

Michigan Community College Association

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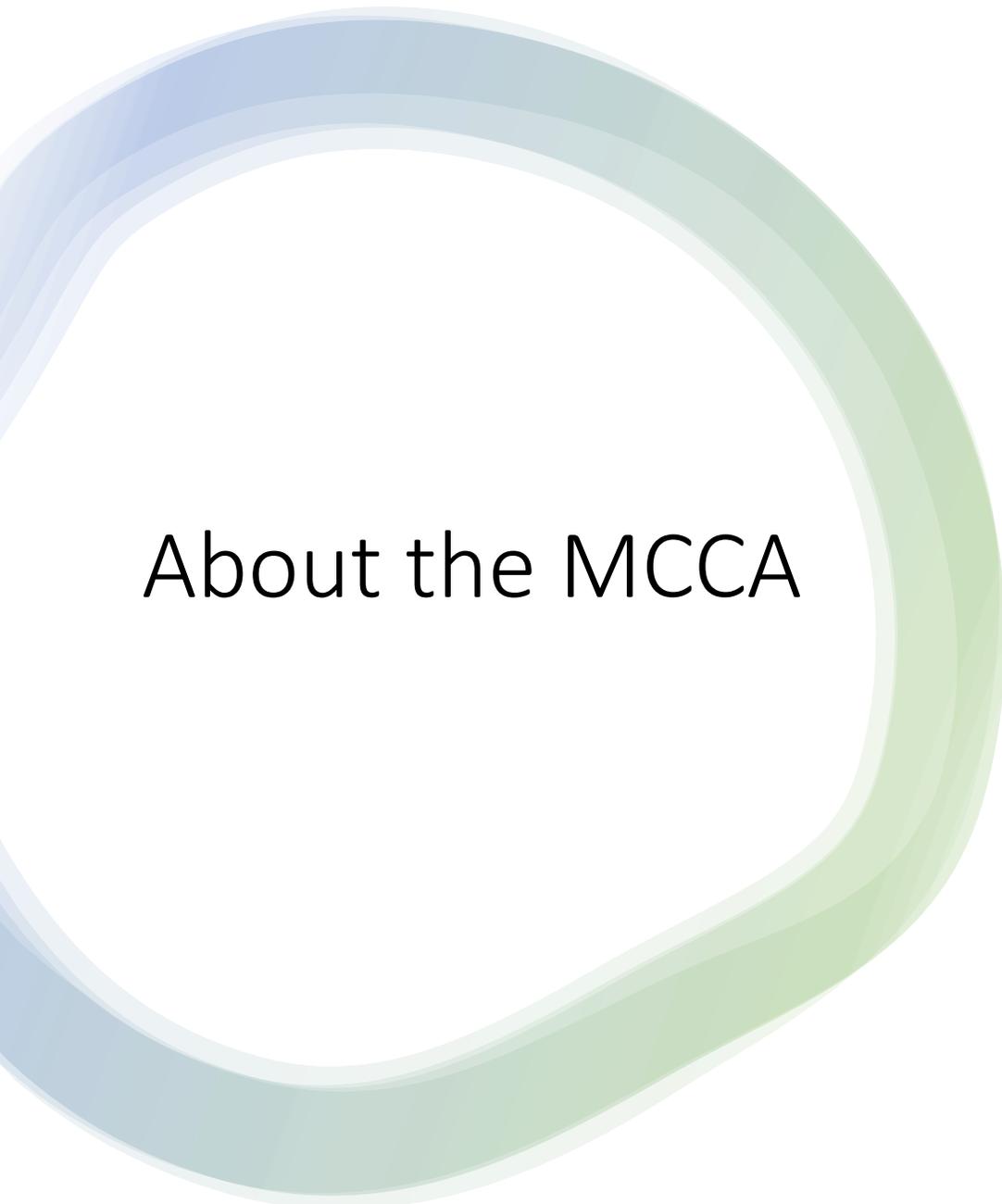
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About the MCCA

Mission

The Michigan Community College Association is the unified voice for Michigan's community colleges, empowering members to lead in areas of student success, talent development and community vitality.

