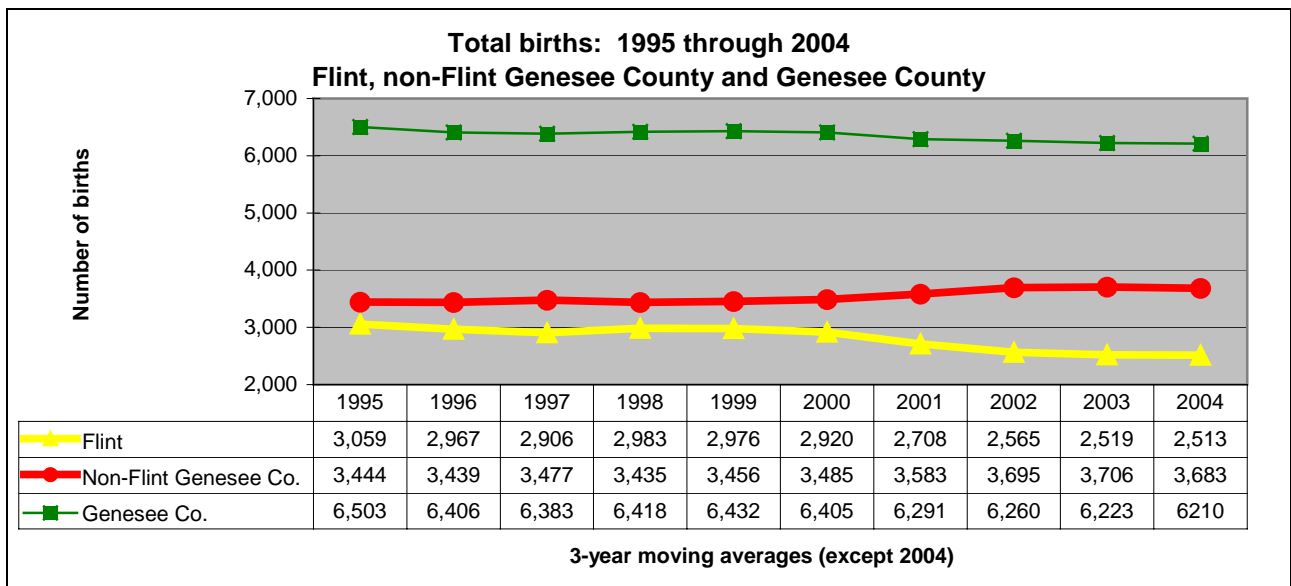




Mission: To improve the quality of life for children and families in Genesee County through assessment, awareness, advocacy and action.

Fact Sheet 1.2 Births by Race/Ethnicity

A Note on Race - Throughout most of history, race has been treated as a matter of biology. It is only in recent years that a consensus has developed within the scientific community to the effect that racial identity is actually a social and not a biological distinction. For example, genetic studies have discovered that there is greater genetic variability between people identified as being of the same race than there is between individuals of different races.

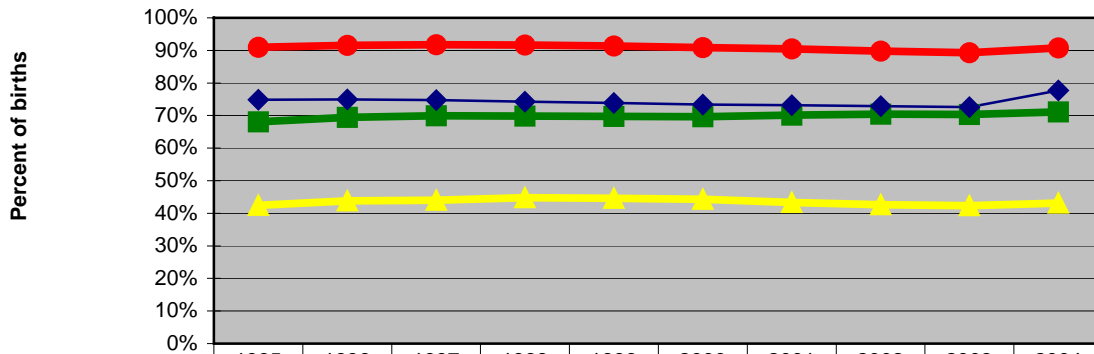


Total Births - Michigan	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	135,081	133,650	133,476	133,542	134,368	134,234	132,931	131,207	130,026	129,710

- Between 1995 and 2004, births fell almost 18% to Flint residents, and increased 7% to Genesee County residents outside Flint. For the county as a whole, births fell 10% while births to Michigan residents as a whole fell 3.9%.

