

# RURAL COUNTY GROUP

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(ALL DATA ARE FOR 2013 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Number of  
children ages 0-5:  
**11,423**

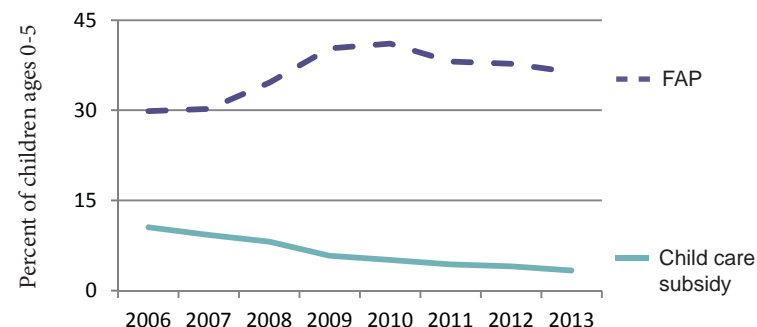
ECONOMIC CLIMATE	COUNTY	MICHIGAN
Unemployment	12.1%	8.8%
Median household income (2012)	\$37,120	\$46,793
Average cost of full-time child care-month (2014)	\$440	\$545
• Percent of full-time minimum wage (2014)	35.4%	43.8%
• Percent of young children ages 0-5 in Michigan families where all parents work	—	66.1%

POPULATION	2006	2012	% CHANGE
Total population	219,764	212,936	-3.1%
Child population 0-17	43,833	43,833	0.0%
Hispanic 0-17	986	1,228	24.5%
Non-Hispanic 0-17			
• White	39,878	34,694	-13.0%
• African American	907	878	-3.2%
• Native American	1,942	1,996	2.8%
• Other	120	167	39.2%



ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Children with health insurance	38,469	94.2%	95.7%
Children, ages 0-18, insured by...			
• Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	20,343	49.3%	40.8%
• MICHild	1,068	2.6%	1.6%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (for the series 4:3:1:3:3:1:4) <sup>1</sup>	3,626	74.3%	74.0%
Lead poisoning in children, ages 1-2			
• Tested	1,575	40.0%	37.4%
• Poisoned (% of tested)	30	1.9%	4.0%
Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma (rate per 10,000) <sup>2</sup>	17	11.5	15.2
Children with special needs			
Babies with a birth defect (2010-2012)	109	6.2%	8.7%
Students in Special Education <sup>1</sup>	3,235	13.5%	13.7%
Children receiving Supplemental Security Income (rate per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	746	19.1	20.5

Food aid rises with need unlike the child care subsidy.



Source: Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Community Health.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	MI RATE
Children receiving...			
• Subsidized child care, ages 0-12 <sup>1</sup>	482	1.8%	2.3%
• FIP cash assistance <sup>1,3</sup>	859	2.1%	2.8%
• Food Assistance Program <sup>1,4</sup>	11,946	28.9%	27.8%
Children with support owed	9,375	21.7%	20.6%
• Receiving none (% of those owed)	2,179	23.2%	31.8%
• Receiving less than 70% of amount	5,306	56.6%	62.1%
• Average amount received (month)	\$198	—	\$227

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Annual rate and number are based on the three-year period 2010-2012 and only for counties with a total number over 20.

<sup>3</sup> Family Independence Program.

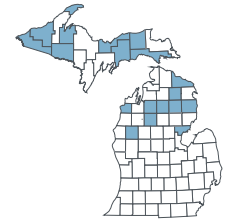
<sup>4</sup> State name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called "food stamps." Note: Percentages reflect percent of population unless otherwise noted.

\* Sometimes a rate could not be calculated because of low incidence of events or unavailable data. N/A not available.

See Data Notes and Sources for details.

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## TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING



	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR		RANK <sup>1</sup>	MI RATE	PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE			WORSE	BETTER
<b>Economic Security</b>		<u>2006</u>	<u>2012</u>				<p>■ Rural ■ Michigan</p>	
Children in poverty, ages 0–17	10,198	23.9%	10,781	28.4%	—	24.7%		
Children, ages 0–5, eligible for SNAP <sup>2</sup>	3,711	29.8%	4,156	36.4%	—	34.7%		
Students eligible for free/reduced price school lunches <sup>3</sup>	13,580	47.6%	13,928	58.3%	—	48.6%		
<b>Health</b>		<u>2004–06 (avg)</u>	<u>2010–12 (avg)</u>					
Less than adequate prenatal care	N/A	N/A	559	31.8%	—	29.4%		
Low-birthweight babies	140	6.7%	136	7.7%	—	8.4%		
Infant mortality (per 1,000)	14	6.9	11	6.1	—	6.9		
Child/Teen deaths, ages 1–19 (per 100,000)	22	46.1	12	27.4	—	27.5		
<b>Family and Community (per 1,000)</b>								
Births to teens, ages 15–19	238	35.1	178	30.8	—	28.1		
<u>Child abuse/neglect</u>	<u>2006</u>		<u>2013</u>					
Children in investigated families	3,694	88.8	4,167	117.6	—	88.0		
Confirmed victims	675	16.2	818	23.1	—	14.9		
Children in out-of-home care	225	5.0	337	8.6	—	4.4		
<b>Education</b>		<u>Class of 2007</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>					
Students not graduating on time	436	17.2%	343	17.8%	—	23.0%		
<u>Not proficient</u>	<u>2008-09 (SY)</u>		<u>2013-14 (SY)</u>					
Fourth-graders (MEAP reading)	660	36.5%	458	28.8%	—	30.0%		
Eighth-graders (MEAP math)	1,399	71.7%	1,262	69.8%	—	65.5%		
High school students (MME reading)	1,051	49.7%	897	48.3%	—	46.5%		



<sup>1</sup> A ranking of 1 means a county has the “best” rate compared with other counties in the state. Unless noted, the ranking is based on 82–83 counties.

<sup>2</sup> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

<sup>3</sup> Family income is below 185 percent poverty level.

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SY - School Year.

MME - Michigan Merit Exam.

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.