Children in Poverty

Moving in the Wrong Direction

Nearly 1 in 4 children in the United States live in poverty. The stark changes in many states between 2000 and 2012 illustrate the widening income gap, which reduces economic growth, jeopardizes socio-economic mobility, and increases demand for high-quality public services. This phenomenon affects all aspects of a person's life and is a difficult cycle to break. Reclaiming the Promise is about fulfilling our collective obligation to ensure that every person has the opportunity to succeed and live a productive life.

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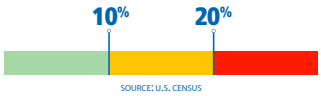
Percentage of children living in poverty

Ages 0 – 17 years



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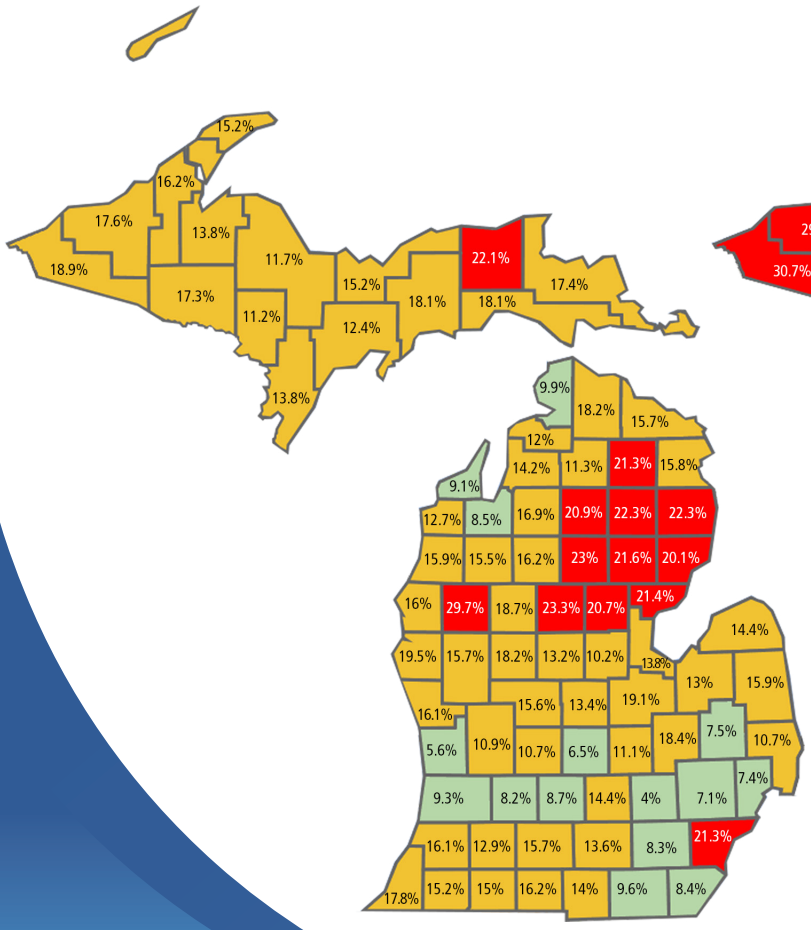

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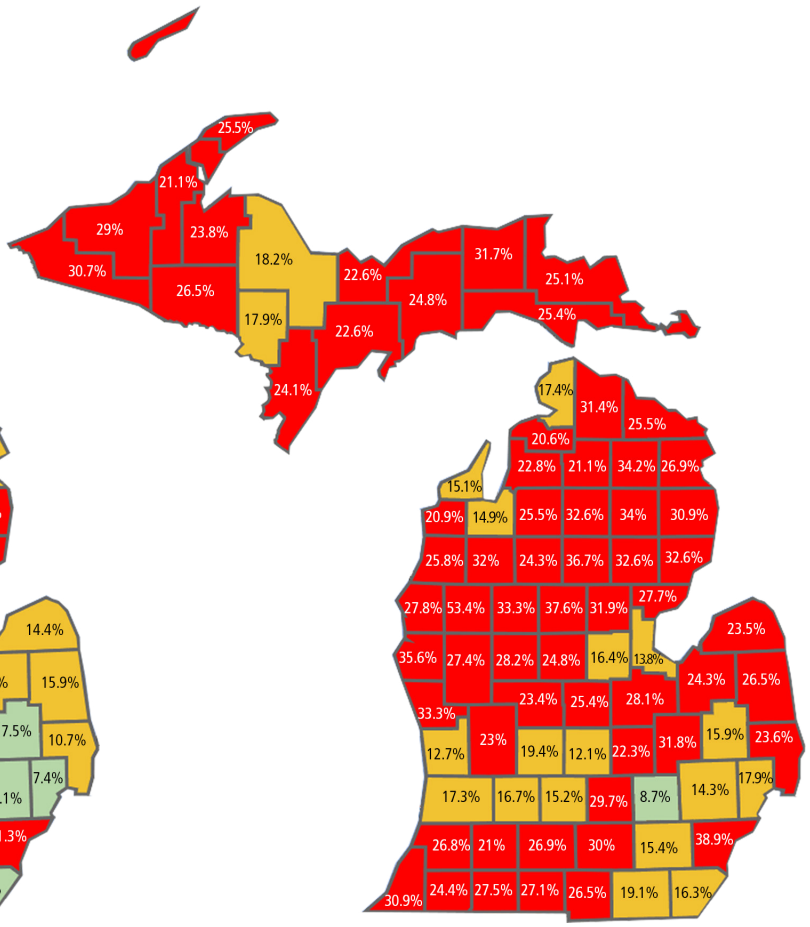

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