

# Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2008

Experiences in the early childhood years establish intelligence, behavioral patterns, and other personality traits that will persist throughout a lifetime. This year the Michigan report focuses on the status of young children in Michigan and its counties and the city of Detroit. The narrative explores multiple aspects of the lives of young children from physical health to basic needs, economic security and safety.

Two-page county profiles reflect trends in 17 core indicators such as infant mortality and child deaths since 2000 and the most current data available. The profiles also show trends in births, child care costs, and participation by young children in several family support programs, including the child care subsidy and food assistance.

The report allows decision makers, advocates, and program planners at the state and local levels to review trends in child well-being and program participation in specific counties as well as in the state as a whole. This annual publication provides these data as a basis for public policy development and community action.



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