies; infant mortality rate; child death rate; teen death rate; teen birth rate; percent of teens who are high school dropouts; percent of teens not attending school and not working; percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment; percent of children in poverty; and percent of children in single-parent families. Ranks above are based on 2009 Data.





# Barbour County

Composite County Rank: 22

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.2%	3.6%	9.3%	1		60.6%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.3	4.7	7.5	10		49.3%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	23.5	7.4	21.9	4		68.5%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	71.8%	86.9%	65.4%	4		21.0%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	67.5%	62.4%	52.8%	43		7.6%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	16.9	9.6	16.4	9		43.4%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	36.3	45.1	46.3	24	24.1%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.4%	11.7%	10.6%	37	24.1%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	20.7%	18.5%	13.6%	50		10.4%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	71.1	71.7	53.5	41	0.8%	
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	31.7%	29.8%	25.7%	37		6.0%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.1%	22.2%	18.5%	45	30.0%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	15,689	16,520	5.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.5%	2.0%	-18.4%
Total population under age 18	3,255	3,523	8.2%
Percent population under age 18	20.7%	21.3%	2.8%
Percent minority population	2.7%	2.8%	4.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.8%	4.0%	43.7%



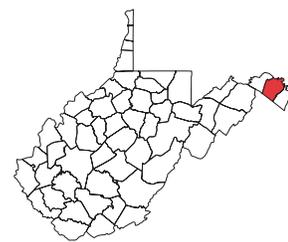
## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	953	1,099	15.3%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	55.8%	36.4%	-34.7%
Number registered family day care homes	23	28	21.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	7.1%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	4	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	2	-50.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	66.5%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	41.1%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.8%	7.7%	9.3%	14						■ 1.5%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.6	8.5	7.5	38						■ 11.1%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	22.9	24.0	21.9	38	■ 4.7%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	30.5%	49.1%	65.4%	54						→ 61.0%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	40.2%	49.2%	52.8%	7	■ 22.4%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	11.4	7.7	16.4	6						■ 32.0%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	61.1	43.8	46.3	21						■ 28.2%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.9%	9.4%	10.6%	14						■ 13.6%				
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	22.6%	14.8%	13.6%	40						■ 34.6%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	75.2	27.9	53.5	11						→ 62.9%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	15.3%	18.2%	25.7%	4	■ 19.0%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	20.9%	17.7%	18.5%	21						■ 15.3%				

**Background Facts**

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	93,394	105,750	13.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.2%	3.4%	6.3%
Total population under age 18	22,888	26,154	14.3%
Percent population under age 18	24.5%	24.7%	0.9%
Percent minority population	8.9%	12.9%	43.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	11.3%	17.4%	54.3%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	7,250	8,522	17.5%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	60.7%	62.2%	2.4%
Number registered family day care homes	100	117	17.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	7.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	9	NM
Number licensed child care centers	28	15	-46.4%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	3.6%	6.7%	86.7%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	43.0%	NM

# Boone County

Composite County Rank: 51

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Trend	
					Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.3%	11.4%	9.3%	50	22.1%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	6.8	9.8	7.5	47	43.6%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	17.9	27.1	21.9	42	51.4%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	50.3%	83.8%	65.4%	9		66.6%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	58.8%	53.6%	52.8%	28		8.9%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	32.2	35.0	16.4	49	8.5%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	56.8	70.5	46.3	52	24.1%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.5%	12.0%	10.6%	39	25.8%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.4%	16.6%	13.6%	45		9.9%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	76.7	106.4	53.5	49	38.7%	
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	27.9%	26.0%	25.7%	23		6.8%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.8%	23.3%	18.5%	49	17.9%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	25,703	24,444	-4.9%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.9%	2.9%	-25.5%
Total population under age 18	5,706	5,552	-2.7%
Percent population under age 18	22.2%	22.7%	2.3%
Percent minority population	1.4%	1.5%	3.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.8%	1.9%	5.7%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,944	1,795	-7.7%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	41.4%	33.4%	-19.2%
Number registered family day care homes	18	5	-72.2%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	6	2	-66.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.4%	NM

# Braxton County

Composite County Rank: 43

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.4%	10.6%	9.3%	45	43.8%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.5	3.7	7.5	5						61.0%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	41.7	17.2	21.9	14						58.8%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	79.2%	75.9%	65.4%	20						4.2%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	59.9%	63.0%	52.8%	48						5.2%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	51.8	33.4	16.4	47						35.6%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.1	51.9	46.3	36						15.0%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.5%	10.8%	10.6%	27						14.0%				
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.1%	11.9%	13.6%	28						34.2%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	84.9	157.4	53.5	55	85.4%									
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	36.6%	33.9%	25.7%	48						7.4%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	21.4%	23.3%	18.5%	48						9.0%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	14,851	14,485	-2.5%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	5.2%	3.3%	-36.4%
Total population under age 18	3,044	2,987	-1.9%
Percent population under age 18	20.5%	20.6%	0.6%
Percent minority population	1.6%	1.7%	5.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.9%	2.3%	23.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	907	944	4.1%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	34.2%	31.8%	-7.0%
Number registered family day care homes	6	8	33.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	2	100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	61.2%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	39.3%	NM

## Brooke County

Composite County Rank: 5

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.7%	7.7%	9.3%	17						20.3%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.8	3.8	7.5	8						51.4%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	16.1	22.7	21.9	32	41.2%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	33.9%	61.6%	65.4%	43						81.7%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	40.1%	50.1%	52.8%	11	25.0%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	15.8	13.8	16.4	16						12.5%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	26.8	25.8	46.3	3						3.6%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.6%	9.6%	10.6%	16	12.0%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	9.9%	4.7%	13.6%	2						52.3%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	48.1	24.8	53.5	9						48.4%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	17.4%	22.1%	25.7%	8	27.0%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	13.3%	11.2%	18.5%	3						15.5%				

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	24,515	23,844	-2.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.1%	2.2%	6.5%
Total population under age 18	4,651	4,491	-3.4%
Percent population under age 18	19.0%	18.8%	-0.7%
Percent minority population	2.0%	2.8%	36.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.6%	4.1%	54.1%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,361	1,304	-4.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	60.5%	69.0%	14.1%
Number registered family day care homes	24	15	-37.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	6.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	4	33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	47.1%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	34.1%	NM

## Cabell County

Composite County Rank: 44

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	10.6%	10.2%	9.3%	39											3.7%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.3	9.3	7.5	44					12.2%						
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	17.6	26.4	21.9	41					50.3%						
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	32.2%	66.8%	65.4%	33											107.5%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	54.3%	53.5%	52.8%	31											1.5%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	20.1	13.1	16.4	15											34.8%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.2	49.6	46.3	33					9.6%						
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.8%	11.0%	10.6%	31					2.3%						
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	23.0%	17.8%	13.6%	48											22.6%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	62.5	49.2	53.5	26											21.3%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	26.2%	35.3%	25.7%	51					34.7%						
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.5%	18.9%	18.5%	31											3.3%

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	94,031	96,653	2.8%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	4.2%	5.9%	41.2%
Total population under age 18	18,905	18,915	0.1%
Percent population under age 18	20.1%	19.6%	-2.7%
Percent minority population	6.2%	8.2%	30.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	7.6%	10.8%	41.9%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	6,699	6,717	0.3%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.6%	56.6%	-1.8%
Number registered family day care homes	95	73	-23.2%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	21.9%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	3	NM
Number licensed child care centers	41	25	-39.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	26.8%	16.0%	-40.4%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	54.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	43.2%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.6%	9.5%	9.3%	36						1.2%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.3	7.1	7.5	25	35.7%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	18.2	17.5	21.9	15						3.9%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	111.1%	84.9%	65.4%	8	23.6%									
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	68.1%	67.3%	52.8%	50						1.1%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	32.9	37.5	16.4	51	14.2%									
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	39.7	66.6	46.3	50	67.6%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	11.5%	13.8%	10.6%	52	20.3%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	21.6%	6.3%	13.6%	5						70.6%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	193.9	142.7	53.5	54						26.4%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	34.0%	36.4%	25.7%	52	7.1%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	24.4%	22.1%	18.5%	44						9.5%				

**Background Facts**

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	7,387	7,652	3.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.7%	2.7%	-26.3%
Total population under age 18	1,390	1,518	9.2%
Percent population under age 18	18.8%	19.8%	5.4%
Percent minority population	1.2%	1.7%	40.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.3%	2.5%	93.3%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	418	494	18.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	51.1%	60.7%	18.8%
Number registered family day care homes	5	3	-40.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	2	1	-50.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	65.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	37.3%	NM

# Clay County

Composite County Rank: 38

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.6%	8.1%	9.3%	19						5.5%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2.9	5.8	7.5	19	97.7%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	20.9	22.9	21.9	34	9.9%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	55.5%	117.9%	65.4%	1						112.4%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	74.4%	69.5%	52.8%	54						6.5%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	66.0	49.3	16.4	55						25.2%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	42.4	71.2	46.3	53	67.8%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.6%	13.3%	10.6%	51	54.7%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	15.1%	10.2%	13.6%	18						32.7%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	79.9	0.0	53.5	1						100.0%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	37.4%	37.6%	25.7%	53	0.5%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	23.7%	21.1%	18.5%	39						11.0%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	10,356	9,357	-9.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.5%	1.9%	-45.3%
Total population under age 18	2,455	2,243	-8.6%
Percent population under age 18	23.7%	24.0%	1.1%
Percent minority population	1.3%	1.2%	-4.6%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.1%	2.2%	95.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	809	705	-12.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	46.5%	28.4%	-39.0%
Number registered family day care homes	13	5	-61.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	1	NC
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	36.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	41.8%	NM

