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The Legal Liability Section has 3 units: Paternity, Casualty and Probate. The Paternity Unit works with the MDHHS Office of Child Support and local prosecutors and friend of the court offices to recover birthing expenses from fathers of children born out of wedlock and paid for by Medicaid. The Casualty Unit handles the federally required subrogation activities to recover Medicaid expenditures as a result of settlements or judgments in lawsuits initiated by beneficiaries or very occasionally by the Department. Cases over a certain threshold are referred to the Attorney General office for representation. The Probate section is responsible for overseeing the Michigan Estate Recovery Program.

Paternity Unit

Overview

The Paternity Unit is part of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Third Party Liability Division and works with the Office of Child Support, local prosecutors, and friend of the court offices to recover birthing expenses from fathers of children born out of wedlock and paid for by Medicaid pursuant to the Paternity Act.

The Paternity Unit's responsibility is to complete birth expense requests submitted by IV-D agencies including county friend of the court offices, county prosecuting attorneys and the Office of Child Support, for women enrolled with Medicaid during pregnancy and whose child was born out of wedlock. The Paternity Unit receives approximately 3,200 requests each month. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services does not initiate any requests.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I reimbursing the State of Michigan for birth expenses for my child?

Table 2
Births Financed by Medicaid, 2008 to 2010^a

State	2008 Total Births	2008 Medicaid Births	2008 % Medicaid Births	2009 Total Births	2009 Medicaid Births	2009 % Medicaid Births	2010 Total Births	2010 Medicaid Births	2010 % Medicaid Births
Alabama	64,345	31,106	48.34	62,476	30,980	49.59	59,979	31,498	52.52
Alaska	11,469	5,743	50.07	11,342	5,916	52.16	11,502	6,053	52.63
Arizona	99,215	52,081	52.49	92,616	49,538	53.49	87,053	46,393	53.29
Arkansas [†]	40,662	25,928	63.76	39,686	25,337	63.84	38,224	25,659	67.13
California	551,567	260,195	47.17	526,774	248,705	47.21	509,797	242,732	47.60
Colorado	70,029	24,007	34.28	68,607	24,911	36.31	66,349	24,431	36.82
Connecticut	40,388	11,393	28.21	38,876	11,700	30.10	37,448	11,770	31.43
Delaware [‡]	12,016	5,740	47.77	11,369	5,529	48.63			
District of Columbia ^{§,¶}	9,134			9,008	6,446	71.56	9,156	6,218	67.91
Florida	231,417	102,339	44.22	221,391	105,257	47.54	214,519	104,721	48.82
Georgia	146,414	55,053	37.60	141,332	57,416	40.62	133,668	56,009	41.90
Hawaii	19,462	4,459	22.91	18,891	4,707	24.92	18,933	4,551	24.04
Idaho	25,156	8,155	32.42	23,726	8,744	36.85	23,202	8,954	38.59
Illinois	176,634	89,800	50.84	171,077	88,722	51.86	165,200	85,978	52.04
Indiana	88,679	38,842	43.80	86,126	39,270	45.60	83,867	39,071	46.59
Iowa	40,221	15,297	38.03	39,662	15,732	39.67	38,514	15,582	40.46
Kansas	41,815	10,689	25.56	41,388	11,225	27.12	40,439	13,159	32.54
Kentucky	56,901	25,756	45.26	55,929	24,584	43.96	54,128	23,594	43.59
Louisiana	65,063	45,339	69.68	65,109	45,076	69.23	62,555	43,175	69.02
Maine	13,605	6833	50.22	13,466	7103	52.75	12,950	8164	63.04
Maryland [¶]	77,268	45,019	58.26	74,999	43,281	57.71	73,783	19,132	25.93
Massachusetts	76,969	19,469	25.29	74,966	19,666	26.23	72,835	19,485	26.75
Michigan	121,231	52,226	43.08	117,309	51,620	44.00	114,717	51,944	45.28
Minnesota	72,382	27,897	38.54	70,617	30,521	43.22	68,407	29,983	43.83
Mississippi [¶]	44,904	27,994	62.34	42,809	27,600	64.47	39,984	25,864	64.69
Missouri	80,944	38,004	46.95	78,849	37,675	47.78	76,718	32,411	42.25
Montana	12,595	3,795	30.13	12,280	3,985	32.45	12,058	4,225	35.04
Nebraska	26,992	10,049	37.23	26,931	10,038	37.27	25,916	8,070	31.14
Nevada	39,474	14,801	37.50	37,523	14,446	38.50	35,724	15,737	44.05
New Hampshire	13,684	3,839	28.05	13,389	3,865	28.87	12,873	3,845	29.87
New Jersey	112,428	26,904	23.93	109,543	26,748	24.42	101,409	28,499	28.10
New Mexico	30,156	16,518	54.78	28,873	16,034	55.53	27,795	14,832	53.36
New York	249,655	111,282	44.57	246,592	112,814	45.75	242,914	111,144	45.75
North Carolina [¶]	130,758	68,838	52.65	126,785	68,186	53.78	122,302	65,775	53.78
North Dakota	8,931	2,539	28.43	8,974	2,562	28.55	9,088	2,594	28.54
Ohio	148,592	55,859	37.59	144,569	55,957	38.71	139,034	53,140	38.22
Oklahoma [¶]	53,733	32,601	60.67	52,729	33,898	64.29	51,798	33,125	63.95
Oregon	49,117	19,993	40.70	47,188	19,865	42.10	45,596	20,463	44.88
Pennsylvania	139,830	43,642	31.21	139,653	46,034	32.96	138,532	45,260	32.67
Puerto Rico	45,689	25,613	56.06	44,830	26,799	59.78	42,203	25,231	59.78
Rhode Island	12,031	5,495	45.67	11,421	5,321	46.59	11,166	5,142	46.05
South Carolina	63,077	30,341	48.10	60,682	28,348	46.72	58,325	29,153	49.98
South Dakota	12,074	4,096	33.92	11,930	4,225	35.41	11,795	4,244	35.98
Tennessee	85,480	41,784	48.88	82,109	41,413	50.44	79,345	40,703	51.30
Texas	412,224	181,305	43.98	408,487	191,513	46.88	392,876	187,140	47.63
Utah ^{¶,¶}	55,372	13,796	24.92	53,587	15,628	29.16	51,925	15,911	30.64
Vermont	6,342	2,805	44.23	6,109	2,791	45.69	6,224	2,901	46.61
Virginia	106,578	28,189	26.45	104,979	28,047	26.72	102,934	30,626	29.75
Washington	90,270	33,687	37.32	89,242	34,802	39.00	86,480	33,545	38.79
West Virginia	21,493	9,232	42.95	21,275	9,464	44.48	20,407	10,575	51.82
Wisconsin	68,367	33,848	49.51	70,824	34,694	48.99	68,367	33,848	49.51
Wyoming	8,022	2,944	36.70	7,874	2,896	36.78	7,541	2,892	38.35
Total	4,280,854	1,715,957	40.08	3,942,972	1,730,568	43.89	3,780,519	1,805,151	47.75

