

# Mid Sized Counties

## Trends in Child Well-Being 2000–2007\*\*



	BASE YEAR		CURRENT YEAR				PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Rank <sup>1</sup>	MI Rate	Worse	Better
<b>Economic Security</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>2007</b>					
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	
	<b>2006</b>		<b>2008</b>					
Students receiving free/reduced price school lunches <sup>2</sup>	88,193	41.3%	97,585	47.8%		41.3%	16	
<b>Child Health</b>	<b>1998-2000</b>		<b>2005-2007</b>					
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
<b>Adolescence</b>								
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
	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>					
High school dropouts	1,719	10.7%	1,677	10.1%	—	14.2%		5
<b>Abuse/Neglect</b> (per 1,000)	<b>FY2000</b>		<b>FY2008</b>					
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	
<b>Education</b> (below proficient in MEAP math)	<b>2003</b>		<b>2008</b>					
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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.