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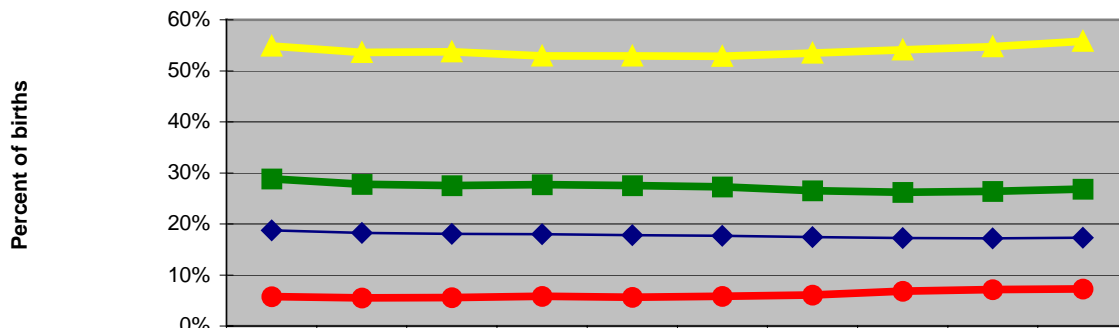
**Births to "White" "non-Hispanic" mothers: 1995 through 2004
Flint, non-Flint Genesee County, Genesee County, and Michigan**



	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flint	42%	44%	44%	45%	45%	44%	43%	43%	42%	43%
Non-Flint Genesee Co.	91%	92%	92%	92%	91%	91%	90%	90%	89%	91%
Genesee Co.	68%	69%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	71%
Michigan	75%	75%	75%	74%	74%	73%	73%	73%	73%	78%

3-year moving averages (except 2004)

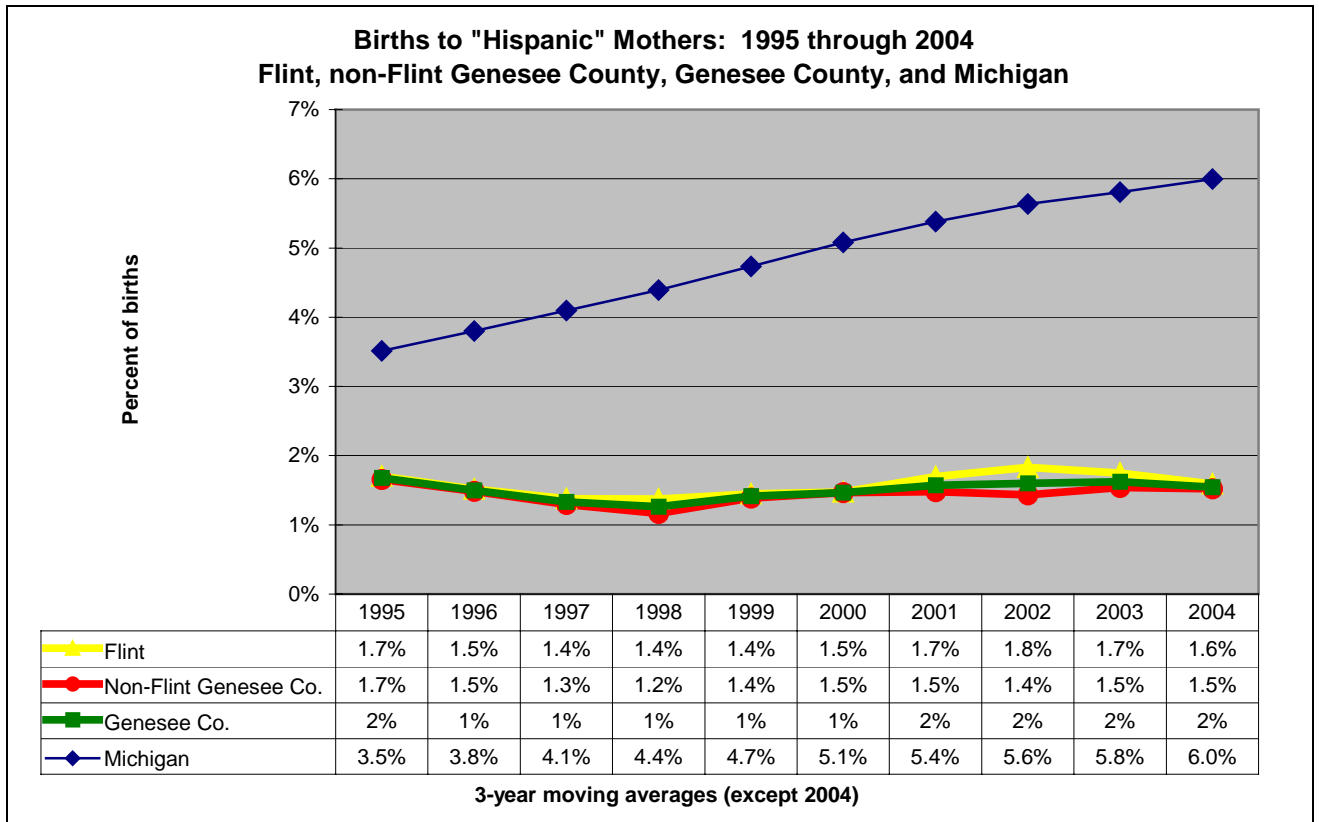
**Births to "Black" mothers: 1995 through 2004
Flint, non-Flint Genesee County, Genesee County, and Michigan**



