



Michigan's Youth Vote: *Closing the Turnout Gaps*

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Introduction

As we prepare for the 2024 elections, an analysis of Michigan Department of State youth voting data over the last two election cycles has identified some significant turnout gaps. In a democracy, our vote is our voice. There are too many young people in Michigan whose voices are not being heard.

This report draws on Michigan Department of State data for young voters aged 18-29 in the 2022 midterm and 2020 presidential elections, as well as national surveys on youth voter turnout.

Key highlights:

- **Registration/voting turnout gap:** While many young people are registered to vote in Michigan, there is a significant gap between the number who are registered and those who actually voted.
 - In 2020, the last presidential election, over 1.4 million eligible Michigan youth were registered and about 864,000 voted – a difference of 38.3%.
 - This gap in turnout was smaller in the 2020 presidential election than in the 2022 midterm.
- **College/noncollege turnout gap:** National surveys in 2022 find that 87% of voters aged 18-29 have some college experience. At the same time, 2021 U.S. Census data reports that 40% of Americans in this age group have no college experience.

Young voters and the 2024 election

For the November 2024 election, 40.8 million members of Generation Z (aged 18-27) nationwide will be eligible to vote. These 41 million young people – about one-sixth of eligible voters nationwide¹ -- include 8.3 million newly eligible voters who were too young to vote in the 2022 midterm election².

¹ The Bipartisan Policy Center estimates about 244 Million Americans will be eligible to vote in 2024, from: [Ten Things to Know about the 2024 Presidential Election | Bipartisan Policy Center](#)

² [41 Million Members of Gen Z Will Be Eligible to Vote in 2024 | CIRCLE \(tufts.edu\)](#)

In 2022, Michigan led the nation in voter turnout of youth voters aged 18-29³, with a turnout rate of 37.6%⁴. Despite this strong showing of youth voter participation, youth turnout still lagged the overall statewide turnout rate of 54.7% by 17 percentage points⁵.

Registration/voting gap

Analysis of Michigan Department of State data has identified a significant difference between the number of young active registered voters⁶ and the number of registered voters who actually voted in the last two elections.

In 2022 and 2020 respectively, 59.2% and 38.3% Michigan youth who were active registered voters did not vote⁷.

| | Active Registered Voters (18-29) | Ballots Cast (18-29) | # Did Not Vote (18-29) | % Did Not Vote (18-29) |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2022 | 1,361,528 | 556,173 | 805,355 | 59.2% |
| 2020 | 1,401,155 | 865,026 | 537,129 | 38.3% |

Approximately 1.3 million Michiganders aged 18-29 are currently active registered voters⁸. This is partly driven by Michigan’s accessible voter registration laws, including automatic voter registration at Secretary of State offices, which results in

³ [State-by-State Youth Voter Turnout Data and the Impact of Election Laws in 2022 | CIRCLE \(tufts.edu\)](#)

⁴ MI Department of State Analysis – June 2024

⁵ [Election Administration and Voting Survey \(EAVS\) 2022 Comprehensive Report \(eac.gov\)](#), Page 28 (Total Voter Turnout) and Page 163 (Reported Registrations)

⁶ The Qualified Voter File (QVF) contains “inactive” voter registrations. A registered voter becomes inactive when they are sent a notice based on reliable evidence that they have moved, or if they have not voted in six years. An inactive voter may still vote, but voters who have been made inactive because of reliable evidence of a move will be cancelled after two federal elections unless they vote or demonstrate residency. In this report, Active Registered Voters (18-29) are used in analysis because it is a more reliable measure of registered voters who still live in that jurisdiction.

