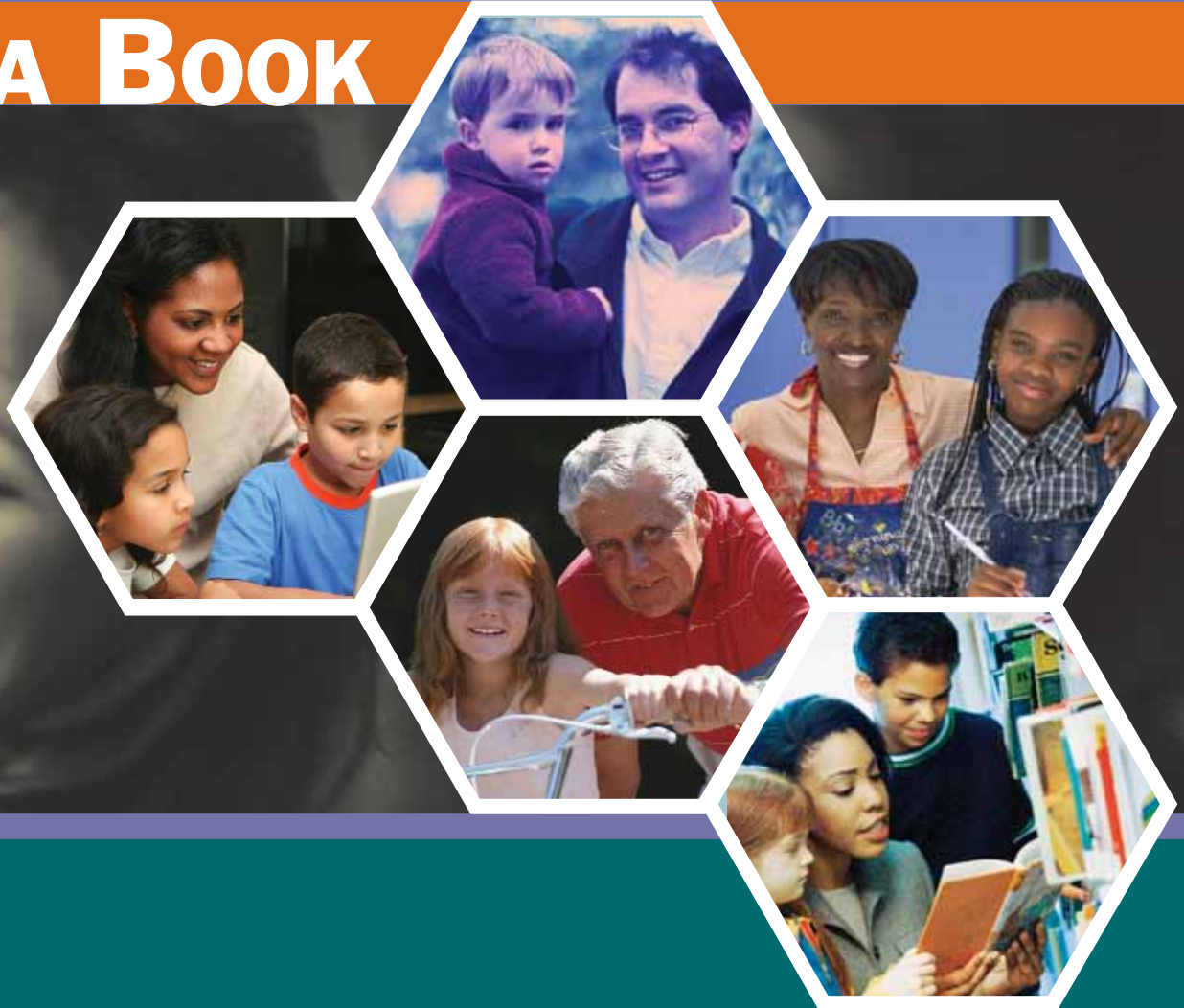
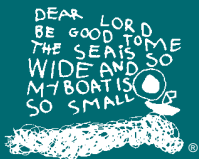


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What Is KIDS COUNT?



KIDS COUNT is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation which is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being, the KIDS COUNT goal is to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children.

Children's Defense Fund – Ohio serves as the state-level KIDS COUNT grantee for Ohio. As part of the KIDS COUNT network, CDF – Ohio strives to improve programs and policies for children and families by collecting and reporting credible data and promoting the use of data-based advocacy and communications strategies by releasing periodic issue briefs, issuing an annual state data book regarding the well-being of children and families in Ohio, and providing other resources available on our website. Please visit our website at www.childrensdefense.org to locate an electronic copy of this data book, the state and county fact sheets, other resources and previous KIDS COUNT publications. CDF-Ohio staff is available to present KIDS COUNT information to groups and agencies.

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About Children's Defense Fund



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Children's Defense Fund (CDF) was founded in 1973 by Marian Wright Edelman to provide a strong and effective voice for *all* the children of America, since they cannot vote, hire lobbyists, or speak out for themselves. CDF's Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF encourages preventive investment before children get sick or into trouble, drop out of school or suffer family breakdown. Using research and data, we work to shape federal, state and local policies that best serve our children's needs in a cost-effective manner.

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About This Data Book

Ohio's KIDS COUNT: 2007 Data Book provides the most current, accurate information available about the well-being of Ohio's children. It contains updated data for 14 indicators in four categories of well-being that Children's Defense Fund Ohio will monitor annually, as well as additional featured indicators to draw attention to key trends in Ohio. Each well-being category includes information about and a summary of the trends for each of the indicators. There are also charts and graphs to compare the state and county data as well as additional links to resources to help readers better understand and make the data useful. We have included technical and data notes which provide definitions and identify data sources.

There are individual fact sheets which contain data on the indicators for Ohio and each of the 88 counties. The data book and the fact sheets are also available on our website at www.childrensdefense.org.

INTRODUCTION

“ *A Hundred years From Now...
it will not matter what my bank
account was, the sort of house
I lived in, or the kind of car I
drove... but the world may be
different because I was important
in the life of a CHILD.* ”

Dr. Forest E. Witcraft
from “*Within My Power*”



This year’s annual data book focuses on areas that make a difference in the well-being of Ohio’s children before and after they are born. The four categories are:

ECONOMIC SECURITY • HEALTH • EDUCATION • SAFETY

Within these categories are 14 child-well being indicators that we have identified to measure the progress Ohio and each of the counties is making towards improving the lives and futures of its children and communities.

Based on what we know through volumes of research, these areas individually and together impact the lives of our children and society. When family income rises, poor children experience better developmental outcomes. Providing health care coverage for women and children is less costly, both in health outcomes and the cost to the community, than allowing them to be uninsured.

Failure to support the areas that impact child well-being creates an adverse domino effect for children. The child who does not have breakfast has difficulty concentrating on the teacher’s instructions and becomes a behavior problem; the uninsured child who does not have access to dental care may end up requiring thousands of dollars worth of hospital care and ultimately dying from an untreated abscess; or the child who ends up in the foster care system is more likely to become homeless and involved with the criminal justice system.

The public will must respond holistically to the needs of children because children don’t come in pieces. In order for a child to thrive and have a productive future, communities, existing family serving systems, legislators, public, private and nonprofit organizations must come together to collectively meet our children’s needs.

—November 2007, *Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio*

WHO ARE OHIO'S CHILDREN?

It would take 27 Ohio State University football stadiums to hold the more than 2.7 million Ohio children under the age of 18. There are about equal numbers of younger children and teens. Each one of these children should have the opportunity to attend The Ohio State University or whatever higher education institution they choose. But, as the data shows, we know that is not the case. Although Ohio's rate of teens dropping out of high school has improved, six percent of teens continue to dropout, eight percent of teens are not attending school and not working, and over 12,000 babies were born to teen mothers. Over 200,000 of our children are without health insurance, which has an impact on the quality of every day life for these children, their families and the community.



The majority (78%) of Ohio's children are White, 15% are Black and there has been an 18% increase in children of more than one race between 2001 and 2005. Ohio is home to an increasing immigrant population. There has been a 15% increase in the Asian/Pacific Islander and an 8% increase in the Hispanic/Latino populations between 2001 and 2005. Between 2000 and 2005 there has been a 17% overall increase in the number of children in immigrant families. These families originate from Asia, Mexico, Central America and an increasing population from Africa. This increase of children in families coming from outside of the United States has created challenges for our educational, social support and community systems at-large. It is important that the needs of these children are not overlooked or ignored.

The economic outlook is not good for Ohio's children, with a 13% increase in the percentage of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment and a 19% increase in the percentage of children living in poverty between 2000 and 2005. Annually, over 28,000 Ohio children live in foster care and are in need of a permanent family connection with 1,300 aging out of the system with no permanent family. Over 100,000 children are living in the care of grandparents where there is no parent present.

Since the early 1990's, Ohio has consistently ranked in the mid-range of states for the KIDS COUNT child well-being indicators. We hope the leaders and citizens of Ohio will realize the urgent need, as indicated by this data, to focus on improving the lives of our children, ultimately resulting in a more prosperous future for all Ohioans.

Chart 1

County Type	Child Poverty 2005	Low Birth Rate 2005	Graduation Rate 2004-05	Children in Substitute Care 2005 (rate/1000)
Rural, Appalachian	19.2%	8.2%	91.0%	9.5
Rural, Non-Appalachian	12.4%	7.4%	91.9%	6.1
Metropolitan	19.1%	9.4%	83.0%	14.2
Suburban	11.7%	7.5%	92.3%	5.8

Source: Ohio Department of Health

ECONOMIC SECURITY



The future prosperity and success of Ohio depends on all children having a fair start in life, by growing up in families with adequate income to provide food, housing, clothing and other basic needs.

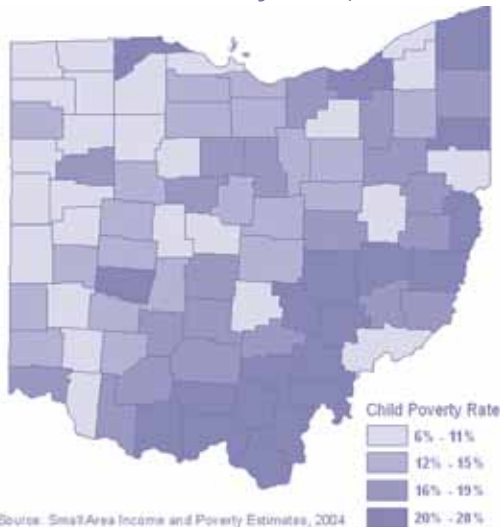
The national *KIDS COUNT Indicator Brief on Reducing the Child Poverty Rate* describes five strategies that have the best chance of lifting many families and children out of poverty, and move toward greater economic security:

- Build political will to reduce child poverty.
- Create more living-wage jobs.
- Strengthen the economic safety net.
- Help low-income families keep more of what they earn.
- Help low-income families build savings and assets.¹

How We Measure It

Kids Count Ohio measures economic security for children by looking at five factors: children living in poverty, children receiving free or reduced price school lunch, children receiving food stamps, children in the child care assistance program, and the state and county unemployment rates. (Complete data definitions can be found on page 118).

Ohio Child Poverty Rate, 2004



Children Living in Poverty

As the national KIDS COUNT Indicator Brief on child poverty notes, “The percentage of children who live in poverty is among the most widely used indicators of child well-being because poverty is associated with so many potential negative outcomes in the areas of health, education, emotional well-being, delinquency, and occupational attainment.”² In Ohio, an estimated 463,954 children, almost 17%, were living in families making less than the poverty rate in 2004. This number has varied year by year since 2001. Of these families, 72% have single parents, 32% have unemployed parents and 53% of parents lack a high school education. Child poverty is not evenly distributed among Ohio counties. It ranges from over 26% in Gallia, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto and Vinton counties, to being below 10% in Auglaize, Delaware, Geauga, Lake, Medina, Mercer, Putnam, Union, Warren, Wood and Wyandot counties. (See Map).

Children Receiving Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch

Measuring the percentage of children in the federal school lunch program is a way to capture the

economic well being of school age children, since the cut-off for program enrollment is 180% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Children of color in Ohio are more likely to live in low-income families than their white peers. The National Center for Children in Poverty uses census data to calculate that 2 out of 3 African American children in Ohio live in low-income families, compared to half of Latino children and about 28% of white children.³ Low-income children also shared a number of other family characteristics, including being more likely to have unemployed parents or single parents, and more housing instability. (See Chart 2).



Data from the state school lunch program shows that in school year 2003-04, one-third of students were eligible for free or reduced price school lunch, based on their applications for the program. This percentage increased somewhat from 29% in school year 2001-02. As with child poverty, Ohio counties vary greatly in the percentage of students receiving free or reduced price lunch, ranging from under 12% in Warren, Delaware, and Geauga counties, to more than half of students in Meigs, Adams, and Vinton counties.

Chart 2

Income	Ohio	U.S.
Children below Poverty Line	17%	18%
Children in Low-Income Families (<200% of poverty)	36%	39%
Family Characteristics		
	Low-Income	Above Low-Income
Parents Unemployed	19%	1%
Single Parent Family	57%	17%
Moved in the Last Year	19%	8%
Owens a Home	47%	88%

Source: National Center for children in Poverty, Demographic Profiles, 2007. www.nccp.org

Unemployment Rate

When low-income parents have adequate income and work supports, they are able to bolster their employment stability, their earnings, and the health and well being of their children. As the national Kids Count report *Increasing the Percentage of Children Whose Families Have Stable Employment*



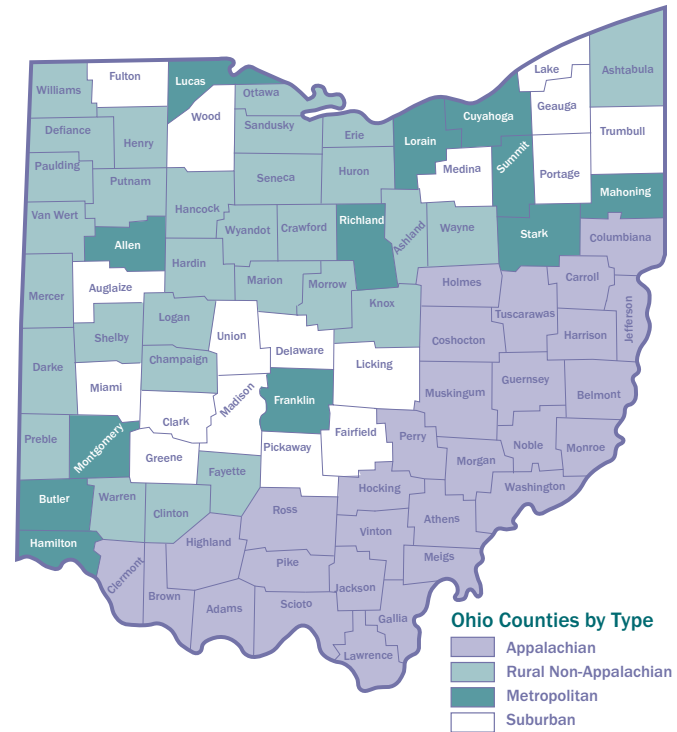
notes, “When parents have secure employment, with earnings sufficient to meet their families’ basic needs, children benefit in many ways. Their odds of having good nutrition, decent, stable housing, and adequate health care increase. Employment affects children in other ways as well... Unstable employment or working at multiple unrelated jobs is associated with adults’ poor health and early death. By easing parental depression and alleviating stress, employment can improve family functioning and create a more positive home setting for children. In addition, going to work can put parents in contact with wider social networks, which can contribute to better physical and mental health.

Wider social networks also expand parents’ access to information and resources that can help them support their children’s development and education.”⁴

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau compiled by the National Center for Children in Poverty, 19% of low-income children in Ohio do not have an employed parent, and 33% have at least one parent working part-time or seasonally.⁵ In 2005, the annual unemployment rate for Ohio was close to 6%. This rate has been steady since 2002. The unemployment rate is more uniform across the state than other indicators in this category, although it reaches 10% or more in Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, and Pike counties.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

Hunger is a reality in Ohio, and participation in the food stamp program is one way to measure that risk. However, not all eligible families participate, and hunger remains a concern. According to Ohio Children’s Hunger Alliance, children in food insecure households, “live in a state of vulnerability, living each day without knowing where their next meal will come from – if one at all... Those who are food insecure often worry about where they will find their next meal and are often forced to seek assistance through emergency resources like food pantries or soup kitchens. However, our goal for all children is food security, which is defined as access at all times to enough food for active healthy living.”⁶



Almost 13% of households in Ohio experienced food insecurity from 2003-05, which was above the U.S. average of 11%, and an increase from 10% in 1996-98.⁷ The federal Food Stamp Program is one initiative to help reduce food insecurity. Nationally, about half of all food stamp recipients are children, and most live in households that do not receive other forms of cash assistance such as welfare or social security payments.⁸ In 2005, 520,666 Ohio children received food stamps, or about 1 in 5. This figure increased steadily from 2001. Similar to other indicators of family economic strength, Ohio counties differ widely in the percentage of children receiving food stamps, from a low of 3% in Geauga County, to a high of 34% in Scioto County.

Chart 3

Early Care Data From the National Survey of Children’s Health, 2003

INDICATOR	OHIO	U.S.
Early Childhood School % children ages 3-5 who regularly attended preschool, kindergarten, Head Start or Early Start during the past month	60.7%	60.3%
Child Care Use % children ages 0-5 who regularly attended non-parental child care during the past month?	66.8%	65.1%
Child Care Issues % children ages 0-5 whose parents who either had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change due to child care reasons in the past year	33.2%	36.3%
Staying Home Alone % children ages 6-11 who stayed home alone during the past week	15.9%	18.4%

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (2005). National Survey of Children’s Health, Data Resource Center on Child and Adolescent Health www.nschdata.org

Children in Child Care Assistance Programs

The foundation for school success begins in early childhood. The building blocks for a child’s future brain development are put in place by their family and community environments. If these environments are strong, children have a good foundation for further learning once they enter school. However, children with weaker foundations do not fare as well. For example, a study that examines children’s educational success by the end of first grade found that children from families with low socioeconomic status, as well as non-white children and children who spoke a language other than English at home, had lower levels of cognitive achievement, social skills and physical well-being. This reflected differences at school entry that persisted and in some cases, widened over time.⁹

Chart 4

Average Weekly Cost for Full Time Child Care

Child Care Center	2001	2006
Infant	\$134	\$157
Toddler	\$119	\$142
Preschooler	\$107	\$128
Schoolager	\$93	\$110
Family Child Care Home	2001	2006
Infant	\$102	\$122
Toddler	\$101	\$116
Preschooler	\$94	\$110
Schoolager	\$90	\$100

Source: Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association



Data from the National Survey of Children's Health suggests that over 60% of Ohio children age 3-5 are in an early childhood education program, and 67% of all children under 5 are in some type of non-parental childcare setting each week. Ohio has several state-funded programs to help low-income children gain access to high-quality, early childhood education experiences.

In 2005, 95,966 children in Ohio received a subsidy to help cover the cost of their child care. This represents a decrease from 2003, but an increase from the number receiving assistance in 2001.

Turning Data Into Action

Tax Credits for Working Ohioans

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the largest poverty reduction program in the United States. Each year EITC lifts millions of people above the poverty line. EITC is a federal tax benefit that reduces taxes for low to moderate income workers who meet the income requirements. Even workers whose earnings are too low to owe income tax can get EITC. This financial support gives working families an opportunity to support their families and the local economy.

The credit can be claimed when filing an annual return or throughout the year through the Advanced Earned Income Credit. In the 2004 tax year, Ohio had over 781,000 taxpayers claim an estimated \$1.4 billion in credits. The average total refund for all credits was \$2,954. For the 2007 tax year qualifying married couples earning less than \$35,241 with one child can receive up to \$2,853; single parent families earning less than \$33,241 with one child can receive a up to \$2,853. The maximum credit is \$4,716. Individuals may be eligible to receive EITC for the previous three years.

Many families eligible for EITC may also qualify for the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC). This is a credit for families with children 16 years of age or younger at the end of 2007. Children who qualify include sons, daughters, stepchildren, grandchildren, adopted and foster children, brothers, sisters, stepsiblings and their descendents such as nieces and nephews. The credit can be worth up to \$1,000 per child for the 2007 tax year. Eligible workers must have had taxable income above \$11,750 in 2007 and file a federal tax form.

Free tax preparation is available for individuals eligible for the EITC and CTC through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites across Ohio. For more information about tax credit and tax preparation assistance, contact Sonja Shute with Children's Defense Fund Ohio at (614) 221-2244 or the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040.

For More Information

The National Center for Children in Poverty <http://www.nccp.org>

The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) is the nation's leading public policy center dedicated to promoting the economic security, health, and well-being of America's low-income families and children. NCCP uses research to inform policy and practice with the goal of ensuring positive outcomes for the next generation. We promote family-oriented solutions at the state and national levels.

Children's Hunger Alliance <http://www.childrenshungeralliance.org>

This organization focuses on combating child hunger throughout the state. CHA provides food and nutrition education to children, as well as contacts local communities and governmental agencies to expand existing nutrition programs. CHA has offices in a few major Ohio cities – Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Office of Family Stability

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/index.stm>

This website offers links to the different food programs within the state (Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Emergency Food Assistance Program, and Food Stamps), and links to cash programs and other supportive services within the state.

Ohio Work First Program <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/cmandfsa.stm>

Provides temporary assistance to needy families through the TANF program. The above link takes you to the page where individuals can apply for the Ohio Works First program and/or other assistance programs.

Ohio Office of Unemployment Compensation <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouc/>

This office provides information and application for unemployment benefits and employment opportunities.

Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association <http://www.occrra.org/>

The Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association (OCCRRA) promotes the positive development of all children, especially those in out-of-home learning environments. OCCRRA's membership consists of resource and referral agencies providing services to families, early childhood professionals, and communities throughout Ohio. Each member agency maintains a regional database of child care providers, provides families with information on how to select care, increases the quality effectiveness of providers by offering professional development opportunities, and provides information to policy and decision makers.

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<http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/PublicationsSeries/KCIndicatorBriefs.aspx>
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When children have a healthy start in life by having a healthy birth, receiving good health care, and living in healthy environments, they are able to grow and flourish.

There are many social and environmental factors that affect children's health, and the presence or absence of these factors influence important conditions such as asthma; obesity; effects from lead, mercury and other environmental toxins; and mental health. There are many state and national initiatives to improve child health throughout the United States including those focused on improving maternal health and pregnancy outcomes, preventing adolescent pregnancies and births, and expanding health insurance to cover all children.

How We Measure It

Kids Count Ohio measures the health of children in Ohio counties by looking at three indicators available at the county level: births to adolescents, children born at low birth-weight, and children enrolled in public health care programs. (Complete data definitions can be found on page 118.)

Births to Adolescents

When adolescents give birth, it affects both the young parents themselves as well as their children. According to a summary of research from the national Kids Count *Indicator Brief on Reducing the Teen Birth Rate*, women who give birth before age 20 are more likely to drop out of school and to live in poverty. Their babies are more likely to be born at a low birth weight, experience health problems and developmental delays, experience abuse or neglect, and perform poorly in school. As they grow older, these children are more likely to drop out of school and end up as teen parents themselves.¹ In all of these ways, adolescent childbearing exacts a high cost both to individuals and to society as a whole.

In Ohio in 2004, 4,871 women under the age of 18 gave birth. The birth rate for 15-17 year olds was about 19 per 1000. This rate has declined somewhat since the first part of the decade (see Chart 5). The majority of Ohio counties had a decrease in this rate. A number of counties have rates much higher than the state rate, including Allen, Clinton, Fayette, Lucas, Jackson, Madison, Marion, Pike, Ross, and Scioto counties.



Chart 5

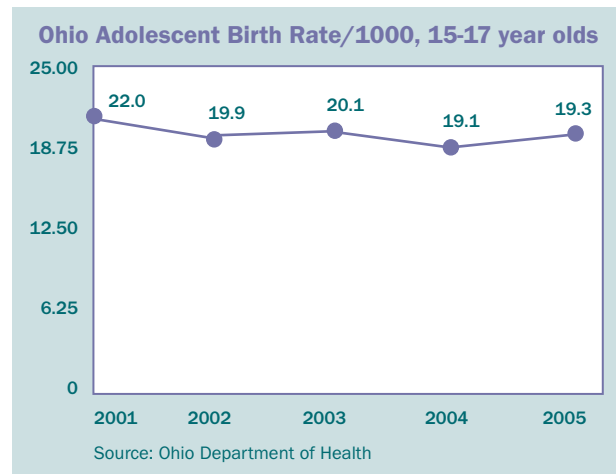
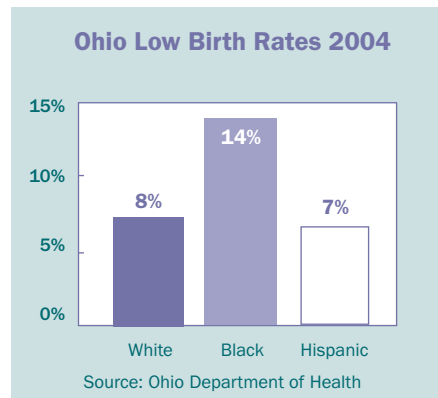


Chart 6



Children Born at Low Birth Weight

When children are born weighing less than 5.5 pounds, they are considered to be low birth weight. Low birth weight is frequently the result of preterm birth. According to the March of Dimes, risk factors for preterm birth include smoking during pregnancy, inadequate maternal weight gain, alcohol or drug use during pregnancy, and infections in the mother or the fetus. Multiple births, and births to women under age 17 and over age 35 are also more likely to be low birth weight. Children born at low birth weight are more susceptible to a host of problems, including increased health problems during infancy, long-term disability, and learning disorders.²

There are significant disparities in low birth weight by race. In Ohio, as well as nationally, African American women are twice as likely to have low birth weight babies than are white women. Nationally in 2004, rates of low birth weight were 14% for African American infants, 8% for Asians, and about 7% for American Indians, Latinos and whites.³ In Ohio, disparities by race are quite similar (see Chart 6).

Overall in 2004, 12,852 babies were born at low birth weight in Ohio, or about one out of eleven. This rate has mirrored the steady national increase, growing by 9% from 2001 to 2005. There are several Ohio counties where the percentage of babies born at low birth weight exceeds 10%, including Cuyahoga, Fayette, Gallia, Hamilton, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Perry, and Washington.

