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| Community Needs Assessment 2025 | |
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| Menominee Delta Schoolcraft Community Action Agency/Human Resources Authority |  |

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| Executive Summary MDS CAA ECP did their Community Assessment during the 2024 school year. The process of conducting a community assessment includes the management of survey processes; research, collection, and analysis of data; with the compilation of the final Community Assessment report done by the administrative team.  In 2025 the agency looked at updating the CAN that the Early Childhood Program put together and decided to add additional data to the current one and make needed updates as it relates to the whole agency.  Key factors in the 2025 Community Assessment include, but are not limited to, the following:  · We provide services in very rural areas  · Rapidly increasing inflation on goods and services  · Families needing to prioritize their greatest needs  · Housing crisis in our area; rental and purchasing  · Lack of jobs with pay to sustain families due to increased cost of living  · Diminishing childcare  · Poverty guidelines are not representative of working families or the increase of cost of living  Our three counties have a variety of resources and support for children, families, and individuals, including seniors. However, there are several community issues which greatly impact residents, specifically the need for: quality childcare, affordable and safe housing, jobs with livable wages, weatherization and home repairs, and expanded public transportation. These and other issues are interwoven, meaning families must remove a multitude of barriers to move towards self-sufficiency. | | | | | | |
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|  | Empower, advocate for, and assist people in need to improve and sustain their quality of life and independence through education, housing, nutrition, volunteerism, and in-home support. |  |
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## Overview of the State of the Agency

Since 1965, the Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft Community Action Agency has been a leader in the community providing opportunities for individuals and families working to maintain their self-sufficiency.

MDS Community Action Agency is a private nonprofit agency serving primarily the people of Menominee, Delta, and Schoolcraft counties. Our mission is to empower and assist people to improve and sustain their quality of life through nurturing, education, housing, nutrition, volunteerism, in-home support services and advocacy. MDSCAA employs approximately 250 people across the tri-county area.

MDS Community Action Agency is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors made up of representatives from the three county area. The board is made up of one third elected officials or their representative, one third from the private sector, and at least one third of the members from the low income population served by the agency. The Early Childhood Program is also governed by a Policy Council. It is made up of up to 20 parents that are elected by their peers to represent each county, option, and program.

MDS Community Action Agency is funded by federal, state, and local grants; UPCAP, local millage from Delta and Menominee Counties, United Way of Delta County, Community Foundations, and local fundraising. MDSCAA provides programming and services in the areas of early childhood programs including Head Start/Early Head Start; senior services including senior centers, home delivered meals, personal care and homemaker services, commodities distribution, and adult day service; three senior volunteer programs; low income weatherization and energy saving services; heat and utility assistance; and homeless services.

Our service area includes Menominee, Delta, and Schoolcraft counties. This is about 3,393 square miles of land in a rural area of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

## Methodology

MDS Community Action Agency/HRA partnered with the Early Childhood Program to conduct a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment. Community assessments were collected and analyzed. Assessments were obtained from the Community Action Partnership Assessment Tool, MI Department of Health and Human Services Health Data, United Way of America – Alice report, and Delta LPB Homeless Count. Data was collected on local trends in the three-county area through the national Kids Count data base, the US Census Bureau, the Community Action Partnership, and U of M Poverty Center.

The MDS CAA ECP conducted a comprehensive community needs assessment in spring of 2024. Community assessments were collected and analyzed. Assessments were obtained from OSF St. Francis Hospital, Public Health of Delta Menominee Counties, and the Great Start Readiness Program. Data was collected on the local trends in the three-county area through the national Kids Count database, the US Census Bureau, and various other websites that are sited throughout the findings.

In addition to the assessment data collected from national and state assessments, a local survey was created and shared throughout the community through our Facebook page and also distributed to enrolled families via Class Dojo. This same survey is also completed with families who choose to complete an application for our program, so we are capturing waitlist families as well. This survey was shared in April 2024. The survey asked for input regarding medical and dental services, childcare needs, transportation needs, and mental health needs. The survey also asked the community what they believed the needs of the community were in the areas of housing, employment, family support, education, nutrition, literacy, legal services, and budgeting services. We received 69 responses to our survey. The agency’s board members and staff were also encouraged to take the survey.

