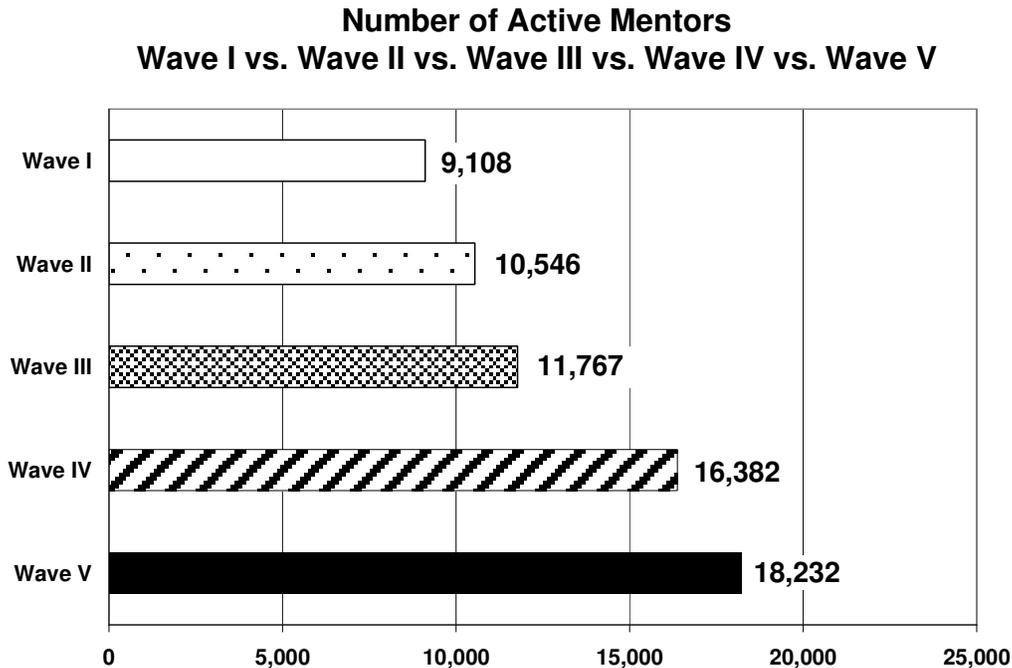




Mentor Michigan Census Wave V: Executive Summary

- Wave V of the Mentor Michigan Census (MMC) was conducted in September and October of 2007. One hundred and forty mentoring organizations operating 217 distinct programs report having 18,232 active mentors. This is the largest number of mentors ever counted in the state of Michigan. It compares to 16,382 mentors counted last wave, an increase of 1,850 new active mentors, continuing the steady increases observed during each wave of the MMC.
- Wave V of the MMC documents a total of 25,883 children matched with a mentor during the last year.
- With 220 organizations in the Mentor Michigan Registry, this survey achieved a 63% response rate. This is the highest ever recorded for the MMC. As there are organizations that did not report, it is reasonable to estimate that there are more than 35,000 mentoring relationships in the state of Michigan in 2007.



- Measuring another way confirms that the number of mentoring relationships in Michigan is growing. The table below shows that 51% of mentoring organizations report an increase while only 15% report a decrease in number of children matched. Among those organizations reporting an increase, in aggregate, the number matched with a mentor has increased by 3,596 since one year ago. Among those reporting a decrease, the aggregate number of matches is down 1,078. This yields a net change of 2,518 additional children matched with mentors since last year at this time.

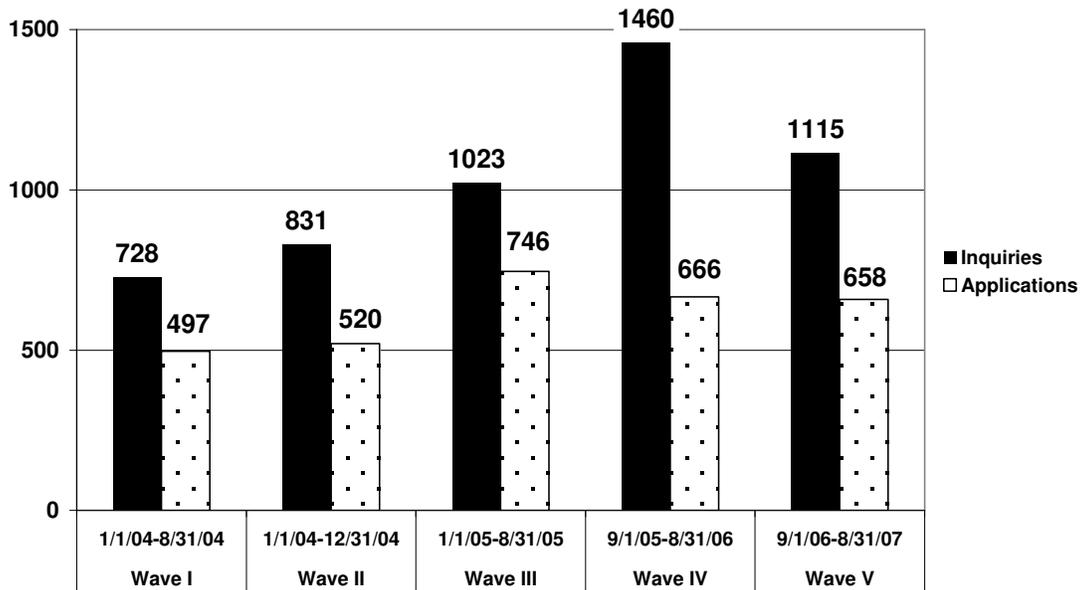
Change in the Number of Youth Mentored	
108 organizations report an increase in matches of	3,596
33 organizations report a decrease in matches of	- 1,078
Net change.....	2,518



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- The number of inquiries to become a mentor received by Michigan’s mentoring organizations is down after last year’s all time high. This year, there were more than 13,000 inquiries compared to about 17,000 inquiries that were counted during Wave IV. Yet, more of these are *serious* inquires leading to written applications. In Wave IV, 46% of inquiries lead to written applications. In Wave V, that percentage grew to 59%. The data below shows the monthly averages of inquires and written applications received over the five census waves.

Mentor Inquiries and Applications
Monthly Averages:
Wave I vs. Wave II vs. Wave III vs. Wave IV vs. Wave V



Screening

- Many mentoring organizations have improved their screening procedures. This year, slightly more organizations are conducting federal criminal background checks (33% compared to 27% last wave). Similarly, more organizations are using the sex offender and child abuse registries; and are conducting personal character reference checks; checking employment references; and conducting home visits and home assessments. Still, 3% report that they do none of these to screen mentors.

Mentor Demographics

- For the first time, this year’s MMC shows a substantial increase in the number of boys, especially African-American boys, being mentored. This is, in part, a result of more male mentors being recruited and more cross-race matching.

Waiting Lists

- There are nearly 3,500 hundred children on waiting lists to be matched with a mentor and more than 1,800 mentors on waiting lists to be matched with a child. Assuming same gender matching, more than 1,000 male mentors need to be recruited to befriend boys currently on waiting lists, more than half of these men of color (assuming same race matching).