



**Agenda Item No. 4  
December 1, 2010 Meeting**

**DATE:** November 18, 2010

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

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**SUMMARY:**

Each year, the Commission has co-sponsored the development and distribution of the Conditions of Children Report with the County of Orange through the Orange County Children's Partnership. The Conditions of Children Report provides baseline and trend data on 40 historic indicators that describe the health, economic, educational, and safety status of Orange County's children. The report has become an important tool for the Commission's planning processes and for Commission grantees and other community stakeholders that use the local data to identify the changing needs of children, target services, and measure the success of key investments.

Each section of the report is prefaced by a detailed discussion of a topical issue. This year the discussion topics are on Autism, an update on the 2009 special section on the impact of the economic downturn on children and families, educational issues for foster youth, and alternatives to detention. The special section this year is high school completion.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County was released at the November 9 Board of Supervisors meeting and was formally presented to the community at a forum which took place on November 17 at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). This year's forum focused on educational achievement, educational challenges and successes of foster youth and the involvement of business investors in education.

Orangewood Children's Foundation and CSUF developed this year's report, in conjunction with the Orange County Children's Partnership. Michelle Berelowitz, from CSUF, will present key findings from the report related to young children at the Commission meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

This action has specifically been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal. This action has also been reviewed in relation to the Commission's outside strategic assessment report, and is consistent with maintaining a focus on community indicators and the development of a Commission dashboard. The Commission previously authorized a contribution of \$25,000 per year, for a total of \$75,000 for the production of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conditions of Children Reports. Funding for this item is within the Performance Outcomes Measurement System line item of the Commission's FY 2010/11 budget.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

- November 2009 - Received the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.
- November 2008 - Received the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.
- April 4, 2007 – Authorized Master Program Services Agreement with the County of Orange.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

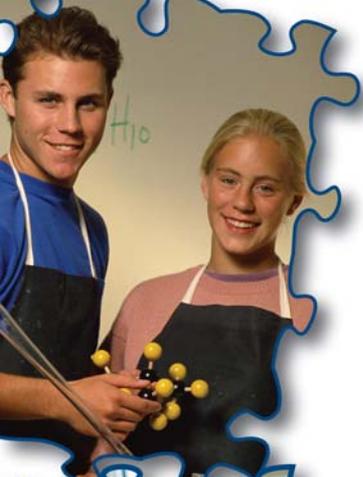
Receive presentation on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Presentation: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

**Contact:** Alyce Mastrianni

**Attachment 1**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Report on the**  
**Conditions of Children**  
**in Orange County**





# 16th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children

## **Executive Summary:**

**Good News / Challenges**  
**Summary of Indicators**

## **Special Section:**

**High School Completion**

## **Discussion Topics & 40 Indicators related to:**

Good Health: **Autism**

Economic Well-Being: **Update on Impact of Economic Downturn**

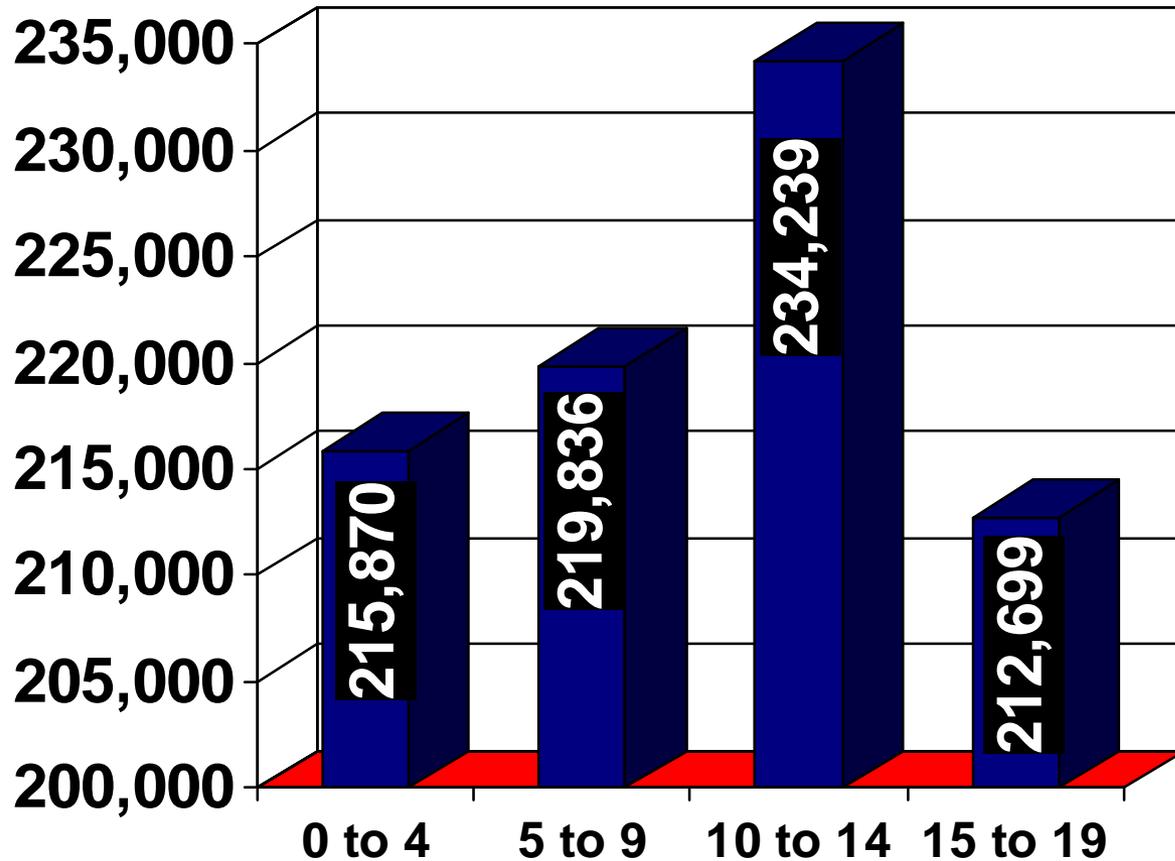
Educational Achievement: **Educational Issues for Foster Youth**

Safe Homes and Communities: **Alternatives to Detention**



# Children's Demographics

**Total Population: 882,644**



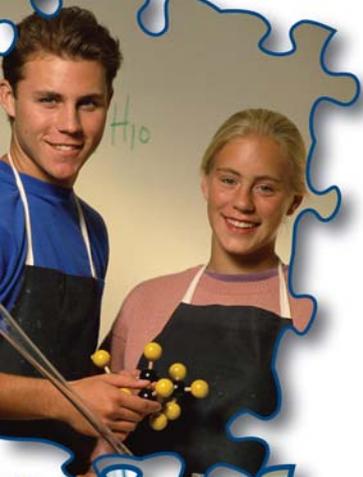
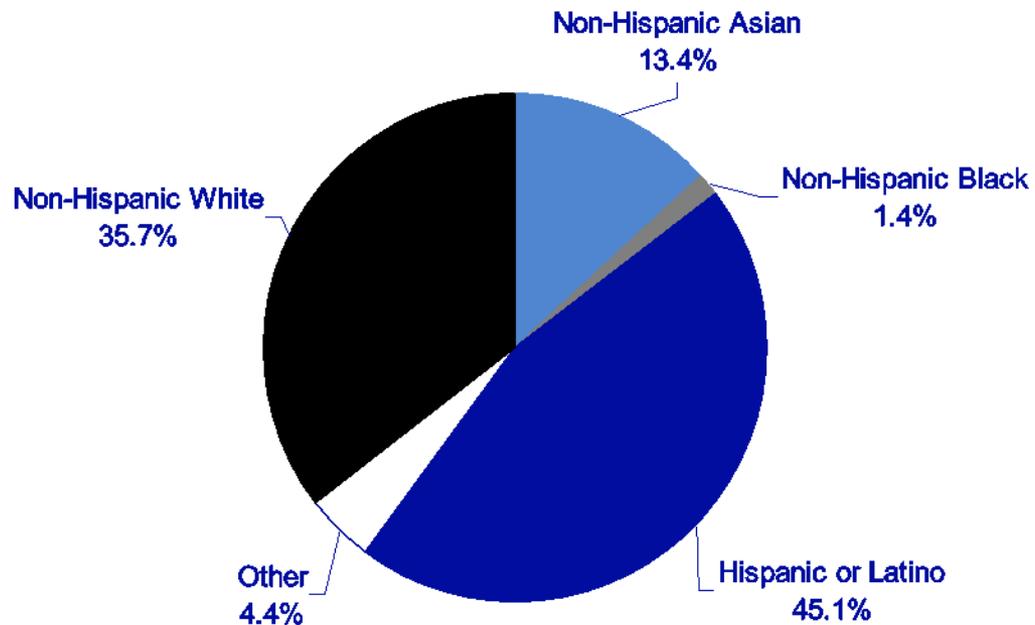
**AGE DISTRIBUTION**

