

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Michigan

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2,374,957 children live in Michigan:
1,636,008 are White, non-Hispanic
395,444 are Black
169,866 are Hispanic
64,646 are Asian/Pacific Islander
15,267 are American Indian/Alaska Native
117,304 are two or more races

In Michigan:

A child is abused or neglected every 16 minutes.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 10 hours.

Michigan Ranks:*

29th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi
37th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia
24th among states in per pupil expenditures.
The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*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)	538,649 (23.5%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	248,100 (10.8%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	172,738
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$492

Child Health in Michigan

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	122,322 (5.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	69,796
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,188,936
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	53.7%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	92.1%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	27.1%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	21.0%

Child Hunger in Michigan

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	681,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	86%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	910,364
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	61,508
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	252,705

Early Childhood Development in Michigan

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	68.8%
Number of children served by Head Start	44,599
Average monthly 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	\$7,350
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.0%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	35.4%

Education in Michigan

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,373
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	68.8%
unable to do math at grade level	65.2%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	67.9%
unable to do math at grade level	69.2%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	29,700

Child Welfare in Michigan

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	32,412
Number of children in foster care	16,412
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,597
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	70,213

Youth at Risk in Michigan

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	5.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	28.3%
Number of juvenile arrests	30,678
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,659
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.01
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	100
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	33

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For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrensdefense.org/cits.**

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