

# Profile of Child Well-Being in Emmet County



## Population Profile

The population 17 years of age or younger in Emmet County in 2000 was 2,674, a decrease of 13 percent since 1990. According to projections, the youth population will decline to 2,275 by 2020.

In Emmet County, youth accounted for 24.2 percent of the total population in 2000 compared to 25.1 percent statewide. Minority youth in the county numbered 267 in 2000 and are projected to increase to 336 by 2020.

### 1. Population 17 Years or Younger

	Emmet County			
	1990	2000	2010*	2020*
Total population	11,569	11,027	10,409	10,086
Percent 17 or younger	26.6	24.2	21.3	22.6
Population 17 or younger	3,073	2,674	2,217	2,275
0 to 4 years	710	603	616	621
5 to 9 years	888	673	646	638
10 to 14 years	928	787	565	628
15 to 17 years	547	611	390	388
Minority <sup>^</sup> Population 17 or younger	n/a	267	250	336
0 to 4 years	n/a	85	80	102
5 to 9 years	n/a	65	76	98
10 to 14 years	n/a	54	52	88
15 to 17 years	n/a	63	42	48
Female Population 17 or younger	1,487	1,351	1,052	1,103
0 to 4 years	344	290	301	301
5 to 9 years	418	331	309	310
10 to 14 years	448	387	254	302
15 to 17 years	277	343	188	190
Male Population 17 or younger	1,586	1,323	1,165	1,172
0 to 4 years	366	313	315	320
5 to 9 years	470	342	337	328
10 to 14 years	480	400	311	326
15 to 17 years	270	268	202	198

<sup>^</sup> Minority includes all persons except white non-Hispanics.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Summary File 1, \*Projections by Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2004

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## Health Profile

As the number of total births in Emmet County rose from 1999 to 2003, the number of births to teens decreased by 8. In 1999, births to teens accounted for 15.3 percent of total births in the county compared to 7.3 percent in 2003.

*Teen parenting is used as a predictor of future economic hardship for both parents and children. Teen parents are often less able to provide positive, safe and caring environments, or family stability.*

In Emmet County, 4.6 percent of total births in 2003 were low birthweight compared to 6.6 percent statewide.

*Low birthweight (less than 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams) can be an indicator of mothers not receiving adequate prenatal care and is often a good predictor of future health and developmental complications.*

*Early and ongoing prenatal care increases the chances of delivering healthy, full-term, and normal weight babies. Rates are per 1,000 live births.*

For the period from 1998 to 2001, the rate of mothers in Emmet County receiving prenatal care during the first trimester of their pregnancy was 848.3 compared to 869.8 statewide.

### 2. Births to Teens, Low Birthweight Births, Pre-natal Care, and Immunizations

Year	Births to Teens		Low Birthweight Births		1st Trimester Prenatal Care		Full Immunizations*	
	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State
	n	% of total births	n	% of total births	rate (per 1,000 live births)	rate (per 1,000 live births)	% fully immunized	% fully immunized
1999	19	15.3	11	8.9	---	---	89.0	84.0
2000	18	14.3	8	6.3	---	---	92.0	86.0
2001	11	8.8	4	3.2	848.3	869.8	91.0	88.0
2002	18	13.8	10	7.7	n/a	n/a	92.0	85.0
2003	11	7.3	7	4.6	n/a	n/a	91.0	89.0

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

\*NOTE: Immunization data reflect only one site per county so should be interpreted with caution.

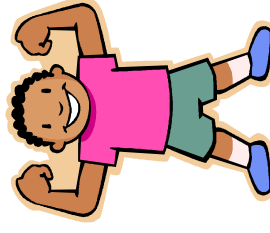
In Emmet County in 2003, 91 percent of children 24 months of age were reported to be fully immunized compared to 89 percent in 1999. Percentages for the state were 89 in 2003 and 84 in 1999.

*Fully immunized = 4 DTP/DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hep. B by 24 months of age.*

*Infant mortality is considered one of the best overall measures of health care accessibility and quality in that it measures the health of the most vulnerable in a given population. The infant mortality rate is the number of infants who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births.*

In Emmet County, the infant mortality rate from 2001 to 2003 was 7.4, higher than the county rate of 1995-1998 and higher than the statewide rate of 5.5 in 2001-2003 period.

**NOTE:** Due to the relatively low number of births, infant deaths, and child deaths per year in many of Iowa's counties, users are encouraged to use 3-5 year averages for comparative purposes. These are presented in Tables 3 and 4.





### 3. Infant Mortality

Year	Emmet County		State	
	n	rate	n	rate
1995-1997	2	5.6	7.1	7.1
1998-2000	2	5.3	6.2	6.2
2001-2003	3	7.4	5.5	5.5

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

From 2000 to 2002, the child death rate in Emmet County was 0.7 compared to the state's rate of 0.2

*Child deaths include deaths to all children ages 1 to 14. Child death rates are the number of deaths in this population per 1,000 total population age 1 to 14.*

### 4. Child Death Rates

Year	Emmet County		State	
	n	rate	n	rate
2000-2002	4	0.7	0.2	0.2

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



### Education Profile

In Emmet County, 46 children were enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten during the 2003-04 school year. This was a 2 child increase from 2000-01.