# Doddridge County

Composite County Rank: 16

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.8%	6.3%	9.3%	4		28.3%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	0.0	5.7	7.5	18		NM
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	65.0	32.3	21.9	46		50.4%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	44.8%	77.0%	65.4%	16		71.9%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.9%	59.2%	52.8%	39	4.0%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	9.3	21.4	16.4	37	130.4%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	41.5	39.9	46.3	15		3.8%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	12.4%	9.9%	10.6%	17		20.1%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	11.3%	11.6%	13.6%	27	2.8%	
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	69.1	0.0	53.5	1		100.0%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	29.0%	29.7%	25.7%	35	2.4%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	22.7%	18.6%	18.5%	27		18.3%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	7,476	8,171	9.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.2%	2.2%	-32.2%
Total population under age 18	1,608	1,619	0.7%
Percent population under age 18	21.5%	19.8%	-7.9%
Percent minority population	1.2%	2.9%	139.3%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.7%	2.7%	56.1%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	429	466	8.6%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	50.5%	42.9%	-15.0%
Number registered family day care homes	7	8	14.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	2	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	52.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	30.0%	NM

# Fayette County

Composite County Rank: 50

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.3%	11.5%	9.3%	51	23.7%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.6	7.8	7.5	34	39.4%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	31.6	21.8	21.9	25						30.8%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	19.2%	60.4%	65.4%	46						214.6%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	63.4%	61.2%	52.8%	41						3.5%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	23.6	19.5	16.4	27						17.4%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	47.5	68.3	46.3	51	43.9%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.5%	11.3%	10.6%	32	33.2%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.2%	19.0%	13.6%	53						4.7%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	105.0	58.3	53.5	33						44.5%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	33.3%	32.4%	25.7%	45						2.7%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.7%	21.2%	18.5%	41						7.5%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	46,823	45,699	-2.4%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.2%	1.8%	-42.7%
Total population under age 18	9,673	9,436	-2.5%
Percent population under age 18	20.7%	20.6%	-0.1%
Percent minority population	6.6%	6.4%	-2.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	6.3%	6.8%	8.1%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	3,295	3,195	-3.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	46.9%	56.3%	20.0%
Number registered family day care homes	104	70	-32.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	1.4%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	5	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	4	NC
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	25.0%	25.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	64.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.1%	NM

# Gilmer County

Composite County Rank: 14

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.0%	8.7%	9.3%	25											2.9%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	12.4	8.4	7.5	37											32.1%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	21.5	61.3	21.9	55											185.6%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	55.2%	79.7%	65.4%	13											44.4%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	60.0%	58.9%	52.8%	40											1.8%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	33.4	24.9	16.4	38											25.5%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	32.6	22.3	46.3	2											31.5%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	11.5%	5.8%	10.6%	3											49.3%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.8%	9.9%	13.6%	17											22.6%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	0.0	0.0	53.5	1											NM
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	29.8%	30.6%	25.7%	42											2.7%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.2%	12.3%	18.5%	4											32.7%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	6,950	8,705	25.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.2%	0.7%	-69.8%
Total population under age 18	1,154	1,258	9.0%
Percent population under age 18	16.6%	14.5%	-13.0%
Percent minority population	3.4%	19.6%	470.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.1%	5.6%	171.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	330	439	33.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	50.7%	22.8%	-55.1%
Number registered family day care homes	5	1	-80.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	100.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	2	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	51.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	38.0%	NM

# Grant County

Composite County Rank: 39

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	6.5%	10.3%	9.3%	42	← 58.6%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	6.4	7.8	7.5	33	20.9%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	10.3	60.0	21.9	54	← 484.3%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	39.7%	75.8%	65.4%	21						→ 90.9%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.3%	54.7%	52.8%	12						■ 2.9%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	43.2	32.6	16.4	45						■ 24.6%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	56.4	56.9	46.3	44						■ 0.7%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.3%	13.1%	10.6%	49	■ 41.3%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	10.7%	8.0%	13.6%	9						■ 25.1%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	156.1	59.5	53.5	35						→ 61.9%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	23.2%	26.2%	25.7%	25	■ 12.9%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.5%	19.6%	18.5%	35						■ 0.7%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	11,673	11,891	1.9%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.4%	2.0%	-17.6%
Total population under age 18	2,468	2,495	1.1%
Percent population under age 18	21.1%	21.0%	-0.8%
Percent minority population	1.9%	2.5%	32.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.4%	3.6%	48.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	768	757	-1.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	64.0%	52.8%	-17.4%
Number registered family day care homes	11	7	-36.4%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	3	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	3	-25.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	70.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	45.2%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.0%	8.8%	9.3%	27											2.3%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.9	5.7	7.5	17											3.5%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	32.4	21.9	21.9	26											32.4%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	37.7%	68.1%	65.4%	31											80.6%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	57.0%	54.6%	52.8%	24											4.2%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	26.5	13.8	16.4	17											47.9%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	43.4	46.7	46.3	25					7.6%						
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.5%	10.2%	10.6%	20					19.7%						
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.1%	9.2%	13.6%	12											34.5%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	48.5	110.7	53.5	50					128.1%						
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	24.7%	29.4%	25.7%	34					19.0%						
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.3%	16.2%	18.5%	17											16.0%

**Background Facts**

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	35,027	35,800	2.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.1%	1.4%	23.7%
Total population under age 18	7,099	7,136	0.5%
Percent population under age 18	20.3%	19.9%	-1.6%
Percent minority population	4.5%	5.3%	16.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	5.4%	7.0%	31.4%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	2,192	2,252	2.7%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	54.1%	62.2%	14.8%
Number registered family day care homes	52	63	21.2%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	13	7	-46.2%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	53.8%	0.0%	-100.0%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	53.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	46.9%	NM

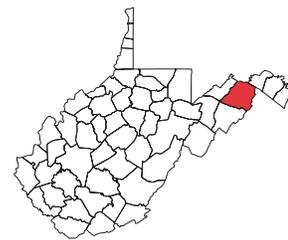
# Hampshire County

Composite County Rank: 20

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.1%	6.8%	9.3%	7						16.6%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.3	2.5	7.5	2						78.4%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	41.0	9.7	21.9	7						76.4%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	26.2%	66.5%	65.4%	35						153.8%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	54.7%	61.3%	52.8%	42	12.0%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	18.3	14.7	16.4	20						19.7%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	51.2	49.2	46.3	32						3.8%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	11.7%	13.1%	10.6%	48	12.0%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	19.2%	12.1%	13.6%	30						36.8%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	156.6	39.7	53.5	19						74.6%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	18	0.4%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	23.4%	20.2%	18.5%	36						13.5%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	22,025	23,812	8.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.0%	2.1%	-30.1%
Total population under age 18	5,106	5,227	2.4%
Percent population under age 18	23.2%	22.0%	-5.3%
Percent minority population	2.5%	3.0%	17.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.5%	4.4%	75.7%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,454	1,471	1.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	54.4%	40.8%	-25.0%
Number registered family day care homes	14	16	14.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	2	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	63.8%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	30.2%	NM

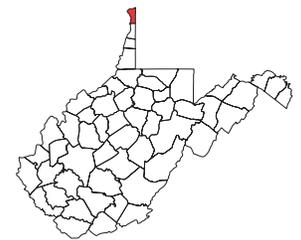
# Hancock County

Composite County Rank: 8

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.3%	6.6%	9.3%	5		20.8%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.6	6.5	7.5	22		13.6%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	24.3	20.7	21.9	20		14.6%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	21.2%	56.3%	65.4%	51		165.6%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	38.1%	51.1%	52.8%	17	34.1%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	18.1	21.0	16.4	35	15.9%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	46.7	33.2	46.3	7		29.0%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.2%	8.8%	10.6%	8		13.3%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	11.9%	9.4%	13.6%	14		21.3%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	68.5	47.1	53.5	23		31.2%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	17.2%	20.7%	25.7%	6	20.3%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	14.9%	13.8%	18.5%	8		7.4%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	31,350	30,571	-2.5%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.5%	2.8%	-20.0%
Total population under age 18	6,268	6,071	-3.1%
Percent population under age 18	20.0%	19.9%	-0.7%
Percent minority population	3.7%	4.3%	14.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	4.6%	6.4%	39.7%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,997	1,792	-10.3%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	65.5%	61.4%	-6.3%
Number registered family day care homes	32	30	-6.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	3.3%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	7	3	-57.1%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	49.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	33.7%	NM

# Hardy County

Composite County Rank: 35

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.0%	7.0%	9.3%	10						22.0%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2.8	8.7	7.5	39	214.7%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	17.4	25.4	21.9	40	46.1%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	47.4%	66.0%	65.4%	37						39.2%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	57.7%	55.1%	52.8%	16						4.4%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	40.1	26.3	16.4	40						34.5%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	49.2	49.8	46.3	34						1.2%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.2%	12.3%	10.6%	44	34.1%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	17.9%	12.8%	13.6%	33						28.3%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	77.3	46.0	53.5	22						40.5%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	18.9%	24.7%	25.7%	15	30.7%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	24.5%	24.1%	18.5%	50						1.7%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	13,287	13,912	4.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	0.9%	2.2%	140.9%
Total population under age 18	2,951	2,916	-1.2%
Percent population under age 18	22.2%	21.0%	-5.6%
Percent minority population	3.4%	7.3%	114.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	4.2%	9.6%	129.6%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	872	919	5.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	74.3%	54.4%	-26.8%
Number registered family day care homes	17	17	0.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	11.8%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	1	-75.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	71.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	48.6%	NM

# Harrison County

Composite County Rank: 16

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.9%	8.9%	9.3%	28						0.3%					
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.2	6.8	7.5	23											17.0%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	30.8	22.6	21.9	31											26.7%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	49.9%	72.0%	65.4%	26											44.3%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	50.9%	47.0%	52.8%	6											7.7%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	14.3	10.3	16.4	10											27.9%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	47.8	48.4	46.3	31						1.1%					
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.4%	10.3%	10.6%	21											0.7%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.9%	15.0%	13.6%	41						0.8%					
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	80.6	55.2	53.5	30											31.6%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	27.6%	24.8%	25.7%	16											10.1%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	20.2%	17.4%	18.5%	19											14.0%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	68,369	69,436	1.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.4%	1.5%	-54.5%
Total population under age 18	14,965	15,182	1.5%
Percent population under age 18	21.9%	21.9%	-0.1%
Percent minority population	3.8%	4.2%	10.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	4.0%	6.2%	54.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	4,689	4,873	3.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	60.8%	61.6%	1.2%
Number registered family day care homes	117	72	-38.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	11.1%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	6	NM
Number licensed child care centers	28	19	-32.1%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	7.1%	15.8%	121.1%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	52.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.2%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.1%	7.6%	9.3%	13						16.0%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.5	5.4	7.5	12						27.9%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	24.2	23.8	21.9	36						1.5%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	47.2%	64.1%	65.4%	39						35.8%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	46.5%	49.4%	52.8%	13	6.2%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	19.3	12.6	16.4	13						34.7%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	44.0	41.9	46.3	18						4.7%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.0%	9.2%	10.6%	13	15.0%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.9%	13.0%	13.6%	34						12.7%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	33.4	122.8	53.5	52	268.2%									
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	23.2%	29.7%	25.7%	35	28.0%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.3%	15.6%	18.5%	14						9.5%				