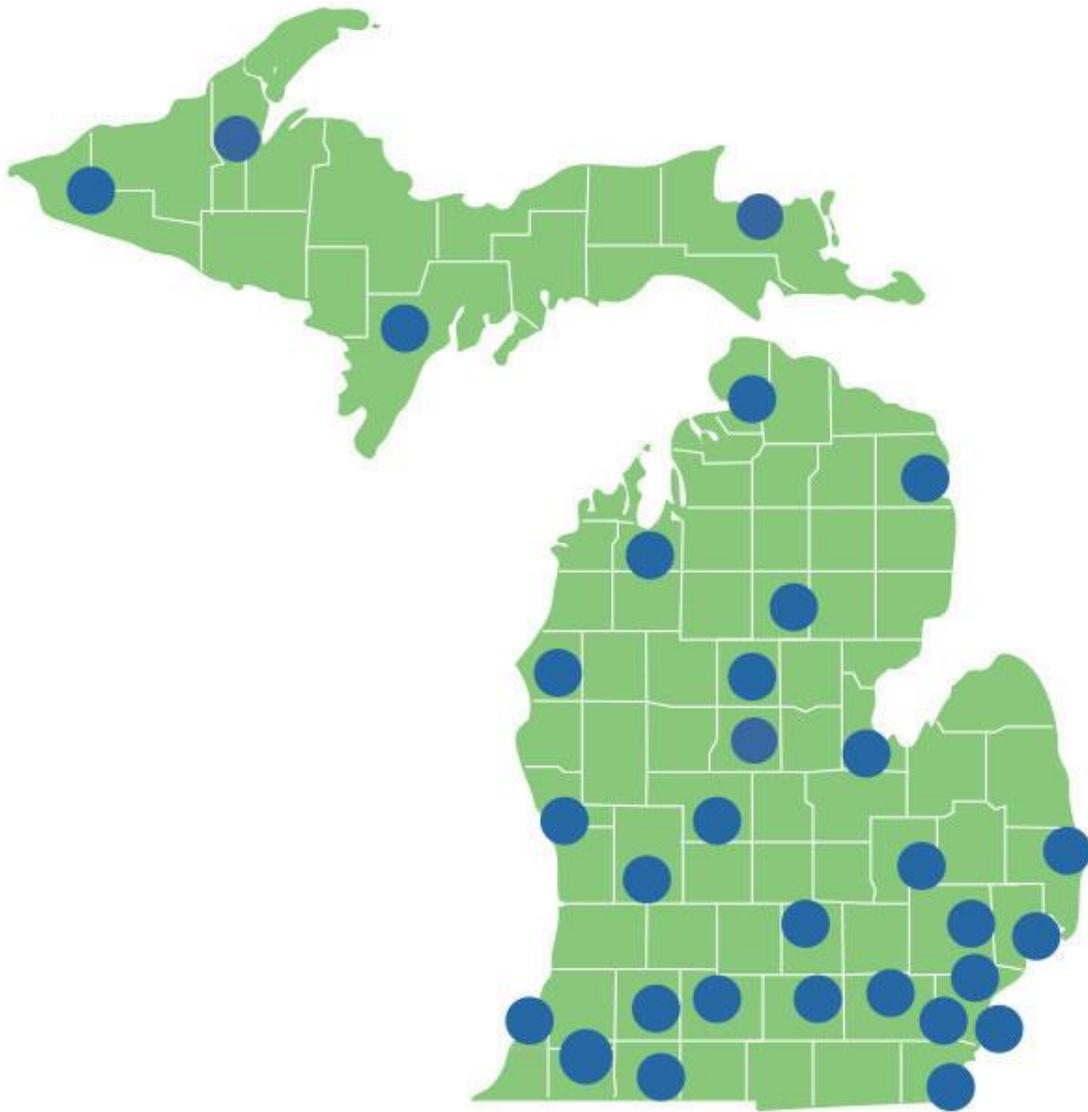
Vision

MCCA will:

- Be the state's leading advocate for postsecondary education and talent development.
- Strengthen public awareness and recognition of the role of community colleges.
- Support members in delivering education and training that is responsive to changing labor-market needs.
- Champion the strategies necessary to achieve equitable student success, emphasizing linkages between policy, practice, and research.
- Foster collaboration, connection, and partnerships among community colleges and stakeholders.

