

UPDATE:

Fighting Poverty, Building Community



POVERTY DATA

Louisiana Poverty Rate, 2006

17% (4th highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureau, August 2007 CPS

Median Household Income, 2006

\$39,337 (46th in U.S.) (three year average 2004-2006)

U.S. Census Bureau, August 2007 CPS

Louisiana Children in Poverty, 2006

23.8 (3rd highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureau, August 2007 CPS

Percent of Children in Single-parent Families, 2005

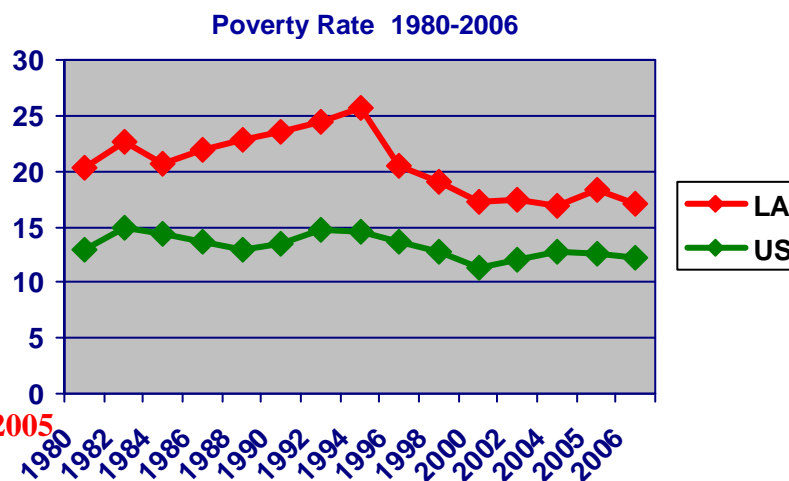
42% (2nd highest in the U.S.)

Kids Count, 2007

Percent of Children Born to Single Mothers, 2005

47.6% (3rd highest in U.S.)

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HEALTH DATA

Teenage Birth Rate, 2005

50 births per 1,000 teenage women (12th highest in U.S.)

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Percent Low-Birthweight Babies, 2005

11.3% (2nd highest in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2006

Percent Mothers Receiving Late or No Early Prenatal Care, 2004

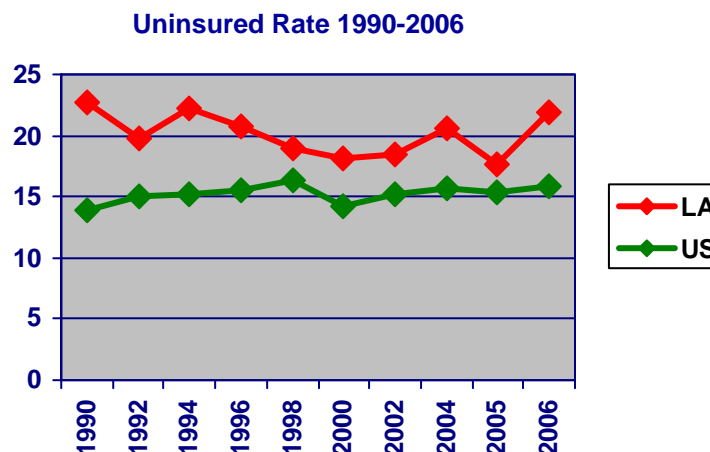
2.9% (23rd highest in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2006

Percent of Citizens Without Health Insurance, 2006

21.9% (3rd highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureau, August 2007 CPS



EDUCATION DATA

Percent of Students Performing at or Above "Basic" Level on LEAP Test in Spring 2007

4th Grade English 69%

4th Grade Math 63%

8th Grade English 58%

8th Grade Math 55%

LA Dept. of Education

Annual High School Dropouts (Grades 7-12)

2004-05: 17,192 2005-06 (est.): 12,100*

LA Dept. of Education

School Performance Scores for 2006-07 School Year**

(SPS academic index ranges from 0 to 200)

| Ratings | Elementary/Middle | Combination | High Schools |
|---|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5-Star ★★★★★ (140 and above) | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 4-Star ★★★★ (120-139.9) 120=State Goal in 2014) | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| 3-Star ★★★ (100-119.9) 100= State Goal in 09-10 | 199 | 18 | 27 |
| 2-Star ★★ (80-99.9) | 321 | 69 | 58 |
| 1-Star ★ (60-79.9) | 246 | 32 | 53 |
| Academically Unacceptable (<60) LA Dept. of Education | 47 | 10 | 13 |

* Does not include Orleans and other parishes directly affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

** 26 schools directly affected by Hurricanes Katrina & Rita are not included in 2006-07 data.

HUNGER

Individuals on Food Stamps, 2006

19.4% of Louisiana's Population – 829,882 people

Highest ranked percentage in the U.S.

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Public School Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunches, 2005

61.6% (2nd highest percentage in the U.S.)

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Cost of Food Stamp Benefits in Louisiana, 2006

\$1.03 billion (10th highest amount in U.S.)

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