

WEST MICHIGAN

POPULATION	2010	2019	% change	POPULATION BY RACE (2019)			
Total population	1,150,019	1,240,432	7.9%	Child population by race			
Child population	298,882	294,184	-1.6%	Hispanic 0–17	44,751	Young adult population by race	
• Ages 0–5	96,926	95,213	-1.8%	Non-Hispanic 0–17		Hispanic 18–24	15,982
• Ages 6–12	116,438	115,592	-0.7%	• African American/Black	33,575	Non-Hispanic 18–24	
• Ages 13–17	85,518	83,379	-2.5%	• American Indian	1,600	• African American/Black	12,889
Young adult population				• Asian/Pacific Islander	8,597	• American Indian	652
• Ages 18–24	121,544	122,649	0.9%	• White	205,661	• Asian/Pacific Islander	4,100
						• White	89,026

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR (2019)				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	TREND
	Children in poverty, ages 0–17	62,092	24.5%	38,728	13.4%	-45.4%	17.5%
Young adults in poverty, ages 18–24	27,585	25.3%	24,735	22.1%	-12.6%	24.5%	●
Households in Poverty & ALICE	167,649	39.3%	161,888	35.2%	-10.5%	38.1%	●

ADDITIONAL DATA (2020 UNLESS NOTED)	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children receiving...			
• Free and reduced price lunch, K-12	89,286	47.3%	50.5%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0–12	2,896	1.4%	1.7%
• Cash assistance (FIP), ages 0–18	3,378	1.1%	1.2%
• Food assistance (FAP), ages 0–18	50,699	16.3%	21.6%
• Women, Infants and Children (WIC), ages 0–4 (2019)	31,975	40.1%	44.3%
• Supplemental Security Income, ages 0–18^	3,775	12.1	16.3
• Any amount of child support owed	51,156	87.3%	83.6%
Median household income (2019)	\$65,114	N/A	\$59,522
Average cost of full-time child care/month	\$594	N/A	\$632
• Percent of full-time minimum wage	N/A	36.4%	37.9%
Families receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2019)	80,540	13.7%	15.1%
Families with high-cost housing (2019)	107,731	23.7%	26.7%

KIDS COUNT provides child advocates, agencies, public officials and legislators with the best available data, nonpartisan policy recommendations and tools to advance policies that benefit children.

Our data-based profiles help decision makers understand the educational, social, economic and physical well-being of children across the state.

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	3- and 4-year-olds in preschool	15,054	45.5%	15,144	45.0%	-1.1%	47.5%
3rd graders proficient in English Language Arts, M-STEP (Base: 2015)	7,801	54.8%	7,196	53.8%	-1.7%	45.1%	●
8th graders proficient in Math, M-STEP (Base: 2015; Recent: 2018)	5,348	37.4%	5,436	38.2%	2.1%	32.7%	●
Students graduating on time (2020)	11,938	77.2%	12,272	86.1%	11.6%	82.1%	●

ADDITIONAL DATA (2020 UNLESS NOTED)	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children receiving <i>Early On</i> services by ISD, ages 0–2	1,522	3.3%	2.9%
Students in Special Education	26,798	13.9%	14.5%
Students who are homeless by ISD, K–12	4,037	2.1%	2.1%
8th graders proficient in Math, PSAT (2019)	6,603	46.2%	41.4%
Students who drop out	943	6.6%	7.8%
Teens not in school or working, ages 16–19 (2019)	4,034	5.8%	6.8%

KEY ● = IMPROVING ● = LITTLE CHANGE ● = WORSENING

HEALTH & SAFETY

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR (2019)				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	TREND
Less than adequate prenatal care	4,386	27.6%	4,845	32.1%	16.3%	32.2%	●
Infant mortality [^]	103	6.5	77	5.1	-21.3%	6.6	●
Child deaths, ages 1–14*	34	14.6	35	15.1	3.4%	18.5	●
Teen deaths, ages 15–19*	38	43.4	36	42.4	-2.3%	46.1	●
Young adult deaths, ages 18–24*	66	54.8	81	65.2	19.1%	82.1	●

ADDITIONAL DATA (2020 UNLESS NOTED)

	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Children with health insurance, ages 0–18 (2018)	296,209	96.7%	96.7%
Insured by Medicaid, ages 0–18	124,706	40.0%	46.3%
Low-birthweight babies (2019)	1,194	7.9%	8.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19–35 months	18,745	78.1%	70.7%
Children tested for lead, ages 1–2 (2019)	13,809	44.1%	40.9%
Children hospitalized for asthma, ages 0–14 ⁱ (2018)	210	9.2	10.3
Children with food insecurity, ages 0–17 (2018)	29,459	10.0%	14.7%
Mental health providers (ratio of population to provider) (2019)	3,253	380:1	373:1

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR				
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	RATE CHANGE	MI RATE	TREND
Births to teens, ages 15–19 [^] (2019)	1,450	33.6	699	16.4	-51.1%	15.7	●
Child abuse/neglect, ages 0–17 (2020)							
• Children in investigated families [^]	17,594	59.4	28,583	97.2	63.5%	95.9	●
• Confirmed victims [^]	4,204	14.2	4,014	13.6	-3.9%	13.0	●
• Children in out-of-home care [^]	1,267	4.3	1,263	4.3	0.3%	4.7	●

ADDITIONAL DATA (2019)

	NUMBER	RATE	MI RATE
Living in high poverty areas, ages 0–17	20,554	7.1%	13.6%
Household structure, ages 0–17			
• Family with married parents	204,850	71.0%	66.5%
• Family with single parent	83,585	29.0%	33.5%
Poverty by household structure, ages 0–17			
• Family with married parents	10,131	4.9%	8.9%
• Family with single parent	30,653	36.7%	40.6%
English not spoken at home, ages 5–17	25,487	11.8%	10.6%
Children in homes with internet at home, ages 0–17	273,238	92.5%	89.9%

An equitable, two-generation approach will help Michigan’s kids keep moving forward.

A child’s well-being should not be determined by their race, place or income, but data shows that this is the reality. That’s why our racial equity lens considers how policy decisions help or hinder outcomes. We also consider access to opportunity for the adults in kids’ lives when working to improve well-being.

[^]Rate per 1000 ⁱRate per 10,000 *Rate per 100,000

For all data definitions and sources, see the Data Definitions and Notes page.

More data (including nearly 100 indicators, trends, graphs, rates and more) are on the [Kids Count Online Data Center](#).