Source Center for Demographic Research, 2006



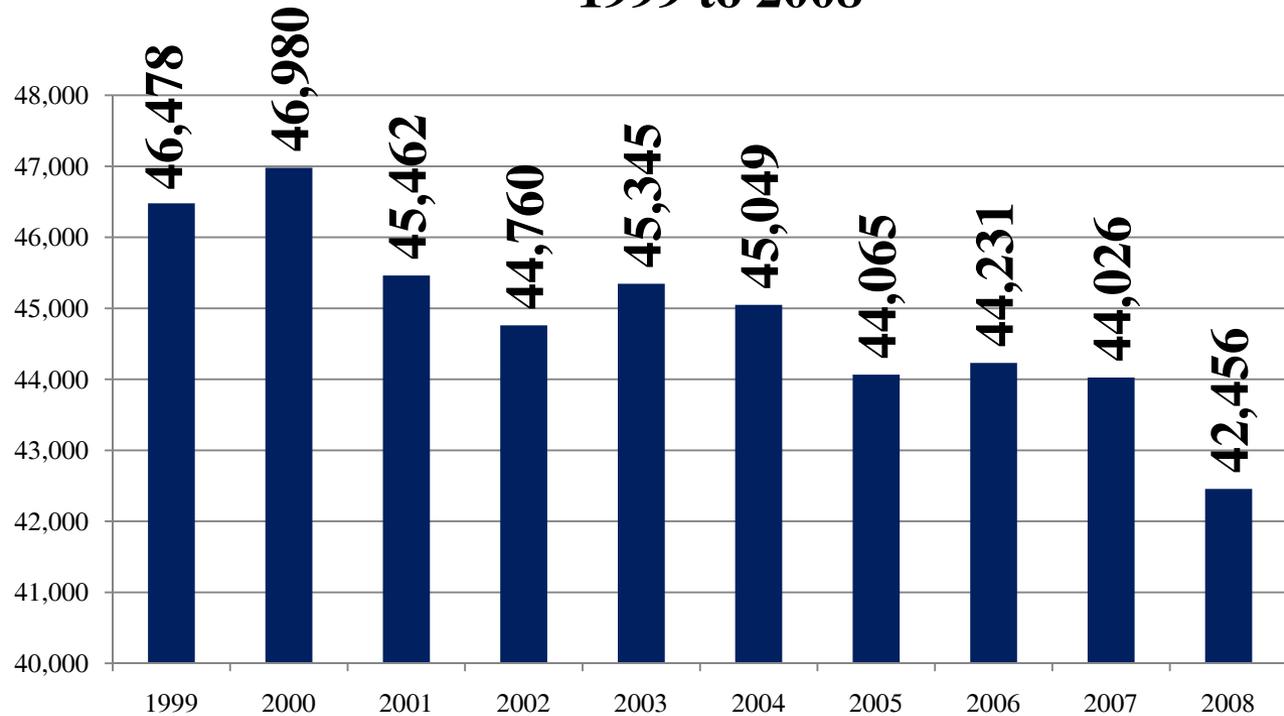
# Orange County's Children

Population 0-19 Years by Race/Ethnicity,  
2006



# Orange County's Children

**Births In Orange County  
1999 to 2008**

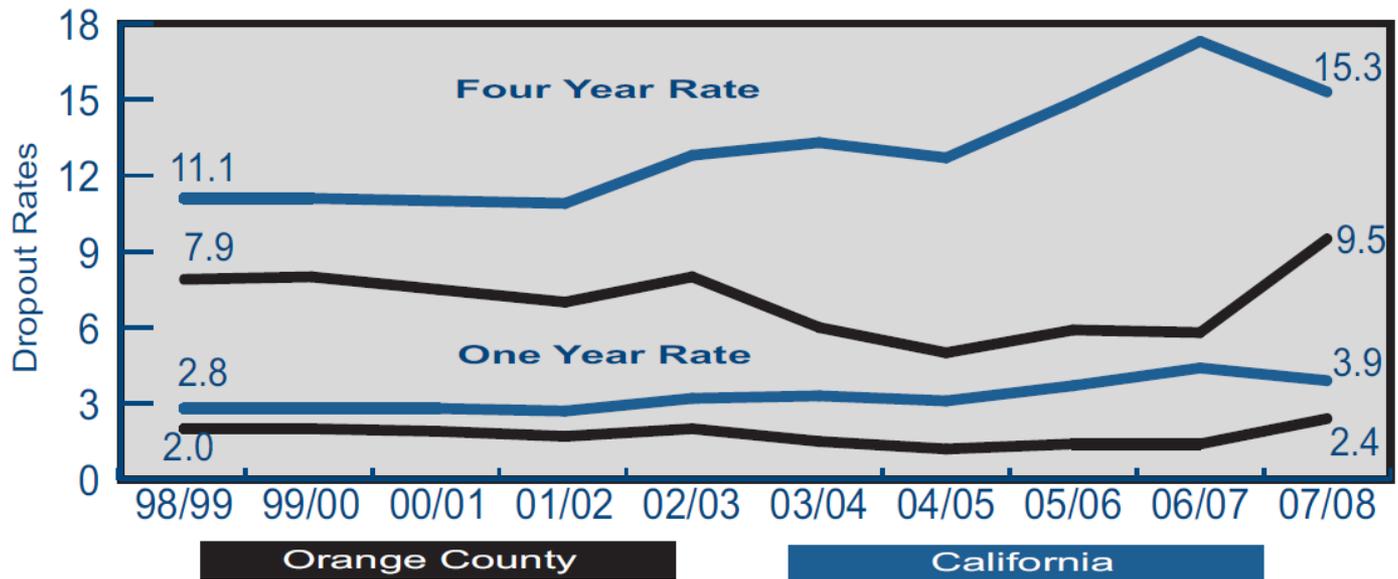


# Special Section (pgs. 22-31)

## High School Completion

### Dropouts In Orange County

One-Year and Four-Year Derived High School Dropout Rates\* for Orange County and California, 1998/99 to 2007/08



# Factors Contributing to Successful Completion of High School

**Resilience:** Students who are resilient appear to have an inherent ability to stay motivated, regardless of the circumstances, as well as, an internal locus of control that enables them to succeed.

**Positive Use of Time:** A youth's involvement in an activity considered "special" appears to increase self-esteem and a belief in one's ability to succeed.

**Family Involvement:** A parent's involvement with and expectations of their child can influence the youth's desire to stay engaged in school and advance their academic achievement.

**Teacher Involvement:** Teachers must make life in the classroom engaging, involving students and soliciting their input on items from creating rules to grading.

