

**Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths  
Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, and Rock Counties**

The most recent data on infant births and deaths in Wisconsin are from 2008. The following information was taken from the recent report, *Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths, 2008*, DHS and the WISH data system ([www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish)).

**BIRTHS and INFANT DEATHS, 2008**

- 28,647 (40%) of the 72,002 births in the state were to mothers living in these 5 counties.
- 18,190 (25%) were to mothers living in the cities of Beloit, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee, and Racine.
- 6,787 (94%) of the 7,236 African American births in the state were to mothers living in these 5 counties.
- 92 (92%) of the 100 African American deaths in the state were to mothers living in these 5 counties.

**Births by race and ethnicity, statewide and selected counties, 2008, %**

Race/ethnicity	Statewide	Dane	Kenosha	Milwaukee	Racine	Rock
White	74.4	73.0	71.6	40.0	62.3	79.8
African American	10.0	8.2	9.7	35.6	16.7	6.6
American Indian	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.6
Hispanic	9.8	10.5	16.5	18.3	18.7	11.6
Laotian/Hmong	1.9	1.7	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.0
Other Asian	2.2	5.9	1.5	2.6	1.5	1.4

**Teen birth rates, statewide and selected counties, 2006-2008, rate per 1,000 females (number of teen births)**

Age	Statewide	Dane	Kenosha	Milwaukee	Racine	Rock
15-17	16.4 (5,745)	11.0 (328)	21.5 (223)	38.9 (2,305)	25.9 (302)	21.3 (206)
18-19	54.2 (12,771)	34.0 (676)	69.4 (466)	102.8 (3,864)	77.1 (599)	72.6 (472)
15-19 (Total)	31.6 (18,516)	20.2 (1,004)	40.3 (689)	63.7 (6,169)	46.4 (901)	41.9 (678)

**Births by education of mother, statewide and selected counties, 2008, %**

Education	Statewide	Dane	Kenosha	Milwaukee	Racine	Rock
< High school	14.8	10.2	15.9	23.9	20.7	18.9
HS graduate	27.9	18.0	29.8	29.4	26.8	29.7
Some college	25.9	21.5	27.2	20.8	27.9	28.0
College grad	30.9	49.7	26.3	25.4	24.2	21.3

**Proportion of all births to married women, statewide and selected counties, 2008, %**

<b>Marital status</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Dane</b>	<b>Kenosha</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>Racine</b>	<b>Rock</b>
<b>Married</b>	63.2	71.6	56.3	44.7	52.5	53.1

**Trimester prenatal care started, statewide and selected counties, 2008, %**

<b>Trimester</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Dane</b>	<b>Kenosha</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>Racine</b>	<b>Rock</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	82.2	87.9	80.4	77.5	77.7	83.6
<b>3rd or no prenatal care</b>	3.2	1.4	3.6	4.6	5.0	2.8

**Low birth weight, statewide and selected counties, 2008, %**

<b>Birth weight</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Dane</b>	<b>Kenosha</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>Racine</b>	<b>Rock</b>
<b>Low birth weight (&lt;2500g)</b>	7.0	6.0	8.6	9.0	9.5	5.5
<b>Very low birth weight (&lt;1500g)</b>	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.0