

Mecosta



Focus on Young Children

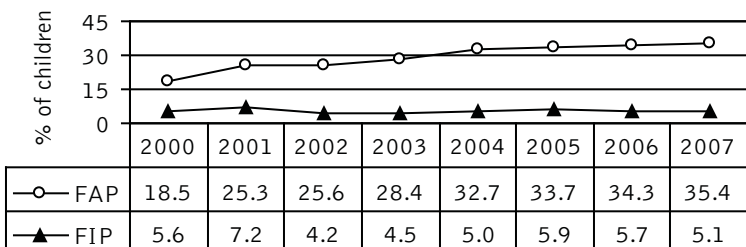
	2000		2006		2000-06
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	% Change
Live births	488	—	449	—	-8.0%
No listed paternity	44	9.0%	31	6.9%	-23.4%
Infants born with a birth defect ¹	23	4.6%	22	4.9%	6.3%

Health of Young Children

	2007		MI
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
– tested (Medicaid-enrolled children)	181	32.5%	49.6%
• poisoned (% of tested)	2	*	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1)	527	81.6%	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	\$362	\$407
Percent of full-time minimum wage	41.9%	32.7%
Children ages 0-5 in subsidized care ⁺	359	235
Percent of children, ages 0-5	12.4%	8.7%

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

Background

Population	2000	2006
Total population	40,553	42,370
Child population		
– ages 0-17	9,130	8,696
– ages 0-4	2,431	2,228
– ages 5-9	2,493	2,414
– ages 10-14	2,626	2,448
– ages 15-19	4,290	4,105

- Average wage per job (2006) \$28,523
- Unemployment rate (2007) 7.4%

Economic Support²

Children receiving...	Number	Rate	MI
– subsidized child care, ages 0-12	249	4.1%	5.9%
– FIP cash assistance ³	330	3.4%	5.5%
– Food Assistance Program ⁴	2,567	26.8%	20.6%
Children who are owed child support	2,135	19.1%	19.9%
– receiving none in FY2007	354	16.6%	25.5%
– receiving less than 70% of support	1,162	54.4%	57.8%

Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2007-08 school year)	1,391	20.2%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000)	177	20.4	15.7

Access to Health Care

Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ⁵	7	*	24.1
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...			
– Medicaid	3,800	39.6%	33.3%
– MICHild	112	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.

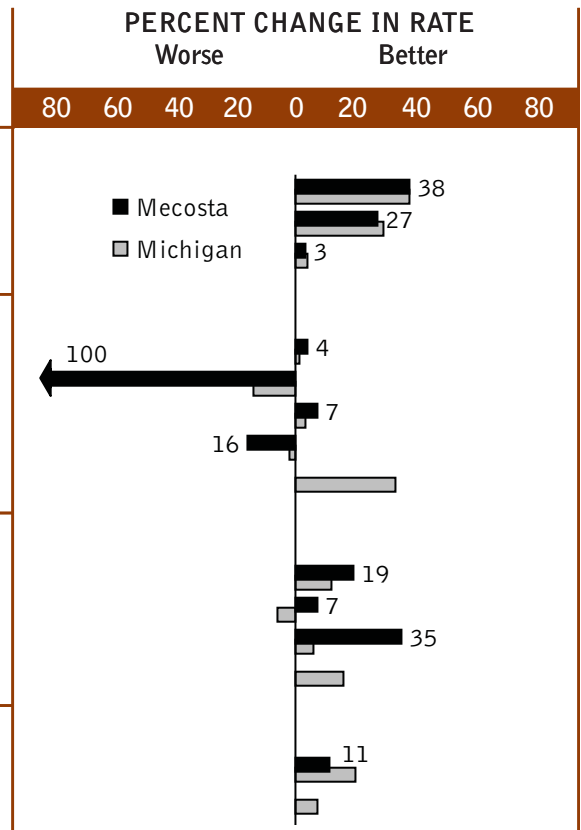
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See Data Notes and Definitions for details.

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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)	<u>2003</u>		<u>2007</u>			
Fourth grade	82	17.8%	50	10.9%	26 of 82	15.5%
Seventh grade	203	36.2%	124	26.4%	54 of 82	27.5%
Class of 2003 vs. 2007	193	40.5%	188	39.1%	77 of 82	32.0%
Child Safety (per 1,000)	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY2007</u>			
Children in investigated families ⁺	1,150	74.5	1,030	71.5	33 of 83	65.2
Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect ⁺	98	6.3	183	12.7	35 of 82	11.9
Children in out-of-home care	44	4.8	65	4.5	22 of 80	7.7
– for abuse or neglect	35	3.8	64	4.4	28 of 77	6.8
– for delinquency (rate for ages 10-16)	9	2.4	1	*	* of 35	2.1
Child Health	<u>2000²</u>		<u>2006²</u>			
Less than adequate prenatal care	140	28.4%	105	23.1%	52 of 83	21.9%
Low-birthweight babies	34	7.0%	29	6.5%	28 of 82	8.4%
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	5	10.2	3	6.6	25 of 52	7.6
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	1	*	3	39.2	38 of 40	19.5
Adolescence						
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	59	30.1	53	26.8	24 of 82	33.4
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	3	63.3	1	*	* of 44	59.1
Economic Security	<u>2000</u>		<u>2005</u>			
Children in poverty						
– ages 0-17	1,630	18.2%	2,187	25.6%	69 of 83	18.3%
– ages 5-17	1,027	16.0%	1,425	22.8%	70 of 83	16.9%
	<u>2000-01</u>		<u>2007-08</u>			
Students receiving free or reduced price school lunches ³	3,016	44.3%	3,390	49.2%	67 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.
 * Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data.
 NA not available.
 + Numbers are combined with Osceola.

Missing bars indicate no change or a rate could not be calculated; a "0" reflects no change.
 Percentage change is calculated with unrounded rates.