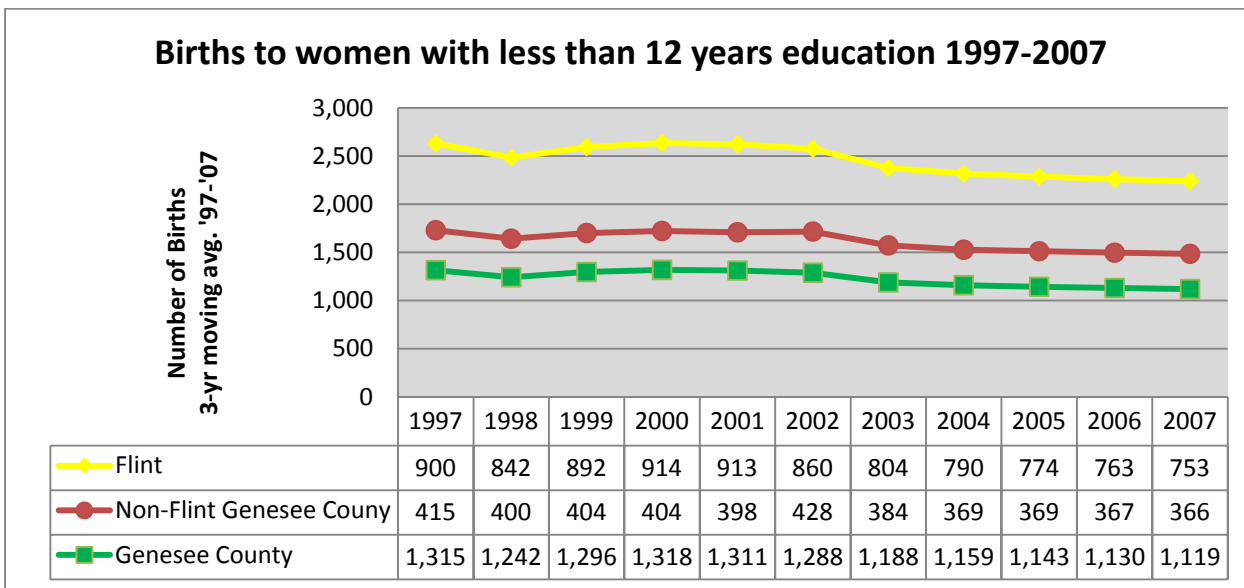


Fact Sheet 3.6

Births to Women with Less than 12 Years of Education

People who have not graduated from high school are more likely to economically struggle in their lives. As a result, children in their households are more likely to be financially disadvantaged.

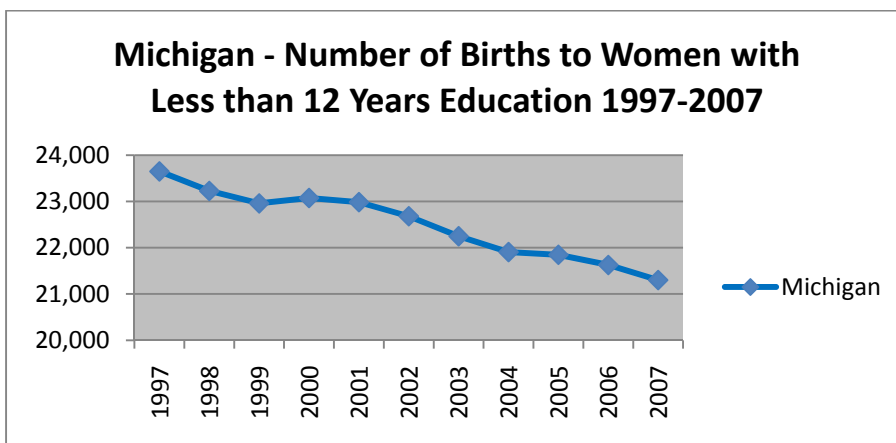
Children born to a mother with less than 12 years of education experience the highest risk of growing up in poverty. One-fifth of low-income children in Michigan lived with parents who had not completed 12 years of education compared with only 1 percent of higher income children.¹



