



MECOSTA

2018 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2016 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall
Rank for Child
Well-Being

51

POPULATION	2010			2015			% change											
	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change									
Total population	41,800	43,067	3.0%	Child population by race														
Child population 0–17	8,546	8,029	-6.0%	Hispanic 0–17			2010			2015			% change					
• Ages 0–5	2,676	2,485	-7.1%	Non-Hispanic 0–17			• White			7,797			7,250			-7.0%		
• Ages 6–12	3,398	3,101	-8.7%	• African-American/Black			373			369			-1.1%					
• Ages 13–17	2,472	2,443	-1.2%	• American Indian			82			75			-8.5%					
				• Other			45			60			33.3%					

	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	2,414	28.8%	1,929	24.5%	-14.9%	20.7%	53
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	1,142	44.3%	756	30.4%	-31.3%	28.0%	55
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches ³	<u>2009–10 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
	3,844	57.5%	3,231	53.7%	-6.6%	45.8%	57
HEALTH	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	155	34.9%	179	42.1%	20.5%	32.4%	71
Low-birthweight babies	31	7.0%	33	7.8%	10.8%	8.4%	58 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	4	9.0	4	8.6	-4.6%	6.9	40 of 45
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	4	37.8	1	*	*	25.3	* of 51
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	39	19.4	32	15.0	-22.7%	21.4	14
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in investigated families	848	103.5	1,206	150.2	45.1%	112.5	46
Confirmed victims	114	13.9	228	28.4	87.6%	17.9	59
Children in out-of-home care	60	7.3	34	4.2	-42.2%	4.8	23 of 80
EDUCATION	<u>2006–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–16 (avg.)</u>				
3- and 4-year-olds not in preschool	574	62.7%	478	54.6%	-13.0%	52.7%	31
Students not graduating on time	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
	121	22.5%	114	22.9%	1.6%	20.4%	60 of 80
Students not college ready	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>				
	295	70.6%	307	69.5%	-1.6%	65.1%	52
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	202	49.8%	221	53.4%	7.2%	55.9%	34
Eighth-graders (Math)	390	78.0%	345	77.7%	-0.4%	66.5%	70

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	5.4%	4.9%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	115	2.1%	2.0%	Median household income	\$41,759	\$52,436
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,2}	114	1.3%	1.7%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2017)	\$470	\$575
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,3}	2,022	22.2%	23.3%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2017)	30.5%	37.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,076	52.1%	49.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2012–16 avg.) where all parents work	59.7%	66.4%
Children with support owed	2,092	19.5%	20.9%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	345	16.5%	23.7%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	1,098	52.5%	58.1%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$187	–	\$216			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2013–15)	90	21.2%	12.5%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2012–16)	2,123	26.6%	16.9%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	5,431	68.5%	66.1%
• One-parent family	2,502	31.5%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2012–16)			
• Two-parent family	811	14.9%	10.6%
• One-parent family	1,323	52.9%	45.5%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2012–16)	288	4.7%	10.3%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2015)	7,997	96.3%	96.8%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	3,743	41.2%	41.5%
• MIChild	188	2.1%	2.0%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	452	79.6%	74.9%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2 (2015)			
• 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) (2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	967	16.1%	13.9%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	155	19.3	19.4
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	68	3.4%	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.