⁷ MI Department of State Analysis – June 2024

⁸ MI Department of State Analysis – June 2024

the vast majority of voter registrations (91%) coming from people registering to vote at Secretary of State branches when they obtain a driver's license or state ID.⁹

⁹ [Election Administration and Voting Survey \(EAVS\) 2022 Comprehensive Report \(eac.gov\), Page 168.](#)

Top 10 Counties, Sorted by % Did Not Vote 2022

| County | Active Registered Voters | Ballots Cast | # Did Not Vote | % Did Not Vote |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Washtenaw | 60,427 | 34,029 | 26,398 | 43.7% |
| Ottawa | 41,454 | 20,810 | 20,644 | 49.8% |
| Clinton | 10,600 | 5,316 | 5,284 | 49.8% |
| Livingston | 26,164 | 13,017 | 13,147 | 50.2% |
| Oakland | 171,404 | 83,942 | 87,462 | 51.0% |
| Ingham | 42,534 | 20,727 | 21,807 | 51.3% |
| Leelanau | 2,312 | 1,105 | 1,207 | 52.2% |
| Kent | 98,800 | 46,535 | 52,265 | 52.9% |
| Keweenaw | 205 | 91 | 114 | 55.6% |
| Eaton | 13,842 | 6,140 | 7,702 | 55.6% |

Bottom 10 Counties, Sorted by % Did Not Vote 2022

| County | Active Registered Voters | Ballots Cast | # Did Not Vote | % Did Not Vote |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Luce | 586 | 143 | 443 | 75.6% |
| Lake | 1,057 | 258 | 799 | 75.6% |
| Oscoda | 766 | 193 | 573 | 74.8% |
| Menominee | 2,444 | 619 | 1,825 | 74.7% |
| Iron | 1,018 | 262 | 756 | 74.3% |
| Branch | 5,319 | 1,432 | 3,887 | 73.1% |
| Gogebic | 1,371 | 371 | 1,000 | 72.9% |

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cass | 6,134 | 1,700 | 4,434 | 72.3% |
| Ogemaw | 2,297 | 643 | 1,654 | 72.0% |
| St. Joseph | 7,394 | 2,111 | 5,283 | 71.4% |

Top 10 Counties, Sorted by % Did Not Vote 2020

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Livingston | 26,517 | 19,380 | 7,137 | 26.9% |
| Oakland | 176,819 | 128,260 | 48,559 | 27.5% |
| Keweenaw | 195 | 137 | 58 | 29.7% |
| Leelanau | 2,465 | 1,726 | 739 | 30.0% |
| Clinton | 10,919 | 7,635 | 3,284 | 30.1% |
| Ottawa | 42,319 | 29,391 | 12,928 | 30.5% |
| Kent | 101,881 | 69,620 | 32,261 | 31.7% |
| Washtenaw | 74,484 | 49,717 | 24,767 | 33.3% |
| Houghton | 4,790 | 3,162 | 1,628 | 34.0% |
| Macomb | 119,596 | 77,719 | 41,877 | 35.0% |

Bottom 10 Counties, Sorted by % Did Not Vote 2020

| County | Active Registered Voters | Ballots Cast | # Did Not Vote | % Did Not Vote |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Lake | 1,018 | 316 | 702 | 69.0% |
| St. Joseph | 7,192 | 3,390 | 3,802 | 52.9% |
| Roscommon | 2,251 | 1,062 | 1,189 | 52.8% |
| Oscoda | 756 | 362 | 394 | 52.1% |
| Iosco | 2,557 | 1,224 | 1,323 | 51.7% |
| Baraga | 810 | 392 | 418 | 51.6% |
| Clare | 3,215 | 1,560 | 1,655 | 51.5% |

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| Cass | 6,006 | 2,915 | 3,091 | 51.5% |
| Montmorency | 842 | 409 | 433 | 51.4% |
| Crawford | 1,357 | 672 | 685 | 50.5% |

College vs. noncollege

A national analysis of the 2022 election by the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tufts University found a large disparity in voting between youth who had college experience versus those who had never attended college.

Among all young voters (18-29) in 2022, 87% had at least some college experience while 12% had no college experience. However, 2021 U.S. Census data reports that 40% of youth aged 18-29 had no college experience¹⁰, demonstrating that youth are underrepresented as voters by 28 percentage points.

Race also intersects with the college experience gap. Black men are underrepresented by three percentage points among young voters and white women are overrepresented by six percentage points¹¹.

