MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN 2017

Michigan's Children at a Glance¹

State Population ²	9,922,576	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ³	22.4%
Population, Children Under 18 ⁴	2,207,824	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁵	21.5%
State Poverty Rate ⁶	15.8%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	25.0%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2015, Michigan had 149,114 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 93,646 reports were referred
 for investigation.⁸
- In 2015, there were 34,729 victims of abuse or neglect in Michigan, a rate of 15.7 per 1,000 children, a an increase 13.1% from 2014. Of these children, 81.1% were neglected, 23.8% were physically abused, and 3.1% were sexually abused.
- The number of child victims has increased 4.2% in comparison to the number of victims in 2011. 10
- In 2015, there were 83 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Michigan¹¹
- 12,248 children in Michigan lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2015, compared with 15,091 children in 2011. Of the children living apart from their families in 2014, there were 5,424 aged 5 or younger, and 2,569 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 18.8% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2011. 13
- In 2015, of children in out-of-home care in Michigan, 47% were white, 33% were black, 7% were Hispanic, 1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, < .5% were Asian or Pacific Islander and 12% were of more than one race or ethnicity/undetermined race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 8,012 children exiting out-of-home care in 2014 in Michigan, 52% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- 1,765 children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Michigan in 2015, a decrease of 17.4% from 2,138 in 2014.¹⁶
- Of the 12,248 children in out-of-home care in 2015, there were 3,875 or 31.6% waiting to be adopted. 17



- In 2015, approximately 63,819 grandparents in Michigan had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- 4,097 of the children in out-of-home care in 2014 were living with relatives while in care. 19

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The monthly average number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Michigan decreased from 52,225 in 2015 to 41,016 in 2016, a 27.3% change. There was a 16,942 monthly average of families received TANF in 2016, a decrease of 26.0% from 2015.²⁰
- In Michigan in 2015, 952,000 children lived below 200% of poverty.²¹
- \$1,295,386,670 was spent in 2015 on TANF assistance in Michigan, including 10.9% on basic assistance, 16.3% on child care, 4.3% on transportation, and 0.0% on nonassistance.²²
- \$113,469,486 was spent in 2015 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Michigan, serving 244,829 participants.²³
- In 2014, Michigan distributed \$1,314,094,928 in child support funds, an increase of 1.4% from 2013.²⁴
- 663,000 children in Michigan lived in households with a high housing burden in 2014, where more than 30% of monthly income is spent on housing costs.²⁵
- In December of 2016, the unemployment rate in Michigan was 5.0.²⁶
- 14.7% of households in Michigan were food insecure on average from 2012 to 2014, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year.²⁷

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2015, Michigan had a monthly average of 32,100 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 37,800 children received subsidized child care per month in 2014 and 46,600 were recepients in 2013.²⁸
- In 2016, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Michigan, a family of three could make no more than \$23,880 at application, which is equivalent to 38% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2016, Michigan had no children on its waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2015, Head Start served 32,662 children in Michigan, a decrease of 0.1% from 2014.³¹
- Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Michigan made 16,417 home visits to 2,895 parents and children in 1,633 families, as well as enrolled 1,591 new parents and children to the program.



HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 1,139,982 children in Michigan were enrolled in Medicaid in 2015, a decrease of 3% from 2014.³²
- In 2015, Michigan had 119,699 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, an increase of 13.0% from 2014, when 104,127 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2015, Michigan had 68,076 uninsured children.³⁴
- 9,612 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Michigan in 2015.³⁵
- 744 infants under age 1 died in Michigan in 2015.³⁶
- In 2015, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Michigan was 7.8 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 36.8 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 19 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2015, there were 19,420 adults and adolescents and 121 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Michigan.³⁸
- In 2015, an estimated 7,000 children ages 12 to 17 were alcohol dependent in the past year and 244,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on alcohol or used heroin in the past year in Michigan.³⁹
- In 2014, approximately 19,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year. 40
- In 2014, approximately 24,000 children ages 12 to 17 needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹
- In 2015, health care costs related to opioid abuse in Michigan reached \$829,955,719.

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- 678 children in Michigan aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2015. 42
- 77% of high school students in Michigan graduated on time at the end of the 2012-13 year.⁴³
- 40,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Michigan were not enrolled in school and not working in 2015.⁴⁴
- 143,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2015.⁴⁵
- 39% of young adults in Michigan ages 25 to 34 had an associate's degree or higher from 2011 to 2013.
- In 2015, there were 16 reports of children in Michigan aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 73 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- 89 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Michigan in 2015, compared to 88 in 2014.
- 17,223 children younger than 18 were arrested in Michigan in 2015. Violent crimes were the reason for 1,151 of the arrests in 2015.⁴⁹
- 1,683 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Michigan in 2013.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁵¹

- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵²
- According to a 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵³
- Average turnover rates for child welfare agencies range from 20% to 40%.⁵⁴ Turnover rates at around 10% are considered to be optimal in any agency.⁵⁵
- Caseworker turnover has negative outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including placement disruptions and increased time in out-of-home care. 56
- According to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being II baseline report, 75% of caseworkers earned a salary between \$30,000 and \$49,999.⁵⁷
- The majority of caseworkers hold a bachelor's degree (52.3%) or a bachelor of social work degree (21.9%). Only 25% of caseworkers hold a master's degree.⁵⁸
- A workload model in Colorado found that approximately 574 additional caseworkers were needed in their state to adequately provide child welfare services, due to estimated time requirements for meaningful services. This number represents a 49% increase that is needed on top of hours already spent on case related tasks.⁵⁹

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

In 2014, Michigan's sum of expenditures for services totaled \$49,392,104. The most utilized service in Michigan was Protective Services for Children totaling \$13,913,750.60

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN

• In 2014, Michigan spent \$1,118,271,929 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$730,584,658 was from federal funds and \$387,687,271 was from state and local funds.⁶¹



- In 2014, of the \$730,584,658 in federal funds received for child welfare, 37.7% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 2.6% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 0% was from Medicaid, 14.1% came from Social Services Block Grant, 44.3% was from TANF, and 1.2% came from other federal sources. 62
- Michigan received \$144,972,517 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2014, including \$37,834,940 for maintenance payments and \$107,137,577 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶³

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