

# The Green Book:

## How to Use It

Michigan Department of Human Services' Green Book provides comprehensive information about certain assistance programs. This guide helps define what can be found in the Green Book and offers tips on how to navigate its tables.

### About the resource:

- The Green Book is a monthly report of key DHS program statistics for the entire state and by individual county. The statistics are laid out in 35 tables. More tables are planned for use in the future (these are presented in gray in the index of tables).
- Beginning October 2008, the reports use data from the Michigan Data Warehouse.
- The reports are presented in PDF format with tabs and bookmarks.
- The Green Book is published monthly and is archived back to 2002.
- The Green Book can be located at the DHS website, [www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs), under News, Publications & Information. The Table of Contents is hyperlinked.

### What's in it?

The Green Book provides detailed information for the family independence, food assistance and state disability assistance programs; child development and care; Medicaid; State Emergency Relief; and more.

Detailed information may include:

- Eligible recipient totals: People receiving assistance; some tables may show a breakdown for adults and children.
- Payments: Amount of financial assistance given; some tables may show state and federal funding breakdowns.
- Averages per case/person: Average amount of financial assistance per case/person.
- Average recipients per case: Average number of people per case.

### Other reports included in the Green Book:

- Adult Medical Program by the number of cases and recipients.
- Medicaid-eligible recipients in five categories.
- State Emergency Relief case and payment categories for energy and non-energy cases.
- Foster care and juvenile justice payments by certain sources.

### Useful definitions:

- TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is a federal grant that funds some assistance programs including the Family Independence Program.
- EFIP: Extended Family Independence Program is a benefit of participation in the Jobs, Employment and Training Program. EFIP clients have earned sufficient income to no longer qualify for FIP. They remain on the caseload for six additional months receiving a \$10/month EFIP benefit in order to qualify for other employment-related benefits that include Medicaid and child development and day care.
- Non-two parent, two parents: A FIP case must have children and it can have one parent or two parents. There are different state and federal policies that govern the groups.
- Unduplicated: This term refers to the number of individual people who received benefits from a particular program.

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### Where can I find ...?

- **The number of Medicaid eligible recipients and cases in Michigan in February 2010? In Oakland County?**

Once in the Green Book, look over the Table of Contents and click on Table 3: Total Eligible Medicaid Cases and Recipients. There were 1,039,892 cases and 1,842,553 recipients in February 2010 statewide. There were 77,976 cases and 131,798 recipients in Oakland County for that same time period.

- **The average payment per case in Ingham County for the Food Assistance Program in February 2010? What is the average per person?**

In the Table of Contents, click on Table 24 and then scroll to find Ingham County. The average payment per case is \$242.14 and the average per person is \$131.92.

- **How many State Emergency Assistance cases Kent County had in February 2010 and how many payments were there? Compare to statewide.**

In the Green Book Table of Contents, click on Table 38. Scroll down to Kent County and look at the last column. There were 296 SER cases and 350 payments. For the entire state, there were 30,205 cases and a total of 42,267 payments.

### Why's it called the Green Book anyway?

Because the cover has always been green.

Here's a [shortcut to the Green Book](#).

