



KIDS COUNT 2015

Eaton County



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 17 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/mi-databook-2014>

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


- There were fewer child/teen deaths (ages 1-19) during 2010-2012 than in 2004-2006
- There were fewer confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect in 2013 than in 2006
- The percent of 4th grade students who were **not proficient** in reading **decreased** in 2013-2014 compared to 2008-2009
- The percent of 8th grade students who were **not proficient** in math **decreased** in 2013-2014 compared to 2008-2009

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


- More children (ages 0-17) are living in poverty in 2012 than in 2006, both in number and percent
- More young children, ages 0-5, are in the Food Assistance Program in 2013 than in 2006, both in number and percent
- More students are receiving free/reduced price school lunches in 2013 than in 2006, both in number and percent
- There was a higher rate of low-birth weight babies during 2010-2012 than in 2004-2006
- The infant mortality rate increased from 2004-2006 to 2010-2012
- The rate and number of children in investigated families of child abuse/neglect increased in 2013 compared to 2006
- More children are in out-of-home care during 2013 than in 2006
- More students are **NOT** graduating on time among the Class of 2013 compared to Class of 2007

Eaton County's rate is **WORSE** or **HIGHER** than Michigan's in these areas:

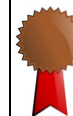
- Children, ages 1-14, hospitalized for asthma
- Less than adequate prenatal care
- Babies with a birth defect
- 8th graders not proficient in math

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

- Children in Poverty (7 of 82)
- Students with Free/Reduced lunch (8 of 82)
- Young children, ages 0-5, in the Food Assistance Program (13 of 82)
- Child/Teen Deaths, ages 1-19 (8 of 55)
- Children in investigated families of abuse/neglect (16 of 82)
- Confirmed victims of abuse/neglect (16 of 82)

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

- Less than adequate prenatal care (50 of 82)
- Infant Mortality (13 of 49)
- Low-birth weight babies (42 of 81)
- Births to teens, ages 15-19 (22 of 82)
- Children in out-of-home care (21 of 78)
- 4th graders not proficient in reading (28 of 82)
- 8th graders not proficient in math (51 of 82)
- High school students not proficient in reading (31 of 82)
- Students not graduating on time (44 of 81)

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

- None of the included measures placed Eaton County in the bottom 25% of counties!

There are 24,139 children aged 0-17 years living in Eaton County. From 2006 to 2012, the number of children has decreased by 2.6%



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