



# IONIA

## 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				Child population by race						
	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change	
Total population	63,899	64,223	0.5%	Hispanic 0–17	1,111	1,134	2.1%			
Child population 0–17	15,675	14,748	-5.9%	Non-Hispanic 0–17						
• Ages 0–5	4,971	4,421	-11.1%	• White	14,211	13,131	-7.6%			
• Ages 6–12	6,046	5,928	-2.0%	• African-American/Black	201	317	57.7%			
• Ages 13–17	4,658	4,399	-5.6%	• American Indian	71	79	11.3%			
				• Other	81	87	7.4%			

  

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK <sup>1</sup>
<b>ECONOMIC SECURITY</b>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	3,204	21.0%	2,806	19.7%	-6.2%	20.7%	30
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program <sup>2</sup>	1,686	34.3%	919	20.8%	-39.3%	28.0%	21
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2009–10 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
	5,111	46.0%	4,479	45.6%	-0.9%	45.8%	25
<b>HEALTH</b>	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	247	31.6%	219	29.6%	-6.2%	32.4%	26
Low-birthweight babies	47	6.0%	50	6.8%	11.9%	8.4%	37 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2	3.0	4	5.0	66.4%	6.9	8 of 45
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	3	20.5	3	19.0	-7.2%	25.3	10 of 51
<b>FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)</b>	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	71	35.2	55	27.4	-22.2%	21.4	56
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in investigated families	1,631	107.2	2,408	163.3	52.3%	112.5	60
Confirmed victims	389	25.6	291	19.7	-22.8%	17.9	28
Children in out-of-home care	70	4.6	40	2.7	-41.1%	4.8	11 of 80
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<u>2006–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–16 (avg.)</u>				
3- and 4-year-olds not in preschool	924	48.8%	910	59.7%	22.3%	52.7%	57
	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Students not graduating on time	150	17.4%	108	13.4%	-23.1%	20.4%	17 of 80
	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>				
Students not college ready	479	68.4%	453	68.3%	-0.1%	65.1%	39
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	343	48.7%	331	46.3%	-4.9%	55.9%	10
Eighth-graders (Math)	529	71.8%	450	64.3%	-10.4%	66.5%	27

<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. | 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
<b>Children receiving...</b>				Unemployment	4.1%	4.9%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 <sup>1</sup>	115	1.1%	2.0%	Median household income	\$50,383	\$52,436
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,2</sup>	112	0.7%	1.7%	<b>Average cost of full-time child care/month (2017)</b>	\$525	\$575
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,3</sup>	2,689	17.3%	23.3%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2017)	34.1%	37.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1,873	50.9%	49.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2012–16 avg.) where all parents work	63.3%	66.4%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	3,800	23.3%	20.9%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	672	17.7%	23.7%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	1,941	51.1%	58.1%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$204	–	\$216			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2013–15)	81	10.9%	12.5%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2012–16)	1,152	7.9%	16.9%
<b>Household structure, ages 0–17</b>			
• Two-parent family	10,342	71.3%	66.1%
• One-parent family	4,163	28.7%	33.9%
<b>Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2012–16)</b>			
• Two-parent family	1,084	10.5%	10.6%
• One-parent family	1,550	37.2%	45.5%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2012–16)	274	2.5%	10.3%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2015)	14,750	96.9%	96.8%
<b>Children, ages 0–18, insured by...</b>			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	5,918	38.0%	41.5%
• MIChild	394	2.5%	2.0%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	879	80.6%	74.9%
<b>Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2 (2015)</b>			
• 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) (2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
• Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	1,507	15.3%	13.9%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	183	12.4	19.4
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	104	4.6%	2.9%

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Family Independence Program.

<sup>3</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.