

UPDATE:

Fighting Poverty, Building Community



POVERTY DATA

Louisiana Poverty Rate, 2005

18.3% (2nd highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureau, March 2006 CPS

Median Household Income, 2005

\$36,814 (46th in U.S.) (three year average 2003-2005)

U.S. Census Bureau, March 2006 CPS

Louisiana Children in Poverty, 2005

24.7% (2nd highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureau, March 2006 CPS

Percent of children in single-parent families, 2004

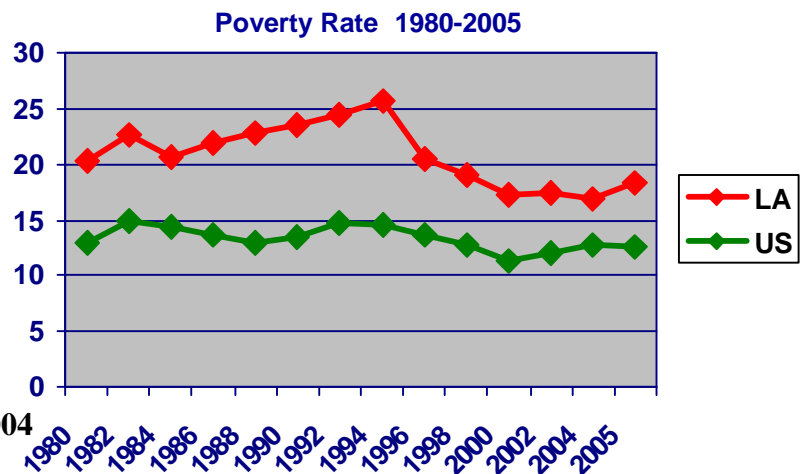
44% (highest in the U.S.)

Kids Count, 2006

Percent of Children Born to Single Mothers, 2004

49.2% (highest in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2005



HEALTH DATA

Teenage Birth Rate, 2004

57.5 births per 1,000 teenage women (7th highest in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2005

Percent Low-Birthweight Babies, 2004

10.9% (2nd highest in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2005

Percent Mothers Receiving Early Prenatal Care, 2003

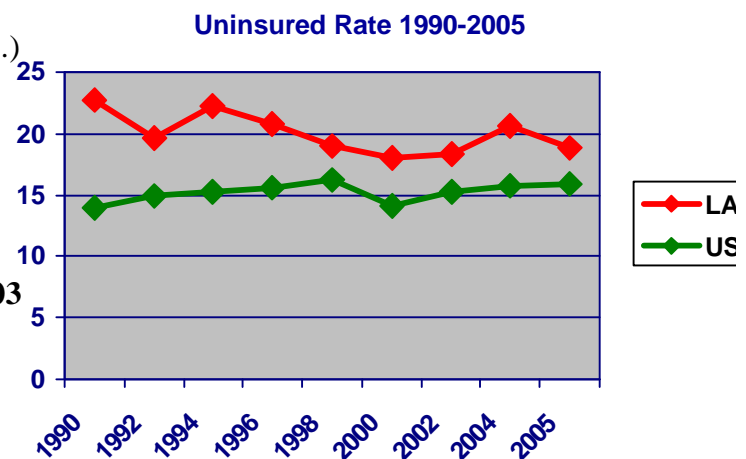
84.1% (26th in U.S.)

National Vital Statistics Report, 2004

Percent of Citizens Without Health Insurance, 2005

18.8% (7th highest in U.S.)

U.S. Census Bureaus, March 2006 CPS



EDUCATION DATA

Percent of Students Performing at or Above "Basic" Level on LEAP Test in 2006

4th Grade English 67%

4th Grade Math 65%

8th Grade English 56%

8th Grade Math 57%

LA Dept. of Education

Annual High School Dropout Rate, 2003-04 School Year

7.4% (15,170 students grade 9-12)

LA Dept. of Education

School Performance Scores for 2004-05 School Year

(SPS academic index ranges from 0 to 200)

| <u>Ratings</u> | <u>Elementary/Middle</u> | <u>Combination</u> | <u>High Schools</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 5-Star ***** (140 and above) | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| 4-Star **** (120-139.9) 120=State Goal in 2014) | 41 | 3 | 8 |
| 3-Star *** (100-119.9) 100= State Goal in 09-10 | 226 | 34 | 55 |
| 2-Star ** (80-99.9) | 352 | 64 | 50 |
| 1-Star * (60-79.9) | 269 | 28 | 55 |
| Academically Unacceptable (<60) LA Dept. of Education | 134 | 12 | 24 |

HUNGER

Individuals on Food Stamps, 2005

17.9% of Louisiana’s Population – 807,896 people

Highest ranked percentage in the U.S.

Morgan Quinto Press & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Public School Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunches, 2004

61.4% (2nd highest percentage in the U.S.)

Morgan Quinto Press & U.S. Dept. of Education

Cost of Food Stamp Benefits in Louisiana, 2005

\$978.8 million (10th highest amount in U.S.)

Morgan Quinto Press & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