**Background Facts**

Total population	28,403	29,241	3.0%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.3%	4.6%	38.2%
Total population under age 18	6,268	6,514	3.9%
Percent population under age 18	22.1%	22.3%	0.9%
Percent minority population	1.2%	1.8%	53.5%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.7%	3.1%	80.6%

**2005 2010 % Change**

2005	2010	% Change
28,403	29,241	3.0%
3.3%	4.6%	38.2%
6,268	6,514	3.9%
22.1%	22.3%	0.9%
1.2%	1.8%	53.5%
1.7%	3.1%	80.6%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

Number children under age 6	1,872	2,018	7.8%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	50.1%	59.5%	18.8%
Number registered family day care homes	24	15	-37.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	10	8	-20.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	55.1%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	31.2%	NM

**2005 2011-12 % Change**

2005	2011-12	% Change
1,872	2,018	7.8%
50.1%	59.5%	18.8%
24	15	-37.5%
NA	0.0%	NM
NA	1	NM
10	8	-20.0%
0.0%	0.0%	NC
NA	55.1%	NM
NA	31.2%	NM

# Jefferson County

Composite County Rank: 4

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	6.7%	7.3%	9.3%	11	9.1%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.5	5.4	7.5	13						27.6%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	11.9	14.4	21.9	10	21.5%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	21.4%	43.3%	65.4%	55						102.3%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	33.9%	37.6%	52.8%	3	11.0%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	5.8	5.8	16.4	2						1.5%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	37.6	33.4	46.3	8						11.0%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	7.9%	9.2%	10.6%	12	16.2%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	21.8%	8.1%	13.6%	10						62.8%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	61.7	51.2	53.5	28						17.0%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	12.0%	15.4%	25.7%	2	28.3%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	15.5%	14.0%	18.5%	9						9.7%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	49,206	54,225	10.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.9%	1.7%	-9.2%
Total population under age 18	11,468	12,683	10.6%
Percent population under age 18	23.3%	23.4%	0.4%
Percent minority population	10.4%	13.8%	31.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	11.7%	17.4%	48.9%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	3,795	4,021	6.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	60.8%	67.1%	10.4%
Number registered family day care homes	32	37	15.6%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	16.2%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	9	NM
Number licensed child care centers	13	13	NC
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	7.7%	7.7%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	50.1%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	37.5%	NM

# Kanawha County

Composite County Rank: 32

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.7%	9.2%	9.3%	32											5.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.1	7.4	7.5	30					4.5%						
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	22.6	22.8	21.9	33					1.2%						
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	30.5%	58.4%	65.4%	48											91.5%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	53.0%	50.1%	52.8%	18											5.6%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	23.1	7.0	16.4	5											70.0%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	49.1	53.2	46.3	39					8.3%						
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.5%	11.0%	10.6%	28					15.4%						
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	22.2%	20.4%	13.6%	55											7.9%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	78.1	65.4	53.5	38											16.2%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	23.2%	22.1%	25.7%	8											4.7%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.9%	21.0%	18.5%	37					11.2%						

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	193,559	192,315	-0.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.5%	4.5%	27.2%
Total population under age 18	40,618	39,371	-3.1%
Percent population under age 18	21.0%	20.5%	-2.4%
Percent minority population	9.4%	10.4%	11.5%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	12.4%	14.3%	15.2%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	13,832	12,980	-6.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	58.5%	63.2%	8.1%
Number registered family day care homes	214	154	-28.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	4.5%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	4	NM
Number licensed child care centers	60	53	-11.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	3.3%	3.8%	13.2%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	51.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	39.4%	NM

# Lewis County

Composite County Rank: 39

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	5.8%	11.3%	9.3%	49	95.5%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.2	8.1	7.5	36		1.9%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	28.5	53.9	21.9	53	88.8%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	73.2%	74.6%	65.4%	23		1.9%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	57.6%	55.4%	52.8%	23		3.9%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	20.5	16.7	16.4	23		18.6%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	39.2	59.0	46.3	46	50.5%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.3%	11.5%	10.6%	35	38.7%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	11.1%	14.3%	13.6%	37	28.5%	
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	80.6	38.1	53.5	18		52.7%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	28.7%	27.5%	25.7%	27		4.2%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	15.4%	19.6%	18.5%	34	27.4%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	17,199	16,416	-4.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.5%	1.8%	-26.6%
Total population under age 18	3,580	3,352	-6.4%
Percent population under age 18	20.8%	20.4%	-1.9%
Percent minority population	1.4%	2.2%	51.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.8%	3.3%	81.2%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,119	1,135	1.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	61.4%	61.7%	0.4%
Number registered family day care homes	31	29	-6.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	1	-75.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	61.9%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.3%	NM

# Lincoln County

Composite County Rank: 48

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-				+			
					Worse				Better			
Percent low birth-weight babies	10.1%	9.5%	9.3%	37								5.5%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	17.9	3.7	7.5	6								79.1%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	41.3	31.3	21.9	45								24.2%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	54.4%	75.8%	65.4%	22								39.3%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	62.3%	66.8%	52.8%	51				7.3%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	29.3	26.9	16.4	42								8.0%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	63.8	55.5	46.3	41								12.9%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.9%	11.4%	10.6%	34				15.5%				
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	13.8%	12.1%	13.6%	29								12.2%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	85.0	88.7	53.5	47				4.3%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	36.6%	33.6%	25.7%	47								8.2%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	25.4%	27.8%	18.5%	54				9.4%				

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	22,374	21,550	-3.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	4.3%	3.5%	-17.9%
Total population under age 18	4,948	4,850	-2.0%
Percent population under age 18	22.1%	22.5%	1.8%
Percent minority population	0.8%	1.0%	23.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.2%	1.8%	45.5%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,599	1,560	-2.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	43.5%	44.9%	3.2%
Number registered family day care homes	25	8	-68.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	25.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	2	NM
Number licensed child care centers	5	1	-80.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	63.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	38.2%	NM

# Logan County

Composite County Rank: 45

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.0%	10.7%	9.3%	46						2.7%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.4	5.6	7.5	14						40.8%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	56.4	31.2	21.9	44						44.6%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	55.9%	85.1%	65.4%	7						52.2%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.2%	54.4%	52.8%	35						3.2%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	21.8	21.2	16.4	36						2.5%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	51.2	62.8	46.3	48	22.8%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	7.9%	11.0%	10.6%	29	39.2%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.9%	14.7%	13.6%	39						1.5%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	119.6	58.7	53.5	34						50.9%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	35.5%	30.1%	25.7%	39						15.2%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	25.5%	27.1%	18.5%	53	6.4%									

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	36,237	36,457	0.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.0%	2.3%	13.0%
Total population under age 18	7,607	7,432	-2.3%
Percent population under age 18	21.0%	20.4%	-2.9%
Percent minority population	3.5%	3.7%	4.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	3.7%	4.3%	16.9%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	2,554	2,271	-11.1%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	45.2%	35.2%	-22.0%
Number registered family day care homes	63	34	-46.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	23.5%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	7	2	-71.4%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	51.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	34.1%	NM

# McDowell County

Composite County Rank: 55

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	13.0%	12.7%	9.3%	53						■ 2.2%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.9	16.4	7.5	55	← 50.0%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	62.4	23.4	21.9	35						→ 62.5%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	60.2%	82.0%	65.4%	12						■ 36.2%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	84.5%	77.3%	52.8%	55						■ 8.5%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	33.2	46.1	16.4	54	■ 38.9%									
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	71.4	95.8	46.3	55	■ 34.0%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	15.3%	15.6%	10.6%	54						■ 1.8%				
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	23.5%	18.9%	13.6%	51						■ 19.7%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	82.0	55.3	53.5	31						■ 32.6%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	54.7%	45.4%	25.7%	55						■ 17.0%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	40.3%	31.1%	18.5%	55						■ 22.7%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	24,273	21,729	-10.5%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	7.9%	4.0%	-48.8%
Total population under age 18	5,169	4,344	-16.0%
Percent population under age 18	21.3%	20.0%	-6.1%
Percent minority population	11.5%	10.4%	-9.4%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	12.5%	10.7%	-14.5%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,608	1,434	-10.8%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	24.3%	27.9%	15.0%
Number registered family day care homes	39	24	-38.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	8	1	-87.5%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	64.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.8%	NM

# Marion County

Composite County Rank: 9

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.1%	9.1%	9.3%	30	12.2%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	6.8	6.2	7.5	20						8.8%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	22.9	11.6	21.9	9						49.2%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	36.6%	66.1%	65.4%	36						80.6%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	49.8%	50.1%	52.8%	14	0.6%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	22.0	17.6	16.4	25						20.1%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	33.3	39.4	46.3	14	18.2%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	7.4%	9.6%	10.6%	15	29.7%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	10.8%	10.5%	13.6%	20						2.8%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	27.5	29.6	53.5	12	7.6%									
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	23.7%	24.5%	25.7%	11	3.4%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	12.6%	14.9%	18.5%	12	18.6%									

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	56,509	56,586	0.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.7%	1.0%	-43.3%
Total population under age 18	11,248	11,110	-1.2%
Percent population under age 18	19.9%	19.6%	-1.4%
Percent minority population	4.9%	5.7%	15.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	6.2%	8.4%	37.1%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	3,643	3,752	3.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.7%	48.0%	-16.8%
Number registered family day care homes	71	62	-12.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	3.2%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	17	11	-35.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	11.8%	18.2%	54.5%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	52.2%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.3%	NM



