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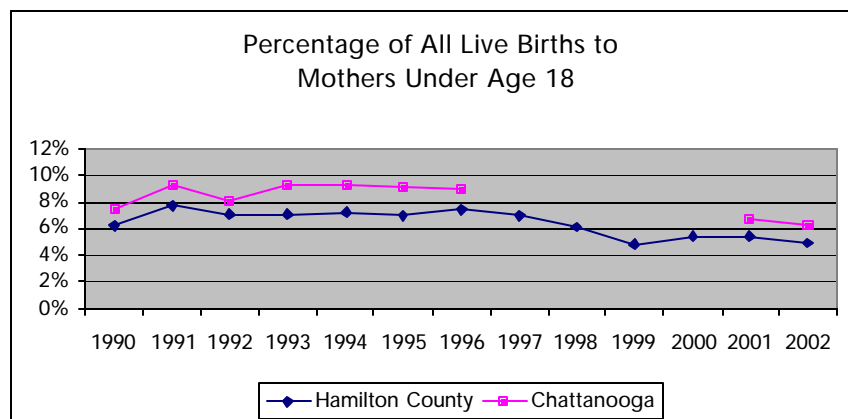
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Indicator - Percentage of All Live Births to Mothers Under 18 Years of Age

Trend	Since 1996 the percentage of all births to mothers under 18 has decreased 3.0 percentage points in Hamilton County and 2.8 percentage points in Chattanooga.
Comparison	In 2002, births to mothers under 18 years of age made up 4.4% of all live births in Tennessee.
Discussion	<p>Percentages are computed using residence data. Chattanooga and Hamilton County percentages are based on mothers who reside in the city and county limits as opposed to mothers who deliver in hospitals in the city or county.</p> <p>If these trends are adjusted to reflect three-year running averages, then the percentage of all live births to mothers under 18 ranges between 5.3 % and 7.5% for Hamilton County and 8.2% and 9.2% for Chattanooga.</p>

Year	Hamilton County	Chatt. City
1990	6.3%	7.5%
1991	7.7%	9.3%
1992	7.1%	8.1%
1993	7.2%	9.3%
1994	7.3%	9.3%
1995	7.0%	9.2%
1996	7.5%	9.1%
1997	7.0%	8.2%
1998	6.2%	NA
1999	4.9%	NA
2000	5.5%	NA
2001	5.5%	6.8%
2002	4.5%	6.3%