## Service Area Updates

Details basic geographic, economic, and demographic features, including required data on the number of eligible children and expectant mothers, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, children with disabilities, as well as seniors

**General Area Description- Demographics**

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| **County** | **Size of area (mi2)** | **Population** |
| Delta | 1,991 | 36,781 |
| Menominee | 1,338 | 23,225 |
| Schoolcraft | 1,884 | 8,174 |

(County websites, Kids Count 2023 data)

**Population trends:** Delta and Menominee county have gone down slightly in population over the past 5 years, while Schoolcraft County population has increased.

The population for Individuals aged 65 and older has increased by 11.9% during the span of 2019-2023

**Racial and ethnic compositions**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | White | Black | Native Amer | Asian | Hawaiian  Pacific Isl | Multiracial | Hispanic |
| Delta | 86% | .5% | 3% | .4% | .1% | 7% | 3% |
| Menominee | 82% | 1.4% | 6% | .5% | .1% | 5% | 5% |
| Schoolcraft | 75% | .4% | 14% | 0% | 0% | 8% | 2% |

(Kids Count)

**Trends:** Along with a declining population, most races have declined as well, with a few exceptions. Delta county showed an increase in the Asian population. Menominee county showed an increase in the Native American population and the Hispanic population. Schoolcraft county showed an increase in the Black population, Native American population, and the multiracial population.

**Gender**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Delta County | 50.3% males | 49.7% females |
| Menominee County | 51.7% males | 48.3% females |
| Schoolcraft County | 50.2% males | 49.8% females |

(Community Health Assessment for Delta county 2019, US Census)

**Household composition**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2 parent household | Single- female | Single- male | One person |
| Delta County | 71.3% | 17.4% | 11.3% | 28.7% |
| Menominee County | 68.7% | 20.6% | 10.7% | 31.3% |
| Schoolcraft County | 62.8% | 16.4% | 20.8% | 37.2% |

(Kids Count \*2025)

**Median income level- State of MI- $69,097**

* Delta county- $58,072
* Menominee county- $55,853
* Schoolcraft county- $56,019

(Kids Count \*2025)

The median income level continues to increase for all 3 counties, as well as the state of Michigan as a whole. However, you can see that the counties are significantly lower than the state median income level.

**Children 0-5 with working parents- State of MI- 67%**

* Delta county- 65.8%
* Menominee county- 73%
* Schoolcraft county- 58.2%

(Kids Count)

The number of families with working parents has increased in Delta and Menominee counties as well as the state of Michigan. However, that number has decreased in Schoolcraft County.

**Unemployment Rates- State of MI- 4.2**

* Delta county- 5.6%
* Menominee county- 4.3%
* Schoolcraft county- 6.3%

(Kids Count)

Unemployment continues to drop in all 3 counties, as well as the state of Michigan overall. However, the rates of unemployment in the 3 counties continues to be higher than the state average.

**Head Start- Eligible Children and Families**

**Number of children experiencing homelessness (K-12)**

* Delta county- 3.1%
* Menominee county- 5%
* Schoolcraft county- 3.1%

(Kids Count 2021)

**Homeless Count- MDSCAA As of 12/07/2023**

* Delta: 28 households
* Menominee: 37 households
* Schoolcraft: 4 Households

(Chairperson of the UP Homeless Coalition)

The number of children experiencing homelessness seems to be decreasing in Delta and Schoolcraft county, but increasing in Menominee county. Menominee county is also the only county of the 3 counties that has a homeless shelter in their community.

**Number of children (0-17) living below poverty level and household composition**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Married | Single Person | Single Mom | Single Dad |
| Delta | 9% | 29% | 41% | 9% |
| Menominee | 3% | 28% | 37% | 19% |
| Schoolcraft | 17% | 33% | 60% | 15% |

(Kids Count)

In Delta County, married households and single dad households have been decreasing over the past few years, while single person households and single mom households have been increasing. In Menominee County, single dad households have been increasing while all other households have been decreasing. In Schoolcraft County, it is the opposite of Menominee County. All households have been increasing other than the single dad household which have been decreasing over the past few years. The total percentage of children ages 0-17 living in poverty in each county is: Delta- 14.1%, Menominee- 16%, and Schoolcraft- 19.4%. The overall percentage for the state is 17.8%.