Children in Public Health Care Programs

Since 1997, expansions to Medicaid and creation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) have reduced the level of uninsurance among children from 23% to 15% nationally. Children who have health insurance are more likely to have a usual source of care, to have well-child visits and dental visits, and less likely to have unmet health needs. When parents do not have employment-based coverage because either their jobs do not offer insurance or the family premiums are too expensive, their children lack insurance. Public health insurance programs can help meet this gap. Nationally, over one fourth of all children and over one half of low-income children receive medical care through public insurance programs.⁴

According to data assembled by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 8% of children in Ohio were uninsured in 2004-05, compared to 11% nationally. Children in Ohio were more likely to have employer-sponsored coverage, and poor children in Ohio were more likely to receive Medicaid than were children in the U.S. as a whole.⁵ In the state fiscal year 2005, 2,759,112 Ohio children received their health care through the Healthy Start (SCHIP) and Healthy Families

Chart 7

Selected Data From the National Survey of Children's Health, 2003

	OHIO	US
Overall Child Health Status % children whose overall health is excellent or very good	88.9%	84.1%
Moderate or Severe Health Problems % children with health problems rated as moderate or severe by parents	8.7%	7.9%
Impact of Asthma % children affected by asthma during past year	9.2%	8.0%
Missed School Days % school age children who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year due to illness or injury	5.9%	5.2%
Obesity % of children whose BMI indicates that they are overweight	14.2%	14.8%
Parents' Concerns % children ages 0-5 whose parents have one or more concerns about child's learning, development, or behavior	37.5%	36.6%
Socio-Emotional Difficulties % children ages 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior, or getting along with others	10.7%	9.2%
Breastfeeding % children ages 0-5 who were breastfed for any length of time	65.4%	72.3%
Preventive Health Care % children with a preventive medical care visit in the past year	80.1%	77.8%
Preventive Health and Dental Care % children with both a preventive medical care visit and a preventive dental care visit in the past year	61.2%	58.8%
Mental Health Care % children with current emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems who received some type of mental health care during the past year	61.2%	58.7%
Medical Home % children who have a personal doctor or nurse from whom they receive family-centered, accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive and coordinated health care	52.3%	46.1%

Source: Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (2005). National Survey of Children's Health, Data Resource Center on Child and Adolescent Health www.nschdata.org



Medicaid programs. This was 41% of all children in the state. In twenty-seven counties, 50% or more of children participate in these programs, including more than 70% in Pike and Vinton counties.

Children’s Dental Health

Many children in Ohio face serious challenges to their oral health. According to a recent report from the Ohio Department of Health, *Oral Health and Access to Dental Care for Ohioans, 2007*, “Dental care remains the No.1 unmet health care need for Ohio children and low-income adults.”

Cavities: 26% of children in third grade and 28% of 3-5-year-old Head Start children have untreated cavities.

Toothaches: One in 10 children has had a recent toothache.

Disparities: Disease rates are significantly higher among children from low-income families and those from Appalachia.

Access to Care: The children most likely to have untreated cavities are poor, non-white, and/or reside in Appalachian counties.

Uninsured: 23% of Ohio children (about 670,000) are uninsured for dental care.

Medicaid: Only 5% of Ohio Medicaid recipients under age 3, and 44% of those ages 3-18 years had a dental visit in 2005.

Source: Ohio Department of Health, *Oral Health and Access to Dental Care for Ohioans, 2007*.
www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/ohs/oral/oral1.aspx

Turning Data into Action

Developing Pictures of Youth with Behavioral Health Care Needs

An oft-overlooked but integral factor in the well being of Ohio’s children is the treatment of emotional and behavioral conditions. Synthesis Incorporated was founded in 1987 to conduct research and provide training to assist behavioral health service providers in the development and coordination of initiatives designed to foster more efficient and effective systems of care.

Over a period of years, Synthesis has developed an approach called Cluster-Based Planning and Outcomes Management (C-POM), which seeks to break through the tendency towards a “one-size-fits-all” system and which moves beyond the “fuzzy” description of youth as being Severely Emotionally Disabled. Cluster-Based Planning is a more holistic, historical approach which identifies natural subgroups (or clusters) within large clinical populations. Children and youth in these clusters share common strengths, problems, treatment histories, socio-environmental contexts or life situations.

Past experience and continuing research (funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and community agencies) are demonstrating that members of different clusters face different challenges and often require different types and intensities of services or treatment approaches.

Written descriptions of 10 clusters of youth and their families have been created using techniques which combine the knowledge from work groups of community experts representing schools, child protective services, mental health and substance abuse agencies, juvenile courts, parent advocacy groups, and health departments. Thus assessment and treatment for a depressed youth who for a long time may have felt lonely, unsuccessful, and out of place, even though s/he appeared to have many friends, may take a very different approach from an emotionally stronger child who is having trouble adjusting to a stressful life situation or crisis. This would be the case despite the two sharing some surface symptoms. Cluster-Based Planning seeks to create a common language across systems and for those involved in helping the youth and his/her family. This improved dialogue helps everyone target outcomes in order to more easily address the concerns of distressed youth.

The Maumee Valley Guidance Center, which works with troubled youth in Defiance, Fulton, Williams and Henry counties in Northwestern Ohio has incorporated C-POM into their youth case management training. There, entry-level caseworkers are trained in how to work with youth and their families to formulate treatment plans by using the clusters. Furthermore, the Center has used the cluster-based system to divide cases by specialization of the worker instead of geographically, as was the situation previously. Organizations such as the Madison County Department of Family and Children use C-POM to understand which clusters constitute the largest proportions of youth on their caseloads. This helps them plan for needed services and pinpoint existing services to address the specific needs of the youth in each cluster and their families.

Organizations such as Synthesis Incorporated are acting on behalf of Ohio's children by seeking to cultivate a greater understanding of youth with behavioral health care needs in order to improve the quality of such care for everyone.

For more information on Cluster-Based Planning and Outcomes Management, contact William Ruben with Synthesis, Inc., (800) 322-9441.

For More Information

Ohio Help Me Grow Program www.ohiohelpmegrow.org

Provides developmental and health assistance from pregnancy through the toddler stage. This organization provides information on child nutrition, wellness, school readiness, safety, and other topics.

Ohio Health Plans – Healthy Start and Healthy Families

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/familychild.stm>

Information on the two different Medicaid programs for children and families.

Ohio Department of Mental Health

<http://www.mh.state.oh.us/>

This agency provides information on mental health services and resources available to families.

¹ Shore, Rima. KIDS COUNT Indicator Brief Reducing the Teen Birth Weight. Baltimore, MD: Annie E Casey Foundation, 2005. Available at: www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/PublicationsSeries/KCIndicatorBriefs.aspx

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EDUCATION

When children have a head start in life and have high-quality early childhood and school age education, their future life-chances are greatly improved. Success in school also requires stability and regular attendance, and schools that are able to meet the needs of all learners. A recent report from Achieve, Inc. on *Creating a World-Class Educational System in Ohio* notes that, “The world’s highest-performing educational systems exhibit three common attributes, which reinforce each other to ensure system alignment and focus on delivering high levels of student achievement:

- **High challenge.** Sets high expectations for student achievement for those people most responsible for student achievement (students, teachers, principals, and superintendents)
- **High support.** Provides the necessary resources to and builds the capabilities of those same people to ensure that they can meet those high expectations of student achievement
- **Aligned incentives.** Includes both positive incentives and negative consequences for meeting (or failing to meet) those expectations of student achievement

“Simply put, these systems offer an important and balanced deal to students, teachers, principals and superintendents: in exchange for accountability for delivering high levels of student achievement (high challenge and aligned incentives), they provide the resources, opportunities, information, development and targeted help necessary (high support) so these expectations can successfully be met.”¹

What We Measure

Kids Count Ohio measures the educational wellbeing of children by looking at three indicators: fourth grade proficiency in reading and math, and high school graduation. (Complete data definitions can be found on page 118.)

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading and Math

According to experts at Child Trends, reading and math proficiency are important and fundamental skills for children to develop. They note, “Students who are competent readers, as measured by their performance on reading tests, are more likely to perform well in other subjects, such as math and science. Reading achievement also predicts one’s likelihood of graduating from high school and





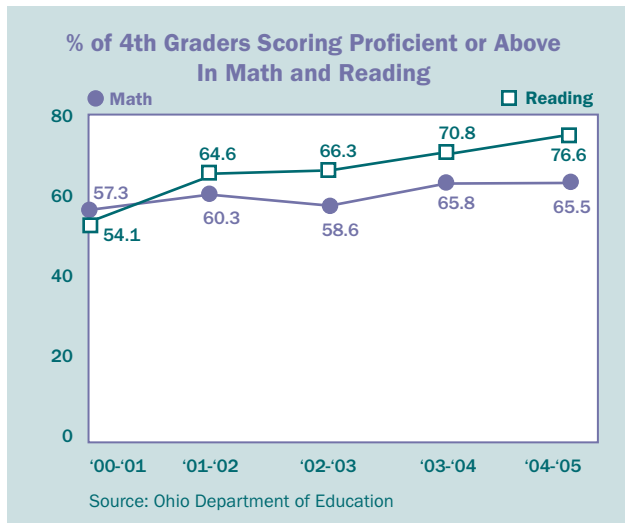
attending college.” Adults with limited reading abilities also suffer a host of consequences, such as limited employment options and the inability to pass on reading skills to their children.

Reading skills also influence students’ well-being as adults. For instance, illiterate adults find it difficult to function in society, as many basic decision-making skills require reading proficiency. People who are not able to fill out an application because of limited reading or writing skills are likely to have difficulty finding a job. Strong reading skills protect against unemployment in early adulthood. Research has confirmed that performance on adult literacy tests helps to explain differences in wages. Further, adults with limited reading abilities are likely to pass these limitations on to their children.²

Math skills are also essential for functioning in every day life. Child Trends notes that students who take higher level mathematics and science courses which require strong fundamental skills in mathematics are more likely to attend and to complete college. Competence in mathematics skills is related to higher levels of employability and since 1976, the influence of high school students’ mathematics skills on earnings later in life has grown continuously.³

Nationally, reading scores for fourth graders on the National Assessment of Educational Progress were not significantly different in 2005 from 1992. However, national math scores have increased

Chart 8



steadily since 1990. In Ohio in the 2004-05 school year, 77% of fourth grade students tested at the proficient level or above for reading. Sixty-six percent were at this level for math. Test scores improved at the state level for both reading and math during the past five years (See Chart 8), although math improvements were less dramatic and the percentage of students at the proficient level or above remains lower than for reading. There are several counties lagging up to 10 percentage points behind the state levels in reading and 20 percentage points in math. These counties include Vinton, Harrison, Morgan, Adams, Pike, Meigs, Guernsey, Marion, and Fayette.

Students Graduating From High School

Making sure that all students graduate with a high school diploma is increasingly important. As the national Kids Count Indicator Brief on *Reducing the High School Drop-out Rate* notes, “Over the past two decades, people without high school diplomas have suffered an absolute decline in real income and have dropped further behind individuals with more education. The result is a pattern of

increased economic marginalization for those with the least education. Dropouts who subsequently complete the requirements for a General Educational Diploma (GED) fare somewhat better than those who do not, but their earning capacity remains very limited.⁴

In 2005, the state Department of Education reported a graduation rate of 86.2% for Ohio high school seniors, a steady increase since 2000-01. Significant disparities in graduation rates exist by race and ethnicity; 74% of Latinos and 68% of African Americans graduated, compared to 90% of white students and 93% of Asian students (see Chart 9). Graduation rates also varied by county. Several urban counties, including Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lucas, Hamilton and Summit, had the lowest graduation rates in Ohio.

Turning Data into Action

Child Care Quality Rating Program

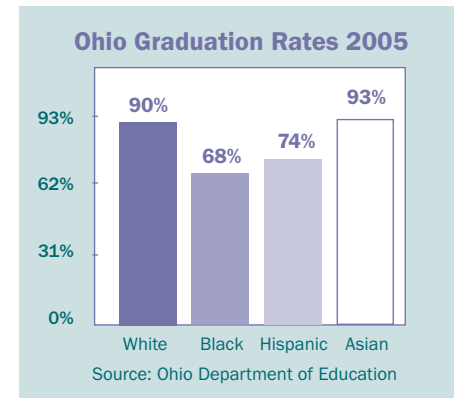
In the first two and one half years of life, 85% of a child’s brain is developed and research shows that the number of words a child enters Kindergarten with is the greatest predictor of school success. Of the 130,000 Ohio children who entered Kindergarten in 2005, 40,000 needed intervention services and several thousand will repeat kindergarten or a primary grade with only 1 in 8 catching up. The 2007 reading assessment test showed only 36% of 4th grade students were at or above proficient.

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ), a statewide voluntary quality child care rating initiative, was implemented by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in late 2006. The goal of this program is to promote school readiness by improving the quality of early care and education for all children while providing parents with an easy to use tool to assist them in making an informed decision when selecting an early childhood program for their child.

SUTQ recognizes early care and education programs that exceed quality benchmarks over and above minimum health and safety licensing standards. The program is based on national research identifying the key benchmarks that lead to improved outcomes for children. These benchmarks include low child to staff ratios, group size, accreditation, staff education, specialized training, improved workplace characteristics and early learning standards.

One, Two and Three Star rated programs provide lower staff to child ratios, administrators and teachers with higher qualifications and more specialized training in early childhood development and learning, teachers who are familiar with Ohio’s Early Learning Content standards which

Chart 9



outline what children should know and be able to do when they enter kindergarten, and have increased administrative supports in the area of benefits and compensation.

There are approximately 4,100 licensed centers in Ohio. In SUTQ's first year, more than 400 programs are participating. A total of 11,490 children are served in 141 programs that have earned a star rating.

For more information about Ohio's Step Up To Quality program and to locate child care providers who are rated, contact the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services at (614) 466-6650 or visit their website at http://jfs.ohio.gov/families/child_care/index.stm.

For More Information

Gear up Ohio <http://regents.ohio.gov/gearup/>

Gear Up (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a new program in Ohio founded in 2006. The purpose of this organization is to encourage students in the pursuit of a successful academic career.

Ohio Head Start Association, Inc. www.ohsai.org

Lists local program information for each of Ohio's counties.

Ohio Department of Education <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

This agency provides information and data on state district school systems and students.

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Giving all children a safe start in life is important, because not all children grow up in an environment of physical and emotional safety, free from violence. When their families, communities, homes and schools work together to create healthy, safe and nurturing environments for children, they are able to grow up to be well-functioning adults and good parents themselves.

How We Measure It

Kids Count Ohio measures child safety by looking at three county-level indicators: children abused or neglected, children in foster care, and felony adjudications of adolescents. (Complete data definitions can be found on page 118.)

The Indicators

Child Abuse and Neglect

Children in Foster Care

Maltreatment during childhood has profound and lasting experiences for the victims. However, home visiting programs and other help for families hold the possibility of reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect. Children who experience abuse or neglect from parents or other caregivers are at increased risk for experiencing adverse health effects and behaviors as adults, including smoking, alcoholism, drug abuse, physical inactivity, severe obesity, depression, suicide, sexual promiscuity, and certain chronic diseases. Victims of child maltreatment are also at increased risk of experiencing violence as adults. As many as one third of parents who experienced maltreatment in childhood may victimize their own children.¹

For children who cannot remain safely with their families, it is important to have an effective and fair foster care system, and to fully utilize the care that relatives can provide. Child welfare services in Ohio are delivered in a state-supervised, county administered system. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is the designated state agency that is responsible for oversight and compliance of the public and private children services agencies. Ohio's 88 county public children services agencies are responsible for the protection and safety of the children living within the county. In order to ensure that children are safe and that child welfare services are meeting the needs of children and families, the following programs and initiatives have been implemented in Ohio:



- Child Protection Oversight and Evaluation (CPOE) – a systematic process that ODJFS has put into place for monitoring and oversight of the compliance with rules by the county public children services agencies (PCSA). The CPOE process consists of an on-site review of each PCSA at least every 18 months. The process uses core indicators which provide information to support county practice and management. Following the on-site review, ODJFS prepares a final report that is shared with the agency. The PCSA is then required to submit to the Department, and implement, a quality improvement plan to correct findings of noncompliance.
- In 1997, Ohio implemented ProtectOHIO, a Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration project. ProtectOHIO pilots the flexible use of federal dollars in which funds normally allowed to be spent only for foster care are allowed to be spent for a range of child welfare purposes. The underlying premise for the waiver is that changes to federal child welfare eligibility and cost reimbursement requirements will change fiscal and service provision decisions that will be favorable to children and families. ProtectOHIO utilizes a managed care approach to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the child welfare system, focusing on reducing the number of children coming into care; decreasing the length of stay in care; decreasing the number of placements experienced by children already in care; and increasing the number of children reunited with their families or placed in other permanent situations. There are 14 Ohio county public child welfare agencies which have participated in the first 5 years of the waiver.

An outcome evaluation was completed for the five-year project of the demonstration counties compared to the comparison counties which can be found on the ODJFS/Office for Children and Families website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/programs.stm>. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has approved a five year extension of the ProtectOHIO waiver program through 2009.

- Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) – In 2001, the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began reviewing state child welfare services programs using performance-based outcomes to identify both the strengths and needs of State programs. The reviews examine the delivery of child welfare services and the outcomes for children and families served by Ohio's child welfare system in the areas of safety, permanency and well-being of children.

In January 2003, Ohio received the results of its first CFSR from HHS. A key finding of the CFSR was that Ohio did not achieve substantial conformity with any of the seven outcomes. The results for *safety for children* showed agencies are strong in making efforts to provide services to families to prevent removal of children while ensuring the child's safety and agencies were consistent in their efforts to reduce risk of harm to children. Improvement is needed in the development of strategies for reducing the incidents of repeat abuse and neglect. As a result of the findings of the review, Ohio

has implemented a Program Improvement Plan that addresses the areas needing improvement. The reports can be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/programs.stm>.

- Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP) - Kinship care represents the most desirable out-of-home placement option for children who cannot live with their parents. It offers the greatest level of stability by allowing children to maintain their sense of belonging and enhances their ability to identify with their family's culture and traditions. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is providing financial support to eligible kinship caregivers through the KPIP. Eligible caregivers can receive KPIP funds for each child in their care in addition to the Ohio Works First (OWF) Child Only cash assistance payment. For more information on KPIP, contact the county children services agency.

The actual number of children who are abused and neglected in Ohio is unknown. Many cases are not reported to authorities, and child protection services may sometimes incorrectly identify children who have not actually been harmed. In 2005, there were 29,337 substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Forty-three percent of these reports were for neglect. The rate of substantiated reports per 1000 children has remained relatively constant statewide since 1993, although individual counties have experienced changes. For example, Cuyahoga County decreased its rate of substantiated reports from 20 per 1000 to 9 per 1000 during those years, while many other counties had increases. Rates in 2005 varied from over 20 per 1000 in Defiance, Clinton and Richland counties, to less than 5 per 1000 in Warren, Trumbull, Pickaway, Delaware, Putnam, Medina, and Geauga counties.

In Ohio, there has been a decline in the number of children in foster care and other substitute care placements over the past five years, but a growing number of youth are coming into the system for "unruly or delinquent" behavior - 24% in 2004. These youth stay in care longer and often require more expensive placements in group or residential care. Ohio also has a disproportionate percentage of African American children in foster care. Statewide, African American children are 15% of the population, but 50% of the children in the system.² Over 30,200 Ohio children were in substitute care in 2005, a 14% decrease in the rate per 1000 since 2001. However, individual counties were variable in their rates of increase or decrease in their foster care rates. Metropolitan counties had more than double the rate of children in substitute care (14.2 per 1000) as compared to rural, non-Appalachian (6.1) or suburban counties (5.8). (See Chart 10 for more data about Ohio's substitute care placements.)

The safety and welfare of Ohio’s children is a community responsibility. In addition to the public children services agencies, families, juvenile courts, legal professionals, medical and education personnel, substance abuse and mental health professionals, law enforcement and a multitude of state and local public and private agencies must work together to ensure the well-being of our children.

Chart 10

Substitute Care in Ohio, 2004	
INDICATOR	OHIO
Median Length of Stay in Months	14.6
Mean Number of Placements	2.9
Discharge Reason	
Reunification	41.8%
Live with Other Relatives	21.5%
Adoption	15.2%
Children without a recurrence of maltreatment within 6 mos (2003)	91.6%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of last episode	13.9%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after last episode	14%

Source: Child Welfare League of America. (2006). Special tabulation of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System. Washington, DC: Author. http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/data_trends.asp

Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies

There are many types of violence in children’s lives. Many children are exposed to violent media, domestic violence, fighting and bullying from other children, and other forms of violence in their communities. A few youth become perpetrators of crimes, including felony crimes such as robbery, assault, and homicide.³

Any discussion of juvenile crime should also note that youth are more likely to be crime victims than perpetrators. Nationally in 2001, one out of 18 youth age 16-19 were victims of violent crime in the past year, far above the rates of youth committing violent crimes. Boys are more likely to be victims as well as perpetrators of crime.³ There is also serious racial bias at all levels of the juvenile justice system nationally and in Ohio.

Chart 11

The higher rates of arrest and incarceration of minority youth are out of proportion to the relatively small differences in actual violent behavior between races. National data shows that African American and Latino youth also face more punitive treatment than white youth for the same offenses.⁴

Statewide in Ohio in 2005, 8,752 youths were adjudicated for felonies, or 13 out of every 1,000. Ninety percent were between the ages of 15 and 17, and the vast majority were male. The majority of the felonies were lower-level offenses with relatively few adjudications for the most serious offenses. Rates of adjudication varied greatly between Ohio counties, but are higher in metropolitan counties than in rural or suburban counties. The rate of youth adjudications decreased statewide by 13% from 2001 to 2005 (see Chart 11).

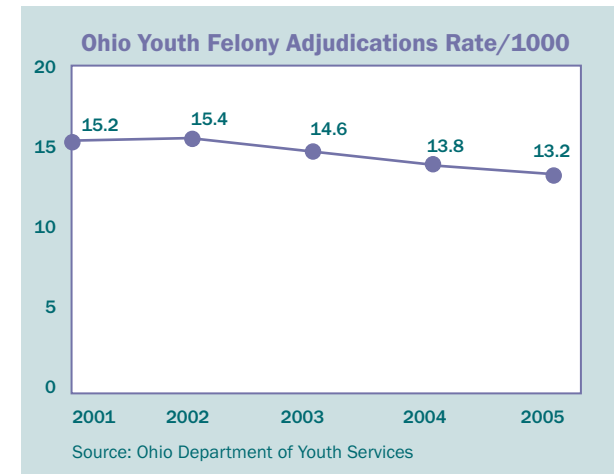
Turning Data Into Action:

A Child's Safety Net

There was a time when a child who was a victim of abuse was often re-victimized by the agencies and people who were supposed to help because of the lack of training in appropriate interview techniques. In 1985, the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) was organized as the leading organization in the country for training child abuse professionals to create a better system to help abused children. The NCAC mission is to model, promote and deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership. This work provides hope for the 250,000 children who are victims of abuse every year. The child advocacy center (CAC) model pulls together law enforcement, criminal justice, child protective service, medical and mental health professionals into one coordinated team. A CAC is a child-focused, community-oriented, facility-based program for use by the team to discuss and make decisions about investigation, treatment and prosecution of child abuse cases and efforts to prevent further victimization of children. The NCAC model programs include:

- CAC Model
- Family Advocate Model
- Forensic Evaluation Model
- Forensic Interviewing Model
- SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) Model

There are nearly 500 established and developing children's advocacy centers in the United States with continual growth.



The Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (ONCAC) was established in 1999. The ONCAC's mission is to promote the establishment and success of multidisciplinary teams and children's advocacy centers by providing support, education, and networking opportunities to enhance Ohio's response to child abuse. There were over 29,000 Ohio children abused and neglected in 2005.

The CACs are designed by communities to meet their own needs, so there are as many types of facilities in which CACs exist as there are different kinds of communities. One of the member CACs is located in Columbus, (Franklin County) Ohio. The Center for Child and Family Advocacy (CCFA), a joint effort of the Nationwide Children's Hospital (formerly Columbus Children's Hospital) and the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence (CCAFV) opened in January 2005. A national model, it was the first organization of its kind to fully integrate domestic violence and child abuse services. The CCFA provides a safe and supportive environment for families affected by violence. Representatives from local law enforcement agencies, medical services, and crisis care in addition to community resources, collaborate to educate and inform the public about domestic abuse. The CCFA program provides a holistic care management model unavailable in traditional settings.

Working closely with the Center, representatives from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Police Department, Franklin County Children Services and a victim's advocate from the Prosecutor's Office jointly collect information about each case and videotape the forensic interview, reducing the need for children to recount potentially traumatic experiences on multiple occasions.

The Franklin County model for Child and Family Advocacy is only one type of model for a Children's Advocacy Center. However, what makes it a unique and national model is the inclusion of a domestic violence program (CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence) and prevention program (Prevent Child Abuse Ohio).

The CHOICES program has placed an outpatient treatment center at the CCFA. CHOICES provides crisis and advocacy services to women who are in need as a result of domestic violence; while Franklin County Children Services provides a multi-pronged approach, making arrangements for short and long term placement options for children if necessary.

Prevent Child Abuse Ohio, the state affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse America, provides education and information resources for professionals, communities and families about child abuse. Prevent Child Abuse Ohio is the primary preventative organization at the CCFA.

The Franklin County model for Child and Family Advocacy is an example of one model for a Children's Advocacy Center. There are 29 other child advocacy centers located throughout the state of Ohio, each adapting to its community's specific set of needs. For instance, A Caring Place Child Advocacy Center in Jefferson County serves a smaller number of clients than Franklin County, and thus chooses to focus its efforts on child abuse services and collective forensic interviewing. The Tri-County Child Advocacy Center, serving primarily Trumbull, Mahoning, Ashtabula and Columbiana counties is a medical model similar to CCFA, although it is located off-site from its partner hospital.

Children's Advocacy Centers like A Caring Place, Tri-County CAC and the Center for Child and Family Advocacy are helping to stem violence against Ohio's children and promote a sense of community that provides a safe place for kids to live and grow.