About Community Colleges

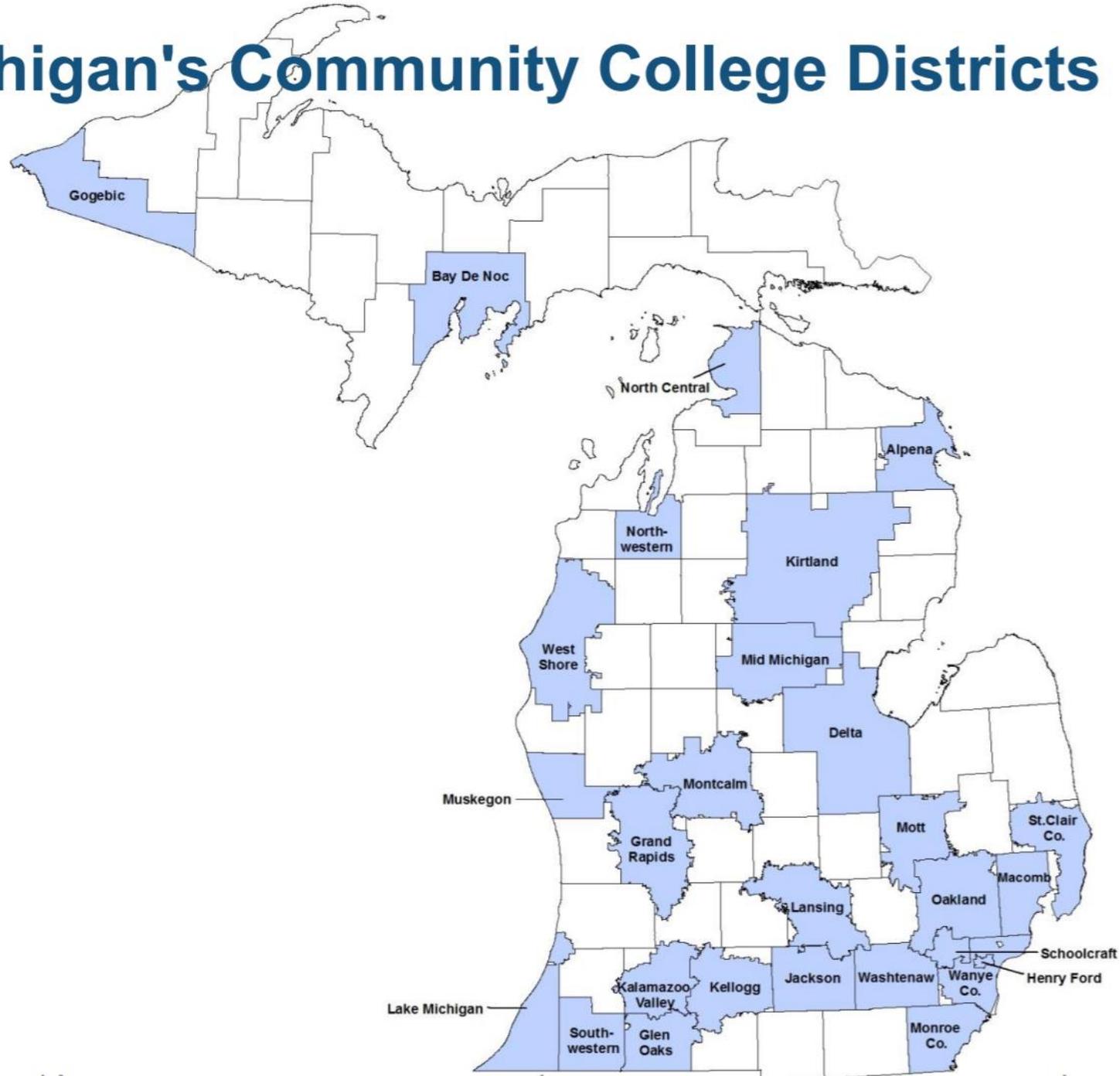




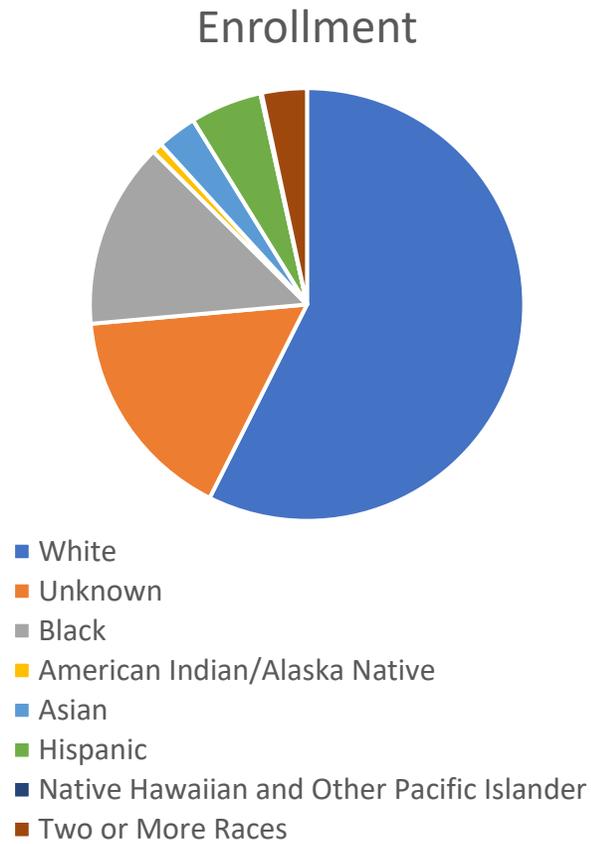
Fast Facts

- 28 public community colleges
- 3 tribal colleges
- Locally-elected boards of trustees
- 132+ locations
- 271,272 Students

