

2009 Statistics for Marion County's Children

Health Department

- 1) Percentages of low birth weight babies:
3681 live births in the county;
*LBW 297 (8.06%); *VLBW 117 (3.18%)
TOTAL 414 (11.2%)
*VLBW < 1500 GM *LBW 1500-2500 GM
- 2) Number of infant deaths (0-1 year):
39 (2008) Increase of 11 from last year.
- 3) Number of child deaths (1-14 years):
8 (2008) Increase of 1 from last year.
- 4) Number of teenager deaths (15-19 years):
11 (2008) Decrease of 6 from last year.
- 5) Number of teen births to 17 years:
147 (2008) Increase of 6 from last year.
- 6) Percentage receiving prenatal care:
95% (2008) Increase of 7.7% from last year.
- 7) Number of suicides (1-19 years):
1 (2008) Same as last year.

Public School System

- 8) Number of school dropouts (high school):
544 (2008-2009) (rate 2.6% down from 3.1% from last year)
A decrease of 39 from previous year.
- 9) Number of nonpromotions:
613 (2008-2009)
An increase of 183 from previous year.
- 10) Number of serious school disciplinary offenses:
923 (2008-2009)
A decrease of 152 from previous year.
- 11) Number in free and reduced lunch program:
23,383 (2008-2009) An increase of 1272 from last year.

Department of Children & Families

- 12) Number of investigative reports for child abuse:
4414 (2008/2009) A increase of 61 from last year.
- 13) Number of verified child abuse cases:
649 (2008-2009) A decrease of 189 from previous year.
- 14) Number of children in out-of-home care:
469 (October 31, 2009) An increase of 71 from last year.
- 15) Number of child abuse homicides:
2 (July 2008-June 2009) Same as last year.

Department of Juvenile Justice

- 16) Number of youth referred :
1615 (2008-2009) A decrease of 247 from last year.
- 17) Percent ratio of male/female offenders:
64% vs. 36% (2008-2009)
- 18) Ages of offenders:
17.9% are 13 years or less (2008-2009)
A decrease of 0.4%.
- 19) Number of felony referrals to DJJ:
643 (2008-2009) 184 less than last year.
- 20) Number placed on supervised probation:
461 (2008-2009)
- 21) Number of youth incarcerated:
209 (2008-2009) Increase of 20 since last year

Community Council Against Substance Abuse

- 22) Alcohol (current use-past 30 days):
28% (2008) Sample survey of local youth:
Down from 29% in 2006.
- 23) Marijuana (current use - past 30 days):
10% (2008) Down from 11.9% in 2006.
- 24) Cigarettes (current use - past 30 days):
11% (2008) Down from 13.3% in 2006.
- 25) Other illicit drugs (current use - past 30 days):
10.1% (2008) Increase from 8.2% in 2006.

Early Learning Coalition

- 26) Percent of students ready for kindergarten:
67% (2009) State avg. Fall 2009 65%.
Increase of 8% from previous year.

FL Dept. Law Enforcement

- 27) Number of cases of domestic violence:
2,615 (2008)
An decrease of 10 from 2007.
- 28) Number of cases of domestic violence homicides. **8 (2008)**
An increase of 4 from 2007.