For more information on Children's Advocacy Centers, contact the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers at (614) 846-2844 and the Franklin County Children's Advocacy Center at (614) 722-8200.

For More Information

Ohio Safe Kids Coalition www.ems.ohio.gov/emsc/safekids/skmain.htm

The Safe Kids Coalition supports public information and many other programs aimed at educating communities on the prevention of both fatal and non-fatal injuries to children. The Safe Kids Coalition has more than 24 regional offices throughout the state.

Ohio Department of Youth Services <http://www.dys.ohio.gov/dysweb/default.aspx>

This agency operates the state juvenile corrections and rehabilitation facilities for the confinement and treatment of youth adjudicated delinquent.

Prevent Child Abuse Ohio (PCAO) www.pcao.org

This organization is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect through community education and information. They also offer many different programs and resources.

Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) www.pcsao.org/index.htm

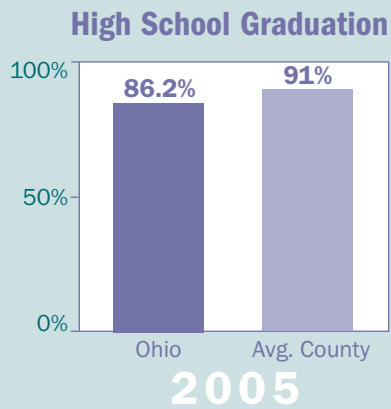
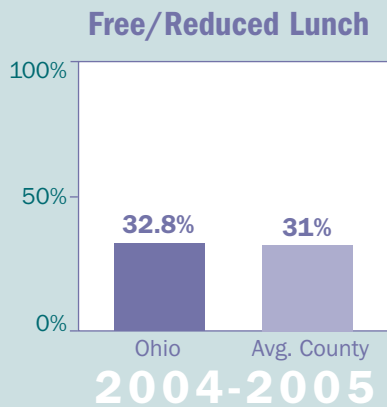
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Ohio



Capital: Columbus
 Estimated Poverty Rate: 13.0%
 Estimated Median Household Income: \$43,443
 Race: White - 9,759,187
 Black - 1,368,406
 Hispanic/Latino - 260,677



	2001 % or Rate	2003 % or Rate	2005 % or Rate
Demographics			
Estimated Total Population	11,384,992	11,431,748	11,464,042
Estimated Child Population	2,847,856	2,806,683	2,759,112
Economic Security			
Children Living in Poverty	415,602 14.8%	425,893 15.4%	
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	595,480 31.6%	583,330 30.8%	623,695 32.8%
Unemployment Rate	258,400 4.4%	361,900 6.2%	345,100 5.9%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	348,224 12.2%	461,374 16.4%	520,666 18.9%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	103,436	113,251	95,966
Health			
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	5,530 22.0%	4,989 20.1%	4,871 19.3
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	12,123 8.0%	12,344 8.3%	12,582 8.7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	771,023 27.1%	953,057 34.0%	1,120,156 40.6%
Education			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	57.3%	58.6%	65.5%
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.1%	66.3%	76.6%
Students Graduating From High School	111,107 81.1%	118,464 84.3%	116,649 86.2%
Safety			
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	30,394 10.7%	31,243 11.1%	29,337 10.6%
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	36,487 12.8%	34,008 12.1%	30,242 11.0%
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	9,886 15.2%	9,495 14.6%	8,752 13.2%

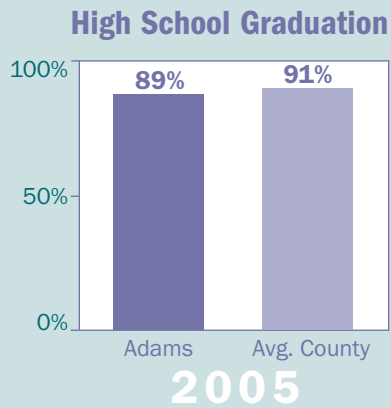
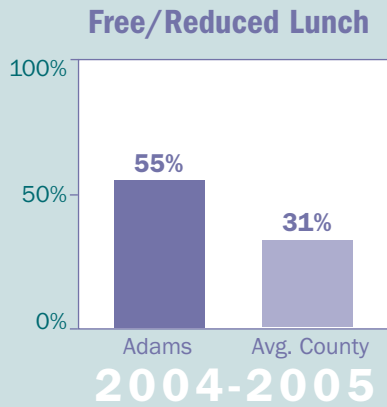
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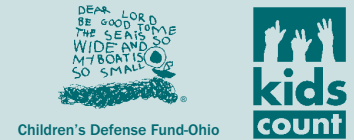


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	27,507		28,102		28,454	
Estimated Child Population	7,072		7,031		6,941	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,741	25%	1,581	23%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,257	43%	2,359	45%	2,911	55%
Unemployment Rate	900	7%	1,200	10%	1,100	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,175	17%	1,758	25%	1,968	28%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	53		40		99	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	19	30	19	27	16	21
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	26	7%	19	5%	33	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,325	47%	3,909	56%	4,715	68%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	40.3%		44.4%		48.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	35.2%		58.0%		68.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	299	79%	306	87%	311	88%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	72	10	66	9	78	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	86	12	74	11	90	13
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	12	7	12	7	26	15

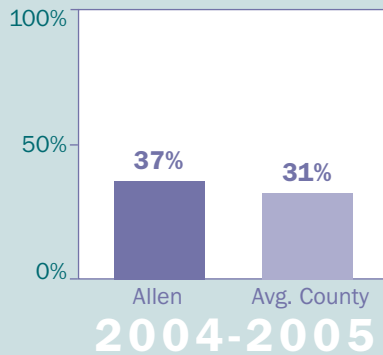
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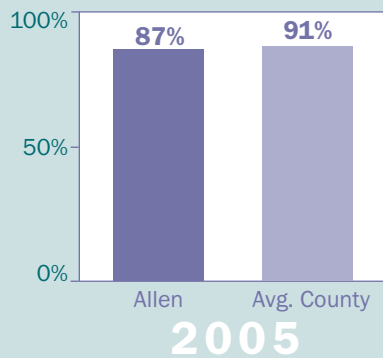
County Seat: Lima



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	108,177		107,061		106,234	
Estimated Child Population	27,764		27,266		26,766	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,351	16%	4,279	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	6,388	32%	6,633	34%	7,279	37%
Unemployment Rate	2,600	5%	3,500	7%	3,200	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	3,267	12%	4,393	16%	4,922	18%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	491		577		507	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	85	34	66	28	63	26
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	148	10%	156	11%	132	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	7,189	26%	8,850	32%	10,944	41%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading		48.0%		62.0%		74.6%
Students Graduating From High School	1,476	79%	1,536	84%	1,589	87%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	593	21	524	19	450	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	211	8	210	8	239	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	84	13	78	12	106	16

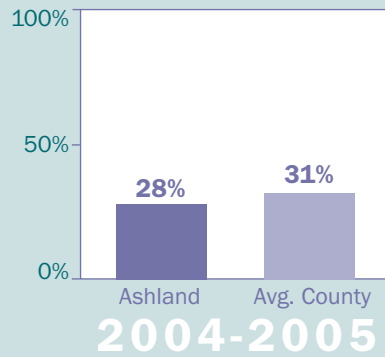
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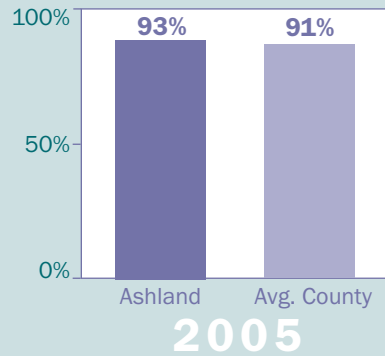
County Seat: Ashland



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	52,837	53,671	54,123
Estimated Child Population	13,293	13,040	12,645

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	1,668	13%	1,558	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,598	21%	1,961	25%	2,161	28%
Unemployment Rate	1,200	5%	1,800	7%	1,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	718	5%	1,154	9%	1,496	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	110		161		174	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	26	22	7		12	11
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	30	4%	55	9%	48	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,278	17%	3,378	26%	4,350	34%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	59.0%		65%		70.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	55.8%		69.6%		84.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	692	88%	740	94%	658	93%

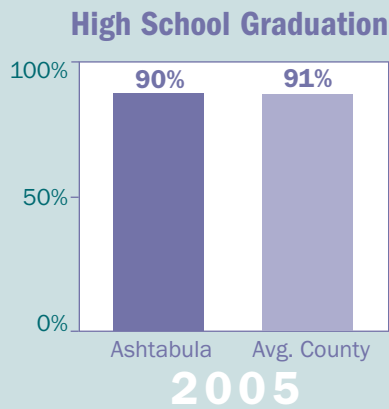
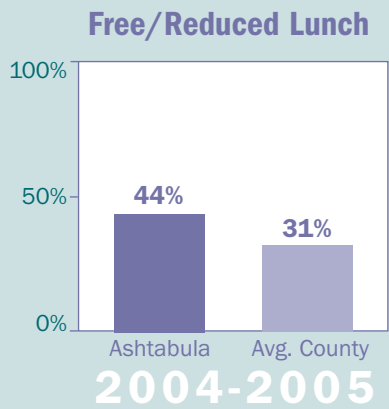
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	131	10	123	9	116	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	74	6	89	7	96	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	32	10	52	16	30	10

Ashtabula



County Seat: Jefferson

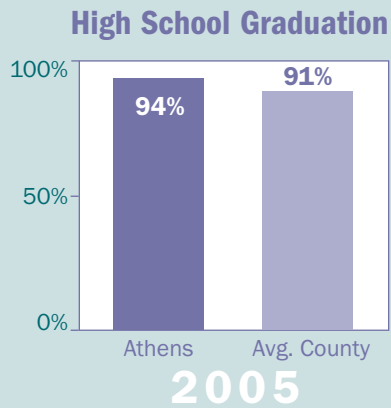
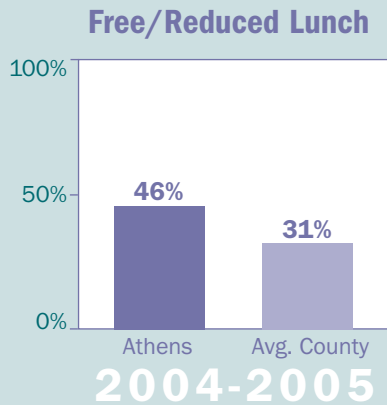


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	102,940		103,085		103,221	
Estimated Child Population	26,389		25,583		24,653	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	5,066	20%	4,669	19%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	6,458	35%	7,113	39%	7,946	44%
Unemployment Rate	3,000	6%	3,900	8%	3,600	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	3,240	12%	4,529	18%	5,247	21%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	861		945		777	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	65	28	51	21	50	21
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	92	7%	84	7%	98	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,589	33%	10,418	41%	12,220	50%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading		44.6%		56.7%		71.6%
Students Graduating From High School	1,289	85%	1,420	90%	1,431	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	142	5	190	7	152	6
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	292	11	254	10	257	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	72	11	70	11	95	15

Athens



County Seat: Athens

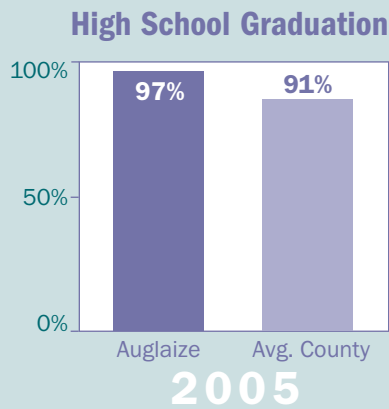
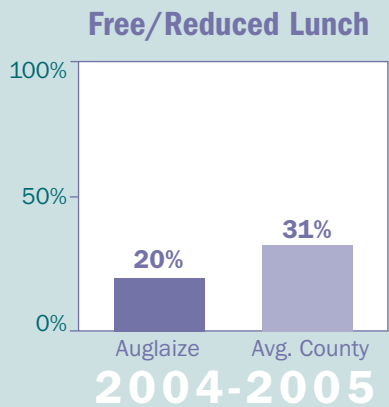


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	62,694		63,174		62,062	
Estimated Child Population	10,959		10,632		10,189	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,403	22%	2,345	22%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,447	39%	3,573	41%	4,036	46%
Unemployment Rate	1,300	5%	1,900	7%	1,900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,386	22%	2,885	27%	2,924	29%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	413		382		248	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	23	21	13	15	14	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	58	9%	42	7%	49	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	5,097	47%	5,838	55%	6,874	67%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	46.7%		51.6%		58.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	44.1%		56.8%		69.9%	
Students Graduating From High School	736	87%	670	91%	708	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	146	13	244	23	194	19
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	167	15	180	17	169	17
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	26	10	38	15	38	16

Auglaize



County Seat: Wapakoneta

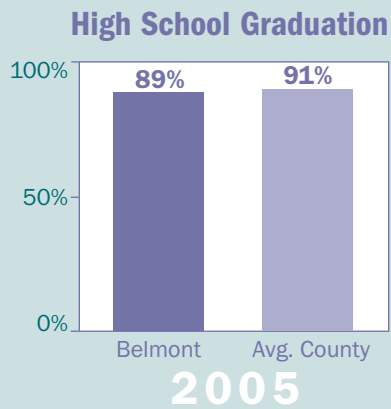
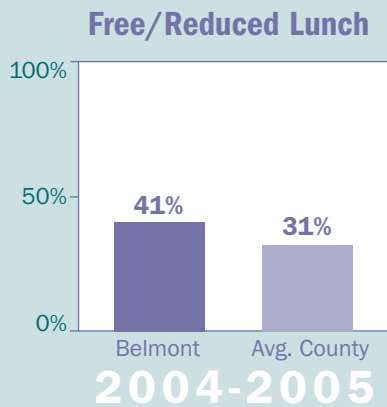


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	46,721		46,742		47,242	
Estimated Child Population	12,580		12,148		11,693	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,003	8%	984	8%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,247	14%	1,540	17%	1,739	20%
Unemployment Rate	1,100	4%	1,300	5%	1,200	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	523	4%	802	7%	970	8%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	250		172		139	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	21	18	16	13	19	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	34	6%	39	7%	44	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,534	12%	2,389	20%	2,864	24%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	67.4%		69.2%		72.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	63.3%		71.0%		83.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	663	95%	698	98%	717	97%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	29	2	94	8	114	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	63	5	50	4	18	2
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	34	11	24	8	26	9

Belmont



County Seat: St. Clairsville

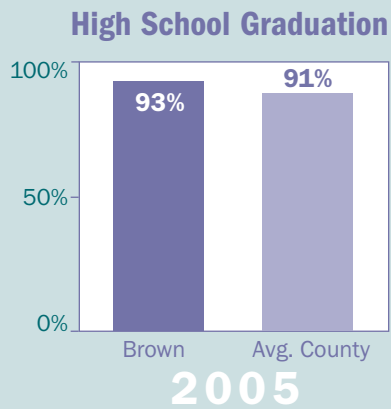
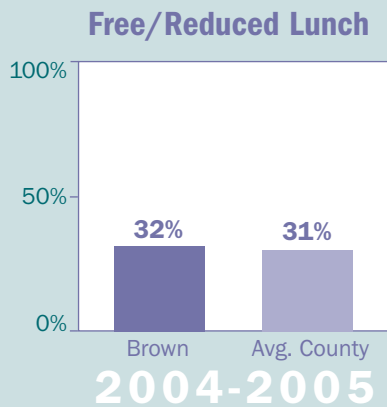
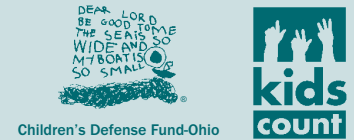


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	69,605		69,644		69,228	
Estimated Child Population	14,655		14,226		13,698	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,144	22%	3,005	22%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,515	32%	3,632	36%	4,037	41%
Unemployment Rate	1,700	6%	2,100	7%	2,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,700	18%	3,061	22%	3,140	23%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	424		459		343	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	12	8	27	20	13	9
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	53	8%	30	5%	23	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	5,998	41%	6,679	47%	7,297	53%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.3%		54.9%		66.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%		62.8%		79.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	979	87%	954	91%	903	89%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	153	10	182	13	158	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	139	9	118	8	108	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	15	4	25	7	30	8

Brown



County Seat: Georgetown

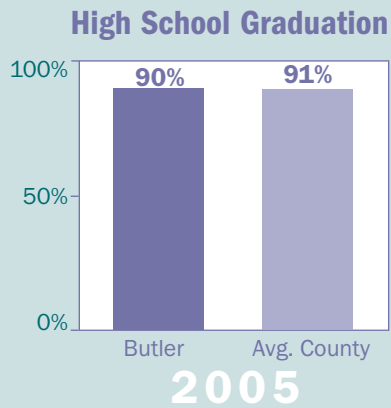
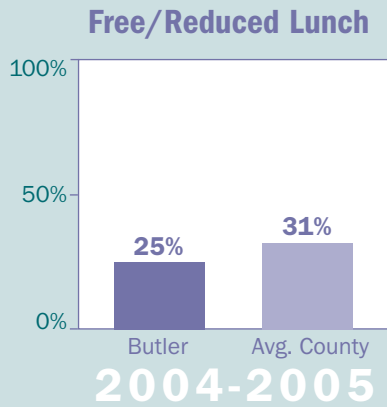


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	42,832		43,873		44,398	
Estimated Child Population	11,529		11,408		11,117	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,773	16%	1,741	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,312	27%	2,455	29%	2,753	32%
Unemployment Rate	1,200	6%	1,500	7%	1,500	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	923	8%	1,561	14%	1,677	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	101		121		139	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	15	15	30	31	18	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	35	6%	39	7%	53	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,264	28%	4,342	38%	5,105	46%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	47.2%		47.6%		58.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	49.8%		58.1%		78.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	638	80%	807	90%	774	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	118	10	102	9	105	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	133	12	109	10	129	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	35	13	59	21	40	14

Butler



County Seat: Hamilton

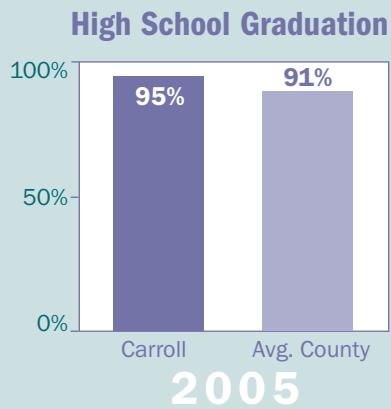
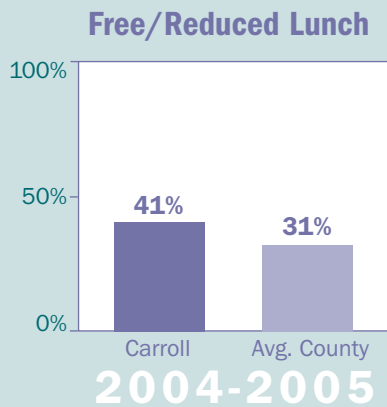


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	336,872		342,690		350,412	
Estimated Child Population	85,870		85,590		85,493	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	8,282	10%	9,861	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	10,461	20%	11,678	23%	13,182	25%
Unemployment Rate	7,000	4%	9,700	5%	9,800	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	6,793	8%	9,954	12%	12,216	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	1,438		1,457		1,811	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	142	19	157	22	165	21
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	328	7%	332	7%	387	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	15,322	18%	21,637	25%	27,621	32%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.1%		67.1%		71.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	59.4%		75.0%		82.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	3,210	81%	4,861	88%	5,015	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	486	6	396	5	787	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	680	8	658	8	683	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	328	17	311	16	280	14

Carroll



County Seat: Carrollton



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	29,024		29,500		29,388	
Estimated Child Population	7,074		6,965		6,592	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,235	18%	1,131	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,258	48%	1,303	30%	1,507	41%
Unemployment Rate	700	5%	1,100	8%	900	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	671	9%	959	14%	1,055	16%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	69		94		72	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	9		10	16	5	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	21	6%	21	7%	27	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,795	25%	2,264	34%	3,274	50%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	68.0%		61.9%		69.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	58.8%		71.0%		78.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	306	91%	276	91%	286	95%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	63	9	96	14	87	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	19	3	31	4	29	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	10	6	2	1	11	6

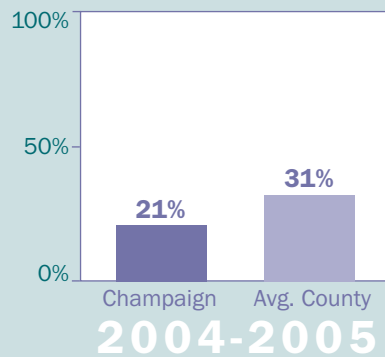
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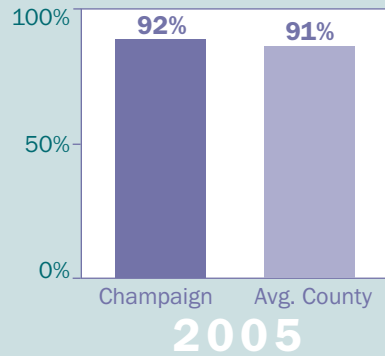
County Seat: Urbana



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	39,025	39,471	39,698
Estimated Child Population	9,979	9,811	9,601

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	1,150	12%	1,118	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	10,840	143%	1,432	18%	1,589	21%
Unemployment Rate	900	5%	1,400	7%	1,200	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	675	7%	984	10%	1,123	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	183		239		157	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	20	23	24	27	13	14
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	32	6%	29	6%	47	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,002	20%	2,551	26%	3,506	37%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	56.5%	56.8%	66.4%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	50.6%	64.1%	78.1%			
Students Graduating From High School	483	85%	513	89%	519	92%

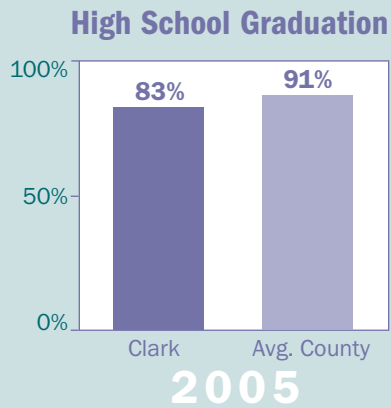
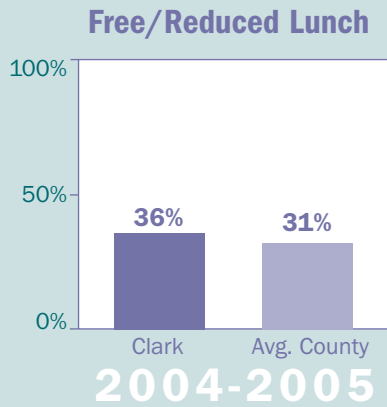
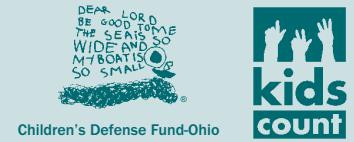
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	102	10	61	6	63	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	48	5	52	5	39	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	35	15	19	8	17	7

Clark



County Seat: Springfield

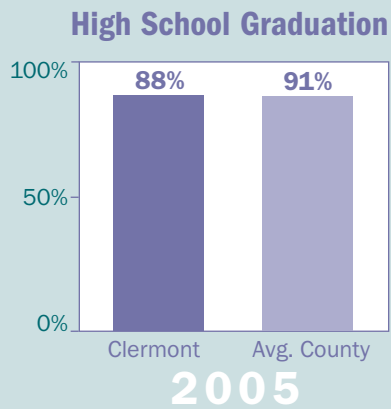
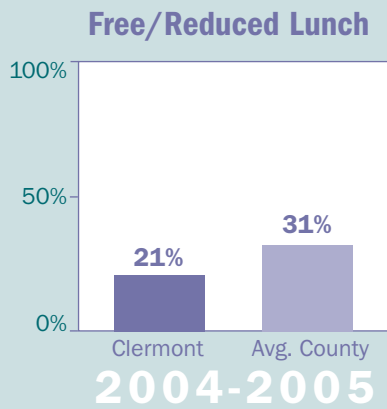
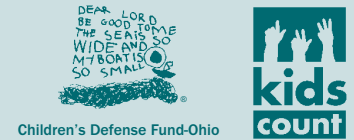


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	144,071		142,649		142,376	
Estimated Child Population	35,710		34,770		34,060	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	5,741	16%	6,169	18%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	6,966	28%	7,527	30%	8,588	36%
Unemployment Rate	3,700	5%	5,200	7%	4,400	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	5,597	16%	7,190	21%	8,084	24%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	902		946		792	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	105	32	80	26	73	23
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	145	8%	170	10%	147	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	11,663	33%	14,164	41%	16,458	48%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	52.1%		47.8%		55.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	47.5%		56.5%		69.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,630	76%	1,795	84%	1,810	83%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	200	6	356	10	324	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	436	12	356	10	317	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	211	25	241	30	217	27

Clermont



County Seat: Batavia

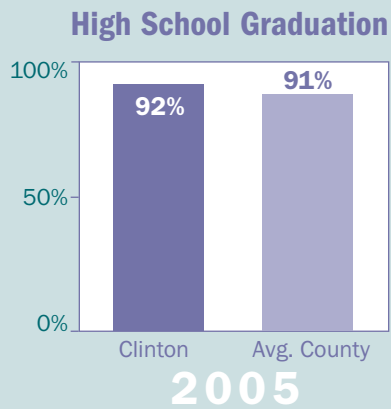
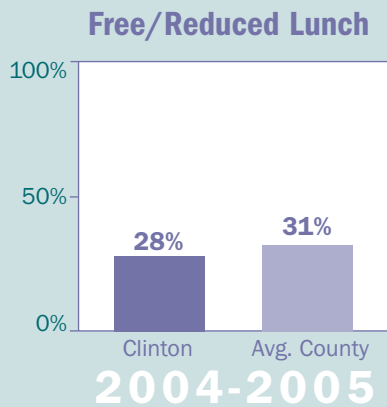


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	180,364		185,138		190,589	
Estimated Child Population	49,323		49,236		49,285	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,828	10%	4,773	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,759	17%	5,184	18%	6,281	21%
Unemployment Rate	3,900	4%	5,600	6%	5,600	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,700	5%	3,969	8%	5,093	10%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	670		751		677	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	75	18	67	16	71	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	165	6%	173	6%	193	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,607	17%	11,273	23%	15,471	31%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.1%		69.1%		75.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	61.6%		75.2%		83.3%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,827	174%	964	82%	877	88%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	334	7	436	9	384	8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	344	7	449	9	535	11
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	224	20	186	17	188	16