Michigan's Community College Districts



2020-21 Degree Seeking Enrollment



Female: 59%

Male: 41%

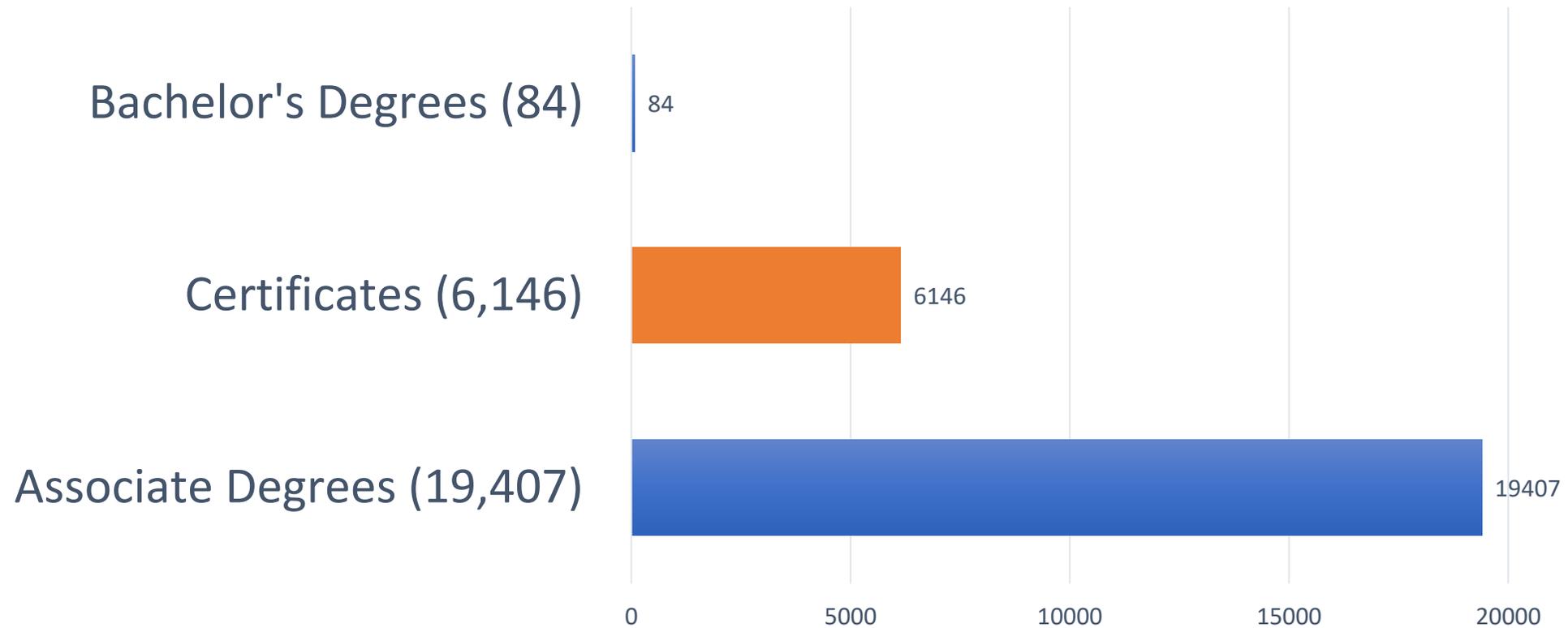