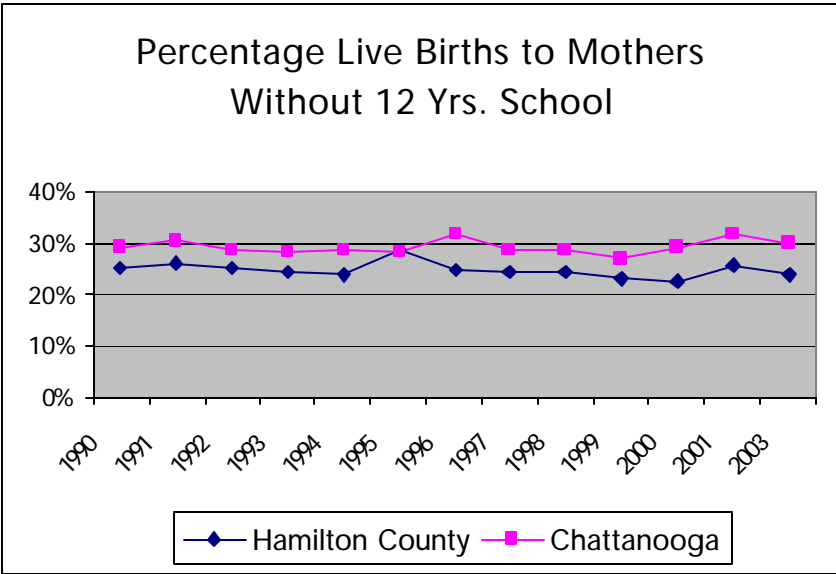


Source: Tennessee Department of Health

Indicator - Percentage of All Live Births to Mothers Without 12 Years of School

Trend	Births to mothers without twelve years of education had been declining over the past several years. However, since 1999 this measure has increased 1.0 percentage points in the county and 2.7 percentage points in the city.
Comparison	In 2002, births to mothers with less than 12 years education made up 21.3% of all live births in Tennessee.
Discussion	<p>Percentages are computed using residence data. Chattanooga and Hamilton County percentages are based on mothers who reside in the city and county limits as opposed to mothers who deliver in hospitals in the city or county.</p> <p>In 1995, this measure was identical for the county as a whole and the city.</p> <p>If these trends are adjusted to reflect three-year running averages, then the percentage of all live births to mothers without 12 years of school completed ranges between 23.3% and 25.9% for Hamilton County and 28.4% and 29.6% for Chattanooga.</p>

Year	Hamilton County	Chatt. City
1990	25.3%	29.2%
1991	26.3%	30.3%
1992	25.4%	28.9%
1993	24.2%	28.3%
1994	24.1%	28.7%
1995	28.5%	28.4%
1996	25.0%	31.6%
1997	24.2%	28.7%
1998	24.2%	NA
1999	22.9%	27.1%
2000	22.8%	29.2%
2001	25.6%	31.6%
2002	23.9%	29.8%

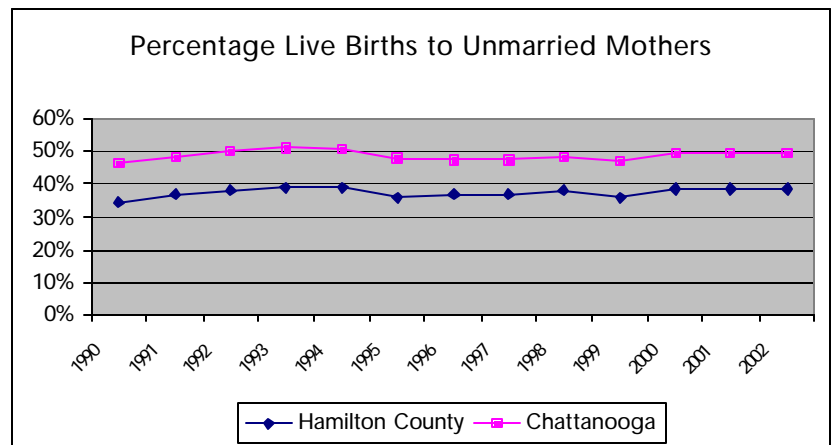


Source: Tennessee Department of Health

Indicator - Percentage of All Live Births to Unmarried Mothers

Trend	After a slight downward trend in both the county and city from 1995 to 1997, the percentage of all live births to unmarried mothers has since increased almost back to 1994 levels.
Comparison	In 2002, 36.2% of all live births in Tennessee were to unmarried mothers.
Discussion	<p>Percentages are computed using residence data. Chattanooga and Hamilton County percentages are based on mothers who reside in the city and county limits as opposed to mothers who deliver in hospitals in the city or county.</p> <p>If these trends are adjusted to reflect three-year running averages, then the percentage of all live births to unmarried mothers ranges between 36.5% and 38.7% for Hamilton County and 47.6% and 50.0% for Chattanooga.</p>

Year	Hamilton County	Chatt. City
1990	34.4%	46.3%
1991	37.3%	48.6%
1992	37.9%	50.2%
1993	39.0%	51.3%
1994	39.1%	50.5%
1995	36.2%	48.2%
1996	37.1%	47.5%
1997	37.0%	47.5%
1998	38.2%	48.4%
1999	36.1%	46.8%
2000	38.8%	49.5%
2001	38.8%	49.4%
2002	38.7%	49.8%