Clinton



County Seat: Wilmington



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	41,006		41,772		42,570	
Estimated Child Population	10,562		10,535		10,504	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,361	13%	1,354	13%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,378	18%	1,600	21%	2,189	28%
Unemployment Rate	800	4%	1,200	6%	1,200	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	710	7%	1,133	11%	1,493	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	207		236		233	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	23	24	19	21	26	30
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	34	6%	60	10%	49	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,142	20%	3,027	29%	4,577	44%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	64.9%		61.9%		66.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.3%		67.2%		74.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	495	89%	549	92%	528	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	252	24	199	19	248	24
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	66	6	68	6	107	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	22	9	44	18	36	15

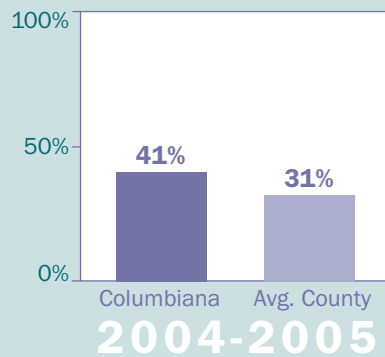
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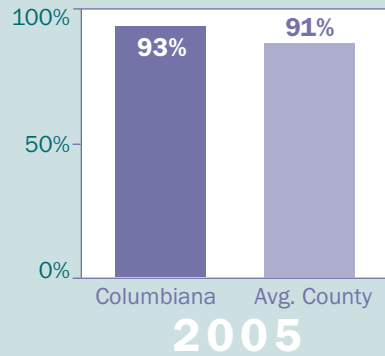
County Seat: Lisbon



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	111,673	111,549	110,928
Estimated Child Population	26,514	25,682	24,609

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	4,798	19%	4,457	18%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	5,645	31%	5,983	28%	6,933	41%
Unemployment Rate	2,900	5%	4,100	8%	3,800	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	3,684	14%	5,085	20%	5,548	23%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	1,058		1,097		925	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	35	15	37	15	39	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	96	7%	89	8%	87	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,860	33%	10,837	42%	12,698	52%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	57.6%	54.3%	63.3%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	51.6%	66.4%	76.0%			
Students Graduating From High School	1,257	87%	1,630	93%	1,357	93%

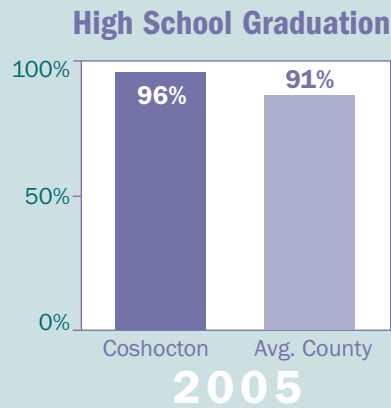
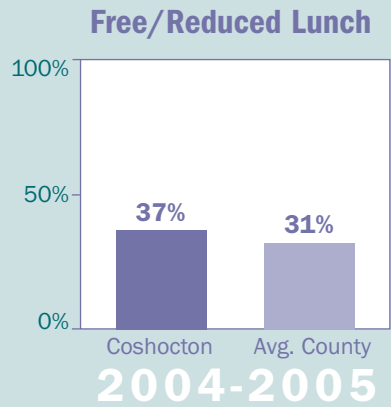
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	159	6	159	6	260	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	132	5	176	7	164	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	57	9	41	6	58	9

Coshocton



County Seat: Coshocton

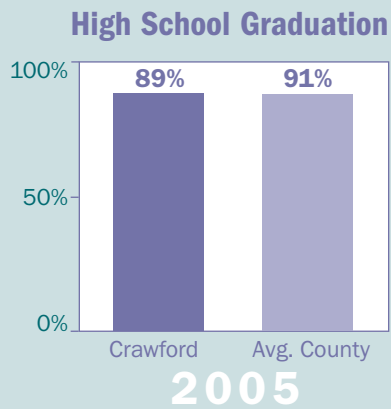
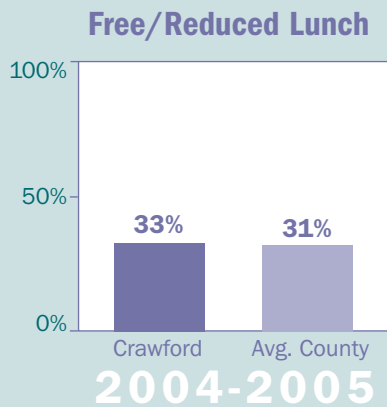


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	36,869		37,061		36,945	
Estimated Child Population	9,439		9,202		8,837	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,410	15%	1,393	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,765	28%	1,956	31%	2,129	37%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	5%	1,300	7%	1,500	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,127	12%	1,538	17%	1,893	21%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	267		297		247	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	15	16	17	20	19	24
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	35	7%	24	5%	34	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,585	27%	3,413	37%	4,016	45%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	56.9%		63.6%		66.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.0%		75.1%		81.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	590	87%	527	90%	557	96%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	85	9	91	10	112	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	56	6	40	4	32	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	38	16	26	11	19	9

Crawford



County Seat: Bucyrus

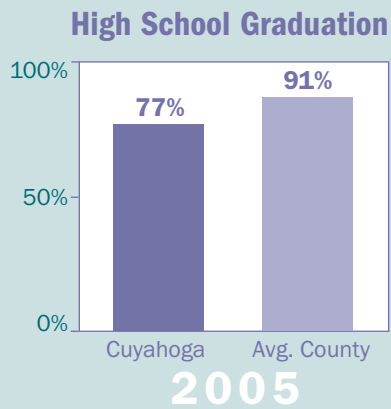
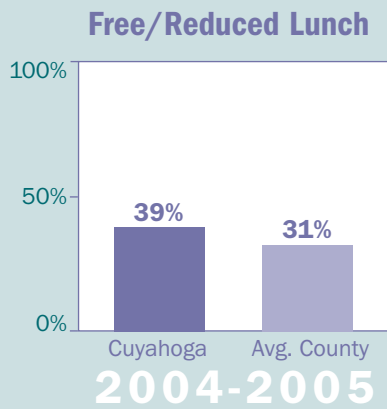


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	46,621		46,032		45,774	
Estimated Child Population	11,387		10,940		10,687	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,675	15%	1,700	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,314	28%	2,500	30%	2,722	33%
Unemployment Rate	3,900	6%	1,800	8%	1,500	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,354	12%	1,833	17%	2,069	19%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	300		300		203	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	75	25	18	18	16	16
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	42	7%	44	8%	50	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,055	18%	4,281	39%	5,339	50%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	47.9%		54.0%		59.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	46.6%		59.5%		78.9%	
Students Graduating From High School	597	83%	558	86%	522	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	98	9	118	11	123	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	120	11	83	8	111	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	25	9	24	9	32	12

Cuyahoga



County Seat: Cleveland

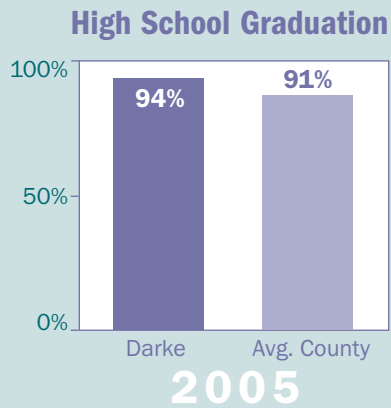
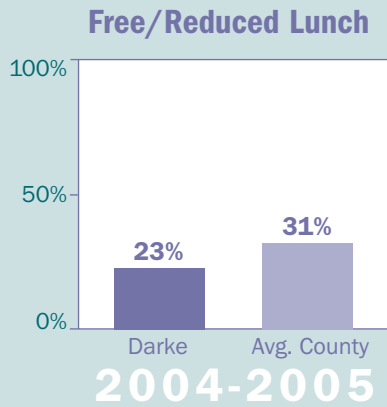


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	1,382,829		1,361,330		1,335,317	
Estimated Child Population	340,259		332,484		322,877	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	64,234	19%	67,568	21%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	93,904	40%	100,057	42%	92,543	39%
Unemployment Rate	31,000	5%	42,300	6%	39,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	64,619	19%	80,027	24%	87,123	27%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	26,440		27,180		22,640	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	828	28	709	24	666	22
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	1,695	9%	1,621	9%	1,638	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	128,430	38%	151,347	46%	160,203	50%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	54.6%		58.5%		64.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	51.8%		66.0%		72.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	11,146	69%	12,130	71%	12,056	77%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	6,940	20	5,025	15	2,883	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	9,306	27	7,268	22	4,814	15
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	1,381	18	1,457	19	1,190	15

Darke



County Seat: Greenville

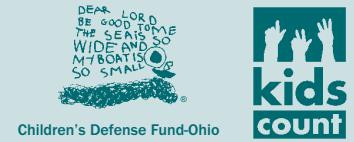


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	53,076		53,043		52,983	
Estimated Child Population	13,583		13,156		12,769	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,454	11%	1,352	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,675	19%	1,835	21%	2,015	23%
Unemployment Rate	1,200	4%	1,900	7%	1,600	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	558	4%	897	7%	1,005	8%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	155		175		133	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	14	11	15	13	20	16
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	34	5%	37	6%	41	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,346	17%	3,081	23%	3,707	29%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	59.6%		55.5%		62.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%		65.4%		75.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	642	94%	665	97%	629	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	114	8	86	7	69	5
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	75	6	50	4	87	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	16	5	44	14	50	16

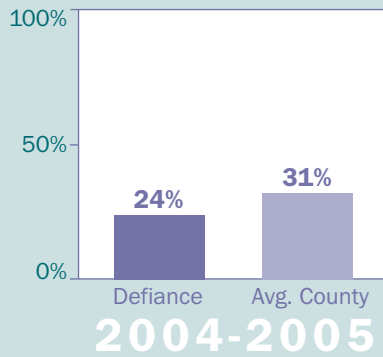
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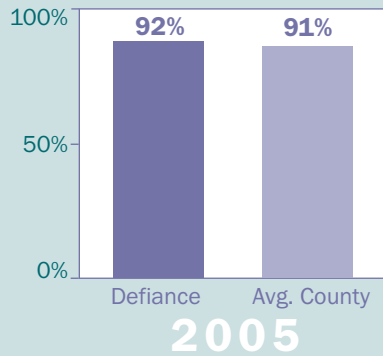
County Seat: Defiance



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	39,398	39,100	39,112
Estimated Child Population	10,135	9,647	9,382

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	969	10%	989	11%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,009	14%	1,238	18%	1,664	24%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	5%	1,300	6%	1,200	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	714	7%	1,168	12%	1,351	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	202		209		179	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	17	17	10	10	9	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	29	6%	42	8%	29	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,890	19%	2,701	28%	3,629	39%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.1%	61.9%	75.9%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	62.3%	69.2%	84.5%			
Students Graduating From High School	520	84%	535	86%	505	92%

Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	88	9	100	10	207	22
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	48	5	25	3	43	5
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	57	23	64	28	56	25

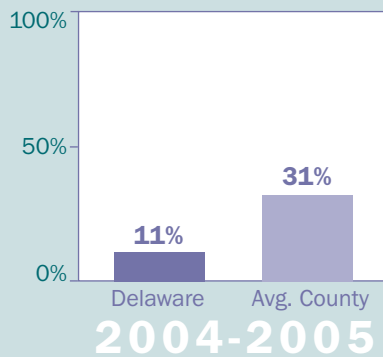
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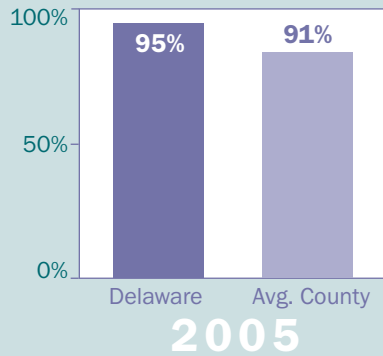
County Seat: Delaware



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	119,265	135,557	150,268
Estimated Child Population	32,683	35,797	38,717

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	1,651	5%	2,024	6%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,463	9%	1,882	11%	1,143	11%
Unemployment Rate	1,800	3%	3,200	4%	3,600	4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	920	3%	1,659	5%	2,087	5%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	201		307		274	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	36	15	24	8	21	6
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	158	8%	182	8%	174	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,990	9%	4,225	12%	5,944	15%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	67.2%	70.5%	79.6%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	63.4%	73.8%	88.5%			
Students Graduating From High School	1,261	92%	1,286	93%	1,357	95%

Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	143	4	188	5	154	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	107	3	150	4	123	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	46	7	40	5	49	6

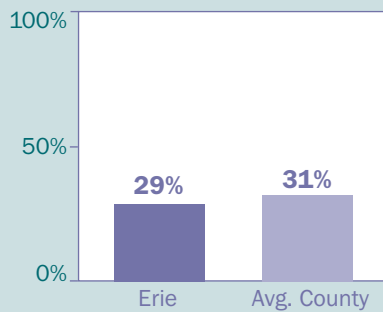
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County Seat: Sandusky

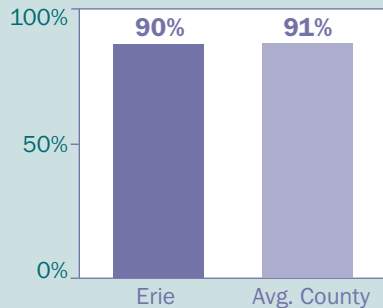


Free/Reduced Lunch



2004-2005

High School Graduation



2005

2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	79,393	78,869	78,665
Estimated Child Population	19,221	18,533	17,923

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	2,622	14%	2,473	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,724	12%	4,183	27%	4,530	29%
Unemployment Rate	2,000	5%	2,600	6%	2,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,380	7%	2,448	13%	2,699	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	926		888		601	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	35	19	47	27	29	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	84	9%	85	9%	57	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,355	23%	5,639	30%	6,710	37%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	57.7%	60.6%	65.9%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%	67.3%	78.9%			
Students Graduating From High School	1,281	90%	1,288	91%	1,327	90%

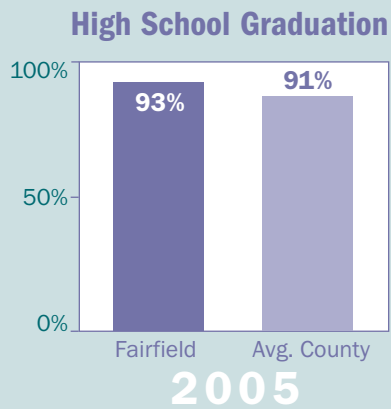
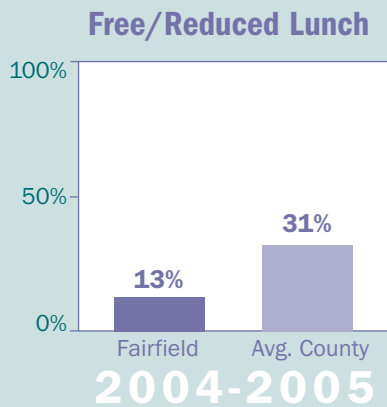
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	121	6	103	6	167	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	320	17	197	11	192	11
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	97	21	86	19	68	15

Fairfield



County Seat: Lancaster

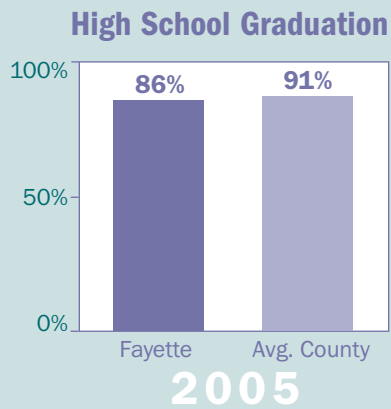
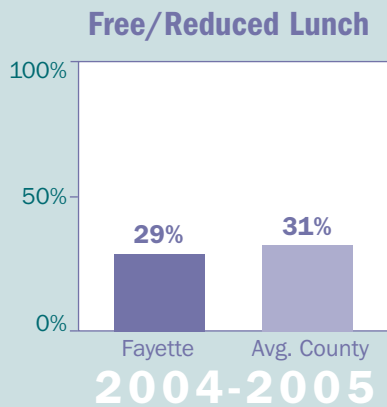


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	126,228		132,685		138,423	
Estimated Child Population	32,983		33,525		33,603	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,024	9%	3,361	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,559	16%	4,195	18%	5,017	13%
Unemployment Rate	2,300	4%	3,800	5%	3,900	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,043	6%	3,250	10%	4,151	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	635		625		597	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	34	13	36	12	31	10
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	117	7%	102	6%	139	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,611	14%	6,962	21%	11,238	33%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.8%		66.3%		72.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	62.5%		73.4%		85.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,396	89%	1,468	94%	1,614	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	110	3	214	6	192	6
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	235	7	282	8	269	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	82	11	69	9	42	5

Fayette



County Seat: Washington Court House

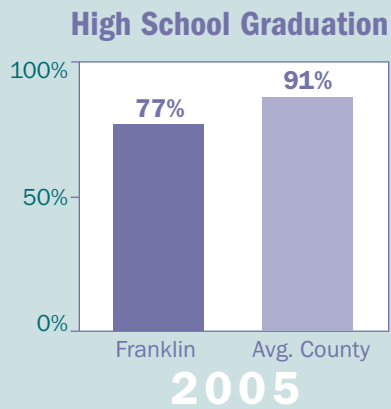
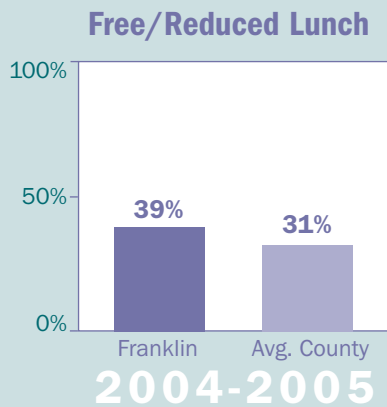


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	28,215		28,157		28,199	
Estimated Child Population	7,000		6,891		6,804	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,090	16%	1,063	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,161	23%	1,316	27%	1,443	29%
Unemployment Rate	600	4%	900	6%	900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	769	11%	1,056	15%	1,220	18%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	264		281		266	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	15	26	15	24	20	34
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	19	5%	37	10%	44	11%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,154	31%	2,735	40%	3,327	49%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	58.6%		53.4%		54.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	49.9%		68.6%		70.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	315	86%	316	83%	320	86%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	10	1	13	2	47	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	26	4	51	7	65	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	25	16	12	8	5	3

Franklin



County Seat: Columbus

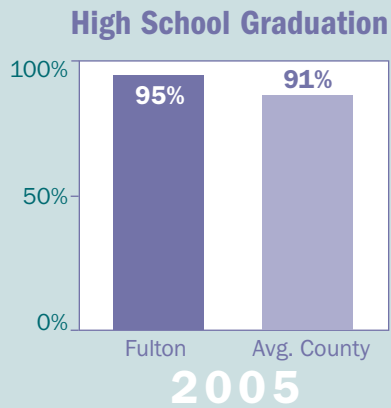
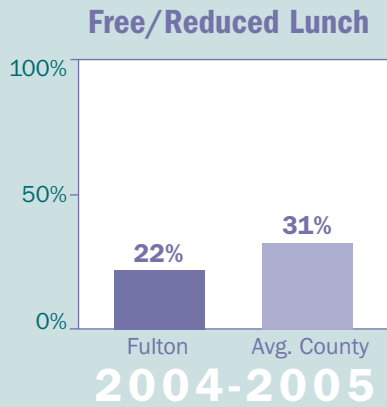


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	1,078,679		1,086,086		1,090,771	
Estimated Child Population	270,467		273,333		275,817	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	40,640	15%	47,043	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	55,600	34%	62,628	37%	65,087	39%
Unemployment Rate	20,500	3%	32,000	5%	31,100	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	37,342	14%	54,315	20%	64,621	23%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	12,060		13,928		12,255	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	588	27	501	23	581	26
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	1,412	8%	1,528	9%	1,637	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	77,314	29%	102,731	38%	121,301	44%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.8%		56.1%		63.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	52.6%		63.3%		71.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	9,735	75%	10,612	78%	11,213	77%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	3,294	12	2,962	11	2,761	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	5,978	22	6,309	23	5,953	22
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	763	14	777	14	728	13

Fulton



County Seat: Wauseon

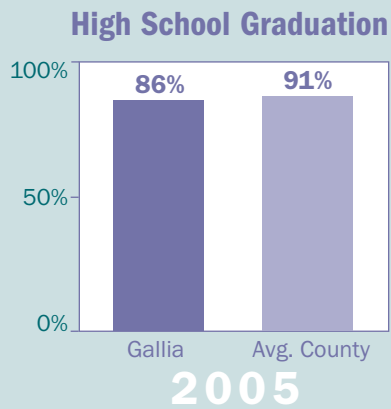
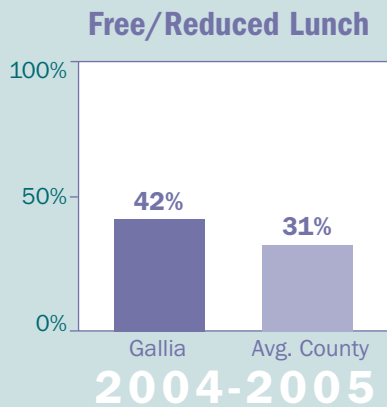


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	42,151		42,412		42,955	
Estimated Child Population	11,618		11,211		10,945	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	930	8%	985	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,391	16%	1,742	19%	2,051	22%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	5%	1,500	7%	1,400	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	542	5%	831	7%	1,024	9%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	201		194		173	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	12	10	5		19	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	30	5%	38	7%	34	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,573	14%	2,267	20%	3,198	29%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.4%		66.5%		64.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	64.2%		71.0%		81.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	678	86%	695	90%	704	95%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	116	10	161	14	187	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	34	3	44	4	58	5
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	22	8	27	10	15	5

Gallia



County Seat: Gallipolis



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	31,172		31,272		31,362	
Estimated Child Population	7,594		7,388		7,224	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,895	25%	1,800	25%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,878	35%	1,962	35%	2,118	42%
Unemployment Rate	800	6%	1,200	8%	1,000	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,859	24%	1,999	27%	2,148	30%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	279		292		271	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	14	21	14	22	13	21
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	47	12%	39	10%	38	12%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,536	33%	4,024	54%	4,619	64%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	44.7%		60.9%		65.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	47.5%		67.5%		73.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	535	82%	662	84%	623	86%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	59	8	88	12	56	8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	108	14	71	10	54	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	23	12	21	12	27	15

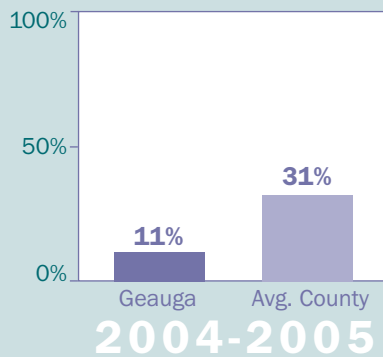
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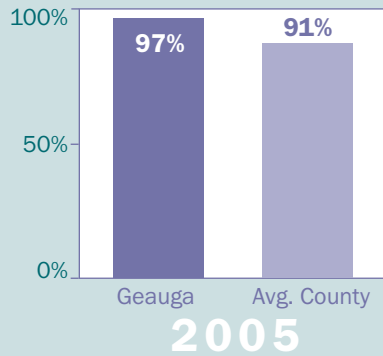
County Seat: Chardon



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation

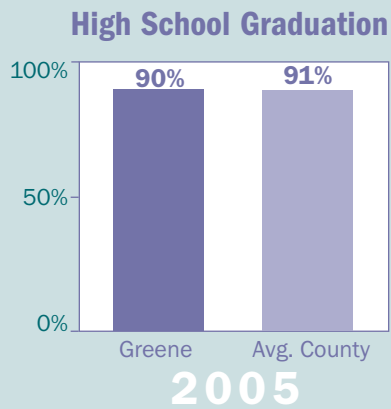
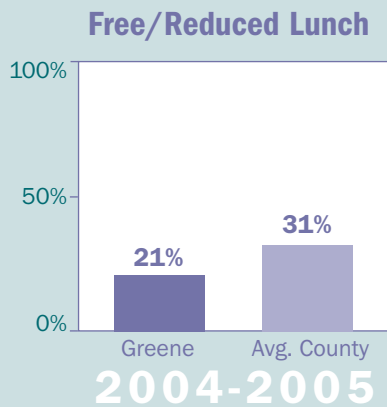


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	91,767		94,048		95,218	
Estimated Child Population	25,186		24,643		23,719	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,231	9%	1,828	8%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,006	8%	1,226	10%	1,387	11%
Unemployment Rate	1,700	3%	2,500	5%	2,400	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	452	2%	680	3%	714	3%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	278		230		188	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	6		6		7	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	63	6%	72	7%	74	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,445	6%	2,300	9%	3,108	13%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	77.8%		79.8%		81.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	76.0%		83.2%		89.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	924	94%	978	97%	990	97%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	61	2	106	4	106	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	70	3	69	3	74	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	25	4	21	3	19	3

Greene



County Seat: Xenia

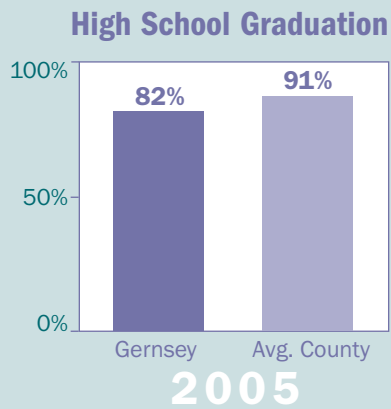
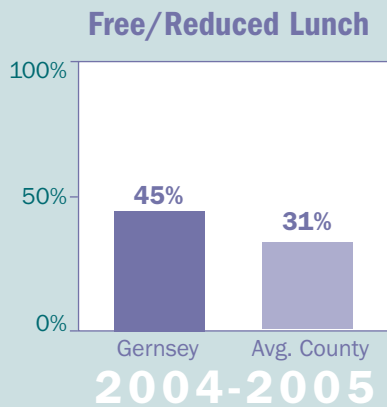


