

St. Joseph



Focus on Young Children

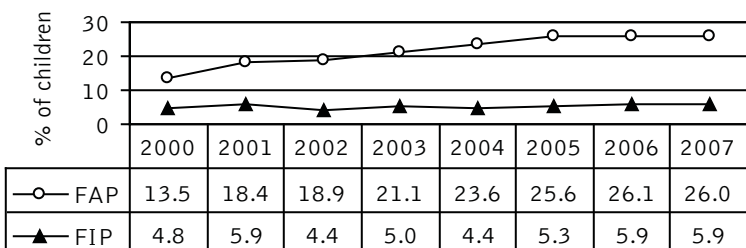
	2000		2006		2000-06
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	% Change
Live births	991	—	937	—	-5.4%
No listed paternity	120	12.1%	94	10.0%	-17.2%
Infants born with a birth defect ¹	29	3.1%	33	3.4%	8.7%

Health of Young Children

	2007		MI
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
– tested (Medicaid-enrolled children)	451	37.7%	49.6%
• poisoned (% of tested)	8	1.7%	1.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1)	1,123	76.7%	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	\$340	\$413
Percent of full-time minimum wage	39.3%	33.2%
Children ages 0-5 in subsidized care ⁺	472	377
Percent of children, ages 0-5	8.8%	6.8%

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

Background

Population	2000	2006
Total population	62,422	62,388
Child population		
– ages 0-17	17,177	16,424
– ages 0-4	4,484	4,542
– ages 5-9	4,682	4,511
– ages 10-14	4,967	4,465
– ages 15-19	4,839	4,375

- Average wage per job (2006) \$35,138
- Unemployment rate (2007) 6.3%

Economic Support²

Children receiving...	Number	Rate	MI
– subsidized child care, ages 0-12	432	3.7%	5.9%
– FIP cash assistance ³	613	3.6%	5.5%
– Food Assistance Program ⁴	3,575	20.8%	20.6%
Children who are owed child support	3,835	21.4%	19.9%
– receiving none in FY2007	440	11.5%	25.5%
– receiving less than 70% of support	1,719	44.8%	57.8%

Children with Special Needs

Students in Special Education (2007-08 school year)	1,659	14.1%	14.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000)	195	11.9	15.7

Access to Health Care

Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) ⁵	15	11.5	24.1
Children, ages 0-18 insured by...			
– Medicaid	6,963	40.4%	33.3%
– MICHild	226	1.3%	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.

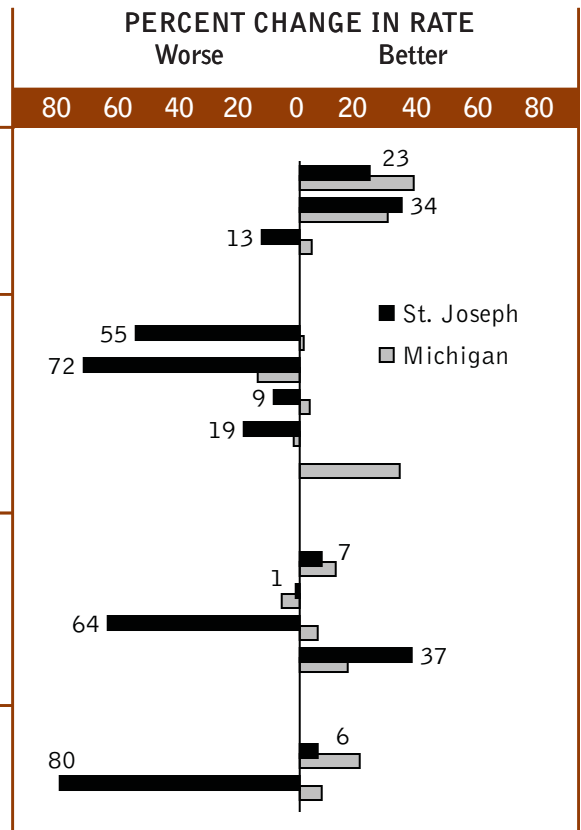
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See Data Notes and Definitions for details.

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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	199	23.3%	144	17.8%	70 of 82	15.5%
Seventh grade	351	39.5%	230	25.9%	50 of 82	27.5%
Class of 2003 vs. 2007	223	28.0%	271	31.6%	45 of 82	32.0%
Child Safety (per 1,000)	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY2007</u>			
Children in investigated families	1,008	58.7	1,492	90.8	61 of 83	65.2
Confirmed victims of abuse or neglect	177	10.3	291	17.7	58 of 82	11.9
Children in out-of-home care	154	9.0	161	9.8	69 of 80	7.7
– for abuse or neglect	139	8.1	158	9.6	67 of 77	6.8
– for delinquency (rate for ages 10-16)	15	2.2	3	*	* of 35	2.1
Child Health	<u>2000²</u>		<u>2006²</u>			
Less than adequate prenatal care	271	29.4%	260	27.2%	69 of 83	21.9%
Low-birthweight babies	66	7.2%	69	7.3%	47 of 82	8.4%
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	4	4.7	7	7.7	35 of 52	7.6
Child deaths, ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	5	37.6	3	23.6	25 of 40	19.5
Adolescence						
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	133	57.6	116	54.1	78 of 82	33.4
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	2	49.0	4	88.3	32 of 44	59.1
Economic Security	<u>2000</u>		<u>2005</u>			
Children in poverty						
– ages 0-17	2,502	15.0%	3,072	18.8%	42 of 83	18.3%
– ages 5-17	1,607	13.5%	1,966	16.8%	41 of 83	16.9%
	<u>2000-01</u>		<u>2007-08</u>			
Students receiving free or reduced price school lunches ³	3,776	32.5%	5,242	44.5%	50 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.