



# BERRIEN

## 2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall  
Rank for Child  
Well-Being

56

**POPULATION**

	2008	2014	% change
Total population	160,319	155,233	-3.2%
<b>Child population 0–17</b>	<b>38,411</b>	<b>34,868</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>
• Ages 0–5	12,504	11,265	-9.9%
• Ages 6–12	14,377	13,385	-6.9%
• Ages 13–17	11,771	10,218	-13.2%

Child population by race	2008	2014	% change
Hispanic 0–17	2,721	3,122	14.7%
<b>Non-Hispanic 0–17</b>			
• White	26,448	22,873	-13.5%
• African-American/Black	8,383	7,810	-6.8%
• American Indian	232	259	11.6%
• Other	627	804	28.2%

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK <sup>1</sup>
<b>ECONOMIC SECURITY</b>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	10,224	27.4%	8,829	26.2%	-4.4%	22.2%	56
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program <sup>2</sup>	4,563	36.6%	3,831	34.0%	-7.0%	30.1%	63
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	11,165	41.6%	14,291	55.5%	33.4%	46.1%	57
<b>HEALTH</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	801	39.2%	672	36.5%	-6.9%	31.2%	60
Low-birthweight babies	180	8.6%	144	7.8%	-9.7%	8.4%	59 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	18	8.6	14	7.8	-9.7%	6.9	35 of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	11	25.9	11	30.4	17.1%	25.8	34 of 51
<b>FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	261	48.5	168	34.2	-29.6%	23.7	67
<b>Child abuse/neglect</b>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	3,531	91.9	4,323	124.0	34.9%	111.4	26
Confirmed victims	771	20.1	844	24.2	20.6%	16.8	47
Children in out-of-home care	328	8.5	249	7.1	-16.4%	4.8	52 of 81
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	1,974	45.3%	1,820	45.3%	0.1%	47.4%	34
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	486	20.7%	740	31.6%	52.3%	20.2%	74 of 79
<b>Not proficient (M-STEP)</b>	<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	868	49.2%	994	57.1%	16.1%	54.0%	59
Eighth-graders (Math)	1,108	63.6%	1,083	63.4%	-0.3%	67.3%	19

<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 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
<b>Children receiving...</b>				Unemployment	5.0%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 <sup>1</sup>	552	2.2%	1.9%	Median household income	\$46,588	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	724	2.0%	1.9%	<b>Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)</b>	\$491	\$563
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	10,411	28.3%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	33.4%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	5,794	61.7%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	64.1%	66.3%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	11,353	29.4%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	2,537	22.3%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	7,117	62.7%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$165	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	313	17.0%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	6,640	19.1%	16.8%
<b>Household structure, ages 0–17</b>			
• Two-parent family	21,737	62.8%	66.1%
• One-parent family	12,858	37.2%	33.9%
<b>Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)</b>			
• Two-parent family	2,311	10.6%	10.9%
• One-parent family	6,726	52.3%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	2,096	8.1%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	34,064	94.8%	96.0%
<b>Children, ages 0–18, insured by...</b>			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	16,990	46.2%	39.4%
• MIChild	603	1.6%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	1,957	69.9%	74.2%
<b>Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2</b>			
• Tested	1,293	33.9%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	26	2.0%	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup> (2012–14)	40	14.5	15.2
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
• Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	3,012	11.7%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	959	27.5	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	248	4.5%	2.6%

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2015.

<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.

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See Data Notes and Sources for details.