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	148,607		150,805		151,996	
Estimated Child Population	34,705		34,071		33,396	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,185	9%	3,494	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,753	18%	4,381	19%	4,796	21%
Unemployment Rate	3,000	4%	4,200	6%	4,300	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,881	8%	3,927	12%	4,143	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	900		977		807	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	55	18	47	16	31	11
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	119	7%	112	6%	125	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	6,441	19%	8,242	24%	10,482	31%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	56.7%		62.3%		71.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	56.1%		71.0%		80.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,961	78%	2,023	88%	1,913	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	405	12	389	11	477	14
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	197	6	213	6	244	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	107	13	134	16	88	11

Guernsey



County Seat: Cambridge

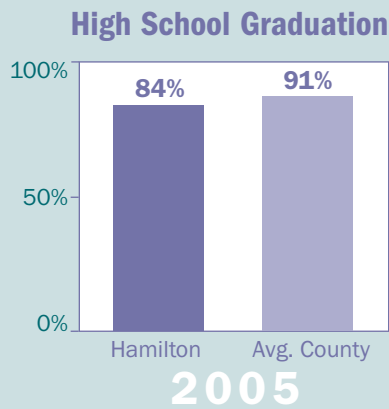
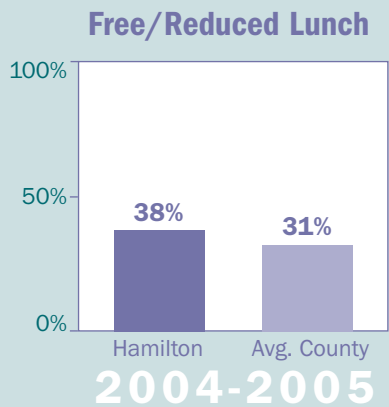


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	40,927		41,301		41,123	
Estimated Child Population	10,472		10,278		9,985	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,279	22%	2,192	22%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,174	35%	2,421	39%	2,691	45%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	6%	1,500	8%	1,400	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,602	15%	2,281	22%	2,592	26%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	382		475		408	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	18	18	21	24	14	15
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	38	7%	42	8%	32	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,509	43%	5,280	51%	6,116	61%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	57.5%		57.4%		51.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	46.4%		61.0%		72.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	398	81%	406	86%	377	82%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	154	15	140	14	130	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	124	12	119	12	91	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	43	17	34	14	23	9

Hamilton



County Seat: Cincinnati

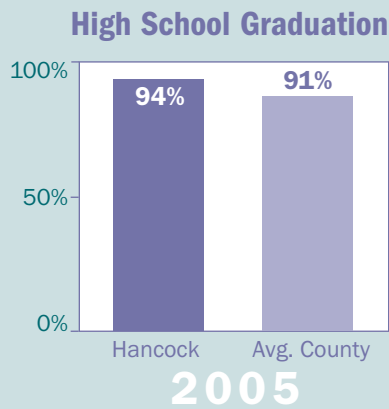
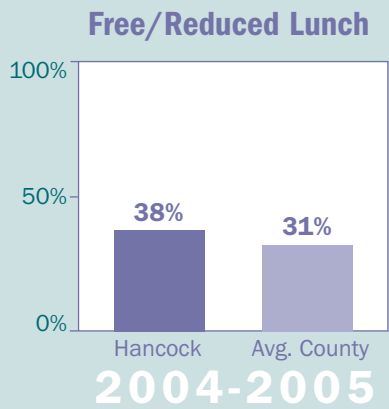


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	838,663		822,318		806,652	
Estimated Child Population	213,041		206,490		200,874	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	33,535	16%	32,751	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	44,388	33%	46,035	35%	53,155	38%
Unemployment Rate	17,100	4%	23,000	5%	22,900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	28,140	13%	34,133	17%	39,580	20%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	12,907		15,191		12,807	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	557	29	532	28	496	26
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	1,063	9%	1,126	10%	1,148	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	63,179	30%	73,932	36%	80,025	40%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	49.7%		53.2%		62.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	49.8%		61.9%		72.3%	
Students Graduating From High School	7,794	77%	8,649	81%	8,447	84%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	2,365	11	2,635	13	2,648	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	3,501	16	3,067	15	2,519	13
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	837	17	781	16	759	16

Hancock



County Seat: Findlay



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	72,003		73,135		73,503	
Estimated Child Population	18,054		17,817		17,428	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,771	10%	1,576	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,250	19%	2,108	17%	2,568	19%
Unemployment Rate	1,400	4%	2,000	5%	2,000	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	894	5%	1,520	9%	2,074	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	489		495		514	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	30	18	31	21	21	13
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	66	7%	79	9%	75	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,993	17%	3,762	21%	5,038	29%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	60.7%		69.8%		67.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	59.3%		73.3%		83.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	803	89%	838	93%	785	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	111	6	183	10	174	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	63	3	79	4	75	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	60	15	60	15	65	15

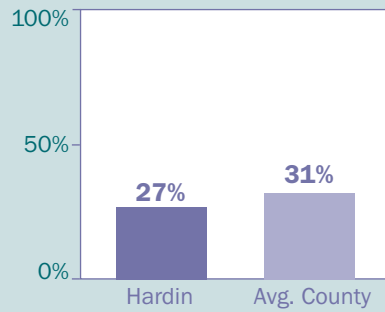
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County Seat: Kenton

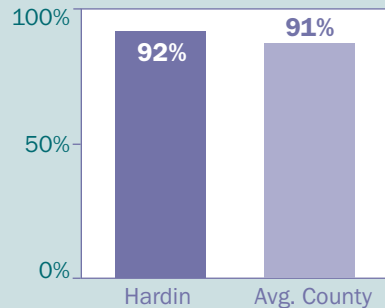


Free/Reduced Lunch



2004-2005

High School Graduation



2005

2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	31,711	31,621	32,032
Estimated Child Population	7,507	7,280	7,108

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	1,106	15%	973	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,217	20%	1,324	22%	1,604	27%
Unemployment Rate	700	5%	1,000	6%	900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	570	8%	777	11%	813	11%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	88		90		64	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	17	26	14	24	9	15
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	21	6%	27	7%	25	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,796	24%	2,410	33%	2,943	41%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	64.6%	58.4%	69.6%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.9%	69.1%	79.6%			
Students Graduating From High School	396	88%	418	90%	398	92%

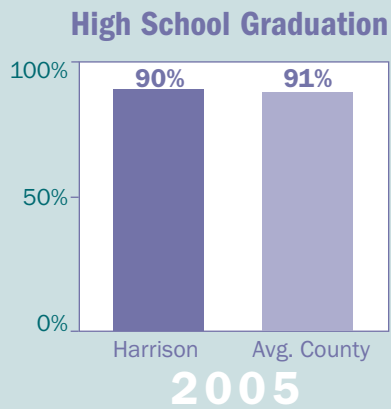
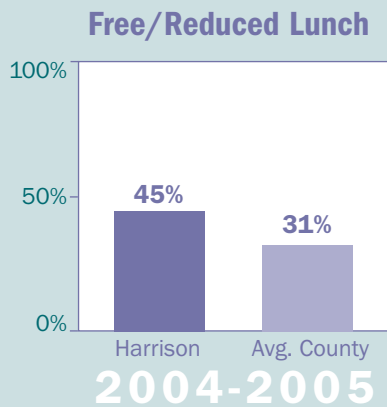
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	77	10	164	23	83	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	68	9	69	9	59	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	22	13	15	9	7	4

Harrison



County Seat: Cadiz

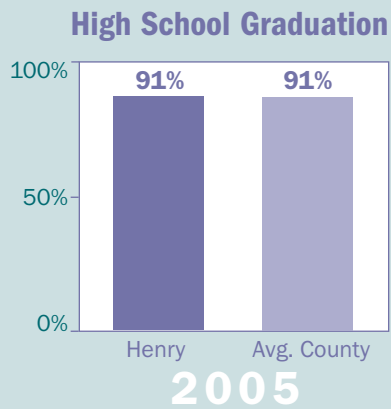
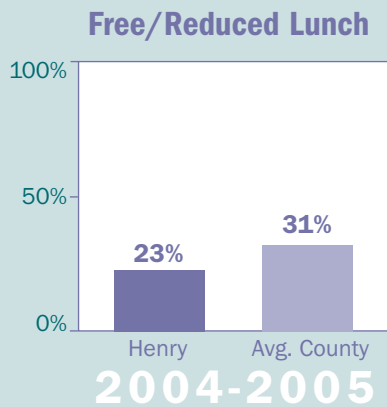


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	15,789		15,990		15,920	
Estimated Child Population	3,547		3,526		3,476	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	632	18%	643	19%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	940	39%	1,030	42%	1,120	45%
Unemployment Rate	400	5%	600	8%	500	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	417	12%	675	19%	758	22%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	81		73		59	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	2		10	33	1	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	7		9		8	
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,294	36%	1,517	43%	1,941	56%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	41.3%		46.9%		48.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.3%		56.3%		71.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	173	90%	164	92%	172	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	37	10	34	10	41	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	18	5	9		20	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	2		5		6	

Henry



County Seat: Napoleon

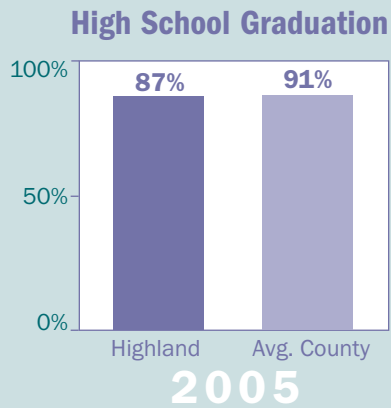
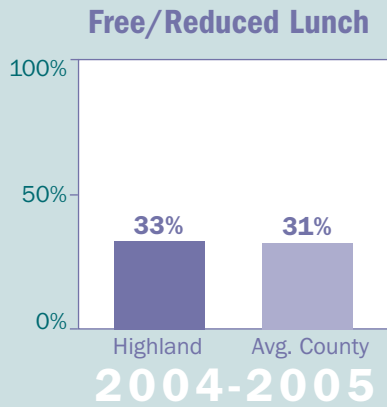
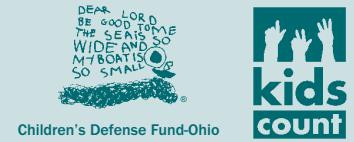


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	29,201		29,373		29,453	
Estimated Child Population	7,805		7,572		7,348	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	726	10%	670	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	971	16%	1,210	19%	1,459	23%
Unemployment Rate	700	5%	1,000	7%	1,000	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	386	5%	557	7%	595	8%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	156		149		137	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	9		7		7	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	30	7%	22	6%	17	5%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,242	16%	1,764	23%	2,282	31%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	67.3%		67.4%		75.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	63.7%		74.2%		85.3%	
Students Graduating From High School	782	83%	415	93%	782	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	56	7	94	12	97	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	47	6	40	5	46	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	25	13	27	14	25	13

Highland



County Seat: Hillsboro

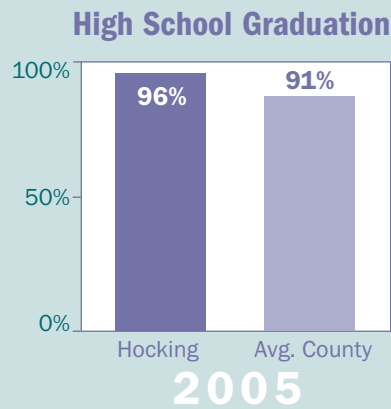
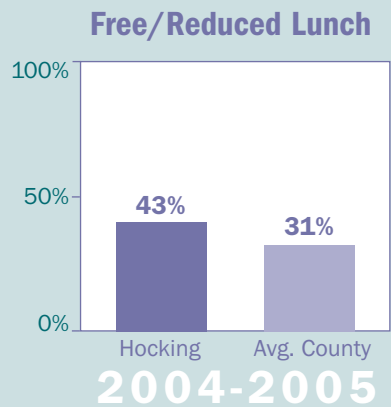


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	41,285		42,091		42,818	
Estimated Child Population	10,927		10,965		10,942	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,884	17%	1,873	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,868	24%	2,301	29%	2,621	33%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	5%	1,300	6%	1,200	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,070	10%	1,769	16%	1,865	17%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	278		266		211	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	18	20	20	20	14	14
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	42	7%	50	8%	50	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,104	28%	4,418	40%	5,812	53%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.3%		59.3%		67.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.8%		71.1%		74.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	445	86%	510	88%	486	87%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	229	21	200	18	186	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	91	8	102	9	127	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	36	15	25	10	19	7

Hocking



County Seat: Logan

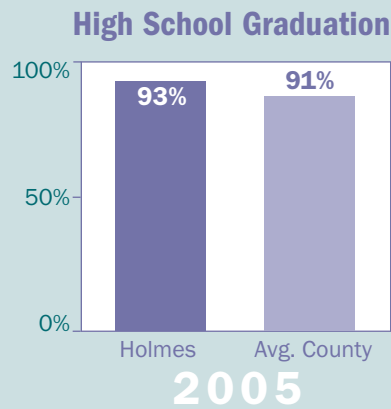
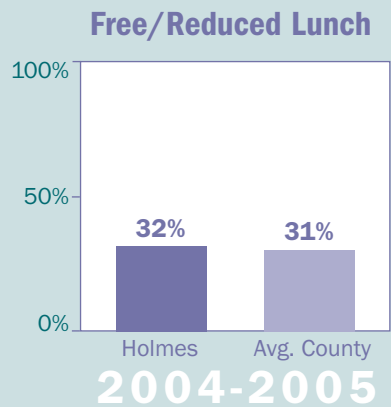


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	28,367		28,716		29,009	
Estimated Child Population	7,016		6,930		6,798	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,256	18%	1,248	18%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,224	30%	1,325	33%	1,647	41%
Unemployment Rate	700	6%	1,000	7%	1,000	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	910	13%	1,286	19%	1,564	23%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	164		214		205	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	19	30	12	20	11	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	32	8%	33	9%	25	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,510	36%	3,259	47%	4,032	59%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	53.7%		63.9%		70.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.4%		75.3%		82.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	255	81%	283	87%	270	96%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	112	16	80	12	80	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	89	13	72	10	84	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	33	20	25	15	21	13

Holmes



County Seat: Millersburg

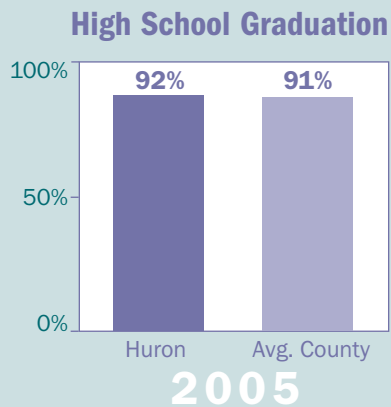
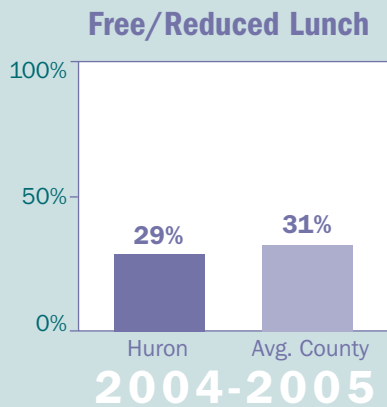


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	39,800		40,707		41,567	
Estimated Child Population	13,874		13,955		14,122	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,961	21%	1,964	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,185	26%	1,339	30%	1,475	32%
Unemployment Rate	500	3%	700	7%	800	4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	368	12%	537	16%	594	4%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	81		138		128	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	3		4		4	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	38	5%	49	6%	31	4%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,236	9%	1,712	12%	2,234	16%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	68.2%		63.1%		70.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	58.5%		68.2%		80.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	242	92%	225	91%	209	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	14	1	48	3	73	5
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	12	1	29	2	34	2
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	14	5	17	6	11	4

Huron



County Seat: Norwalk

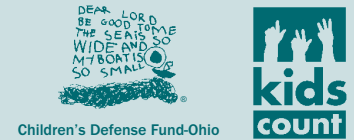


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	59,550		60,115		60,385	
Estimated Child Population	16,500		16,277		15,894	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,079	13%	2,059	13%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,480	23%	3,109	25%	3,476	29%
Unemployment Rate	1,800	6%	2,300	8%	2,300	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,206	7%	2,027	12%	2,156	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	652		616		431	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	34	25	30	21	34	23
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	58	6%	52	6%	44	5%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,926	24%	5,304	33%	6,526	41%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.4%		54.3%		67.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%		66.6%		83.3%	
Students Graduating From High School	732	88%	754	91%	794	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	120	7	113	7	107	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	116	7	121	7	116	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	26	7	32	8	50	13

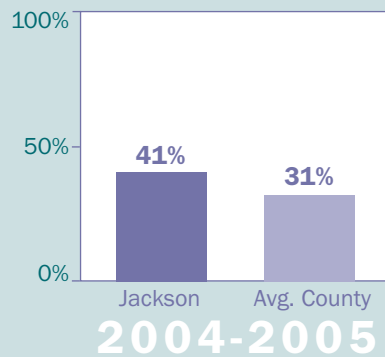
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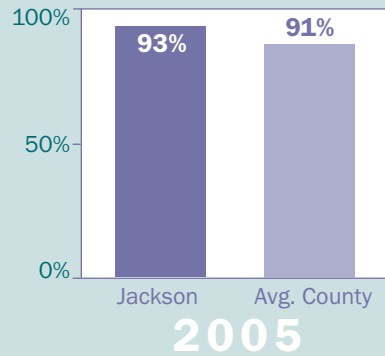
County Seat: Jackson



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation

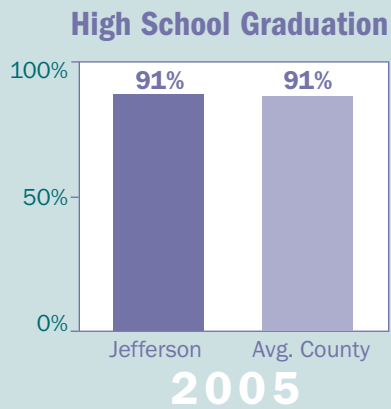
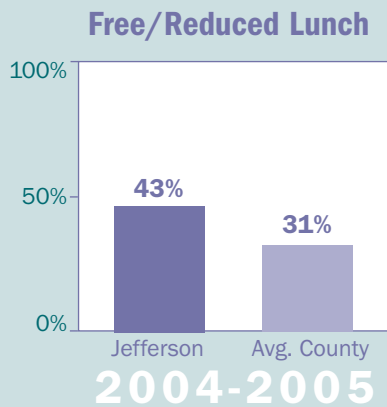


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	32,710		33,101		33,526	
Estimated Child Population	8,311		8,139		7,927	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,766	21%	1,783	22%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,823	39%	1,947	40%	2,376	41%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	7%	1,300	8%	1,200	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,510	18%	1,969	24%	2,209	28%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	214		251		173	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	19	27	20	27	20	27
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	35	8%	41	10%	46	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,366	41%	4,274	53%	5,062	64%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	45.5%		51.3%		59.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	45.5%		61.8%		76.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	328	85%	359	87%	385	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	118	14	135	17	91	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	46	6	49	6	47	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	11	5	9		9	

Jefferson



County Seat: Steubenville

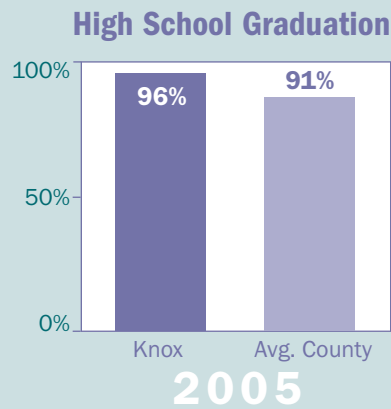
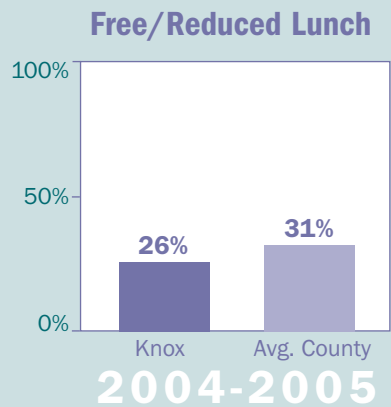


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	72,976		71,814		70,599	
Estimated Child Population	15,323		14,772		14,274	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,923	20%	3,070	21%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,479	40%	4,785	42%	5,184	47%
Unemployment Rate	1,900	6%	2,400	7%	2,400	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	3,197	21%	3,739	25%	3,959	28%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	547		536		473	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	24	17	19	14	25	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	56	8%	32	5%	27	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	6,182	40%	6,792	46%	7,770	54%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	63.5%		65.1%		72.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	60.3%		75.9%		86.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	945	88%	953	93%	918	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	169	11	97	7	107	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	200	13	224	15	170	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	77	21	67	18	67	18

Knox



County Seat: Mount Vernon

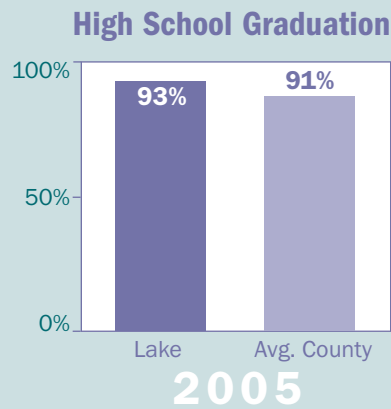
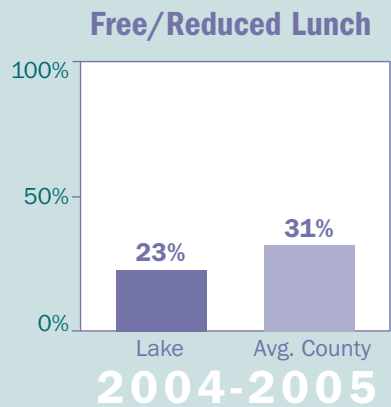


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	55,445		57,057		58,398	
Estimated Child Population	13,403		13,413		13,278	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,003	15%	1,958	15%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,729	21%	2,012	24%	2,201	26%
Unemployment Rate	1,100	4%	1,800	6%	1,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,103	8%	1,669	12%	1,910	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	393		418		298	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	20	16	19	16	15	13
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	47	7%	36	5%	56	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,241	24%	4,088	30%	5,259	40%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	53.5%		62.1%		70.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%		71.7%		84.9%	
Students Graduating From High School	835	91%	851	94%	838	96%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	116	9	150	11	148	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	57	4	48	4	36	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	11	3	25	8	48	15

Lake



County Seat: Painesville

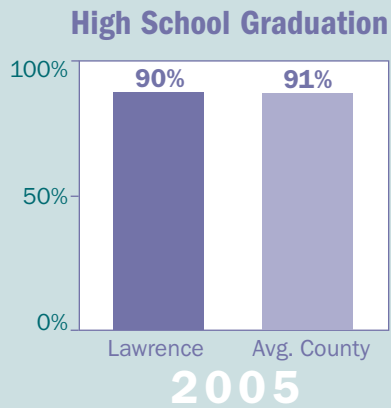
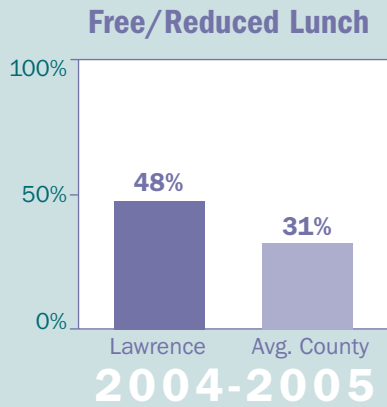


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	229,096		230,940		232,466	
Estimated Child Population	54,242		53,486		52,215	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,605	9%	4,673	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	5,882	17%	6,446	19%	7,734	23%
Unemployment Rate	5,300	4%	7,400	6%	6,600	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,974	5%	4,549	9%	5,060	10%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	998		1,259		1,008	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	49	10	51	10	50	10
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	193	7%	178	7%	195	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	7,000	13%	9,718	18%	12,542	24%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	71.7%		72.5%		75.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	64.6%		77.9%		88.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	2,707	89%	2,772	93%	2,701	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	152	3	617	12	273	5
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	175	3	185	3	171	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	140	11	146	11	114	9

Lawrence



County Seat: Ironton

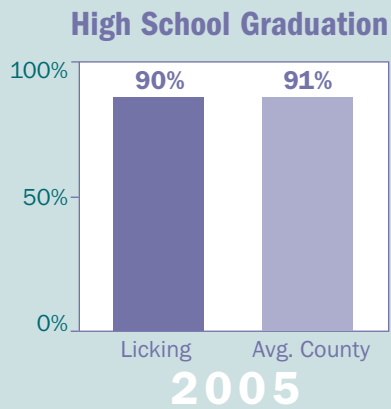
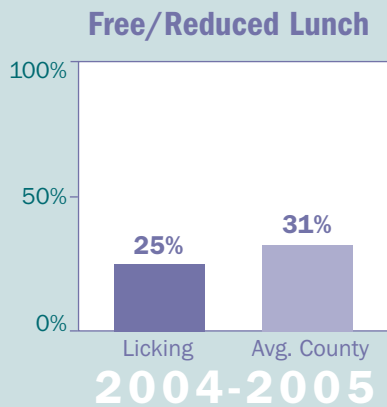
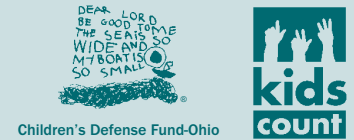


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	62,112		62,506		63,112	
Estimated Child Population	14,905		14,609		14,472	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,854	26%	3,687	26%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,192	40%	4,767	44%	5,492	48%
Unemployment Rate	1,600	6%	1,900	7%	1,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	4,085	27%	4,378	30%	4,612	32%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	501		555		547	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	32	22	17	13		
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	65	9%	79	13%	2	
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,269	55%	8,951	61%	9,608	66%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	61.1%		74.3%		76.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.6%		76.6%		81.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	902	83%	800	83%	957	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	161	11	162	11	148	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	151	2	137	9	129	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	32	9	47	13	40	11

