



# KENT

## 2017 TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

(All Data Are For 2015 Unless Otherwise Noted)

Overall  
Rank for Child  
Well-Being

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POPULATION	2008			2014			% change											
	2008	2014	% change	2008	2014	% change	2008	2014	% change									
Total population	604,723	629,237	4.1%	Child population by race														
Child population 0–17	162,410	158,240	-2.6%	Hispanic 0–17			22,212			26,221			18.0%					
• Ages 0–5	55,514	52,764	-5.0%	Non-Hispanic 0–17			• White			114,641			103,478			-9.7%		
• Ages 6–12	62,027	61,480	-0.9%	• African-American/Black			20,569			22,691			10.3%					
• Ages 13–17	45,677	43,996	-3.7%	• American Indian			747			745			-0.3%					
				• Other			4,241			5,105			20.4%					

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	RANK <sup>1</sup>
<b>ECONOMIC SECURITY</b>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	29,256	18.2%	29,847	19.1%	4.9%	22.2%	24
Young children, ages 0–5, in the Food Assistance Program <sup>2</sup>	15,233	27.4%	12,656	24.0%	-12.4%	30.1%	24
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	<u>2006–07 (SY)</u>		<u>2014–15 (SY)</u>				
	40,121	39.0%	49,392	47.3%	21.3%	46.1%	29
<b>HEALTH</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Less than adequate prenatal care	2,714	30.1%	2,791	31.4%	4.4%	31.2%	41
Low-birthweight babies	702	7.5%	723	8.1%	7.9%	8.4%	63 of 81
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	73	7.8	47	5.3	-32.2%	6.9	11 of 47
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	44	25.5	35	21.3	-16.6%	25.8	13 of 51
<b>FAMILY AND COMMUNITY (per 1,000)</b>	<u>2006–08 (avg.)</u>		<u>2012–14 (avg.)</u>				
Births to teens, ages 15–19	891	41.1	568	27.2	-33.7%	23.7	50
<b>Child abuse/neglect</b>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2015</u>				
Children in investigated families	10,912	67.2	18,982	120.0	78.5%	111.4	22
Confirmed victims	2,316	14.3	3,144	19.9	39.3%	16.8	33
Children in out-of-home care	707	4.4	780	4.9	13.2%	4.8	32 of 81
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<u>2005–09 (avg.)</u>		<u>2011–15 (avg.)</u>				
Three- and four-year-olds in preschool	8,341	45.8%	8,003	45.5%	-0.7%	47.4%	33
Students not graduating on time	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>				
	2,128	25.5%	1,682	21.8%	-14.5%	20.2%	59 of 79
<b>Not proficient (M-STEP)</b>	<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>		<u>2015–16 (SY)</u>				
Third-graders (English Language Arts)	3,687	48.1%	4,003	50.0%	4.0%	54.0%	29
Eighth-graders (Math)	4,648	61.2%	4,739	63.0%	2.9%	67.3%	16

<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.

SY - School Year.

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

N/A - not available.



## 2017 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE	ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
<b>Children receiving...</b>				Unemployment	3.6%	5.4%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12 <sup>1</sup>	1,858	1.6%	1.9%	Median household income	\$54,550	\$51,063
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	2,817	1.7%	1.9%	<b>Average cost of full-time child care/month (2016)</b>	\$584	\$563
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	35,266	21.2%	24.7%	• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2016)	39.7%	38.3%
• Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	21,358	48.4%	51.1%	Percent of young children ages 0–5 in Michigan families (2011–15 avg.) where all parents work	69.3%	66.3%
<b>Children with support owed</b>	33,164	19.0%	20.8%			
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	5,369	16.2%	24.5%			
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	17,803	53.7%	58.7%			
• Average amount received (month)	\$209	–	\$217			

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Births to moms without high school diploma or GED (2012–14)	1,241	14.0%	13.1%
High poverty neighborhoods, ages 0–17 (2011–15)	22,506	14.5%	16.8%
<b>Household structure, ages 0–17</b>			
• Two-parent family	105,191	68.2%	66.1%
• One-parent family	49,156	31.8%	33.9%
<b>Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17 (2011–15)</b>			
• Two-parent family	9,022	8.6%	10.9%
• One-parent family	22,484	45.7%	46.9%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17 (2011–15)	16,663	14.6%	10.2%

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance (2014)	156,534	96.0%	96.0%
<b>Children, ages 0–18, insured by...</b>			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	60,813	36.5%	39.4%
• MIChild	3,045	1.8%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	11,015	82.2%	74.2%
<b>Lead poisoning in children, ages 1–2</b>			
• Tested	7,768	43.4%	37.9%
• Poisoned (% of tested) (EBL confirmed by venous)	113	1.5%	1.7%
Children, ages 1–14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup> (2012–14)	152	12.3	15.2
<b>Children with special needs</b>			
• Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	13,940	13.4%	13.8%
• Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	2,901	18.3	21.1
• Children, ages 0–2, receiving Early On services (ISD totals)	811	3.0%	2.6%

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2015.

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

<sup>3</sup> Family Independence Program.

<sup>4</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.