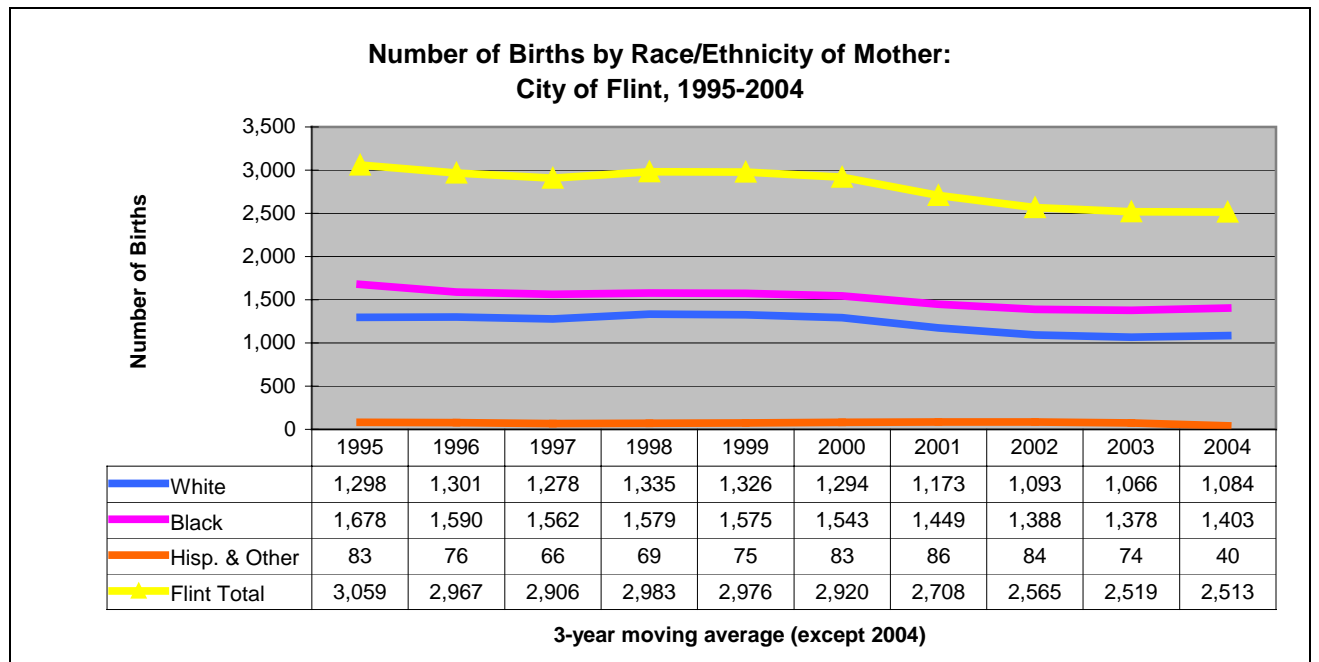
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flint	55%	54%	54%	53%	53%	53%	54%	54%	55%	56%
Non-Flint Genesee Co.	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Genesee Co.	29%	28%	28%	28%	28%	27%	27%	26%	26%	27%
Michigan	19%	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	17%	17%	17%	17%

