



Topic: Health Insurance Coverage

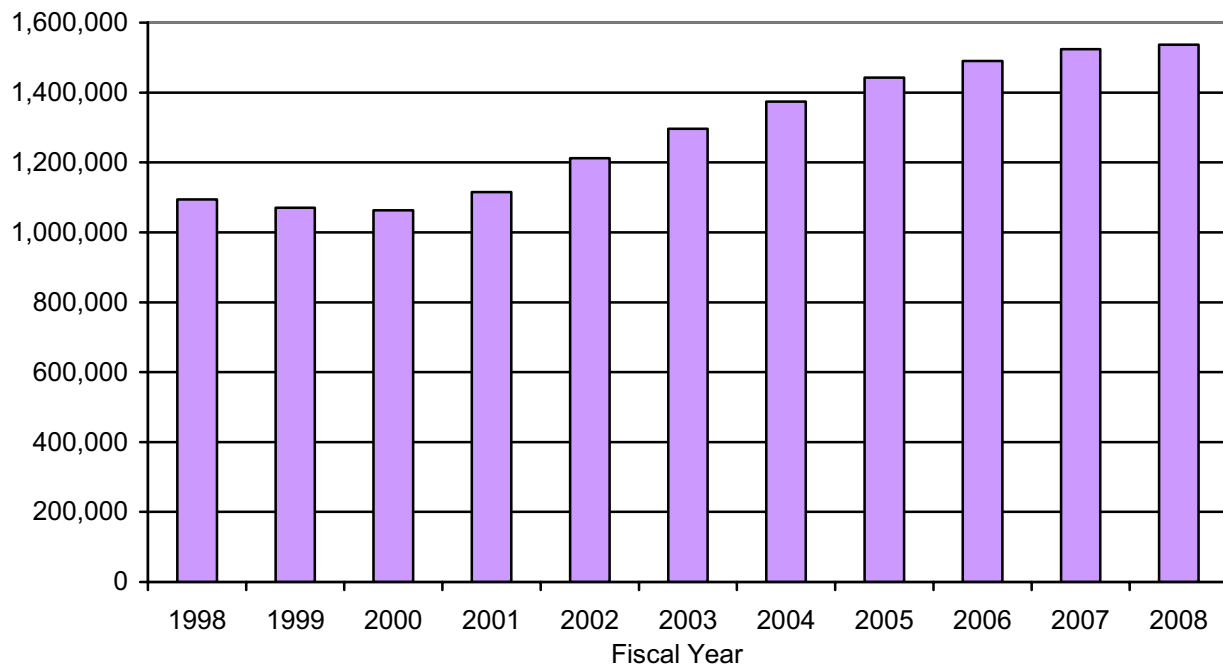
42. Medicaid and MICHild Enrollment

Medicaid is the federal health program for individuals that cannot afford health care themselves, but is administered by Michigan. Michigan has a children's component to Medicaid called Healthy Kids. Healthy Kids is a program for children whose family income is below 150% of the federal poverty level. Children under the age of one and pregnant women with family incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty level are covered.

Another health insurance program in Michigan is MI Child, an initiative which began in 1998. It provides health insurance to children of low-income and moderate-income families. Children under the age of one year with family incomes between 185% and 200% of the federal poverty level, and children age one to 18 without health coverage and whose family income is between 150 and 200% of the federal poverty level are eligible. MICHild enrollment is coordinated with Healthy Kids enrollment since both programs share a single application.

How are we doing?

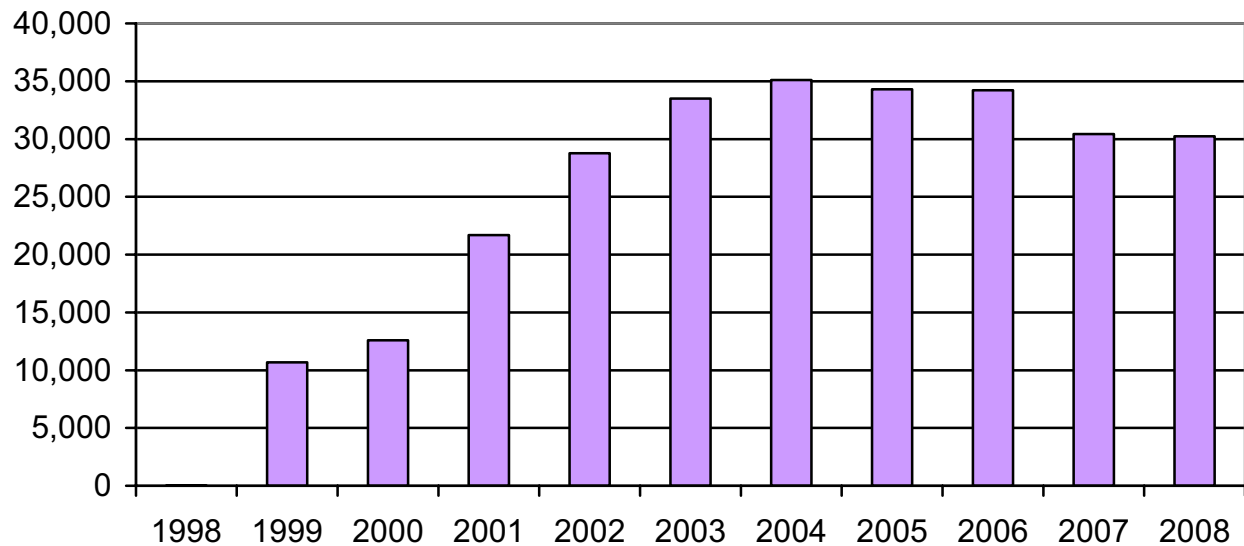
Medicaid Enrollment in Michigan



Total enrollment in the Michigan Medicaid program in 2008 was 15.3% of the population at 1,536,853 residents. Over the past few years, the Michigan Medicaid program has continued to cover an increasing number of residents, including low-income children who have lost dependent coverage and adults who have lost their jobs and exhausted their unemployment benefits.



