



# MECOSTA

## 2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall  
Rank for Child  
Well-Being

53

**POPULATION**

	2008	2014	% change
Total population	41,800	43,186	3.3%
<b>Child population 0–17</b>	8,479	8,179	-3.5%
• Ages 0–5	2,635	2,507	-4.9%
• Ages 6–12	3,397	3,207	-5.6%
• Ages 13–17	2,655	2,465	-7.2%

Child population by race	2008	2014	% change
Hispanic 0–17	232	291	25.4%
<b>Non-Hispanic 0–17</b>			
• White	7,589	7,387	-2.7%
• African-American/Black	495	361	-27.1%
• American Indian	83	81	-2.4%
• Other	80	59	-26.3%

	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	2,414	29.0%	2,322	29.6%	2.1%	22.2%	67
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program <sup>2</sup>	1,098	40.4%	804	32.1%	-20.6%	30.1%	54
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	3,390	49.2%	3,367	55.6%	13.0%	46.1%	60
<b>HEALTH</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	166	37.8%	159	37.0%	-2.2%	31.2%	61
Low-birthweight babies	35	7.9%	31	7.3%	-7.3%	8.4%	49 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	4	9.8	4	10.1	2.6%	6.9	42 of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	4	37.6	1	*	*	25.8	* 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	44	22.5	38	18.2	-19.3%	23.7	16
<b>Child abuse/neglect</b>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	801	94.5	1,319	161.3	70.7%	111.4	59
Confirmed victims	112	13.2	232	28.4	114.7%	16.8	59
Children in out-of-home care	71	8.4	41	5.0	-40.1%	4.8	35 of 81
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	367	41.0%	407	47.9%	16.9%	47.4%	19
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	131	21.2%	99	21.4%	0.9%	20.2%	57 of 79
<b>Not proficient (M-STEP)</b>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	202	49.8%	223	55.6%	11.6%	54.0%	54
Eighth-graders (Math)	390	78.0%	346	80.3%	2.9%	67.3%	70

<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.



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FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
<b>Children receiving...</b>				Unemployment	5.9%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 <sup>1</sup>	126	2.2%	1.9%	Median household income	\$41,755	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	145	1.6%	1.9%	<b>Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)</b>	\$470	\$563
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	2,211	23.9%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	32.0%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,168	56.0%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	60.4%	66.3%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	2,135	19.5%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	313	14.7%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	1,128	52.8%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$188	–	\$215			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	96	22.2%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	1,280	15.7%	16.8%
<b>Household structure, ages 0–17</b>			
• Two-parent family	5,614	69.5%	66.1%
• One-parent family	2,461	30.5%	33.9%
<b>Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)</b>			
• Two-parent family	1,070	19.1%	10.9%
• One-parent family	1,413	57.4%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	366	5.9%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	8,092	95.2%	96.0%
<b>Children, ages 0–18, insured by...</b>			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	3,718	40.1%	39.4%
• MICHild	124	1.3%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	455	80.5%	74.2%
<b>Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2</b>			
• Tested	233	27.7%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	0	*	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup> (2012–14)	4	*	15.2
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
• Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	1,164	19.2%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	162	19.8	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	53	2.6%	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.