



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	234	11.1%	183	10.0%	34	-10%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	45	19.3	33	18.2	36	-5
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	654	30.9	764	41.6	49	34
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	274	15.2	43	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	54	3.0	27	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	565	31.4	58	na
Low-birthweight babies	133	6.3	152	8.3	61	32
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	221	10.4	207	11.3	75	8

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.

