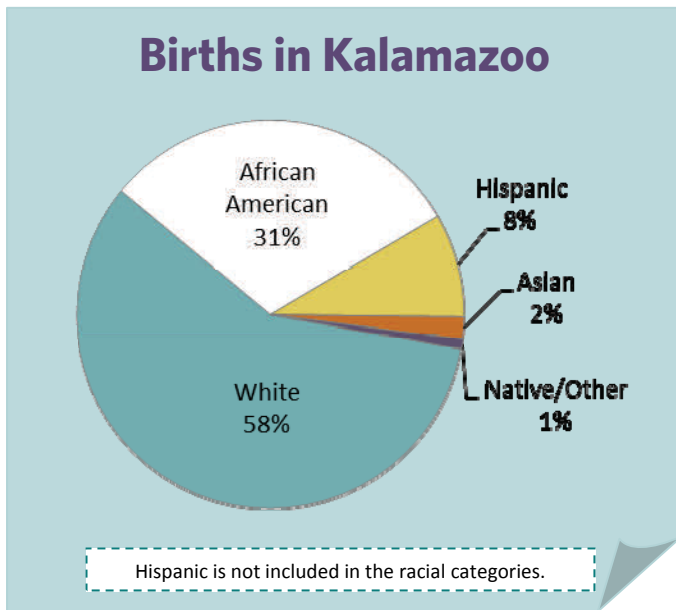




# The Right Start in Michigan's Legacy Cities: Inequity Begins at Birth

## Kalamazoo/Kalamazoo



Total number of city births:

1,221

Percent of county total:

39%



Births to low-income mothers paid by Medicaid:\* 780

Percent of city total: 64%

\*Pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid coverage with income up to 185% poverty level.

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section

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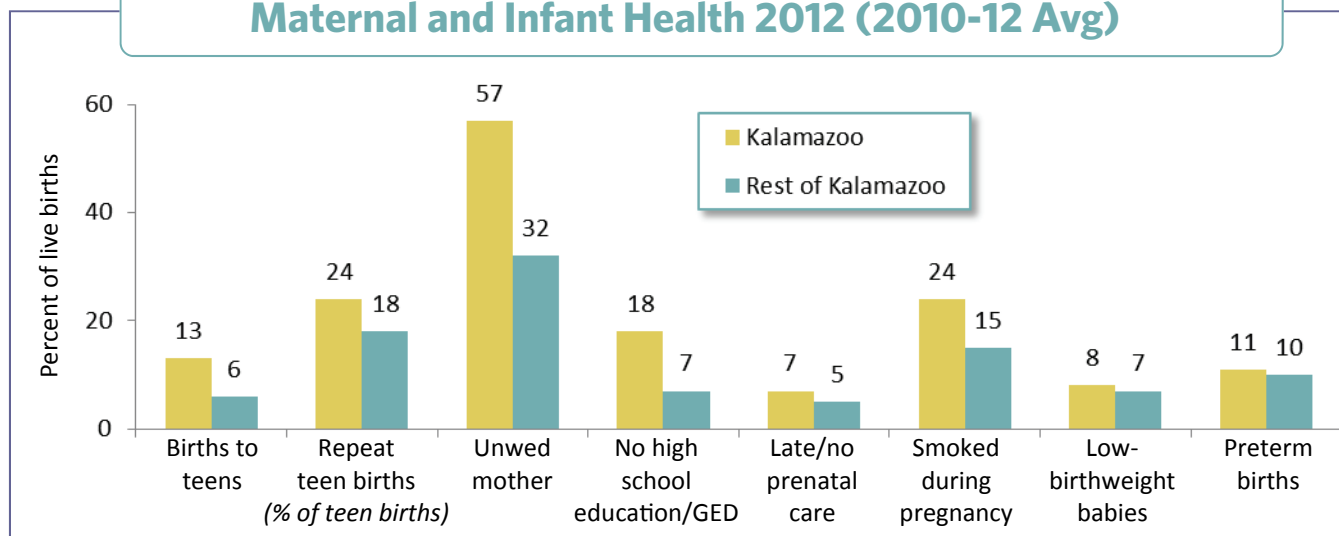
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## KALAMAZOO/Rest of Kalamazoo County

### Maternal and Infant Health 2012 (2010-12 Avg)



### Maternal and Infant Well-Being 2006 vs. 2012

Indicators (% of live births)	2006 (2004-06 Avg)		2012 (2010-12 Avg)		Percent Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Births to women under age 20	183	13%	155	13%	-4%
Rest of county	126	7	109	6	-21
Births to teens already mothers (% of teen births)	41	22	37	24	8
Rest of county	21	17	20	18	10
Births to mothers who...					
• are unmarried	724	52	690	57	9
Rest of county	460	27	604	32	21
• no high school diploma/GED*	—	—	221	18	—
Rest of county	—	—	139	7	—
• received late/no prenatal care*	—	—	83	7	—
Rest of county	—	—	92	5	—
• smoked during pregnancy*	—	—	291	24	—
Rest of county	—	—	278	15	—
Low-birthweight babies (less than 5.5 lbs.)	146	11	103	8	-20
Rest of county	121	7	137	7	4
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	162	12	132	11	-7
Rest of county	158	9	192	10	12

\*Due to changes in birth certificate this indicator cannot be compared prior to 2008.

Note: Percentage change is based on the rate not the number.

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A negative change shows a decline or improvement.