



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	1,080	11.5%	893	9.8%	33	-15%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	240	22.6	187	21.3	57	-6
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	3,025	32.2	3,537	38.6	32	20
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	1,708	19.1	62	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	288	3.2	31	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	1,124	12.5	4	na
Low-birthweight babies	700	7.5	677	7.4	44	-1
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	947	10.1	866	9.5	47	-6

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.