Licking



County Seat: Newark

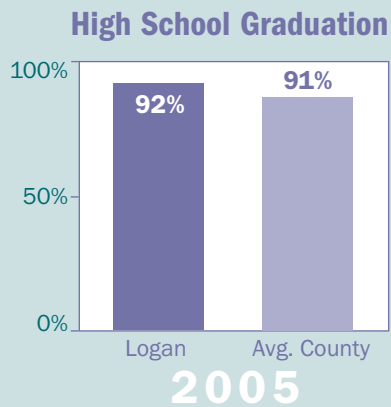
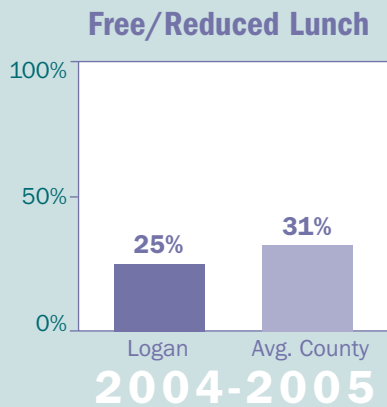


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	147,411		150,769		154,806	
Estimated Child Population	37,728		37,741		37,694	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,094	11%	4,475	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,359	19%	5,197	22%	6,369	25%
Unemployment Rate	3,100	4%	4,800	6%	4,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,921	8%	4,320	11%	5,499	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	1,075		1,068		1,052	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	72	21	71	21	56	16
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	171	9%	169	8%	135	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,228	22%	10,507	28%	14,071	37%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.4%		67.6%		72.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.0%		73.8%		81.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,757	86%	1,910	88%	1,926	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	316	8	436	12	361	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	365	9	480	13	455	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	110	13	70	8	74	8

Logan



County Seat: Bellefontaine

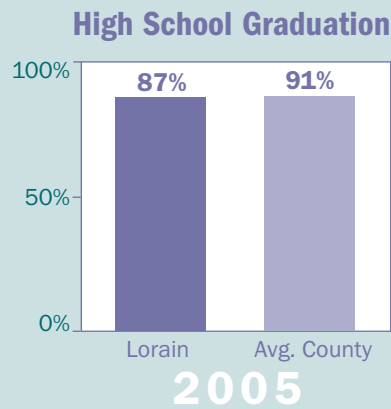
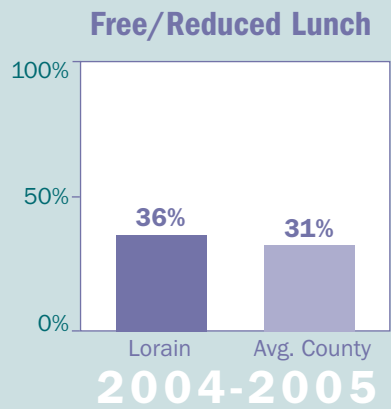


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	46,023		46,455		46,580	
Estimated Child Population	12,058		11,847		11,637	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,537	13%	1,557	13%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,563	20%	1,807	23%	1,991	25%
Unemployment Rate	900	4%	1,300	5%	1,300	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	916	8%	1,385	12%	1,655	14%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	105		89		507	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	16	14	18	18	11	11
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	42	7%	42	7%	50	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,541	21%	3,350	28%	4,409	38%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	58.2%		56.0%		63.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	52.2%		69.5%		77.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	657	85%	799	89%	837	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	136	11	175	15	98	8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	51	4	57	5	48	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	57	20	49	18	22	8

Lorain



County Seat: Elyria

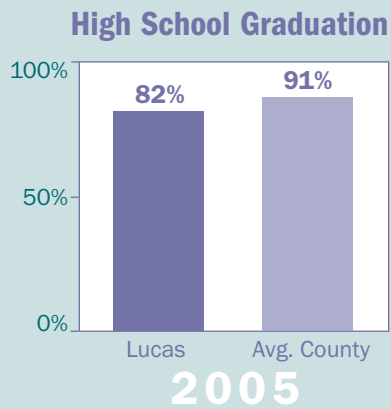
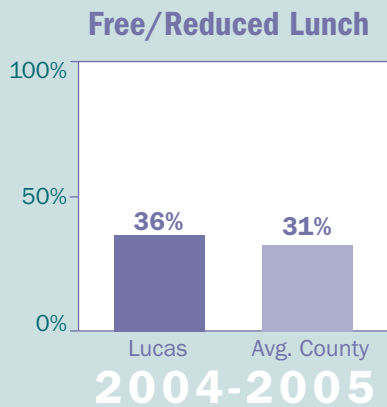
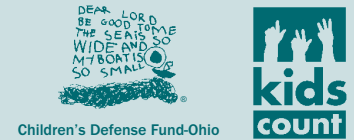


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	286,077		291,599		296,307	
Estimated Child Population	73,951		73,534		72,765	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	9,798	13%	10,463	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	13,637	30%	15,464	34%	16,358	36%
Unemployment Rate	7,400	5%	9,500	6%	8,800	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	9,468	13%	13,376	18%	14,781	20%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	2,287		2,501		507	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	133	21	116	19	63	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	294	8%	297	8%	304	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	18,578	25%	23,264	32%	27,675	38%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	53.9%		58.1%		66.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.7%		69.1%		77.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	3,970	91%	4,249	92%	3,336	87%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	359	5	607	8	671	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	496	7	315	4	262	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	392	24	384	23	346	20

Lucas



County Seat: Toledo

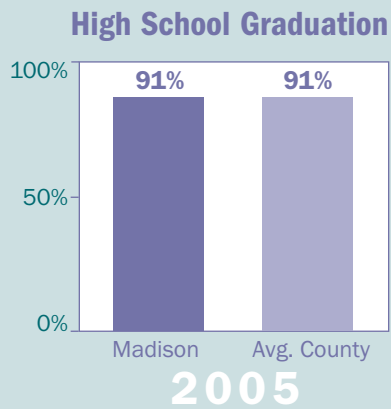
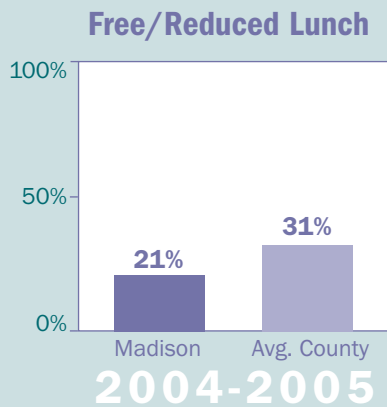


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	454,534		452,971		448,229	
Estimated Child Population	118,052		116,017		113,717	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	21,668	19%	21,367	19%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	26,097	36%	27,619	39%	28,427	41%
Unemployment Rate	11,300	5%	16,800	8%	15,100	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	20,951	18%	26,973	23%	30,738	27%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	3,378		5,064		5,358	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	280	27	288	28	272	27
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	533	8%	577	9%	596	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	41,638	35%	46,992	41%	53,981	47%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	45.7%		45.9%		59.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	42.5%		55.5%		72.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	3,778	76%	3,847	81%	3,937	82%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	1,712	15	1,826	16	1,958	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	1,337	11	1,385	12	1,454	13
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	421	16	509	16	415	15

Madison



County Seat: London

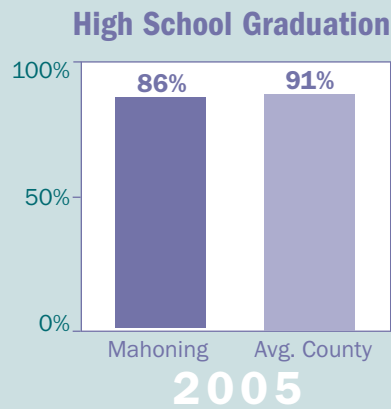
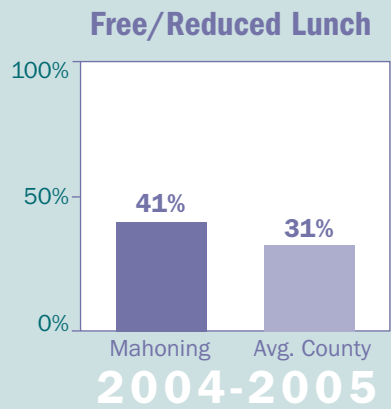


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	40,219		40,695		41,295	
Estimated Child Population	9,690		9,645		9,475	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,118	12%	1,104	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,239	17	1,332	18%	1,499	21%
Unemployment Rate	700	4%	1,100	6%	1,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	631	7%	998	10%	1,227	13%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	115		152		113	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	18	20	16	19	22	26
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	27	5%	28	6%	38	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,819	19%	2,270	24%	3,109	33%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	53.8%		58.6%		62.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	51.5%		72.5%		77.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	445	115%	793	106%	710	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	99	10	115	12	121	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	53	5	39	4	49	11
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	16	7	16	7	4	

Mahoning



County Seat: Youngstown

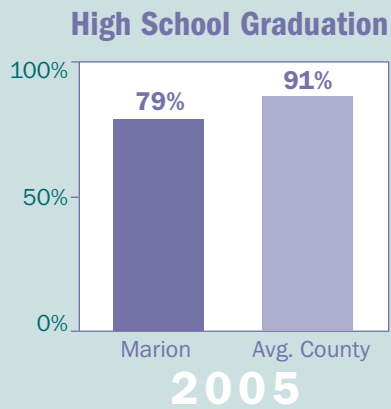
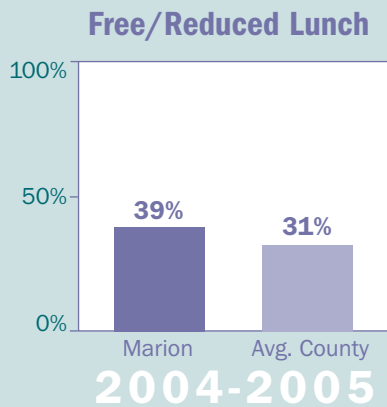


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	255,096		251,424		254,274	
Estimated Child Population	59,363		57,213		55,255	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	11,160	19%	11,069	20%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	16,349	37%	16,621	37%	17,031	41%
Unemployment Rate	6,800	6%	8,800	7%	8,200	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	11,048	19%	13,949	24%	14,713	27%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	2,390		2,572		2,275	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	128	22	120	22	100	19
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	283	10%	306	11%	241	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	21,826	37%	24,475	43%	27,948	51%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.3%		58.2%		67.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.4%		66.8%		77.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	2,869	82%	2,947	83%	2,777	86%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	318	5	345	6	370	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	319	5	279	5	353	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	185	13	200	15	193	14

Marion



County Seat: Marion

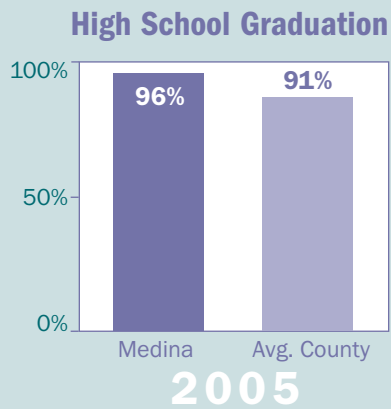
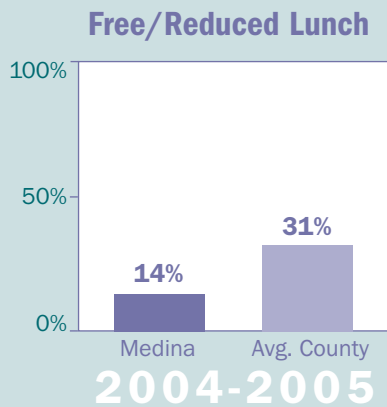
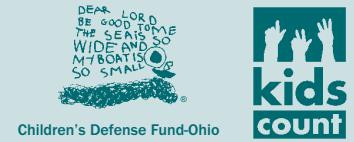


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	66,175		66,322		65,932	
Estimated Child Population	16,025		15,624		15,101	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,378	15%	2,456	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,492	28%	3,805	31%	4,302	39%
Unemployment Rate	1,500	5%	2,000	6%	2,000	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,924	12%	2,746	18%	3,256	22%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	421		477		407	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	38	25	35	25	44	32
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	76	9%	61	8%	90	12%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,609	29%	5,837	37%	7,161	47%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	48.8%		49.0%		53.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	44.4%		55.2%		68.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	976	87%	1,149	85%	1,052	79%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	161	10	309	20	149	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	107	7	74	5	53	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	117	29	126	32	107	27

Medina



County Seat: Medina

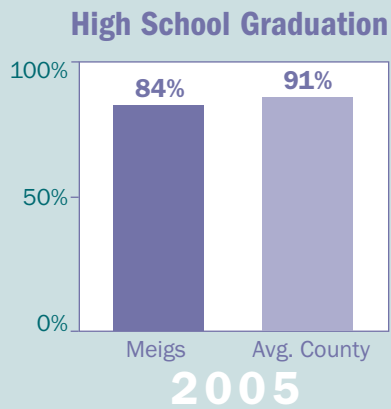
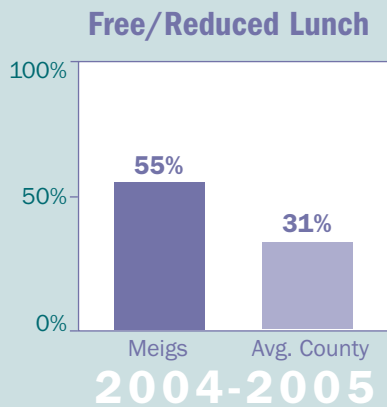


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	154,789		161,651		167,010	
Estimated Child Population	41,407		41,560		41,154	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,575	6%	2,841	7%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,312	12%	3,543	13%	3,842	14%
Unemployment Rate	3,200	4%	4,700	5%	4,500	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,271	3%	1,911	5%	2,404	6%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	563		701		711	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	27	8	19	5	27	7
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	142	7%	124	6%	141	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,979	10%	5,742	14%	7,851	19%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	71.5%		75.2%		79.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	66.2%		80.5%		86.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	2,410	93%	2,543	94%	2,742	96%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	166	4	169	4	175	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	107	3	113	3	92	2
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	94	10	90	9	65	6

Meigs



County Seat: Pomeroy

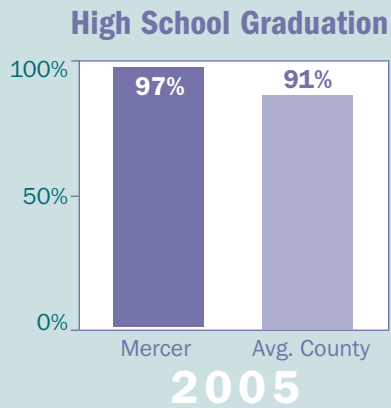
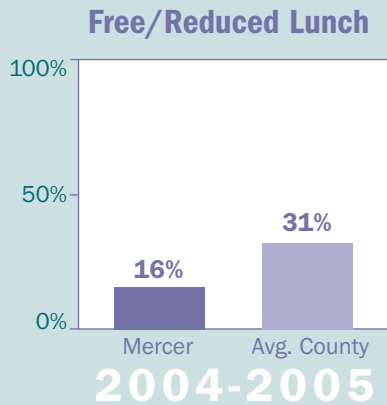


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	23,035		23,256		23,232	
Estimated Child Population	5,422		5,309		5,119	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,379	26%	1,351	26%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,925	50%	2,008	52%	2,020	55%
Unemployment Rate	700	7%	1,000	11%	900	10%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,451	27%	1,621	31%	1,681	33%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	296		258		166	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	12	24	11	20	4	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	30	10%	16	7%	14	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,960	55%	3,291	62%	3,530	69%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	46.0%		36.8%		49.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	43.9%		49.8%		68.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	247	85%	252	89%	260	84%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	117	22	84	16	97	19
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	40	7	33	6	28	5
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	39	28	15	11	14	11

Mercer



County Seat: Celina

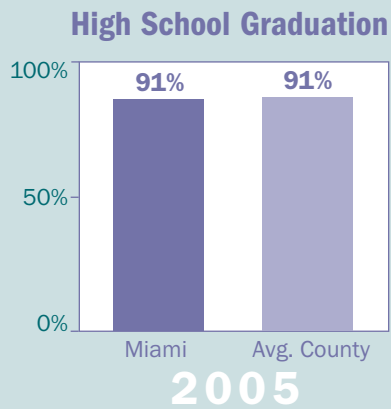
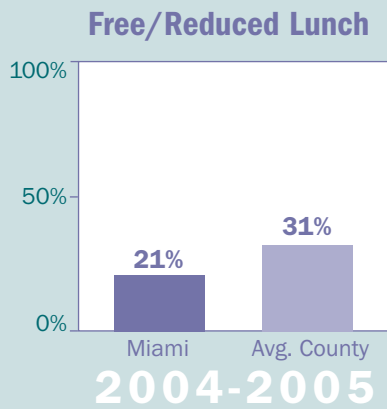


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	40,832		41,005		41,202	
Estimated Child Population	11,720		11,336		10,993	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	987	9%	922	8%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,219	13%	1,463	15%	1,394	16%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	5%	1,000	5%	900	4%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	481	4%	620	5%	605	6%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	166		188		135	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	17	16	17	17	10	9
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	24	5%	32	6%	25	4%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,596	14%	2,088	18%	2,234	20%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	81.4%		78.8%		82.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	67.3%		81.1%		85.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	683	92%	755	96%	635	97%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	82	7	124	11	97	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	38	3	32	3	36	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	28	10	21	7	18	6

Miami



County Seat: Troy

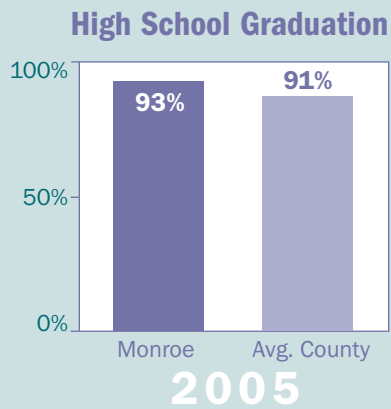
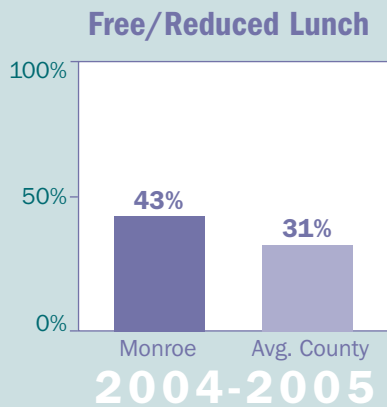


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	99,257		100,120		101,619	
Estimated Child Population	25,121		24,537		24,228	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,731	11%	2,767	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,985	17%	3,601	19%	4,144	21%
Unemployment Rate	2,300	4%	3,200	6%	3,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,257	5%	1,990	8%	2,232	9%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	353		366		408	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	28	12	40	19	32	14
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	90	7%	94	7%	99	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,087	16%	5,406	22%	7,206	30%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	60.1%		62.1%		71.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.8%		69.3%		81.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,220	85%	1,184	90%	1,266	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	175	7	198	8	205	8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	224	9	152	6	138	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	74	12	74	12	57	9

Monroe



County Seat: Woodsfield

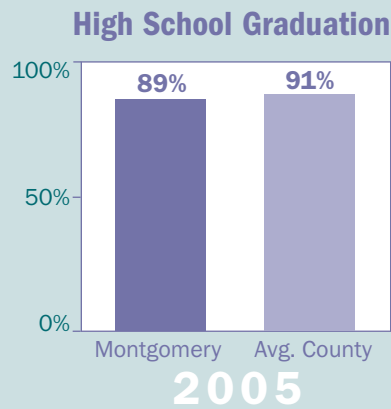
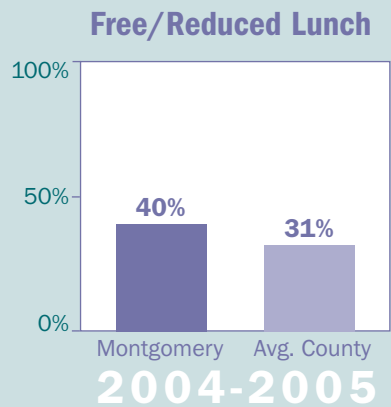


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	15,145		14,963		14,698	
Estimated Child Population	3,455		3,281		3,086	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	741	22%	613	19%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,276	47%	1,119	41%	1,190	43%
Unemployment Rate	400	6%	500	8%	700	13%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	523	15%	619	19%	609	20%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	58		92		94	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	4		2		1	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	10	6%	7		6	
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,353	39%	1,445	44%	1,757	57%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	52.4%		45.2%		67.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.6%		58.3%		78.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	215	90%	231	92%	214	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	16	5	42	13	23	7
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	26	8	23	7	25	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	7		12	14	5	10

Montgomery



County Seat: Dayton

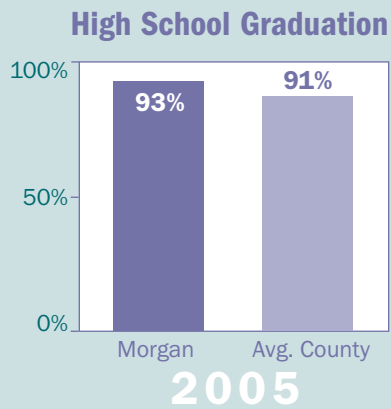
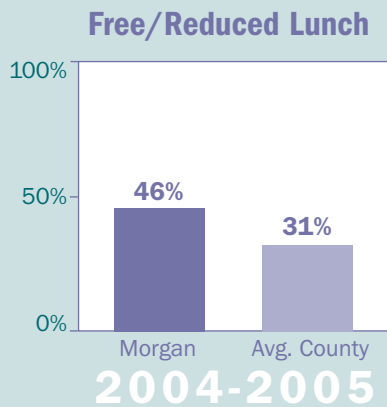


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	555,325		551,730		547,435	
Estimated Child Population	135,589		133,438		131,075	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	20,864	16%	20,950	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	32,012	36%	30,522	36%	32,525	40%
Unemployment Rate	12,800	5%	17,800	6%	17,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	17,529	13%	23,626	18%	26,812	20%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	5,380		5,777		5,449	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	308	26	269	24	302	25
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	693	9%	642	9%	620	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	38,297	28%	45,765	34%	54,064	41%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math		51.5%		54.5%		63.2%
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading		51.0%		62.8%		74.5%
Students Graduating From High School	5,346	77%	5,749	84%	5,872	89%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	1,389	10	1,436	11	1,592	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	2,014	15	1,739	13	1,552	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	709	24	682	23	577	19

Morgan



County Seat: McConnelsville

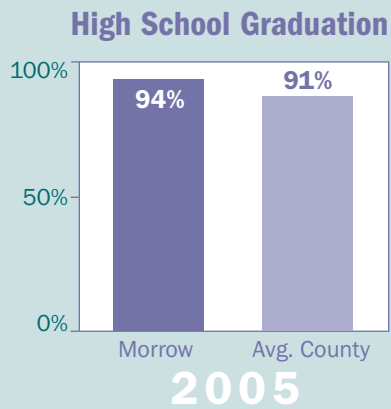
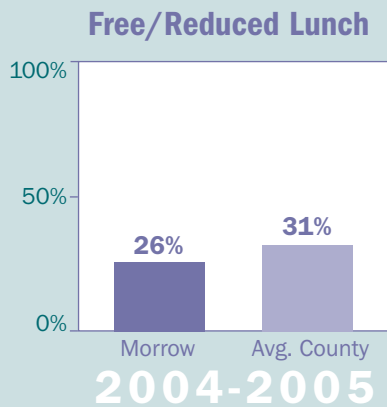


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	14,895		14,860		14,958	
Estimated Child Population	3,735		3,596		3,500	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	866	24%	787	22%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	891	36%	938	41%	1,030	46%
Unemployment Rate	600	8%	600	10%	600	10%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	740	20%	794	22%	842	24%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	125		106		85	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	9		2		6	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	15	9%	16	9%	20	12%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,675	45%	1,942	54%	2,266	65%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.3%		49.0%		48.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	45.1%		68.2%		66.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	158	80%	169	85%	150	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	7		21	6	16	5
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	21	6	20	6	22	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	1		8		9	

Morrow



County Seat: Mt. Gilead

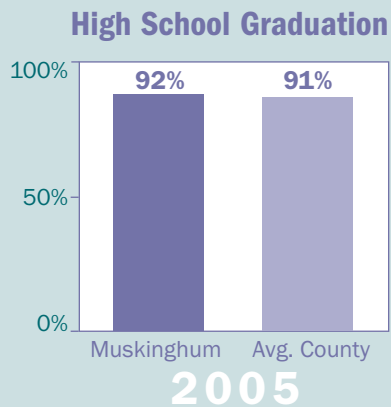
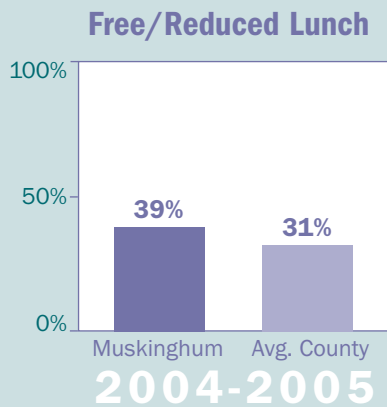


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	32,531		33,562		34,322	
Estimated Child Population	8,629		8,557		8,327	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,250	15%	1,145	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,160	20%	1,358	24%	1,507	26%
Unemployment Rate	800	5%	1,100	6%	1,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	799	9%	1,012	12%	1,214	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	263		222		208	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	14	19	12	14	7	9
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	23	5%	38	9%	35	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,006	23%	2,806	33%	3,427	41%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	52.1%		55.4%		66.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	47.8%		65.0%		75.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	382	90%	393	94%	422	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	212	25	124	14	120	14
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	58	7	33	4	32	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	5		6		11	5

Muskingum



County Seat: Zanesville

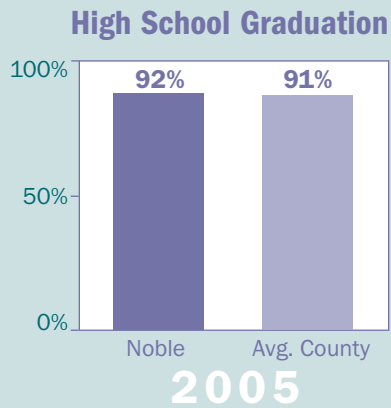
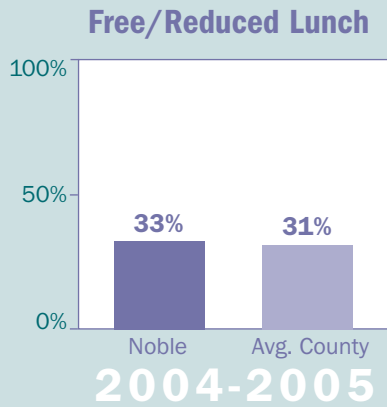


