



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	405	17.1%	330	14.1%	73	-18%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	87	21.8	59	18.0	33	-17
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	1,063	45.0	1,216	51.7	78	15
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	447	19.1	62	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	61	2.6	17	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	708	30.3	47	na
Low-birthweight babies	187	7.9	205	8.7	69	10
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	229	9.7	225	9.6	52	-1

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.

