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<b>Michigan</b>	<b>4,520,886</b>	<b>738,512</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>\$1,500,017,720</b>	<b>\$2,031</b>	<b>\$300,003,544</b>	<b>\$406</b>	<b>148,835</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>462,315</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>14,988</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>257,402</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
Alcona	5,188	812	15.7%	\$1,502,705	\$1,851	\$300,541	\$370	78	9.6%	500	61.6%	0	0.0%	282	34.7%
Alger	4,303	611	14.2%	\$1,070,433	\$1,752	\$214,087	\$350	40	6.5%	336	55.0%	0	0.0%	244	39.9%
Allegan	51,176	7,588	14.8%	\$14,366,186	\$1,893	\$2,873,237	\$379	1637	21.6%	4,864	64.1%	89	1.2%	2,575	33.9%
Alpena	13,888	2,315	16.7%	\$4,180,886	\$1,806	\$836,177	\$361	311	13.4%	1,424	61.5%	122	5.3%	750	32.4%
Antrim	11,505	1,868	16.2%	\$3,600,538	\$1,927	\$720,108	\$385	387	20.7%	1,138	60.9%	0	0.0%	697	37.3%
Arenac	7,481	1,447	19.3%	\$2,703,041	\$1,868	\$540,608	\$374	263	18.2%	925	63.9%	10	0.7%	498	34.4%
Baraga	3,823	720	18.8%	\$1,367,935	\$1,900	\$273,587	\$380	128	17.8%	414	57.5%	0	0.0%	281	39.0%
Barry	26,619	3,761	14.1%	\$6,989,758	\$1,858	\$1,397,952	\$372	671	17.8%	2,225	59.2%	28	0.7%	1,472	39.1%
Bay	52,273	8,440	16.1%	\$15,463,459	\$1,832	\$3,092,692	\$366	1551	18.4%	5,056	59.9%	375	4.4%	2,979	35.3%
Benzie	8,468	1,378	16.3%	\$2,490,519	\$1,807	\$498,104	\$361	243	17.6%	853	61.9%	4	0.3%	492	35.7%
Berrien	72,561	13,646	18.8%	\$29,307,590	\$2,148	\$5,861,518	\$430	3029	22.2%	7,621	55.8%	329	2.4%	5,577	40.9%
Branch	18,971	3,686	19.4%	\$7,131,419	\$1,935	\$1,426,284	\$387	785	21.3%	2,252	61.1%	69	1.9%	1,349	36.6%
Calhoun	61,247	11,933	19.5%	\$23,916,072	\$2,004	\$4,783,214	\$401	3073	25.8%	7,202	60.4%	262	2.2%	4,427	37.1%
Cass	23,074	4,200	18.2%	\$8,099,560	\$1,928	\$1,619,912	\$386	966	23.0%	2,656	63.2%	70	1.7%	1,457	34.7%
Charlevoix	12,838	1,983	15.4%	\$3,788,283	\$1,910	\$757,657	\$382	425	21.4%	1,346	67.9%	17	0.9%	600	30.3%
Cheboygan	12,306	2,438	19.8%	\$4,706,926	\$1,931	\$941,385	\$386	387	15.9%	1,457	59.8%	246	10.1%	688	28.2%
Chippewa	15,736	2,785	17.7%	\$5,218,112	\$1,874	\$1,043,622	\$375	758	27.2%	2,025	72.7%	31	1.1%	698	25.1%
Clare	13,354	2,904	21.7%	\$5,505,667	\$1,896	\$1,101,133	\$379	721	24.8%	1,906	65.6%	83	2.9%	906	31.2%
Clinton	32,507	3,688	11.3%	\$6,814,728	\$1,848	\$1,362,946	\$370	568	15.4%	2,042	55.4%	84	2.3%	1,546	41.9%