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	84,791		85,327		85,579	
Estimated Child Population	21,603		21,116		20,670	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,134	20%	4,275	21%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	5,440	31%	5,910	33%	6,658	39%
Unemployment Rate	2,400	6%	3,100	7%	3,300	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	4,234	20%	5,375	25%	6,072	29%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	1,151		1,085		899	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	47	22	45	23	47	23
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	93	9%	102	10%	101	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	8,323	39%	9,697	46%	11,185	54%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.1%		61.1%		68.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	47.9%		65.3%		74.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,320	86%	1,599	91%	1,507	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	197	9	200	9	229	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	164	8	194	9	210	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	124	24	70	14	66	13

Noble



County Seat: Caldwell

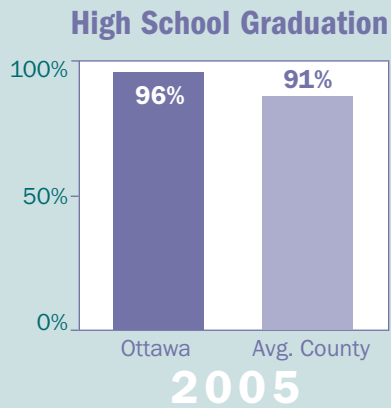
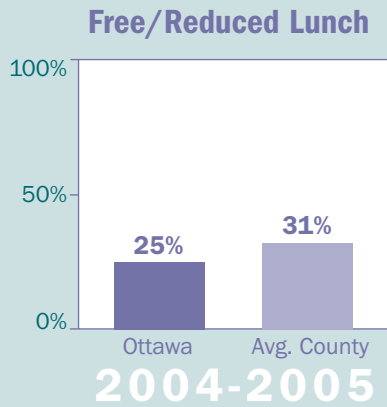
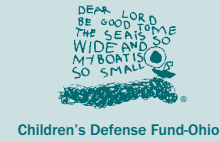


	2001 % or Rate	2003 % or Rate	2005 % or Rate
Demographics			
Estimated Total Population	13,955	14,084	14,156
Estimated Child Population	3,007	2,927	2,739
Economic Security			
Children Living in Poverty	489 17%	458 16%	
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	603 25%	659 29%	674 33%
Unemployment Rate	300 6%	500 9%	500 8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	383 13%	449 15%	466 17%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	100	140	121
Health			
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	2	8	6
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	6	9	10 7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,008 34%	1,282 44%	1,495 55%
Education			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	65.3%	55.3%	66.7%
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.3%	63.7%	82.3%
Students Graduating From High School	176 93%	77 92%	168 92%
Safety			
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	25 8	68 23	23 8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	6	18 6	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	5	6	6

Ottawa

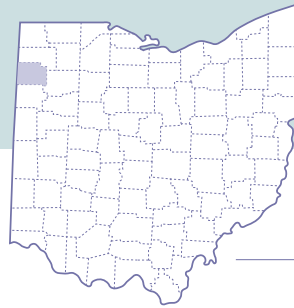


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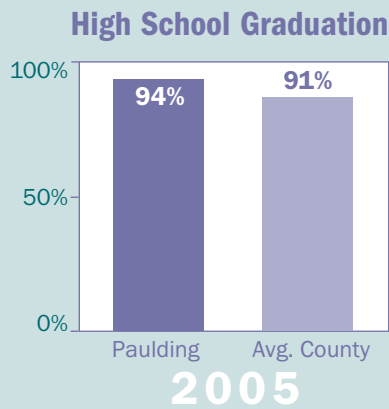
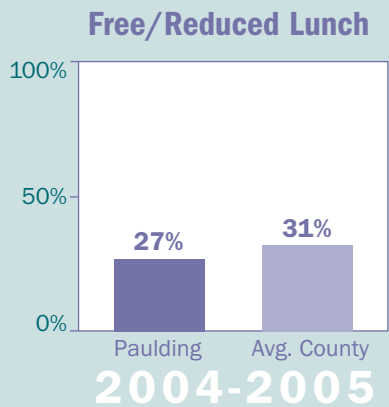


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	40,974		41,241		41,583	
Estimated Child Population	9,230		8,880		8,510	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	823	9%	851	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	976	8%	1,130	19%	1,512	25%
Unemployment Rate	1,200	6%	1,700	8%	1,700	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	608	7%	912	10%	992	12%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	123		164		159	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	9		10	12	9	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	27	7%	31	8%	25	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,829	20%	2,436	27%	3,058	36%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	63.7%		70.0%		74.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	56.7%		79.1%		79.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	555	92%	499	93%	495	96%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	52	6	73	8	83	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	20	2	24	3	28	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	22	9	11	5	18	8

Paulding



County Seat: Paulding

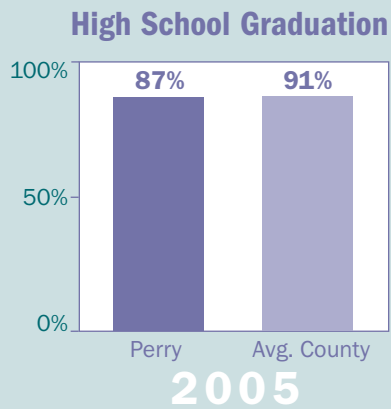
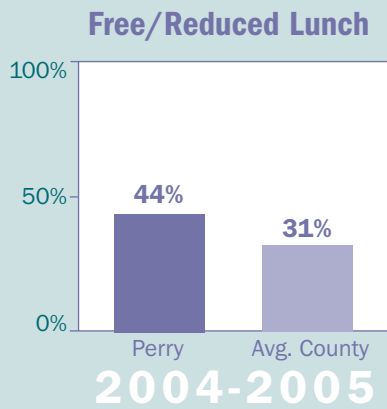


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	20,115		19,712		19,537	
Estimated Child Population	5,206		4,892		4,712	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	569	11%	559	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	687	18%	827	22%	906	27%
Unemployment Rate	500	5%	700	6%	600	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	346	7%	551	11%	604	13%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	29		27		22	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	5		7		9	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	13	6%	20	10%	16	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	911	17%	1,385	28%	1,717	36%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	63.1%		66.0%		70.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	56.4%		68.7%		80.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	298	93%	301	95%	260	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	87	17	70	14	45	10
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	42	8	27	6	27	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	37	29	18	15	14	12

Perry



County Seat: New Lexington

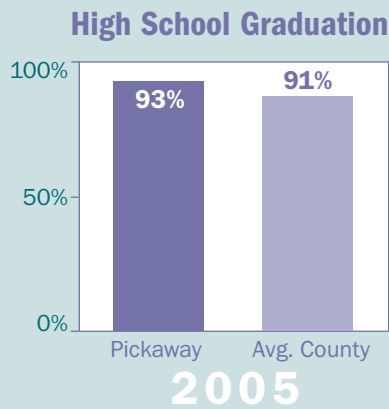
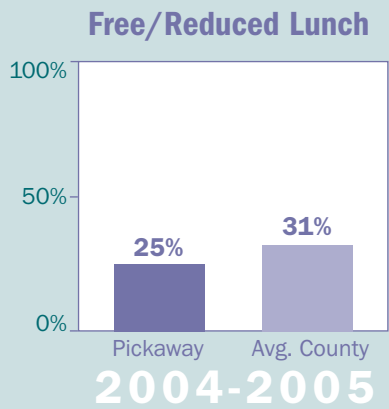


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	34,318		34,894		35,246	
Estimated Child Population	9,434		9,299		9,085	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,721	19%	1,712	19%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,392	34%	2,623	41%	2,902	44%
Unemployment Rate	900	6%	1,300	8%	1,400	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,453	15%	1,975	21%	2,249	25%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	288		286		280	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	26	34	13	17	12	15
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	41	8%	40	9%	48	11%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,282	35%	4,299	46%	5,464	60%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	52.5%		53.6%		55.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	46.1%		65.7%		74.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	402	85%	429	84%	394	87%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	64	7	102	11	97	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	99	10	92	10	126	14
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	28	13	24	11	45	21

Pickaway



County Seat: Circleville

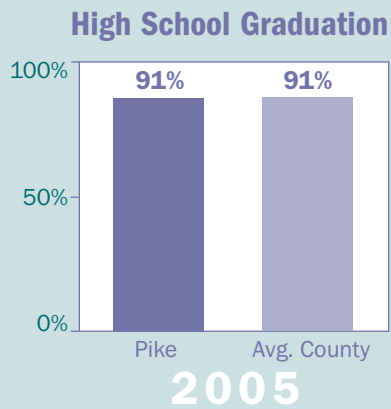
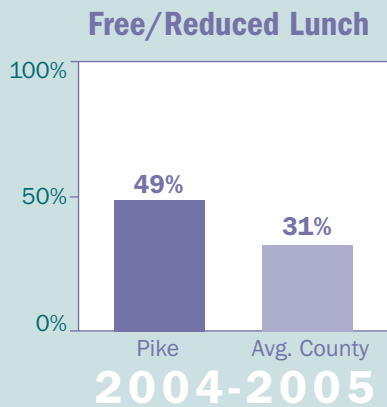


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	52,408		51,883		52,989	
Estimated Child Population	12,528		12,245		12,169	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,628	13%	1,714	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,934	21%	2,235	24%	2,418	25%
Unemployment Rate	1,100	5%	1,600	7%	1,700	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,390	11%	1,813	15%	2,202	18%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	242		240		202	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	20	19	21	20	22	19
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	63	10%	54	9%	42	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,015	24%	3,850	31%	5,123	42%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	54.4%		56.2%		66.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	49.9%		63.6%		77.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,306	88%	1,430	91%	1,415	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	44	4	55	4	45	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	36	3	49	4	42	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	52	17	42	13	36	11

Pike



County Seat: Waverly



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	27,816		28,208		28,146	
Estimated Child Population	7,366		7,255		7,062	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,973	27%	1,791	25%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,439	40%	2,514	40%	2,864	49%
Unemployment Rate	900	8%	1,200	10%	1,100	10%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,767	24%	2,221	31%	2,258	32%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	145		152		96	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	20	31	11	16	17	27
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	21	5%	35	9%	36	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,433	47%	4,195	58%	5,288	75%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	44.4%		51.2%		49.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	40.9%		58.9%		65.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	456	78%	485	87%	550	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	80	11	44	6	35	5
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	44	6	58	8	89	13
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	9		5		7	

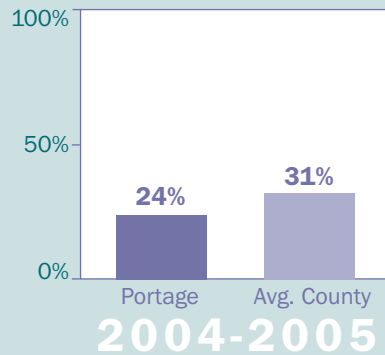
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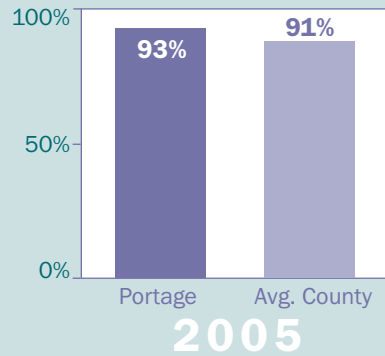
County Seat: Ravenna



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	153,074	154,802	155,631
Estimated Child Population	35,335	34,273	33,082

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	3,927	11%	3,513	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,902	20%	5,691	23%	6,024	24%
Unemployment Rate	3,600	4%	5,000	6%	5,000	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,260	6%	3,329	10%	3,750	11%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	813		916		772	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	42	0	33	11	38	13
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	121	7%	125	8%	120	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	6,822	19%	8,718	25%	10,740	32%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.9%	65.0%	74.6%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	61.7%	68.2%	83.6%			
Students Graduating From High School	1,698	87%	1,934	92%	1,906	93%

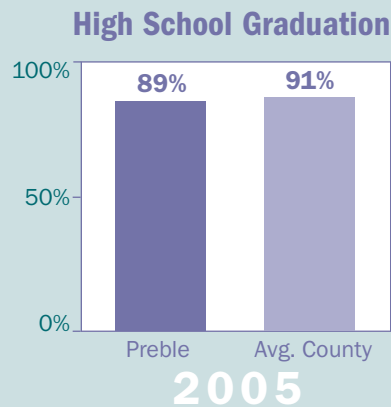
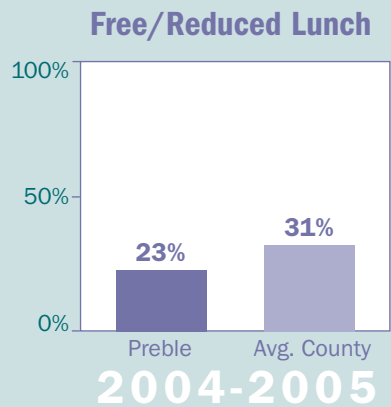
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	313	9	412	12	401	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	277	8	296	9	254	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	54	6	39	5	72	9

Preble



County Seat: Eaton

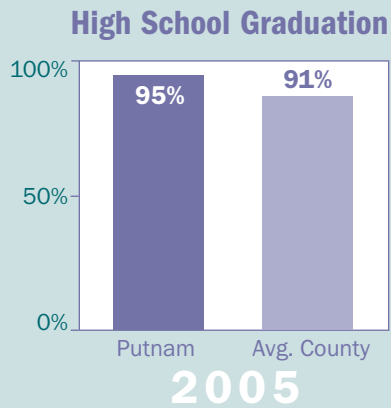
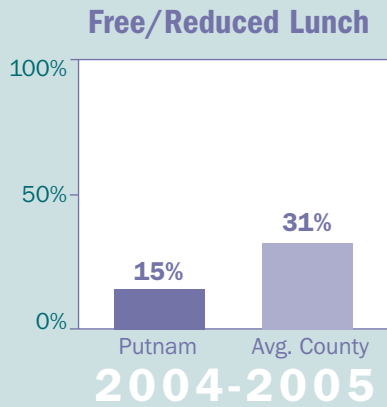


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	42,421		42,558		42,527	
Estimated Child Population	10,724		10,272		9,959	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,076	10%	1,109	11%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,442	21%	1,549	22%	1,582	23%
Unemployment Rate	1,000	4%	1,300	6%	1,300	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	580	5%	915	9%	1,143	11%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	183		176		184	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	19	20	15	14	11	12
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	30	7%	31	6%	47	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,979	18%	2,716	26%	3,411	34%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	56.4%		51.8%		60.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.1%		61.4%		71.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	530	85%	550	84%	477	89%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	90	8	152	15	178	18
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	170	16	104	10	118	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	47	17	35	13	20	8

Putnam



County Seat: Ottawa

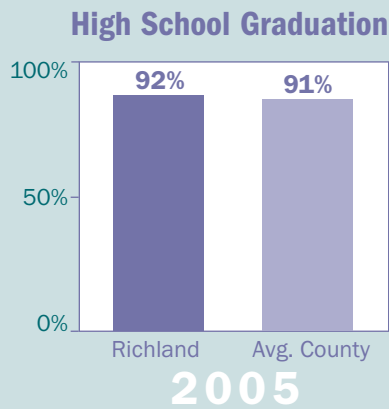
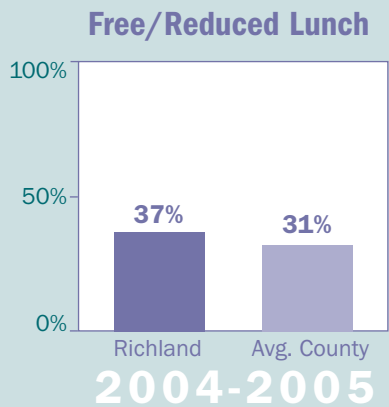


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	34,781		34,793		34,928	
Estimated Child Population	10,040		9,657		9,273	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	610	6%	631	7%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	649	9%	817	11%	1,054	15%
Unemployment Rate	700	4%	1,100	6%	900	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	475	5%	612	6%	689	7%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	92		98		109	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	10	11	14	15	9	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	25	6%	40	8%	41	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,132	11%	1,437	15%	2,076	22%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	70.8%		75.9%		80.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	66.0%		83.2%		89.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	596	96%	565	96%	564	95%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	47	5	54	6	39	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	16	2	14	1	10	1
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	14	6	13	5	11	5

Richland



County Seat: Mansfield

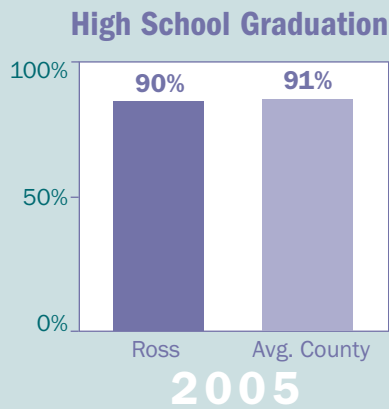
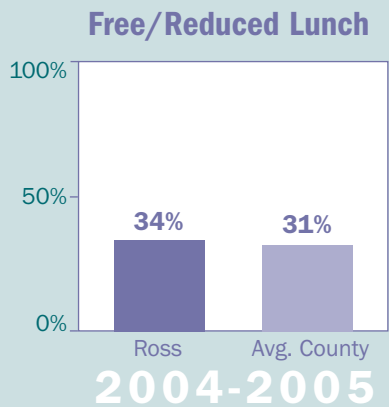


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	128,022		128,221		127,949	
Estimated Child Population	31,278		30,644		29,962	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	5,011	16%	4,920	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	6,730	29%	7,473	33%	8,366	37%
Unemployment Rate	3,300	5%	4,600	7%	4,100	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	3,855	12%	5,157	17%	5,591	19%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	1,286		1,139		923	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	77	29	62	21	71	26
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	127	8%	106	7%	150	10%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	9,167	29%	11,423	37%	13,552	45%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	51.5%		52.3%		62.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	49.9%		62.1%		76.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,598	89%	1,678	92%	1,996	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	509	16	731	24	849	28
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	440	14	259	8	185	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	144	19	101	14	82	11

Ross



County Seat: Chillicothe

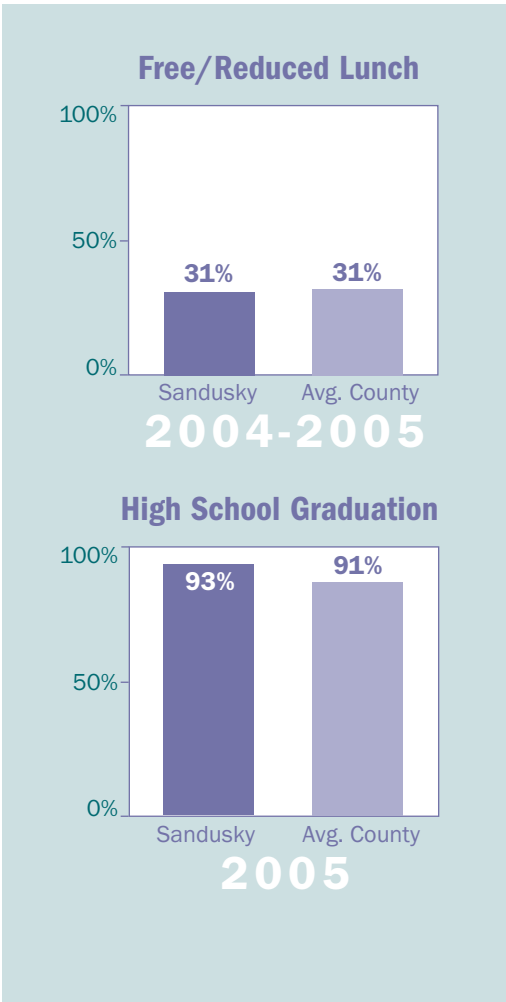


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	73,766		74,736		75,197	
Estimated Child Population	17,356		17,084		16,786	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,079	18%	3,004	18%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,531	27%	3,800	28%	4,193	34%
Unemployment Rate	1,800	5%	2,600	8%	2,500	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,890	17%	3,886	23%	4,488	27%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	467		373		273	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	37	25	31	20	46	29
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	78	9%	72	8%	88	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	6,094	35%	7,840	46%	9,547	57%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	54.8%		53.3%		55.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	50.8%		65.2%		74.2%	
Students Graduating From High School	801	84%	831	89%	775	90%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	269	15	376	22	325	19
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	268	15	268	16	200	12
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	26	6	31	8	27	7

Sandusky



County Seat: Fremont

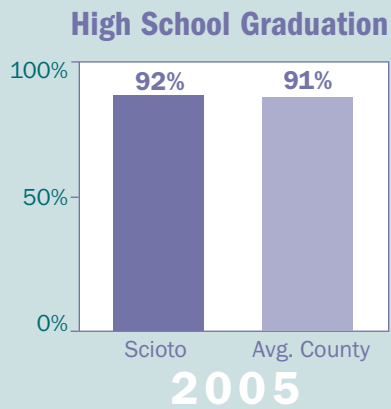
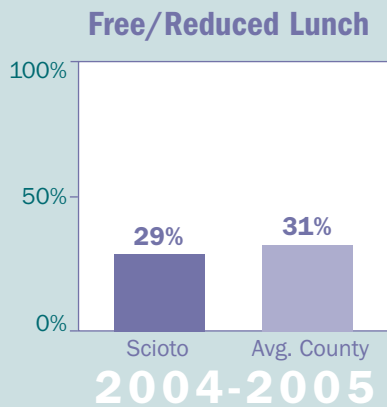


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	61,804		61,705		61,676	
Estimated Child Population	15,871		15,487		15,156	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,737	11%	1,739	11%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,868	23%	3,057	26%	3,570	31%
Unemployment Rate	1,500	5%	2,100	7%	2,000	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,333	8%	1,907	12%	2,316	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	380		493		528	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	44	30	32	23	27	20
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	66	7%	48	6%	52	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,938	25%	3,230	21%	5,890	39%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	55.8%		55.3%		61.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.1%		66.8%		78.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,694	90%	1,245	91%	1,282	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	285	18	321	21	237	16
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	141	9	112	7	67	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	50	13	34	9	37	10

Scioto



County Seat: Portsmouth

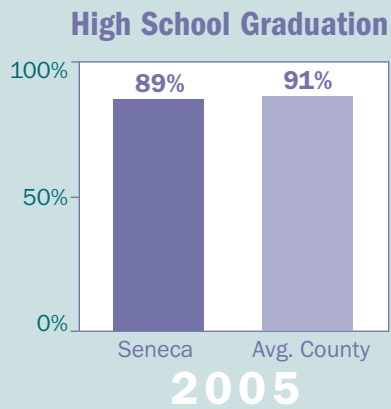
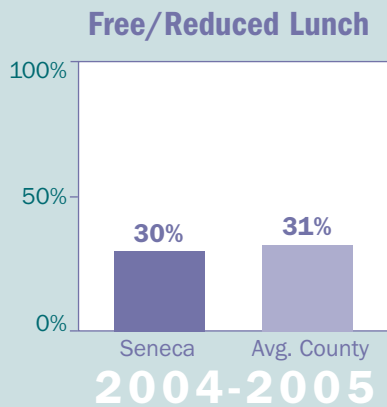
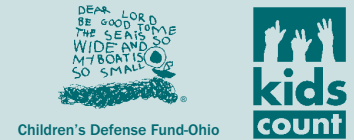


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	78,513		77,436		76,561	
Estimated Child Population	18,780		18,116		17,812	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	4,821	26%	4,607	26%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	6,062	43%	6,442	44%	6,695	29%
Unemployment Rate	2,200	7%	2,800	9%	2,800	9%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	5,076	27%	5,545	31%	6,058	34%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	674		743		668	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	42	25	46	28	48	30
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	82	8%	82	8%	81	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	9,958	53%	10,939	60%	11,490	65%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	54.1%		55.6%		60.6%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	50.9%		66.1%		76.9%	
Students Graduating From High School	839	83%	1,060	86%	1,044	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	78	4	82	5	155	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	137	7	174	6	226	13
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	106	23	43	10	45	10

Seneca



County Seat: Tiffin



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	58,353		57,921		57,483	
Estimated Child Population	14,745		14,174		13,716	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	1,675	12%	1,693	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,469	23%	2,560	25%	2,881	30%
Unemployment Rate	1,500	5%	2,000	6%	1,900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,138	8%	1,676	12%	2,019	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	365		346		253	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	32	22	24	17	24	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	68	10%	40	5%	53	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,298	16%	4,603	32%	5,372	39%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	61.0%		66.4%		70.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.5%		72.8%		81.7%	
Students Graduating From High School	628	80%	664	87%	571	89%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	172	12	229	16	172	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	82	6	95	7	108	8
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	48	13	25	7	25	7

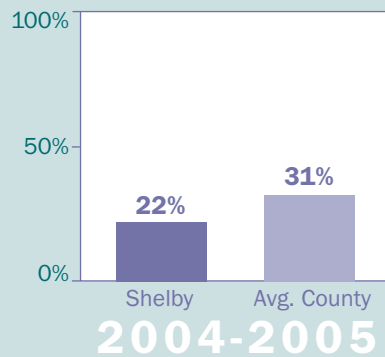
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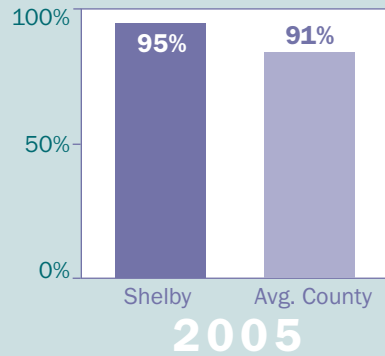
County Seat: Canton



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	48,306	48,540	48,736
Estimated Child Population	13,617	13,393	13,271

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	1,335	10%	1,296	10%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,473	16%	1,690	16%	2,006	22%
Unemployment Rate	1,100	4%	1,500	6%	1,300	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	691	5%	1,055	8%	1,436	11%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	305		327		257	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	28	26	16	14	29	25
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	40	5%	48	6%	51	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	2,218	16%	3,034	23%	4,116	31%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.8%	60.3%	77.0%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	59.0%	72.6%	83.4%			
Students Graduating From High School	619	86%	636	91%	603	95%