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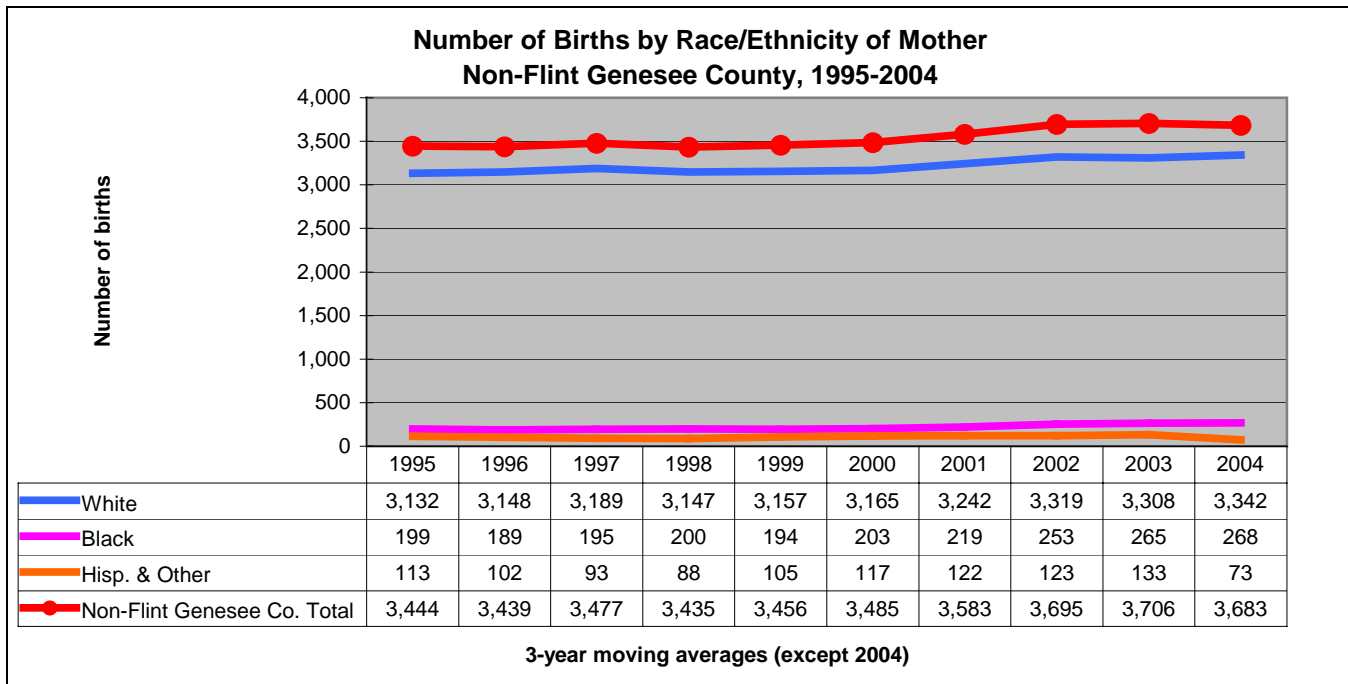
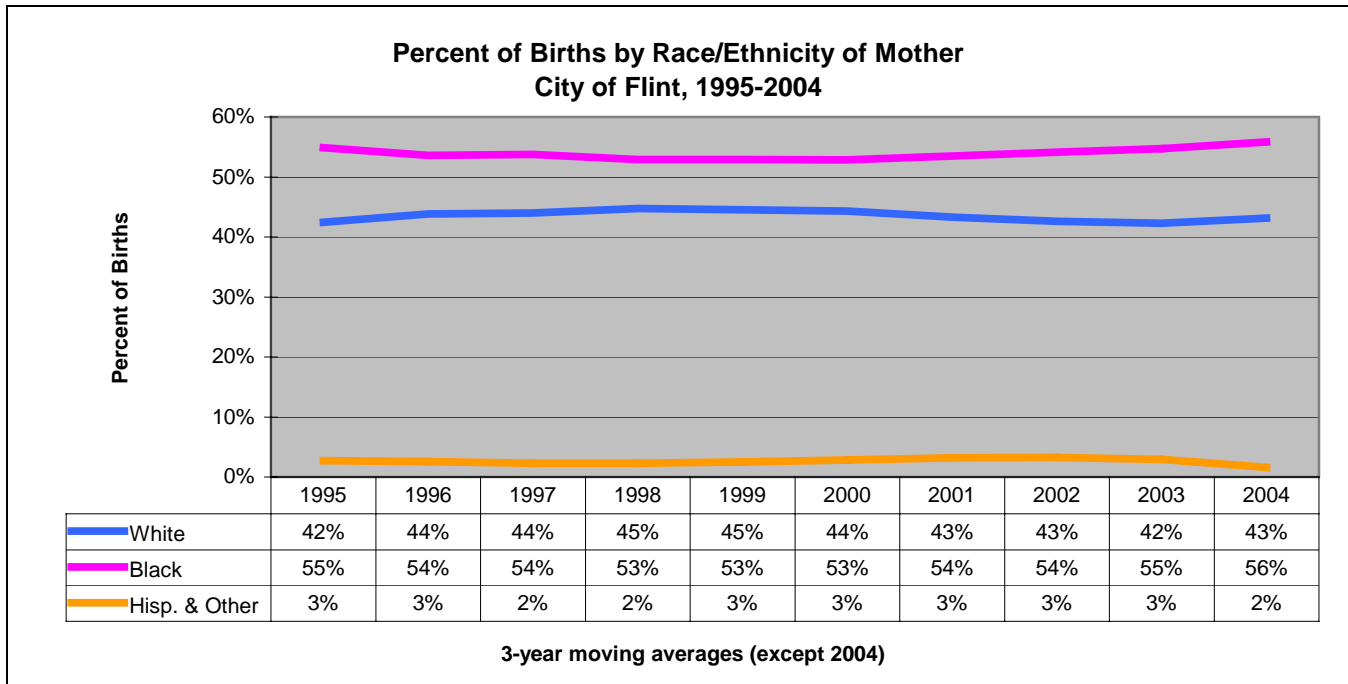
