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2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall
Rank for Child
Well-Being

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POPULATION	2008			2014			% change		
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ¹
Total population	63,899			64,294			0.6%		
Child population 0–17	15,122			14,919			-1.3%		
• Ages 0–5	4,937			4,431			-10.2%		
• Ages 6–12	5,740			6,060			5.6%		
• Ages 13–17	4,616			4,428			-4.1%		

Child population by race	2008	2014	% change
Hispanic 0–17	808	1,169	44.7%
Non-Hispanic 0–17			
• White	13,882	13,292	-4.3%
• African-American/Black	250	301	20.4%
• American Indian	94	76	-19.1%
• Other	88	81	-8.0%

	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	2,551	17.3%	2,546	17.7%	2.3%	22.2%	16
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	1,351	27.3%	1,093	24.7%	-9.7%	30.1%	29
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches ³	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	4,227	37.0%	4,611	46.0%	24.5%	46.1%	28
HEALTH	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	273	32.5%	212	29.0%	-10.7%	31.2%	29
Low-birthweight babies	53	6.3%	49	6.6%	6.0%	8.4%	29 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	3	3.9	3	4.1	3.9%	6.9	4 of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	6	36.7	3	20.8	-43.2%	25.8	10 of 51
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	85	42.8	57	28.0	-34.5%	23.7	51
Child abuse/neglect	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	1,539	101.8	2,185	146.5	43.9%	111.4	48
Confirmed victims	275	18.2	284	19.0	4.7%	16.8	27
Children in out-of-home care	60	4.0	37	2.5	-37.5%	4.8	7 of 81
EDUCATION	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	876	47.7%	648	40.2%	-15.7%	47.4%	57
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	173	18.1%	145	18.1%	-0.3%	20.2%	42 of 79
Not proficient (M-STEP)	<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	343	48.7%	351	49.9%	2.5%	54.0%	28
Eighth-graders (Math)	529	71.8%	505	70.7%	-1.5%	67.3%	41

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	4.4%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	101	1.0%	1.9%	Median household income	\$51,013	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,3}	111	0.7%	1.9%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)	\$525	\$563
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,4}	3,049	19.3%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	35.7%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	2,003	54.8%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	66.6%	66.3%
Children with support owed	3,818	23.1%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	694	18.2%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	1,953	51.2%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$205	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	78	10.6%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	446	3.0%	16.8%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	10,724	73.1%	66.1%
• One-parent family	3,952	26.9%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)			
• Two-parent family	1,313	12.2%	10.9%
• One-parent family	1,502	38.0%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	258	2.3%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	14,893	96.5%	96.0%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	5,604	35.5%	39.4%
• MIChild	362	2.3%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	851	77.7%	74.2%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2			
• Tested	641	43.0%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	6	0.9%	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ² (2012–14)	8	7.1	15.2
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	1,742	17.4%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	202	13.5	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	113	5.1%	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.