Child Maltreatment
In 2018, Michigan had **151,534** total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, **95,203** were referred for investigation.i

There were **37,703** child victims of abuse or neglect in Michigan in 2018, at a rate of **17.4** children per 1,000. This translates to a **22.8%** increase since 2014.ii

Of the **37,703** children, **25,185** were first time victims.iii

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing **7,529** of the **37,703** cases.iv

- **81%** of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. **19%** were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.vi
- **50%** of Michigan’s child victims in 2017 were female while **50%** were male.vii

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2018

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Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018

- **71%** Neglect Only
- **17%** Physical Abuse Only
- **19%** Sexual Abuse Only
- **10%** Multiple Maltreatment Types

Plans of Safe Care
- In 2018, **5,166** infants were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.ix
- Michigan reported **4,385** plans of safe care for screened-in infants.x
Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 51 in 2017 to 49 in 2018.xi

Michigan reported 40 total child victims of sex trafficking with 37 females and 3 males.xii

10,048 victims received post-response services while 12,799 non-victims received post-response services as well.xiii

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 18,105 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 12,121 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.
- 6,208 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 5,984 exited during the same year.
- 1,991 of Michigan’s children were adopted while 3,898 were waiting to be adopted.xv

There was a 1.7% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 1.1% from 2017.xvi

690 children in Michigan aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from 668 in 2016 and represents a 3.2% increase.xvii

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 17 months in care.xviii
- The average length of stay in Michigan for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 28.6 months.xix
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 7.3 years old.xx
- The average age of adopted children was 5.6 years old.xxx

3.2% Increase since 2016 in children aging out of foster care
• Data from 2017 shows that 4,947 children in foster care within Michigan were living with non-relatives while 4,362 stayed with a relative.

• 1,137 children were staying in group homes while 77 children were classified as runaways.xxii

• 3% of households in Michigan in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.xxiii

• The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 6.9 months.xxiv

Child Poverty
Michigan had 639,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 29% of all children.xxv

25% of Michigan’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 34,944 in 2017 to 31,270 in 2018. This represents a 10.5% decrease.xxvii

The state spent $90,983,817 on WIC in 2019, serving 205,364 people. This represents a 4% decrease in total participants and a 2.9% decrease in spending. xxviii

1,369,250 people in Michigan were food insecure in 2017, including 345,130 children who struggled with hunger.xxix

35.7% of households in Michigan with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.xxx
Health
Michigan had 9,793 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.8% of infants born in Michigan in 2017.xxxi

Michigan had a total of 11,039 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.8% of all white babies were born premature while 14.9% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 10%.xxxii

There were 1,827 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Michigan in 2017, representing a rate of 8 in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxiii

755 infants under 1 died in Michigan in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 3.7 per 1,000. xxxiv

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- 6% of Michigan’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 78,000 children.
- 1,165,320 children in Michigan were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 0.1% increase from 2017. xxxvi
- 81,391 children in Michigan were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents a 2.1% increase from 2017. xxxvii
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 13,267 total arrests for children under 18 in Michigan in 2018.
- 498 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 3,054 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,688 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.xxxviii
- 1,260 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Michigan in 2017. This is a decrease from 1,554 kids in 2015, representing an 18.9% decline.xxxix

Teens & Youth
- 34,000 (6%) of Michigan’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.xl
- In 2017, there were 18 reports of children in Michigan aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 95 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xli
- 88 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Michigan in 2017.xlii

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Michigan spent $1,160,583,343 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $451,490,438 were allocated from the federal government and $709,092,905 came from state and local funds.xliii

Federal Funding Sources
- Title IV-E
- Title IV-B
- Medicaid
- Social Services Block Grant
- Other Sources
- TANF

- The breakdown of the $451,490,438 in federal funding received in Michigan in 2016: xlv
  - $104,766,281 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $111,158,473 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program xlv
- Michigan’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $45,596,813 xlvi

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xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


xx Ibid.

xxi Ibid.


xxiii Ibid.


xxvi Ibid.


xxx Ibid.


