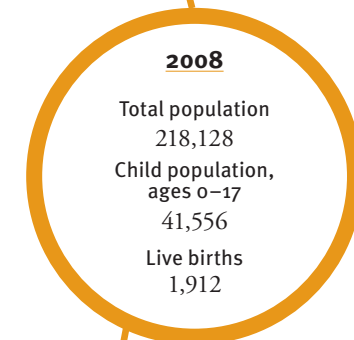


TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING 2000–2008/09**

	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR		RANK ¹	MI RATE	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE			WORSE	BETTER
Economic Security**	2005		2008					
Children in poverty								
• ages 0–17	10,197	23.2%	10,226	25.1%	—	19.3%	6	
• ages 5–17	6,928	20.6%	6,758	22.3%	—	17.8%	5	
	2006		2009					
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches ²	13,580	47.6%	14,785	56.8%	—	45.8%	19	
Child Health	1998–2000		2006–2008					
Less than adequate prenatal care (2008) ³	—	—	617	32.3%	—	29.6%		
Low-birthweight babies	134	6.1%	137	6.8%	—	8.5%	12	
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	18	8.0	14	7.0	—	7.6		13
Child deaths, ages 1–14 (per 100,000)	10	27.1	10	31.4	—	17.3	16	
Adolescence								
Births to teens, ages 15–19 (per 1,000)	306	44.2	210	33.3	—	33.7		25
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	10	64.9	11	78.4	—	55.6	21	
	2007		2009					
High school dropouts**	279	11.0%	227	9.5%	—	11.3%		13
Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000)	FY2000		FY2009					
Children in investigated families ⁴	3,651	79.2	4,092	107.3	—	73.6	35	
Confirmed victims ⁴	573	12.4	765	20.1	—	12.9	61	
Children in out-of-home care Numbers exclude Missaukee	213	4.3	212	5.1	—	5.3	20	
Education (below proficient in MEAP reading)	2003		2009					
Fourth grade	498	23.8%	222	12.7%	—	15.9%		46
Seventh grade	989	40.6%	289	16.0%	—	18.0%		61



¹ 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.
² Family income for eligible students is below 185 percent poverty level.
³ Due to Michigan’s revised birth certificate, 2008 data cannot be compared with those of previous years.
⁴ 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.