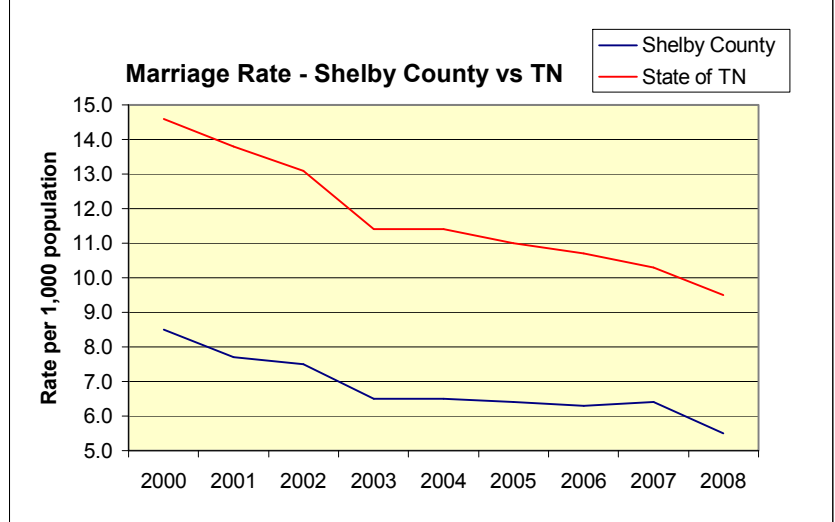
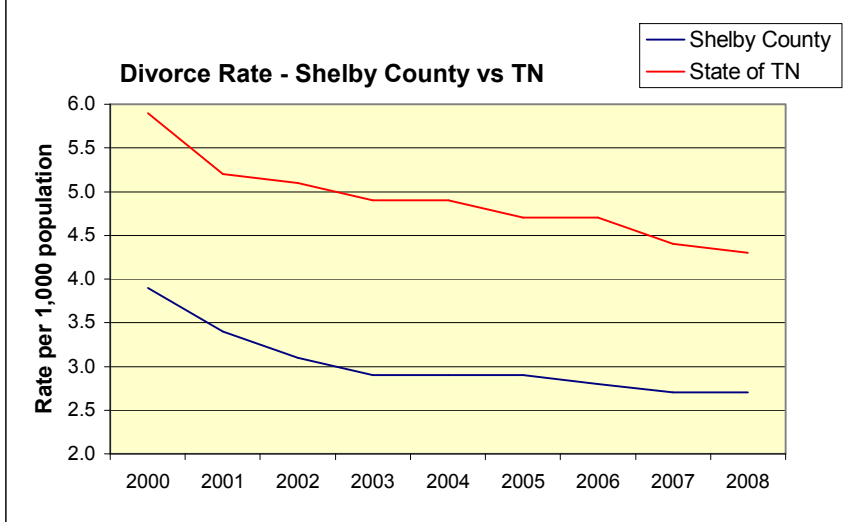


**SINGLE MOTHER BIRTHS & POVERTY IN SHELBY COUNTY:  
TRENDS IN MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, & SINGLE MOTHER BIRTHS**

Shelby County does not have a divorce problem. It has a marriage problem with a marriage rate below state and national levels:



Falling rates of marriage are reflected in an increasing number of births to single mothers:

