



RURAL COUNTY GROUP

2018 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2016 Unless Otherwise Noted)

POPULATION	2010			2015			% change											
	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change	2010	2015	% change									
Total population	215,632	209,196	-3.0%	Child population by race														
Child population 0–17	41,179	36,573	-11.2%	Hispanic 0–17			2010			2015			% change					
• Ages 0–5	12,170	10,452	-14.1%	Non-Hispanic 0–17			• White			37,010			32,215			-13.0%		
• Ages 6–12	15,976	14,424	-9.7%	• African-American/Black			799			1,000			25.2%					
• Ages 13–17	13,033	11,697	-10.3%	• American Indian			2,150			1,840			-14.4%					
				• Other			133			225			69.2%					

	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	11,465	28.7%	9,361	26.4%	-7.9%	20.7%	—
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program ²	5,020	41.1%	3,193	30.5%	-25.6%	28.0%	—
Students receiving free/reduced-price school lunches ³	<u>2009–10 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
	14,785	56.8%	12,734	56.8%	-0.1%	45.8%	—
HEALTH	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	596	32.0%	600	34.4%	7.4%	32.4%	—
Low-birthweight babies	139	7.5%	125	7.2%	-4.2%	8.4%	—
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	12	6.6	12	6.9	3.5%	6.9	—
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	17	38.0	14	34.4	-9.6%	25.3	—
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)	<u>2008–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2013–15 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	201	33.2	145	26.7	-19.7%	21.4	—
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Children in investigated families	3,818	102.5	5,016	151.2	47.5%	112.5	—
Confirmed victims	821	22.0	1,058	31.9	44.7%	17.9	—
Children in out-of-home care	220	5.4	327	8.9	65.6%	4.8	—
EDUCATION	<u>2006–10 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–16 (avg.)</u>				
3- and 4-year-olds not in preschool	2,493	57.5%	2,373	61.1%	6.2%	52.7%	—
	<u>2010</u>		<u>2016</u>				
Students not graduating on time	420	18.8%	313	17.4%	-7.1%	20.4%	—
	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>				
Students not college ready	1,144	71.6%	1,163	71.1%	-0.7%	65.1%	—
<u>Not proficient (M-STEP)</u>	<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>		<u>2016–17 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	832	51.4%	905	56.6%	10.1%	55.9%	—
Eighth-graders (Math)	1,268	71.5%	1,232	72.3%	1.1%	66.5%	—

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.



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2018 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Children receiving...				Unemployment	7.5%	4.9%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 ¹	426	1.7%	2.0%	Median household income	\$41,094	\$52,436
• FIP cash assistance ^{1,2}	1,075	2.8%	1.7%	Average cost of full-time child care/month (2017)	\$503	\$575
• Food Assistance Program ^{1,3}	9,350	24.1%	23.3%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2017)	32.7%	37.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	5,990	69.3%	49.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2012–16 avg.) where all parents work	64.9%	66.4%
Children with support owed	9,023	22.3%	20.9%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	1,488	16.5%	23.7%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	4,916	54.5%	58.1%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$189	–	\$216			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2013–15)	244	14.0%	12.5%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2012–16)	1,448	4.0%	16.9%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Two-parent family	24,152	67.5%	66.1%
• One-parent family	11,614	32.5%	33.9%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2012–16)			
• Two-parent family	3,719	15.4%	10.6%
• One-parent family	5,211	44.9%	45.5%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2012–16)	1,124	4.0%	10.3%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2015)	35,898	94.6%	96.8%
Children, ages 0–18, insured by...			
• Medicaid ¹	20,241	52.2%	41.5%
• MIChild	1,290	3.3%	2.0%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) ¹	1,961	73.9%	74.9%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2 (2015)			
• Tested	1,564	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) (2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children with special needs			
• Students in Special Education ¹	3,037	13.5%	13.9%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ¹	673	18.4	19.4
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	N/A	N/A	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.