24 and Under: 66%

25 and Over: 33%

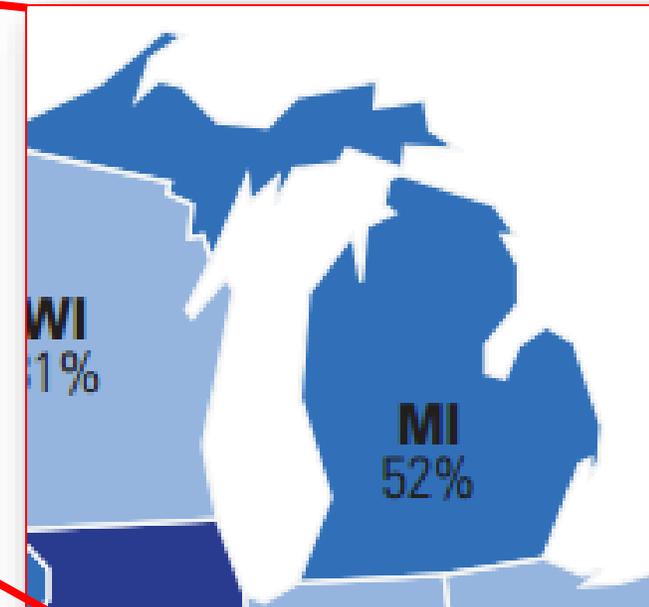
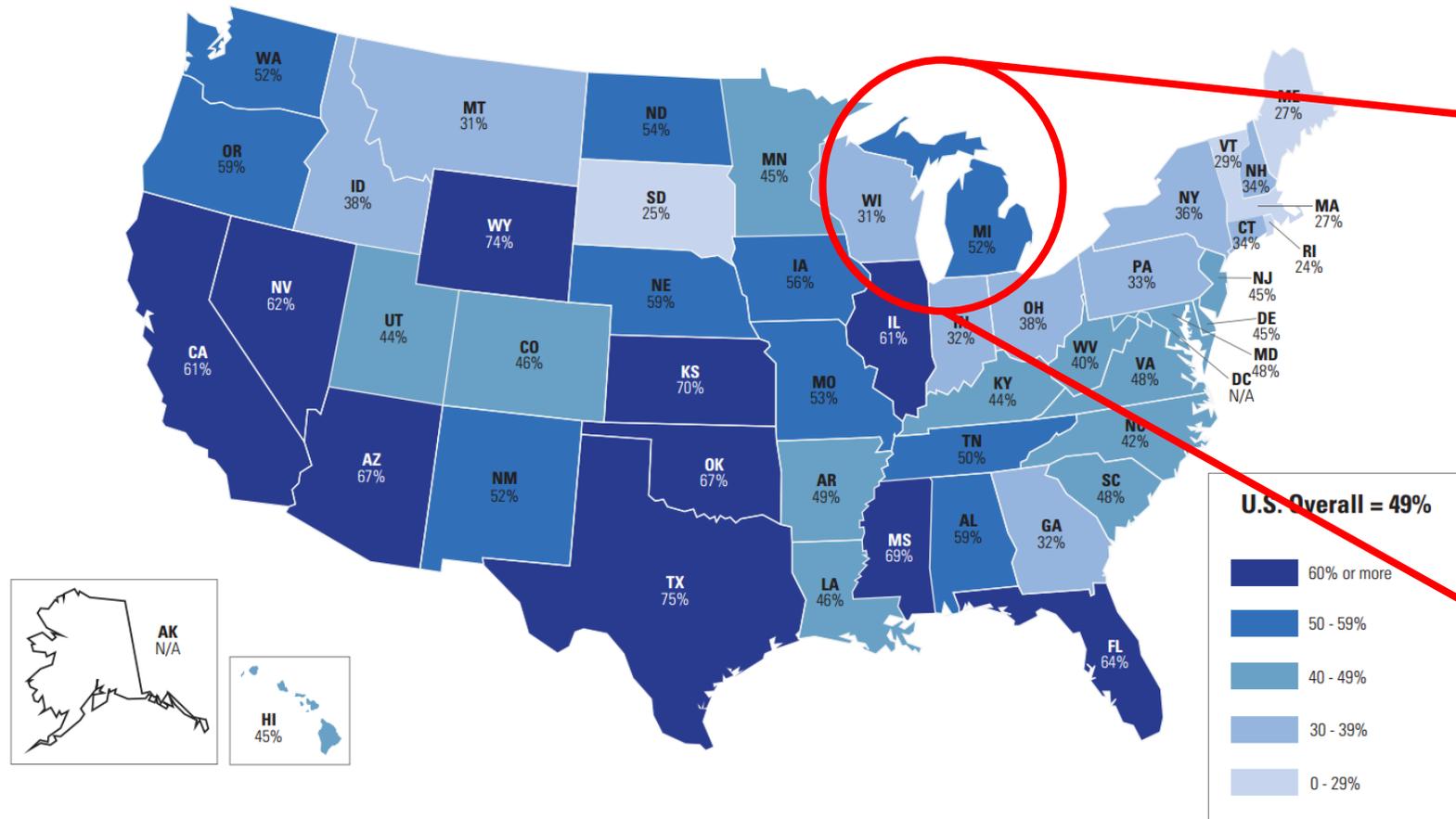
Part-Time: 71%