^a Missing data are not included in the total national estimates.

[†] AR reported the number of newborns on Medicaid as opposed to birth counts.

[‡] DE does not have final figures for 2010 and is waiting on information from one of the payers.

[§] The District of Columbia did not provide Medicaid claims data for 2008 owing to data quality issues.

[¶] Some of the states (MD, MS, NC, OK, UT) and the District of Columbia adopted the 2003 certificate in the middle of our data collection period, either in 2009 or 2010, thus producing inconsistencies in the data within a state over time as the questions changed.

^{¶¶} UT provided resident data in state only.

Because two thirds of all states have adopted the 2003 birth certificate, most states provided birth frequencies using vital records data. We used resident birth counts as opposed to occurrence data because we found it was the most common approach in birth data reporting and it better served the scope of

our research. Resident births are "births occurring within the United States to U.S. citizens and to residents who are not citizens, allocated to the usual place of residence of the mother in the United States" (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2010). Births to U.S. residents occurring outside the

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Medicaid Paid Births - Single Year in Michigan

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Year(s)

2010-2019

Data Type

All

Raw Data

Definition & Sources

Location	Data Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Michigan	Number	51,944	51,449	49,615	49,932	49,008	49,264	48,699	47,662	45,382	44,759
	Percent	45.3%	45.1%	44.0%	43.9%	42.8%	43.5%	43.0%	42.7%	41.2%	41.5%

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DEFINITIONS & SOURCES

Definitions: The number of births that were paid for by Medicaid. The percent is based on total live births. Percents are suppressed with an * for fewer than six occurrences in a single-year to maintain reliability.

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Timeframe: 2020

TABLE

Location	Percent of Births Financed by Medicaid	Number of Births Financed by Medicaid
Michigan	40%	41,101

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Sources

KFF analysis of CDC Wonder Online Database.

Definitions

N/A: Data not available.

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BIRTHS

The birth rate is defined as the number of live births per 1,000 women of childbearing age (15-44 years). Sustained low birth rates may indicate that the population is aging, and sustained high birth rates may predict a much younger age structure in the population. It can be helpful to understand how the birth rate changes for different maternal age groups and for different racial and ethnic backgrounds, and how these births are distributed in a population.

