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Focus on Young Children

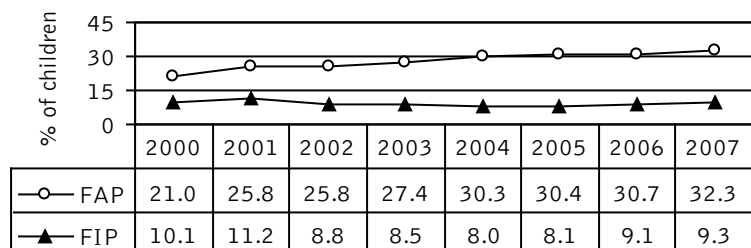
	2000		2006		2000-06
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	% Change
Live births	2,256	—	2,123	—	-5.9%
No listed paternity	465	20.6%	403	19.0%	-7.9%
Infants born with a birth defect ¹	75	3.4%	68	3.2%	-3.7%

Health of Young Children

	2007		MI
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
– tested (Medicaid-enrolled children)	1,302	48.9%	49.6%
• poisoned (% of tested)	25	1.9%	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1)	2,134	66.5%	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	\$402	\$439
Percent of full-time minimum wage	46.5%	35.3%
Children ages 0-5 in subsidized care ⁺	2,308	1,724
Percent of children, ages 0-5	18.0%	13.6%

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

Background

Population	2000	2006
Total population	162,453	159,547
Child population		
– ages 0-17	42,252	39,753
– ages 0-4	10,583	10,387
– ages 5-9	11,959	10,536
– ages 10-14	12,401	11,462
– ages 15-19	11,726	11,543

- Average wage per job (2006) \$36,687
- Unemployment rate (2007) 6.8%

Economic Support²

Children receiving...	Number	Rate	MI
– subsidized child care, ages 0-12	2,035	7.4%	5.9%
– FIP cash assistance ³	2,515	6.0%	5.5%
– Food Assistance Program ⁴	10,420	24.8%	20.6%
Children who are owed child support	11,947	27.2%	19.9%
– receiving none in FY2007	2,827	23.7%	25.5%
– receiving less than 70% of support	6,954	58.2%	57.8%

Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2007-08 school year)	4,115	15.3%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000)	1,039	26.1	15.7

Access to Health Care

Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ⁵	68	22.1	24.1
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...			
– Medicaid	16,507	39.3%	33.3%
– MICHild	480	1.1%	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.

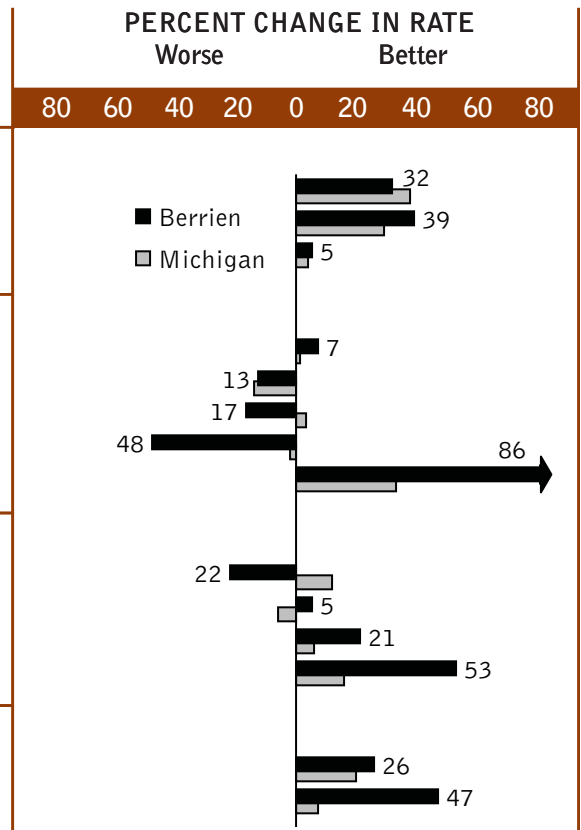
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See Data Notes and Definitions for details.

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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)	<u>2003</u>		<u>2007</u>			
Fourth grade	441	23.4%	283	15.9%	62 of 82	15.5%
Seventh grade	993	43.9%	497	26.6%	55 of 82	27.5%
Class of 2003 vs. 2007	542	33.3%	605	31.6%	44 of 82	32.0%
Child Safety (per 1,000)	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY2007</u>			
Children in investigated families	3,613	85.4	3,171	79.8	45 of 83	65.2
Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect	735	17.4	782	19.7	66 of 82	11.9
Children in out-of-home care	364	8.6	400	10.1	70 of 80	7.7
– for abuse or neglect	280	6.6	389	9.8	68 of 77	6.8
– for delinquency (rate for ages 10-16)	84	4.9	11	0.7	3 of 35	2.1
Child Health	<u>2000²</u>		<u>2006²</u>			
Less than adequate prenatal care	677	30.4%	772	37.0%	81 of 83	21.9%
Low-birthweight babies	183	8.2%	163	7.8%	59 of 82	8.4%
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	20	9.1	15	7.2	28 of 52	7.6
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	8	25.2	4	11.9	3 of 40	19.5
Adolescence						
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	368	64.1	265	47.7	72 of 82	33.4
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	10	85.7	5	45.4	10 of 44	59.1
Economic Security	<u>2000</u>		<u>2005</u>			
Children in poverty						
– ages 0-17	7,222	17.8%	10,737	27.2%	72 of 83	18.3%
– ages 5-17	4,535	15.3%	6,505	22.6%	69 of 83	16.9%
	<u>2000-01</u>		<u>2007-08</u>			
Students receiving free or reduced price school lunches ³	11,684	41.6%	11,165	41.6%	38 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.