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Focus on Young Children

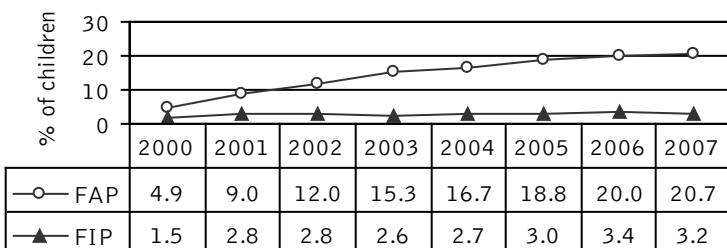
	2000		2006		2000-06 % Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Live births	1,527	—	1,594	—	4.4%
No listed paternity	120	7.9%	97	6.1%	-22.6%
Infants born with a birth defect ¹	61	4.2%	72	4.9%	16.5%

Health of Young Children

	2007		MI
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
– tested (Medicaid-enrolled children)	687	46.5%	49.6%
• poisoned (% of tested)	4	*	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1)	1,610	82.2%	72.4%

Trends in Economic Support

Percent of Young Children on FIP³ and FAP⁴



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

Child Care & Early Education

	2000	2007
Average monthly cost of full-time care	\$418	\$476
Percent of full-time minimum wage	48.3%	38.3%
Children ages 0-5 in subsidized care ⁺	592	585
Percent of children, ages 0-5	6.4%	6.6%

⁺Data in the base year are for 2001 rather than 2000.

Background

Population	2000	2006
Total population	105,665	112,370
Child population		
– ages 0-17	30,494	29,089
– ages 0-4	7,648	7,345
– ages 5-9	8,493	7,767
– ages 10-14	9,078	8,442
– ages 15-19	8,047	8,232

- Average wage per job (2006) \$35,754
- Unemployment rate (2007) 6.3%

Economic Support²

Children receiving...	Number	Rate	MI
– subsidized child care, ages 0-12	607	3.0%	5.9%
– FIP cash assistance ³	611	2.0%	5.5%
– Food Assistance Program ⁴	4,716	15.4%	20.6%
Children who are owed child support	4,739	14.9%	19.9%
– receiving none in FY2007	529	11.2%	25.5%
– receiving less than 70% of support	1,993	42.1%	57.8%

Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2007-08 school year)	2,473	13.2%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000)	280	9.6	15.7

Access to Health Care

Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ⁵	19	8.7	24.1
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...			
– Medicaid	9,111	29.8%	33.3%
– MICHild	353	1.2%	1.2%

¹ Three-year averages 1998-00 and 2003-05.

Variation among counties may result from reporting bias.

² All following data are for 2007 unless otherwise noted.

³ Family Independence Program (cash assistance).

⁴ The federal “food stamp” program.

⁵ Rate is reported for the three-year period 2004-2006 only for counties with a county number over 20.

Note: Percentages reflect percent of population unless otherwise noted.

* Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data.

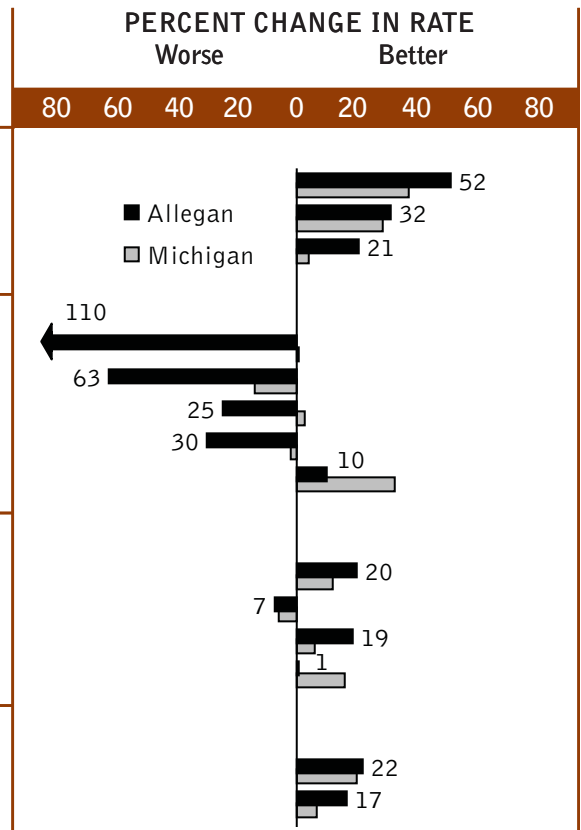
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See Data Notes and Definitions for details.

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Trends in Child Well-Being 2000—2006

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR			
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rank ¹	MI Rate
Education (% not meeting Reading standards)	2003		2007			
Fourth grade	278	21.6%	125	10.2%	22 of 82	15.5%
Seventh grade	487	32.9%	310	22.3%	31 of 82	27.5%
Class of 2003 vs. 2007	424	34.1%	359	27.0%	22 of 82	32.0%
Child Safety (per 1,000)	FY2000		FY2007			
Children in investigated families	783	25.7	1,566	53.8	16 of 83	65.2
Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect	203	6.7	316	10.9	24 of 82	11.9
Children in out-of-home care	129	4.2	154	5.3	31 of 80	7.7
– for abuse or neglect	112	3.7	139	4.8	32 of 77	6.8
– for delinquency (rate for ages 10-16)	17	1.4	15	1.2	14 of 35	2.1
Child Health	2000²		2006²			
Less than adequate prenatal care	392	26.9%	328	21.5%	46 of 83	21.9%
Low-birthweight babies	90	6.2%	101	6.6%	33 of 82	8.4%
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	11	7.5	9	6.1	17 of 52	7.6
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	5	22.6	5	22.3	22 of 40	19.5
Adolescence						
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	172	45.1	145	35.2	49 of 82	33.4
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	7	84.8	6	70.3	23 of 44	59.1
Economic Security	2000		2005			
Children in poverty						
– ages 0-17	2,769	9.3%	3,352	11.6%	9 of 83	18.3%
– ages 5-17	1,739	8.0%	2,116	9.8%	7 of 83	16.9%
	2000-01		2007-08			
Students receiving free or reduced price school lunches ³	3,774	21.0%	5,961	31.7%	19 of 82	37.4%



Due to changes in the Economic Security data measures, comparisons between 2000 and the current year should not be made.

1 A ranking of 1 means a county has the "best" rate compared to other counties in the state. Not all 83 counties can be ranked on all indicators.
 2 For Child Health and Adolescence 2000 is actually 3-year annual average 1998-2000 and 2006 is 2004-06.
 3 Family income for eligible students is below 185 percent poverty level.
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Missing bars indicate no change or a rate could not be calculated; a "0" reflects no change.
 Percentage change is calculated with unrounded rates.