



# MEEKER COUNTY

## Minnesota

### DEMOGRAPHICS

**Major communities:** Litchfield, Dassel  
**Est. Total Population, 2007:** 23,211  
**Est. Child (0-17) Population, 2007:** 5,616  
**Median Household Income, 2007:** \$49,309

### HIGHLIGHTED COUNTY INDICATORS

- 1. Average monthly enrollment of children in health care programs, 2007**
  - Medical Assistance 1,098
  - Minnesota Care 233
- 2. Average Annual Cost of Full-Time Child Care for One Preschooler, 2008:**
  - Family-based \$5,445
- 3. Average Annual Cost of Full-Time Child Care for One Infant, 2008:**
  - Family-based \$5,699
- 4. Tax Households Who Claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2007 (TY06): 1,238**
  - Total value of the EITC: \$ 2,109,950

### 10 COUNTY LEVEL INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING

	Meeker		Meeker, 2000		Statewide	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate
<b>1. Children Living in Poverty</b>	630	11.3%	491	8.0%	148,294	12%
<b>2. Children Receiving Food Support, (2008)</b>	454	8.1%	295	5.0%	142,885	11.3%
<b>3. Children Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunch, (2008)</b>	1,969	34.4%	1,556	26.0%	270,247	32.9%
<b>4. Children Abused and Neglected</b>	8	1.3	17	3.0	6,277	4.9
<b>5. Children in Out-of-Home Placement</b>	53	8.7	53	9.0	14,800	11.5
<b>6. Children with Limited English Proficiency, (2008)</b>	47	0.8%	39**	0.7%**	63,194	7.7%
<b>7. Children Enrolled in Special Education, (2008)</b>	642	11%	712**	12%**	107,168	13%
<b>8. Children Born to Teenage Mothers</b>	4	N/A	8	14.0	1,519	13.4
<b>9. Children Born with Low Birth Weight</b>	14	4%	13	5%	3,542	5%
<b>10. Children Arrested for a Serious Crime</b>	17	6.7	66	22.0	10,895	19

\* Rate is per 1,000 or percent of children.

\*\*2002 is when KIDS COUNT started collecting these indicators. Data is from 2007 unless otherwise noted.

#### KIDS COUNT DATA CENTER

The KIDS COUNT Data Center contains more than 100 measures of child well-being at the national, state, county, and city level. Three to five years of trend data is currently available for most indicators. This wide-ranging database allows users to generate custom reports for a geographic area or to compare geographic areas on a topic (using Ranking, Maps, and Line Graphs).

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