

CLARK COUNTY

Population 142,376

Caucasian 88% · African American 9% ·
Hispanic 1% · Other 2%

Population under age 18 34,060 · 24%

Households with two parents 31%

Grandparents raising grandchildren 1,397

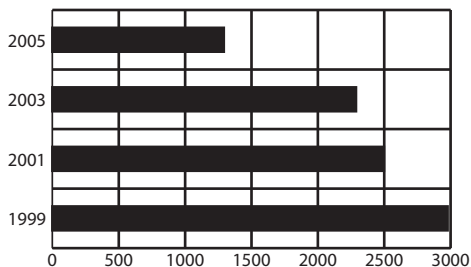
Annual unemployment rate 2000 · 4.3%
2005 · 6.5%

Per capita income \$28,094

High school graduation rate 82%

Local Trends on Abuse and Neglect

In 2005, new reports of child abuse and neglect totaled 1,291. Ohio law requires children services to begin investigations on new reports within 24 hours. A comprehensive assessment of safety and risk also is required.



The unduplicated number of new reports in 2005 and the percentage of total reports it represents fall within the following five categories:

Physical abuse	414	32%
Neglect	431	33%
Sexual abuse	242	19%
Emotional maltreatment	2	0%
Dependency, Other	202	16%
Total	1,291	100%

SUPPORTS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Below are comparisons of supports in January 2006 to those in January 2000.

Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2006	2,953	Recipients who received cash assistance DECREASED 10% . 74% of the recipients are children. A typical family of 3 received \$378 per month in 2006.
Jan. 2000	3,285	

Child Only Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2006	979	Children living with relative caregivers and receiving "Child Only" TANF INCREASED 37% . Statewide, a sibling group averages 1.5 children. Caregivers receive \$245 per month for the first child, plus \$91/sibling.
Jan. 2000	716	

Ohio Direction Card (formerly food stamps)

Jan. 2006	16,819	The number of county residents who received nutritional assistance INCREASED 65% . Average card value statewide was \$98 per month in 2006.
Jan. 2000	10,174	

Subsidized Child Care

Jan. 2006	787	The number of children whose families received subsidized child care INCREASED 2% .
Jan. 2000	775	

Child Support & Paternity Establishment

FFY 2005	\$30.3 m	Child Support collections INCREASED 3% . The number of paternities established for non-marital births INCREASED 30% .
FFY 2003	\$29.4 m	

SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILDREN

Healthy Start/Medicaid · Countywide, 14,411 children were served by Healthy Start/Medicaid in February 2006.

Help Me Grow · Countywide, 974 children (0-3 years) received Help Me Grow services in 2005. 537 Newborn Home Visits were provided to families in 2005.

Early Childhood Education · By age four, 85% of a child's core brain structure is fully developed. However, in Ohio, only 1.37% of public state investments in education and development is invested in preschool children.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The conditions identified below do not predispose parents to abuse or neglect their children. However, many families in the child protection system struggle with one or more of the following:

Poverty and Employment

In 2006, a family of 3 was considered at or below 100% of poverty with an annual household income of **\$16,600**. A full-time job must pay at least \$7.98/hr to reach this level, 16% higher than the new minimum wage (\$6.85/hr).

Countywide, **POVERTY INCREASED** to 18.3% in 2004 compared to the Census 2000 rate of 10.7%. The child poverty rate increased to 22.6%, from 14.9% in the same period, leaving 7,684 county children living in poverty.

Countywide, 6,836 jobs were **LOST** between 2000 and 2005, creating a 11.8% **DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT**.

