



KENT

2018 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2016 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall
Rank for Child
Well-Being

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POPULATION	2010			2015			% change											
	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change									
Total population	604,723	636,369	5.2%	Child population by race														
Child population 0–17	158,134	158,665	0.3%	Hispanic 0–17			2010			2015			% change					
• Ages 0–5	52,782	53,200	0.8%	Non-Hispanic 0–17			• White			105,915			103,429			-2.3%		
• Ages 6–12	61,098	61,615	0.8%	• African-American/Black			22,214			22,951			3.3%					
• Ages 13–17	44,254	43,850	-0.9%	• American Indian			693			751			8.4%					
				• Other			4,669			5,153			10.4%					

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK ¹
ECONOMIC SECURITY	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	36,053	23.1%	23,220	14.9%	-35.5%	20.7%	14
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	18,811	34.4%	11,483	21.6%	-37.3%	28.0%	27
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches ³	<u>2009–10 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
	47,117	46.2%	48,772	46.8%	1.3%	45.8%	27
HEALTH	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	2,623	29.7%	2,821	31.9%	7.3%	32.4%	36
Low-birthweight babies	655	7.4%	718	8.1%	9.4%	8.4%	62 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	60	6.8	49	5.6	-17.5%	6.9	15 of 45
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	35	21.1	31	18.7	-11.3%	25.3	9 of 51
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	788	36.5	506	24.2	-33.8%	21.4	40
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in investigated families	9,659	61.5	17,899	112.8	83.6%	112.5	17
Confirmed victims	2,458	15.6	2,900	18.3	16.9%	17.9	23
Children in out-of-home care	715	4.5	758	4.8	5.0%	4.8	31 of 80
EDUCATION	<u>2006–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–16 (avg.)</u>				
3- and 4-year-olds not in preschool	9,570	53.6%	9,404	52.9%	-1.3%	52.7%	23
Students not graduating on time	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
	2,056	25.5%	1,656	21.2%	-17.0%	20.4%	54 of 80
Students not college ready	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>				
	4,087	60.0%	3,980	59.6%	-0.7%	65.1%	13
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	3,687	48.1%	3,822	51.5%	7.1%	55.9%	26
Eighth-graders (Math)	4,648	61.2%	4,689	61.9%	1.1%	66.5%	19

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. | N/A - not available.

SY - School Year. | M-STEP - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress was first administered in 2015.



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Children receiving...				Unemployment	3.4%	4.9%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	1,792	1.6%	2.0%	Median household income	\$59,649	\$52,436
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,2}	2,558	1.5%	1.7%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2017)	\$588	\$575
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,3}	32,327	19.3%	23.3%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2017)	38.2%	37.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	20,110	45.2%	49.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2012–16 avg.) where all parents work	68.6%	66.4%
Children with support owed	33,293	19.0%	20.9%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	5,050	15.2%	23.7%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	17,511	52.6%	58.1%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$211	–	\$216			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2013–15)	1,201	13.6%	12.5%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2012–16)	24,634	15.8%	16.9%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	104,949	67.9%	66.1%
• One-parent family	49,683	32.1%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2012–16)			
• Two-parent family	8,474	8.1%	10.6%
• One-parent family	21,678	43.6%	45.5%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2012–16)	17,017	14.9%	10.3%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2015)	157,873	96.7%	96.8%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	64,333	38.5%	41.5%
• MIChild	3,799	2.3%	2.0%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	11,028	82.6%	74.9%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2 (2015)			
• Tested	7,768	43.4%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	113	1.5%	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) (2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	14,115	13.6%	13.9%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	2,559	16.1	19.4
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	867	3.2%	2.9%

¹ As of December 2016.

² Family Independence Program.

³ 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.