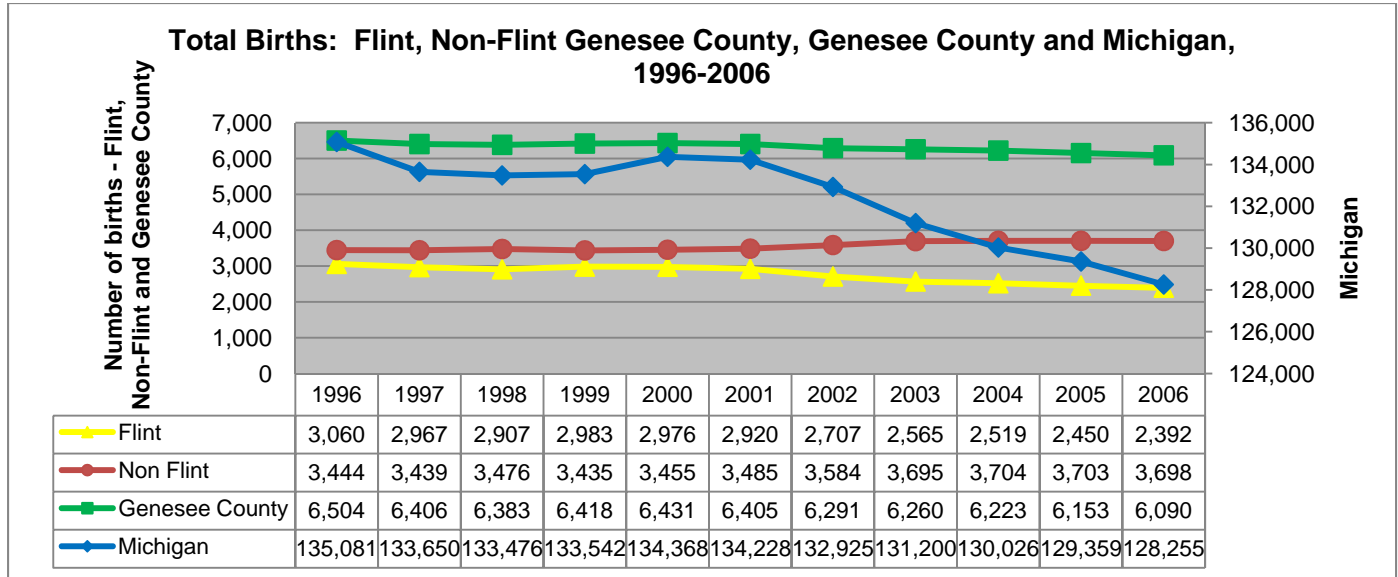




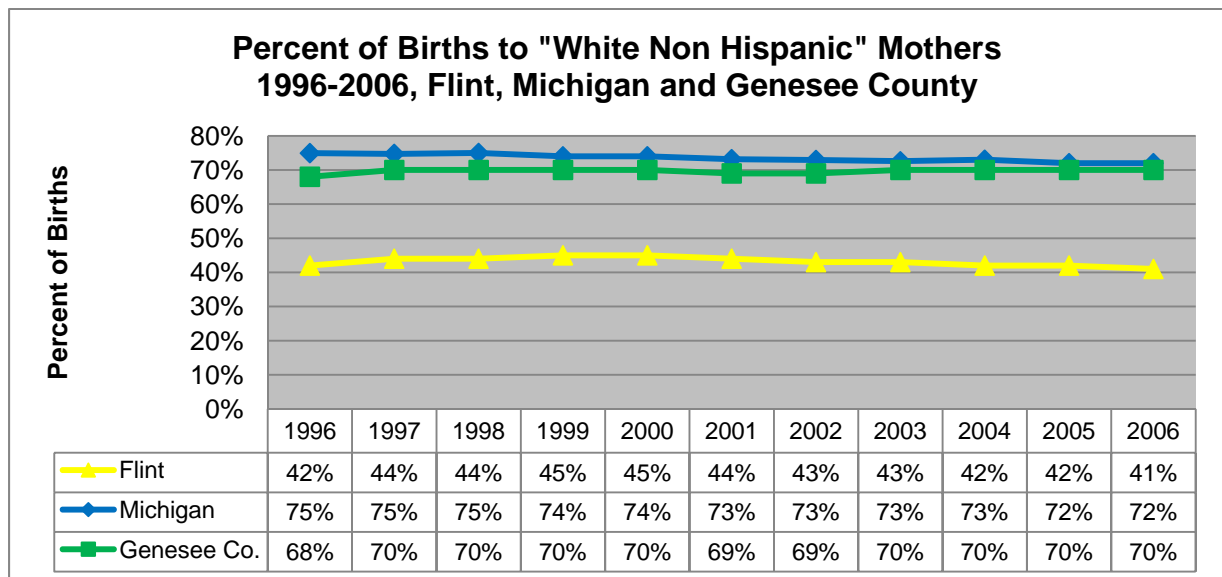
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Fact Sheet 1.2 Births by Race/Ethnicity

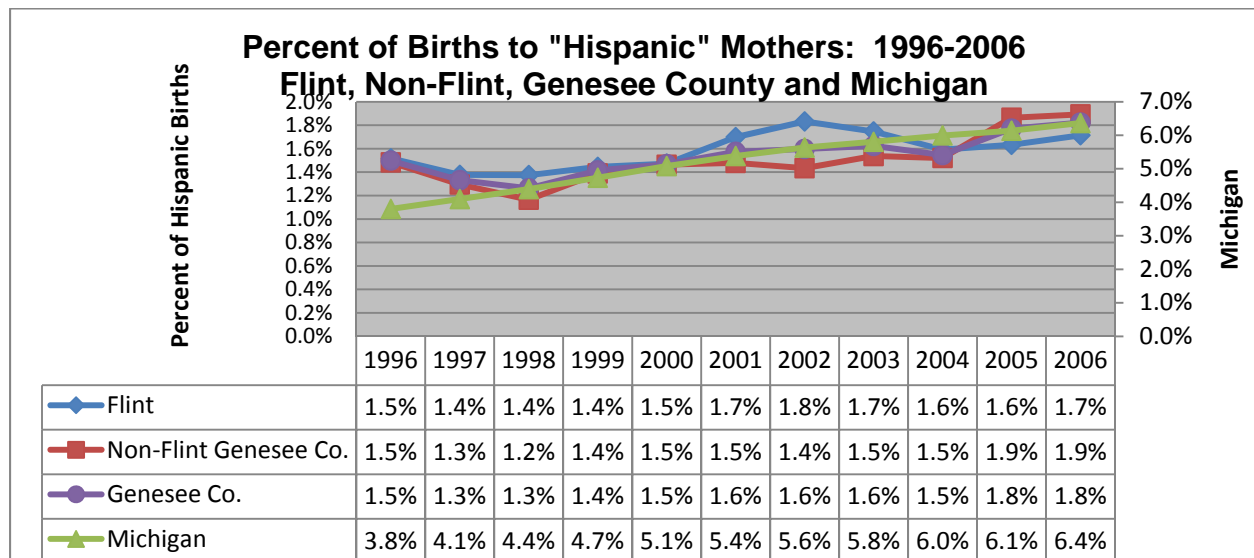
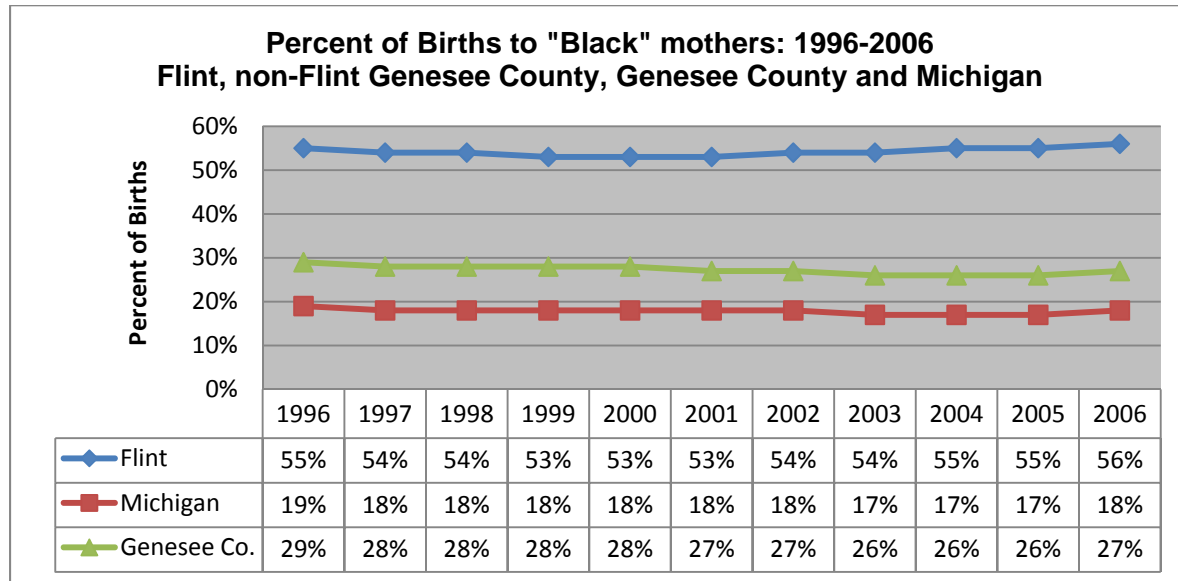