**FIP/FAP/SCC recipients for families with 0-5 yr olds**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | FIP- cash assistance | FAP- food assistance | SCC- subsidized childcare |
| Delta | 50 | 4,276 | 222 |
| Menominee | 32 | 2,380 | 74 |
| Schoolcraft | 10 | 1,099 | 32 |

(Delta Menominee DHHS- Nov 2023)

**SSI recipients for families with children 0-18 (Kids Count)**

* Delta county- 13%
* Menominee county- 11%
* Schoolcraft county- 14%

(Kids Count)

Number of recipients of SSI continue to decrease in Delta and Menominee counties, but are increasing in Schoolcraft county.

**WIC recipients for children 0-4**

* Delta county- 53%
* Menominee county- 47%
* Schoolcraft county- 62%

(Kids Count)

The number of recipients participating in the WIC program continues to increase in Delta and Schoolcraft counties, where as Menominee county has remained the same.

**ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed)**

* Delta county- 29%
* Menominee county- 33%
* Schoolcraft county- 31%

(ALICE report 2023)

The number of families in this population has decreased in all counties.

## Identified Needs

Discusses the education, health, nutrition and social service needs of eligible children and their families, including prevalent social or economic factors that impact their well-being.

**Number of children with Disabilities 2023-2024**

Types of Disabilities

Early Head Start

Head Start

* Resources provided to enrolled children with disabilities by other agencies: We work very closely with our Intermediate School District. Therapists come into our classrooms to provide services to children enrolled in Head Start. Children who are in Early Head Start receive services in their homes.

**Number of Children with Disabilities including type**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Delta-Schoolcraft | Menominee |
| Autism | 90 | 58 |
| Cognitive Impairment | 61 | 29 |
| Developmental Delay | 48 | 19 |
| Emotional Impairment | 29 | 46 |
| Deaf or Hard of Hearing | Less than 10 | Less than 10 |
| Severe Multiple Impairment | 23 | Less than 10 |
| Speech and Language Impairment | 290 | 99 |
| Traumatic Brain Injury | Less than 10 | 0 |
| Visual Impairment | Less than 10 | Less than 10 |
| Other Health Impairment | 200 | 120 |
| **TOTAL** | **994** | **517** |

(*Michigan Official Education Data Source)*

**Health and Social Services Needs of Eligible Families:**

**Incidents of Child Abuse and Neglect:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Delta** | 202 | 151 | 140 | 149 | 95 | 57 | 80 |
| **Menominee** | 65 | 85 | 73 | 37 | 34 | 41 | 45 |
| **Schoolcraft** | 32 | 41 | 37 | 49 | 45 | 37 | 26 |

Michigan saw a decline in out-of-home placement, investigations, and confirmed reports of abuse and neglect during the pandemic. We believe this to be a result of underreporting as opposed to a true reduction in child abuse and neglect. With kids engaged in remote schooling and families skipping medical check-ups, children may have lost valuable opportunities to interact with mandated reporters, meaning some instances of abuse and neglect may have never been reported or investigated.

(*kids count data center)*

**Reports of spousal abuse: (2021)**

**County Total Victims**

* + Delta county 162
  + Menominee county 118
  + Schoolcraft county 65

*(Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center)*

**Rate of Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

Michigan is ranked the 10th highest state for drug and alcohol use in the United States

**National Statistics**

* 140,557 Americans die From the effects of alcohol in an average year
* 1 in 10 Americans over the age of 12 have Alcohol Use Disorder
* Over ½ of Americans increased their alcohol consumption during the Covid-19 lockdown

**Michigan Statistics**

* 4,548 deaths in Michigan are related to excessive alcohol use
* 19.8% of Michigan adults over 18 binge drink at least once per month
* Michigan taxpayers spent $8.162 billion as a result of excessive alcohol use in 2010; adjusted for inflation, this is equivalent to $11.018 billion or $2.84 per drink in 2022 US$. (*NCDAS-National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics*)

**Number of children born to addicted mothers**

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is defined as Region 1 according to the Division for Visal Records and Health Statistics, MDHHS.