Full-Time: 29%

Degrees and Certificates Awarded (2019-20)



Percentage of 2015-16 Bachelor's Degree Earners with Previous Enrollments at Two-Year Public Institutions



The states in the map represent the states in which bachelor's degrees were awarded. In this analysis, baccalaureate-granting institutions that predominantly award associate degrees (at least 55 percent of the undergraduate degrees awarded are associate degrees) are classified as two-year institutions. As such, enrollments at these institutions count

Transfer

Tuition and Fees



In-District

Students residing within the community college's property tax district



Out-of-District

Students residing outside the community college's property tax district

Revenue Sources



Vision

33.3% State Appropriations
33.3% Local Property Tax
33.3% Tuition and Fees



Reality

24.6% State Appropriations
37.5% Local Property Tax
35.21% Tuition and Fees

Michigan Achievement Scholarship

- Students who graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after will be eligible for more financial aid from the State of Michigan:
 - Up to \$2,000 if they attend an eligible private training provider in Michigan, per year, up to two years
 - **Up to \$2,750 if they attend a Michigan community or tribal college, per year, up to three years**
 - Up to \$4,000 if they attend a Michigan private college or university, per year, up to five years
 - Up to \$5,500 if they attend a Michigan public university, per year, up to five years



The logo for Michigan Reconnect features a large, stylized letter 'M' shape. The left vertical stroke of the 'M' is light blue, and the right vertical stroke is light green. The top and bottom horizontal strokes are formed by overlapping, semi-transparent bands of these colors, creating a layered effect. The text 'Michigan Reconnect' is centered within the white space of the 'M' shape.

Michigan Reconnect

- Established by PA 84 of 2020
- Amended by PA 251 of 2022
- Future Improvements
 - ✓ Lower age of eligibility to 21
 - ✓ Improve accountability system

Michigan Reconnect

HELPS PAY THE COSTS OF TUITION OR TRAINING FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS, AGE 25 AND OLDER, WHO WANT TO PURSUE AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR SKILLS CERTIFICATE AT THEIR IN-DISTRICT COMMUNITY COLLEGE.



