## Child Data Snapshot
**Lucas County**

### Demographic summary (2017)
- **Total population**: 8,600
- **Under 18**: 1,982 (23.0%)
- **Under 6**: 712 (8.3%)

### Lucas County vs. Iowa

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<td>Children living under the poverty level</td>
<td>473</td>
<td>96,860</td>
<td>+46.1%</td>
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<td>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>42,570</td>
<td>-26.6%</td>
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<td><strong>SCHOOL READINESS &amp; SUCCESS</strong></td>
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<td>3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (<em>2014-18 average</em>)</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>37,312</td>
<td>+53.8%</td>
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<td>Fourth graders proficient in reading (<em>2003</em>)</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>24,650</td>
<td>-4.8%</td>
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<td>Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (<em>2003</em>)</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>24,749</td>
<td>-8.0%</td>
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<td>High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>32,325</td>
<td>+21.4%</td>
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<td><strong>STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES</strong></td>
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<td>Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>11,568</td>
<td>-16.0%</td>
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<td>Single-parent families (<em>2014-18 average</em>)</td>
<td>274</td>
<td>115,352</td>
<td>+28.5%</td>
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<td>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>1,607</td>
<td>-55.1%</td>
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<td>Live births that are to unmarried teens</td>
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<td>1,490</td>
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<td><strong>HEALTHY CHILDREN</strong></td>
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<td>Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (*2007)</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>29,583</td>
<td>+11.2%</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality (per 1,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>-19.6%</td>
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<td>Child deaths (per 100,000)</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>-21.5%</td>
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<td>Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)</td>
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<td>2,607</td>
<td>+12.7%</td>
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<td>Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (*2014-18 average)</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>23,736</td>
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<td><strong>USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS</strong></td>
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<td>Children 0-4 receiving WIC (*2003)</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>51,321</td>
<td>-42.1%</td>
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<td>Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches</td>
<td>636</td>
<td>195,532</td>
<td>+73.7%</td>
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<td>Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (<em>2017</em>)</td>
<td>670</td>
<td>204,490</td>
<td>+34.4%</td>
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<td>Individuals receiving Food Assistance</td>
<td>1,132</td>
<td>344,349</td>
<td>+131.0%</td>
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<td>Individuals participating in Family Investment Program</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>19,565</td>
<td>-73.1%</td>
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* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality

To download data or view data snapshots for other Iowa counties, visit [www.cfpciowa.org](http://www.cfpciowa.org) and click on “Kids Count Data.”
### FAMILY/COMM ECON WELL-BEING

**Child poverty**
- Children 0-17 who lived below poverty during the year
  - U.S. Census Bureau

Children growing up in poverty (defined here as $23,850 for a family of four) are much more likely than peers to experience stress and deprivation that hinders development and readiness for school and life.

### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**8th grade math**
- Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment
  - Iowa Department of Education

Proficiency in math by the end of middle school prepares students for higher-order math classes they will need to succeed in high school as well as the basic skills needed for adult life.

### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

**Single-parent families**
- Families with children that are headed by a single parent
  - U.S. Census Bureau

Children in single-parent families typically do not have the same economic or human resources available in two-parent families. They are more likely to drop out of school and experience divorce in adulthood.

### HEALTHY CHILDREN

**Infant mortality**
- Deaths of infants before age 1 per 1,000 children
  - Iowa Department of Public Health

In addition to being a child outcome, data on infant mortality is used as a proxy for population health. The many factors that shape population health also shape infant mortality rates.

### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**High school graduation**
- Public school students entering 9th grade who graduate with their class 4 years later
  - Iowa Department of Education

A high school diploma is the baseline credential needed for higher education, most kinds of job training and many jobs. Adults without one are much more likely to struggle economically.

### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**Preschool participation**
- Children ages 3-4 enrolled in preschool
  - U.S. Census Bureau

Children who participate in a high-quality preschool program are more likely to be socially and cognitively ready for kindergarten. The benefits are strongest for low-income children and children facing other risk factors.

### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

**Child abuse & neglect**
- Confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect among children 0-17
  - Iowa Dept. of Human Services

Experiencing abuse or neglect is one of the adverse childhood experiences that hinders healthy development — physical, mental and cognitive — and can affect well-being far into adulthood.

### HEALTHY CHILDREN

**Uninsured children**
- Children 0-18 who are uninsured
  - Iowa Department of Human Services

Children born to teen mothers are less likely to be born prematurely or low birth-weight and to die as infants. Teen mothers are less likely to finish high school or go on to college and more likely to rely on public supports.

### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

**4th grade reading**
- Students proficient on the Iowa Assessments and Iowa Alternate Assessment
  - Iowa Department of Education

Reading proficiently by mid-elementary school is an important predictor of future academic success, including high school graduation, and of economic stability in adulthood.

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

**Free or Reduced-Price Lunch**
- Students eligible for free or reduced-cost meals while at school
  - Iowa Department of Education

This federally funded program provides meals to students. Available to families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level, it is a commonly used proxy for poverty.

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

**Food Assistance**
- Monthly average of individuals receiving Food Assistance
  - Iowa Dept. of Human Services

The Food Assistance Program (known nationally as SNAP) provides financial assistance that low-income Iowans, including many children and working adults, can use to buy groceries.

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

**Family Investment Program**
- Monthly average of individuals participating in FIP
  - Iowa Dept. of Human Services

Iowa’s version of the federal TANF program provides cash assistance to eligible low-income families for up to 60 months. It serves a small and shrinking share of the population.

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

**WIC Program**
- Children 0-4 participating in the Women, Infants, & Children program
  - Iowa Department of Public Health

WIC offers supplemental foods, referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women and children through age 4.

### ACCESS TO PUBLIC SUPPORTS

**EITC**
- Individual tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit
  - Internal Revenue Service

The EITC is recognized across the political spectrum as a successful anti-poverty program that ensures that people who work are able to provide for their families.