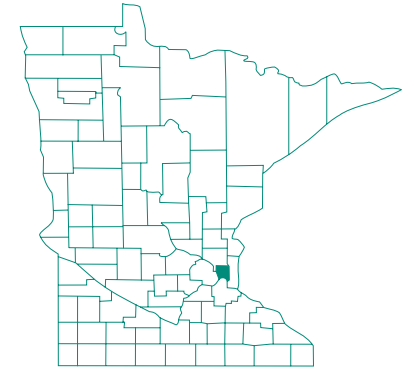


# Ramsey

## Demographics

Estimated total population, 2003	.506,355
Estimated number of children under 18, 2003	.126,953
Percent children, 2003	.25%
Estimated number of children under 18, 1994	.128,480
Percent change, 1994-2003	-.1%
Projected population under age 20, 2010	.139,690

Ramsey County, the second largest county in Minnesota, is part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area. The county seat is St. Paul. Over 41% of children in the county are children of color, including Asian, African-American, and Latino children as well as American Indian children. Its 2002 per capita personal income of \$35,304 was sixth highest in the state. It grew at an average annual rate of 4.1% between 1992 and 2002, lower than the state's growth rate. The county's 2003 unemployment rate was 4.2%, compared to the state's rate of 5%.

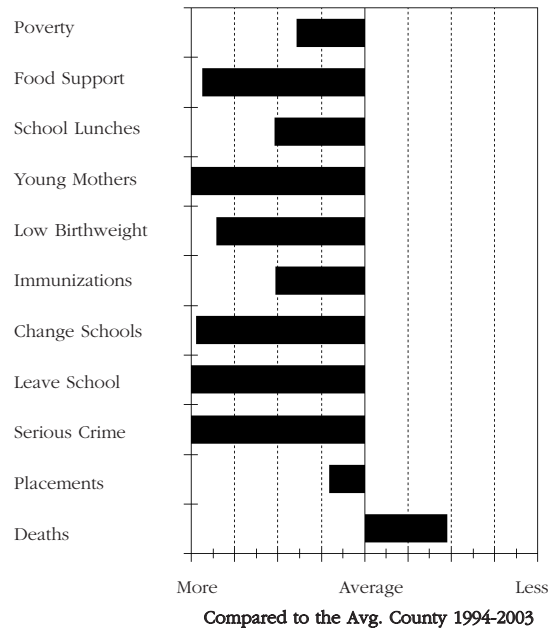


**Positives:** Close to the average county for children in out-of-home placements and children dying from injury, suicide or homicide.

**Concerns:** Higher-than-average percentage of low-income children, adolescent births, children born at low birth weight, children transferring schools or dropping out, and arrests for serious crime.

**Trends to Watch:** Decrease in percentage of children dropping out of school, arrests for serious crime and children not fully immunized.

## Measuring the Well-Being of Children in Ramsey County for the Decade



	1994		1998		2003		2003 State
<b>Family Economics</b>							
Children in poverty	26,055	21%+-5	22,532	18%+-5	16,961	13%+-7	109,810 8.8% ±-2
Children receiving food support	27,133	21%	20,482	17%	20,839	16%	121,157 9.7%
Children receiving free/reduced-price school lunch (93-94, 97-98, 02-03)	28,080	35%	35,567	41%	38,167	45%	236,158 28.5%
<b>Starting Out</b>							
Children born to adolescent mothers (rate for 15-17 year olds per 1000)	320		363	35	230	24	1,528 13.6
Children born at low birth weight	500	7%	488	7%	533	7%	4,418 6.3%
Children not immunized on time	3805	46%	2,789	35%	1,781	25%	12,396 18.9%
Children changing schools (93-94, 97-98, 02-03)	13,850	18%	17,164	20%	17,762	21%	126,612 15.2%
<b>Challenges to Success</b>							
Children dropping out of school (92-93, 96-97, 01-02)	2,017	8%	1,948	5%	1,568	4%	11,007 2.7%
Children arrested for serious crimes	3,472	74	2,957	60	1,015	18	12,094 20.8
Children abused & neglected	1,458	11	1,543	13	865 (622)		9,024 (7,582)
Children in out-of-home placements	1,652	13	2,238	18	2,073	16	16,886 13.2
Children dying from injuries, suicide and homicide	18		23		16		182 1.5

