

# Battle Creek Profile Fact Sheet



## Population

- Total population of 57,438 people, including 23,067 households.<sup>5</sup>
  - The racial/ethnic composition (based on the head of household) is 74% (17,004) White, 18% (4,130) African American, 4% (895) Hispanic, 2% (477) Asian, and 2% (561) not reported.<sup>5</sup>
- There are 4,357 children ages 0-4, 5,207 children ages 0-5, and 7,678 children ages 0-8.<sup>5</sup>
- A total of 7,583 family households have kids, and 3,913 (52%) of these have an unmarried head of household.<sup>5</sup>

## Educated Kids

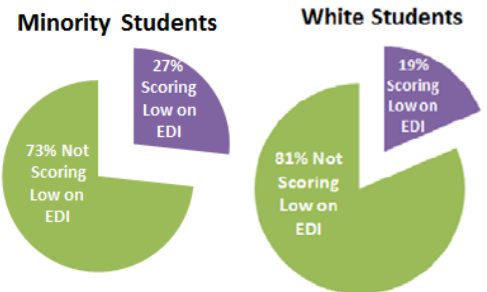
### Early Childhood

- There are 115 licensed child care facilities and Head Start centers<sup>1</sup> to serve the 4,357 children ages 0-4.

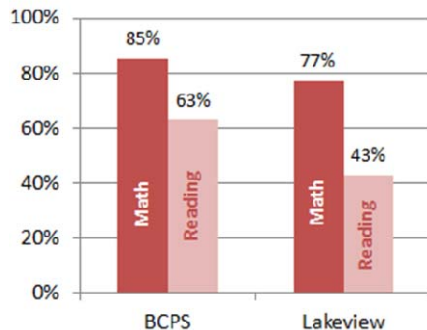
### Ready for School

- 22% of kindergarteners scored low on two or more EDI Indicators.<sup>2</sup> This number ranged from 20% - 34% across neighborhoods.
- 7% of kindergarteners scored high on 4 or more EDI indicators (in the 90th percentile), meaning they entered kindergarten ready for school.<sup>2</sup> This number ranged from 0% - 7% across neighborhoods.
- 25% of kindergarteners were not receiving needed school-based supports.<sup>2</sup>

### Kindergarteners Scoring Low on EDI



### 3rd Graders NOT Meeting MEAP Standards



### Succeeding by Third Grade

- Enrollment:
  - Battle Creek Public Schools have 1,970 students in K-3rd grade (41% White, 33% African American, 13% Hispanic, 14% Other).<sup>3</sup>
  - Lakeview Schools have 1,026 students in K-3rd grade (70% White, 6% African American, 8% Hispanic, 15% Other).<sup>3</sup>
- Many 3rd graders are not meeting MEAP Standards (see graph to left).<sup>3</sup>
- 79% of Battle Creek Public Schools students and 42% of Lakeview students are eligible for free/reduced lunch.<sup>7</sup>

### Adult Educational Attainment

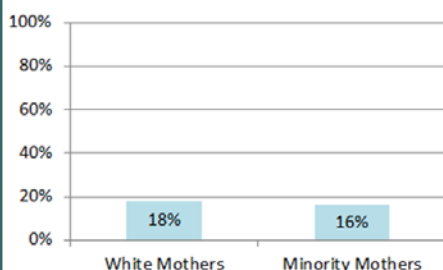
- 14% of adults over 25 do not have a high school diploma.<sup>4</sup>

## Healthy Kids

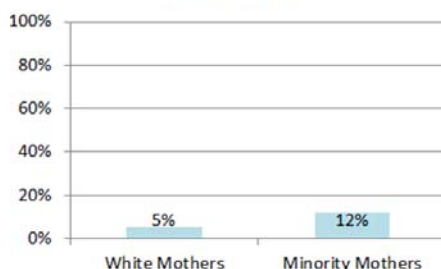
### Healthy Births

- 17% of all births had low prenatal care (fewer than 12 visits; 18% of White mothers, 16% of Minority mothers).<sup>6</sup>
- 55% of all births were to mothers who had less than a 39 week gestation term (54% of White mothers, 57% of Minority mothers).<sup>6</sup>
- 8% of all newborns were low-weight (below 5.5 pounds; 5% of White mothers, 12% of Minority mothers).<sup>6</sup>
- 16% of all births were to teen moms under 20 years old (12% of all White mothers, 25% of all Minority mothers).<sup>6</sup>

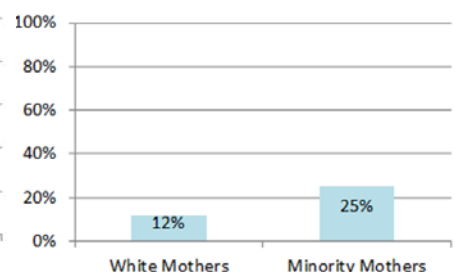
#### Low Prenatal Care within Racial Group



