

# ASHTABULA COUNTY

Population 101,141

Caucasian 92% · African American 4% ·  
Hispanic Origin 3% · Other 1%

Population under age 18 24,069 · 24%

Households with two parents 32%

Grandparents raising grandchildren 913

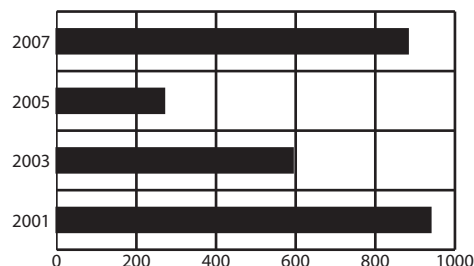
Annual unemployment rate 2000 · 4.8%  
2007 · 7.0%

Per capita income \$26,569

High school graduation rate 92%

## Local Trends on Abuse and Neglect

In 2007, new allegations of child abuse and neglect totaled 881. 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 allegations in 2007 and the percentage of total reports it represents fall within the following five categories:

Physical abuse	194	22%
Neglect	249	28%
Sexual abuse	87	10%
Emotional maltreatment	8	1%
Family in Need of Services, Dependency & Other	343	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>100%</b>

## SUPPORTS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Below are comparisons of supports in January 2008 to those in January 2000.

### Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2008 **1,494** Recipients who received cash assistance **INCREASED 27%**. 75% of the recipients are children. Countywide, a family of 3 received \$326 per month in 2008.

Jan. 2000 **1,179**

### Child Only Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2008 **609** Children living with relative caregivers and receiving "Child Only" TANF **INCREASED 38%**. Statewide, a sibling group averages 1.5 children. Caregivers receive \$245 per month for the first child, plus \$91/sibling.

Jan. 2000 **442**

### Ohio Direction Card (formerly food stamps)

Jan. 2008 **13,572** The number of county residents who received nutritional assistance **INCREASED 131%**. Average card value countywide was \$102 per month in 2008.

Jan. 2000 **5,875**

### Subsidized Child Care

Jan. 2008 **906** The number of children whose families received subsidized child care **INCREASED 29%**.

Jan. 2000 **702**

### Child Support & Paternity Establishment

FFY 2007 **\$17.3 m** Child Support collections **REMAINED THE SAME**. The number of paternities established for non-marital births **INCREASED 24%**.

FFY 2005 **\$17.3 m**

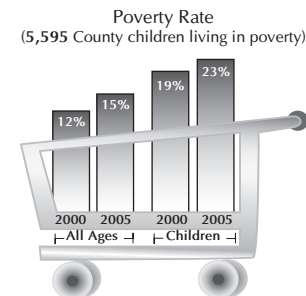
## CONDITIONS

### AFFECTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT

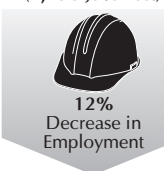
The conditions identified below do not predispose parents to abuse or neglect their children. However, many families in the child protection system struggle with one or more of the following:

### Poverty and Employment

In 2008, a family of 3 was considered at or below 100% of poverty with an annual household income of **\$17,600**. A full-time job must pay at least \$8.46/hr to reach this level, 21% higher than the new minimum wage (\$7.00/hr).



Employment Countywide 2000 - 2007  
**(4,291 Jobs Lost)**



### Affordable Housing



### Teen Births

**149** Ashtabula County teens, age 15-19, gave birth in 2006, making the county's teen birth rate **42.4** per one thousand teens. This compares to Ohio's teen birth rate of **39.2**.

## SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILDREN

**Medicaid** · Countywide, **12,359** children were insured by Medicaid during SFY 2007.

**Help Me Grow** · Countywide, **592** children (0-3 years) received Help Me Grow services in 2007. **389** Newborn Home Visits were made to families in 2007.

