



# KIDS COUNT 2017

Kids Count in Michigan is part of a broad national effort to measure the well-being of children at the state and local levels and use that information to shape efforts to improve the lives of children. The project is housed at the Michigan League for Public Policy, a research and advocacy organization that promotes policies to improve the economic security of all Michigan residents. **Overall, Eaton County ranked 21** out of 82 Michigan counties for the indicators of child well-being measured by the report. For more information, visit <http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/2017-kids-count-in-michigan-data-book>.

# Eaton County



## Where we (Eaton County) are getting **better**:


- Less children, ages 0-5, were in the Food Assistance Program in 2015 than in 2008, both in number and percent
- There was a lower rate of low-birth weight babies during 2012-2014 than in 2006-2008
- Births to teens, ages 15-19, decreased from 2006-2008 to 2012-2014, both in number and percent
- There were fewer confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect in 2015 than in 2009
- More children were in out-of-home care during 2015 than in 2009
- 3- and 4-year olds in preschool improved from 2005-2009 to 2011-2015
- The percent of 8th graders who were **not proficient** in math **decreased** in 2015-2016 compared to 2014-2015

## Where we (Eaton County) **need improvement**:


- More children (ages 0-17) were living in poverty in 2015 than in 2008, both in number and percent
- More students received free/reduced price school lunches in 2015 than in 2008, both in number and percent
- More mothers received less than adequate prenatal care in 2012-2014 than in 2006-2008
- The infant mortality rate increased from 2006-2008 to 2012-2014
- There were more child/teen deaths (ages 1-19) during 2012-2014 than in 2006-2008
- The rate and number of children in investigated families of child abuse/neglect increased in 2015 compared to 2009
- More students did **NOT** graduate on time among the Class of 2015 compared to Class of 2008
- The percent of 3rd graders **not proficient** in English Language Arts increased in 2015-2016 compared to 2014-2015

**Eaton County is WORSE than Michigan in these areas:**


- Less than adequate prenatal care
- Child/Teen deaths
- Children in investigated families of child abuse/neglect
- Confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect
- 3- and 4-year olds in preschool
- Students not graduating on time

 **RANKING** among the **best** counties  
(the top 25% of counties)

- Children in Poverty (13 of 82)
- Children in out-of-home care (13 of 81)
- Children, ages 0-5, in the Food Assistance Program (14 of 82)
- Students with Free/Reduced lunch (15 of 82)
- Births to teens, ages 15-19 (15 of 82)

 **RANKING** among the **middle** counties  
(the middle 25% to 75% of counties)

- 3rd graders not proficient in English Language Arts (27 of 82)
- Children in investigated families of abuse/neglect (30 of 82)
- 8th graders not proficient in math (31 of 82)
- Confirmed victims of abuse/neglect (35 of 82)
- Child/Teen Deaths, ages 1-19 (26 of 51)
- Low-birth weight babies (42 of 82)
- Less than adequate prenatal care (43 of 82)
- Infant Mortality (25 of 47)
- 3- and 4-year olds in preschool (49 of 82)

 **RANKING** among the **worst** counties  
(the bottom 25% of counties)

- Students not graduating on time (72 of 79)

There are 23,589 children aged 0-17 years living in Eaton County. From 2008 to 2014, the number of children has decreased by 0.6%.