A Note on Race - Throughout most of history, race has been treated as a matter of biology. It is only in recent years that a consensus has developed within the scientific community to the effect that racial identity is actually a social and not a biological distinction. For example, genetic studies have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



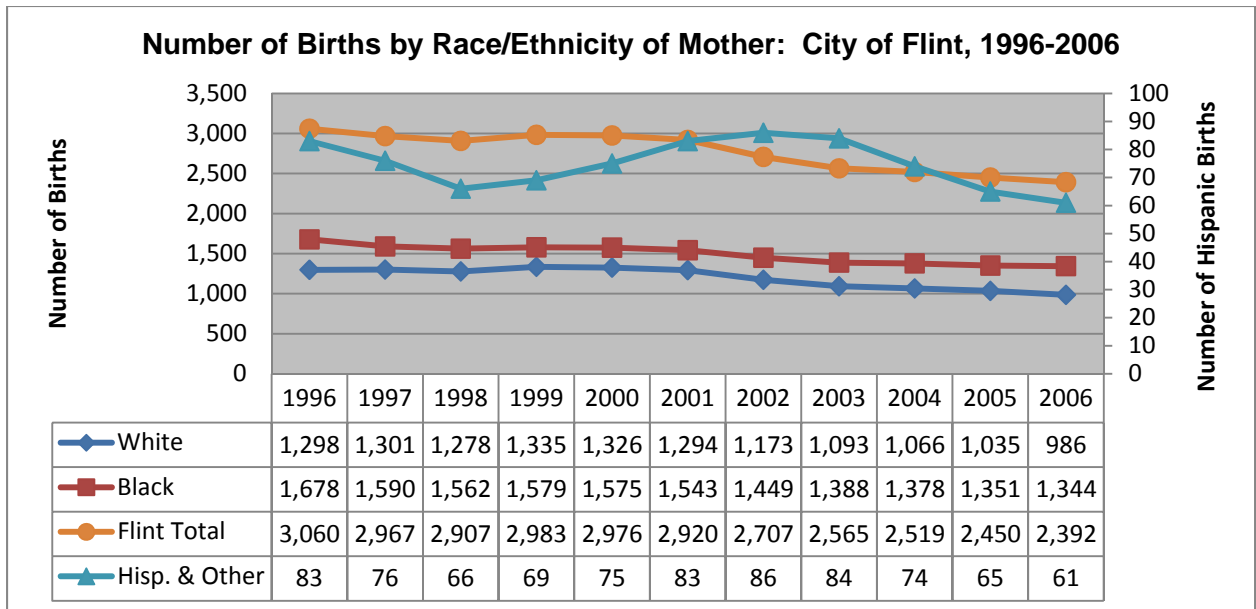
- Between 1996 and 2006 the number of births for Flint, Genesee County and Michigan all decreased while the number of births for Non-Flint Genesee County increased.