**SPECIAL SECTION (page 23)**



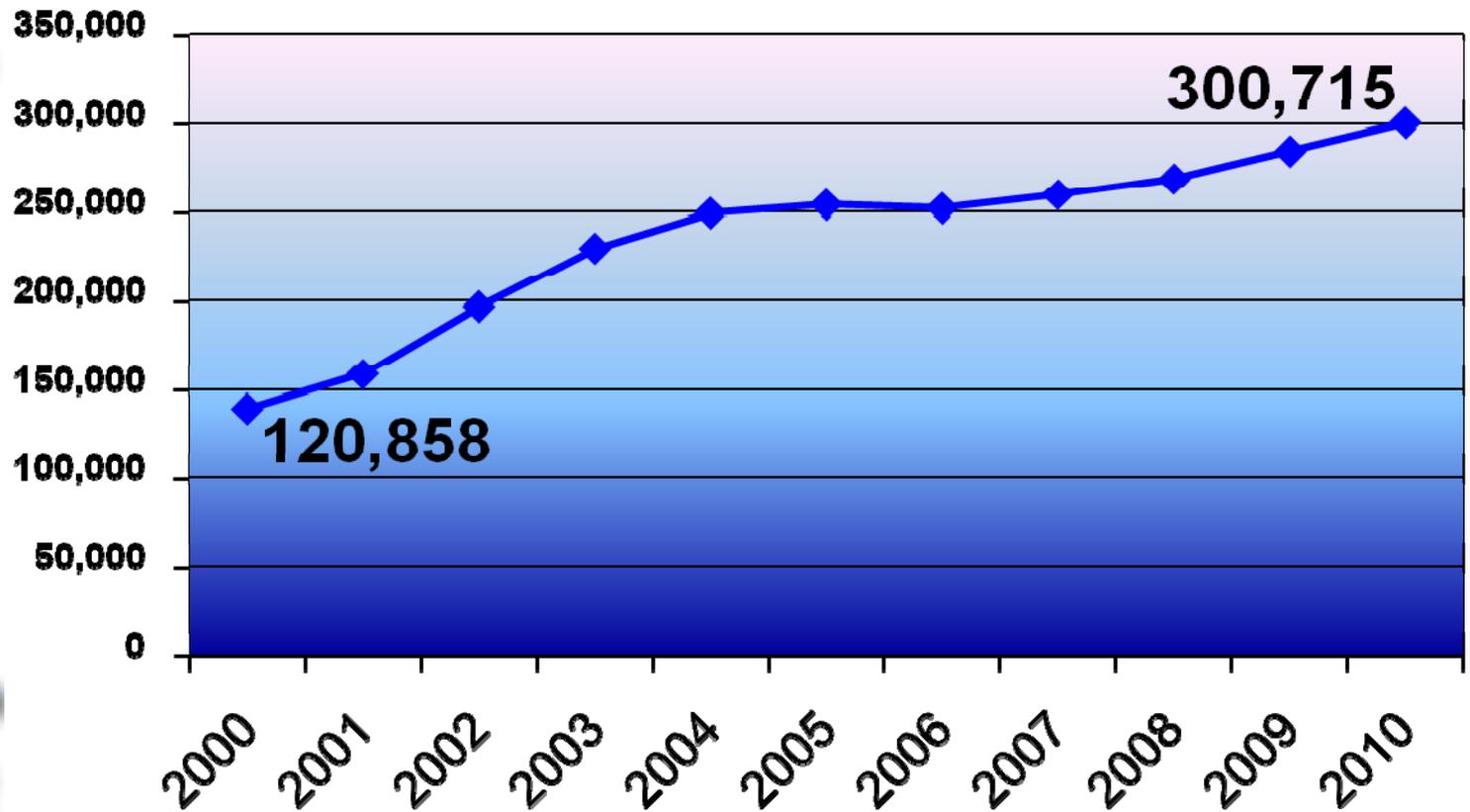
# Good Health

## Discussion Topic: Autism



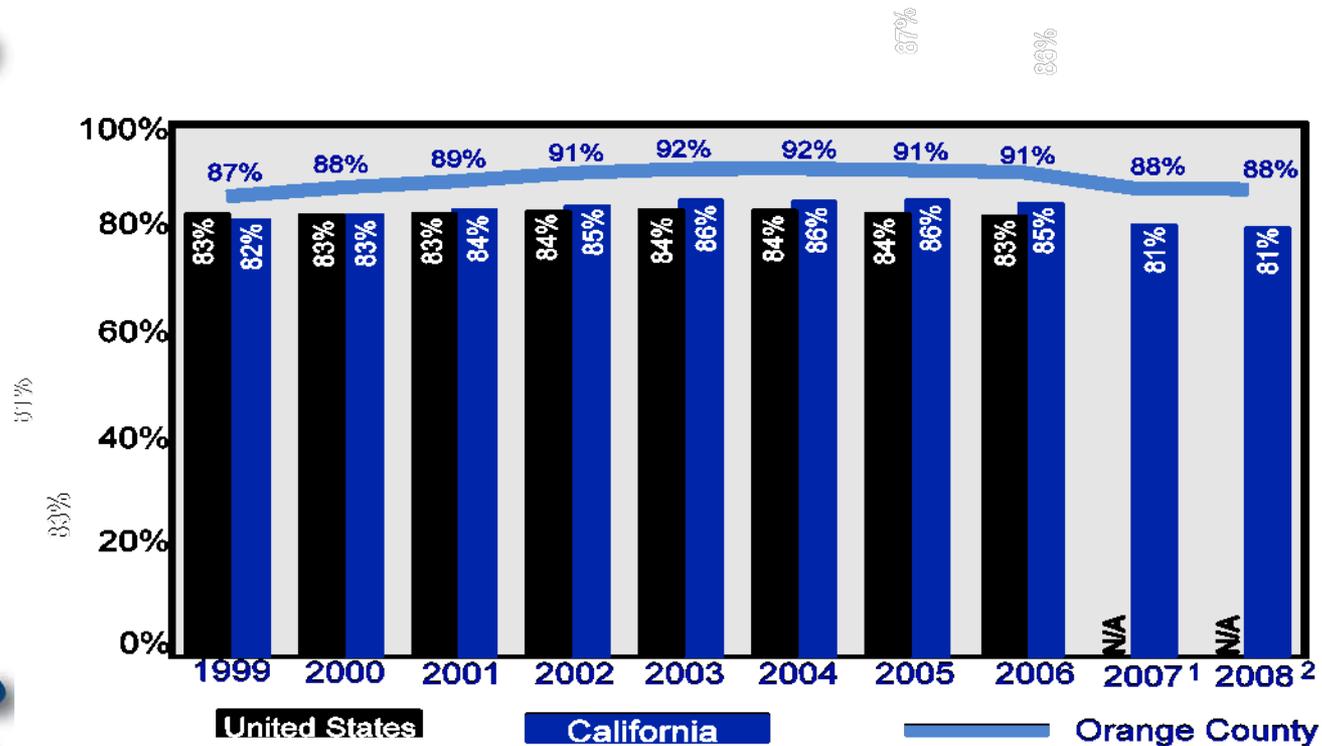
# Enrollment in Health Care Programs

Medi-Cal, Healthy Families,  
California Kids, Kaiser Permanente, Healthy Kids



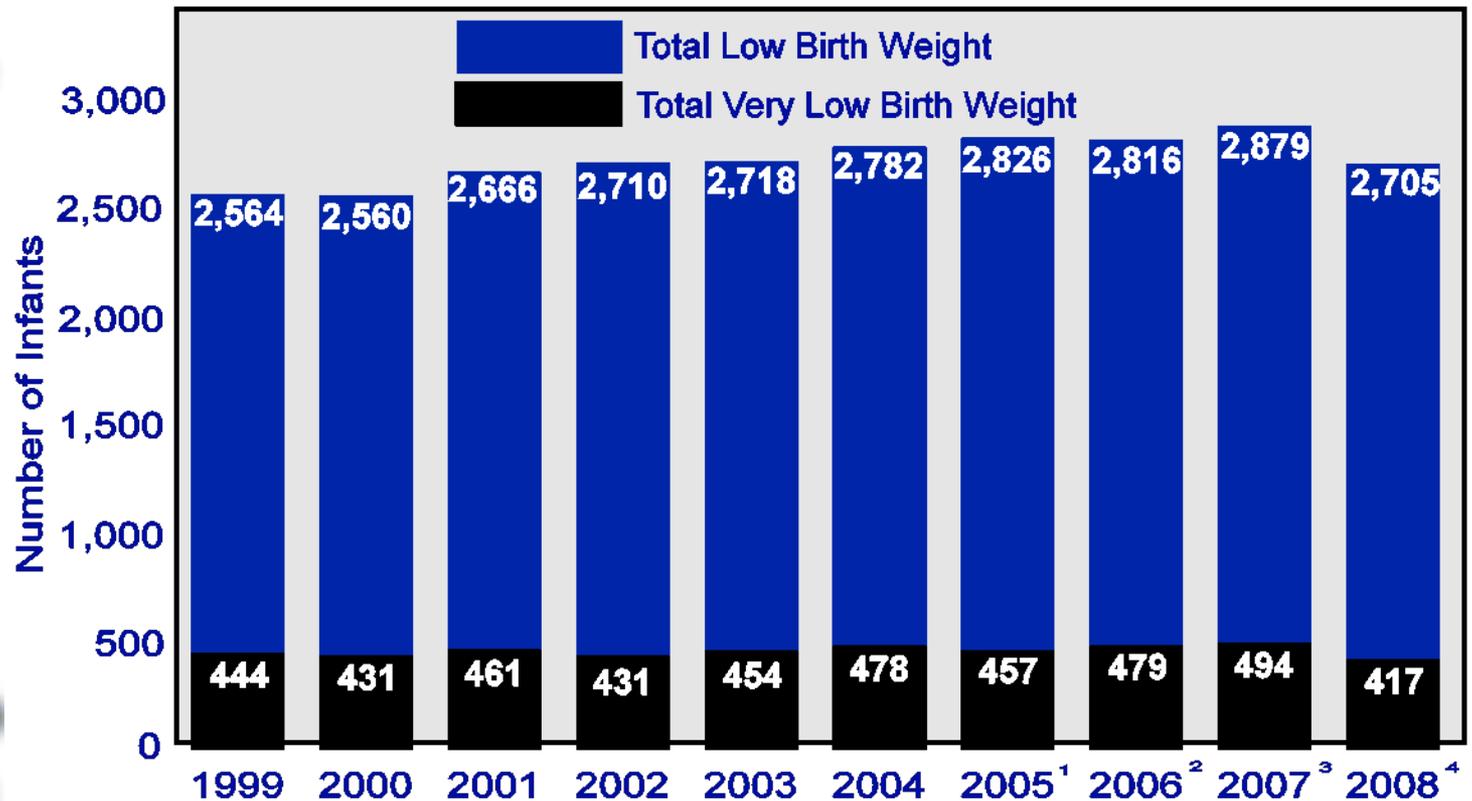
# Prenatal Care

**Percent of Women who Received Early Prenatal Care in