



What Happens in Lansing Doesn't Stay in Lansing

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To foster economic opportunity, independence and security for Michigan families by shaping public policy through objective data-driven research, education and advocacy.

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Mapping the Facts



As we think about how policies have impacted our communities, I invite you to visit our website – mlpp.org, to get a snap shot of how families are faring. Here is an interactive map that shows...

Wayne County



Poverty Rate



MICHIGAN—2012

- Poverty rate—17.4%
- Child poverty—24.7%
- Median income—\$46,793
- Unemployment rate—8.8%

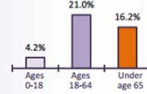
TOTAL POPULATION: 1,792,365

- Ages 0-5: 6.5%
- Age 65+: 12.7%
- Median age: 37

RACE/ETHNICITY

- White: 49.6%
- African American: 40.3%
- Hispanic or Latino: 5.2%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.3%
- Asian: 2.6%

No Health Insurance



Unemployment



Median Household Income: \$39,461

Fair Market Rent, 2-bedroom: \$843
Income needed to afford = \$33,720

EITC 203,618 households received federal EITC (26.5%)

— Recipients of Government Assistance —

Program	Average Jan—Mar 2011	Average Jan—Mar 2014	Percent Change
Cash Assistance (FIP)	92,175	34,479	-63%
Food Assistance (FAP)	538,284	509,114	-5%
Medicaid Eligible	511,947	506,006	-1%

Children receiving free or reduced price school lunches:
61.6%

Economic Dignity

Family Independence Program (FIP)

- Average family unit – a mother with two children
- 48-month lifetime limit went into effect fall 2011
- 15 months – average length of time family spends on FIP



While a time limit had existed prior to this, there were exceptions if a family was working or lived in an area of high unemployment.

This resulted in retroactive application of the time limits.

Income eligibility to initially receive FIP - \$814 / to stay on FIP - \$1,220 ?

Caseloads have plummeted since by more than 60%; record low of 35,000 cases for the state

June 2014 – 13k (12,969) Wayne County families on FIP

- 32k (32,106) recipients (2.6 avg per case)

- almost 2/3 are children

FY 2013 – 18,594k cases / 48,614k recipients

Wayne Co. – 26k (25,761) children on FIP

Detroit – 18k (17,586) children on FIP

Extended Family Independence Program (EFIP)

- EFIP (6 months) counts toward lifetime limit



\$10 shouldn't count the same as \$500 (e-fip recipients also receive 100% vs. 95% childcare subsidy)

Solutions:

1. Stop counting E-FIP months in a household's 48-month lifetime limit
2. Set a minimum level of benefit and any month a family falls below that level, that month is not counted in the family's lifetime limit.

- Policy punishes families (work penalty – an issue of fairness)
- No easy opt out – consequences unclear
- Need to inform people
- 4th highest concentration of children in the state (More children in Detroit than 80 counties in MI)

Child Population (0-18)