In 2020 region 1 had 67 of 2,489 babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

In 2021 region 1 had 70 of 2,585 babies born with NAS. Both years, the Upper Peninsula was ranked the highest in Michigan.

**Infant death rates 2018-2022**

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| **County** | **Average infant deaths** |
| Delta | 2.4 |
| Menominee | 1.2 |
| Schoolcraft | 0.6 |

**Teen pregnancy rates 2022**

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| **County** | **Teen pregnancy rates age 15-19** |
| Delta | 11 |
| Menominee | 4 |
| Schoolcraft | 0 |

**Number and percentage of women receiving prenatal health care**

* + Total Births in Michigan in 2022= 100,880
  + 70,495 (69.9%) women received adequate prenatal care in Michigan in 2022

**Prevalent Health problems:**

1. Heart Disease
2. Cancer
3. Chronic lower respiratory disease

**Communicable Diseases**- Region 8 in Michigan (Upper Peninsula)

* Influenza
* Gastrointestinal illness
* Chlamydia
* Gonorrhea
* Viral Hepatitis

**Air and water quality**

Michigan.gov air quality report 2022: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

What is measured:

1. Carbon monoxide
2. Lead
3. Nitrogen dioxide
4. Ozone
5. Particulate matter smaller than 10 and 2.5 microns in diameter
6. Sulfur dioxide

**Air quality:** All counties in Michigan rated good with some counties in lower Michigan falling into the moderate range on certain days

**Water quality: Annual city water quality reports (2022) from each city**

**Escanaba:** 90% of samples were at or below the reporting level

**Gladstone:** 90% of samples were at or below the reporting level

**Menominee:** 90% of samples were at or below the reporting level

**Manistique:** Safe and meets all federal and state requirements

**Nutritional Needs of Eligible Families**

**The number of food stamp recipients-**

* Delta County - 4,276 (DHHS, 2023)
* Menominee County - 2,380 (DHHS, 2023)
* Schoolcraft County – 1,099 (DHHS, 2023).

**The number of Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program participants-**

* Delta County has 764 participants actively enrolled.
* Menominee County has 332 (64 of these are Hannahville Tribal families) participants actively enrolled.
* Schoolcraft County is totaled into their district amount, including Luce, Mackinaw and Alger counties. They have 1,276 actively enrolled participants.

**The number of families who participate in food distribution programs-**

* Delta County
  + Feeding America provided 495,944 meals in 2022 (Data from Feeding America, QPR & Primarius)
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA) provided meals to 2095 households for ages 60+.
  + Salvation Army helped 1851 families in 2023. This total is for all of Delta & Schoolcraft and a small amount of Menominee County participants.
  + Saint Vincent de Paul of Gladstone helped 640 families in 2023.
  + Saint Vincent de Paul of Escanaba helped 1943 families in 2023.
* Menominee County
  + Feeding America provided 120,218 meals in 2022 (Data from Feeding America, QPR & Primarius)
  + The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (MDS-CAA) provided 95 meals in 2023
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA) provided meals to 887 households for ages 60+.
  + The Salvation Army helped 3,530 families combined in their food pantry and meal program.
* Schoolcraft County
  + Feeding America provided 174,814 meals in 2022 (Data from Feeding America, QPR & Primarius)
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA) provided meals to 442 households for ages 60+.

**Adult Education Attainment (Child Plus)**

**2023-24**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **Did not complete high school** | **GED** | **High school diploma** | **Higher education degree/certificate** |
| **Schoolcraft** | ‏25% | 10% | 37% | 27% |
| **Delta** | 14% | 9% | 36% | 41% |
| **Menominee** | 11% | 7% | 48% | 34% |

**2022-23**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **Did not complete high school** | **GED** | **High school diploma** | **Higher education degree/certificate** |
| **Schoolcraft** | 21% | 18% | 41% | 20% |
| **Delta** | 12% | 7% | 37% | 44% |
| **Menominee** | 17% | 3% | 40% | 40% |

**Education Dropout Rates**

**State of Michigan Dropout rates- 2022**

* Schoolcraft County
  + 9%
* Delta County
  + 3%
* Menominee County
  + 12%

**Dropout rates using program data- 2023-2024**

* Schoolcraft County
  + 25%
* Delta County
  + 14%
* Menominee County
  + 11%

**Dropout rates using program data- 2022-23**

* Schoolcraft county
  + 21%
* Delta County
  + 12%
* Menominee County
  + 17%

Note: “the pandemic has had an adverse impact on four-year graduation rates for most but not all groups of students especially so for certain groups of students: economically disadvantages students, students with disabilities, Black and Native American students and homeless students.” State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice.

