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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Michigan's Children At a Glance*

State Population¹.....10,003,422
 Population, Children
 Under 18².....2,393,779
 State Poverty Rate³.....13.0%
 Poverty Rate,
 Children Under 18⁴.....19.1%
 Poverty Rate,
 Children Ages 5–17⁵.....18.6%
 Poverty Rate,
 Children Under 5⁶.....22.4%

**All statistics are for 2008.*

- Michigan was one of several states without a final tally of 2007 referrals for child abuse and neglect.⁷
- Michigan did not provide information about the number of children substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected for 2007.⁸
- Michigan did not provide information about the number of children who died as a result of abuse or neglect in 2007.⁹
- In 2007, 20,830 children in Michigan lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 20,142 children in 2006. In 2007, 6,735 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 5,128 were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of Michigan children in out-of-home care in 2007, 42.0% were white, 47.5% black, 4.7% Hispanic, 1.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 4.7% children of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 8,550 children exiting out-of-home care in Michigan in 2007, 45.3% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2007, 2,640 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Michigan, a 1.9% increase from 2,591 in 2006.¹³
- Of the 20,830 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 6,116 or 29.4% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴
- In 2008, approximately 74,738 Michigan grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 20,830 children in out-of-home care in 2007, 36.5% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all Michigan children in kinship care in 2007, 41.4% were white, 49.2% were black, 4.3% were Hispanic, 1.0% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 4.1% were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Michigan decreased from 173,760 in March 2008 to 153,189 in March 2009, a decrease of 11.8%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2009 was 62,010, a 7.2% decrease from March 2008.¹⁸
- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Michigan was at 44.7% of the federal poverty guideline.¹⁹
- In 2007, Michigan spent \$1,133,697,684 in TANF funds, including 33.6% on basic assistance, 3.6% on child care, 0.0% on transportation, and 51% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2008, Michigan spent \$121,703,713 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), serving 238,198 participants.²¹
- In 2008, Michigan collected and distributed \$1,455,720,695 in child support funds, an increase of 2.8% from 2007.²²
- In 2009, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Michigan was \$747 per month. The wage needed to afford this rent was \$14.36 per hour, working a 40-hour week.²³

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2007, Michigan had a monthly average of 75,500 children served by subsidized child care; 87,800 children received subsidized child care in 2006, and 79,300 in 2005.²⁴
- In 2009, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Michigan, a family of three could make no more than \$23,880, which is equivalent to 39% of the state's median income.²⁵
- As of early 2009, Michigan had no children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁶
- In 2007, Head Start served 35,067 Michigan children, a 0.1% decrease from 2001.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2006, 1,016,700 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Michigan—56.1% of the total number of enrollees.²⁸
- In 2007, 41,237 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Michigan on the basis of being in foster care.²⁹
- In 2007, of the 41,237 children enrolled in Medicaid on the basis of being in foster care, 9 received Targeted Case Management services, and 0 received Rehabilitative Services.³⁰
- In 2008, Michigan had 43,354 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 0.0% increase from 2007, when 43,375 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2008, Michigan had 113,000 uninsured children, representing 4.7% of its child population.³²
- In 2006, 10,637 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Michigan a rank of 29 nationally in percent of low-weight births (a rank of 1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2006, 940 infants under age 1 died in Michigan, giving it a rank of 33 nationally in terms of infant mortality rates (a rank of 1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³⁴
- In 2006, the birthrate for teens 15–17 in Michigan was 17 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 60. This reflects a total rate of 34 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2007, 15,558 adults and adolescents, as well as 114 children younger than 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Michigan.³⁶
- In 2007, an estimated 72,000 children ages 12–17, and 488,000 adults age 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Michigan.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2007, 795 children aged out of out-of-home care in Michigan.³⁸
- In 2008, 37,000 Michigan teens ages 16–19 were high-school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2008, 52,000 teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2007, 146,000 people ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2007, approximately 37,000 children ages 12–17 in Michigan needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2007, approximately 47,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2006, 85 Michigan children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.93 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2006, 67 children under age 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Michigan, a 28.8% increase from 52 in 2005.⁴⁵
- In 2008, 36,027 children younger than 18 were arrested in Michigan, a 12.8% decrease from 41,319 arrests in 2007. Of the arrests in 2008, 2,187 were for violent crimes and 824 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁶

- A 2006 census of juvenile offenders showed 2,760 children in juvenile correction facilities in Michigan.⁴⁷

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN

- In 2006, Michigan spent \$829,794,181 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 60% was from federal funds, 33% from state funds, and 6.5% from local funds.⁴⁸
- In 2006, of the \$500,944,497 in federal funds received for child welfare, 38% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 5% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 0% was from Medicaid, 13% came from the Social Services Block Grant, 42% was from TANF, and 2% came from other federal sources.⁴⁹
- Out of 20,830 children in out-of-home care in Michigan in 2007, only 4,726, or 22.7%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵⁰

MICHIGAN'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover, and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well-being for children.⁵¹
- 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 that child and family.⁵²
- According to the 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
- In 2004, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Michigan was not available, but the median income for a family of four in Michigan was \$68,337.⁵⁴

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