



The Michigan Kinship Data Booklet

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INTRODUCTION

Across Michigan, thousands of kinship caregivers are currently raising some of the state's most at-risk and vulnerable children. Typically, kinship caregivers include grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and other relatives. The increase in the number of kinship caregivers can be attributed to factors such as child abuse and neglect, poverty, divorce, homelessness, AIDS, parental incarceration, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, increased life spans, diverse family structures, and changes in child welfare laws.

Federal and state laws encourage and oftentimes prefer the use of kinship homes for vulnerable children as this reduces the trauma of separation from parents and keeps children within their extended family networks. It is an arrangement that many families in Michigan have practiced without adequate assistance from the state and federal levels. Many kinship families live on low, fixed incomes, frequently have little time to prepare for this new living arrangement, and have to locate resources to cover the additional costs associated with raising the children in their care.

This booklet was created to help you in advocating effectively for kinship programs by providing you with statistics in your counties on grandparents raising grandchildren and other important kinship data. For more information, please contact the MSU Kinship Care Resource Center by e-mail at kinship@msu.edu or by phone at 1 (800) 535-1218.

For further kinship data, please log on to:

www.brookdalefoundation.org/rapstatefactsheets.htm

<http://www.casey.org/MediaCenter/MediaKit.FactSheet.htm>

<http://factfinder.census.gov>

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DECEMBER 2006

Number of Kids in Care

At the end of this quarter, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 18,547.

At the end of FY 2006, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 18,655, with 16,599 in out-of-home care. In comparison, at the end of FY 2005, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,110, with 16,944 in out-of-home care, which is defined as children not living in their own parent's home.

There has been a significant increase in the shift from out-of-home placement in non-relative foster care to relative (or kinship care). The number of abused/neglected children living with grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives (kinship care) instead of non-relative foster care has steadily climbed over the years. The number of children in relative placements has grown from 6,713 at the end of the FY 2005 to 6,814 at the end of FY 2006.

Termination of Parental Rights

In FY 2006, 3,948 children became wards of the state compared to FY 2005 when 4,047 children became wards of the state.**

Placements

Own Parent Home	1,905
Relatives (in and out-of-state)	6,917
Unrelated Caregiver (Fictive Kin)	232
Legal Guardians	15
Foster Care Families	7,119
Institutions, Including Shelters	1,297
Detention, Jail and Court Treatment	56
Independent Living	738
Mental Health Hospital	21
AWOL	218
Other	29

Legal Status

Permanent Court Neglect Wards	100
Temporary Neglect Court Wards	11,820
MCI State Neglect Wards	6,161
Other (OTI, Non-Wards)	466



Age

0-6 years	7,256
7-11 years	3,803
12+ years	7,486

Sex

Male	9,337***
Female	9,255***

Race

White	8,576
African American	8,767
American Indian	196
Asian	35
Multi-Racial	746
Other & Unknown – Includes Native Hawaiian, Undetermined & No Data	226

GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS

Area name	Total general population and general population per county	Grandparents living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	Percent of total population who have grandparents living in household	Percent of grandparents living in household who are responsible for grandchildren
Michigan	9,938,444	166,705	70,044	1.7%	42%
Data by county:					
Alcona	11,719	165	70	1.4%	42%
Alger	9,862	103	54	1.0%	52%
Allegan	105,665	1,305	603	1.2%	46%
Alpena	31,314	244	83	0.8%	34%
Antrim	23,110	326	136	1.4%	42%
Arenac	17,269	216	92	1.3%	43%
Baraga	8,746	86	28	1.0%	33%
Barry	56,755	741	372	1.3%	50%
Bay	110,157	1,447	562	1.3%	39%
Benzie	15,998	172	90	1.1%	52%
Berrien	162,453	3,185	1,470	2.0%	46%
Branch	45,787	11	4	0.0%	36%
Calhoun	137,985	2,413	977	1.7%	40%
Cass	51,104	977	440	1.9%	45%
Charlevoix	26,090	290	127	1.1%	44%
Cheboygan	26,448	341	189	1.3%	55%
Chippewa	38,543	326	139	0.8%	43%
Clare	31,252	434	211	1.4%	49%
Clinton	64,753	643	218	1.0%	34%
Crawford	14,273	179	49	1.3%	27%
Delta	38,520	303	148	0.8%	49%
Dickinson	27,472	168	82	0.6%	49%
Eaton	103,655	1,415	645	1.4%	46%
Emmet	31,437	265	115	0.8%	43%
Genesee	436,141	9,579	4,749	2.2%	50%
Gladwin	26,023	327	147	1.3%	45%
Gogebic	17,370	137	68	0.8%	50%
Grand Traverse	77,654	703	220	0.9%	31%
Gratiot	42,285	542	221	1.3%	41%
Hillsdale	46,527	793	346	1.7%	44%
Houghton	36,016	205	73	0.6%	36%
Huron	36,079	337	136	0.9%	40%
Ingham	279,320	3,409	1,351	1.2%	40%
Ionia	61,518	753	322	1.2%	43%
Iosco	27,339	415	242	1.5%	58%
Iron	13,138	98	55	0.7%	56%
Isabella	63,351	620	216	1.0%	35%
Jackson	158,422	2,728	1,198	1.7%	44%
Kalamazoo	238,603	2,771	1,208	1.2%	44%
Kalkaska	16,571	232	110	1.4%	47%
Kent	574,335	7,254	3,169	1.3%	44%

GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS – CONTINUED

Area name	General population per county	Grandparents living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	Percent of total population who have grandparents living in household	Percent of grandparents living in household who are responsible for grandchildren
Keweenaw	2,301	15	6	0.7%	40%
Lake	11,333	209	113	1.8%	54%
Lapeer	87,904	1,426	571	1.6%	40%
Leelanau	21,119	200	68	0.9%	34%
Lenawee	98,890	1,578	777	1.6%	49%
Livingston	156,951	1,816	655	1.2%	36%
Luce	7,024	66	23	0.9%	35%
Mackinac	11,943	91	34	0.8%	37%
Macomb	788,149	11,101	3,600	1.4%	32%
Manistee	24,527	248	121	1.0%	49%
Marquette	64,634	426	191	0.7%	45%
Mason	28,274	434	205	1.5%	47%
Mecosta	40,553	427	192	1.1%	45%
Menominee	25,326	236	69	0.9%	29%
Midland	82,874	684	281	0.8%	41%
Missaukee	14,478	199	95	1.4%	48%
Monroe	145,945	2,276	920	1.6%	40%
Montcalm	61,266	770	328	1.3%	43%
Montmorency	10,315	130	59	1.3%	45%
Muskegon	170,200	3,032	1,469	1.8%	48%
Newaygo	47,874	701	295	1.5%	42%
Oakland	1,194,156	15,782	5,805	1.3%	37%
Oceana	26,873	392	141	1.5%	36%
Ogemaw	21,645	257	80	1.2%	31%
Ontonagon	7,818	63	39	0.8%	62%
Osceola	23,197	278	126	1.2%	45%
Oscoda	9,418	122	54	1.3%	44%
Otsego	23,301	275	74	1.2%	27%
Ottawa	238,314	2,577	1,152	1.1%	45%
Presque Isle	14,411	134	56	0.9%	42%
Roscommon	25,469	377	133	1.5%	35%
Saginaw	210,039	3,982	1,959	1.9%	49%
St. Clair	164,235	2,505	1,004	1.5%	40%
St. Joseph	62,422	980	448	1.6%	46%
Sanilac	44,547	542	223	1.2%	41%
Schoolcraft	8,903	85	30	1.0%	35%
Shiawassee	71,687	992	340	1.4%	34%
Tuscola	58,266	764	222	1.3%	29%
Van Buren	76,263	1,342	707	1.8%	53%
Washtenaw	322,895	3,573	1,453	1.1%	41%
Wayne	2,061,162	57,834	24,767	2.8%	43%
Wexford	30,484	478	179	1.6%	37%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

*Data based on a sample

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SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEY DATA

POPULATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Total number of ALL children in Michigan **2,595,767**

Total living with any relative other than a parent **183,621**

African American	78,309
White	82,224
Hispanic/Latino	12,466
Asian	1,933
Native American	1,637
Other	7,052

Total living with grandparents **143,523**

African American	59,255
White	68,333
Hispanic/Latino	8,149
Asian	1,017
Native American	1,298
Other	5,471

Total living with other relative **40,098**

African American	19,054
White	13,891
Hispanic/Latino	4,317
Asian	916
Native American	339
Other	1,581

According to these numbers, approximately 1 in 14 children (more than 7%) in Michigan live with a relative other than their parents.

POPULATION OF GRANDPARENTS

Total number of grandparents living in a household with one or more grandchildren under 18 years of age	166,705
Total number of grandparents living in a household with one or more grandchildren under 18 years of age who are responsible for their grandchildren	70,044
Percentage of grandparents living in a household with one or more grandchildren under 18 years of age who are responsible for their grandchildren	42%



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