



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	14,881	11.1%	12,265	10.1%	—	-9%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	3,120	21.3	2,227	18.4	—	-13
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	45,347	33.7	49,092	40.5	—	20
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	19,343	16.2	—	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	3,798	3.2	—	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	22,981	19.3	—	na
Low-birthweight babies	10,626	7.9	10,245	8.5	—	7
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	14,616	10.9	12,367	10.2	—	-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.

