



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	358	11.4%	253	8.4%	—	-26%
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	53	14.8	39	15.5	—	4
Births to mothers who...						
• are unmarried	993	31.6	1,110	36.8	—	16
• no high school diploma/GED**	na	na	288	9.6	—	na
• received late/no prenatal care**	na	na	90	3.0	—	na
• smoked during pregnancy**	na	na	887	29.6	—	na
Low-birthweight babies	155	4.9	202	6.7	—	36
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	256	8.1	244	8.1	—	-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.