Source: Michigan Kids Count, Child Plus, Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget

**Housing & Homelessness (County & Census websites)**

**Overcrowding & Availability-**

1% of houses & apartments in Delta County are available for rent and own

Schoolcraft- 2.1% available to rent and own

Menominee Co- 0.7% available to rent and own

\*Overcrowding is not a concern in any three counties at this time

**Affordability-**

Delta: Housing market median value $123,100 compared to US median value $338,100. An affordable rate

Menominee & Schoolcraft: Housing market value is $127,900. 62.2% less expensive than the above national average.

**Conditions-**

Delta: Median housing age is 72. 52.3% of housing was built before 1960.

Schoolcraft: Median housing age is 68. 70.1% of housing was built before 1960.

Menominee: Median housing age is 66. 72.9% of housing was built before 1960.

**HUD-**

Delta: 3 public housing buildings, 15 section 8 housing 3 housing authorities & 8 low income housing properties

Menominee: 1 public housing building, 25 section 8, 2 housing authorities & 1 low-income housing property

Schoolcraft: 3 public housing buildings, 35 section 8, 2 low-income housing

**Utilities-**

Delta: 19.51 cents/kwh average. $99.00 average monthly bill

Menominee: 15.13 cents/kwh average. $85.71 monthly electric bill

Schoolcraft: 14.09 cents/kwh average. $94.10 average monthly bill.

Michigan average rate is 18.50 cents/kwh average.

**Number of child development centers, childcare centers, and family childcare programs, including home visiting and publicly funded state and local preschool programs***(*[*www.greatstarttoquality.org*](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org)*, www.MIhomevisiting.com)*

* Delta
  + Preschool/Childcares – 13
  + In-Home – 3
  + Home Visiting Programs – 4 (EHS, Early On, IMH, PAT)
* Schoolcraft
  + Preschool/Childcares - 4
  + In-Home – 4
  + Home Visiting Programs – 5 (EHS, LMAS, Early On, Healthy Families UP, MIHP)
* Menominee
  + Preschool/Childcares - 9
  + In-Home – 6
  + Home Visiting Programs – 2 (EHS, Early On)

**Approximate number of Head Start eligible children served in identified programs***(Kids Count Website)*

* Children in low-income working families in Michigan – Under 6 years old, 148,000 or 23% (2022)
* 23,044 funded HS slots, 37% of eligible children ages 3-5 had access to HS in 2020 *(michheadstart.org)*
* 6,816 funded EHS slots, 13% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS in 2020 *(michheadstart.org)*

**Number or percent of working mothers***(Kids Count Website only had Maryland and Idaho data specifically)*

* 32% of all employed women are mothers. *(*[*www.census.gov*](http://www.census.gov)*)*
* 23.5 million employed women with children under the age of 18. Two-thirds worked full-time, year-round jobs in 2018 *(*[*www.census.gov*](http://www.census.gov)*)*

**Typical work, school, or training schedules.***(Kids Count Website)*

* Low-Income working families with children in Mi. – 201,000 or 19% (2022)
* Children with at least 1 unemployed parent in Mi. – 108,000 or 8% (2022)
* Children under 6 with no parent in the labor force in Mi. – 51,000 or 8% (2022)
* Children birth to 5 with all parents in labor force in Mi. – 440,890 or 66.9% (2017-2021)
* Children living in low-income households where no adults work in Mi. – 117,000 or 5% (2021)

**Transportation and Communication**

Delta, Schoolcraft, and Menominee Counties have two cars per household on average.

