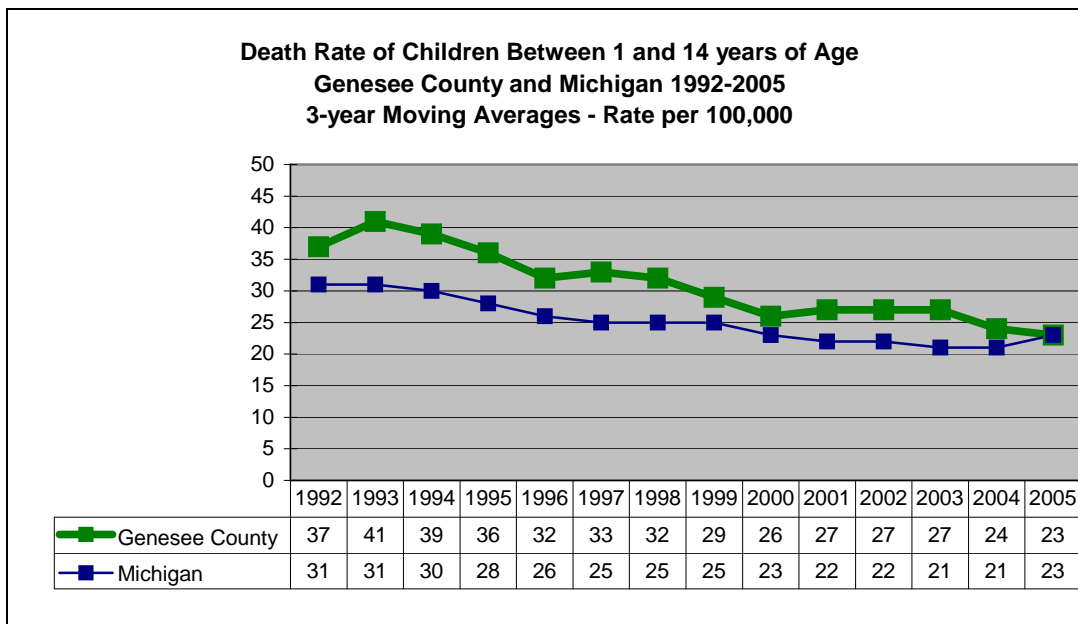


Fact Sheet 2.3 Child Deaths



- ❑ **Note:** The chart depicts three-year moving averages of the death rate per 100,000 children aged 1 to 14 years of age. Moving averages are useful for depicting trends where numbers vary considerably from year to year.
- ❑ Though the death rate of children between 1 and 14 years old in Genesee County is consistently higher than that in Michigan as a whole, the rate has declined by 36% from 1991-93 through 2000-2002.
- ❑ The death rate in Michigan has declined by 31% in the same period.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The slightly higher death rate in Genesee County versus that in the state of Michigan may be due to its urban centers and the risks associated with urban living. This includes environmental and socio-economic conditions and negative results associated with those conditions.

INTERVENTION EFFORTS

Programs and practices referenced in related fact sheets will also impact child deaths: immunizations, smoking cessation (for pregnant mothers), availability of medical insurance coverage, etc.

- ❑ **Child Death Review Team** - Chaired by the Health Department, the committee reviews child deaths and makes recommendations for prevention.
- ❑ **Safe Sleep Coalition through the Department of Human Services** - Promotes safe sleep practices for infants to reduce positional asphyxiation
- ❑ **Greater Flint Safe Kids Coalition** – Coalition focuses on proper use of car seats.

Definitions: Child deaths (ages 1-14) include deaths from all causes; disease as well as injury.

Data Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section, via the Annie E. Casey Foundation. http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliqs.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=96#1

Note: These data are based on 3-year averages, with the year given as the midpoint.

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