Child Maltreatment
In 2020, Michigan had 140,748 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 72,953 were referred for investigation.¹

There were 26,932 child victims of abuse or neglect in Michigan in 2020, at a rate of 12.7 children per 1,000. This translates to a 27.7% decrease since 2016.²

Of the 26,932 children, 16,859 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 3,430 of the 26,932 cases.⁴

Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020

- African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Multiple Race
- White
- Unknown

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020
- Medical Neglect
- Neglect
- Other
- Physical Abuse
- Psychological Maltreatment
- Sexual Abuse
- Sex Trafficking
- Unknown

- 77% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 23% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁶
- 50% of Michigan’s child victims in 2020 were female while 50% were male.⁷

Plans of Safe Care
- In 2020, 6,370 infants were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.⁹
- Michigan reported 6,101 plans of safe care for screened-in infants.¹⁰
Foster Care and Adoptions

- **16,021** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **10,661** were in care on the day of September 30th, 2020.
- **4,386** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **5,360** exited during the same year.
- **1,851** of Michigan’s children were adopted while **3,660** were waiting to be adopted.

There was a **8.7%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **14.3%** from 2019.

**640** children in Michigan aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is a decrease from **706** in 2018 and represents a **9.3%** decrease.

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **21.2** months in care.
- The average length of stay in Michigan for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **30.6** months.
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **7.6** years old.
- The average age of adopted children was **6.0** years old.
Data from 2019 shows that 4,550 children in foster care within Michigan were living with non-relatives while 4,600 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart). xxii

986 children were staying in group homes while 59 children were classified as runaways. xxiii

3% of households in Michigan in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. xxiv

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 10.0 months. xxv

### Child Poverty

Michigan had 556,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 26% of all children. xxvi

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24% of Michigan’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. xxviii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF rose from 27,888 in 2019 to 34,944 in 2020. This represents a 25.3% increase. xxx

The state spent $67,786,322 on WIC in 2021, serving 207,317 people. This represents a 3.07% decrease in total participants and a 15.5% decrease in spending. xxxi

1,299,020 people in Michigan were food insecure in 2019, including 305,190 children who struggled with hunger. xxnii

33.8% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Michigan in 2019 had children. xxxiii
Health
Michigan had 9,414 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.7% of infants born in Michigan in 2019.\(^{xxiv}\)

Michigan had a total of 11,070 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 9.19% of all white babies were born premature while 14.69% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 10.27%.\(^{xxxv}\)

There were 4,758 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Michigan in 2019, representing a rate of 15 in every 1,000 teen girls.\(^{xxxvi}\)

690 infants under one died in Michigan in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 6.4 per 1,000.\(^{xxxvii}\)

Percentage of All Preterm Births by Race or Ethnicity, 2019

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Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

- Medicaid: 6%
- CHIP: 6%
- Uninsured: 88%

3.4% of Michigan's children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 78,000 children.\(^{xxxix}\)

1,150,183 children in Michigan were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 2.1% decrease from 2019.\(^{xi}\)

71,853 children in Michigan were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 18.3% decrease from 2019.\(^{xli}\)
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 11,172 total arrests for children under 18 in Michigan in 2019.
- 408 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 2,646 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 403 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 1,353 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Michigan in 2019. This is an increase from 1,260 kids in 2017, representing an 7.4% incline.

Teens & Youth
- 31,000 (6%) of Michigan’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2020, there were 14 reports of children in Michigan aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 62 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 117 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Michigan in 2020.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Michigan spent $1,281,121,489 on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $853,527,106 were allocated from the federal government and $424,266,810 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- Title IV-E: 77%
- Title IV-B: 0%
- Medicaid: 0%
- Social Services Block Grant: 19%
- Other Sources: 3%
- TANF: 1%

The breakdown of the $853,527,106 in federal funding received in Michigan in 2018:
- $81,491,803 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $91,060,693 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Michigan’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $125,933,805.


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xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


xii Ibid.

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xiii Ibid.


xv Ibid.


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