Black and Hispanic workers are also overrepresented in occupations which traditionally do not require a college degree¹²:

Hispanic workers accounted for 19% of total employment nationally in 2022, but are overrepresented in key occupations, including:

- Painters and paperhangers (59%)
- Construction laborers (51%)
- Maids and housekeeping cleaners (51%)
- Landscaping and groundskeeping workers (47%)
- Carpenters (42%)

¹⁰ [Young Voters in 2022: Black and Non-College Youth Were Underrepresented | CIRCLE \(tufts.edu\)](#)

¹¹ [The Youth Vote in 2022 | CIRCLE \(tufts.edu\)](#)

¹² [Labor force characteristics by race and ethnicity, 2022 : BLS Reports: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Black workers made up 13% of total employment nationally in 2022, but are overrepresented in key occupations, including:

- Nursing assistants (36 percent)
- Security guards and gambling surveillance officers (35 percent)
- Home health aides (33 percent)

The bottom line – nearly half of young people in Michigan do not have college experience and do not live on college campuses. To reach all young voters, we must expand our voter engagement and education strategies beyond campus and meet voters where they are.

Possible election information gap

A 2023 CIRCLE survey found that youth who did not vote in 2020 and who were unlikely to vote in 2024 were much less likely to have heard information about elections and registering to vote¹³. A 2020 Knight Foundation report also found a difference between the information consumed by young voters. Compared to the average voter and average non-voter, survey respondents aged 18-24 were less likely to actively seek out news and information¹⁴.

Bridging the turnout gap requires addressing the information gap and reaching young voters through channels they use and trust.

In a 2018 CIRCLE study, the two most frequently reported barriers to voting were:

- “Need to rearrange their work or school schedules” (52%) or
- “Did not know where to vote” (39%)¹⁵.

This mirrors a 2022 Census Bureau finding of the entire Citizen Voting Age population, which reported the most common reason for not voting as “Too busy, conflicting work or school schedule,” (26.5%)¹⁶.

¹³ [Youth and the 2024 Election: Likely to Vote and Ready to Drive Action on Key Political Issues | CIRCLE \(tufts.edu\)](#)

¹⁴ [The 100 Million Project: The Untold Story of American Non-Voters. Knight Foundation, 2020.](#)

¹⁵ [Expanding the Electorate: How Simple Changes in Election Administration Can Improve Voter Participation Among Low-Income Youth. CIRCLE, October 2018.](#)

¹⁶ [High Registration and Early Voting in 2022 Midterm Elections \(census.gov\)](#)

Voices of Michigan youth

The Michigan Department of State engages young voters regularly and their direct feedback affirms the findings of national studies. While Gen Z is one of the most politically engaged generations, coming of age during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following themes emerged from recent conversations with youth advocates and young voters:

- Young people struggle to access voter information and may feel intimidated by the process or unprepared to become a voter
- There is a strong preference for voter information to be shared in short snippets, videos, or infographics vs. text-heavy literature, websites, or presentations
- Young people want to see structural changes in politics and government. They report that they mobilize and organize to express this – voting is just one tool in their toolbox to achieve these goals

Call to action: How we bridge the turnout gap

Based on the youth voting data from national surveys and the Michigan Department of State, the problem to solve is clear: bridge the turnout gaps with young voters.

Some of the solutions that may work to bridge the turnout gap, include:

- Focusing efforts in the counties with the highest turnout gap
- Targeting communications on platforms that young people use and trust
- Increasing the proportion of students leaving high school with driver's licenses / state IDs and preregistration to vote
- Communicating with young voters in their workplaces
- Partnering with schools and training programs outside of universities (e.g., beauty, barber, cosmetology schools, truck driving schools, trade apprenticeships) that reach young people who do not attend college

- Partnering with military recruiters to support young voters entering military service

Many civic leaders and advocacy organizations are working to ensure that every young Michigander eligible to vote understands their voting rights and how to cast their ballot.

Potential engagement strategies include:

- Distributing nonpartisan voter education information in workplaces, especially in industries with greater proportions of young employees who are not college-connected.
- Promoting early voting and absentee voting for young voters who may have challenges casting a ballot on Election Day.
- Engaging youth organizations to share nonpartisan voting information.
- Partnering with young leaders, trusted influencers, sports teams, and entertainers to engage eligible young voters.
- Conducting mock elections in high schools and post-secondary settings to get young people familiar and comfortable with the voting process.

