



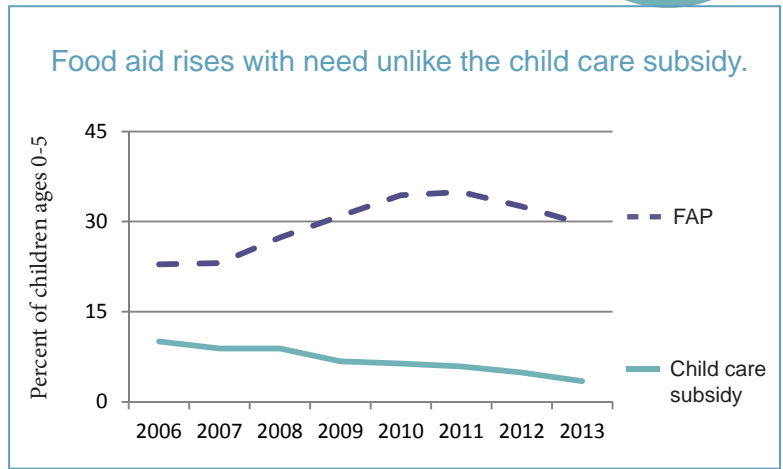
# KENT

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION (ALL DATA ARE FOR 2013 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Number of children ages 0-5:  
**52,864**

ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Unemployment	6.5%	8.8%
Median household income (2012)	\$50,674	\$46,793
Average cost of full-time child care-month (2014)	\$564	\$545
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of full-time minimum wage (2014)</li> </ul>	45.4%	43.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of young children ages 0-5 in Michigan families where all parents work</li> </ul>	—	66.1%

POPULATION	2006	2012	% CHANGE
Total population	600,617	614,462	2.3%
Child population 0-17	163,040	158,059	-3.1%
Hispanic 0-17	20,725	25,528	23.2%
Non-Hispanic 0-17			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White</li> </ul>	116,481	104,524	-10.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African American</li> </ul>	20,960	22,495	7.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native American</li> </ul>	745	714	-4.2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other</li> </ul>	4,129	4,798	16.2%



Source: Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Community Health.

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Children with health insurance	155,797	95.6%	95.7%
Children, ages 0-18, insured by...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicaid<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	65,553	39.3%	40.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MiChild</li> </ul>	2,189	1.3%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	10,839	81.4%	74.0%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tested</li> </ul>	8,360	47.3%	37.4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poisoned (% of tested)</li> </ul>	435	5.2%	4.0%
Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup>	125	10.1	15.2
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
Babies with a birth defect (2010-2012)	582	6.6%	8.7%
Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	14,093	13.2%	13.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	3,164	20.0	20.5

### FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
<b>Children receiving...</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidized child care, ages 0-12<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	2,395	2.1%	2.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIP cash assistance<sup>1,3</sup></li> </ul>	3,903	2.3%	2.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Assistance Program<sup>1,4</sup></li> </ul>	41,923	25.2%	27.8%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	32,277	18.4%	20.6%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receiving none (% of those owed)</li> </ul>	7,684	23.8%	31.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receiving less than 70% of amount</li> </ul>	18,639	57.7%	62.1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average amount received (month)</li> </ul>	\$216	—	\$227

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2013.  
<sup>2</sup> Annual rate and number are based on the three-year period 2010-2012 and only for counties with a total number over 20.  
<sup>3</sup> Family Independence Program.  
<sup>4</sup> State name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called "food stamps." Note: Percentages reflect percent of population unless otherwise noted.  
 \* Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data. N/A not available.  
 See Data Notes and Sources for details.



## TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR		RANK <sup>1</sup>	MI RATE	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE			WORSE	BETTER
<b>Economic Security</b>								
	<u>2006</u>		<u>2012</u>					
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	26,413	16.4%	35,821	23.0%	30	24.7%	40	
			<u>2013</u>					
Children, ages 0–5, eligible for SNAP <sup>2</sup>	12,795	22.9%	15,667	29.6%	28	34.7%	29	
Students eligible for free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	40,021	38.6%	52,256	49.1%	27	48.6%	27	
<b>Health</b>								
	<u>2004–06 (avg)</u>		<u>2010–12 (avg)</u>					
Less than adequate prenatal care	N/A	N/A	2,574	29.3%	35	29.4%		
Low-birthweight babies	722	7.7%	684	7.8%	53 of 81	8.4%	1	
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	75	8.0	54	6.2	21 of 49	6.9		23
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	47	27.6	38	23.0	13 of 55	27.5		17
<b>Family and Community (per 1,000)</b>								
Births to teens, ages 15–19	880	40.8	667	31.4	51	28.1		23
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u>2013</u>					
Children in investigated families	8,474	51.4	15,212	96.2	30	88.0	87	
Confirmed victims	1,921	11.7	2,738	17.3	35	14.9		49
Children in out-of-home care	824	5.0	738	4.7	33 of 80	4.4		7
<b>Education</b>								
	<u>Class of 2007</u>		<u>Class of 2013</u>					
Students not graduating on time	2,088	25.4%	1,679	22.2%	48 of 81	23.0%		13
<u>Not proficient</u>	<u>2008-09 (SY)</u>		<u>2013-14 (SY)</u>					
Fourth-graders (MEAP reading)	2,629	35.3%	2,122	27.9%	39	30.0%		21
Eighth-graders (MEAP math)	4,487	61.3%	4,882	62.5%	19	65.5%	2	
High school students (MME reading)	2,995	44.2%	2,767	42.9%	20	46.5%		3



Overall ranking  
**26**



<sup>1</sup> A ranking of 1 means a county has the “best” rate compared with other counties in the state. Unless noted, the ranking is based on 82–83 counties.

<sup>2</sup> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

<sup>3</sup> Family income is below 185 percent poverty level.

\* Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data.

SY - School Year.

MME - Michigan Merit Exam.

N/A not available.

Missing bars indicate no change or a rate could not be calculated; a “0” reflects no change. Percentage change is calculated with unrounded rates.