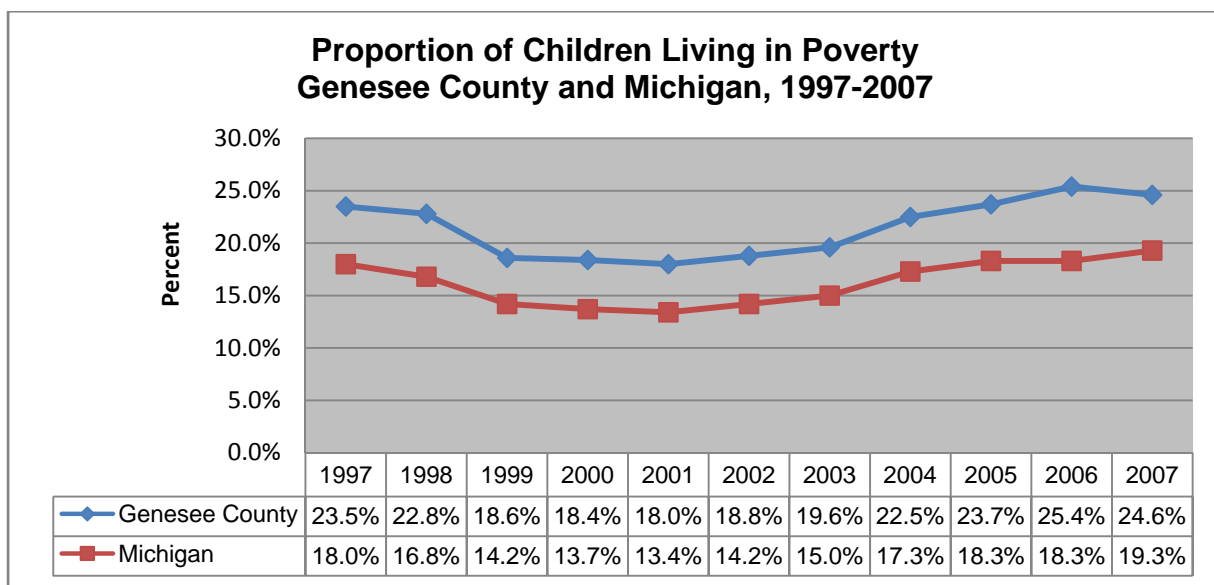




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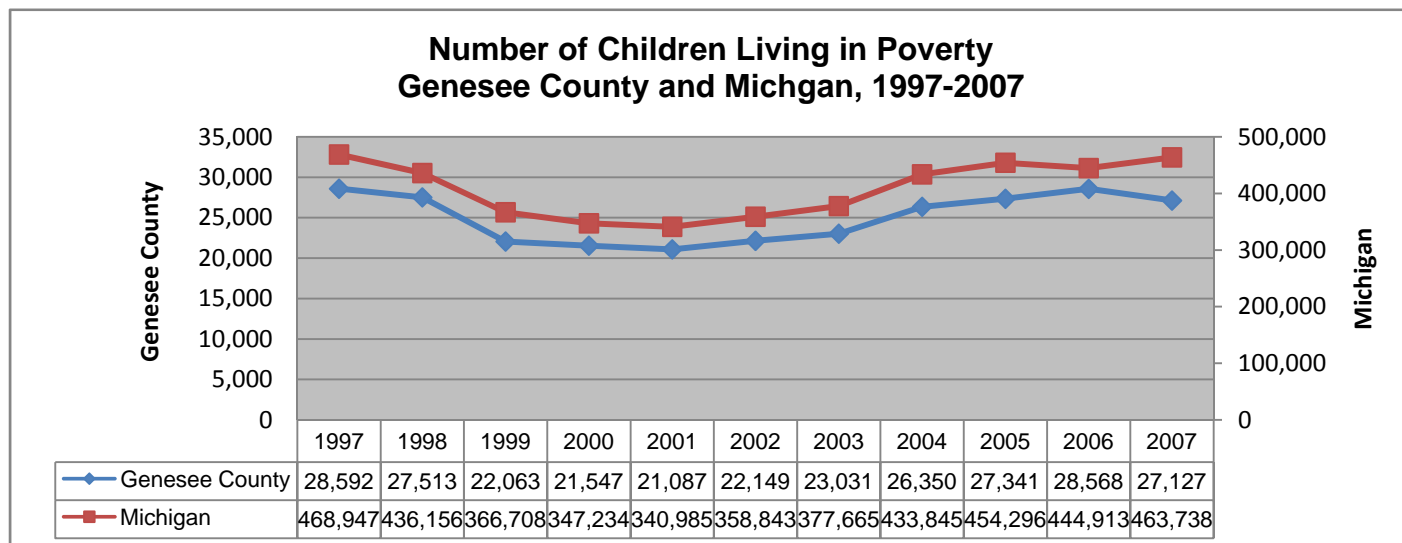
Fact Sheet 4.2 Children Living in Poverty

Poverty is closely linked to adverse outcomes in health, education, emotional well-being and delinquency. Children living in poverty are three times more likely to die in infancy and four times more likely to become pregnant as teenagers.



- Child poverty rates fell between 1997 and 2001 but have climbed through 2007.

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BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The statistical area intertwines with a number of socio-economic factors. When a number/percentage drops or rises, it can be reflective of the economic status of families moving into or out of the given area – city, county or state. The information is linked to employment and unemployment of household adults, to the make-up of the household; extended family grandparents and seniors raising grandchildren. The reason that children live in poverty are important in finding effective solutions to diminish or end poverty.

EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTION EFFORTS

- National League of Cities – introduced in 2004 the “Municipal Action to Reduce Poverty” project. The goals are to assist local officials in addressing barriers related to economic needs of the poor and identify tools, activities and strategies to alleviate those needs. Components include providing information about how to reduce poverty, developing a strategic approach for meeting needs and providing conferences, workshops, mentoring and related meetings.
- Michigan Works! Systems, Career Alliance, Inc. – Genesee/Shiawasee County’s central location for both linking with training programs and providing programs.
- The Department of Human Services – also has several initiatives to help children in poverty.

Data Source: US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/saige/national.cgi?year=1996&ascii>
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