We encourage every Michigander to join this effort in bridging the turnout gaps for young people so that every voice is heard in our democracy.

Share your stories, efforts, and successes on social media: #MIYouthVote24.

Appendix:***Tabular Data of % Did Not Vote, November 2022 (Ages 18-29)
by County***

| County | Active Registered Voters | Ballots Cast | # Did Not Vote | % Did Not Vote |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alcona | 894 | 286 | 608 | 68.0% |
| Alger | 860 | 326 | 534 | 62.1% |
| Allegan | 15,898 | 6,810 | 9,088 | 57.2% |
| Alpena | 3,239 | 1,113 | 2,126 | 65.6% |
| Antrim | 2,867 | 1,110 | 1,757 | 61.3% |
| Arenac | 1,588 | 457 | 1,131 | 71.2% |
| Baraga | 838 | 240 | 598 | 71.4% |
| Barry | 7,991 | 3,154 | 4,837 | 60.5% |
| Bay | 13,179 | 5,279 | 7,900 | 59.9% |
| Benzie | 1,959 | 773 | 1,186 | 60.5% |
| Berrien | 18,963 | 5,651 | 13,312 | 70.2% |
| Branch | 5,319 | 1,432 | 3,887 | 73.1% |
| Calhoun | 17,636 | 5,533 | 12,103 | 68.6% |
| Cass | 6,134 | 1,700 | 4,434 | 72.3% |
| Charlevoix | 3,017 | 1,159 | 1,858 | 61.6% |
| Cheboygan | 2,898 | 960 | 1,938 | 66.9% |
| Chippewa | 4,050 | 1,317 | 2,733 | 67.5% |
| Clare | 3,230 | 955 | 2,275 | 70.4% |
| Clinton | 10,600 | 5,316 | 5,284 | 49.8% |
| Crawford | 1,438 | 429 | 1,009 | 70.2% |
| Delta | 4,333 | 1,333 | 3,000 | 69.2% |
| Dickinson | 2,851 | 937 | 1,914 | 67.1% |
| Eaton | 13,842 | 6,140 | 7,702 | 55.6% |
| Emmet | 4,258 | 1,764 | 2,494 | 58.6% |
| Genesee | 58,204 | 19,844 | 38,360 | 65.9% |
| Gladwin | 2,494 | 777 | 1,717 | 68.8% |
| Gogebic | 1,371 | 371 | 1,000 | 72.9% |
| Grand Traverse | 12,092 | 5,286 | 6,806 | 56.3% |
| Gratiot | 4,676 | 1,711 | 2,965 | 63.4% |
| Hillsdale | 5,502 | 1,795 | 3,707 | 67.4% |
| Houghton | 4,787 | 2,115 | 2,672 | 55.8% |

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| Huron | 3,368 | 1,203 | 2,165 | 64.3% |
| Ingham | 42,534 | 20,727 | 21,807 | 51.3% |
| Ionia | 8,360 | 3,339 | 5,021 | 60.1% |
| Iosco | 2,581 | 739 | 1,842 | 71.4% |
| Iron | 1,018 | 262 | 756 | 74.3% |
| Isabella | 8,935 | 3,554 | 5,381 | 60.2% |
| Jackson | 19,675 | 6,719 | 12,956 | 65.9% |
| Kalamazoo | 37,612 | 16,419 | 21,193 | 56.3% |
| Kalkaska | 2,213 | 747 | 1,466 | 66.2% |
| Kent | 98,800 | 46,535 | 52,265 | 52.9% |
| Keweenaw | 205 | 91 | 114 | 55.6% |
| Lake | 1,057 | 258 | 799 | 75.6% |
| Lapeer | 11,428 | 4,639 | 6,789 | 59.4% |
| Leelanau | 2,312 | 1,105 | 1,207 | 52.2% |
| Lenawee | 11,559 | 4,435 | 7,124 | 61.6% |
| Livingston | 26,164 | 13,017 | 13,147 | 50.2% |
| Luce | 586 | 143 | 443 | 75.6% |
| Mackinac | 1,114 | 359 | 755 | 67.8% |
| Macomb | 120,369 | 50,167 | 70,202 | 58.3% |
| Manistee | 2,609 | 930 | 1,679 | 64.4% |
| Marquette | 8,626 | 3,800 | 4,826 | 55.9% |
| Mason | 3,354 | 1,295 | 2,059 | 61.4% |
| Mecosta | 5,195 | 1,818 | 3,377 | 65.0% |
| Menominee | 2,444 | 619 | 1,825 | 74.7% |
| Midland | 10,787 | 4,652 | 6,135 | 56.9% |
| Missaukee | 1,851 | 706 | 1,145 | 61.9% |
| Monroe | 20,169 | 7,652 | 12,517 | 62.1% |
| Montcalm | 8,249 | 2,756 | 5,493 | 66.6% |
| Montmorency | 889 | 263 | 626 | 70.4% |
| Muskegon | 23,150 | 7,890 | 15,260 | 65.9% |
| Newaygo | 6,194 | 2,095 | 4,099 | 66.2% |
| Oakland | 171,404 | 83,942 | 87,462 | 51.0% |
| Oceana | 3,166 | 1,053 | 2,113 | 66.7% |
| Ogemaw | 2,297 | 643 | 1,654 | 72.0% |

