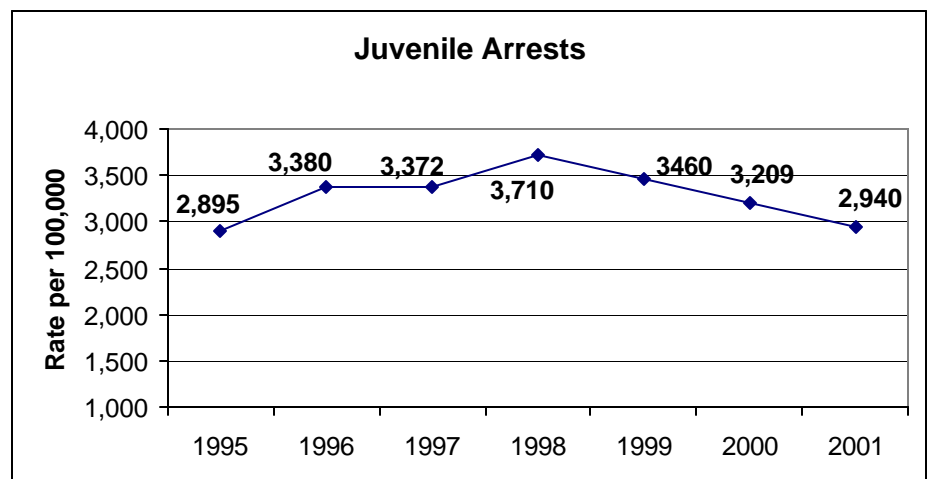
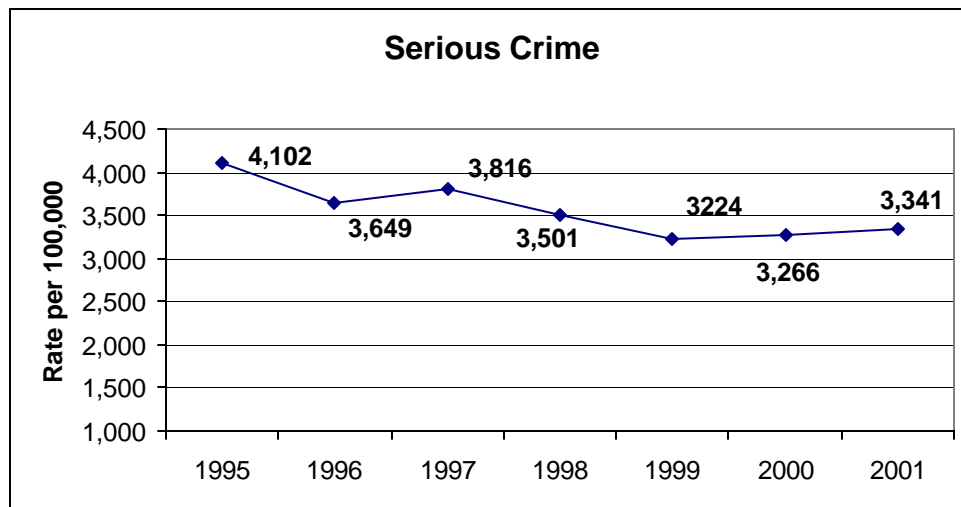


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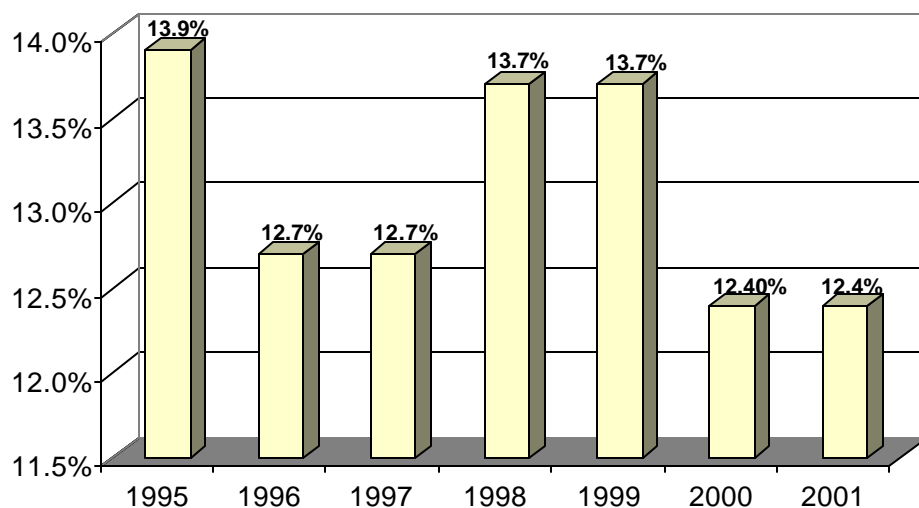
Collaboration and local decision making are basic principles of Community Empowerment. It is believed that citizens in their own communities will identify and implement the best means for attaining desired results. Community Empowerment Area boards comprised of community leaders including education, health, human services, faith, business and consumers work together to plan and fund programs that will best meet the needs of their local community. Implementation of community plans focusing on early childhood establishes the structure and community supports necessary to ensure on-going success.



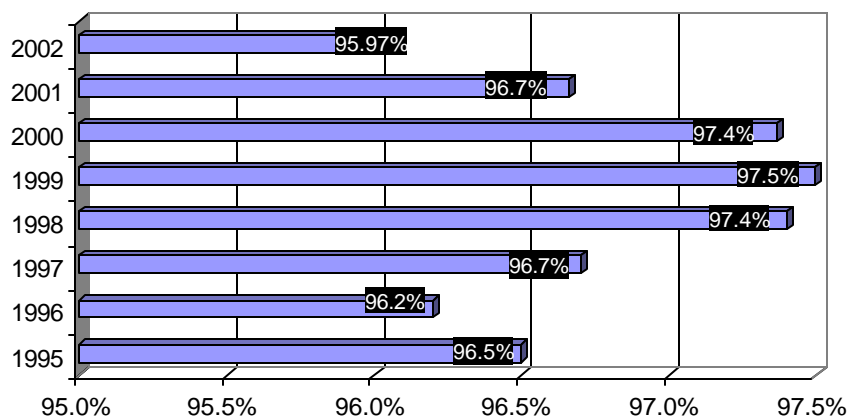
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Percent in Poverty (Age 18 and under)



Employment Rate



The 2003 Kids Count Report ranks Iowa 5th best overall for children, based on indicators of child well-being.

Some specific indicators include:

9th best for teen birth rate births per 1,000 females ages 15-17 (18/1,000)

6th best for children living in poverty (11%)

3rd best for percent of teens who are high school dropouts ages 16-19 (6%)

1st for percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year round employment (16%)

6th best for percent of families with children headed by a single parent (24%)