Source: Tennessee Department of Health

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[Average Monthly Number of Children in Foster Care in Hamilton County Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18](#)

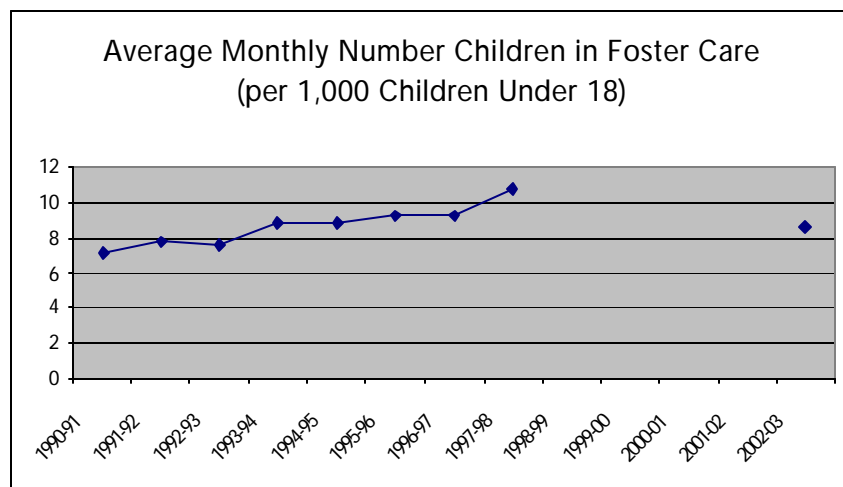
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Indicator - Average Monthly Number Children in Foster Care in Hamilton County Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18

Trend	In the 2002-03 fiscal year, the average monthly number of children in foster care was 8.6 per 1,000 children under age 18. Comparable data for fiscal years 1998-99 through 2001-02 are not available.
Comparison	Not available
Discussion	The average monthly number of children in foster care in Hamilton County in 2002-03 was 617.

Year	Hamilton County
1990-91	7.1
1991-92	7.7
1992-93	7.5
1993-94	8.8
1994-95	8.8
1995-96	9.2
1996-97	9.2
1997-98	10.7
1998-99	NA
1999-00	NA
2000-01	NA
2001-02	NA
2002-03	8.6

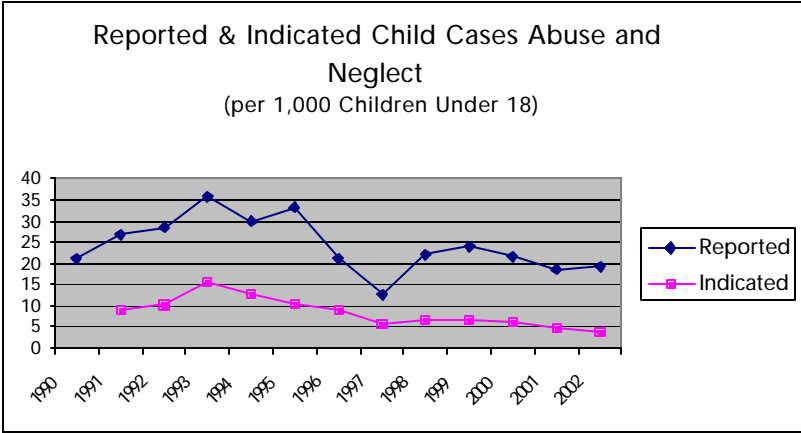


Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services

Indicator- Reported and Indicated Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect in Hamilton County Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18