#### Low Birth Weights within Racial Group



#### Births to Teen Moms within Racial Group

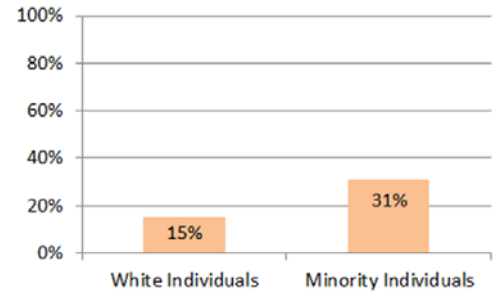


# Financially Secure Families

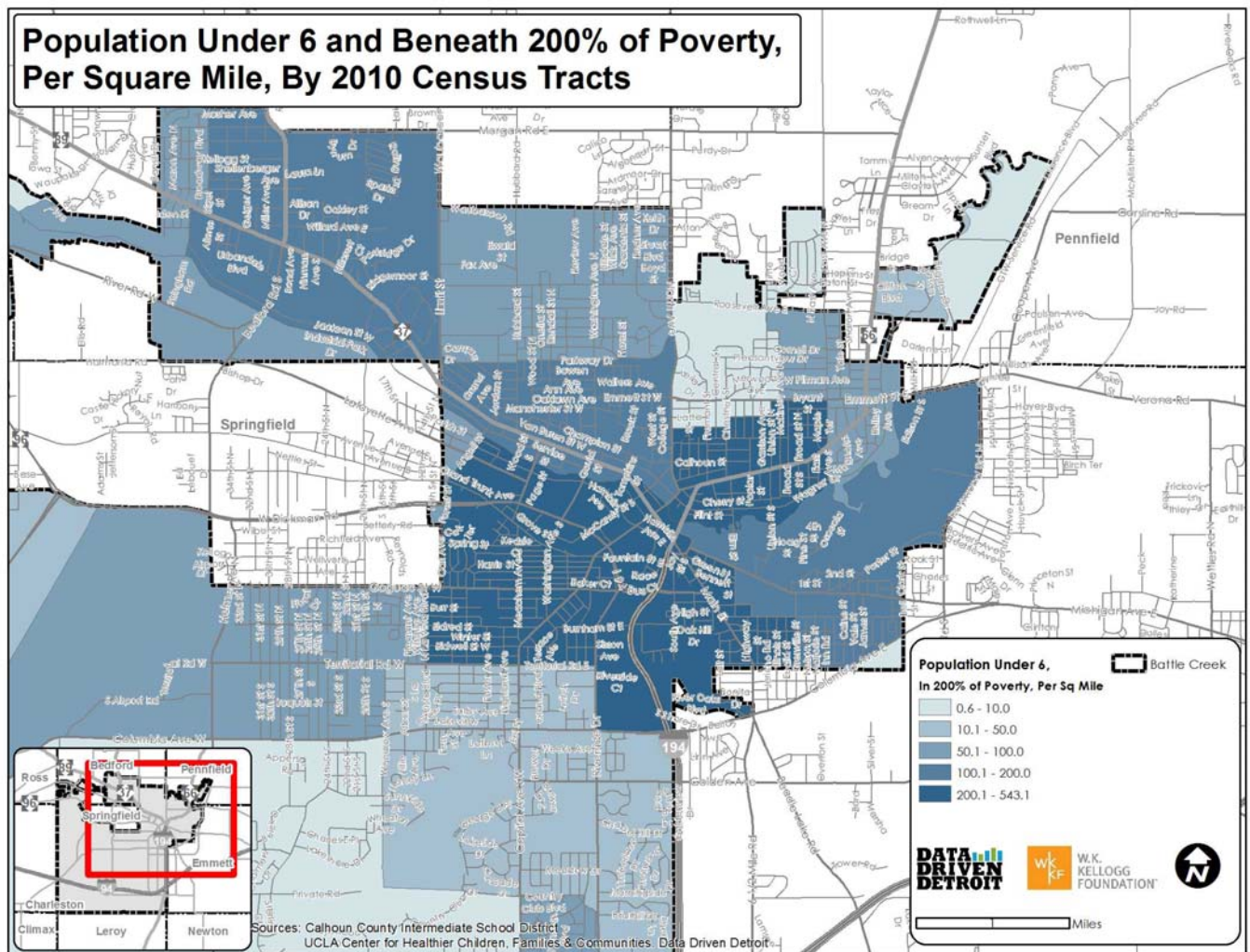
## Between 2006 and 2010:

- 31% of Minority individuals and 15% of White individuals lived below 100% of poverty.<sup>4</sup>
- 1,917 families with kids (14%) lived below 100% of poverty, and 1,522 (79%) of these were single parent families.<sup>4</sup>
- 35% of children under 6 years old lived below 100% of poverty<sup>4</sup>; 62% lived below 200% of poverty.<sup>4</sup>
- The unemployment rate was 19% for adults without a high school diploma, 11% for high school graduates, 11% for adults with some college and 4% for college graduates.<sup>4</sup>

## Individuals in Poverty within Racial Group



## Population Under 6 and Beneath 200% of Poverty, Per Square Mile, By 2010 Census Tracts



## Sources

1. 2012 ISD and Connect Databases
2. 2011 EDI Data
3. 2011 MEAP Data
4. American Community Survey, 2006-2010 5-year average (Census Tract)
5. 2010 Decennial Census
6. 2009 Michigan Public Health Department Birth Data (Census Tract)
7. 2011 Center for Educational Performance and Information Data