Detroit – 183k

Wayne Co – 448k

Oakland CO – 278k

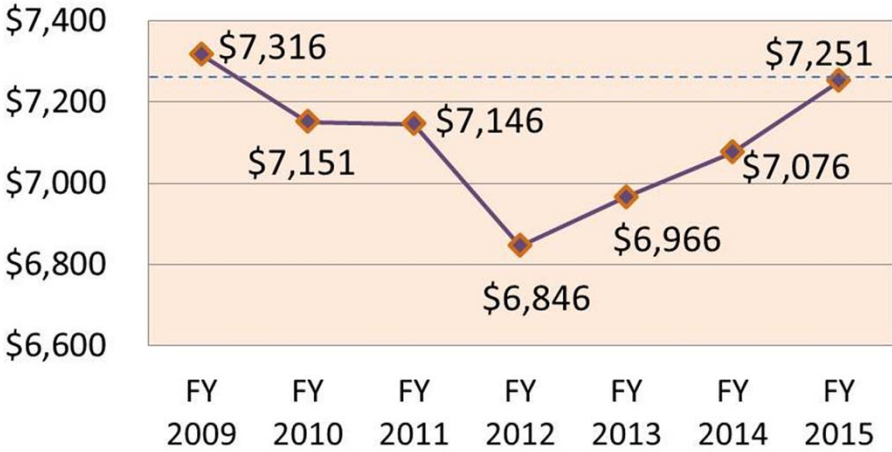
Macomb – 191k

Kent Co – 158k

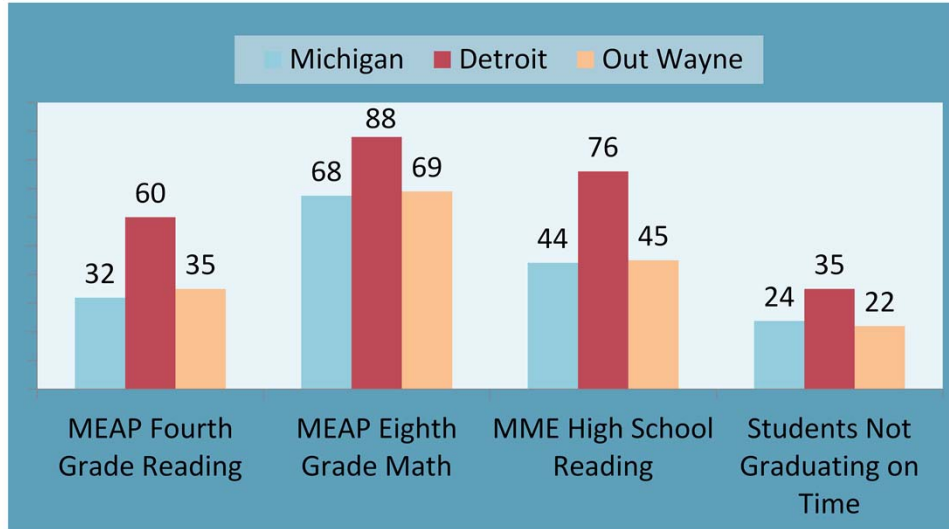
Education for All

Education Funding Lags in Michigan

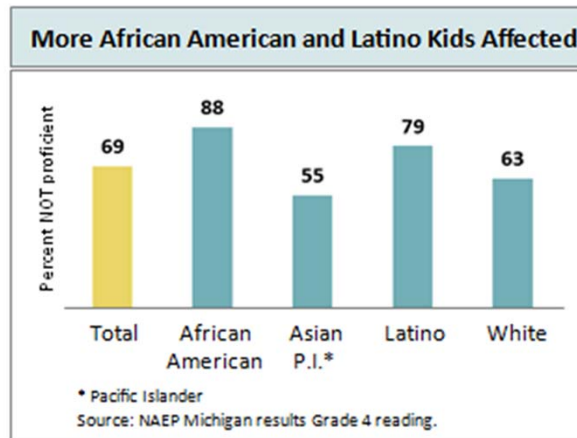
In 2015 minimum per-pupil payments will still be below 2009 levels (without adjusting for inflation)



More Detroit students struggle to reach milestones in education.



Intervention Before Retention



African American students have fewer high-quality teachers, less resourced schools, fewer gifted programs, and limited access to college preparatory coursework. These inequities are further complicated by issues of poverty and geography.

Michigan needs to fund support and interventions for those most at risk beginning at birth.

- “ Focus on policies to reduce child poverty—a key factor in educational achievement.
- “ Intensive, evidence-based, well-financed and guaranteed interventions should begin long before children reach the third grade.

Michigan one of 6 states that showed no improvement in reading proficiency between 2003 and 2013.

Early Intervention is critical for children ages 0-3.

Successful participation in preschool can make a critical difference in a child's readiness for kindergarten and the K-12 system.

Intervention is better than retention. Holding kids back will not solve the problem.

Poverty linked to low performance:

16% of Michigan children live in high-poverty areas, with the number doubling since 2000 when it was 8%.

More children in lower-income districts are affected. A quarter of Michigan's children live in poverty (up from 18% in 1990)

Reading proficiency among Michigan's fourth graders differs dramatically by race/ethnicity and family income.

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