Orange County, California, and the United States, 1999 to 2008**



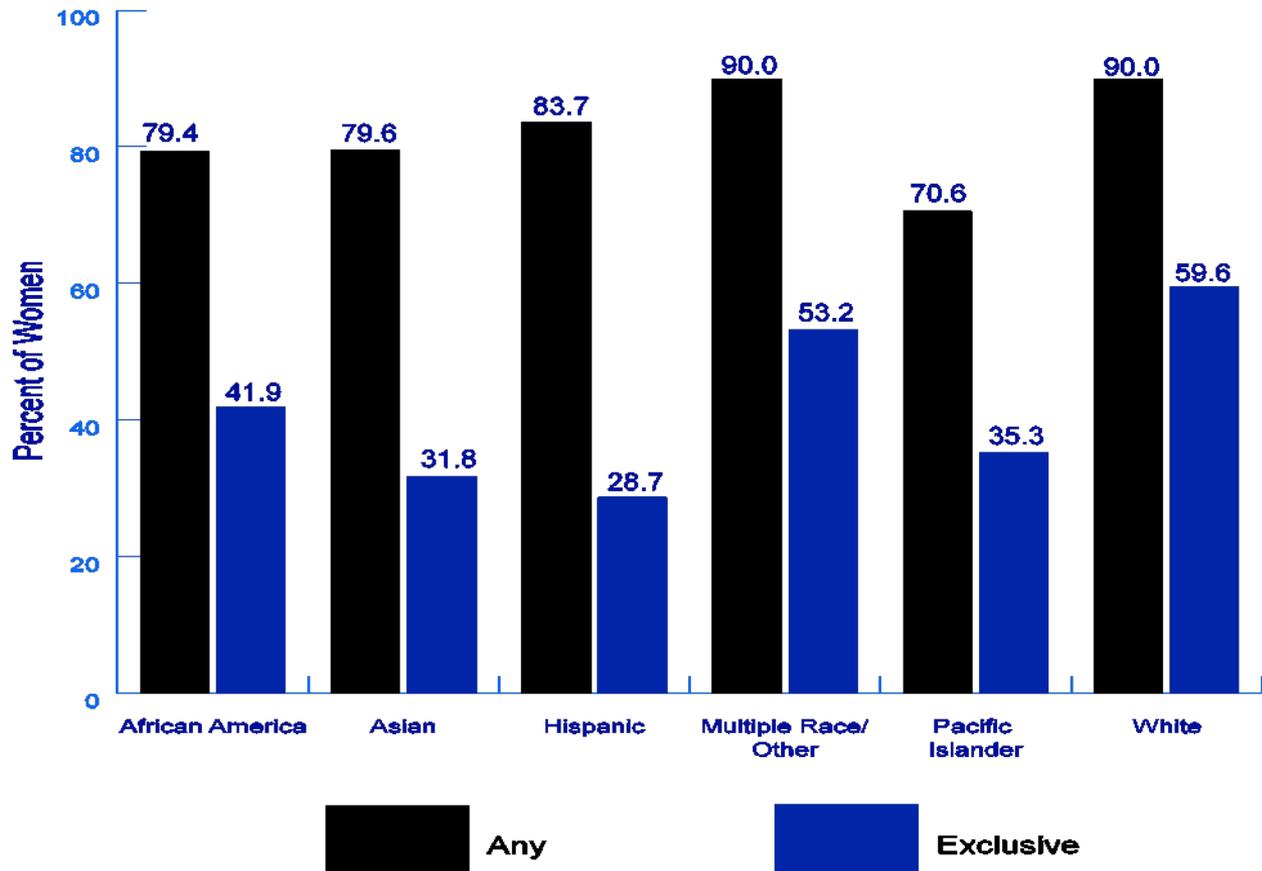
# Low Birth Weight

**Total Number of Low Birth Weight and Very Low Birth Weight Infants, 1999 to 2008**



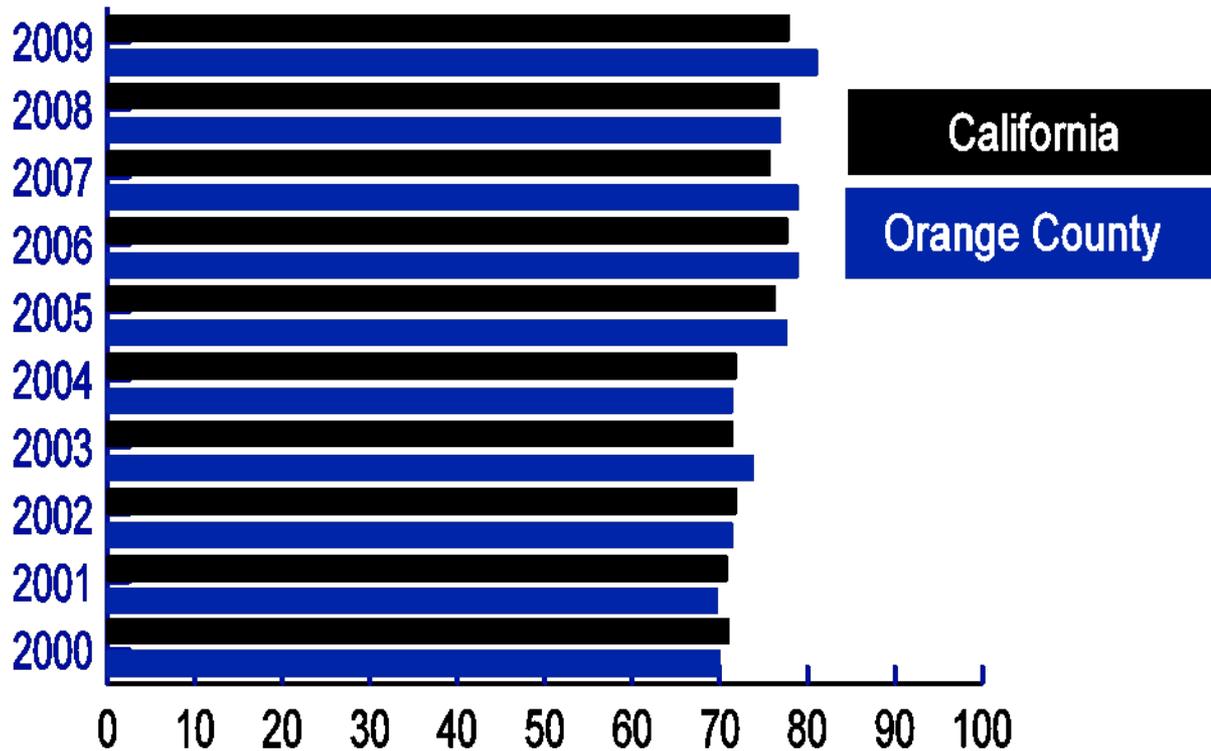
# Breastfeeding

## Breastfeeding Percentages in Orange County by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



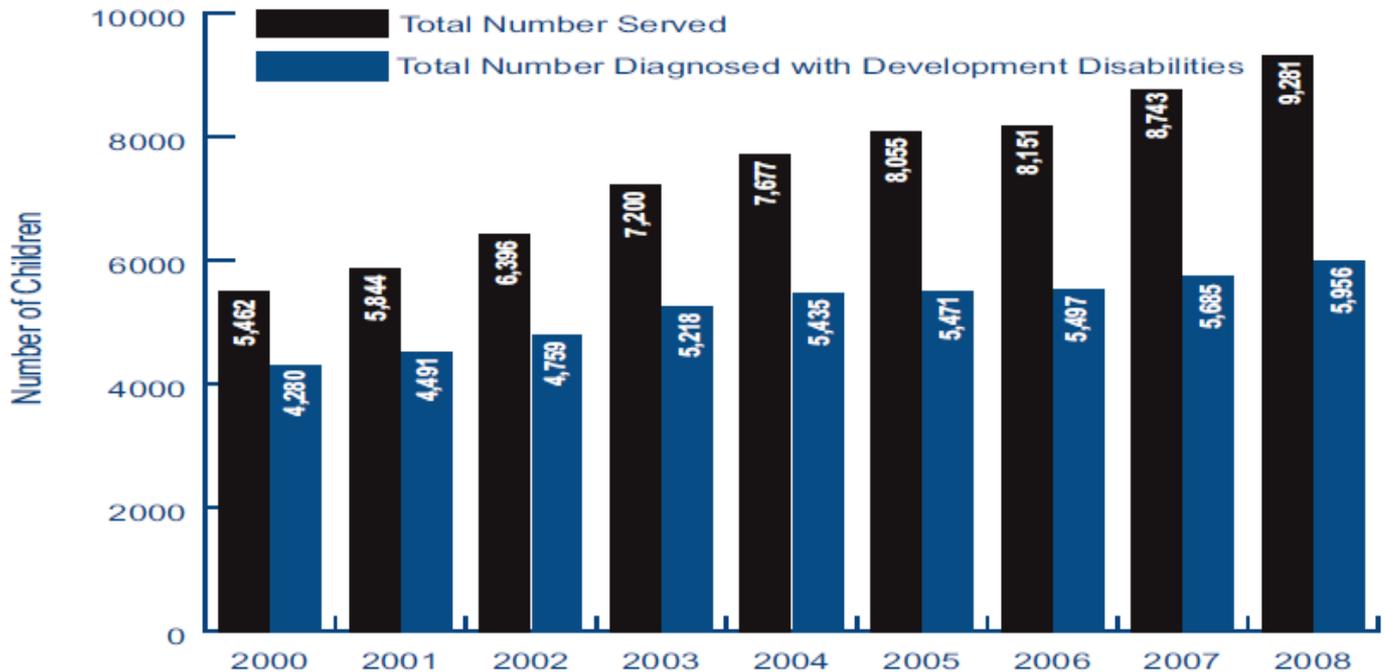
