Children's Defense Fund

Children in Michigan

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2,349,892 children live in Michigan:
- 16,175 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 66,969 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 74,310 are two or more races
- 156,510 are Hispanic
- 401,986 are Black
- 1,653,490 are White, non-Hispanic

In Michigan:
A child is abused or neglected every 16 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 9 hours.
A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 3 days.

Michigan Ranks:*
18th among states in per pupil expenditures.
Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
29th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
41st among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia
[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Michigan

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	519,828(22.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	247,891(10.7%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	n/a
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	$459

Child Health in Michigan

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	147,000 (5.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	72,035**
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty ($44,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,048,896**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	89.9%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	54.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	28.4%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	29.0%

*States may have a different name for CHIP
**The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day

Child Hunger in Michigan

Number of children who receive food stamps	526,251
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	89%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	511,011
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	49,305
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	238,198

Early Childhood Development in Michigan

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	42,370
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	71,800
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	$7,540
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.8%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	37.7%

Education in Michigan

Annual expenditure per prisoner	$28,570
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	$9,575
Percent of public school fourth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	70%
unable to do math at grade level	65%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	69%
unable to do math at grade level	69%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	34,067

Child Welfare in Michigan

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	32,463
Number of children in foster care	17,723
Number of children adopted from foster care	3,200
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	70,529

Youth at Risk in Michigan

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	5.7%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	26.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	35,771
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,748
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.0

Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 119
92 homicides; 23 suicides; 2 accidents; and 2 undetermined

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit www.childrensdefense.org/cits

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