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| Ontonagon | 439 | 138 | 301 | 68.6% |
| Osceola | 2,576 | 910 | 1,666 | 64.7% |
| Oscoda | 766 | 193 | 573 | 74.8% |
| Otsego | 3,276 | 1,129 | 2,147 | 65.5% |
| Ottawa | 41,454 | 20,810 | 20,644 | 49.8% |
| Presque Isle | 1,268 | 433 | 835 | 65.9% |
| Roscommon | 2,287 | 671 | 1,616 | 70.7% |
| Saginaw | 25,962 | 8,985 | 16,977 | 65.4% |
| Sanilac | 4,619 | 1,689 | 2,930 | 63.4% |
| Schoolcraft | 814 | 236 | 578 | 71.0% |
| Shiawassee | 9,240 | 3,638 | 5,602 | 60.6% |
| St. Clair | 21,071 | 8,057 | 13,014 | 61.8% |
| St. Joseph | 7,394 | 2,111 | 5,283 | 71.4% |
| Tuscola | 6,218 | 2,381 | 3,837 | 61.7% |
| Van Buren | 9,726 | 3,365 | 6,361 | 65.4% |
| Washtenaw | 60,427 | 34,029 | 26,398 | 43.7% |
| Wayne | 252,490 | 85,337 | 167,153 | 66.2% |
| Wexford | 4,219 | 1,416 | 2,803 | 66.4% |
| Statewide total | 1,361,528 | 556,173 | 805,355 | 59.2% |