# Immunizations

**Percent of Children Adequately Immunized by Two Years of Age for Orange County and California, 2000 to 2009**



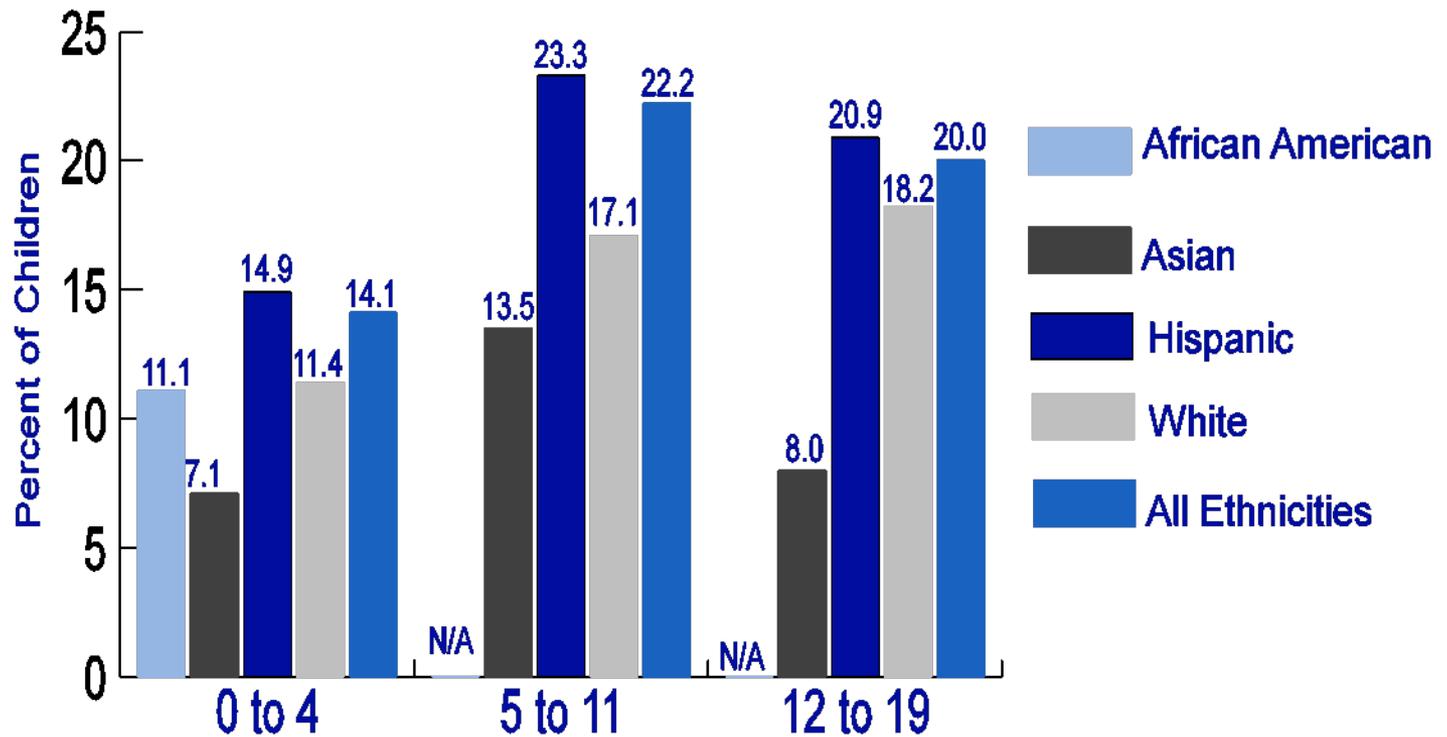
# Developmental Disabilities

Total Number of Children Under 18 Years of Age Served at the Regional Center of Orange County and Those Diagnosed with Developmental Disabilities, 2000 to 2008



