

UNITED WAY OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

EDUCATION

- 374 children ages 0-5 in Midland County are in special education.
- Nearly 1 in 3 third grade students do not read at a proficient level.
- Nearly half of economically disadvantaged third grade students do not read at a proficient level.
- 64% of students report that their parent is not actively involved in helping them succeed in school.
- 1 in 4 youth K-12 are responsible for taking care of themselves after school.
- 3 in 4 students with disabilities are not proficient readers at 7th grade.
- 65% of students do not meet or achieve ACT benchmarks for college readiness.
- 86% of economically disadvantaged students do not meet ACT benchmarks for college readiness.
- 1 in 10 high school students do not graduate on time.

HEALTH

- 1 in 4 children between 19-35 months old in Midland County do not have all their immunizations.
- Nearly 1 in 5 of elementary school students (6-11 years old) are considered obese.
- Nearly 1 in 3 adults in Midland County are obese.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- Over 1 in 10 people under age 65 do not have health insurance coverage.
- 1 in 4 adults suffer from a diagnosable mental health issue.
- Nearly 20% of local adults smoke cigarettes.
- 88% of individuals with developmental disabilities are sexually assaulted or abused in their lifetime.
- 15% of adults in Midland County report either binge drinking or heavy drinking.
- 1 in 7 middle school students have gone without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight.
- 1 in 6 high school students were sold, or given illegal drugs on school property in the past 12 months.
- 5% of high school students report being forced to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

- The unemployment rate in Midland County is 7.3%.
- Over 400 local families are homeless or have unstable housing.
- Median costs for an apartment is \$600 (represents 50-80% of total income for a family living in poverty)
- 53% of residents with a disability are unemployed.
- 1 in 4 are worried about meeting their basic needs each month.
- 250,000 young men & women in Michigan aged 16-24 are not enrolled in school and are not working.
- Nearly 40% of high school seniors do not complete the FASFA.
- 20% of area kids are living in poverty.

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