



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	87	4.4%	78	4.5%	1	3%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	14	15.8	10	12.4	7	-21
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	273	13.8	365	21.2	2	54
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	81	4.8	1	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	51	3.0	27	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	331	19.6	12	na
Low-birthweight babies	113	5.7	116	6.7	24	18
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	173	8.7	145	8.4	21	-4

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.

