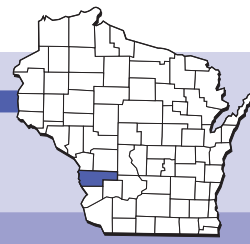


Vernon County



	COUNTY	WISCONSIN
Families With Children Under Age 18 (%)	47.2	50.1
Children In Single Parent Families (%)	15.1	21.7
Children In Married Couple Families (%)	79.9	71.3
Children With All Parents In The Labor Force (%)	69.8	74.4
Children Living Below 200% Of Poverty (%)	47.2	29.1
Children Living Below 50% Of Poverty (%)	11	4.9
Children Age 5 To 15 With A Disability (%)	5	6.2
Language Other Than English Spoken At Home (%)	12.8	8.5
Persons Over 25 With A High School Degree (%)	78.9	85.1
Persons Over 25 With An Associate Degree (%)	7.6	7.5
Persons Over 25 With A Bachelor's Degree (%)	14	22.4
Children Ages 3 And 4 In Preschool (%)	25.5	44.9

DEMOGRAPHICS

	1997	2000	2003
Total Population	26,450	28,056	28,496
Population Under Age 18	6,870	7,696	7,382
Population Under Age 5	1,705	1,835	1,814

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN THRIVE

	1997	2000	2003
Births To Single Mothers (%)	19	19.7	20.5
Births To Mothers Under Age 18 (%)	3	2.6	*
Prenatal Care Initiated In The First Trimester (%)	65	65.9	65.5
Low Birthweight (% Of All Births Under 5.5 lbs.)	6.1	4.1	3.7
Infant Deaths (per 1,000 Births)	*	*	*
Mental Health Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Children)	4	4.4	1.8
Preventable Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Children)	6.6	5.2	6.6
MA Recipients (Includes BadgerCare) (per 1,000 Children)	117	142	204
BadgerCare (per 1,000 Children)	**	27.8	32.1
Disabled SSI (per 1,000 Children)	11.6	7.1	6.4

* 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	\$33,800	\$39,700	\$44,300
Per Capita Income	\$17,013	\$19,234	\$20,950
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.4	5.4
Fair Market Rent	\$392	\$415	\$437
Renters Unable To Afford FMR (%)	NA	44	37
Full-time Hourly Wage Needed To Afford FMR	\$7.46	\$7.98	\$8.40
AFDC/W2 Recipients (per 1,000 Residents/incl. Child Only Cash Benefits)	4.7	2.4	2.6
W2 (per 1,000 Residents)	1.7	0.5	0.7
Caretaker Supplement (per 1,000 Children)	*	4	4.6
Kinship Care (per 1,000 Children)	*	1.6	2.6
Food Stamp Recipients (per 1,000 Residents)	36.1	24.5	32.8
Children Eligible For Free/Reduced Lunch (% of Enrolled)	30.4	27.7	31
Births To Mothers Without A High School Degree (%)	29	25.1	31.8

CHILDREN ARE SAFE

	1997	2000	2003
Accidental Death (per 10,000 Children)	0	2.6	5.4
Foster, Group Home & Residential Placement (per 1,000 Children)	4.1	2.1	1.9
Court Ordered Kinship Care (per 1,000 Children)	NA	0	0.4
Child Abuse & Neglect Reports (per 1,000 Children)	0.1	3	11.7
Child Abuse Substantiations (per 1,000 Children)	0	2.3	1.8
Domestic Violence Total Arrests (per 1,000 Adults)	2.7	0.2	NA
Dual Arrests (per 1,000 Adults)	0	0	NA

YOUTH MAKE GOOD CHOICES

	1997	2000	2003
High School Graduation (%)	91.3	96.2	96.5
Students Taking The ACT (%)	53.7	52.4	48.7
School Attendance (%)	95.8	95.6	95.8
Births To Teen Mothers (per 1,000 15-19 Year Olds)	27	34.6	20.3
Total Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 Children)	40	20.3	21.3
Violent Arrests (per 1,000 Children)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Drug Arrests (per 1,000 Children)	2.3	1.2	2.1
Status Offenses (per 1,000 Children)	8.7	3.9	4.7
Placements in Correctional Institutions (per 10,000 Children)	7.2	0	0

CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

	1997	2000	2003
Children Meeting Immunization Requirements (%)	92.5	99.1	97.9
Children Receiving WIC Services, Ages 0-4 (per 1,000 Children)	288	310	376
Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (per 1,000 4 Year Olds)	109	324	462
Children Participating in Birth-to-Three Program (per 1,000)	10.2	13.7	29.2
Licensed Child Slots (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7)	143	146	133
Certified Child Slots (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7)	50.8	NA	3.7
Wisconsin Shares (per 1,000 Children, Ages 0-7)	**	39	59.5