



# OPENING DOORS FOR YOUNG PARENTS: MICHIGAN FACT SHEET

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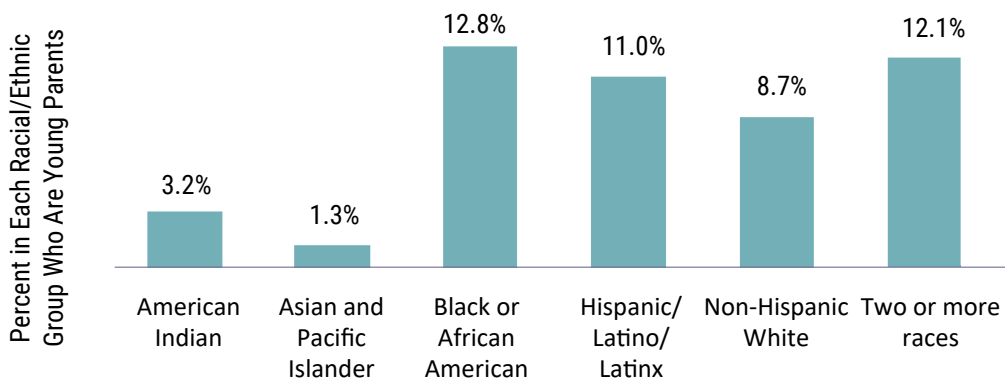
*Opening Doors for Young Parents*, a national KIDS COUNT policy report, presents the barriers that young adult parents (ages 18-24) face as they transition into adulthood and parenting simultaneously. Young *parents* need the same supports that all young people need—and they also need what all parents need—to ensure that they and their children reach their full potential. Solutions must take a two-generation approach, combining resources for parents of all ages as well as those for young people.

## Young Parents in Michigan

About 85,000 young adults in Michigan are parents, or approximately 9% of all 18-24 year olds.

While White young adults are nearly two-thirds (65.4%) of the total young parent population in Michigan, people of color are more likely to become parents between the ages of 18-24.

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## Children with Young Parents in Michigan

Around 100,000 children in Michigan have at least one young parent. With limited access to opportunities to advance their education and find family-sustaining jobs, many of these parents struggle to make ends meet.

Nearly 3 in 4 children in Michigan with young parents live in families with low incomes.



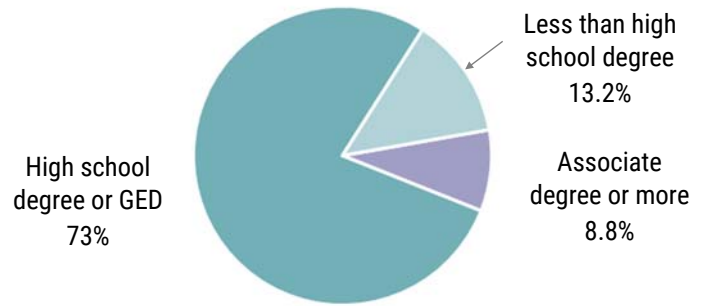
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## Young Parents and Educational Attainment

We know how important postsecondary training and education is to getting a job that pays family-sustaining wages and provides benefits. Yet, in Michigan the vast majority of young parents have not completed schooling beyond high school.

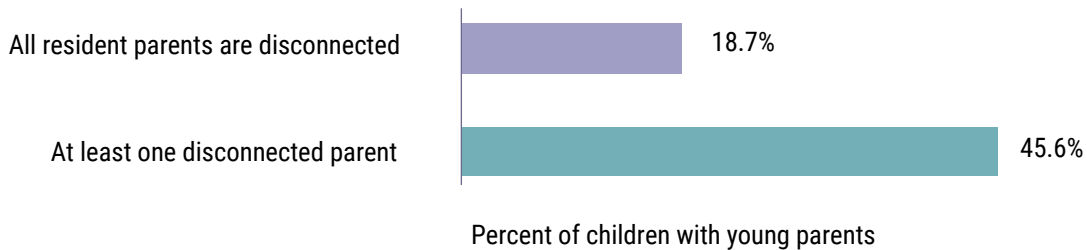
In fact, over 31% of young parents in Michigan are disconnected, meaning they are not employed or in the labor force and are not attending schools, which has a direct impact on their financial security.

Less than 1 in 10 young parents has completed a postsecondary program.



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Nearly half of children with young parents have at least one parent who is disconnected.



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