OVER 114,000 APPLICANTS ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM.



MORE THAN 2,000 “RECONNECTORS” HAVE GRADUATED WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR SKILLS CERTIFICATE.

Reconnect – Developmental Education

Research driven best-practice

Accelerated implementation at our community college

390.1703.amended Definitions.

(v) By not later than August 1, 2023, for all Michigan reconnect grant students who need academic remediation, provides appropriate academic support, including all of the following:

(A) A corequisite model of academic support for gateway English and mathematics pathway courses under which a student concurrently enrolls in a developmental education course and a freshman-level course in the same or a related subject area for each subject area needing remediation, to be completed during the same semester as the freshman-level course. An institution providing corequisite support as described in this sub-subparagraph remains eligible whether or not it charges tuition or fees for the developmental education portions of the program.

(B) Any additional remediation programs as the institution considers appropriate, subject to all of the following:

(I) An additional remediation program must serve as a supplement to, not as an alternative to, the corequisite model described in sub-subparagraph (A).

(II) For each additional remediation program, the institution must include in its annual report, pursuant to subparagraph (iv)(D), an evidence-based rationale for the program.

(III) An additional remediation program must be offered at no charge to Michigan reconnect grant students or offered outside of the institutional tuition and fee structure. For a program offered outside of its tuition and fee structure, an institution may use foundation or other local funding sources or refer students to adult education providers.

Reconnect – Credit for Prior Learning

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(viii) Demonstrates, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, that the institution does all of the following:

(A) Is working to adopt best practices for partnering with bachelor's degree granting institutions, providing coursework for general studies and requirements of associate degrees and certificates, providing stackable industry-recognized micro credentials within certificate and associate degree programs, providing credit for prior learning, providing work-based learning opportunities, providing holistic student support services, and providing a guided pathways model by which students receive early advising and career exploration, set a pathway of interest during their first term, and develop a full program plan within their first or second term.

(B) Informs Michigan reconnect grant students upon admission of its policies for converting prior learning into community college credit and any means available to maximize acceleration, as described in subparagraph (iv)(B).

(C) Supports adult learners by offering competency-based courses and programs.

(D) Awards academic credit to learners scoring the minimum American Council on Education standard score on college-level credit exams from organizations such as CLEP and DSST.

Lowers program costs

Reduces time to complete

Receiving Institution: Muskegon Community College



Subject: ED

Course: 111A - Intro to Early Childhood Education

Credits/G/W: 3.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Subject: ED

Course: 210 - Child Care and Guidance

Credits/G/W: 3.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Subject: ED

Course: 220B - Early Childhood Oserve Assessment

Credits/G/W: 2.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Subject: ED

Course: 252B - Child Development Practicum

Credits/G/W: 3.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

Awarding
Academic
Credit for
Industry
Credentials

Credential: Child Development Associate

Suggested Documentation: Submit a copy of current certification with the Industry Credential for Credit form.

Website URL: <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>





Budget Priorities

Operations + Infrastructure

- Increase operational support for Michigan's community colleges.
- Provide funding for infrastructure, technology, equipment, and maintenance (ITEM) improvements to ensure students have industry-current equipment and technology to learn with. ***Distribute by headcount.***
- Invest in capital outlay projects at community colleges. Making investments in community college infrastructure will continue to serve students for decades to come.



Budget Priorities

Michigan Reconnect

- Continue investing in Michigan Reconnect, a program that provides a tuition-free pathway to a certificate or associate degree for Michiganders that are 25 or older.
- Expand Reconnect to Michigan residents ages 21 or older and ***make this permanent.***

Student Support and Financial Aid

- Dedicate funding for student basic needs beyond financial aid which is critical for increasing persistence and graduation.
- Revise Michigan Achievement Scholarship boilerplate to clarify the scholarship covers the ***actual cost of tuition*** including contact hours and baccalaureate program rates. Eliminate the full-time requirement for summer semesters.



Questions?