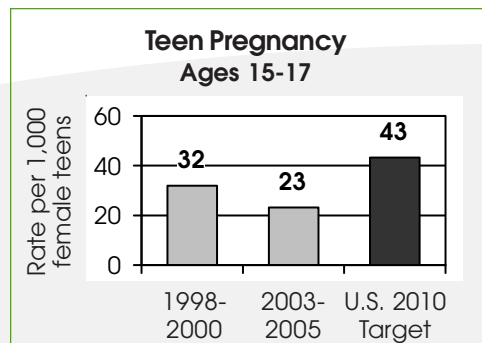
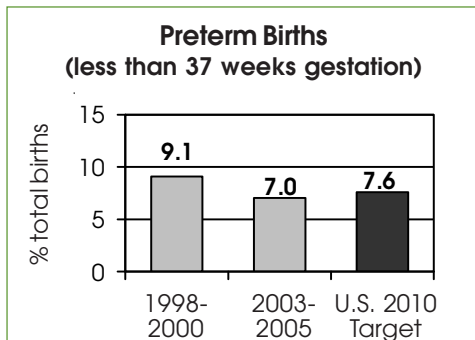


Mecosta



Healthy Children & Youth 2010

Average wage per job	\$27,589
Average cost of full-time child care (monthly-2007)	\$397
- percent of average wage	17.3%
Unemployment (2006)	7.4%



In 2000, Michigan and many of its counties had better teen pregnancy rates than the national Healthy People 2010 target, but this is not the case for preterm births where the Michigan rate is significantly higher than the target.

Source: Vital Records and Health Data Development Section, Michigan Department of Community Health

Child Health

	1998-2000 Avg.		2003-2005 Avg.	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-6				
-tested	285	9.8%	343	12.1%
-poisoned (% of tested)	3	1.2%	2	*
Children, ages 0-4, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000)	(3-Yr. Total)		(3-Yr. Total)	
	10	*	26	38.0
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...	2000		2006	
-Medicaid ²	2,679	26.5%	3,843	39.9%
-MICHild (monthly avg.)	52	0.5%	168	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3)	NA	NA	498	83.0%

Background

Total Live Births	1998-00 Avg.		2003-05 Avg.	
	492		450	
Diversity of Children	2000		2005	
Non-Hispanic				
- White	8,309	91.0%	7,909	90.8%
- African American	444	4.9%	449	5.2%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native	124	1.4%	110	1.3%
- Asian/Pacific Islander/Other	64	0.7%	58	0.7%
Hispanic (any race)	189	2.1%	189	2.2%
Total child population, ages 0-17 ¹	9,130	100.0%	8,715	100.0%

Economic Security	Number	Rate	MI
Children receiving... ²			
- subsidized child care, ages 0-12	306	5.0%	6.4%
- FIP cash assistance ³	430	4.5%	6.4%
- food assistance (food stamps)	2,501	26.0%	20.2%
Children with support owed	2,032	18.1%	18.9%
- receiving none	347	17.1%	26.7%
- receiving less than 70% of amount	1,083	53.3%	58.2%

Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2006-07 school year)	1,391	20.3%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) ²	175	20.1	15.2
Infants born with a birth defect ⁴ (2002-2004 avg.)	19	4.1%	6.2%

Note: Percentages reflect percent of population unless otherwise noted.

¹Due to rounding error not all total to 100%.

²These data represent a single month-December.

³ Family Independence Program

⁴ Variation in these rates may result from reporting bias.

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

N/A not available.

See Data Notes and Definitions for details.