Crawford	6,175	1,190	19.3%	\$2,236,272	\$1,879	\$447,254	\$376	224	18.8%	711	59.7%	23	1.9%	453	38.1%
Delta	17,555	2,774	15.8%	\$4,757,599	\$1,715	\$951,520	\$343	341	12.3%	1,831	66.0%	0	0.0%	916	33.0%
Dickinson	13,058	1,925	14.7%	\$3,398,338	\$1,765	\$679,668	\$353	214	11.1%	1,172	60.9%	0	0.0%	716	37.2%
Eaton	51,817	6,917	13.3%	\$12,825,037	\$1,854	\$2,565,007	\$371	1268	18.3%	4,161	60.2%	158	2.3%	2,573	37.2%
Emmet	17,015	2,399	14.1%	\$4,392,267	\$1,831	\$878,453	\$366	397	16.5%	1,452	60.5%	55	2.3%	857	35.7%
Genesee	192,287	39,404	20.5%	\$84,508,497	\$2,145	\$16,901,699	\$429	9115	23.1%	25,685	65.2%	1,017	2.6%	12,381	31.4%
Gladwin	11,606	2,051	17.7%	\$3,799,637	\$1,853	\$759,927	\$371	350	17.1%	1,283	62.6%	49	2.4%	715	34.9%
Gogebic	6,988	1,215	17.4%	\$2,037,370	\$1,677	\$407,474	\$335	254	20.9%	734	60.4%	0	0.0%	474	39.0%
Gr. Traverse	43,749	5,938	13.6%	\$10,182,179	\$1,715	\$2,036,436	\$343	875	14.7%	3,273	55.1%	147	2.5%	2,444	41.2%
Gratiot	16,960	3,164	18.7%	\$6,226,791	\$1,968	\$1,245,358	\$394	552	17.4%	1,906	60.2%	44	1.4%	1,168	36.9%
Hillsdale	20,155	3,787	18.8%	\$7,263,085	\$1,918	\$1,452,617	\$384	925	24.4%	2,725	72.0%	51	1.3%	944	24.9%
Houghton	14,371	2,226	15.5%	\$3,731,302	\$1,676	\$746,260	\$335	200	9.0%	1,068	48.0%	12	0.5%	1,079	48.5%
Huron	16,795	2,543	15.1%	\$4,486,471	\$1,764	\$897,294	\$353	303	11.9%	1,656	65.1%	20	0.8%	833	32.8%
Ingham	123,620	19,590	15.8%	\$37,328,031	\$1,905	\$7,465,606	\$381	4040	20.6%	11,192	57.1%	596	3.0%	7,735	39.5%



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Ionia	26,093	4,270	16.4%	\$8,138,154	\$1,906	\$1,627,631	\$381	764	17.9%	2,579	60.4%	61	1.4%	1,587	37.2%
Iosco	12,275	2,178	17.7%	\$4,081,458	\$1,874	\$816,292	\$375	386	17.7%	1,307	60.0%	19	0.9%	821	37.7%
Iron	5,612	901	16.1%	\$1,505,339	\$1,671	\$301,068	\$334	62	6.9%	515	57.2%	0	0.0%	344	38.2%
Isabella	25,390	4,147	16.3%	\$7,431,945	\$1,792	\$1,486,389	\$358	793	19.1%	2,524	60.9%	60	1.4%	1,534	37.0%
Jackson	69,007	12,160	17.6%	\$23,958,505	\$1,970	\$4,791,701	\$394	2816	23.2%	6,769	55.7%	649	5.3%	4,667	38.4%
Kalamazoo	112,327	17,073	15.2%	\$32,213,897	\$1,887	\$6,442,779	\$377	3,743	21.9%	10,038	58.8%	457	2.7%	6,509	38.1%
Kalkaska	7,662	1,568	20.5%	\$3,210,788	\$2,048	\$642,158	\$410	383	24.4%	937	59.8%	19	1.2%	597	38.1%
Kent	272,599	43,157	15.8%	\$86,716,753	\$2,009	\$17,343,351	\$402	8,547	19.8%	25,623	59.4%	1,943	4.5%	15,498	35.9%
Keweenaw	1,365	232	17.0%	\$381,732	\$1,645	\$76,346	\$329	11	4.7%	104	44.8%	0	0.0%	102	44.0%