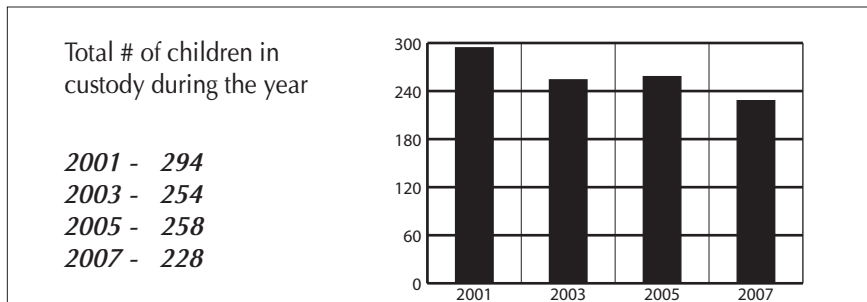
**Early Childhood Education** · An additional **9,600** children will be served as a result of Ohio harmonizing its eligibility criteria at 200% of the federal poverty level for all early care and education programs.

**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.

Annually, **over 4,000 children** with behavioral diagnoses and at-risk of placement outside the home receive state funded family support services. Prevention, early intervention and appropriate treatment are critically important.

# ASHTABULA COUNTY PROFILES OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY



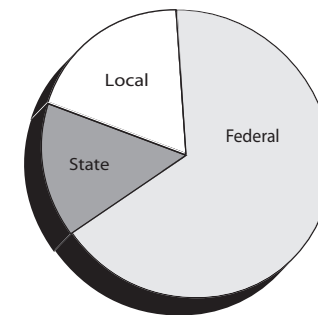
Child & Custody Profiles		Temporary Custody	Permanent Custody	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	Total
Children in Custody on 1/1/08:		61	41	3	105
Age	0-5	38%	39%	-	37%
	6-11	23%	37%	-	28%
	12+	39%	24%	100%	35%
Race	White	57%	58%	100%	59%
	Af/Am	18%	32%	-	23%
	Other	25%	10%	-	18%
Total Years in Custody	0-2	98%	49%	-	76%
	2-4	2%	36%	100%	18%
	4+	-	15%	-	6%
<b>Court Rationale for Placement</b>					
· Neglect		11%	15%	-	12%
· Dependency		20%	29%	-	23%
· Physical abuse		2%	7%	-	4%
· Sexual abuse		3%	-	-	2%
· Other*		64%	49%	100%	59%
<b>Placement Type</b>					
· Licensed Foster Home		51%	51%	33%	50%
· Approved Relative/Kinship Home		26%	22%	-	24%
· Group/Residential Care		23%	20%	67%	23%
· Adoptive Placement		-	7%	-	3%
· Independent Living Placement/Other		-	-	-	-

\*see Sources page at back of Factbook for explanation of SACWIS data element

2005	Tracking Kids in Care	2007
79	Total # of children reunified with parents or legal guardian	67
9	Total awards of legal custody to relatives	13
17	Total # of adoptions finalized	16
19	Total # of children waiting to be adopted	38
298	Median # of days for adoption finalization from permanent custody	266
5	Total # of youth who aged out of care	7
35	Total # of children placed out of county	47
199	Median # of days in out-of-home care	204
338	Average # of days a child stays in placement	411
53,182	Total # of placement days	41,957

Staffing	
PCSAO's recommended caseload size is compared to the county average for January 2008 below.	
New Investigations	
PCSAO	12
Ashtabula	9
Ongoing Cases	
PCSAO	13
Ashtabula	17

# PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



## 2007 Expenditures

Total:	\$6,238,337	100%
Federal	\$4,106,402	66%
State	\$943,651	15%
Local <sup>1</sup>	\$1,188,284	19%

<sup>1</sup> Of Ohio's 88 counties, this county was among the 43 that maintained a children services levy in 2007.

2007 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. In January 2008, Ohio's base subsidy increased from \$250 to \$300 per month benefiting over 6,600 children and families.	<b>TOTAL: \$923,922</b>								
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2007 Purchase of Services	
Out-of-home care was purchased from private sources for 42% of all the children in custody. Of those children, 44% were in temporary custody, 49% were in permanent custody and 7% were in a planned permanent living arrangement.	