Affordable Housing



Teen Births

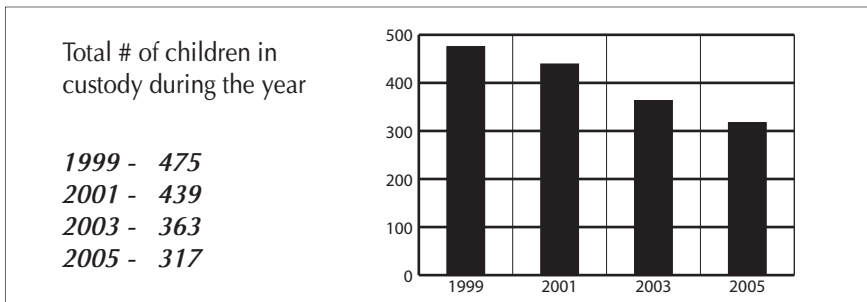
293 Clark County teens, age 15-19, gave birth in 2003, making the county's teen birth rate 85.6 per one thousand teens. This compares to Ohio's teen birth rate of 53.4.

Health Care · An estimated **60,000** children ages birth to five do not have health insurance in Ohio.

Access to Better Care/Mental Health · Approximately **85%** of children in foster care experience mental health challenges.

Children and families that received FAST\$05 community based services, including the involvement of a parent advocate, experienced fewer out of home placements, a reduction in family stressors, and greater satisfaction than other families receiving mental health services.

CLARK COUNTY PROFILES OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY

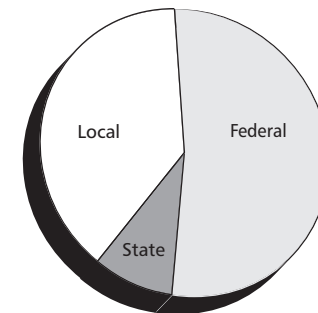


Child & Custody Profiles		Temporary Custody	Permanent Custody	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	
Children in Custody on 1/1/06:		181	116	40	25
Age	0-5	27%	30%	4%	
	6-11	21%	27%	4%	
	12+	52%	43%	92%	
Race	White	70%	80%	68%	
	Af/Am	29%	20%	32%	
	Other	1%	0%	0%	
Total Years in Custody	0-2	98%	25%	52%	
	2-4	1%	33%	20%	
	4+	1%	42%	28%	
Court Rationale for Placement					
· Neglect		22%	20%	12%	
· Dependency		34%	25%	44%	
· Physical abuse		6%	8%	0%	
· Sexual abuse		3%	0%	8%	
· Delinquency, Unruly, other		35%	47%	36%	
Placement Type					
· Licensed Foster Home		73%	70%	72%	
· Approved Relative/Kinship Home		0%	0%	0%	
· Group/Residential Care		26%	5%	28%	
· Adoptive Placement		0%	23%	0%	
· Independent Living Placement/Other		1%	2%	0%	

2003	Tracking Kids in Care	2005
89	Total # of children reunified with parents or legal guardian	64
36	Total awards of legal custody to relatives	37
22	Total # of adoptions finalized	26
63	Total # of children waiting to be adopted	28
10	Total # of youth who aged out of care	13
63	Total # of children placed out of county	62
322	Median # of days for adoption finalization from permanent custody	664
268	Median # of days in out-of-home care	199
67,474	Total # of placement days	60,017

Staffing & Safety	
PCSAO's recommended caseload size is compared to the county average for January 2006 below.	
New Investigations	
PCSAO	12
Clark	8
Ongoing Cases	
PCSAO	13
Clark	17
Worker Safety Incidents Reported: 8	
Definition: Any type of verbal or physical harm endured by case-workers related to their job.	

PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



2005 Expenditures

Total:	\$10,946,479	100%
Federal	\$5,730,159	52%
State	\$1,015,492	9%
Local ¹	\$4,200,828	39%

¹ Of Ohio's 88 counties, this county was among the 43 that maintained a children services levy in 2005.

2005 Title IV-E Adoption Assistance and State Adoption Maintenance Subsidies

Monthly subsidies are provided to families that adopt special needs children to aid in the ongoing care of those children. Currently, Ohio's base subsidy is only \$8.22 per day or \$250 per month.

TOTAL: \$1,504,652



13% Local • 31% State • 56% Federal

2005 Purchase of Services

Out-of-home care was purchased from private sources for 56% of all the children in custody. Of those children, 56% were in temporary custody, 26% were in permanent custody and 18% were in a planned permanent living arrangement.