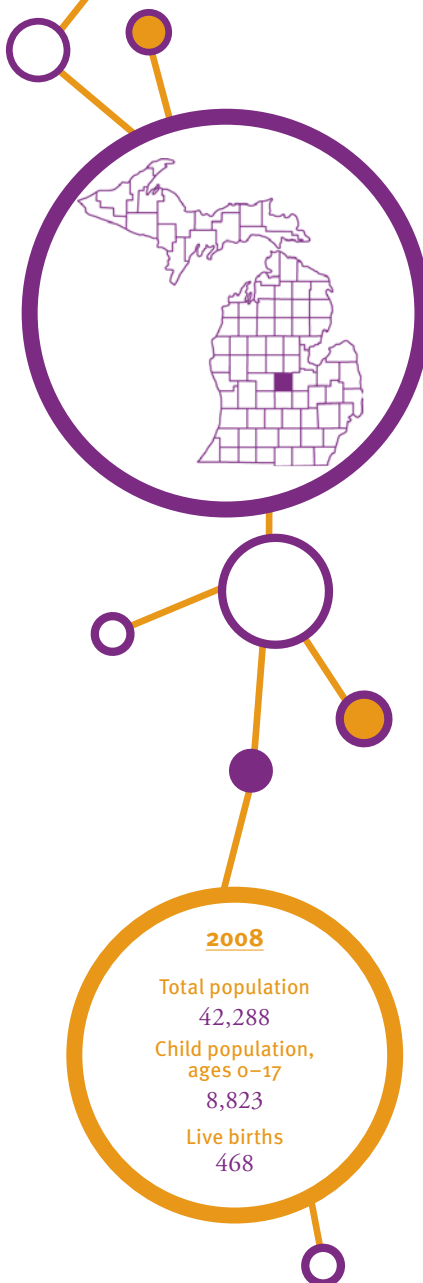


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## TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING 2000–2008/09\*\*



	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR		RANK <sup>1</sup>	MI RATE	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE			WORSE	BETTER
<b>Economic Security**</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>2008</b>					
Children in poverty								
• ages 0–17	1,579	17.4%	1,659	19.1%	30	19.3%	10	
• ages 5–17	1,085	16.2%	1,081	17.3%	31	17.8%	7	
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2009</b>					
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches <sup>2</sup>	3,143	40.3%	3,495	47.9%	32	45.8%	19	
<b>Child Health</b>	<b>1998–2000</b>		<b>2006–2008</b>					
Less than adequate prenatal care (2008) <sup>3</sup>	—	—	241	51.5%	82	29.6%		
Low-birthweight babies	38	7.4%	32	7.0%	34	8.5%		6
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	4	7.7	4	8.6	42 of 52	7.6	11	
Child deaths, ages 1–14 (per 100,000)	1	*	1	*	* of 36	17.3		
<b>Adolescence</b>								
Births to teens, ages 15–19 (per 1,000)	67	40.7	53	35.4	48	33.7		13
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	1	*	1	*	* of 39	55.6		
	<b>2007</b>		<b>2009</b>					
High school dropouts**	22	3.3%	28	4.0%	3 of 80	11.3%	22	
<b>Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000)</b>	<b>FY2000</b>		<b>FY2009</b>					
Children in investigated families	513	51.0	844	95.7	45	73.6	88	
Confirmed victims	48	4.8	134	15.2	45	12.9	218	
Children in out-of-home care	26	2.6	28	3.2	19 of 76	5.3	23	
<b>Education (below proficient in MEAP reading)</b>	<b>2003</b>		<b>2009</b>					
Fourth grade	104	19.8%	61	12.9%	42	15.9%		35
Seventh grade	246	40.5%	72	13.8%	29	18.0%		66

<sup>1</sup> A ranking of 1 means a county has the “best” rate compared to other counties in the state. Unless noted, the ranking is based on 82–83 counties.  
<sup>2</sup> Family income for eligible students is below 185 percent poverty level.  
<sup>3</sup> Due to Michigan’s revised birth certificate, 2008 data cannot be compared with those of previous years.  
\* Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data.  
\*\* Due to changes in the data measures, comparisons between 2000 and the current year could not be made for some indicators. N/A not available.

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