(Data USA)

**Relevant aspects of road conditions, climate, and weather relating to jobs, services and isolation:**

Delta, Schoolcraft, and Menominee Counties have all four seasons, the weather can sometimes be harsh in the winter with a lot of snow, blowing snow, and extremely cold temperatures. For households without cars and living in rural areas could find it difficult to get to a job, receive services, and become isolated.The UP might become a more popular place for migrants and others to move to escape vulnerable places in the West and South due to their milder climate in the summer.

(Rural Insights-The Upper Peninsula and Beyond)

**Availability of public transportation services**

The availability of public transportation varies in each county with Schoolcraft County having very limited public transportation with only having Schoolcraft County Transit Authority, Delta County has Delta Area Transit Authority, and two taxi services: JN Taxi and Escanaba Taxi. Menominee County has Menominee Public Transit that transports elderly or disabled riders, or other riders if there is room, and they have three taxi services: M&M Taxi, Taxi Inc., and Extreme Taxi.

(Find Help, ADRC-Aging & Disability Resource Center)

Delta: Access to Delta Co airport, 2 bus lines, 1 taxi service, 8 car & truck rental services. Three deep water ports in Escanaba, Gladstone & Wells. 5 major highways running through delta county.

Menominee: 1 medical transportation service, 1 public transit that Community Action manages.

Schoolcraft: 1 public transit option.

\*\*6/6/25- JN Taxi closed its doors on May 11, 2025 in Delta County. Other services that are available in Delta county include DATA transit system, a new cab company 866 GetaCab (Delta and Menominee), and an UBER driver, who is new to the area.

**General transportation data connected to income and demographics**

Menominee County

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| Population | Population 65+ | Percent with Disability | Average Household Size | Below Poverty Level | Per Capita Income |
| 23,295 | 26.3% | 16.5% | 2.29 | 12.2% | $32,264 |
| Mean Household Income | **Households with 0 Vehicles** | **Households with 1 Vehicle** | **Households with 2 Vehicles** | **Number of Work Commuters** | **Average Commute in Minutes** |
| $71,229 | 6.3% | 33.4% | 37.6% | 9,486 | 21.9 |
| Work Outside County | **Commute Alone** | **Commute by Carpool** | **Commute by Public Transport** | **Commute by Walking** | **Work at Home** |
| 11.8% | 76.6% | 10.2% | 0.1% | 3.8% | 7.3% |

2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Delta County

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| Population | Population 65+ | Percent with Disability | Average Household Size | Below Poverty Level | Per Capita Income |
| 36,829 | 25.6% | 17.7% | 2.28 | 14.0% | $34,716 |
| Mean Household Income | **Households with 0 Vehicles** | **Households with 1 Vehicle** | **Households with 2 Vehicles** | **Number of Work Commuters** | **Average Commute in Minutes** |
| $77,286 | 8.0% | 32.5% | 40.5% | 13,848 | 18.5 |
| Work Outside County | **Commute Alone** | **Commute by Carpool** | **Commute by Public Transport** | **Commute by Walking** | **Work at Home** |
| 12.4% | 80.8% | 9.5% | 0.5% | 2.3% | 5.5% |

2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Schoolcraft County

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Population | Population 65+ | Percent with Disability | Average Household Size | Below Poverty Level | Per Capita Income |
| 8,093 | 28.2% | 19.7% | 2.08 | 14.8% | $35,744 |
| Mean Household Income | **Households with 0 Vehicles** | **Households with 1 Vehicle** | **Households with 2 Vehicles** | **Number of Work Commuters** | **Average Commute in Minutes** |
| $75,970 | 5.3% | 33.4% | 42.8% | 3,079 | 19.0 |
| Work Outside County | **Commute Alone** | **Commute by Carpool** | **Commute by Public Transport** | **Commute by Walking** | **Work at Home** |
| 17% | 80.4% | 10.2% | 0.2% | 4.7% | 3.7% |

2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Percentage of population with telephones, cell phones, televisions, or computers**

* 89.4% of households in Delta, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties have computers. (United States Census Bureau)
* 97% of Americans use cell phones of some kind. (Pew Research Center)

## Community Resources and Strengths

Includes required information on other child development programs, resources available in the community, and community strengths. