

WEST MICHIGAN

A BETTER FUTURE IS POSSIBLE

POPULATION	2010	2020	% Change	POPULATION BY RACE (2020)		
Total population	1,150,019	1,246,153	8.4%	Child population by race		Young adult population by race
Child population	298,882	292,985	-2.0%	Hispanic 0-17		Hispanic 18-24
• Ages 0-5	96,926	93,836	-3.2%	Non-Hispanic 0-17		Non-Hispanic 18-24
• Ages 6-12	116,438	115,138	-1.1%	• African American/Black		• African American/Black
• Ages 13-17	85,518	84,011	-1.8%	• American Indian		• American Indian
Young adult population				• Asian/Pacific Islander		• Asian/Pacific Islander
• Ages 18-24	121,544	121,584	0.0%	• White		• White

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME (Most recent year is listed in parentheses)	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR				Trend
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rate Change	MI Rate	
Children in poverty, ages 0-17 (2020)	62,092	24.5%	32,620	11.3%	-53.9%	16.8%	●
Young adults in poverty, ages 18-24 (2020)	27,585	25.3%	22,879	20.6%	-18.6%	23.2%	●
Households in poverty & ALICE (2019)	157,777	37.0%	161,888	35.2%	-4.9%	38.1%	●

ECONOMIC SECURITY

ADDITIONAL DATA (Data is for 2021 unless noted)	Number	Rate	MI Rate
Children receiving...			
• Free and reduced-price lunch, K-12	89,741	47.6%	51.1%
• Subsidized child care, ages 0-12	3,118	1.5%	1.8%
• Cash assistance (FIP), ages 0-18	2,526	0.8%	1.0%
• Food assistance (FAP), ages 0-18	51,661	16.7%	21.9%
• Women, Infant and Children (WIC), ages 0-4 (2020)	29,931	38.0%	43.5%
• Supplemental Security Income, ages 0-18 ^A	3,421	11.0	15.3
• Any amount of child support received	48,983	85.2%	81.5%
Median household income (2020)	\$66,918	N/A	\$61,352
Average cost of full-time child care/month	\$628	N/A	\$646
• Percent of full-time minimum wage	N/A	38.4%	38.7%
Families receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2020)	73,610	12.3%	13.7%
Families with high-cost housing (2020)	107,441	23.4%	26.2%

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3- and 4- year olds in preschool (2020)	15,054	45.5%	15,717	46.0%	1.1%	46.7%	●
Students graduating on time (2021)	11,938	77.2%	12,141	85.9%	11.3%	80.5%	●

EDUCATION

ADDITIONAL DATA (Data is for 2021 unless noted)	Number	Rate	MI Rate
Children receiving <i>Early On</i> services by ISD, ages 0-2	1,918	4.3%	3.4%
Students in Special Education	26,341	14.0%	14.5%
Students who are homeless by ISD, K-12 (2020)	3,329	1.8%	1.9%
3rd graders proficient in English Language Arts, M-STEP	5,595	51.3%	42.8%
8th graders proficient in Math, PSAT	4,955	41.0%	36.0%
Students who drop out	850	6.0%	7.7%
Teens not in school or working, ages 16-19 (2020)	4,257	6.1%	6.8%

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	● Little Change	^t Rate per 10,000	* Data suppressed
	● Worsening	[♦] Rate per 100,000	
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HEALTH & SAFETY

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR (2020)				Trend
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rate Change	MI Rate	
Less than adequate prenatal care	4,386	27.6%	4,716	32.0%	16.0%	32.2%	●
Infant mortality [^]	103	6.5	81	5.5	-15.1%	6.6	●
Child deaths, ages 1-14 [*]	34	14.6	34	14.8	1.4%	18.5	●
Teen deaths, ages 15-19 [*]	38	43.4	37	43.4	0.0%	48.1	●
Young adult deaths, ages 18-24 [*]	66	54.8	84	68.4	24.9%	83.8	●

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Children with health insurance, ages 0-18 (2019)	293,662	96.6%	96.6%
Insured by Medicaid, ages 0-18 (2021)	130,031	41.9%	48.7%
Low-birthweight babies (2020)	1,201	8.1%	8.7%
Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months (2021)	17,667	77.2%	69.4%
Children tested for lead, ages 1-2 (2020)	9,919	32.5%	29.8%
Children hospitalized for asthma, ages 0-14 ^t (2019)	190	7.7	10.6
Children with food insecurity, ages 0-17 (2019)	28,790	9.8%	14.2%
Mental health providers (ratio of population to provider) (2020)	3,451	359:1	355:1

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

KEY TRENDS OVER TIME (Most recent year is listed in parentheses)	BASE YEAR (2010)		MOST RECENT YEAR				Trend
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Birth to teens, ages 15-19 [^] (2020)	1,450	33.6	647	15.3	-54.4%	14.8	●
Child abuse/neglect, ages 0-17 (2021)							
• Children in investigated families [^]	17,594	59.4	24,971	85.2	43.4%	86.2	●
• Confirmed victims [^]	4,204	14.2	3,515	12.0	-15.5%	12.1	●
• Children in out-of-home care [^]	1,267	4.3	1,162	4.0	-6.5%	4.3	●

ADDITIONAL DATA (2020)	Number	Rate	MI Rate
Children living in high-poverty areas, ages 0-17	19,643	6.8%	12.5%
Children by household structure, ages 0-17			
• Family with married parents	205,364	71.3%	66.5%
• Family with single parent	82,606	28.7%	33.5%
Children in poverty by household structure, ages 0-17			
• Family with married parents	9,809	4.8%	8.4%
• Family with single parent	27,291	33.0%	38.2%
English not spoken at home, ages 5-17	24,598	11.4%	10.4%
Children with internet at home, ages 0-17	278,289	94.5%	92.5%

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.

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.

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