*Pre-Kindergarten students often demonstrate stronger early reading and math skills than non PK students.*

### 5. Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment

	Emmet County	State
2000-2001	44	5,797
2001-2002	33	5,714
2002-2003	39	5,949
2003-2004	46	6,907

Source: Iowa Department of Education

The Emmet County Empowerment Area reported at least 24.6 percent of its kindergartners consistently displaying school-ready behaviors in the five areas. Statewide at least 35.9 percent of kindergarten students were reported as school ready.

*"School readiness" is the result of kindergarten teachers being asked to assess their students in 5 areas: communication skills, cognitive skills, self-management skills, motor skills, and social-emotional development. Teachers report the degree to which behaviors within these five areas are observable ranging from "rarely" to "consistently".*

### 6. School Readiness\*, 2002-2003

	Emmet County	State
Motor Skills <sup>1</sup>	41.1	48.8
Communication Skills <sup>2</sup>	24.6	35.9
Cognitive Skills <sup>3</sup>	32.6	44.5
Social/Emotional Dev. <sup>4</sup>	40.6	50.1
Self-Management Skills <sup>5</sup>	34.3	43.0

\* Percent reported "consistently observed"

Source: Iowa Department of Education

- <sup>1</sup> Include coordination and balance, using scissors, etc.
- <sup>2</sup> Include the ability to ask and answer questions, communicate needs, etc.
- <sup>3</sup> Include using a variety of words to describe a shape or color, ability to sort objects into categories, etc.
- <sup>4</sup> Includes ability to build relationships with adults and peers, express emotions and feelings, etc.
- <sup>5</sup> Includes ability to follow classroom rules and routines, take responsibility for personal belongings, etc.

### Economic Profile

During the 2003-04 school year, 39.5 percent of K-12 students in Emmet County were eligible for free or reduced-price school compared to 33.0 percent in 2000-01. Statewide a total of 144,000 students (30.0%) were eligible for free or reduced price meals.

*Because eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals is an annual measure, it is a good indicator of the economic well-being of children in a community. Families with incomes 135% or less of the federal poverty threshold are eligible for free meals, those with incomes 136% to 180% of poverty are eligible for reduced-price meals.*

### 7. Eligibility for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

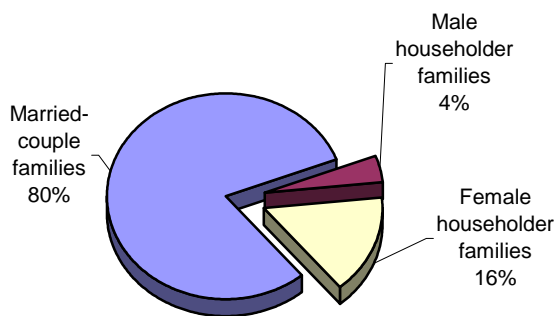
	Number Eligible for Free Meals		Number Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals		Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals	
	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State	Emmet County	State
2000-01	386	93,823	255	37,754	33.0	26.7
2001-02	355	93,062	237	36,492	32.8	26.7
2002-03	359	100,544	267	36,870	36.0	28.5
2003-04	413	107,324	271	36,907	39.5	30.0

Source: Iowa Department of Education

### Family Living Profile

While the majority of the 2,403 children under 18 years of age in Emmet County in 2000 resided in a two-parent family, 19.7 percent lived in a family headed by a single parent.

#### Children by Family Type, 2000



Source: Census 2000, SF1, US Bureau of the Census

In Emmet County, 70.7 percent of children under 6 living in a family or subfamily had all parents in the labor force compared to 71.4 percent statewide. All parents includes both parents in a married-couple family and the parent in a male- or female-headed family.

### 8. Employment Status of Parents with Young Children, 2000

	Emmet County		State
	n	%	%
Total Own Children in Families			
Under 6 years:	665		
Living with 2 parents	500		
Both parents in labor force	336	67.2	69.2
Living with father only	52		
Father in labor force	52	100.0	88.8
Living with mother only	113		
Mother in labor force	82	72.6	71.4

Source: Census 2000, SF3, US Bureau of the Census

### Safety Profile

The number of confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in Emmet County in 2003 was 98, an increase of 45 since 1999.

### 9. Confirmed Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

	Emmet County	State
1999	53	9,588
2000	52	10,821
2001	58	12,793
2002	94	12,292
2003	98	14,936

Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

In 2003, Emmet County reported 0 Group A and 0 Group B arrests per 100,000 juveniles compared to rates of 2,003 and 1,180, respectively, for the state.

Source and further details available @ [http://www.dps.state.ia.us/documents\\_repository/DPS/2003/iacrim\\_e/iacrim.htm](http://www.dps.state.ia.us/documents_repository/DPS/2003/iacrim_e/iacrim.htm)

Juvenile arrests are reported in 2 groups, Group A offenses include such crimes as murder, rape, burglary and drug violations while Group B offenses include curfew, drunkenness and runaways.