## Lucas County Data Snapshot

### Demographic Summary

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

Child population (under 18) by race/ethnicity:
- **African American**: 0 (0.0%)
- **Asian**: 0 (0.0%)
- **Native American**: 0 (0.0%)
- **White, non-Hispanic**: 1,970 (99.4%)
- **Other**: 0 (0.0%)
- **Multiple**: 12 (0.6%)
- **Hispanic (any race)**: 0 (0.0%)

### FAMILY & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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<td><strong>Children living under the poverty level</strong></td>
<td>442 (23.7%)</td>
<td>90,244 (12.6%)</td>
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<td><strong>Unemployed individuals age 16 and over</strong></td>
<td>124 (2.8%)</td>
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### SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

- **3- and 4-year-olds participating in preschool (**2013-17 average**)**: 134 (51.5%)
- **Fourth graders proficient in reading (**2003**)**: 71 (70.3%)
- **Eighth graders proficient in mathematics (**2003**)**: 44 (59.5%)
- **High school graduation (students graduating with class in 4 years)**: 94 (92.2%)

### STABLE, SECURE FAMILIES

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<td><strong>Single-parent families (<strong>2013-17 average</strong>)</strong></td>
<td>251 (29.4%)</td>
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<td><strong>Teen births (number/pct of females 15-19 giving birth)</strong></td>
<td>9 (3.8%)</td>
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<td><strong>Live births that are to unmarried teens</strong></td>
<td>8 (5.7%)</td>
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### HEALTHY CHILDREN

- **Live births where prenatal care began during first trimester (**2007**)**: 101 (71.6%)
- **Infant Mortality (per 1,000)**: *
- **Child deaths (per 100,000)**: *
- **Low birthweight (live births less than 5.5 pounds)**: 14 (9.9%)
- **Children 0-18 uninsured during the year (**2013-17 average**)**: 80 (3.8%)

### USE OF PUBLIC SUPPORTS

- **Children 0-4 receiving WIC (**2003**)**: 166 (33.9%)
- **Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches**: 661 (52.7%)
- **Individual tax filers who receive the EITC (**2016**)**: 690 (17.5%)
- **Individuals receiving Food Assistance**: 1,229 (14.4%)
- **Individuals participating in Family Investment Program**: 53 (0.6%)

* Inidences 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 and click on “Kids Count Data.”
### 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### 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.

### 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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.