

# MICHIGAN FACT SHEET

*Data Snapshot on High-Poverty Communities*<sup>1</sup>

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**Michigan ranks 44<sup>th</sup> of the 50 states with 14 percent of its children living in areas of concentrated poverty (one of every seven children)<sup>2</sup>**

- Compared with 11 percent in the nation
- Ranged from Wyoming 1% to Mississippi 23%
- 38 percent of all poor children in MI live in areas of concentrated poverty compared with 29 percent of the national

**Roughly 124,000 more children in Michigan lived in such neighborhoods in 2006-10 compared with 2000 –**

- The number of children jumped by 57 percent in Michigan between 2000 and 2006-10—more than double the percentage increase in the nation (25%)
- Rose from 217,000 to 341,000 children in Michigan
- Rose from 8 percent to 14 percent of children

**DETROIT: Of the 50 largest cities in the nation, Detroit ranks 50<sup>th</sup> with over two-thirds of its children (67%) living in areas of concentrated poverty.**

- Ten percentage points above the next highest—Cleveland with 57 percent
- 145,600 children in such neighborhoods in Detroit

**COUNTIES: Of the 83 Michigan counties, 32 had an area with children living in concentrated poverty.**

- Wayne County had the largest percentage (38%) of children—two of every five children—living in neighborhoods with concentrated poverty
  - 186,700 children affected
  - 9 percentage points higher than next highest – (Saginaw at 29%)
- Monroe County had the smallest percentage (1.3%)
- Chippewa was the only UP county with more than 20 percent of children in concentrated poverty (22%)
- Three of the counties with the percentages at 20 percent or more were in northern Lower Peninsula: Alpena (25%), Roscommon (21%), Isabella (20%)

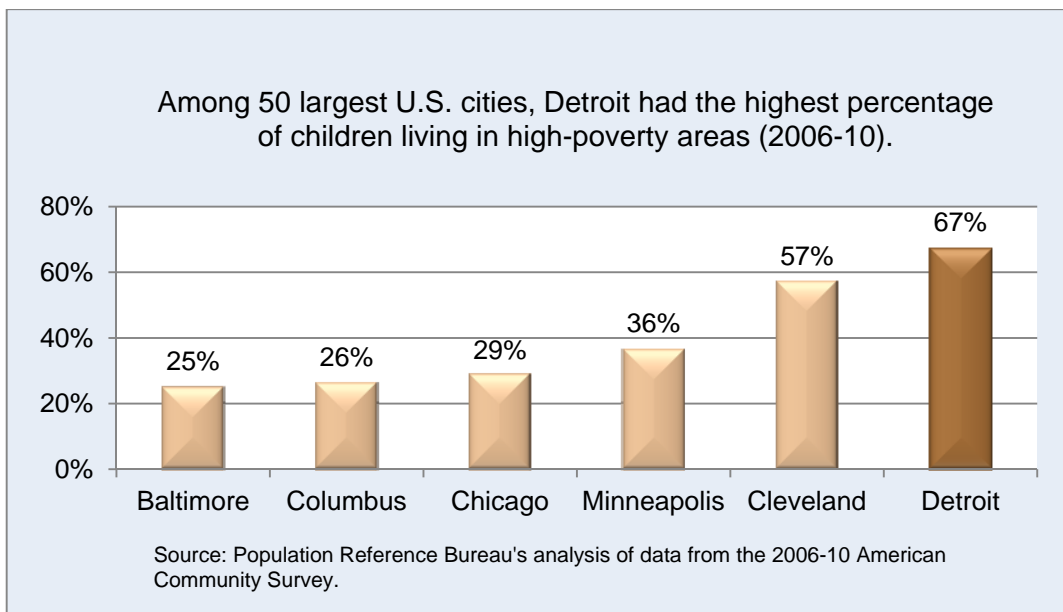
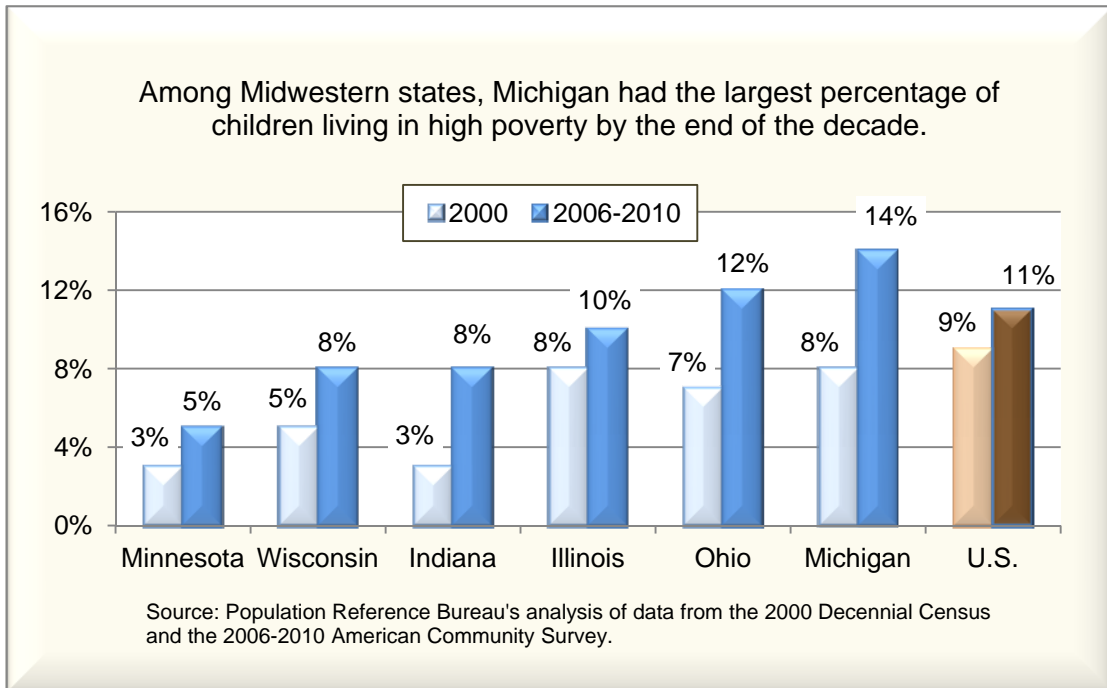
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<sup>1</sup> “High Poverty” is defined as 30% of population in households with income below the Federal Poverty Level -- \$22,000 for a family of four/\$17,000 for a family of three.

<sup>2</sup> An area is defined as a census tract.

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### Children Living in High-Poverty Areas by County in Michigan, 2006-10