# Mason County

Composite County Rank: 29

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.3%	9.4%	9.3%	35	1.6%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4.1	11.8	7.5	52	189.2%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	18.5	8.8	21.9	6		52.4%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	68.7%	76.9%	65.4%	17		11.9%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	54.5%	56.2%	52.8%	37	3.1%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	28.9	17.1	16.4	24		40.9%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	51.1	47.6	46.3	29		6.8%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.6%	10.8%	10.6%	26	25.8%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	15.7%	13.6%	13.6%	35		13.3%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	77.4	52.9	53.5	29		31.7%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	26.9%	27.2%	25.7%	26	1.1%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.9%	18.6%	18.5%	28		1.4%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	25,761	27,298	6.0%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.8%	4.0%	5.2%
Total population under age 18	5,462	5,859	7.3%
Percent population under age 18	21.2%	21.5%	1.2%
Percent minority population	1.7%	2.1%	27.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.3%	3.6%	51.5%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,713	1,837	7.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	43.2%	49.0%	13.4%
Number registered family day care homes	17	9	-47.1%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	2	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	33.3%	50.0%	50.0%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	34.0%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-				+			
					Worse				Better			
Percent low birth-weight babies	12.3%	13.6%	9.3%	55	10.3%							
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.5	9.0	7.5	40	20.6%							
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	16.0	22.6	21.9	30	40.6%							
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	46.7%	62.2%	65.4%	41					33.2%			
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	61.2%	62.1%	52.8%	47	1.5%							
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	17.0	20.2	16.4	31	18.7%							
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	57.6	65.7	46.3	49	14.1%							
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.8%	13.0%	10.6%	47	32.4%							
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.3%	11.4%	13.6%	25					20.5%			
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	82.9	72.6	53.5	42					12.5%			
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	33.1%	31.4%	25.7%	43					5.1%			
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.3%	21.1%	18.5%	38	15.2%							

**Background Facts**

Total population	61,589	62,465	1.4%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	6.6%	6.4%	-3.7%
Total population under age 18	12,660	13,029	2.9%
Percent population under age 18	20.6%	20.9%	1.5%
Percent minority population	7.4%	8.2%	10.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	8.7%	11.6%	34.5%

**2005 2010 % Change**

2005	2010	% Change
61,589	62,465	1.4%
6.6%	6.4%	-3.7%
12,660	13,029	2.9%
20.6%	20.9%	1.5%
7.4%	8.2%	10.8%
8.7%	11.6%	34.5%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

Number children under age 6	4,202	4,462	6.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	51.4%	47.1%	-8.5%
Number registered family day care homes	100	110	10.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	23.6%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	3	NM
Number licensed child care centers	21	14	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	59.5%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	32.6%	NM

**2005 2011-12 % Change**

2005	2011-12	% Change
4,202	4,462	6.2%
51.4%	47.1%	-8.5%
100	110	10.0%
NA	23.6%	NM
NA	3	NM
21	14	-33.3%
0.0%	0.0%	NC
NA	59.5%	NM
NA	32.6%	NM

# Mineral County

Composite County Rank: 10

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	10.5%	9.2%	9.3%	33		11.9%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	14.1	6.4	7.5	21		54.9%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	17.1	22.4	21.9	29	31.1%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	66.0%	85.3%	65.4%	5		29.2%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	47.8%	47.6%	52.8%	4		0.3%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	24.6	14.5	16.4	19		41.2%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	29.5	41.5	46.3	16	40.7%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.1%	11.9%	10.6%	38	46.9%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	8.5%	8.3%	13.6%	11		2.7%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	79.4	49.1	53.5	24		38.2%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	21.3%	24.6%	25.7%	14	15.5%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	10.7%	13.5%	18.5%	7	26.5%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	27,028	28,192	4.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.7%	2.3%	-16.4%
Total population under age 18	5,980	5,751	-3.8%
Percent population under age 18	22.1%	20.4%	-7.8%
Percent minority population	4.0%	4.6%	15.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	4.6%	6.3%	36.0%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,761	1,794	1.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	52.1%	55.7%	6.9%
Number registered family day care homes	21	24	14.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	7	NM
Number licensed child care centers	5	5	NC
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	56.1%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	45.5%	NM

## Mingo County

Composite County Rank: 54

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-		+	
					Worse		Better	
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.8%	12.7%	9.3%	52	29.6%			
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.1	11.2	7.5	50	11.4%			
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	28.7	21.8	21.9	24			24.3%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	36.4%	78.0%	65.4%	14			114.3%	
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	65.6%	65.3%	52.8%	52			0.4%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	30.1	33.3	16.4	46	10.4%			
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	60.6	79.5	46.3	54	31.2%			
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.5%	12.4%	10.6%	45	46.0%			
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	13.3%	14.1%	13.6%	36	6.2%			
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	88.1	49.8	53.5	27			43.5%	
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	37.7%	31.6%	25.7%	44			16.2%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	24.1%	25.8%	18.5%	52	6.9%			

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	27,210	26,563	-2.4%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	4.4%	3.5%	-19.5%
Total population under age 18	6,217	5,817	-6.4%
Percent population under age 18	22.8%	21.9%	-4.2%
Percent minority population	3.5%	3.1%	-11.4%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	3.7%	4.1%	12.0%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	2,115	1,917	-9.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	28.8%	41.7%	45.0%
Number registered family day care homes	15	14	-6.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	13	2	-84.6%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	54.9%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.0%	NM

# Monongalia County

Composite County Rank: 2

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.8%	7.7%	9.3%	15											1.2%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.4	5.6	7.5	15					4.3%						
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	17.7	10.5	21.9	8											40.5%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	30.5%	67.7%	65.4%	32											122.0%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	37.5%	36.9%	52.8%	2											1.5%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	24.9	12.8	16.4	14											48.6%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	14.4	14.0	46.3	1											2.9%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	5.3%	5.7%	10.6%	1					7.1%						
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	13.8%	10.5%	13.6%	21											23.6%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	26.3	22.5	53.5	8											14.6%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	18.3%	17.0%	25.7%	3											7.1%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	10.4%	10.4%	18.5%	2					0.3%						

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	84,386	98,528	16.8%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	0.9%	1.2%	37.1%
Total population under age 18	14,383	15,520	7.9%
Percent population under age 18	17.0%	15.8%	-7.6%
Percent minority population	7.5%	9.6%	28.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	7.8%	11.8%	52.1%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	5,059	5,472	8.2%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	55.6%	56.7%	1.8%
Number registered family day care homes	40	27	-32.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	3.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	21	25	19.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	23.8%	4.0%	-83.2%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	55.5%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	49.1%	NM

# Monroe County

Composite County Rank: 12

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-			+		
					Worse			Better		
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.6%	8.9%	9.3%	29	17.6%					
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	3.1	2.9	7.5	4				6.5%		
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	37.0	36.0	21.9	49				2.6%		
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	59.3%	61.7%	65.4%	42				4.0%		
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	57.5%	59.2%	52.8%	32	2.9%					
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	61.6	19.4	16.4	26				68.5%		
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	31.2	41.6	46.3	17	33.4%					
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	5.4%	9.2%	10.6%	11	70.0%					
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	10.7%	9.5%	13.6%	16				11.4%		
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	100.7	0.0	53.5	1				100.0%		
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	22.2%	26.1%	25.7%	24	17.6%					
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.5%	15.4%	18.5%	13				16.7%		

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	13,507	13,534	0.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.6%	0.7%	-58.3%
Total population under age 18	2,730	2,795	2.4%
Percent population under age 18	20.2%	20.7%	2.2%
Percent minority population	1.7%	2.4%	40.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.1%	4.4%	112.8%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	770	873	13.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	58.5%	57.3%	-2.1%
Number registered family day care homes	7	16	128.6%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	12.5%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	3	-25.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	71.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	30.5%	NM

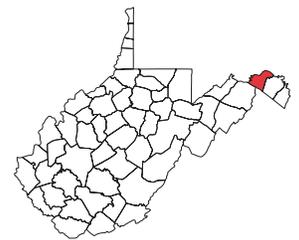
# Morgan County

Composite County Rank: 15

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	5.9%	7.7%	9.3%	16	31.0%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.0	7.7	7.5	32		15.1%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	30.7	21.0	21.9	22		31.5%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	38.8%	58.8%	65.4%	47		51.5%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	48.5%	56.8%	52.8%	25	17.1%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	9.2	5.8	16.4	3		36.9%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	38.9	37.6	46.3	12		3.3%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.0%	9.9%	10.6%	18	10.4%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	9.9%	11.6%	13.6%	26	17.1%	
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	163.3	82.9	53.5	45		49.2%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	17.3%	20.9%	25.7%	7	20.8%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.9%	18.3%	18.5%	26		2.5%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	16,022	17,535	9.4%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.5%	4.3%	23.0%
Total population under age 18	3,361	3,516	4.6%
Percent population under age 18	21.0%	20.1%	-4.4%
Percent minority population	1.8%	3.1%	68.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.8%	5.6%	205.3%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	973	973	0.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.6%	51.4%	-10.7%
Number registered family day care homes	4	7	75.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	4	3	-25.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	58.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	34.7%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.3%	10.8%	9.3%	47	30.6%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.7	9.7	7.5	46	71.0%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	32.4	23.9	21.9	37						26.4%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	39.6%	76.6%	65.4%	18						93.4%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	64.7%	57.8%	52.8%	33						10.6%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	29.1	36.5	16.4	50	25.3%									
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	40.7	57.3	46.3	45	41.0%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	7.7%	11.0%	10.6%	30	43.4%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	16.7%	11.3%	13.6%	24						32.6%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	115.3	49.1	53.5	25						57.4%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	28.1%	27.6%	25.7%	29						1.8%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.3%	18.7%	18.5%	29	7.9%									

**Background Facts**

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	26,464	26,268	-0.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.1%	3.9%	26.8%
Total population under age 18	5,490	5,498	0.1%
Percent population under age 18	20.7%	20.9%	0.9%
Percent minority population	1.0%	1.6%	56.4%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.3%	3.2%	140.2%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,646	1,858	12.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	42.7%	48.4%	13.3%
Number registered family day care homes	54	31	-42.6%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	9.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	7	3	-57.1%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	14.3%	33.3%	133.3%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	53.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.2%	NM

