

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Michigan

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2,332,431 children live in Michigan:

1,600,150 are White, non-Hispanic
384,845 are Black
171,488 are Hispanic
64,784 are Asian/Pacific Islander
15,352 are American Indian/Alaska Native
119,373 are two or more races

584,390 are under the age of 5
1,155,751 are ages 5 to 13
555,671 are ages 14 to 17
1,711,422 are ages 5 to 17

In Michigan:

A child is abused or neglected every 16 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 11 hours.

Michigan Ranks:*

31st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

38th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

26th 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)	560,109 (24.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	264,452 (11.7%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	113,429
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$492

Child Health in Michigan

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	122,577 (5.4%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	83,004
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	1,205,449
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	50.3%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	92.0%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	26.2%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	28.8%

Child Hunger in Michigan

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	712,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	95%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	907,684
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	73,133
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	255,954

Early Childhood Development in Michigan

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	66.0%
Number of children served by Head Start	44,021
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	52,600
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,930
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.6%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	33.9%

Education in Michigan

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$10,447
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 (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	30,207 (5.2%)

Child Welfare in Michigan

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	33,366
Number of children in foster care	15,105
Number of children adopted from foster care	2,500
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	65,149

Youth at Risk in Michigan

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.9%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	24.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	26,155
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	2,659
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.8
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	103

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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