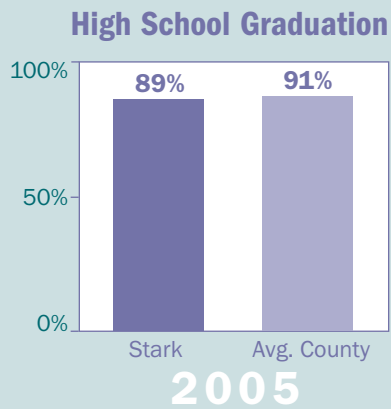
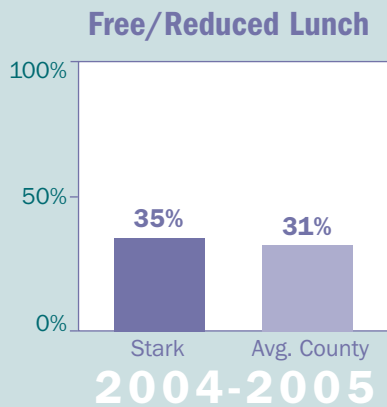
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	69	5	134	10	84	6
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	49	4	33	2	37	3
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	47	15	38	13	64	21

Stark



County Seat: Canton

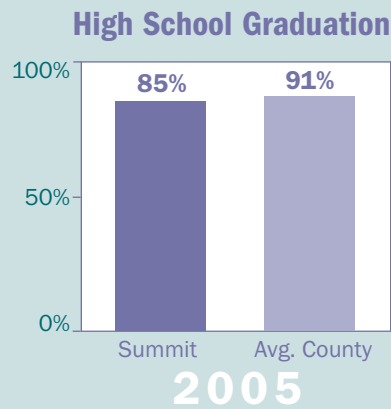
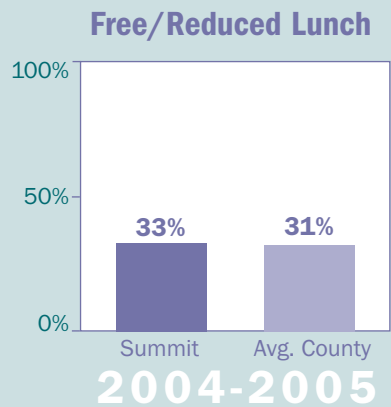


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	378,617		380,280		380,608	
Estimated Child Population	92,796		91,111		88,946	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	13,211	15%	13,070	15%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	19,689	30%	20,727	32%	22,734	35%
Unemployment Rate	8,400	4%	12,900	7%	12,100	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	10,569	11%	14,026	15%	15,028	17%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	2,691		2,961		2,662	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	185	23	174	21	140	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	388	8%	425	9%	411	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	24,558	26%	29,686	33%	34,626	39%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	59.2%		62.8%		71.2%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	55.4%		68.3%		79.8%	
Students Graduating From High School	4,270	84%	4,558	85%	4,384	89%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	1,893	20	1,625	18	1,516	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	1,384	15	1,462	16	1,363	15
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	294	14	280	13	337	15

Summit



County Seat: Akron

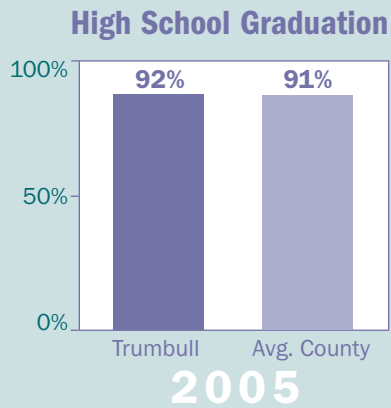
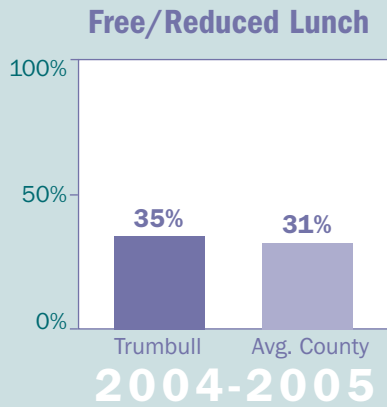


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	545,324		546,620		546,604	
Estimated Child Population	134,607		133,062		130,210	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	19,170	14%	21,365	16%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	24,440	29%	26,356	32%	27,662	33%
Unemployment Rate	12,800	5%	17,500	6%	16,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	18,947	14%	23,079	17%	24,703	19%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	3,482		4,317		4,272	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	259	23	206	17	209	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	587	8%	584	9%	581	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	37,168	28%	43,662	33%	49,483	38%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	57.1%		56.3%		64.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	54.1%		66.0%		79.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	5,521	83%	5,808	83%	5,709	85%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	829	6	980	7	1,477	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	2,364	18	2,538	19	2,352	18
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	706	23	581	19	521	17

Trumbull



County Seat: Warren

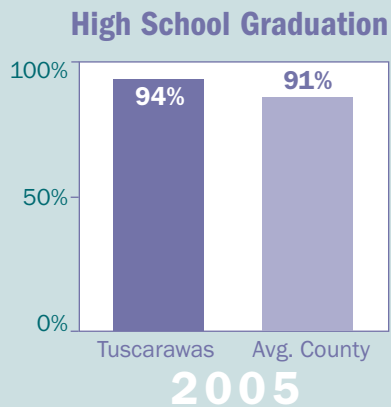
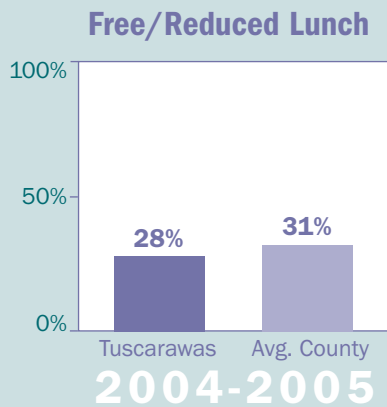


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	224,305		221,645		219,296	
Estimated Child Population	55,513		51,429		49,536	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	8,799	17%	8,622	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	10,689	29%	11,504	31%	12,440	35%
Unemployment Rate	6,600	6%	8,000	8%	7,100	7%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	7,478	4%	9,090	7%	9,509	19%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	2,422		2,225		1,668	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	97	20	88	18	81	17
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	213	8%	209	9%	214	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	16,053	30%	19,924	39%	22,662	46%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	59.6%		60.0%		67.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.6%		69.8%		80.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	2,640	84%	2,750	90%	2,764	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	29	1	64	1	174	4
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	294	5	362	7	307	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	142	11	97	8	124	10

Tuscarawas



County Seat: New Philadelphia

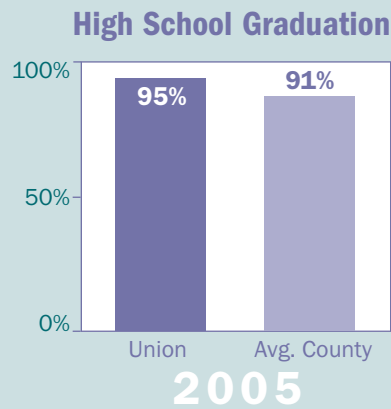
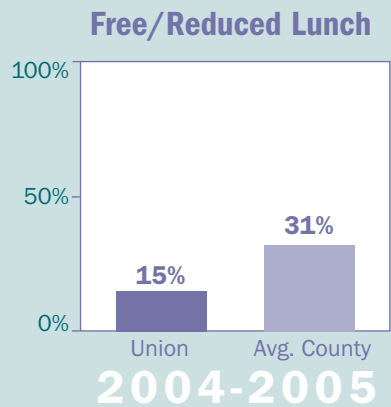


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	91,227		91,745		91,944	
Estimated Child Population	22,614		22,162		21,654	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,094	14%	3,021	14%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	3,446	22%	3,762	24%	4,217	28%
Unemployment Rate	2,100	5%	3,000	6%	2,700	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	2,133	9%	2,988	13%	3,282	15%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	558		561		442	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	25	12	25	13	35	18
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	75	6%	94	8%	94	8%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	5,532	24%	7,132	32%	8,515	39%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	66.2%		68.9%		70.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	60.3%		73.6%		86.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,447	89%	1,451	99%	1,396	94%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	236	10	248	11	233	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	121	5	169	8	218	10
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	34	6	48	9	34	7

Union



County Seat: Marysville

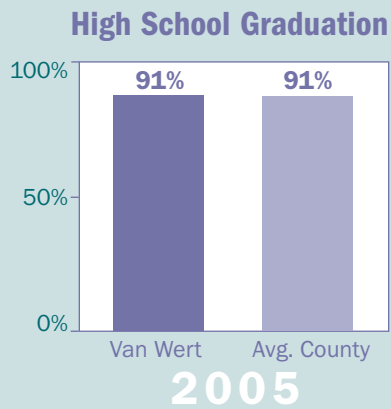
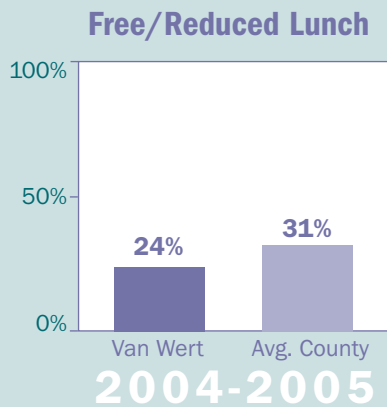


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Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	42,467		43,773		45,751	
Estimated Child Population	11,503		11,644		11,906	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	738	7%	891	8%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	809	13%	927	13%	1,056	15%
Unemployment Rate	700	3%	1,100	5%	1,200	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	400	3%	888	8%	1,156	10%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	196		196		183	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	12	15	13	13	12	11
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	51	8%	63	10%	49	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,736	15%	2,248	19%	3,144	26%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	58.7%		56.9%		71.9%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	55.6%		63.2%		83.4%	
Students Graduating From High School	418	88%	507	95%	477	95%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	16	1	61	5	100	8
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	92	8	68	6	71	6
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	32	13	20	8	20	7

Van Wert



County Seat: Van Wert

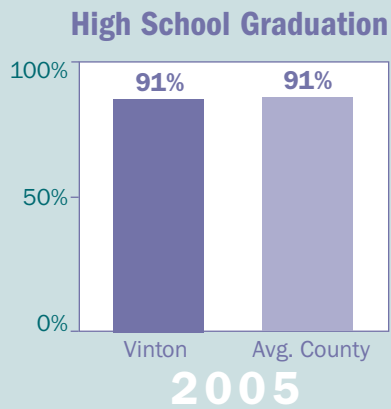
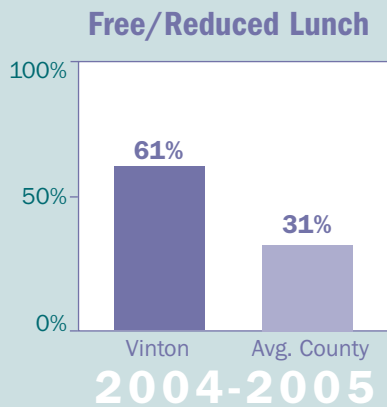


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	29,447		29,290		29,154	
Estimated Child Population	7,465		7,233		7,012	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	683	9%	636	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	938	19%	1,083	22%	1,118	24%
Unemployment Rate	800	5%	900	6%	800	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	287	4%	459	6%	598	9%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	58		84		67	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	8		12	18	13	20
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	18	5%	13	4%	25	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,166	16%	1,887	26%	2,481	35%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	63.5%		63.9%		72.7%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	53.4%		76.2%		78.9%	
Students Graduating From High School	474	88%	556	92%	438	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	49	7	74	10	63	9
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	18	2	11	2	12	2
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	29	16	24	13	28	16

Vinton



County Seat: McArthur

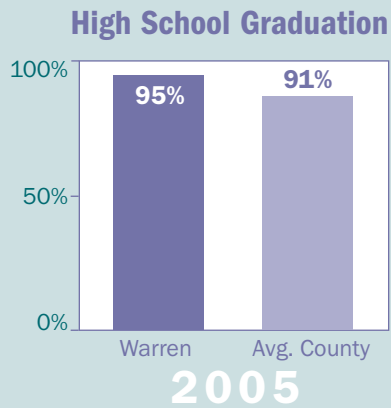
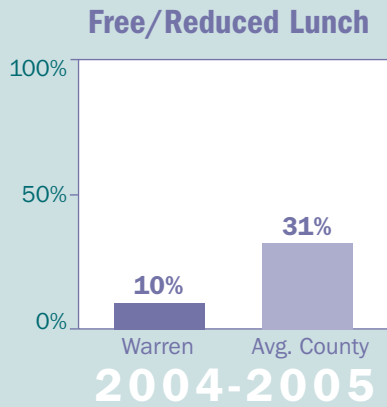


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	13,008		13,236		13,429	
Estimated Child Population	3,423		3,372		3,362	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	839	25%	783	23%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,126	46%	1,395	54%	1,571	61%
Unemployment Rate	400	8%	500	9%	500	8%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	824	24%	999	30%	1,126	33%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	152		167		83	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	8	14	14	54	3	
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	16	9%	24	13%	13	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,745	51%	2,170	64%	2,430	72%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	31.5%		36%		46.5%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	31.3%		43.5%		60.6%	
Students Graduating From High School	110	68%	114	83%	150	91%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	52	15	54	16	44	13
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	36	11	57	17	58	17
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	12	15	7	9	7	9

Warren



County Seat: Lebanon



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	167,766		182,536		196,622	
Estimated Child Population	45,591		48,363		50,087	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,760	6%	3,057	6%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,534	10%	2,691	10%	3,173	10%
Unemployment Rate	3,100	4%	4,800	5%	4,900	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	971	2%	1,791	4%	1,872	4%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	435		486		449	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	39	12	43	11	51	12
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	176	7%	165	6%	185	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,875	8%	5,519	11%	7,773	16%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	73.6%		77.0%		84.0%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	70.7%		81.8%		90.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,876	89%	2,271	94%	2,284	95%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	90	2	116	2	96	2
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	181	4	200	4	193	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	135	14	140	13	133	11

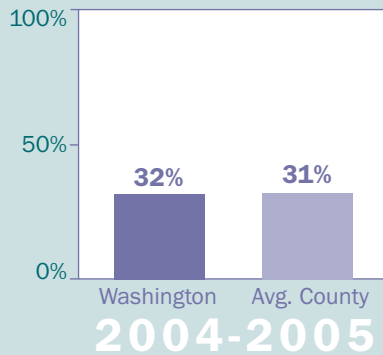
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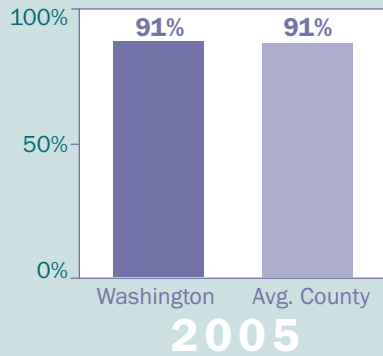
County Seat: Marietta



Free/Reduced Lunch



High School Graduation



2001 % or Rate 2003 % or Rate 2005 % or Rate

Demographics

Estimated Total Population	62,783	62,604	62,210
Estimated Child Population	14,363	13,940	13,431

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty	2,350	17%	2,270	17%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,572	25%	2,814	27%	3,207	32%
Unemployment Rate	1,500	5%	2,100	6%	1,900	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,618	11%	2,084	15%	2,498	19%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	513		439		323	

Health

Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	23	18	16	13	13	10
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	51	8%	63	10%	58	12%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	4,743	33%	5,811	42%	6,407	48%

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	58.5%	56.3%	60.3%			
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	57.4%	67.4%	77.4%			
Students Graduating From High School	1,007	93%	927	89%	841	91%

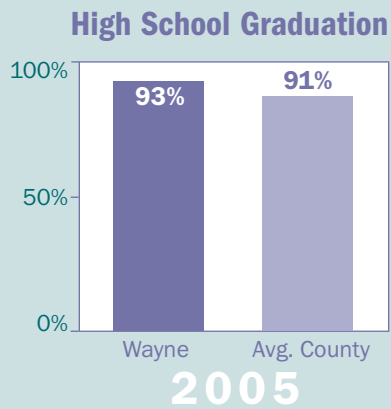
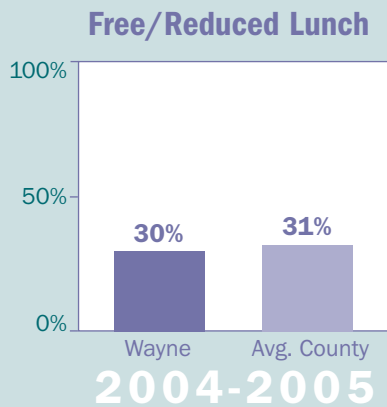
Safety

Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	68	5	141	10	147	11
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	57	4	52	4	62	5
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	22	6	51	15	36	11

Wayne



County Seat: Wooster

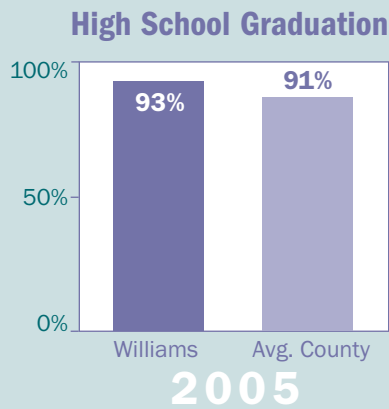
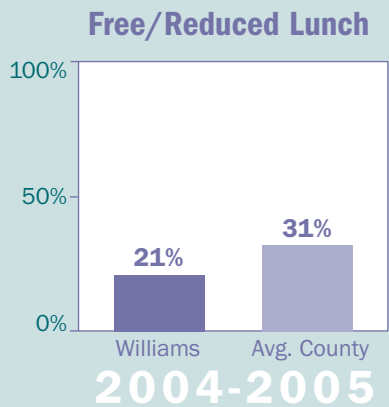


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	112,244		113,144		113,697	
Estimated Child Population	29,988		29,541		28,948	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	3,653	12%	3,545	12%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	4,127	22%	4,604	26%	5,154	30%
Unemployment Rate	2,300	4%	3,100	5%	3,000	5%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,886	6%	2,689	9%	3,001	10%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	484		605		513	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	19	7	28	11	20	8
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	79	5%	91	6%	108	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	5,020	17%	6,582	22%	8,527	29%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	65.7%		69.7%		76.1%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	60.8%		77.1%		85.1%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,523	87%	1,453	88%	1,518	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	454	15	505	17	456	16
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	203	7	244	8	264	9
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	65	9	46	6	70	10

Williams



County Seat: Bryan

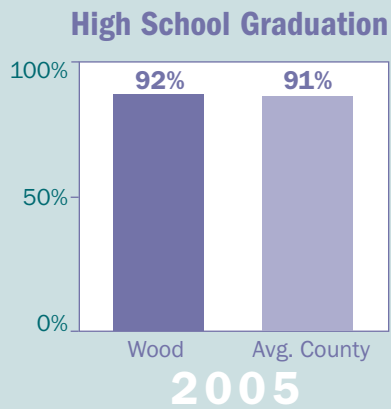
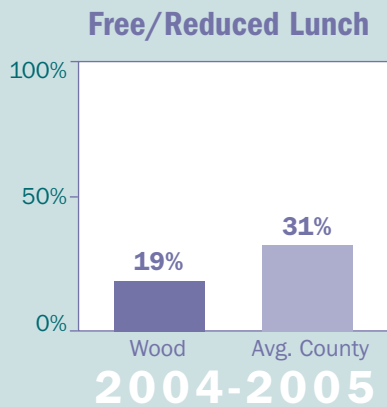


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	39,111		38,841		38,688	
Estimated Child Population	9,934		9,432		9,137	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	947	10%	989	11%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	1,041	17%	1,186	18%	1,377	21%
Unemployment Rate	1,100	5%	1,300	7%	1,200	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	657	7%	1,023	11%	1,036	11%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	133		161		123	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	23	26	14	17	19	22
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	16	4%	26	6%	38	9%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	1,957	20%	2,877	31%	3,447	38%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	62.5%		67.4%		72.4%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	55.0%		73.3%		83.5%	
Students Graduating From High School	499	88%	538	92%	488	93%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	116	12	136	14	134	15
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	51	5	48	5	61	7
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	39	16	42	18	26	11

Wood



County Seat: Bowling Green

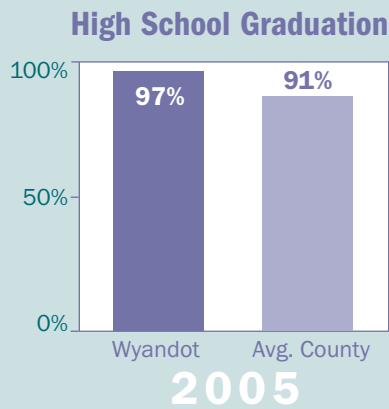
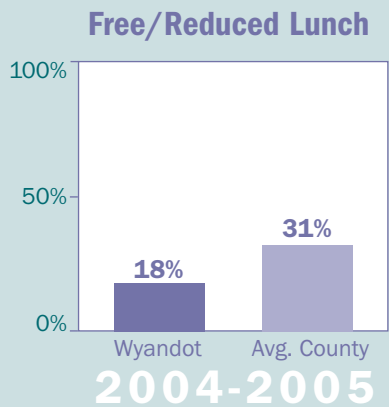


	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	121,936		122,452		123,929	
Estimated Child Population	27,818		26,695		25,727	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	2,226	8%	2,264	9%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	2,640	15%	3,036	15%	3,653	19%
Unemployment Rate	2,600	4%	3,800	6%	3,800	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	1,148	4%	1,777	7%	2,319	9%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	385		369		354	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	38	14	30	12	35	15
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	107	8%	71	5%	100	7%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	3,820	14%	5,271	20%	6,925	27%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	63.6%		65.4%		68.3%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	59.3%		72.4%		82.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	1,906	88%	1,993	93%	1,855	92%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	165	6	282	11	311	12
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	74	3	91	3	103	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	30	4	37	6	69	11

Wyandot



County Seat: Upper Sandusky



	2001 % or Rate		2003 % or Rate		2005 % or Rate	
Demographics						
Estimated Total Population	22,743		22,776		22,813	
Estimated Child Population	5,716		5,497		5,379	
Economic Security						
Children Living in Poverty	445	8%	424	8%		
Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	582	14%	638	15%	720	18%
Unemployment Rate	500	4%	700	6%	800	6%
Children Receiving Food Stamps	163	3%	252	5%	392	7%
Children in Child Care Assistance Program	40		56		47	
Health						
Births to Adolescents (Rate/1,000)	10	16	8		11	23
Infants Born at Low Birth Weight	20	7%	28	9%	19	6%
Children in Public Health Care Programs	814	14%	1,239	23%	1,538	29%
Education						
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math	69.0%		71.8%		73.8%	
Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading	51.5%		72.2%		78.0%	
Students Graduating From High School	298	88%	310	93%	320	97%
Safety						
Children Abused or Neglected (Rate/1,000)	87	15	119	22	89	17
Children In Foster Care (Rate/1,000)	37	6	39	7	20	4
Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies (Rate/1,000)	8		8		12	9

Please note: Rates per 1,000 are not given for numbers smaller than 10. Children are defined as persons under the age of 18.

Demographics

Estimated Total Population

Estimated Child Population

Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Definition: An estimate of the population in Ohio counties for July 1 of each year. Existing data series such as births, deaths, Federal tax returns, Medicare enrollment, and immigration, are used to update the decennial census base counts.

Economic Security

Children Living in Poverty

Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

Definition: An estimate of the number and percentage of children under 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line each year. Please note that each estimate has a margin of error above or below, which can be quite large for smaller Ohio counties.

Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch

Source: Children's Hunger Alliance

Definition: The number and percentage of children that have applied for the free or reduced price lunch program in Ohio schools in October of each school year. Children must live in families below 185% of the federal poverty line to qualify for the program.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

Source: Bureau of Program Policy, Office of Family Stability, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Definition: The number and percentage of children receiving food stamps in July of each year.

Unemployment Rate

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Work Force Development

Definition: Persons who were not employed, but who were actively seeking work, waiting to be called back to a job from which laid off, or waiting to report within 30 days to a new payroll job. The unemployment rate is expressed as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

Children in Child Care Assistance Program

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Child Care

Definition: Parents who are working or in school and meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive help with child care costs. The amount paid is based on income, family size and the number of children in child care.

Health

Births to Adolescents

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Definition: The number of births to adolescents younger than 18 and the rate per 1000 adolescents ages 15-17. Births for residents of some border counties may not be included in the 2005 data.

Infants Born at Low Birth Weight

Source: Ohio Department of Health

Definition: The number and percent of babies born weighing less than 5.5 lbs at birth. Births for residents of some border counties may not be included in the 2005 data.

Children in Public Health Care Program

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Ohio Health Plans -Medicaid Program

Definition: Children eligible for Healthy Start (SCHIP) are younger than age 19 and in a family with income up to 300% of the federal poverty level; children eligible for Healthy Families coverage are younger than age 19 and in a family with income up to 90% of the federal poverty level.

Education

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Reading

Fourth Graders Proficient or Better in Math

Source: Ohio Department of Education

Definition: The average percentage of students who scored proficient or better on fourth grade math and reading tests. School districts were assigned to the county where their district office is located.

Students Graduating From High School

Source: Ohio Department of Education

Definition: The number of high school graduates and the percent who graduated on-time. School districts were assigned to the county where their district office is located.

Safety

Children Abused or Neglected

Source: *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office for Children and Families*

Definition: Substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect and the rate per 1000 children, including emotional maltreatment, neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse.

Children In Foster Care

Source: *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office for Children and Families*

Definition: The number of children in substitute care each year and the rate per 1000 children. This includes children who were in care on January 1 of each year, along with children who entered care during that calendar year. This reflects children placed by public agencies only.

Adolescents Adjudicated for Felonies

Source: *Ohio Department of Youth Services*

Definition: The number of children adjudicated for felony-level offenses. Since the vast majority of these offenses are committed by youth age 14-17, the rate compares the number of youth adjudicated to the total population of 14-17 year olds. Youth with more than one adjudication in a calendar year are counted only once.

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