# Ohio County

Composite County Rank: 18

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.5%	8.0%	9.3%	18		5.7%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.0	7.8	7.5	35		21.8%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	8.4	21.5	21.9	23	156.2%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	23.3%	51.9%	65.4%	53		122.7%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	46.7%	47.9%	52.8%	9		2.6%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	12.5	20.6	16.4	33	64.0%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	30.6	36.0	46.3	11	17.8%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.5%	12.0%	10.6%	40	14.7%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	15.7%	10.4%	13.6%	19		33.5%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	41.4	30.8	53.5	13		25.5%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	21.5%	24.5%	25.7%	11	14.0%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	13.9%	17.7%	18.5%	22	27.6%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	45,112	44,246	-1.9%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.1%	2.1%	-32.9%
Total population under age 18	9,065	8,407	-7.3%
Percent population under age 18	20.1%	19.0%	-5.4%
Percent minority population	5.4%	6.3%	16.1%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	8.0%	10.0%	25.2%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	2,804	2,731	-2.6%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	63.3%	65.9%	4.1%
Number registered family day care homes	49	49	0.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	6.1%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	17	12	-29.4%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	11.8%	0.0%	-100.0%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	45.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	42.0%	NM

## Pendleton County

Composite County Rank: 6

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	6.5%	9.1%	9.3%	30	39.9%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	0.0	2.6	7.5	3						NM				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	0.0	0.0	21.9	1						NC				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	59.7%	76.0%	65.4%	19						27.3%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	51.1%	57.5%	52.8%	15	12.5%									
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	24.4	20.9	16.4	34						14.2%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	28.8	30.7	46.3	5	6.5%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	4.0%	5.8%	10.6%	2	44.6%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	11.8%	9.3%	13.6%	13						21.1%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	87.6	87.6	53.5	46						NC				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	17.5%	24.5%	25.7%	11	40.0%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	10.9%	12.4%	18.5%	5	14.2%									

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	7,844	7,673	-2.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.3%	1.8%	35.5%
Total population under age 18	1,629	1,432	-12.1%
Percent population under age 18	20.8%	18.7%	-10.1%
Percent minority population	3.9%	4.1%	4.9%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	4.8%	6.3%	29.6%

### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	525	464	-11.6%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	63.1%	86.2%	36.6%
Number registered family day care homes	1	1	0.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	2	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	41.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	33.8%	NM



# Pleasants County

Composite County Rank: 1

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	13.2%	6.6%	9.3%	6		50.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.5	0.0	7.5	1		100.0%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	15.6	16.3	21.9	13	4.6%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	58.6%	93.3%	65.4%	3		59.2%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	45.9%	50.2%	52.8%	8	9.4%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	8.6	14.0	16.4	18	62.7%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	30.4	30.0	46.3	4		1.6%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	6.6%	9.1%	10.6%	10	38.4%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.5%	6.9%	13.6%	6		45.0%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	128.8	42.0	53.5	21		67.4%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	18.4%	20.5%	25.7%	5	11.4%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	11.2%	9.1%	18.5%	1		18.4%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	7,376	7,611	3.2%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.1%	1.0%	-51.5%
Total population under age 18	1,593	1,545	-3.0%
Percent population under age 18	21.6%	20.3%	-6.0%
Percent minority population	1.8%	2.9%	55.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.6%	3.2%	106.2%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	464	435	-6.3%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.5%	46.0%	-20.0%
Number registered family day care homes	8	5	-37.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	2	1	-50.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	61.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	28.7%	NM

## Pocahontas County

Composite County Rank: 41

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	12.5%	10.3%	9.3%	41										
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	18.7	12.9	7.5	54										
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	29.7	32.7	21.9	47					10.3%					
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	73.4%	66.7%	65.4%	34					9.1%					
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	55.0%	61.3%	52.8%	36					11.5%					
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	22.8	42.3	16.4	52					85.6%					
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	42.8	38.9	46.3	13										9.1%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.6%	7.7%	10.6%	6										10.2%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	24.8%	10.8%	13.6%	22										56.6%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	0.0	79.9	53.5	44										NM
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	24.6%	30.5%	25.7%	40					24.0%					
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	20.3%	17.7%	18.5%	20										13.0%

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	8,851	8,786	-0.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.0%	2.2%	12.0%
Total population under age 18	1,721	1,561	-9.3%
Percent population under age 18	19.4%	17.8%	-8.6%
Percent minority population	1.6%	2.4%	53.6%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.6%	2.4%	55.2%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	496	496	0.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	54.6%	40.3%	-26.2%
Number registered family day care homes	2	8	300.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	37.5%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	2	1	-50.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	56.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.9%	NM

# Preston County

Composite County Rank: 26

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	10.0%	10.3%	9.3%	40						2.9%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.6	10.3	7.5	49						7.8%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	20.5	19.5	21.9	18						5.0%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	31.1%	58.2%	65.4%	49										87.1%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	57.7%	49.0%	52.8%	5						15.1%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	12.6	6.3	16.4	4										49.9%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.2	47.0	46.3	26						4.0%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.1%	10.6%	10.6%	23						16.2%				
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.0%	16.1%	13.6%	42										10.4%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	68.4	139.0	53.5	53					103.4%					
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	24.8%	23.6%	25.7%	10						4.8%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.0%	14.9%	18.5%	11						12.5%				

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	30,115	33,723	12.0%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.6%	1.3%	-16.5%
Total population under age 18	6,345	6,524	2.8%
Percent population under age 18	21.1%	19.3%	-8.2%
Percent minority population	1.1%	2.6%	132.5%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.6%	2.4%	49.8%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,856	2,104	13.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.0%	47.5%	-16.6%
Number registered family day care homes	11	15	36.4%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	6	3	-50.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	65.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	45.0%	NM

## Putnam County

Composite County Rank: 3

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.8%	8.4%	9.3%	21	7.9%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.0	4.6	7.5	9						49.0%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	24.7	19.6	21.9	19						20.6%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	21.7%	57.0%	65.4%	50						162.7%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	40.1%	37.6%	52.8%	1						6.3%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	11.9	4.8	16.4	1						59.7%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	30.7	34.6	46.3	10	12.8%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	5.7%	6.9%	10.6%	5	21.1%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.2%	7.7%	13.6%	8						36.5%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	79.8	41.1	53.5	20						48.5%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	13.7%	14.0%	25.7%	1	2.2%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	11.4%	12.6%	18.5%	6	10.8%									

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	54,443	56,008	2.9%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.0%	1.0%	-1.2%
Total population under age 18	12,540	13,049	4.1%
Percent population under age 18	23.0%	23.3%	1.2%
Percent minority population	2.5%	3.3%	28.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	3.2%	5.2%	61.5%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	3,830	3,938	2.8%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.7%	55.9%	-3.2%
Number registered family day care homes	36	29	-19.4%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	13.8%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	2	NM
Number licensed child care centers	11	16	45.5%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	39.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.6%	NM

# Raleigh County

Composite County Rank: 34

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-				+			
					Worse				Better			
Percent low birth-weight babies	9.6%	10.5%	9.3%	44	9.3%							
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.0	7.6	7.5	31	8.4%							
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	27.2	25.4	21.9	39					6.6%			
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	37.8%	69.5%	65.4%	29					83.9%			
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	53.9%	52.3%	52.8%	22					2.9%			
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	26.5	20.3	16.4	32					23.3%			
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	47.2	56.0	46.3	43	18.7%							
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.6%	10.6%	10.6%	22	22.8%							
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	16.3%	12.3%	13.6%	31					24.7%			
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	46.0	75.8	53.5	43	64.8%							
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	28.3%	25.8%	25.7%	22					8.8%			
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.0%	16.5%	18.5%	18					8.1%			

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	79,167	79,127	-0.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.9%	2.1%	-29.2%
Total population under age 18	15,978	16,530	3.5%
Percent population under age 18	20.2%	20.9%	3.5%
Percent minority population	10.5%	11.2%	6.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	10.1%	12.0%	18.7%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	5,141	5,724	11.3%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	51.2%	52.4%	2.4%
Number registered family day care homes	174	145	-16.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	2.8%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	5	NM
Number licensed child care centers	17	14	-17.6%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	50.8%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	38.4%	NM

# Randolph County

Composite County Rank: 35

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.6%	8.4%	9.3%	22						■ 2.0%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.5	9.6	7.5	45	■ 28.6%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	34.6	18.1	21.9	16						■ 47.6%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	44.6%	71.2%	65.4%	28						→ 59.6%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	58.0%	56.2%	52.8%	27						■ 3.1%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	34.4	16.5	16.4	22						→ 52.1%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	53.2	52.3	46.3	37						■ 1.7%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.5%	13.2%	10.6%	50	■ 25.6%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.8%	16.6%	13.6%	44	■ 29.3%									
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	122.8	32.3	53.5	14						→ 73.7%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	25.6%	29.0%	25.7%	33	■ 13.3%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	17.1%	21.5%	18.5%	42	■ 25.6%									

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	28,571	29,465	3.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.5%	0.6%	-58.2%
Total population under age 18	5,962	5,639	-5.4%
Percent population under age 18	20.9%	19.1%	-8.3%
Percent minority population	2.3%	2.8%	21.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.0%	3.1%	55.9%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,828	1,797	-1.7%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	60.9%	44.5%	-26.9%
Number registered family day care homes	66	56	-15.2%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	1.8%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	13	NM
Number licensed child care centers	7	2	-71.4%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	14.3%	100.0%	600.0%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	63.9%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.1%	NM

