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| **SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS** | | |
| 3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (2014-18 average) | 302 | 34.8% | -33.3% | 37,312 | 46.9% | +0.1% |
| Fourth graders proficient in reading (2003) | 329 | 82.0% | +1.0% | 24,650 | 74.7% | -2.3% |
| Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (2003) | 292 | 82.3% | +12.8% | 24,749 | 75.7% | +5.6% |
| High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years) | 369 | 95.6% | +8.2% | 32,325 | 91.5% | +3.1% |

| **STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES** | | |
| Cases of child abuse/neglect (per 1,000) | 83 | 10.5 | +17.7% | 11,568 | 15.8 | +54.7% |
| Single-parent families (2014-18 average) | 1060 | 25.2% | +12.1% | 115,352 | 31.2% | +7.9% |
| Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth) | 14 | 1.1% | -49.5% | 1,607 | 1.5% | -55.1% |
| Live births that are to unmarried teens | 10 | 3.1% | -48.3% | 1,490 | 4.0% | -52.8% |

| **HEALTHY CHILDREN** | | |
| Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (2007) | 287 | 89.1% | +10.1% | 29,583 | 79.0% | +10.9% |
| Infant Mortality (per 1,000) | * | * | * | 191 | 5.1 | -19.6% |
| Child deaths (per 100,000) | * | * | * | 96 | 17 | -21.5% |
| Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds) | 19 | 5.9% | -13.1% | 2,607 | 6.9% | +12.7% |
| Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (2014-18 average) | 228 | 2.7% | N/A | 23,736 | 3.1% | N/A |

| **USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS** | | |
| Children 0-4 receiving WIC (2003) | 415 | 21.2% | -31.2% | 51,321 | 25.9% | -8.3% |
| Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches | 1,483 | 27.9% | +49.0% | 195,532 | 40.5% | +53.2% |
| Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (2017) | 1,660 | 11.1% | +49.6% | 204,490 | 14.0% | +33.7% |
| Individuals receiving Food Assistance | 2,675 | 8.0% | +161.6% | 344,349 | 10.9% | +156.7% |
| Individuals participating in Family Investment Program | 92 | 0.3% | -73.4% | 19,565 | 0.6% | -65.0% |

* Incidences of five or less have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.
About the Kids Count indicators

**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**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN**

**Child deaths**
Deaths of children ages 1-14 per 100,000 children
— Iowa Department of Public Health

Child death rates can point to underlying problems and inequities within a community, such as the safety of neighborhoods, access to health care or exposure to environmental toxins.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN**

**Uninsured children**
Children 0-18 who are uninsured during the year
— U.S. Census Bureau

Health coverage is the key that opens the door to the health-care system. Insured children are more likely to get timely medical care, including well-child visits, that contributes to overall health.

**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**

**Free or Reduced-Price Lunch**
Students eligible for free or low-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**

**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.