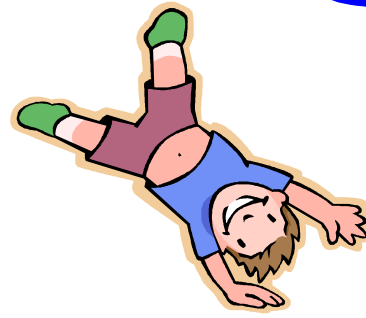


# Profile of Child Well-Being in Page County



## Population Profile

The population 17 years of age or younger in Page County in 2000 was 3,948, a decrease of 6.3 percent since 1990. According to projections, the youth population will decline to 2,996 by 2020.

In Page County, youth accounted for 23.3 percent of the total population in 2000 compared to 25.1 percent statewide. Minority youth in the county numbered 302 in 2000 and are projected to decrease to 246 by 2020.

### 1. Population 17 Years or Younger

	Page County			
	1990	2000	2010*	2020*
Total population	16,870	16,976	16,527	16,662
Percent 17 or younger	25.0	23.3	18.3	18.0
Population 17 or younger	4,214	3,948	3,022	2,996
0 to 4 years	999	946	809	827
5 to 9 years	1,183	1,004	816	823
10 to 14 years	1,317	1,144	845	842
15 to 17 years	715	854	552	504
Minority <sup>^</sup> Population 17 or younger	n/a	302	210	246
0 to 4 years	n/a	80	50	82
5 to 9 years	n/a	68	38	74
10 to 14 years	n/a	55	80	60
15 to 17 years	n/a	99	42	30
Female Population 17 or younger	2,050	1,917	1,520	1,513
0 to 4 years	487	475	397	407
5 to 9 years	599	510	413	418
10 to 14 years	648	559	431	427
15 to 17 years	316	373	279	261
Male Population 17 or younger	2,164	2,031	1,502	1,483
0 to 4 years	512	471	412	420
5 to 9 years	584	494	403	405
10 to 14 years	669	585	414	415
15 to 17 years	399	481	273	243

<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 Page County dropped from 1999 to 2003, the number of births to teens decreased by 8. In 1999, births to teens accounted for 14.3 percent of total births in the county compared to 12.0 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 Page County, 9.6 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 Page County receiving prenatal care during the first trimester of their pregnancy was 903.4 compared to 869.8 statewide.



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

Year	Page County		State		Page County		State		Page County		State	
	n	% of total births	n	% of total births	(per 1,000 live births)	rate (per 1,000 live births)	% of total births	rate (per 1,000 live births)	% fully immunized	% fully immunized	% fully immunized	% fully immunized
1999	28	14.3	15	7.7	---	---	6.2	---	92.0	92.0	84.0	84.0
2000	21	12.4	9	5.3	---	---	6.1	---	94.0	94.0	86.0	86.0
2001	14	8.8	14	8.8	903.4	869.8	6.4	869.8	95.0	95.0	88.0	88.0
2002	22	12.9	21	12.3	n/a	n/a	6.6	n/a	86.0	86.0	85.0	85.0
2003	20	12.0	16	9.6	n/a	n/a	6.6	n/a	94.0	94.0	89.0	89.0

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

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

In Page County in 2003, 94 percent of children 24 months of age were reported to be fully immunized compared to 92 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 Page County, the infant mortality rate from 2001 to 2003 was 14.1, lower 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	Page County		State	
	n	rate	rate	rate
1995-1997	10	18.7	7.1	7.1
1998-2000	3	5.4	6.2	6.2
2001-2003	7	14.1	5.5	5.5

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

From 2000 to 2002, the child death rate in Page County was 0.1 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	Page County		State	
	n	rate	rate	rate
2000-2002	1	0.1	0.2	0.2

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



### Education Profile

In Page County, 32 children were enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten during the 2003-04 school year. This was a 7 child decrease from 2000-01.

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

### 5. Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment

	Page County	State
2000-2001	39	5,797
2001-2002	31	5,714
2002-2003	33	5,949
2003-2004	32	6,907

Source: Iowa Department of Education

The Corner Counties Empowerment Area reported at least 42.3 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

	Empowerment Area		State
	Area	Area	
Motor Skills <sup>1</sup>	54.6	48.8	
Communication Skills <sup>2</sup>	42.3	35.9	
Cognitive Skills <sup>3</sup>	54.5	44.5	
Social/Emotional Dev. <sup>4</sup>	57.6	50.1	
Self-Management Skills <sup>5</sup>	52.5	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, 35.2 percent of K-12 students in Page County were eligible for free or reduced-price school compared to 25.4 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

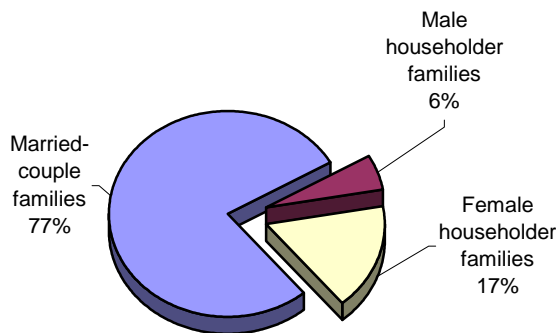
	Number Eligible for Free Meals		Number Eligible for Reduced-Price Meals		Percentage Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals	
	Page County	State	Page County	State	Page County	State
2000-01	560	93,823	187	37,754	25.4	26.7
2001-02	622	93,062	172	36,492	27.8	26.7
2002-03	657	100,544	183	36,870	30.6	28.5
2003-04	713	107,324	262	36,907	35.2	30.0

Source: Iowa Department of Education

### Family Living Profile

While the majority of the 3,547 children under 18 years of age in Page County in 2000 resided in a two-parent family, 22.2 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 Page County, 73.2 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.

### Safety Profile

The number of confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in Page County in 2003 was 92, an increase of 60 since 1999.

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

	Page County	State
1999	32	9,588
2000	46	10,821
2001	47	12,793
2002	80	12,292
2003	92	14,936

Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

In 2003, Page County reported 415 Group A and 961 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/iacrime.htm](http://www.dps.state.ia.us/documents_repository/DPS/2003/iacrim e/iacrime.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.

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

	Page County		State
	n	%	%
Total Own Children in Families			
Under 6 years:	1,057		
Living with 2 parents	748		
Both parents in labor force	541	72.3	69.2
Living with father only	73		
Father in labor force	56	76.7	88.8
Living with mother only	236		
Mother in labor force	177	75.0	71.4

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