



The Right Start in Michigan and Its Counties 2011

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Maternal and Infant Well-Being 2000 vs. 2009¹

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	418	11.2%	352	10.1%	36	-10%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	101	24.5	71	20.5	53	-16
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	1,382	36.9	1,476	42.4	53	15
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	568	16.5	50	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	95	2.7	20	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	430	12.5	4	na
Low-birthweight babies	292	7.8	281	8.1	58	3
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	399	10.7	446	12.8	82	20

¹The 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.

