



## The Right Start in Michigan and Its Counties 2011

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#### Maternal and Infant Well-Being 2000 vs. 2009<sup>1</sup>

Indicators (Percent of live births)	2000 (1998-00 Avg)		2009 (2007-09 Avg)		Rank* (of %)	Percent Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Births to women under age 20	82	8.6%	67	6.9%	11	-20%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	16	19.1	8	11.7	4	-39
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	237	24.8	299	30.9	10	25
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	96	10.0	13	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	16	1.7	3	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	207	21.6	18	na
Low-birthweight babies	56	5.9	65	6.7	24	14
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	94	9.8	87	9.0	37	-9

<sup>1</sup>The year referenced as 2000 and 2009 represent rates derived from three-year averages 1998-00 and 2007-09 respectively

\* A ranking of 1 means a county has the “best” rate among other Michigan counties. At least 81 counties were ranked on all indicators except for teens already mothers (69) and late/no prenatal care (72).

\*\*2008-09 average – data are not consistent with 2000 after 2007.

Note: A decline represented by a negative percentage change is good news as all these measures indicate risk.

