

Mid Sized Counties

Trends in Child Well-Being 2000–2007**



	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rank ¹	MI Rate	Worse	Better
Economic Security	2005		2007					
Children in poverty								
– ages 0–17	55,523	19.1%	57,858	20.4%	—	19.3%	7	
– ages 5–17	36,871	16.9%	37,002	17.5%	—	17.4%	4	
	2006		2008					
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches ²	88,193	41.3%	97,585	47.8%		41.3%	16	
Child Health	1998-2000		2005-2007					
less than adequate prenatal care	3,666	24.3%	3,492	23.9%	—	22.5%		2
Low-birthweight babies	991	6.6%	1,010	6.9%	—	8.4%	5	
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	106	7.0	93	6.4	—	7.8		10
Child deaths, ages 1–14 (per 100,000)	69	27.8	51	23.2	—	18.9		16
Adolescence								
Births to teens, ages 15–19 (per 1,000)	1,948	43.7	1,597	36.9	—	33.5		16
Teen deaths (per 100,000)	80	84.2	59	63.9	—	57.1		24
	2007		2008					
High school dropouts	1,719	10.7%	1,677	10.1%	—	14.2%		5
Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000)	FY2000		FY2008					
Children in investigated families	23,511	73.7	27,804	97.7	—	74.5	33	
Confirmed victims	3,202	10.0	4,368	15.4	—	12.0	53	
Children in out-of-home care	1,344	4.2	1,535	5.4	—	5.9	28	
Education (below proficient in MEAP math)	2003		2008					
Fourth grade	5,091	34.1%	1,384	10.2%	—	12.1%		70
Eighth grade	7,730	46.1%	3,398	22.7%	—	25.5%		51

2007

Total population
1,272,424

Child population,
ages 0–17
285,414

Live births
15,209

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.

* 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.