



BENZIE

2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall
Rank for Child
Well-Being

36

POPULATION	2008			2014			% change		
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹
Total population	17,391			17,519			0.7%		
Child population 0–17	3,785			3,365			-11.1%		
• Ages 0–5	1,208			881			-27.1%		
• Ages 6–12	1,443			1,378			-4.5%		
• Ages 13–17	1,249			1,106			-11.4%		

Child population by race	2008	2014	% change
Hispanic 0–17	153	140	-8.5%
Non-Hispanic 0–17			
• White	3,457	3,070	-11.2%
• African-American/Black	80	83	3.8%
• American Indian	91	59	-35.2%
• Other	4	13	*

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK ¹
ECONOMIC SECURITY	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	608	16.4%	605	19.1%	16.5%	22.2%	24
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	319	26.4%	198	22.5%	-15.0%	30.1%	17
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches ³	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	1,218	49.1%	1,053	53.2%	8.3%	46.1%	45
HEALTH	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	47	29.6%	42	27.4%	-7.4%	31.2%	24
Low-birthweight babies	13	6.7%	11	7.3%	9.3%	8.4%	49 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	1	*	1	*	*	6.9	* of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	1	*	0	*	*	25.8	* of 51
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	13	26.3	11	24.4	-7.2%	23.7	35
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	199	52.6	464	137.9	162.3%	111.4	38
Confirmed victims	29	7.7	64	19.0	148.2%	16.8	27
Children in out-of-home care	7	1.8	13	3.9	108.9%	4.8	20 of 81
EDUCATION	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	221	56.5%	68	22.8%	-59.6%	47.4%	83
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	31	15.6%	39	25.0%	60.5%	20.2%	71 of 79
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	88	53.3%	77	59.7%	12.0%	54.0%	70
Eighth-graders (Math)	108	65.9%	82	55.8%	-15.3%	67.3%	8

¹ 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.

² Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

³ Family income is below 185 percent of poverty level.

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

SY - School Year.

M-STEP - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress was first administered in 2015.

N/A - not available.



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Children receiving...				Unemployment	6.6%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	13	0.6%	1.9%	Median household income	\$48,127	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,3}	23	0.6%	1.9%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)	\$504	\$563
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,4}	649	18.3%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	34.3%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	378	51.4%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	67.6%	66.3%
Children with support owed	598	16.2%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	92	15.4%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	329	55.0%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$194	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	15	9.7%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	0	0.0%	16.8%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	2,181	65.6%	66.1%
• One-parent family	1,144	34.4%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)			
• Two-parent family	159	7.3%	10.9%
• One-parent family	315	27.5%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	162	6.1%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	3,258	93.4%	96.0%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	1,449	40.8%	39.4%
• MIChild	98	2.8%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	181	80.8%	74.2%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2			
• Tested	180	58.6%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	0	*	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ² (2012–14)	3	*	15.2
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	254	12.8%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	62	18.4	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	141	2.8%	2.6%

¹ As of December 2015.

² Annual rate and number are based on the three-year period 2011–2013 and only for counties with a total number over 20.

³ Family Independence Program.

⁴ State name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called "food stamps." Note: Percentages reflect percent of population unless otherwise noted.

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See Data Notes and Sources for details.