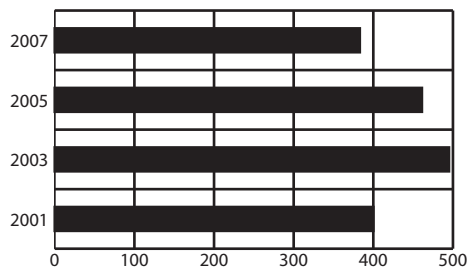


HANCOCK COUNTY

Population	74,204
<i>Caucasian 92% · African American 2% · Hispanic Origin 4% · Other 2%</i>	
Population under age 18	17,764 · 24%
Households with two parents	33%
Grandparents raising grandchildren	374
Annual unemployment rate	2000 · 3.3% 2007 · 4.5%
Per capita income	\$33,330
High school graduation rate	93%

Local Trends on Abuse and Neglect

In 2007, new allegations of child abuse and neglect totaled 383. 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	97	25%
Neglect	144	38%
Sexual abuse	114	30%
Emotional maltreatment	11	3%
Family in Need of Services, Dependency & Other	17	4%
Total	383	100%

SUPPORTS TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

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

Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2008	136	Recipients who received cash assistance DECREASED 64% . 100% of the recipients are children. Countywide, a family of 3 received \$338 per month in 2008.
Jan. 2000	377	

Child Only Ohio Works First/TANF

Jan. 2008	134	Children living with relative caregivers and receiving "Child Only" TANF INCREASED 22% . Statewide, a sibling group averages 1.5 children. Caregivers receive \$245 per month for the first child, plus \$91/sibling.
Jan. 2000	110	

Ohio Direction Card (formerly food stamps)

Jan. 2008	4,265	The number of county residents who received nutritional assistance INCREASED 168% . Average card value countywide was \$107 per month in 2008.
Jan. 2000	1,589	

Subsidized Child Care

Jan. 2008	441	The number of children whose families received subsidized child care INCREASED 13% .
Jan. 2000	392	

Child Support & Paternity Establishment

FFY 2007	\$11.2 m	Child Support collections REMAINED THE SAME . The number of paternities established for non-marital births INCREASED 8% .
FFY 2005	\$11.2 m	

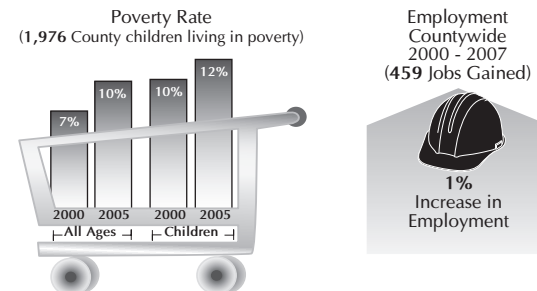
CONDITIONS

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 (459 Jobs Gained)
1% Increase in Employment

Affordable Housing



Teen Births

90 Hancock County teens, age 15-19, gave birth in 2006, making the county's teen birth rate 33.0 per one thousand teens. This compares to Ohio's teen birth rate of 39.2.

SUPPORTING HEALTHY CHILDREN

Medicaid · Countywide, 5,571 children were insured by Medicaid during SFY 2007.

Help Me Grow · Countywide, 278 children (0-3 years) received Help Me Grow services in 2007. 172 Newborn Home Visits were made to families in 2007.

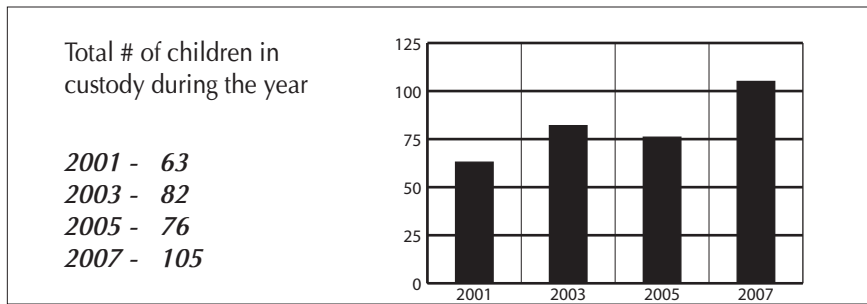
Early Childhood Education · An additional 9,600 children will be served as a result of Ohio harmonizing its eligibility criteria at 200% of the federal poverty level for all early care and education programs.

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.

HANCOCK COUNTY PROFILES OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY



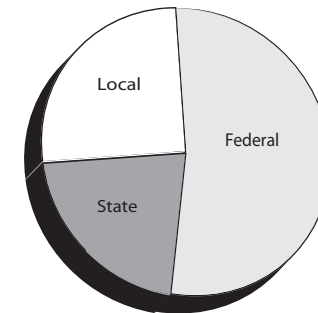
Child & Custody Profiles		Temporary Custody	Permanent Custody	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	Total
Children in Custody on 1/1/08:		44	28	0	72
Age	0-5	57%	29%	-	46%
	6-11	20%	21%	-	21%
	12+	23%	50%	-	33%
Race	White	89%	89%	-	89%
	Af/Am	11%	11%	-	11%
	Other	-	-	-	-
Total Years in Custody	0-2	100%	57%	-	83%
	2-4	-	29%	-	11%
	4+	-	14%	-	6%
Court Rationale for Placement					
· Neglect		57%	40%	-	50%
· Dependency		27%	39%	-	32%
· Physical abuse		7%	7%	-	7%
· Sexual abuse		-	7%	-	3%
· Other*		9%	7%	-	8%
Placement Type					
· Licensed Foster Home		98%	68%	-	86%
· Approved Relative/Kinship Home		-	-	-	-
· Group/Residential Care		2%	11%	-	6%
· Adoptive Placement		-	21%	-	8%
· Independent Living Placement/Other		-	-	-	-

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

2005	Tracking Kids in Care	2007
5	Total # of children reunified with parents or legal guardian	13
11	Total awards of legal custody to relatives	10
13	Total # of adoptions finalized	3
8	Total # of children waiting to be adopted	22
442	Median # of days for adoption finalization from permanent custody	206
1	Total # of youth who aged out of care	3
17	Total # of children placed out of county	37
217	Median # of days in out-of-home care	123
419	Average # of days a child stays in placement	285
14,935	Total # of placement days	22,090

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

PUBLIC EXPENDITURES



2007 Expenditures

Total:	\$1,715,716	100%
Federal	\$902,229	53%
State	\$357,531	21%
Local ¹	\$455,956	26%

¹ Of Ohio's 88 counties, this county was not 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.

TOTAL: \$225,680

Source	Percentage
Local	9%
State	41%
Federal	50%

2007 Purchase of Services

Out-of-home care was purchased from private sources for 84% of all the children in custody. Of those children, 50% were in temporary custody, 50% were in permanent custody and 0% were in a planned permanent living arrangement.