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| Alcona | 864 | 504 | 360 | 41.7% |
| Alger | 768 | 453 | 315 | 41.0% |
| Allegan | 15,436 | 9,709 | 5,727 | 37.1% |
| Alpena | 3,341 | 1,879 | 1,462 | 43.8% |
| Antrim | 2,797 | 1,605 | 1,192 | 42.6% |
| Arenac | 1,506 | 799 | 707 | 46.9% |
| Baraga | 810 | 392 | 418 | 51.6% |
| Barry | 7,769 | 4,713 | 3,056 | 39.3% |
| Bay | 13,303 | 8,041 | 5,262 | 39.6% |
| Benzie | 2,002 | 1,245 | 757 | 37.8% |
| Berrien | 19,972 | 10,603 | 9,369 | 46.9% |
| Branch | 5,065 | 2,572 | 2,493 | 49.2% |
| Calhoun | 17,235 | 8,791 | 8,444 | 49.0% |
| Cass | 6,006 | 2,915 | 3,091 | 51.5% |
| Charlevoix | 3,175 | 1,844 | 1,331 | 41.9% |
| Cheboygan | 2,828 | 1,481 | 1,347 | 47.6% |
| Chippewa | 3,807 | 2,073 | 1,734 | 45.5% |
| Clare | 3,215 | 1,560 | 1,655 | 51.5% |
| Clinton | 10,919 | 7,635 | 3,284 | 30.1% |
| Crawford | 1,357 | 672 | 685 | 50.5% |
| Delta | 4,046 | 2,285 | 1,761 | 43.5% |
| Dickinson | 3,020 | 1,648 | 1,372 | 45.4% |
| Eaton | 14,576 | 9,460 | 5,116 | 35.1% |
| Emmet | 4,394 | 2,749 | 1,645 | 37.4% |
| Genesee | 58,966 | 32,220 | 26,746 | 45.4% |
| Gladwin | 2,499 | 1,264 | 1,235 | 49.4% |
| Gogebic | 1,415 | 715 | 700 | 49.5% |
| Grand Traverse | 12,519 | 8,095 | 4,424 | 35.3% |
| Gratiot | 4,686 | 2,627 | 2,059 | 43.9% |
| Hillsdale | 5,348 | 2,940 | 2,408 | 45.0% |
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| Ingham | 46,018 | 28,599 | 17,419 | 37.9% |
| Ionia | 8,206 | 4,785 | 3,421 | 41.7% |
| Iosco | 2,557 | 1,234 | 1,323 | 51.7% |
| Iron | 1,027 | 528 | 499 | 48.6% |
| Isabella | 9,693 | 5,515 | 4,178 | 43.1% |
| Jackson | 19,586 | 10,748 | 8,838 | 45.1% |
| Kalamazoo | 42,911 | 26,123 | 16,788 | 39.1% |
| Kalkaska | 2,125 | 1,164 | 961 | 45.2% |
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| Lenawee | 12,097 | 7,179 | 4,918 | 40.7% |
| Livingston | 26,517 | 19,380 | 7,137 | 26.9% |
| Luce | 539 | 277 | 262 | 48.6% |
| Mackinac | 1,074 | 611 | 463 | 43.1% |
| Macomb | 119,596 | 77,719 | 41,877 | 35.0% |
| Manistee | 2,588 | 1,428 | 1,160 | 44.8% |
| Marquette | 9,145 | 5,544 | 3,601 | 39.4% |
| Mason | 3,206 | 1,771 | 1,435 | 44.8% |
| Mecosta | 5,505 | 2,886 | 2,619 | 47.6% |
| Menominee | 2,340 | 1,175 | 1,165 | 49.8% |
| Midland | 11,288 | 7,245 | 4,043 | 35.8% |
| Missaukee | 1,775 | 1,071 | 704 | 39.7% |
| Monroe | 20,594 | 12,223 | 8,371 | 40.6% |
| Montcalm | 7,826 | 4,317 | 3,509 | 44.8% |
| Montmorency | 842 | 409 | 433 | 51.4% |
| Muskegon | 23,242 | 12,646 | 10,596 | 45.6% |
| Newaygo | 5,933 | 3,323 | 2,610 | 44.0% |
| Oakland | 176,819 | 128,260 | 48,559 | 27.5% |
| Oceana | 2,940 | 1,559 | 1,381 | 47.0% |
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| Ottawa | 42,319 | 29,391 | 12,928 | 30.5% |
| Presque Isle | 1,176 | 673 | 503 | 42.8% |
| Roscommon | 2,251 | 1,062 | 1,189 | 52.8% |
| Saginaw | 26,451 | 14,394 | 12,057 | 45.6% |
| Sanilac | 4,575 | 2,580 | 1,995 | 43.6% |
| Schoolcraft | 780 | 396 | 384 | 49.2% |
| Shiawassee | 9,066 | 5,308 | 3,758 | 41.5% |
| St. Clair | 20,966 | 12,366 | 8,600 | 41.0% |
| St. Joseph | 7,192 | 3,390 | 3,802 | 52.9% |
| Tuscola | 6,403 | 3,659 | 2,744 | 42.9% |
| Van Buren | 9,363 | 5,099 | 4,264 | 45.5% |
| Washtenaw | 74,484 | 49,717 | 24,767 | 33.3% |
| Wayne | 257,967 | 143,904 | 114,063 | 44.2% |
| Wexford | 4,082 | 2,106 | 1,976 | 48.4% |
| Statewide total | 1,401,155 | 864,026 | 537,129 | 38.3% |