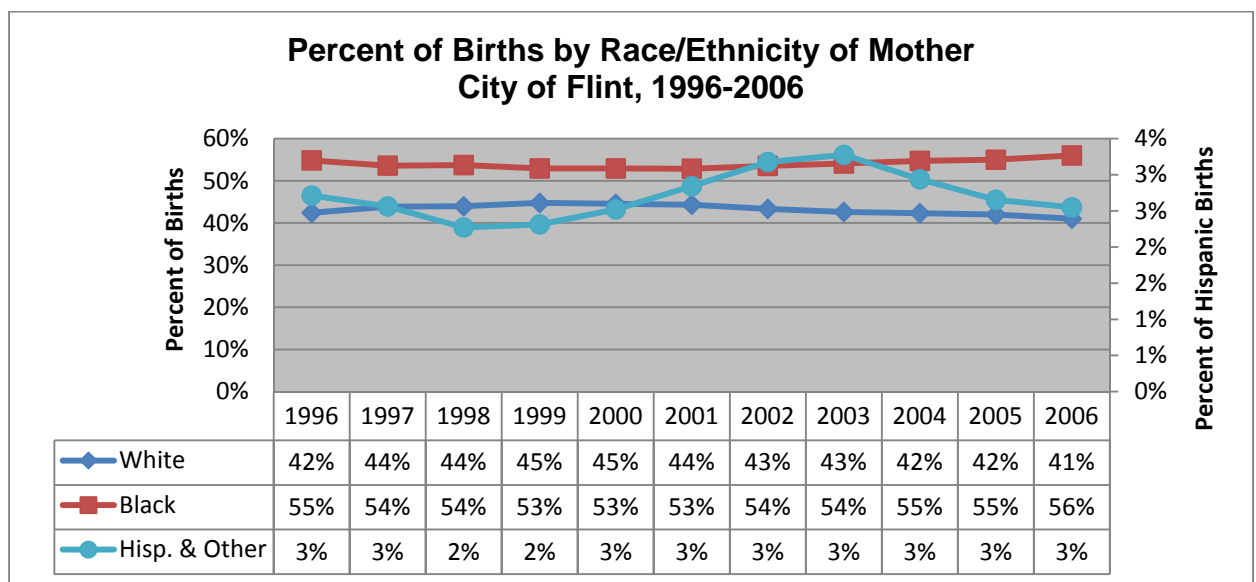
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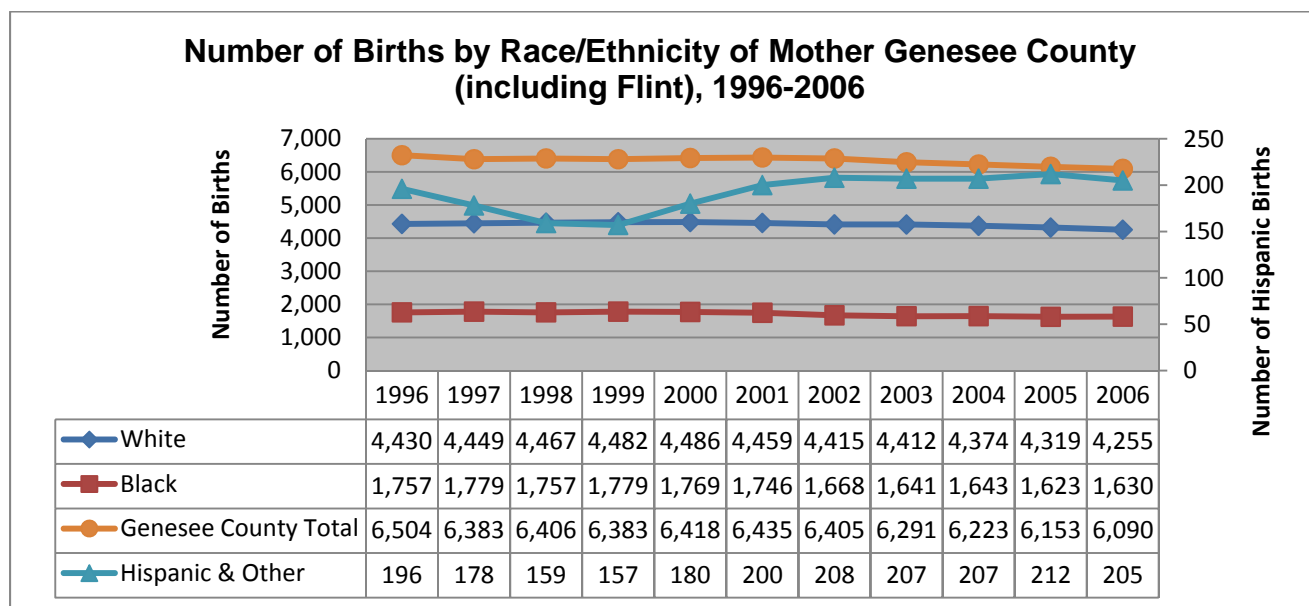
