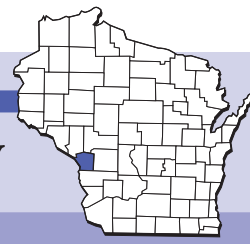


La Crosse County



| | COUNTY | WISCONSIN |
|--|--------|-----------|
| Families With Children Under Age 18 (%) | 50.1 | 50.1 |
| Children In Single Parent Families (%) | 19.8 | 21.7 |
| Children In Married Couple Families (%) | 74.3 | 71.3 |
| Children With All Parents In The Labor Force (%) | 78.5 | 74.4 |
| Children Living Below 200% Of Poverty (%) | 28.4 | 29.1 |
| Children Living Below 50% Of Poverty (%) | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| Children Age 5 To 15 With A Disability (%) | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Language Other Than English Spoken At Home (%) | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| Persons Over 25 With A High School Degree (%) | 89.7 | 85.1 |
| Persons Over 25 With An Associate Degree (%) | 10.6 | 7.5 |
| Persons Over 25 With A Bachelor's Degree (%) | 25.4 | 22.4 |
| Children Ages 3 And 4 In Preschool (%) | 39.8 | 44.9 |

DEMOGRAPHICS

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Population | 105,040 | 107,120 | 108,612 |
| Population Under Age 18 | 27,270 | 25,261 | 24,397 |
| Population Under Age 5 | 6,490 | 6,361 | 6,196 |

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN THRIVE

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Births To Single Mothers (%) | 20 | 23.3 | 26.5 |
| Births To Mothers Under Age 18 (%) | 2 | 2 | 2.7 |
| Prenatal Care Initiated In The First Trimester (%) | 88 | 83.5 | 86.1 |
| Low Birthweight (% Of All Births Under 5.5 lbs.) | 7.2 | 4.6 | 7.2 |
| Infant Deaths (per 1,000 Births) | 10.6 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| Mental Health Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Children) | 5 | 5.8 | 2.7 |
| Preventable Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Children) | 7.8 | 4.9 | 3.4 |
| MA Recipients (Includes BadgerCare) (per 1,000 Children) | 153 | 163 | 215 |
| BadgerCare (per 1,000 Children) | ** | 20.6 | 27.2 |
| Disabled SSI (per 1,000 Children) | 12.1 | 9.6 | 10 |

* Less than 5

** Wisconsin Shares began in September 1997; BadgerCare in 1999

NA: Data Not Available

FAMILIES CAN MEET THEIR NEEDS

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Median Income | \$41,800 | \$49,500 | \$54,900 |
| Per Capita Income | \$22,715 | \$26,015 | \$28,284 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Fair Market Rent | \$442 | \$473 | \$501 |
| Renters Unable To Afford FMR (%) | 43 | 36 | 37 |
| Full-time Hourly Wage Needed To Afford FMR | \$8.42 | \$9.10 | \$9.63 |
| AFDC/W2 Recipients (per 1,000 Residents/incl. Child Only Cash Benefits) | 11.2 | 5.2 | 4.1 |
| W2 (per 1,000 Residents) | 2 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Caretaker Supplement (per 1,000 Children) | * | 9.3 | 10 |
| Kinship Care (per 1,000 Children) | * | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Food Stamp Recipients (per 1,000 Residents) | 38.2 | 32.4 | 44.6 |
| Children Eligible For Free/Reduced Lunch (% of Enrolled) | 26 | 25.2 | 28 |
| Births To Mothers Without A High School Degree (%) | 10 | 8.2 | 8.3 |

CHILDREN ARE SAFE

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Accidental Death (per 10,000 Children) | 1.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| Foster, Group Home & Residential Placement (per 1,000 Children) | 6 | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| Court Ordered Kinship Care (per 1,000 Children) | NA | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Child Abuse & Neglect Reports (per 1,000 Children) | 39.7 | 33.5 | 30.4 |
| Child Abuse Substantiations (per 1,000 Children) | 12.7 | 7.7 | 4.5 |
| Domestic Violence Total Arrests (per 1,000 Adults) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 5.3 |
| Dual Arrests (per 1,000 Adults) | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 |

YOUTH MAKE GOOD CHOICES

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|---|------|------|------|
| High School Graduation (%) | 94 | 95.4 | 95.9 |
| Students Taking The ACT (%) | 63.7 | 56.9 | 57.9 |
| School Attendance (%) | 95.1 | 95.8 | 95.3 |
| Births To Teen Mothers (per 1,000 15-19 Year Olds) | 21 | 16.1 | 21.5 |
| Total Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 Children) | 166 | 172 | 156 |
| Violent Arrests (per 1,000 Children) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Drug Arrests (per 1,000 Children) | 4.7 | 5.8 | 4.3 |
| Status Offenses (per 1,000 Children) | 32.2 | 31.6 | 25.6 |
| Placements in Correctional Institutions (per 10,000 Children) | 4.4 | 7.5 | 5.7 |

CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

| | 1997 | 2000 | 2003 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Children Meeting Immunization Requirements (%) | 94.2 | 99.2 | 99.1 |
| Children Receiving WIC Services, Ages 0-4 (per 1,000 Children) | 423 | 399 | 404 |
| Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (per 1,000 4 Year Olds) | 4.6 | 0 | 27.4 |
| Children Participating in Birth-to-Three Program (per 1,000) | 8.4 | 20 | 43.8 |
| Licensed Child Slots (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7) | 289 | 345 | 392 |
| Certified Child Slots (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7) | 175 | NA | 20.5 |
| Wisconsin Shares (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7) | ** | 116 | 145 |