

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(ALL DATA ARE FOR 2014 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)



ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Unemployment	8.4%	7.3%
Median household income (2013)	\$43,145	\$48,200
Average cost of full-time child care-month (2015)	\$509	\$544
• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2015)	36.0%	38.5%
Percent of young children ages 0-5 in Michigan families where all parents work	80.8%	66.9%

POPULATION	2006	2013	% CHANGE
Total population	17,597	17,428	-1.0%
Child population 0-17	3,933	3,360	-14.6%
• Ages 0-5	1,250	898	-28.2%
• Ages 6-12	1,434	1,400	-2.4%
• Ages 13-17	1,249	1,062	-15.0%
Child population by race			
Hispanic 0-17	142	142	0.0%
Non-Hispanic 0-17			
• White	3,620	3,075	-15.1%
• African-American	79	76	-3.8%
• American Indian	88	59	-33.0%
• Other	4	8	*

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED	15	10.1%	13.8%
High poverty neighborhoods	0	0.0%	17.1%

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Children with health insurance	3,220	93.0%	95.7%
Children, ages 0-18, insured by...			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	1,434	40.6%	39.2%
• MICHild	84	2.4%	1.5%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	170	81.3%	73.8%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
• Tested	178	52.7%	37.6%
• Poisoned (% of tested)	0	*	1.7%
Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup>	4	*	14.2
Children with special needs			
Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	247	11.9%	13.6%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	55	16.4	21.2
Children, ages 0-3, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	167	3.4%	2.6%

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Children receiving...			
• Subsidized child care, ages 0-12 <sup>1</sup>	12	0.5%	1.9%
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	22	0.6%	2.4%
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	697	19.7%	26.0%
• Women Infants and Children (WIC)	433	61.0%	52.0%
Children with support owed	609	16.6%	20.6%
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	118	19.4%	27.5%
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	358	58.8%	62.8%
• Average amount received (month)	\$208	—	\$215

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Annual rate and number are based on the three-year period 2011-2013 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>2014</u>					
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	578	15.8%	607	18.6%	20	22.6%	18	
Children, ages 0–5, eligible for SNAP <sup>2</sup>	260	21.9%	243	27.1%	28	31.9%	23	
Students eligible for free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>					
	1,063	41.1%	1,124	54.2%	50	46.7%	32	
<b>Health</b>								
	<u>2004–06 (avg)</u>		<u>2011–13 (avg)</u>					
Less than adequate prenatal care	N/A	N/A	40	27.3%	26	29.9%		
Low-birthweight babies**	15	7.5%	13	8.6%	68 of 81	8.4%	14	
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2	*	1	*	* of 48	6.8		
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	2	*	1	*	* of 52	26.7		
<b>Family and Community (per 1,000)</b>								
Births to teens, ages 15–19	13	24.2	13	27.9	41 of 81	25.9	16	
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u>2014</u>					
Children in investigated families	237	61.8	320	95.2	18	95.2	54	
Confirmed victims	37	9.6	49	14.6	18	14.7	51	
Children in out-of-home care	0	*	8	2.4	7 of 79	4.6		
<b>Education</b>								
	<u>2005-09</u>		<u>2009-13</u>					
Three and four-year-olds in preschool	275	56.5%	158	33.3%	75	47.5%	41	
	<u>2007</u>		<u>2014</u>					
Students not graduating on time	25	12.4%	27	15.8%	29	21.4%	28	
<u>Not proficient (MSTEP)</u>			<u>2014-15 (SY)</u>					
Third-graders (English Language Arts)			88	53.3%	60	49.9%		
Eighth-graders (Math)			108	65.9%	25	67.8%		
Eleventh-graders (English Language Arts)			73	50.3%	43	50.7%		



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Overall rank for child well-being:  
**29**

<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.

\*\* Percent change in rate for low-birthweight babies did not change for Michigan.

SY - School Year.

MSTEP - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress.

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.