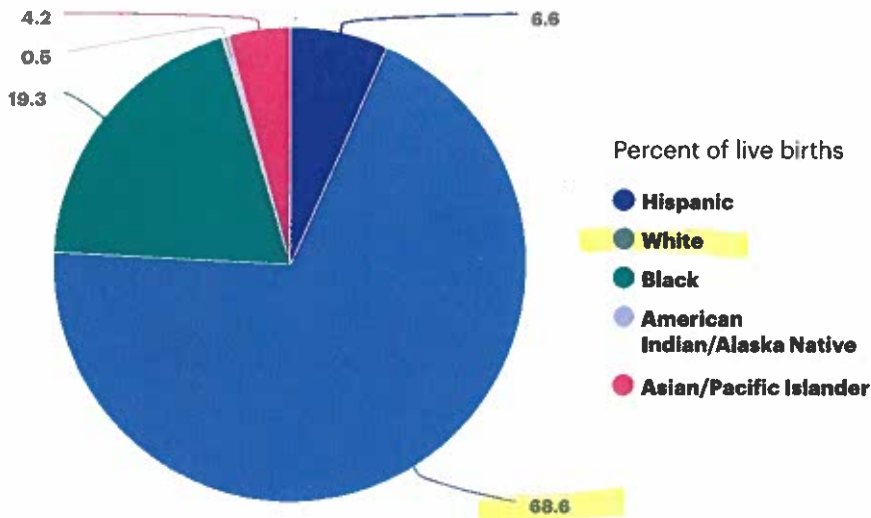
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DATA FOR MICHIGAN

- In 2020, there were 104,074 live births in Michigan.
- The birth rate in Michigan in 2020 was 55.6 per 1,000 women ages 15-44.
- Of all live births in Michigan during 2018-2020 (average), 6.6% were Hispanic, 68.6% were white, 19.3% were black, 0.5% were American Indian/Alaska Native and 4.2% were Asian/Pacific Islander.

**Percentage of births by race/ethnicity:
Michigan, 2018-2020 Average**



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TABLE A-3. (continued)

Characteristic	Total		Health insurance status							
			Medicaid		Private insurance		Uninsured		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
12–15 years	1,090,106	28.8%	483,466	29.7%	528,264	28.4%	28,381	18.4%	49,995	34.5%
≥ 16 years	1,224,980	32.4%	125,397	7.7%	1,021,231	54.9%	42,308	27.5%	36,044	24.9%
History of prior births										
Prior births	2,374,261	62.1%	1,105,856	67.3%	1,071,167	57.0%	107,547	68.9%	89,691	61.5%
Preterm	125,541	5.3%	69,093	6.3%	47,852	4.5%	4,085	3.8%	4,511	5.0%
Cesarean	592,192	25.0%	274,795	24.9%	274,988	25.7%	21,279	19.8%	21,130	23.6%
Health conditions										
Overweight or obese	1,993,077	53.3%	928,075	58.0%	920,772	49.9%	67,719	45.1%	76,511	53.6%
Pre-pregnancy diabetes	35,121	0.9%	17,748	1.1%	14,987	0.8%	1,011	0.7%	1,375	0.9%
Gestational diabetes	243,514	6.4%	102,398	6.2%	125,135	6.7%	7,623	4.9%	8,358	5.7%
Pre-pregnancy hypertension	72,586	1.9%	34,299	2.1%	33,769	1.8%	1,544	1.0%	2,974	2.0%
Gestational hypertension	247,054	6.5%	104,840	6.4%	127,441	6.8%	6,044	3.9%	8,729	6.0%
Cigarette smoking before pregnancy	341,701	9.0%	239,845	14.7%	84,517	4.5%	7,129	4.6%	10,210	7.0%
Cigarette smoking during pregnancy	262,678	6.9%	196,838	12.0%	52,498	2.8%	5,944	3.8%	7,398	5.1%

Notes: Percent columns are calculated based on number of births. Total number of births may not be consistent across breaks due to missing values or suppression. Urban and rural categories are based on the mother's legal county of residence as recorded on the birth certificate and are defined using the 2013 National Center for Health Statistics Urban-Rural Scheme for Counties. Urban includes counties classified as large central metro, large fringe metro, medium metro, and small metro. Rural includes counties classified as micropolitan and non-core. Preterm birth is delivery prior to 37 weeks.

Source: MACPAC, 2019, analysis of U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention WONDER online database, Natality information— live births, <https://wonder.cdc.gov/natality.html>.