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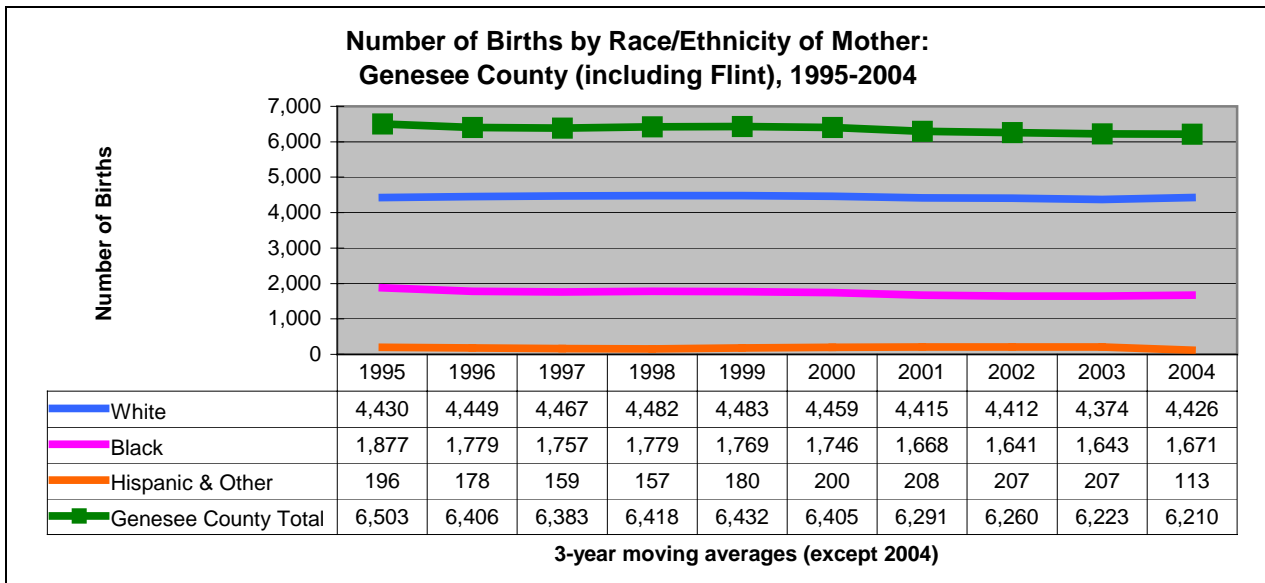
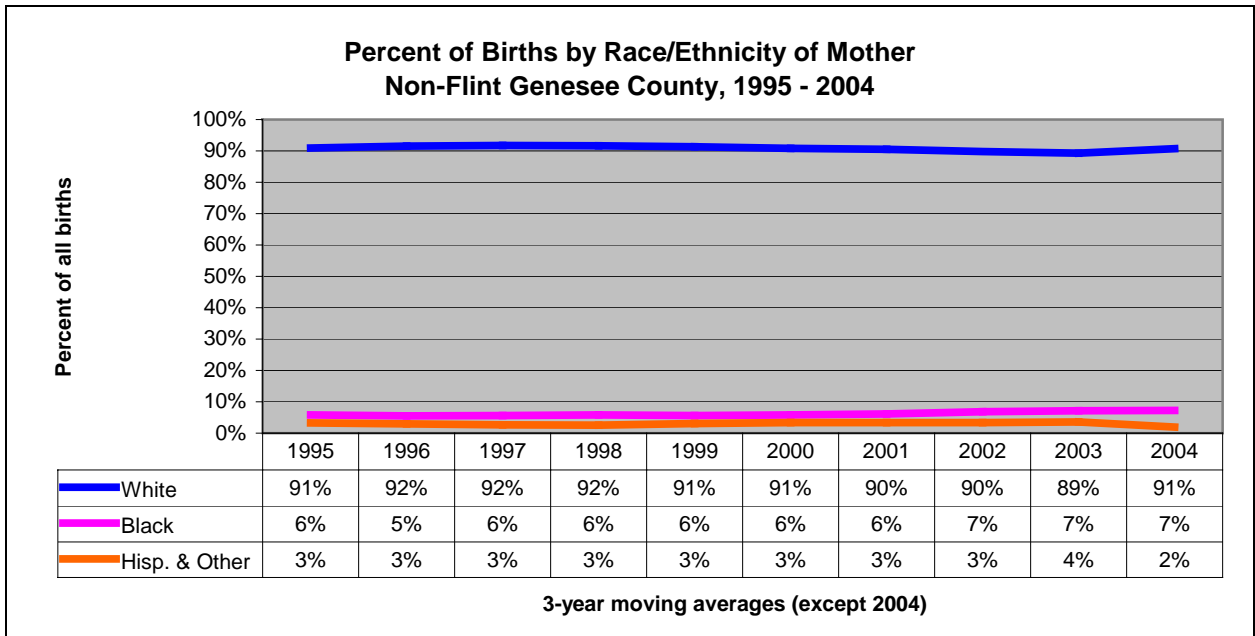
- The proportions of births to white, black, and Hispanic/Other mothers held relatively stable between 1995 and 2004 in both Flint and non-Flint Genesee County.



