

# Kent



## Focus on Young Children

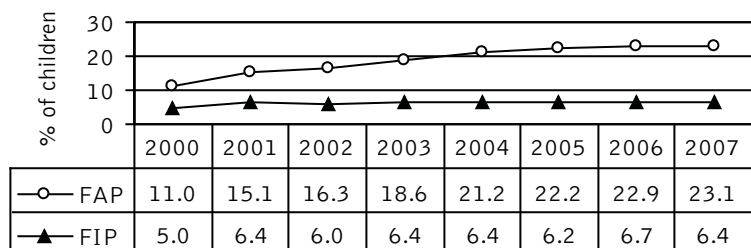
	2000		2006		2000-06
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	% Change
Live births	9,596	—	9,393	—	-2.1%
No listed paternity	1,235	12.9%	1,230	13.1%	1.7%
Infants born with a birth defect <sup>1</sup>	526	5.6%	655	7.0%	24.7%

### Health of Young Children

	2007		MI
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
– tested (Medicaid-enrolled children)	5,729	60.5%	49.6%
• poisoned (% of tested)	107	1.9%	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1)	10,776	76.8%	72.4%

### Trends in Economic Support

#### Percent of Young Children on FIP<sup>3</sup> and FAP<sup>4</sup>



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

### Child Care & Early Education

	2000	2007
Average monthly cost of full-time care	\$445	\$522
Percent of full-time minimum wage	51.5%	42.0%
Children ages 0-5 in subsidized care <sup>+</sup>	5,652	4,920
Percent of children, ages 0-5	10.5%	8.9%

<sup>+</sup>Data in the base year are for 2001 rather than 2000.

## Background

Population	2000	2006
Total population	574,335	600,617
Child population		
– ages 0-17	163,318	163,263
– ages 0-4	44,533	45,915
– ages 5-9	45,711	44,943
– ages 10-14	45,391	44,540
– ages 15-19	44,255	44,509

- Average wage per job (2006) \$38,803
- Unemployment rate (2007) 5.8%

### Economic Support<sup>2</sup>

Children receiving...	Number	Rate	MI
– subsidized child care, ages 0-12	6,536	5.6%	5.9%
– FIP cash assistance <sup>3</sup>	7,579	4.4%	5.5%
– Food Assistance Program <sup>4</sup>	32,408	18.9%	20.6%
Children who are owed child support	29,501	16.4%	19.9%
– receiving none in FY2007	5,892	20.0%	25.5%
– receiving less than 70% of support	16,140	54.7%	57.8%

### Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2007-08 school year)	16,020	15.6%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000)	2,831	17.3	15.7

### Access to Health Care

Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>5</sup>	163	12.5	24.1
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...			
– Medicaid	55,721	32.4%	33.3%
– MICHild	1,565	0.9%	1.2%

<sup>1</sup> Three-year averages 1998-00 and 2003-05. Variation among counties may result from reporting bias.

<sup>2</sup> All following data are for 2007 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>3</sup> Family Independence Program (cash assistance).

<sup>4</sup> The federal “food stamp” program.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

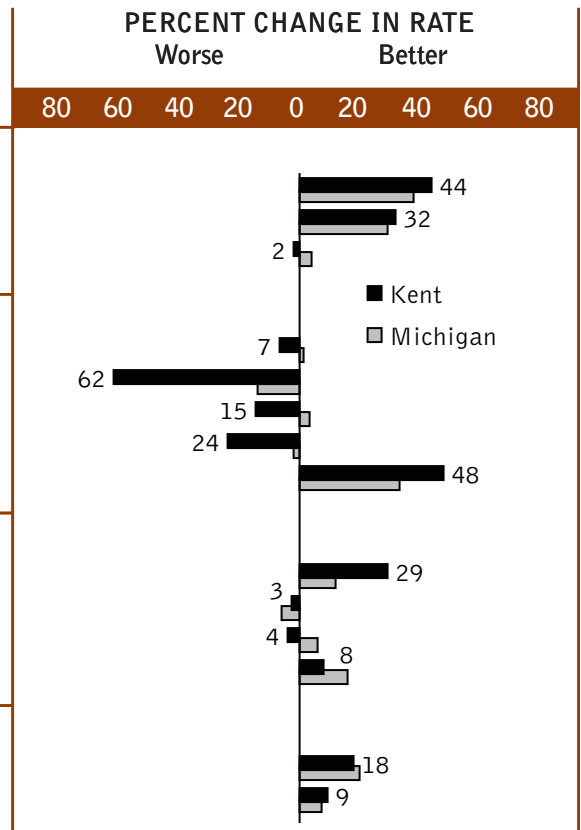
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## Trends in Child Well-Being 2000—2006

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR			
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rank <sup>1</sup>	MI Rate
<b>Education</b> (% not meeting Reading standards)	<u>2003</u>		<u>2007</u>			
Fourth grade	1,692	23.8%	971	13.4%	46 of 82	15.5%
Seventh grade	2,424	34.0%	1,711	23.2%	36 of 82	27.5%
Class of 2003 vs. 2007	1,678	27.7%	1,977	28.2%	26 of 82	32.0%
<b>Child Safety</b> (per 1,000)	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY2007</u>			
Children in investigated families	8,576	52.9	9,214	56.4	18 of 83	65.2
Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect	1,396	8.6	2,274	13.9	41 of 82	11.9
Children in out-of-home care	745	4.6	864	5.3	31 of 80	7.7
– for abuse or neglect	652	4.0	814	5.0	39 of 77	6.8
– for delinquency (rate for ages 10-16)	93	1.5	50	0.8	6 of 35	2.1
<b>Child Health</b>	<u>2000<sup>2</sup></u>		<u>2006<sup>2</sup></u>			
Less than adequate prenatal care	3,154	33.6%	2,237	23.8%	56 of 83	21.9%
Low-birthweight babies	700	7.5%	722	7.7%	57 of 82	8.4%
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	73	7.7	75	8.0	38 of 52	7.6
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	27	21.7	25	19.9	14 of 40	19.5
<b>Adolescence</b>						
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	1,058	49.7	880	40.8	62 of 82	33.4
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	23	54.0	22	49.4	13 of 44	59.1
<b>Economic Security</b>	<u>2000</u>		<u>2005</u>			
Children in poverty						
– ages 0-17	17,616	10.9%	26,358	16.3%	25 of 83	18.3%
– ages 5-17	10,399	9.1%	16,719	14.5%	27 of 83	16.9%
	<u>2000-01</u>		<u>2007-08</u>			
Students receiving free or reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	30,523	30.5%	40,121	39.0%	29 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.