



# ST. JOSEPH

## 2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall  
Rank for Child  
Well-Being

75

POPULATION	2008			2014			% change		
	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK <sup>1</sup>	
Total population	62,273			60,946					
Child population 0–17	16,139			15,210					
• Ages 0–5	5,576			4,787					
• Ages 6–12	6,076			6,057					
• Ages 13–17	4,654			4,366					

Child population by race	2008	2014	% change
Hispanic 0–17	1,834	1,993	8.7%
Non-Hispanic 0–17			
• White	13,445	12,228	-9.1%
• African-American/Black	696	811	16.5%
• American Indian	72	63	-12.5%
• Other	92	115	25.0%

	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	3,294	20.9%	3,323	22.3%	6.7%	22.2%	35
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program <sup>2</sup>	1,830	33.2%	1,294	27.0%	-18.5%	30.1%	35
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	5,242	44.5%	5,866	55.4%	24.6%	46.1%	55
<b>HEALTH</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	345	37.8%	347	43.1%	14.2%	31.2%	80
Low-birthweight babies	68	7.2%	69	8.6%	19.3%	8.4%	69 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	10	10.3	6	7.9	-23.3%	6.9	36 of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	7	41.6	4	25.1	-39.6%	25.8	23 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	113	55.6	80	41.8	-24.8%	23.7	81
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	1,964	121.7	2,591	170.3	40.0%	111.4	62
Confirmed victims	347	21.5	347	22.8	6.1%	16.8	43
Children in out-of-home care	156	9.7	156	10.3	6.1%	4.8	73 of 81
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	675	31.8%	590	33.1%	3.8%	47.4%	78
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	220	22.7%	150	18.7%	-17.5%	20.2%	45 of 79
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	435	52.3%	441	55.2%	5.5%	54.0%	51
Eighth-graders (Math)	588	72.8%	555	73.5%	1.0%	67.3%	51

<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	4.3%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 <sup>1</sup>	149	1.4%	1.9%	Median household income	\$46,667	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	156	1.0%	1.9%	<b>Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)</b>	\$462	\$563
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	3,462	21.7%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	31.4%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	2,571	65.1%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	59.3%	66.3%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	3,672	22.1%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	490	13.3%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	1,807	49.2%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$219	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	196	24.4%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	1,254	8.4%	16.8%
<b>Household structure, ages 0–17</b>			
• Two-parent family	9,934	66.9%	66.1%
• One-parent family	4,924	33.1%	33.9%
<b>Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)</b>			
• Two-parent family	1,409	14.2%	10.9%
• One-parent family	2,492	50.6%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	1,623	14.4%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	14,819	94.5%	96.0%
<b>Children, ages 0–18, insured by...</b>			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	7,533	47.2%	39.4%
• MICHild	283	1.8%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	850	80.9%	74.2%
<b>Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2</b>			
• Tested	603	38.5%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	N/A	N/A	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup> (2012–14)	7	*	15.2
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
• Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	1,202	11.4%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	203	13.3	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	102	4.4%	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.