Michigan

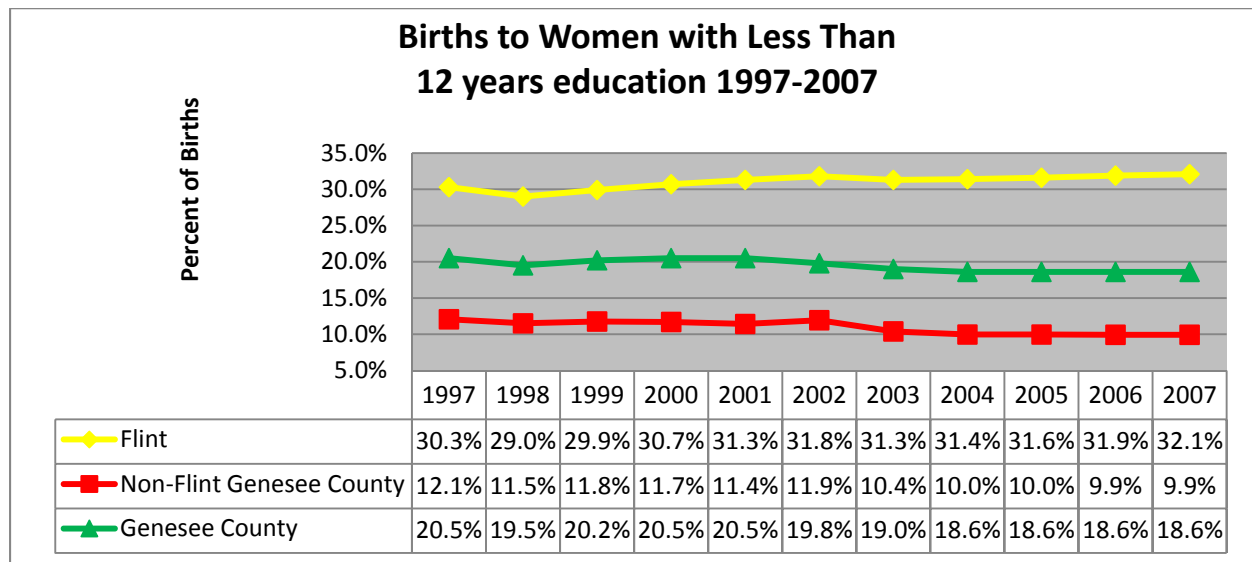
Number of Births to Women with Less than 12 years Education

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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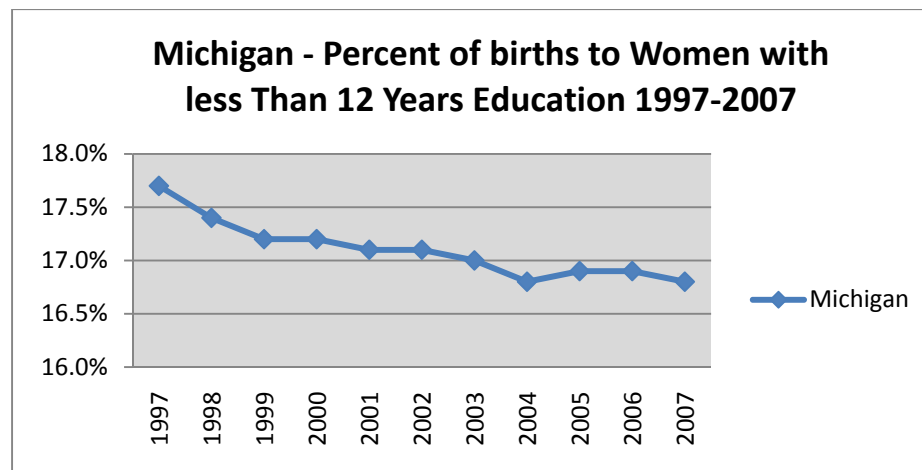
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Michigan

Percent of Births to Women with Less than 12 years Education - Michigan

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
17.7%	17.4%	17.2%	17.21%	17.1%	17.1%	17.0%	16.8%	16.9%	16.9%	16.8%



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Fact Sheet 3.6: Births to Women with Less than 12 Years of Education continued...

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The rate and number of births to non-graduating mothers impacts 1) economic well-being of families; 2) likelihood of child's school success; 3) the general well-being of the family. This area speaks to the often-overlooked relationships between education, health, social status, and poverty. The Flint, Genesee County and state data highlight disparities in making progress in reducing births to mothers with less than twelve years of school. It is time to focus attention and resources on awareness and services where the need is greatest. This could include highlighting the statistics and what they tell us in a public media campaign, promoting educational opportunities or alternatives, and/or other appropriate services.

EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTION EFFORTS

Any programs that help women with less than twelve years education make the connection between motherhood, pregnancy, and effects on their children could be considered an intervention. These include parenting classes, Planned Parenthood, health information, economic predictions, and school success. Making birth control information, birth control itself, and helping women make healthy choices will improve lives for both mothers and children.

Definitions: The total number of live births to mothers with less than 12 years of education.

Data Source: Annie E. Casey http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=96&printerfriendly=0&expandindicators=0&expandyears=1#3

Note: These data are based on three-year averages, with the year given as the midpoint. Births by county and city are based on the mother's residence.

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1 Low-income is defined as under 200 percent of poverty level, that is a total family income is less than double the level-roughly \$42,000 for a two-parent family of four.