# Overweight

## Overweight Among Orange County Children by Race/Ethnicity and by Age, 2008



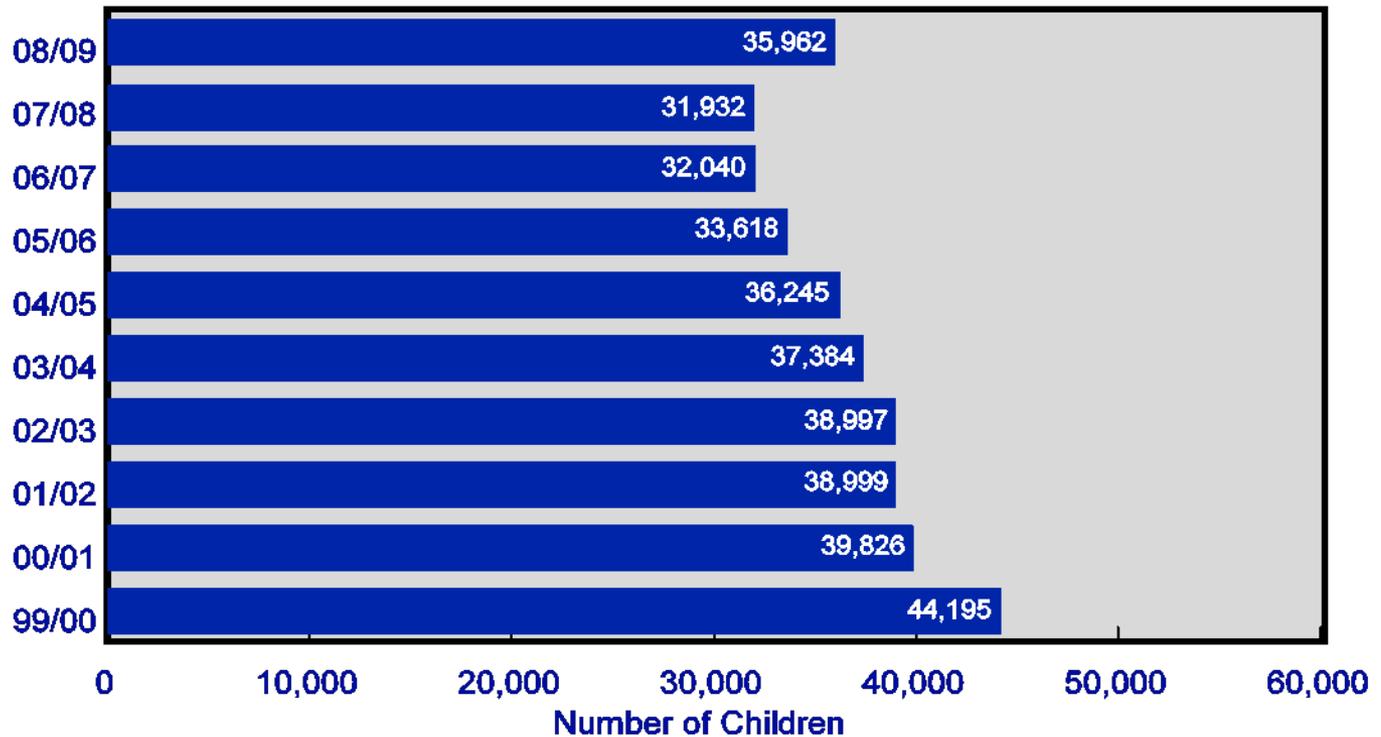
# Economic Well-Being

## Discussion Topic: Update on Impact of Economic Downturn



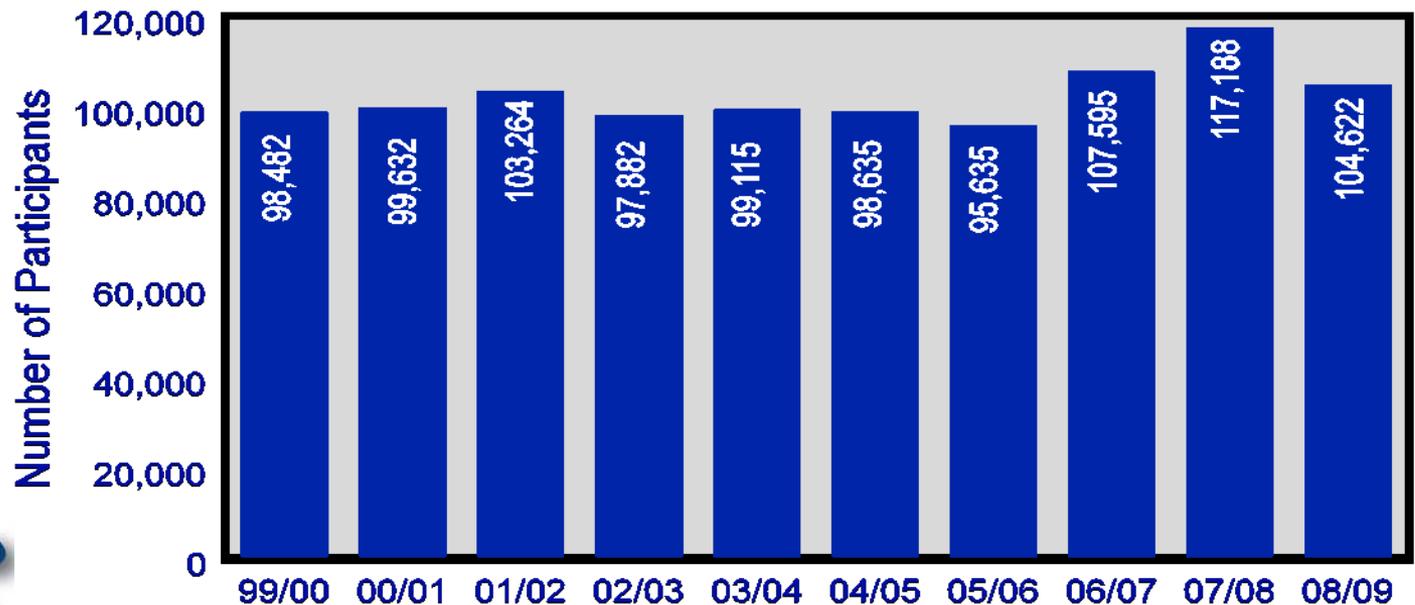
# CalWORKs

## Children Receiving Financial Assistance Through CalWORKs, 1999/00 to 2008/09



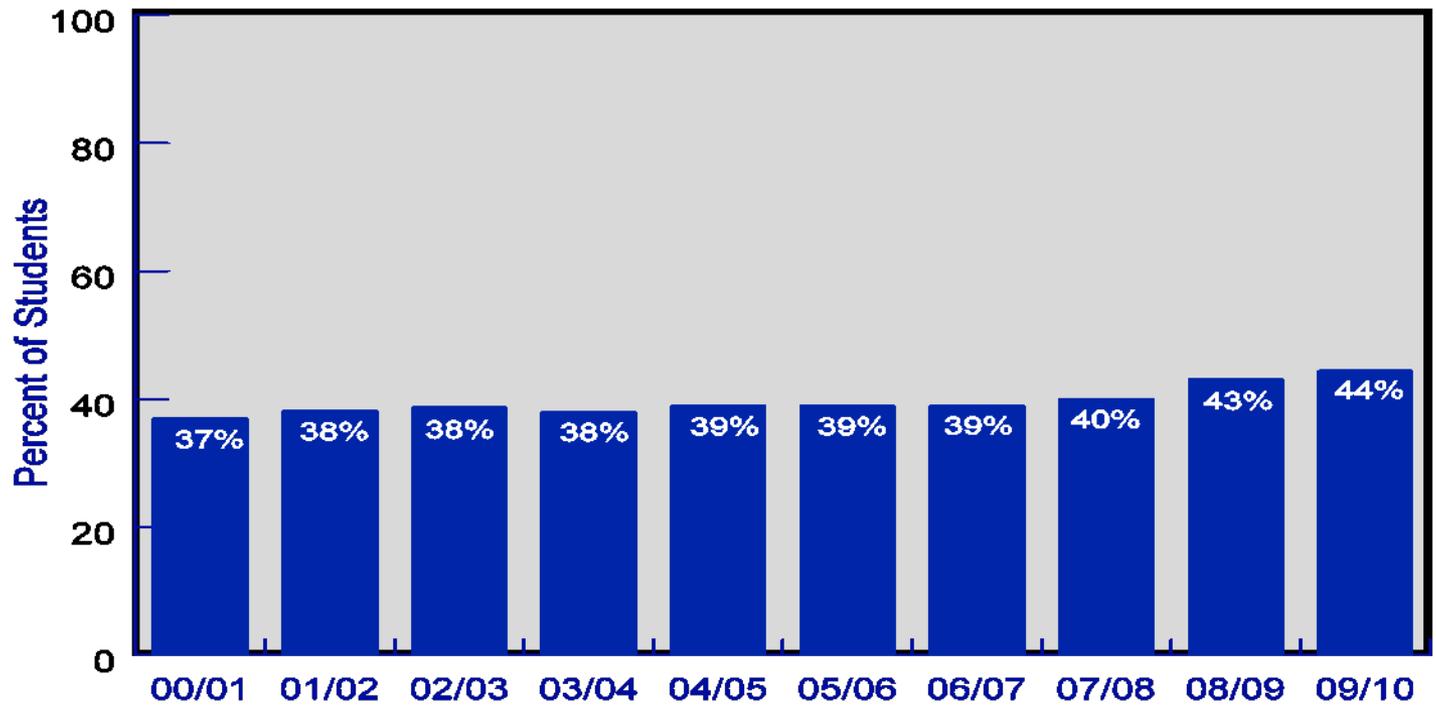
# Supplemental Nutrition WIC & CSFP

**Number of Participants Served by the WIC  
Program, 1999/00 to 2008/09**



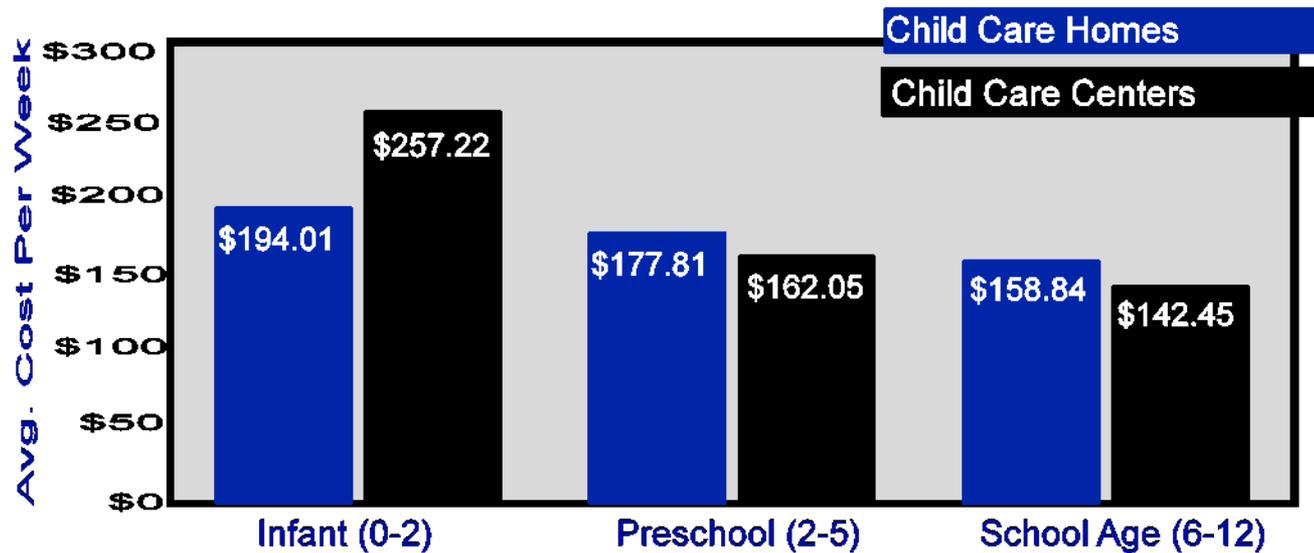
# Free and Reduced Lunch

**Number of Students Receiving Free and Reduced Lunch, 2000/01 to 2009/10**



# Cost of Early Care and Education

Average Cost of Early Care and Education Per Week in Center-Based Care and Licensed Family Child Care Homes, 2009/10