Lake	4,454	993	22.3%	\$1,876,924	\$1,890	\$375,385	\$378	251	25.3%	632	63.6%	3	0.3%	353	35.5%
Lapeer	40,401	5,461	13.5%	\$10,307,047	\$1,887	\$2,061,409	\$377	760	13.9%	3,496	64.0%	18	0.3%	1,919	35.1%
Leelanau	11,554	1,319	11.4%	\$2,221,597	\$1,684	\$444,319	\$337	154	11.7%	753	57.1%	11	0.8%	505	38.3%
Lenawee	44,801	6,618	14.8%	\$12,383,343	\$1,871	\$2,476,669	\$374	1,054	15.9%	3,991	60.3%	185	2.8%	2,383	36.0%
Livingston	84,799	7,492	8.8%	\$12,637,457	\$1,687	\$2,527,491	\$337	764	10.2%	4,112	54.9%	78	1.0%	3,248	43.4%
Luce	2,579	456	17.7%	\$886,039	\$1,943	\$177,208	\$389	111	24.3%	341	74.8%	0	0.0%	115	25.2%
Mackinac	5,679	956	16.8%	\$1,681,039	\$1,758	\$336,208	\$352	163	17.1%	578	60.5%	32	3.3%	327	34.2%
Macomb	408,897	53,625	13.1%	\$104,016,070	\$1,940	\$20,803,214	\$388	8,544	15.9%	34,472	64.3%	714	1.3%	18,376	34.3%
Manistee	11,499	1,821	15.8%	\$3,342,481	\$1,836	\$668,496	\$367	356	19.5%	1,073	58.9%	0	0.0%	714	39.2%
Marquette	29,786	4,014	13.5%	\$6,611,292	\$1,647	\$1,322,258	\$329	423	10.5%	2,030	50.6%	13	0.3%	1,945	48.5%
Mason	13,711	2,381	17.4%	\$4,606,341	\$1,935	\$921,268	\$387	487	20.5%	1,390	58.4%	12	0.5%	968	40.7%
Mecosta	16,801	3,015	17.9%	\$5,656,412	\$1,876	\$1,131,282	\$375	560	18.6%	1,700	56.4%	91	3.0%	1,172	38.9%
Menominee	11,289	1,831	16.2%	\$3,208,099	\$1,752	\$641,620	\$350	294	16.1%	1,223	66.8%	0	0.0%	574	31.3%
Midland	39,145	5,196	13.3%	\$9,300,075	\$1,790	\$1,860,015	\$358	867	16.7%	2,807	54.0%	127	2.4%	2,230	42.9%
Missaukee	6,243	1,237	19.8%	\$2,317,170	\$1,873	\$463,434	\$375	212	17.1%	776	62.7%	14	1.1%	440	35.6%
Monroe	71,777	8,817	12.3%	\$16,697,562	\$1,894	\$3,339,512	\$379	1,830	20.8%	5,542	62.9%	1	0.0%	3,234	36.7%
Montcalm	26,225	5,174	19.7%	\$9,966,738	\$1,926	\$1,993,348	\$385	942	18.2%	3,139	60.7%	54	1.0%	1,917	37.1%
Montmorency	4,534	798	17.6%	\$1,464,467	\$1,835	\$292,893	\$367	109	13.7%	498	62.4%	14	1.8%	276	34.6%
Muskegon	75,025	15,335	20.4%	\$31,187,430	\$2,034	\$6,237,486	\$407	3,484	22.7%	9,195	60.0%	294	1.9%	5,820	38.0%
Newaygo	20,661	3,947	19.1%	\$7,604,210	\$1,927	\$1,520,842	\$385	802	20.3%	2,477	62.8%	15	0.4%	1,428	36.2%
Oakland	588,967	61,657	10.5%	\$112,707,377	\$1,828	\$22,541,475	\$366	9,932	16.1%	37,547	60.9%	732	1.2%	23,130	37.5%
Oceana	11,792	2,348	19.9%	\$4,716,459	\$2,009	\$943,292	\$402	455	19.4%	1,475	62.8%	0	0.0%	865	36.8%
Ogemaw	9,761	1,937	19.8%	\$3,756,129	\$1,939	\$751,226	\$388	292	15.1%	1,155	59.6%	41	2.1%	737	38.0%
