

Data Sources

Child population as percentage of total population (under 18, under5), 1990, 1995, 2000, 2006. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census 1990, 2000, American Community Survey 1995, 2006.

Child population growth, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2006; averaged: 1990-1995, 1995-2000, 2000-2006, 1990-2006. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census 1990, 2000, American Community Survey 1995, 2006.

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), averaged 1985-1989, 1990-1994, 1995-1999, 2000-2005, is the number of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. Data at the county level are grouped in five-year periods because of the small numbers for some counties. Source: Illinois Department of Public Health.

Percentage of babies born at a low birthweight, 1989-2005, is the percentage of live births weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds. Data are from birth certificates. Source: Illinois Department of Public Health.

Percentage of women receiving prenatal care in first trimester, 1985-2005. Source: Illinois Department of Public Health.

Fall enrollment in public school district Pre-Kindergarten programs, 2006-2007 school year, is the total number of children ages 3 to 5 enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten Program for Children at Risk of Academic Failure. Beginning in fiscal year 2007, that program was subsumed under the Preschool for All Children program. Enrollment includes children participating in their second year in the program. Source: Illinois State Board of Education.

Fall enrollment in public school districts by race/ethnicity, 2006-2007 school year, is the number of children in preschool through post-graduate enrolled in public school. Source: Illinois State Board of Education.

Tax filers receiving Earned Income Tax Credit, 1999, 2004, is the number of tax returns filed and processed during the calendar year, including any returns filed for preceding tax years. It includes both the refundable and non-refundable portions. Data are by tax year. Source: Brookings Institution.

Child poverty rates, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, is the percentage of children of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the poverty threshold. The poverty threshold varies by family size. In 2005, a family of two adults and two children were considered below poverty if their annual income fell below \$19,806; a family of one adult and two children were considered below poverty if their annual income fell below \$15,735. Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census 1990, 2000, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates intercensal estimates (other years).

Number of children with indicated reports of abuse and neglect (by state fiscal year), 1997-2006, is all cases where the Illinois Department

Number of children in substitute care (by state fiscal year), 1997-2006

Percentage of children achieving permanency (by state fiscal year), 1997-2006

Additional data:

- Percentage of babies born to teen mothers (under age 20), 1986-2005
- Rate of preterm births by mother's county of residence, 1989-2005
- Childhood lead poisoning, ages 6 or younger, 2000-2005
- Total Food Stamp recipients, 1989, 1993, 1995; averaged 1997-2004
- Early Intervention enrollment, 2001-2007
- Live births, 1985-2005
- Child population by age group (under 5, 5-17, 18 and under), 1990, 1995, 2000, 2006