Trend	Since 1993, the rate of reported cases of child abuse and neglected decreased by 46.2%. Meanwhile, the rate of indicated cases from 1993 to 2001 decreased by 75.3%.
Comparison	In 2002, the state of Tennessee investigated 28,348 cases of which 6,370 (22.5%) were indicated.
Discussion	<p>Child abuse and neglect includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, mental injury, and threat of harm.</p> <p>Indicated (confirmed) cases of abuse and neglect are those cases where evidence to substantiate the claim is found by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (DCS) Child Protection Investigation Team. Cases considered “reported” are calls to DCS which meet legislated criteria for validity. All reported cases are investigated by DCS.</p> <p>In 2001 Hamilton County had 1,368 reported cases. Of these, 280 (20.5%) were indicated.</p> <p>Because of limited detection and underreporting, the true rate is probably several times higher. National estimates indicate that between one-tenth and one-quarter of all children are abused sometime during their childhoods.</p>

Year	Reported	Indicated
1990	21.2	N/A
1991	26.7	9.2
1992	28.3	10.2
1993	35.5	15.8
1994	30.0	13.1
1995	33.1	10.6
1996	21.3	8.9
1997	12.7	5.9
1998	21.9	6.8
1999	23.9	6.5
2000	21.4	6.1
2001	18.6	4.6
2002	19.1	3.9

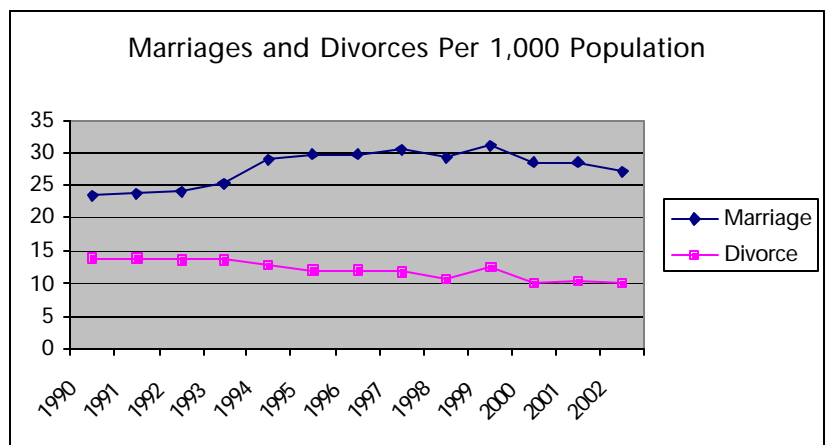


Source: Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Indicator - Marriages and Divorces Per 1,000 Population

Trend	From 1990 to 2002, the rate of marriage per 1,000 population increased by 16.2%. During the same period, divorces decreased by 28.9%.
Comparison	In Tennessee the rate of marriages per 1,000 population in 2001 was 26.1. The rate of divorce was 10.2.
Discussion	<p>Marriage figures include all marriages performed in the county, regardless of a couple's residence. Divorces, on the other hand, only include those granted to residents of Hamilton County.</p> <p>Given that marriage is increasing and divorce decreasing, marriages may be more stable, perhaps due to the fact that people are waiting until they are older (and presumably more mature) to enter into marriage.</p>

Year	Marriage	Divorce
1990	23.4	13.8
1991	23.8	13.8
1992	24.0	13.6
1993	25.4	13.6
1994	29.0	12.8
1995	29.8	12.0
1996	29.7	12.0
1997	30.5	11.8
1998	29.3	10.8
1999	31.1	12.5
2000	28.6	10.0
2001	28.5	10.4
2002	27.2	9.8



Source: Tennessee Department of Health

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[Teen Pregnancy Rate Per 1,000 Females Age 10-17](#)