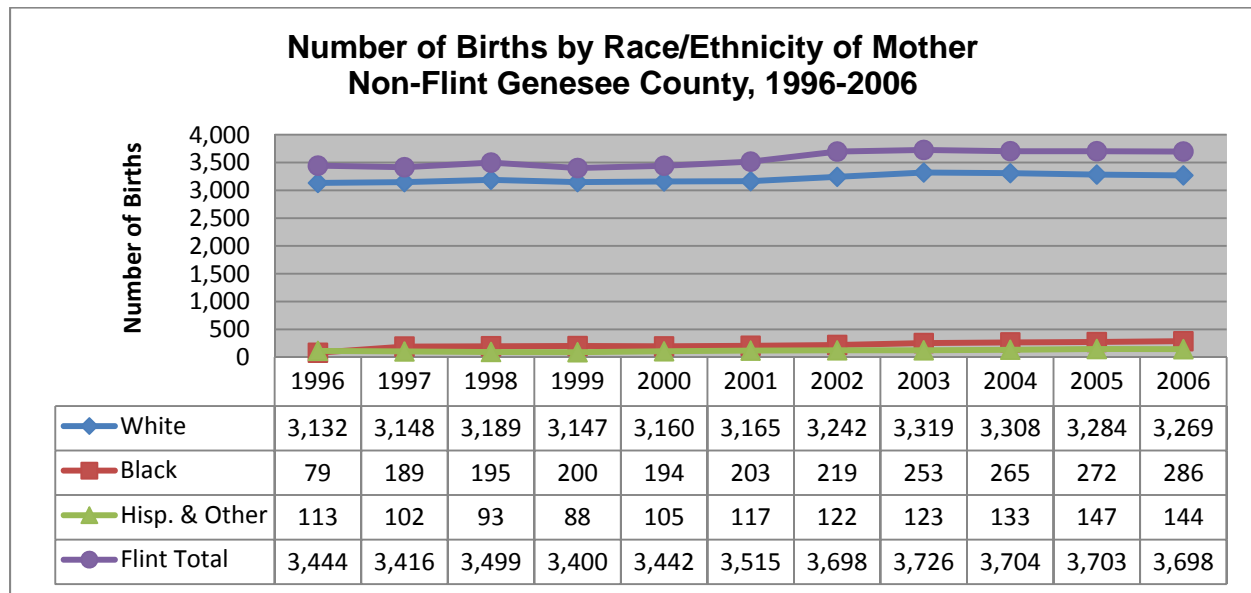
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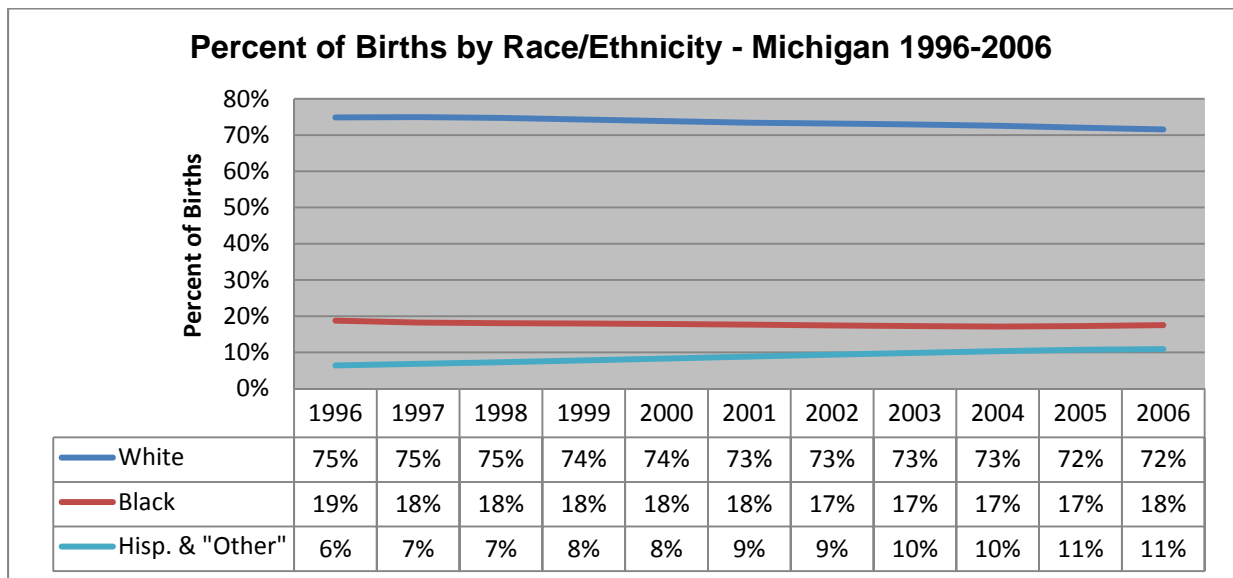
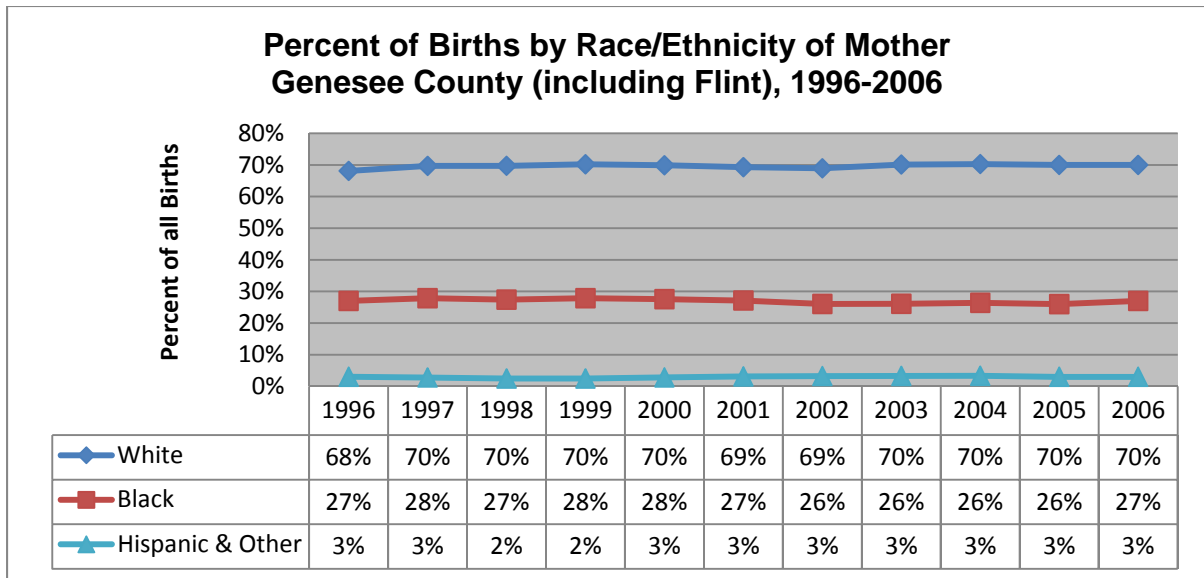
- The proportions of births to white, black, and Hispanic/Other mothers have decreased somewhat over the past ten years in Flint.