# Ritchie County

Composite County Rank: 32

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.5%	7.4%	9.3%	12		12.6%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.3	10.1	7.5	48	22.1%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	23.1	34.7	21.9	48	50.2%	
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	84.9%	77.4%	65.4%	15	8.8%	
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.2%	56.1%	52.8%	29		0.2%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	23.2	26.6	16.4	41	14.4%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.0	43.5	46.3	20		3.3%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.0%	10.1%	10.6%	19	12.6%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	13.0%	12.6%	13.6%	32		3.1%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	91.4	64.3	53.5	37		29.6%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	24.0%	27.5%	25.7%	27	14.6%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.2%	22.0%	18.5%	43	14.8%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	10,540	10,295	-2.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.6%	2.4%	-8.5%
Total population under age 18	2,237	2,143	-4.2%
Percent population under age 18	21.2%	20.8%	-1.9%
Percent minority population	1.1%	1.5%	0.0%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.4%	2.7%	95.3%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	703	641	-8.8%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	43.3%	62.4%	44.0%
Number registered family day care homes	14	9	-35.7%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	2	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	52.7%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	41.6%	NM

## Roane County

Composite County Rank: 25

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	6.9%	6.8%	9.3%	8											1.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2.4	3.7	7.5	7											57.9%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	15.8	15.6	21.9	12											1.1%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	61.5%	71.2%	65.4%	27											15.8%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	63.0%	61.1%	52.8%	45											3.0%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	26.0	9.5	16.4	8											63.3%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	50.9	47.0	46.3	27											7.7%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.4%	8.7%	10.6%	7											7.2%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	21.5%	17.2%	13.6%	47											20.1%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	99.9	65.7	53.5	39											34.2%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	31.8%	33.4%	25.7%	46											5.0%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	25.0%	23.0%	18.5%	47											7.8%

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	15,407	14,858	-3.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	4.1%	2.2%	-47.1%
Total population under age 18	3,272	3,182	-2.8%
Percent population under age 18	21.2%	21.4%	0.8%
Percent minority population	1.6%	1.9%	18.4%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.1%	3.3%	55.0%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,034	958	-7.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	52.6%	31.3%	-40.4%
Number registered family day care homes	11	6	-45.5%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	16.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	2	-33.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	33.3%	0.0%	-100.0%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	55.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	36.8%	NM

# Summers County

Composite County Rank: 52

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.1%	10.4%	9.3%	43										
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.6	12.0	7.5	53					12.9%					
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	10.8	42.0	21.9	52					290.0%					
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	64.6%	68.8%	65.4%	30										6.5%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	65.3%	64.7%	52.8%	49										1.0%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	25.0	20.1	16.4	30										19.6%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	41.7	45.0	46.3	23					7.9%					
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.8%	11.6%	10.6%	36					7.0%					
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	17.3%	19.3%	13.6%	54					11.5%					
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	78.9	60.0	53.5	36										23.9%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	38.8%	34.0%	25.7%	49										12.4%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	21.8%	18.8%	18.5%	30										14.0%

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	13,740	13,867	0.9%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	5.4%	3.2%	-40.0%
Total population under age 18	2,318	2,477	6.9%
Percent population under age 18	16.9%	17.9%	5.9%
Percent minority population	8.7%	7.3%	-16.5%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	5.3%	5.7%	8.2%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	680	739	8.7%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	52.5%	27.1%	-48.5%
Number registered family day care homes	14	13	-7.1%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	7.7%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	1	-66.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	39.9%	NM

## Taylor County

Composite County Rank: 24

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	10.5%	8.4%	9.3%	20											20.3%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.1	6.9	7.5	24											23.5%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	30.4	14.5	21.9	11											52.3%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	50.0%	62.5%	65.4%	40											25.0%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	54.0%	50.9%	52.8%	19											5.6%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	18.4	12.3	16.4	12											33.0%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	38.5	48.0	46.3	30					24.6%						
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.8%	10.6%	10.6%	24											1.9%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	22.1%	18.0%	13.6%	49											18.4%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	80.2	101.6	53.5	48					26.7%						
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	27.5%	28.2%	25.7%	32										2.5%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	16.6%	14.8%	18.5%	10											11.0%

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	16,291	16,916	3.8%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.3%	3.0%	30.4%
Total population under age 18	3,313	3,494	5.5%
Percent population under age 18	20.3%	20.7%	1.6%
Percent minority population	1.9%	2.8%	43.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.7%	3.7%	41.2%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	971	1,162	19.7%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	49.8%	51.6%	3.8%
Number registered family day care homes	15	21	40.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	4.8%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	3	NM
Number licensed child care centers	5	1	-80.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	64.9%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	40.5%	NM

# Tucker County

Composite County Rank: 7

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.5%	6.9%	9.3%	9		8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	3.2	11.6	7.5	51	262.9%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	55.6	38.4	21.9	50		30.9%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	72.1%	82.7%	65.4%	10		14.7%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.2%	60.2%	52.8%	10	7.1%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	22.8	8.2	16.4	7		64.1%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	37.4	34.1	46.3	9		8.8%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.6%	6.4%	10.6%	4		33.3%
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	6.4%	3.9%	13.6%	1		39.5%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	0.0	0.0	53.5	1		NM
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	25.8%	25.7%	25.7%	20		0.4%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	14.6%	17.8%	18.5%	23	22.1%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	6,943	7,021	1.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	0.7%	0.7%	-3.9%
Total population under age 18	1,355	1,341	-1.0%
Percent population under age 18	19.5%	19.1%	-2.1%
Percent minority population	0.8%	1.6%	112.7%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.3%	2.9%	118.9%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	381	402	5.5%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	61.0%	49.8%	-18.5%
Number registered family day care homes	17	20	17.6%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	2	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	62.5%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	32.1%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.3%	8.7%	9.3%	24						23.0%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.0	9.0	7.5	41						0.5%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	26.2	39.4	21.9	51	50.4%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	63.6%	82.7%	65.4%	11						30.0%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.4%	57.1%	52.8%	26						1.2%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	22.6	29.4	16.4	44	29.8%									
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	37.4	52.5	46.3	38	40.3%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.2%	16.5%	10.6%	55	101.7%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	14.7%	5.7%	13.6%	3						61.2%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	31.7	0.0	53.5	1						100.0%				
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	25.8%	25.6%	25.7%	18						0.8%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	16.5%	19.4%	18.5%	32	17.4%									

**Background Facts**

Total population	9,340	9,121	-2.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.5%	2.3%	-7.3%
Total population under age 18	1,887	1,873	-0.7%
Percent population under age 18	20.2%	20.5%	1.6%
Percent minority population	0.6%	1.5%	158.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.1%	3.3%	192.6%

**2005 2010 % Change**

2005	2010	% Change
9,340	9,121	-2.3%
2.5%	2.3%	-7.3%
1,887	1,873	-0.7%
20.2%	20.5%	1.6%
0.6%	1.5%	158.8%
1.1%	3.3%	192.6%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

Number children under age 6	513	544	6.0%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	50.7%	55.1%	8.7%
Number registered family day care homes	14	6	-57.1%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	58.2%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	33.8%	NM

**2005 2011-12 % Change**

2005	2011-12	% Change
513	544	6.0%
50.7%	55.1%	8.7%
14	6	-57.1%
NA	0.0%	NM
NA	0	NM
1	0	-100.0%
0.0%	NM	NM
NA	58.2%	NM
NA	33.8%	NM

# Upshur County

Composite County Rank: 27

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	7.3%	6.1%	9.3%	3						15.8%				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	6.3	7.3	7.5	28	15.8%									
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	15.4	20.9	21.9	21	35.8%									
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	23.7%	55.2%	65.4%	52						132.6%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	59.6%	58.1%	52.8%	34						2.5%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	29.0	16.5	16.4	21						43.2%				
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	32.3	31.2	46.3	6						3.3%				
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.3%	8.9%	10.6%	9	7.3%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.3%	19.0%	13.6%	52	3.7%									
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	92.4	118.7	53.5	51	28.5%									
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	28.7%	30.5%	25.7%	40	6.3%									
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	20.9%	15.9%	18.5%	16						23.7%				

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	23,712	24,322	2.6%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	2.3%	1.3%	-44.3%
Total population under age 18	4,967	4,994	0.5%
Percent population under age 18	20.9%	20.5%	-2.0%
Percent minority population	2.0%	2.8%	34.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.9%	4.1%	117.1%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,590	1,676	5.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	55.6%	47.7%	-14.2%
Number registered family day care homes	23	27	17.4%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	7.4%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	12	7	-41.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	50.0%	71.4%	42.9%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	53.0%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	32.6%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+				
					Worse					Better				
Percent low birth-weight babies	12.5%	12.9%	9.3%	54	3.1%									
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.5	7.4	7.5	29						13.1%				
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	21.9	18.9	21.9	17						13.5%				
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	36.9%	60.8%	65.4%	45						64.8%				
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	58.8%	58.4%	52.8%	38						0.6%				
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	17.7	19.7	16.4	28	11.2%									
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	46.9	44.3	46.3	22	5.6%									
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	8.4%	12.3%	10.6%	42	46.4%									
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.7%	14.6%	13.6%	38						21.7%				
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	67.5	67.7	53.5	40	0.3%									
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	29.7%	27.9%	25.7%	31						6.1%				
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	20.9%	22.5%	18.5%	46	7.5%									

**Background Facts**

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	42,091	42,126	0.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.7%	2.6%	-29.9%
Total population under age 18	9,190	9,255	0.7%
Percent population under age 18	21.8%	22.0%	0.6%
Percent minority population	1.3%	1.5%	14.5%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.7%	2.5%	48.9%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	2,805	2,763	-1.5%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	51.9%	57.9%	11.6%
Number registered family day care homes	42	26	-38.1%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	26.9%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	3	NM
Number licensed child care centers	11	7	-36.4%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	27.3%	71.4%	161.9%
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	59.6%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.6%	NM

## Webster County

Composite County Rank: 37

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Trend	
					Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.6%	9.7%	9.3%	38	12.5%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2.1	5.4	7.5	11	152.6%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	12.5	0.0	21.9	1		100.0%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	69.1%	98.0%	65.4%	2		41.8%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	74.9%	69.4%	52.8%	53		7.4%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	27.8	42.4	16.4	53	52.3%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	31.5	56.0	46.3	42	77.9%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	6.3%	12.3%	10.6%	41	94.9%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.8%	16.9%	13.6%	46	31.9%	
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	102.5	32.8	53.5	15		68.0%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	42.9%	40.3%	25.7%	54		6.1%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.8%	21.1%	18.5%	40	12.5%	

### Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	9,804	9,143	-6.7%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	7.5%	5.0%	-33.2%
Total population under age 18	2,019	1,944	-3.7%
Percent population under age 18	20.6%	21.3%	3.2%
Percent minority population	0.5%	1.1%	132.3%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	0.8%	2.4%	181.0%



### Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	582	669	14.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	48.0%	44.8%	-6.5%
Number registered family day care homes	8	12	50.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	1	-66.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	58.5%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	41.7%	NM

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-					+					
					Worse					Better					
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.2%	8.8%	9.3%	26											21.7%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.3	5.7	7.5	16											39.0%
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	27.3	22.1	21.9	28											18.9%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	78.5%	85.3%	65.4%	6											8.7%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	50.4%	52.1%	52.8%	20						3.4%					
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	26.1	28.6	16.4	43						9.6%					
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	57.6	55.4	46.3	40											3.8%
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	13.2%	14.0%	10.6%	53						6.3%					
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	9.1%	7.3%	13.6%	7											20.1%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	52.5	55.4	53.5	32						5.5%					
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	25.7%	27.8%	25.7%	30						8.2%					
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	19.6%	19.5%	18.5%	33											0.6%

**Background Facts**

Total population	17,117	16,351	-4.5%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.4%	2.7%	-20.1%
Total population under age 18	3,733	3,339	-10.6%
Percent population under age 18	21.8%	20.4%	-6.4%
Percent minority population	1.2%	1.3%	11.4%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	1.6%	2.0%	24.6%

**2005 2010 % Change**

2005	2010	% Change
17,117	16,351	-4.5%
3.4%	2.7%	-20.1%
3,733	3,339	-10.6%
21.8%	20.4%	-6.4%
1.2%	1.3%	11.4%
1.6%	2.0%	24.6%



**Early Child Development Background Facts**

Number children under age 6	1,121	1,016	-9.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	43.8%	59.1%	34.9%
Number registered family day care homes	30	11	-63.3%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	3	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	55.3%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	37.8%	NM

**2005 2011-12 % Change**

2005	2011-12	% Change
1,121	1,016	-9.4%
43.8%	59.1%	34.9%
30	11	-63.3%
NA	0.0%	NM
NA	1	NM
3	0	-100.0%
0.0%	NM	NM
NA	55.3%	NM
NA	37.8%	NM

# Wirt County

Composite County Rank: 23

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.9%	6.0%	9.3%	2		49.7%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	7.1	7.3	7.5	27	2.6%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	19.7	0.0	21.9	1		100.0%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	71.7%	65.7%	65.4%	38	8.4%	
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	56.9%	60.2%	52.8%	46	5.8%	
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	14.9	25.7	16.4	39	72.2%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.3	47.6	46.3	28	5.2%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.2%	12.5%	10.6%	46	22.5%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	12.5%	6.2%	13.6%	4		50.6%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	0.0	0.0	53.5	1	NM	
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	30.7%	34.1%	25.7%	50	11.1%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.2%	18.1%	18.5%	24		0.7%

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	5,896	5,762	-2.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	3.9%	1.9%	-52.4%
Total population under age 18	1,267	1,193	-5.8%
Percent population under age 18	21.5%	20.7%	-3.7%
Percent minority population	0.8%	1.4%	67.8%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	0.9%	2.4%	180.0%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	328	356	8.5%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	56.7%	28.1%	-50.4%
Number registered family day care homes	6	12	100.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	0	NM
Number licensed child care centers	1	0	-100.0%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0	NM	NM
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	33.6%	NM

# Wood County

Composite County Rank: 31

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	-		+	
					Worse		Better	
Percent low birth-weight babies	8.0%	9.4%	9.3%	34	17.0%			
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.1	9.0	7.5	42	11.5%			
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	20.0	22.0	21.9	27	10.0%			
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	41.6%	61.5%	65.4%	44			47.8%	
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	41.9%	53.2%	52.8%	30	27.0%			
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	25.2	19.8	16.4	29			21.6%	
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	45.3	51.6	46.3	35	13.8%			
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	10.4%	12.3%	10.6%	43	18.3%			
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	18.2%	9.4%	13.6%	15			48.2%	
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	43.1	33.7	53.5	16			21.7%	
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	28.0%	25.3%	25.7%	17			9.6%	
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	18.1%	18.2%	18.5%	25	0.4%			

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	87,047	87,120	0.1%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	1.7%	1.4%	-19.8%
Total population under age 18	19,072	18,919	-0.8%
Percent population under age 18	21.9%	21.7%	-0.9%
Percent minority population	2.6%	3.3%	27.3%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	3.2%	5.1%	58.4%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	5,944	6,028	1.4%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	57.3%	56.4%	-1.6%
Number registered family day care homes	98	95	-3.1%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	3.2%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	8	NM
Number licensed child care centers	35	23	-34.3%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	57.4%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	35.5%	NM

# Wyoming County

Composite County Rank: 49

Indicators	2005 Rate/%	2011 Rate/%	State Rate/%	2011 Rank	Worse	Better
Percent low birth-weight babies	11.1%	11.2%	9.3%	48	1.2%	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.7	9.2	7.5	43	59.4%	
Child death rate (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)	64.8	29.8	21.9	43		53.9%
Percent four year olds enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten	34.6%	72.0%	65.4%	25		108.2%
Percent children approved for free and reduced-price school meals (K-12)	64.9%	59.7%	52.8%	44		8.0%
Child abuse/neglect rate (per 1,000 children)	64.4	34.0	16.4	48		47.2%
Teen birth rate (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)	55.5	59.2	46.3	47	6.7%	
Percent births to unmarried teens (ages 10-19)	9.0%	10.6%	10.6%	25	17.8%	
Percent high school dropouts (2007-8 to 2009-10)	19.9%	16.4%	13.6%	43		17.4%
Teen injury death rate (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)	91.8	27.9	53.5	10		69.7%
Percent children in poverty (2005 is the base year)	35.3%	30.0%	25.7%	38		15.0%
Percent births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education	21.8%	24.2%	18.5%	51	11.0%	

## Background Facts

	2005	2010	% Change
Total population	24,479	23,419	-4.3%
Percent all families with related children who receive cash assistance (SFY 2012)	4.4%	1.3%	-71.1%
Total population under age 18	5,086	5,044	-0.8%
Percent population under age 18	20.8%	21.5%	3.7%
Percent minority population	1.7%	1.7%	0.2%
Percent children under 18 who are minority	2.1%	2.5%	16.7%



## Early Child Development Background Facts

	2005	2011-12	% Change
Number children under age 6	1,619	1,588	-1.9%
Percent children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force	34.8%	31.5%	-9.5%
Number registered family day care homes	22	11	-50.0%
Percent family child care providers who are ACDS graduates	NA	0.0%	NM
Number family child care facilities	NA	1	NM
Number licensed child care centers	14	2	-85.7%
Percent child care centers that are NAEYC accredited	0.0%	0.0%	NC
Fourth graders who scored below proficiency in reading	NA	52.28%	NM
Percent Medicaid-enrolled children under 5 who receive dental care	NA	33.5%	NM

## Child Population Demographics

County	2011 Children under age 1	2011 Children age 1	2011 Children age 2	2011 Children age 3	2011 Children age 4	2011 Children age 5	2011 Total children under age 6	2011-12 Children 4 years old in pre-K
Barbour	167	174	179	199	168	212	1,099	146
Berkeley	1,307	1,297	1,423	1,481	1,536	1,478	8,522	754
Boone	311	313	281	295	290	305	1,795	243
Braxton	155	163	151	167	166	142	944	126
Brooke	194	177	219	237	224	253	1,304	138
Cabell	1,245	1,164	1,069	1,093	1,091	1,055	6,717	729
Calhoun	89	92	79	68	86	80	494	73
Clay	124	114	119	121	112	115	705	132
Doddridge	73	87	67	78	74	87	466	57
Fayette	571	513	522	539	525	525	3,195	317
Gilmer	70	73	69	68	74	85	439	59
Grant	118	139	126	140	120	114	757	91
Greenbrier	382	366	359	390	389	366	2,252	265
Hampshire	220	234	250	267	239	261	1,471	159
Hancock	280	260	313	306	300	333	1,792	169
Hardy	156	139	152	160	156	156	919	103
Harrison	788	814	789	850	806	826	4,873	580
Jackson	314	303	352	333	373	343	2,018	239
Jefferson	605	586	656	728	688	758	4,021	298
Kanawha	2,289	2,120	2,161	2,200	2,188	2,022	12,980	1,278
Lewis	181	166	183	205	201	199	1,135	150
Lincoln	243	241	217	260	306	293	1,560	232
Logan	404	394	337	386	370	380	2,271	315
McDowell	284	233	237	223	266	191	1,434	218
Marion	626	640	610	653	598	625	3,752	395
Marshall	311	347	331	379	341	345	2,054	250
Mason	266	271	294	346	312	348	1,837	240
Mercer	803	771	750	739	759	640	4,462	472
Mineral	308	316	295	309	299	267	1,794	255
Mingo	344	293	293	326	337	324	1,917	263
Monongalia	958	907	898	909	888	912	5,472	601
Monroe	122	141	147	150	162	151	873	100
Morgan	152	154	155	167	177	168	973	104
Nicholas	320	297	297	331	261	352	1,858	200
Ohio	498	431	430	454	443	475	2,731	230
Pendleton	91	80	73	67	75	78	464	57
Pleasants	61	79	67	82	75	71	435	70
Pocahontas	97	79	91	83	81	65	496	54
Preston	314	313	377	385	366	349	2,104	213
Putnam	587	617	629	664	698	743	3,938	398
Raleigh	948	949	950	1,001	918	958	5,724	638
Randolph	276	312	283	320	312	294	1,797	222
Ritchie	96	103	116	106	106	114	641	82
Roane	138	149	160	181	170	160	958	121
Summers	121	104	135	136	138	105	739	95
Taylor	186	207	189	199	184	197	1,162	115
Tucker	68	64	62	69	75	64	402	62
Tyler	90	76	99	92	98	89	544	81
Upshur	260	266	257	293	315	285	1,676	174
Wayne	384	408	479	486	536	470	2,763	326
Webster	128	120	102	107	102	110	669	100
Wetzel	170	169	149	172	163	193	1,016	139
Wirt	39	50	77	59	70	61	356	46
Wood	989	1,006	940	1,030	1,008	1,055	6,028	620
Wyoming	250	262	277	259	257	283	1,588	185
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>20,571</b>	<b>20,143</b>	<b>20,322</b>	<b>21,348</b>	<b>21,072</b>	<b>20,930</b>	<b>124,386</b>	<b>13,779</b>

## Definitions and Sources

### CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE

#### (per 1,000 children)

The number of children found to be victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under age 18. The rate is based on an average of victims for three years ending in 2011. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families. The national rate is for 2010 and is from Child Maltreatment. Population data is from the Population Reference Bureau.

