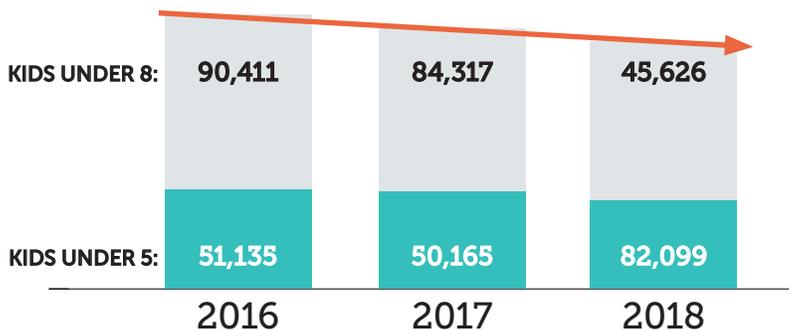


What is early childhood like in Detroit?

2016-2018 DATA

There are **82,099** children age **8 and under** living in Detroit, and **45,626** children living in Detroit are age **5 and under**.



There has been a **9% decrease** in Detroit children age 8 and under from 2016-2018

What happens during the first eight years?

The first eight years of a child's life have a massive impact on their development. During this period, many changes occur as the child grows and develops in relation to being physically healthy, mentally alert, emotionally sound, socially competent, and ready to learn. Babies and young children grow, learn, and develop rapidly and best when they receive love and affection, attention, encouragement, and mental stimulation, as well as nutritious meals and good health care.

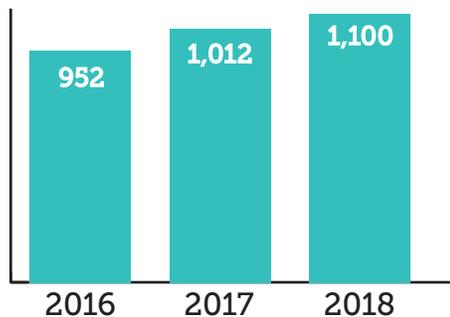
The ages and stages of development from infancy through age 8, which include the important transition from home to school, shape children's future health, happiness, growth, development, and learning achievement at school, in the family and community, and in life.



Kids who grow up in poverty are at higher risk for health and academic problems.



Over **1,100** Detroit third graders are reading at or above grade level as of 2018. This is a small but steady **improvement** over **952** of Detroit third graders reading at grade level in 2016.



In spite of this improvement, **84%** of Detroit third graders are still **not** reading at grade level.

We're working to fix that.

Our goal is to **halve** the number of Detroit third graders not reading at grade level by 2027

Early childhood starts **BEFORE BIRTH.**

Nearly **half** of expecting mothers in Detroit have received less than adequate prenatal care over the past three years:

2016	48.1%
2017	47.9%
2018	48.0%

15.3% of babies in Detroit were born **too early**, compared to 10% nationally.
This is **up↑** from 13% in our 2017 report.

17.5% of babies in Detroit were born **too small**, compared to 8% nationally.
This is **up↑** from 13% in our 2017 report.

Detroit has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the *country*.

In 2018, nearly 17 out of every 1,000 babies born in Detroit died before their first birthday.

- ▶ This is nearly **three times** the national average of 5.7 out of 1,000.
- ▶ In 2016, the Detroit infant mortality rate was nearly 13 deaths per 1,000 babies.
- ▶ The infant mortality rate for Detroit born African American babies is nearly **three times higher** than that for Detroit born white babies.

Our goal is to **halve** the current infant mortality rate by 2027.
Join us in delivering on our promise of more babies surviving and thriving by 2027!

