



Every Child Deserves A Chance

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### **Crossroads for Youth Facts and Statistics**

**OXFORD, Mich.**—Abuse and neglect of children is a large problem across the country and in Michigan. According to a 2016 report published by the Michigan League for Public Policy, the number of abused and neglected children in Michigan is at its highest level since 1990. At Crossroads for Youth, we've been taking care of abused, neglected and at-risk Michigan children aged 7-17 for more than six decades.

Here are some facts regarding children who are (or have been) abused and neglected, placed in foster care, and juvenile justice children in the United States and Michigan.

In the United States, in 2015:

- 427,910 children were in the foster care system.
- 269,509 children entered foster care.
- 61 percent were removed from their home due to neglect.
- 13 percent were removed as a result of physical abuse.
- The median age for children in foster care was 7.8 years old
- 22 percent of children spent one to five months in foster care; 20 percent spent six to 11 months.
- Child abuse costs were around \$124 billion, costing the average American family approximately \$1,400 per year.

In Michigan, in 2015:

- 13,036 youth were in the Michigan foster care system.
- 665 juvenile justice youth cases were overseen by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- The 2016 recommended budget for the Michigan child welfare and juvenile justice services was 31.2 percent of the entire \$978.9 million Michigan Department of Human Services general budget.

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## **Crossroads for Youth Facts and Statistics, continued**

- 34,777 Michigan children were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect from October 2014-October 2015, according to a report from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. That equates to 15.6 per 1,000 Michigan children.

### Crossroads for Youth in 2015:

- 197 children came to Crossroads for Youth.
- The average age of a resident was 15.15 years old.
- The percentage of male participants was 64.4 percent.
- The percentage of female participants was 35.6 percent.
- The average length of stay was 3.75 months.
- 65.8 percent of clients came from Oakland County; 11.8 from St. Clair County and 5.9 percent from Kent County.

Crossroads for Youth is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) treatment agency that serves at-risk children and youth ages 7-17. Crossroads for Youth believes that every child deserves a chance and as such, works to strengthen families and youth with skills and tools so they become valuable contributors in their communities. For more information on Crossroads for Youth, or to make a donation, go to [www.crossroadsforyouth.org](http://www.crossroadsforyouth.org) or call 248-628-2561.

*Sources include Children's Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and Crossroads for Youth.*

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