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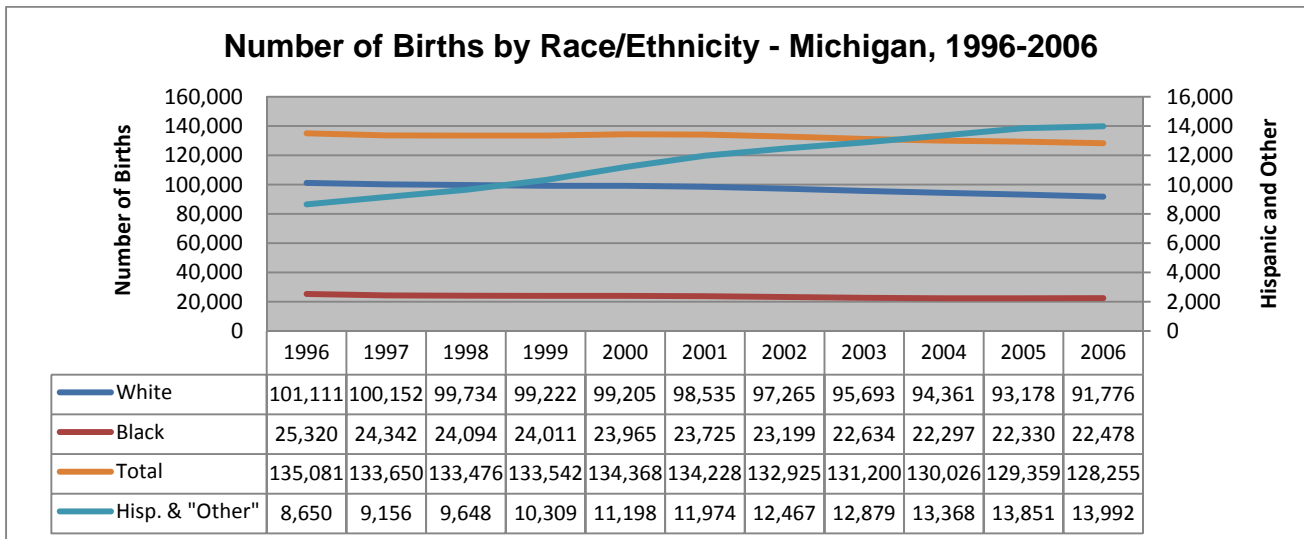


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- In Michigan as a whole, the proportion of births to white mothers has held relatively constant, while births to black mothers had fallen slightly in 2002 but increased again in 2006.
- Births to Hispanic and mothers who identify themselves as “other” has doubled to constitute 11% of all Michigan births.

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.

Data Source: Annie E. Casey - <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/stateprofile.aspx?state=MI&loc=3768>

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