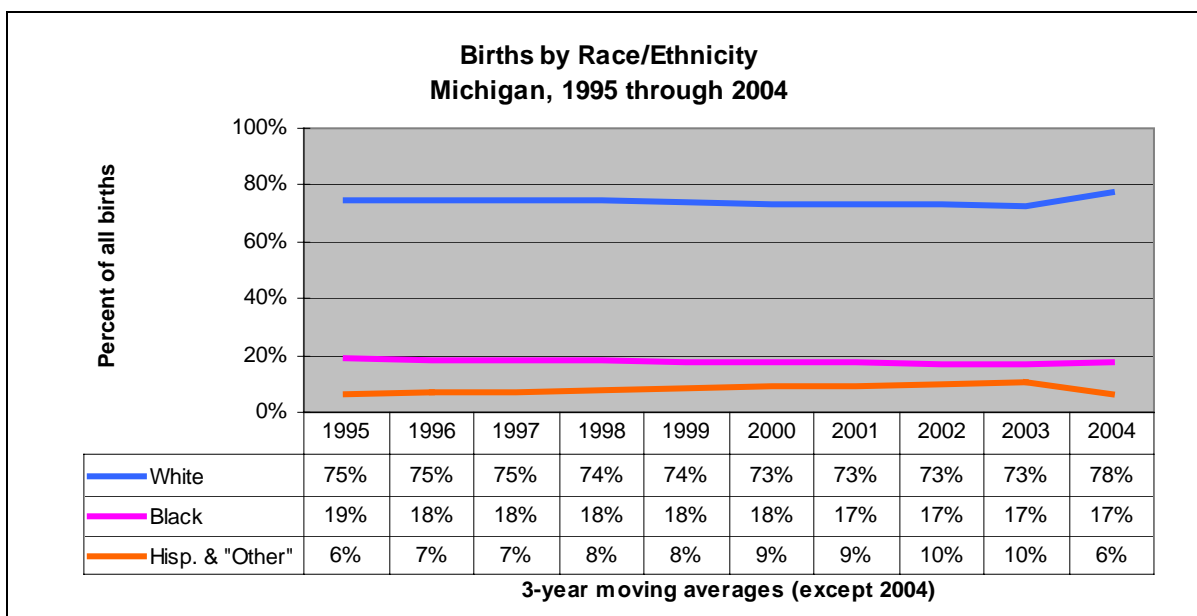
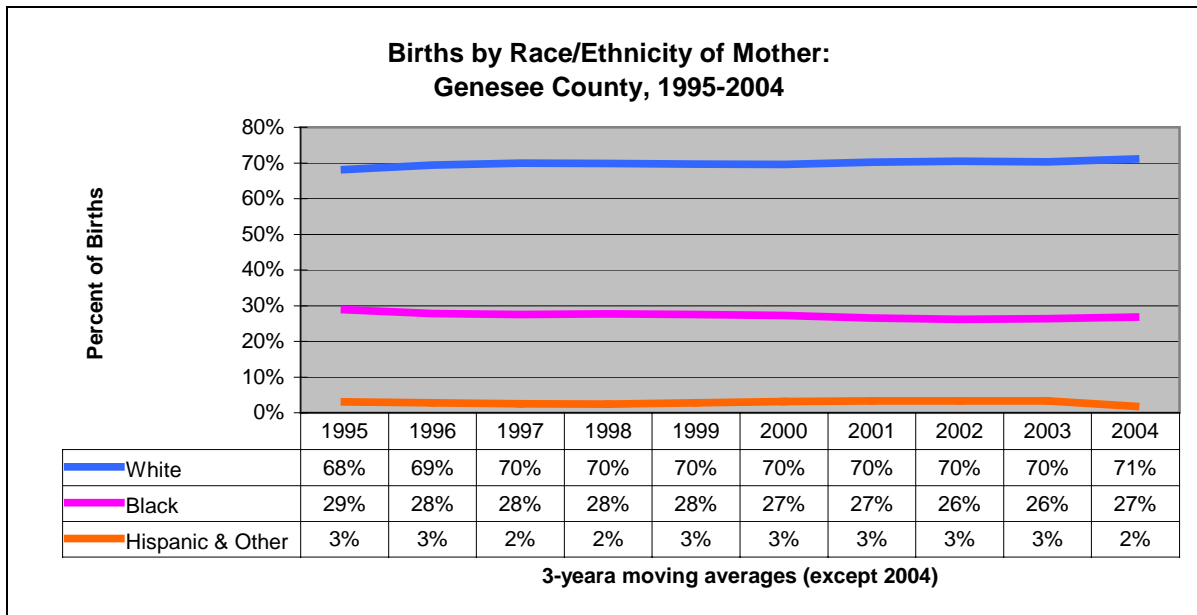
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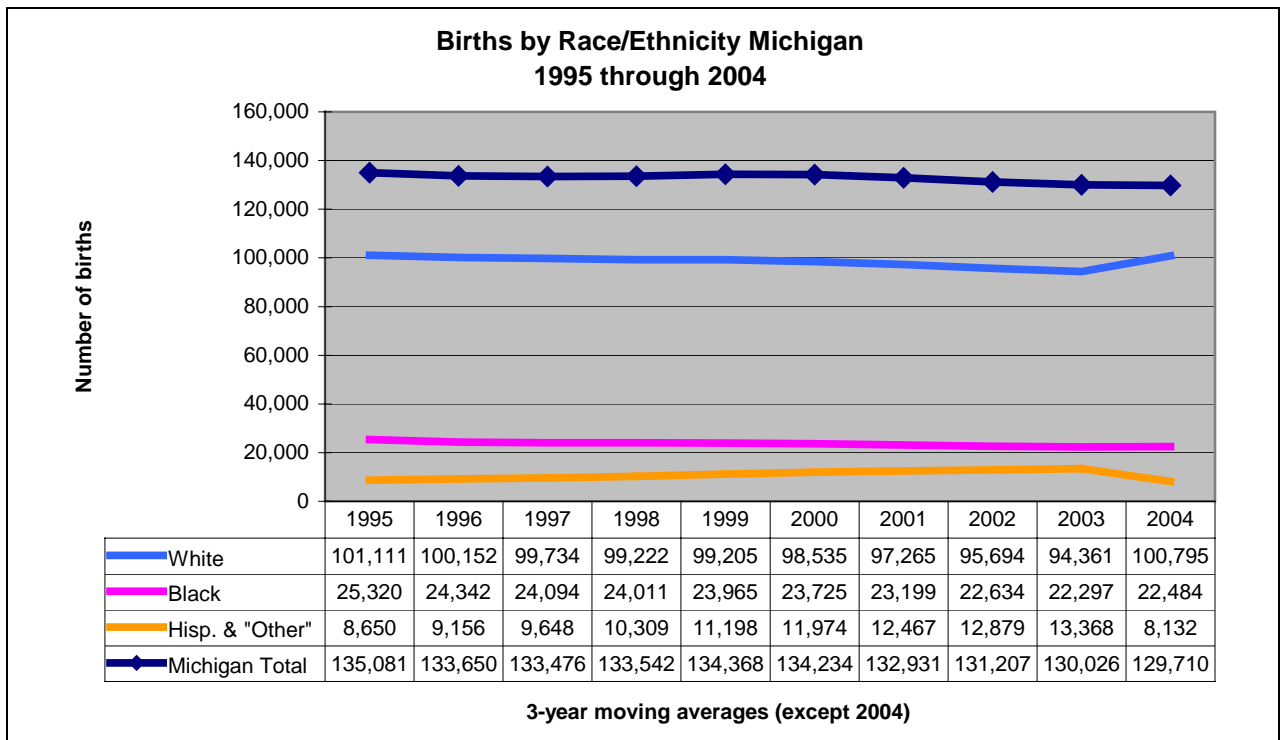


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- In Michigan as a whole, the proportion of births to white mothers has held relatively constant, while births to black mothers has fallen slightly.
- Births to Hispanic and mothers who identify themselves as “other” has doubled from 1995 to 2003 to constitute 10% of all Michigan births than returned to the 1995 rate of 6%.

Fact Sheet 1.2: Births by Race/Ethnicity continued...



BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The data demonstrates that one of the areas of child population decline for ages 0-17 is that of newborns. Service-wise, the challenge is to continue to provide a broad and deep spectrum of services and opportunities to a smaller population. The story that the data tells presents a small decline in the county's child-bearing population. Births to white and black mothers have remained steady or decreased. Births to Hispanic and other mothers increased. In the city of Flint, births to Hispanic and other mothers also declined. In Genesee County, however, births to Hispanic and other mothers increased, as they do throughout the state. The younger child-bearing population is settling outside of the city. Not only must we be concerned with the appropriate level and type of services to young families, we must also ensure that they are available in close proximity to those needing them.

Note: Identification of race is based upon the mother's self-identification. Percentages are based upon proportion of all live births. These data are based on three-year averages, with the year given as the midpoint. Therefore, 2004 reflects averages from years 2003 and 2004 only. Births by county and city are based on the mother's residence.

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

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