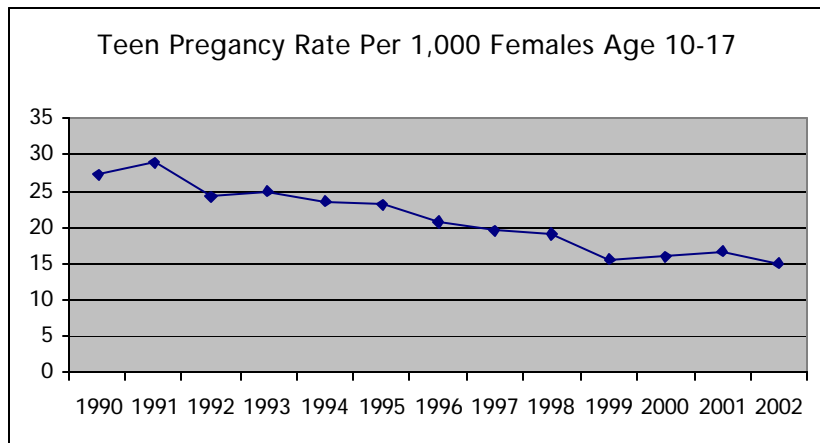
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Indicator - Teen Pregnancy Rate Per 1,000 Females Age 10-17

Trend	Teen pregnancy rates have declined by 44.7% from 1990 to 2002.
Comparison	The 2002 teen pregnancy rate for Tennessee was 14.1 per 1,000 females age 10-17.
Discussion	<p>Estimated Pregnancies: The total of live births plus abortions plus fetal deaths.</p> <p>The rate is calculated per 1,000 population of females age 10 to 17.</p> <p>An estimated 242 pregnancies to females age 10 to 17 occurred in Hamilton County in 2002.</p> <p>In Hamilton County, the rate within the subset of white teens ages 10-17 is 13.0 pregnancies per 1,000 in 2001. For black teens, this rate is 27.8 per 1,000 pregnancies per 1,000 in 2001.</p>

Year	Hamilton County
1990	27.3
1991	28.9
1992	24.2
1993	24.8
1994	23.5
1995	23.1
1996	20.7
1997	19.5
1998	19.0
1999	15.6
2000	16.0
2001	16.7
2002	15.1

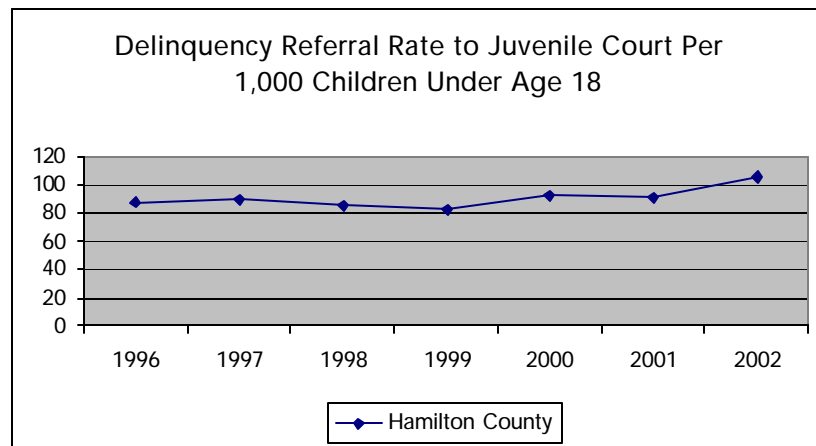


Source: Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department

Indicator - Delinquency Referral Rate to Juvenile Court Per 1,000 Children Under Age 18

Trend	Since 1996, delinquency referrals to juvenile court have increased 23.8%. Comparable data before 1996 is not available.
Comparison	The total number of children referred to juvenile and family courts in Tennessee in 2002 was 82,636. For Hamilton County it was 4,068 or 4.9% of the total. Shelby County accounted for 17.6% of the total while Davidson County accounted for 14.6% and Knox County for 5.2%.
Discussion	In 2003, of the 7,765 petitions filed against juveniles in Hamilton County, 26 were requests to treat the juvenile as an adult. Assault, burglary, theft, and possession of a controlled substance made up 76% of all serious offenses.

Year	Hamilton County
1996	87.5
1997	89.1
1998	85.1
1999	82.6
2000	91.6
2001	91.5
2002	106.0
2003	108.3



Source: Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges