

2017 National KIDS COUNT Data Book



Michigan's Overall Child Well-Being Rank:

32nd

22% of Michigan kids lived in poverty (2015).

Economic Well-Being:
31st



Education: 41st



71% of fourth graders were not proficient in reading (2015).

3% of children did not have health insurance (2015).

Health: 17th



Family and
Community:
29th



17% of children lived in high-poverty areas (2011-15).

DATA IN ACTION

Michigan policymakers should pursue two-generation strategies using a racial equity lens to help all kids and their families thrive. We can help kids by investing in effective policies that meet their families' needs. This includes:

- Access to high-quality, affordable child care;
- Restoring the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, a proven poverty reduction tool; and,
- Investing in comprehensive approaches to improving educational outcomes using a birth-to-eight framework.

Read the report at www.mlpp.org