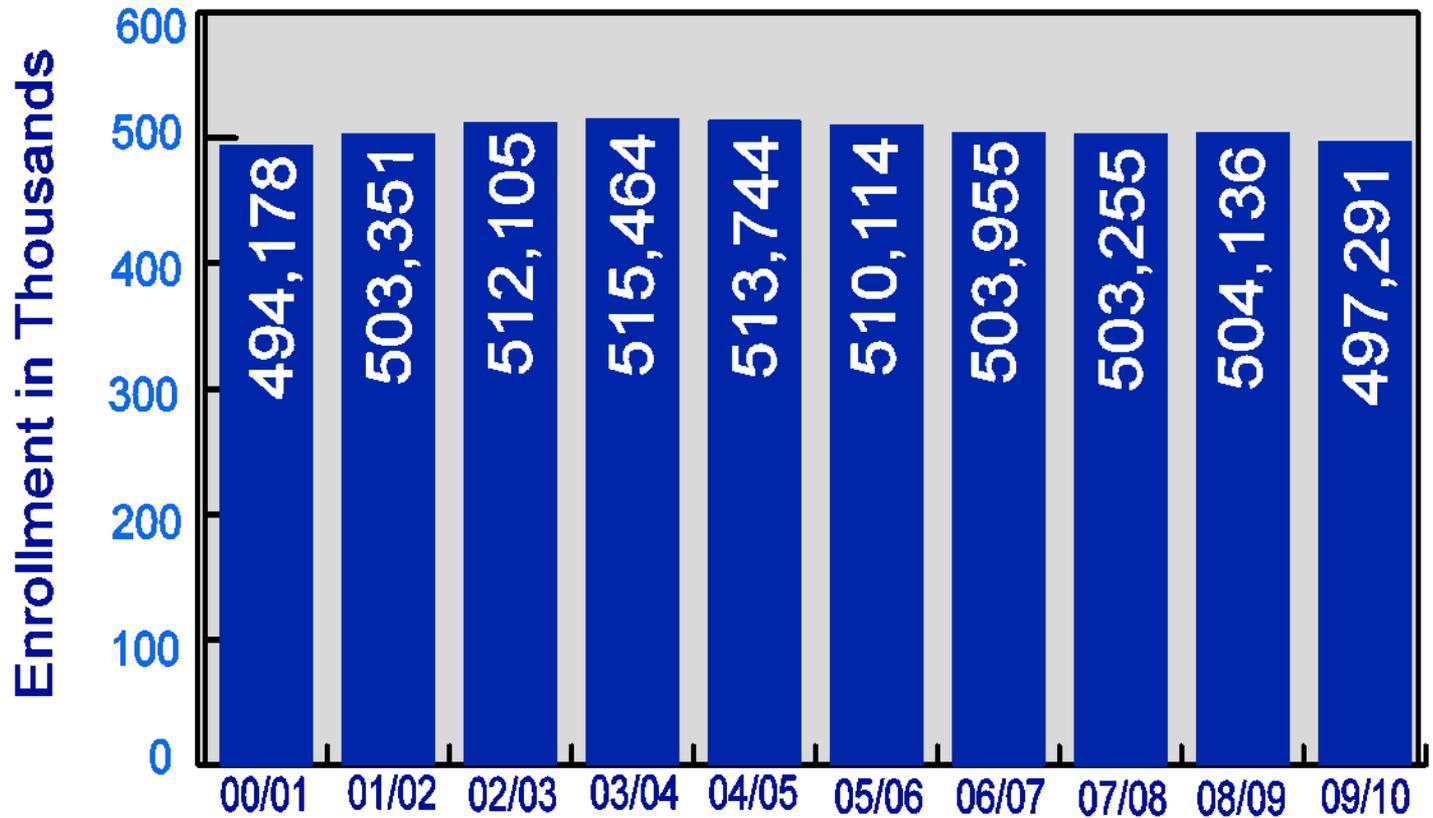
# Educational Achievement

## Discussion Topic: Educational Issues for Foster Youth



# Public School Enrollment

Total Public School Enrollment, 1999/00 through 2009/10



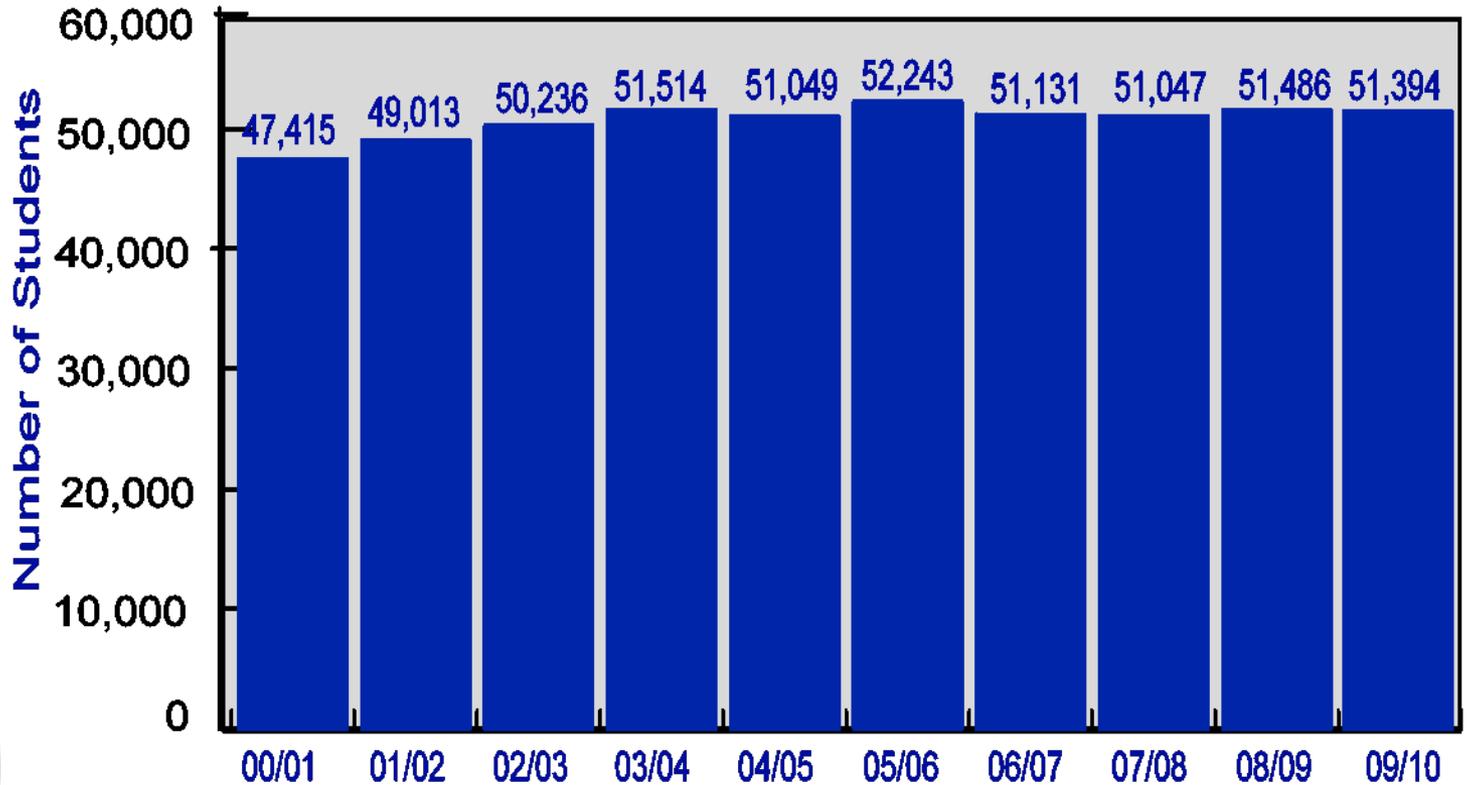
# Academic Performance Index

**Districts with Highest Percentage of API Growth Improvement,  
2003 to 2010**

School District	2003	2010	2003-2010 Change
Santa Ana	614	723	17.80%
Anaheim City	644	755	17.20%
Fullerton Joint Union	703	811	15.40%
Fullerton Elementary	742	855	15.20%
Anaheim Union High	651	748	14.90%
Huntington Beach High	720	826	14.70%
Buena Park Elementary	708	811	14.50%
Magnolia Elementary	701	800	14.10%
Westminster Elementary	725	821	13.20%

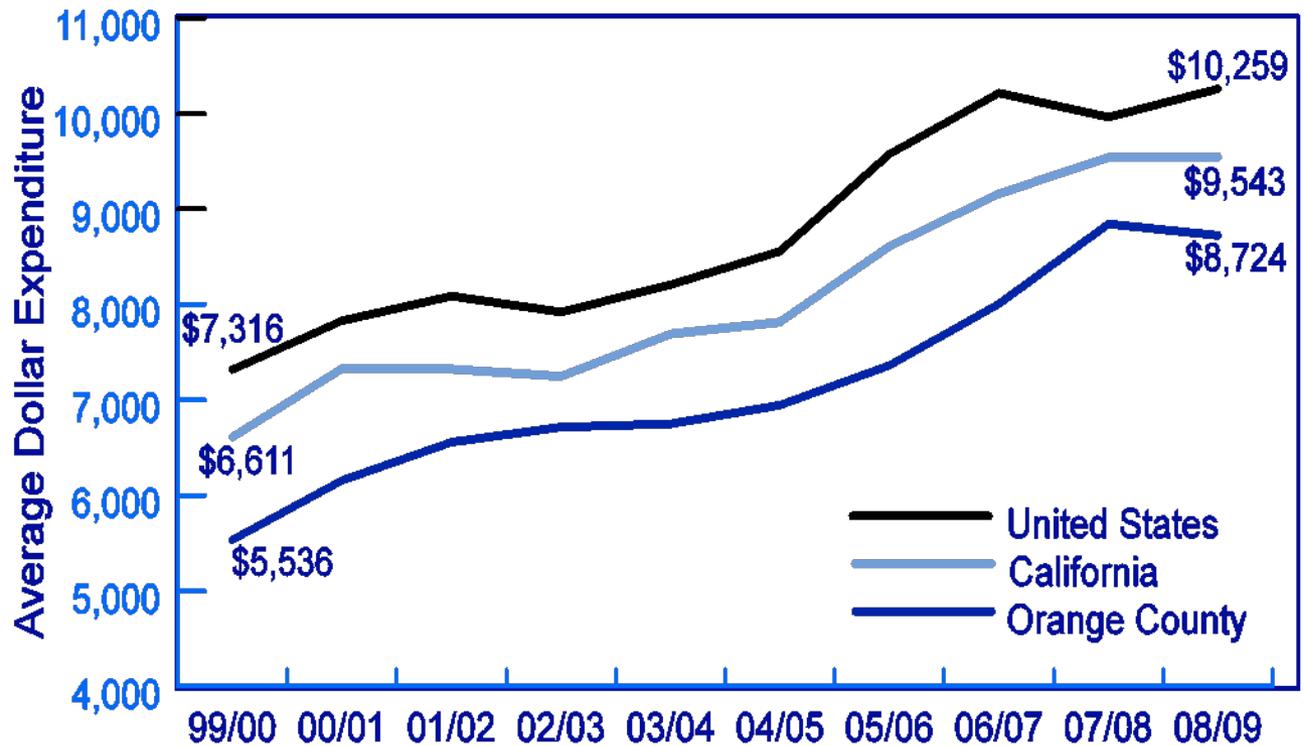
# Special Education

**Total Number of Students K-12 Receiving Special Education Services 2000/01 to 2009/10**



# Average per Pupil Expenditure

Average Dollar Expenditure Per Pupil for Grades K-12,  
1999/00 to 2008/09



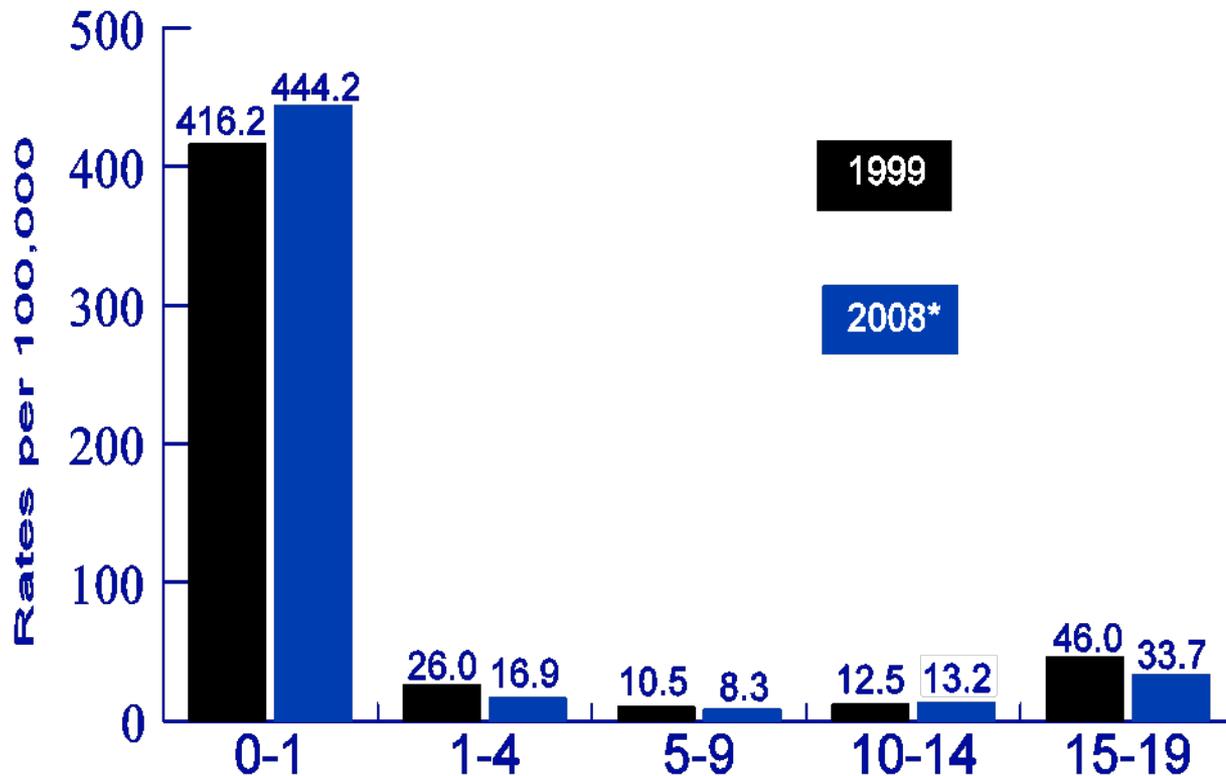
# Safe Homes and Communities

Discussion Topic:  
Alternatives to Detention



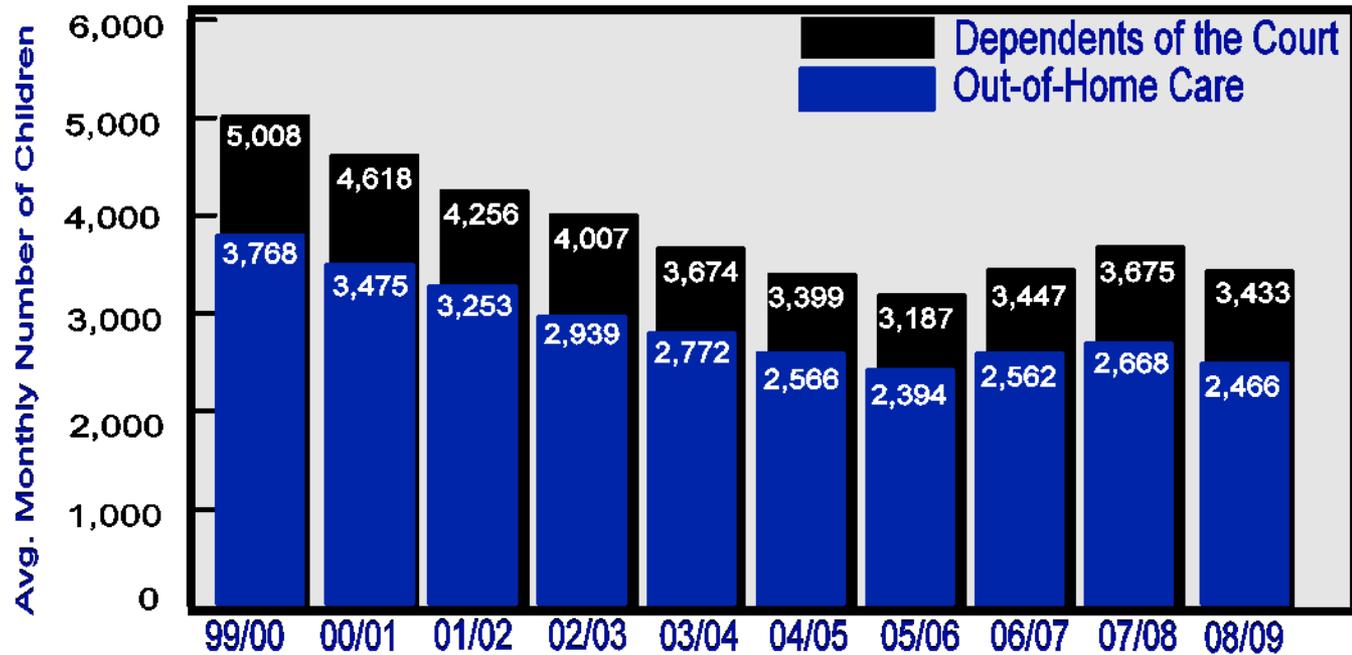
# Child and Youth Deaths

Overall Death Rate per 100,000 Child and Youth Population  
Ages 0-19, 1999 and 2008



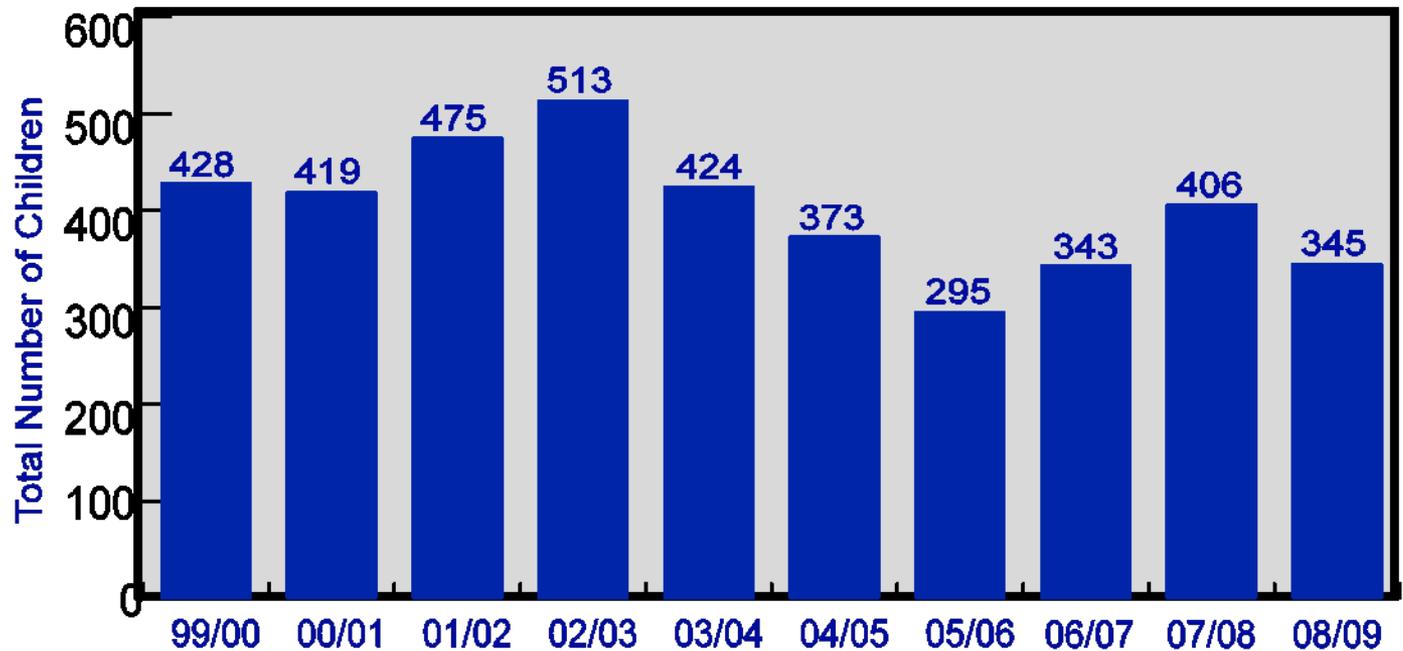
# Dependent Children

Average Monthly Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care and the Average Monthly Number of Dependents of the Court, 1999/00 to 2008/09



# Adoptive Placements

Total Number of Children Placed in Adoptive Homes, 1999/00 to 2008/09



***THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
CONTRIBUTORS  
TO THE 16TH ANNUAL  
REPORT***

