



RURAL COUNTY GROUP

2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

POPULATION	2008			2014			% change		
	2008	2014	% change	2008	2014	% change	2008	2014	% change
Total population	213,074	210,753	-1.1%						
Child population 0–17	41,556	37,449	-9.9%						
• Ages 0–5	12,379	10,672	-13.8%						
• Ages 6–12	15,775	14,777	-6.3%						
• Ages 13–17	13,402	12,000	-10.5%						
				Child population by race					
				Hispanic 0–17			2008 2014 % change		
							1,002 1,304 30.1%		
				Non-Hispanic 0–17					
				• White			37,640 33,067 -12.1%		
				• African-American/Black			918 968 5.4%		
				• American Indian			1,880 1,898 1.0%		
				• Other			116 212 82.8%		

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK ¹
ECONOMIC SECURITY	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	10,226	25.1%	9,922	27.9%	11.1%	22.2%	—
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	4,267	34.6%	3,406	31.9%	-7.7%	30.1%	—
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches ³	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	13,510	49.1%	13,138	57.8%	17.7%	46.1%	—
HEALTH	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	617	32.3%	568	32.5%	0.8%	31.2%	—
Low-birthweight babies	137	6.8%	125	7.2%	5.4%	8.4%	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	14	7.0	14	7.8	12.5%	6.9	—
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	21	45.4	14	35.3	-22.3%	25.8	—
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	210	33.3	153	27.6	-16.9%	23.7	—
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	4,092	107.3	5,118	150.7	40.5%	111.4	—
Confirmed victims	765	20.1	945	27.8	38.7%	16.8	—
Children in out-of-home care	212	5.1	356	9.5	86.3%	4.8	—
EDUCATION	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	1,844	42.9%	1,552	39.1%	-9.1%	47.4%	—
	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Students not graduating on time	440	17.5%	300	16.7%	-4.5%	20.2%	—
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	832	51.4%	879	53.2%	3.5%	54.0%	—
Eighth-graders (Math)	1,268	71.5%	1,144	71.5%	0.0%	67.3%	—

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.

SY - School Year.

M-STEP - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress was first administered in 2015.

N/A - not available.



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2017 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Children receiving...				Unemployment	7.9%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	426	1.7%	1.9%	Median household income	\$39,775	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,3}	694	1.8%	1.9%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)	\$468	\$563
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,4}	10,019	25.3%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	31.8%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	6,211	70.6%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	64.4%	66.3%
Children with support owed	9,106	21.9%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	1,480	16.3%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	4,931	54.2%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$192	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	242	13.9%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	2,043	5.6%	16.8%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	24,796	68.0%	66.1%
• One-parent family	11,676	32.0%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)			
• Two-parent family	3,806	15.3%	10.9%
• One-parent family	5,360	45.9%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	1,129	3.9%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	36,563	94.0%	96.0%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	19,252	48.6%	39.4%
• MICHild	1,051	2.6%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	1,898	72.8%	74.2%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2			
• Tested	1,574	46.1%	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) ² (2012–14)	15	10.0	15.2
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	3,035	13.4%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	724	19.3	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	N/A	N/A	2.6%

¹ As of December 2015.

² Annual rate and number are based on the three-year period 2011–2013 and only for counties with a total number over 20.

³ Family Independence Program.

⁴ 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.