Ontonagon	3,127	475	15.2%	\$737,190	\$1,552	\$147,438	\$310	0	0.0%	255	53.7%	0	0.0%	193	40.6%
Osceola	9,994	1,978	19.8%	\$3,770,704	\$1,906	\$754,141	\$381	358	18.1%	1,103	55.8%	45	2.3%	817	41.3%



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Oscoda	3,874	710	18.3%	\$1,261,428	\$1,777	\$252,286	\$355	133	18.7%	447	63.0%	15	2.1%	234	33.0%
Otsego	11,522	1,925	16.7%	\$3,865,904	\$2,008	\$773,181	\$402	338	17.6%	1,072	55.7%	11	0.6%	833	43.3%
Ottawa	116,623	13,234	11.3%	\$24,421,593	\$1,845	\$4,884,319	\$369	2,097	15.8%	7,657	57.9%	303	2.3%	5,192	39.2%
Presque Isle	6,325	996	15.7%	\$1,751,510	\$1,759	\$350,302	\$352	96	9.6%	661	66.4%	34	3.4%	295	29.6%
Roscommon	11,375	2,087	18.3%	\$3,792,646	\$1,817	\$758,529	\$363	339	16.2%	1,231	59.0%	1	0.0%	833	39.9%
Saginaw	90,920	17,847	19.6%	\$37,598,417	\$2,107	\$7,519,683	\$421	4,283	24.0%	10,850	60.8%	896	5.0%	5,924	33.2%
St. Clair	81,538	11,295	13.9%	\$21,353,315	\$1,891	\$4,270,663	\$378	2,299	20.4%	7,227	64.0%	129	1.1%	3,883	34.4%
St. Joseph	27,342	5,080	18.6%	\$9,917,958	\$1,952	\$1,983,592	\$390	1,186	23.3%	3,365	66.2%	43	0.8%	1,656	32.6%
Sanilac	19,633	3,500	17.8%	\$6,833,432	\$1,952	\$1,366,686	\$390	576	16.5%	2,525	72.1%	14	0.4%	897	25.6%
Schoolcraft	3,923	691	17.6%	\$1,237,637	\$1,791	\$247,527	\$358	57	8.2%	408	59.0%	0	0.0%	276	39.9%
Shiawassee	32,511	5,343	16.4%	\$9,941,756	\$1,861	\$1,988,351	\$372	961	18.0%	3,254	60.9%	161	3.0%	1,884	35.3%
Tuscola	25,987	4,293	16.5%	\$8,192,955	\$1,908	\$1,638,591	\$382	773	18.0%	2,931	68.3%	111	2.6%	1,200	28.0%
Van Buren	34,371	6,411	18.7%	\$12,511,350	\$1,952	\$2,502,270	\$390	1,558	24.3%	4,081	63.7%	138	2.2%	2,133	33.3%
Washtenaw	152,667	16,853	11.0%	\$30,368,048	\$1,802	\$6,073,610	\$360	2,945	17.5%	9,712	57.6%	119	0.7%	6,953	41.3%
Wayne	802,258	189,365	23.6%	\$444,602,766	\$2,348	\$88,920,553	\$470	44,759	23.6%	127,794	67.5%	3,267	1.7%	57,996	30.6%
Wexford	14,717	2,989	20.3%	\$5,672,089	\$1,898	\$1,134,418	\$380	647	21.6%	1,853	62.0%	53	1.8%	1,062	35.5%

<sup>1</sup>Numbers are for Tax Year 2008, the most recent figures available.

<sup>2</sup>In Tax Year 2008, the EITC was 10% of the federal EITC, in Tax Years 2009 through 2011, the Michigan EITC was equal to 20% of the Federal EITC, and in Tax Year 2012, the Michigan EITC will be equal to 6% of the Federal EITC.

Source: Brookings Institution Analysis of data from the Internal Revenue Service

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