### CHILD DEATH RATE

#### (ages 1-14 per 100,000 children)

This is the number of deaths due to all causes of children between the ages of 1-14 years, per 100,000 children. This variable is a rate per 100,000 children based on a five-year total ending in 2010. The national rate is based on 2005-2009 data. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center.

### INFANT MORTALITY RATE

#### (per 1,000 live births)

This is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. The rate is based on a five-year total ending in 2010. The national rate is based on 2005-2009 data. West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center.

### NUMBER CHILDREN UNDER AGE SIX

This is the number of children under age six in West Virginia. Population Reference Bureau, 2011.

### NUMBER FAMILY CHILD CARE FACILITIES

This is the number of family child care facilities that are regulated by the Division of Early Care and Education, WV Department of Health and Human Resources. Point-in-time Report, October 2012.

### NUMBER LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

This is the number of licensed child care centers in West Virginia and includes licensed Head Start programs that provide childcare services. West Virginia Department of Health

and Human Resources, Division of Early Care and Education. Point-in-time, October 2012.

### NUMBER REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

This is the number of registered family child care homes in West Virginia. West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Early Care and Education. Point-in-time report, October 2012.

### PERCENT ALL FAMILIES WITH RELATED CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE CASH ASSISTANCE

This is the percentage of families with related children who receive public assistance under the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program. The total of TANF cases is divided by the number of families with related children under 18 years of age. Families with related children are comprised of married couples with related children, female heads with related children, and male heads with related children. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Finance, Office of Accountability and Management Reporting. TANF - Cases, Individuals, and Expenditures, State Fiscal Year 2011. The total number of families with children under 18 is from the Population Reference Bureau and is 2010 data. In recent years we have used 2000 data for the number of families with children. The 2010 data is more current but may not provide an accurate picture due to the margin of error. According to our data, the total number of families with children in 2000 was 213,070; the total in 2010 was 214,937.

### PERCENT BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN A 12TH GRADE EDUCATION

This is the percentage of all births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education. This indicator is based on a three-year total ending in 2010. The number of births to mothers with less than a 12th grade education is divided by the total number of births to mothers with known education. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center. The national percent is based on years 2007-2009.

### **PERCENT BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS (ages 10-19)**

This indicator is the percentage of all live births to unmarried teens ages 10-19. At a national level, the percentage represents live births that are to unmarried teens under 20 years of age. This indicator is based on a three-year total ending in 2010. The numerator is the number of births to unmarried teens ages 10-19; the denominator is the total number of births. The base population for this indicator is births to all mothers, regardless of age. National data are based on years 2008-2010. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center.

### **PERCENT CHILDREN APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS**

This is the percent of all enrolled children in grades K-12 who applied and were approved for free or reduced-price school meals. This indicator is used as a measure of the percent of poor and near-poor children in West Virginia. Children whose parents' income is below 130% of poverty are eligible for free meals; reduced-price meals are available for children whose parents' income is between 130% and 185% of poverty. At a county and state level, this variable is a percentage based on 2005 and 2011 data. The numerator is the number of submitted and approved applications for free or reduced-price school meals in grades K-12; the denominator is the total student enrollment in grades K-12. WV Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition, Percentage of Needy Students. Claim date October 2011. National data are from The Food Research and Action Center, State of the States 2009, [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org).

### **PERCENT CHILDREN IN POVERTY**

The percentage of children in poverty is the share of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, 2010. U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program.

### **PERCENT CHILDREN UNDER AGE SIX WITH ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE**

This is the percent of children under age 6 who live in families with all available parents in the labor force. The number of children with both parents in the labor force, the number of children who live with their father only and he is in the labor force, and children who live with their mother only and she is in the labor force are added together to get the number of children with all available parents in the labor force. The purpose of the indicator is to determine how many children are in some form of childcare. The margins of error are very large for nearly all counties. Population Reference Bureau for child population. Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

### **PERCENT CHILD CARE CENTERS THAT ARE NAEYC ACCREDITED**

This is the percent of child care centers that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), point in time October 2012. Licensed child care centers from WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Early Care and Education, point in time October 2012.

### **PERCENT FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ACDS GRADUATES**

This is the percent of all family childcare providers who are ACDS (Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist program) graduates. These are all graduates from 2001 to October 2012. ACDS State Coordinator, River Valley Child Development Services, October 2012.

### **PERCENT FOUR YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

The percent of four year olds who are enrolled in pre-kindergarten. This background fact uses the number of 4 year olds based on second month enrollment and a September 1 calculation date in the school year 2011-12. This does not include children who entered at 5 years or 3 year olds with special needs. The denominator is the 2010-11 estimate of the four-year-old population prepared by the Population Reference Bureau. WV Department of Education, Information Systems for pre-K enrollment. National data is based on 2010-2011 school

year and is from NIEER (National Institute for Early Education Research) The State of Preschool 2011, accessed at <http://nieer.org/yearbook>.

#### **PERCENT LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES**

This is the share of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds). Based on a three-year average ending in 2010. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center. National data is based on years 2008-2010.

#### **PERCENT MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN UNDER 5 WHO RECEIVE DENTAL CARE**

This is the percent of children under age 5 who are enrolled in Medicaid and have received dental care during one state fiscal year. West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

#### **PERCENT MINORITY POPULATION**

This is the percentage of the total population that is identified as minority. Population Reference Bureau, 2011.

#### **PERCENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 WHO ARE MINORITY**

This is the percentage of the population under age 18 that is identified as minority. Population Reference Bureau, 2011.

#### **PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED BY HEAD START (AGES 3-4)**

Some of the Head Start Grantees did not respond to requests for county enrollment data from the West Virginia Head Start State Collaboration Project. Without numbers for all counties it is not possible to use this indicator as part of the formula for determining county ranks. The percent of 4 year olds enrolled in pre-kindergarten has been moved from early child development background facts to one of the 12 core variables.

#### **PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS**

This is the percentage of students in grades 7-12 who leave a public school before graduation without transferring to another school.

It is based on a three-year average ending in 2011-12. This percent is calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by the sum of 12th grade graduates and 7th – 12th grade dropouts. West Virginia Department of Education

#### **PERCENT POPULATION UNDER AGE 18**

This is the percentage of the total population under age 18. Population Reference Bureau, 2011.

#### **TEEN BIRTH RATE (ages 15-19 per 1,000 females)**

This is the number of live births to mothers ages 15-19 per 1,000 females ages 15-19. The rate is based on three years of data ending in 2010. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center. National data are based on years 2005-2009.

#### **TEEN INJURY DEATH RATE (ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens)**

This is the number of deaths from accidental, homicide, suicide and undetermined injuries to teens ages 15-19 per 100,000 teens based on five years of data ending in 2010. WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Statistics Center. National data are based on years 2005-2009.

#### **TOTAL POPULATION**

This is the total population as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2011.

#### **TOTAL POPULATION UNDER AGE 18**

This is the total population under age 18 as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. 2011.

#### **FOURTH GRADERS WHO SCORED BELOW PROFICIENT IN READING**

Students in grades three through eight and in grade ten take the West Virginia Educational Standards Test (WESTEST). The WESTEST is an assessment that measures student achievement of the West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives. The content area used here is reading/language arts. Student performance is compared to WV academic standards, not a national sample of students. The reading tests are given in the spring and

while we are interested in reading ability by the end of third grade we want to follow the national KIDS COUNT Data Book definition by using 4th grade reading scores. National tests are not given in the third grade. Assessment Data – School Year 2010-11 by WVEIS code. WV Department of Education.

### Notes

The 12 measures used in the WV KIDS COUNT Data Book do not capture the full range of conditions shaping children's lives, but they do reflect a wide range of factors such as health and income; they reflect experiences across a range of developmental stages; and they permit comparisons because they are consistent across counties and over time. The West Virginia measures were adopted based on the National KIDS COUNT Data Book measures.

Again this year we are tracking trends since the year 2005 for the 12 core variables. We decided to shorten the trend range from the year 2000 to the year 2005 to get a better picture of recent change. While no indicator changed its direction from worse or better; there is an interesting degree of change in the percent of low birth-weight babies; the teen birth rate; the percent of births to unmarried teens and the teen injury death rate. The degree of change in low birth weight babies continues to improve from 9.2 to 9.3. The teen injury death rate is considerably improved from 70.1 percent to 53.5 percent, 24 percent better. The teen birth rate and the percent births to unmarried teens continues to worsen.

Most of the indicators and background facts are expressed as percentages or rates. Background facts presented as actual numbers include: total population, total population under age 18, children under age 6, number registered family child care homes, number family child care facilities, and number licensed child care centers.

This year we have taken out the Head Start indicator, one of our core variables, because some of the grantees did not respond to

requests for enrollment data. We have substituted the percent of four year olds enrolled in pre-kindergarten.

A composite county rank is derived by averaging the 12 indicator ranks. This is done to give each indicator equal weight. The average ranks are sorted from 1 (best) to 55 (worst). All rate/percent and percent changes are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent. 'NC' indicates there was no change between the base and current rate. 'NA' indicates that data were not available. 'NM' (no measure) is used when the base data is zero, and the most current data are any value above zero because a percent change from zero cannot be calculated. When the base data is any value above zero and the most current data is zero, the percent change shown is always 100 percent.

More detailed information about the individual indicators, percent changes and rankings are available by request to KIDS COUNT. Call 1-888-KIDSCOUNT (888-543-7268) or email [margie@wvkidscount.org](mailto:margie@wvkidscount.org).

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