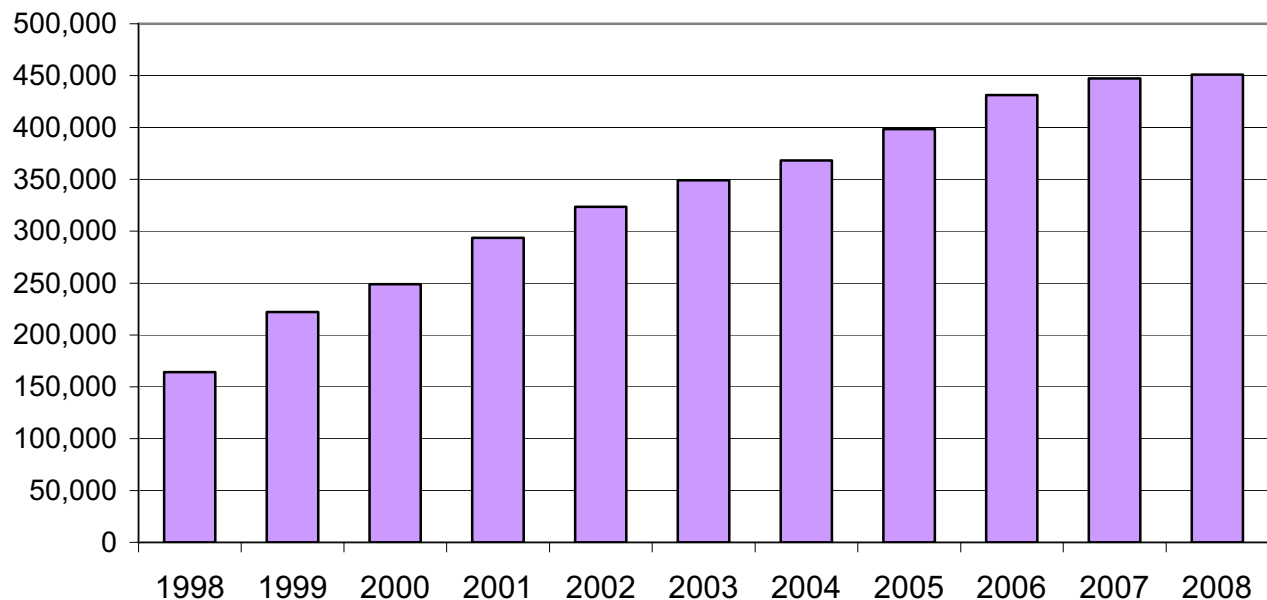
MI Child Enrollment in Michigan



* MI Child documents enrollment in June of each year.

For MICHild, enrollment increased from 28 children in June of 1998 to 30,245 in June 2008.

Healthy Kids Enrollment in Michigan



* Healthy Kids documents enrollment in May of each year.



Healthy Kids has steadily increased over the past 10 years. Its growth corresponds with the rising enrollment in Medicaid as well. Healthy Kids enrollment has risen from 164,190 in May 1998 to 450,988 children in May 2008.

How Does Michigan compare with the U.S.?

Michigan's Medicaid rolls increased 40.2% between fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2006 while the average increase across the nation from December 2000 to December 2006 was only 31%.

How are different populations affected?

A much larger percentage of children are eligible for Medicaid than adults. In 2007, 37.1% of Michigan's children were eligible for Medicaid, as were 8.0% of adults. In 2007, Michigan Medicaid covered 11.1% of Whites, 34.2% of Blacks, and 21.1% of Hispanics.

What is the Department of Community Health doing to improve this indicator?

The MDCH has comprehensive outreach efforts for the MICHild program, including a combined Medicaid and MICHild application, pamphlets, and posters. Toll-free telephone lines (1-888-988-6300) offer translation services for other languages as well. In addition, the Department is very active in outreach to the Native-American community. The Department has trained many of the tribal health centers in Medicaid and MICHild eligibility and has enrollment assistance workers at each tribal health center.

The Department also provides preventive and primary health care to its dually-eligible Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) and MICHild enrollees. Eligible families may choose to enroll in one of the CSHCS's managed care programs that also provide MICHild services or receive services on a fee-for-service basis.

The MDCH has worked with local Multi-Purpose Collaborative Bodies and Child and Adolescent Health Centers and Programs to develop locally-driven, innovative outreach programs throughout the state. Outreach materials are provided through schools and local organizations. The Department has also offered widespread training assistance to community-based groups and contacted community business organizations (small businesses, self-employed persons, etc.) for outreach efforts.

Another asset of the MICHild and Healthy Kids program is the co-location of Medicaid eligibility workers at the MICHild administrative site of business. This allows faster Medicaid determinations, better communication between the two programs, and continuity of care for children transferring between programs.

MICHild and Healthy Kids also have an online application tool at www.healthcare4mi.com. More than 50% of the applications received for Healthy Kids and MICHild are filed through the online application. Online applications can be filed from home, library or anywhere there is an internet connection available including one of the trained sites. Along with the trained Tribal Health Centers, over 350 sites are trained to assist applicants with the online application for Healthy Kids Medicaid and MICHild. Applications for children and pregnant women received from the trained sites allow presumptive eligibility for the applicants. Applications from other sources are processed within 5 days for MICHild.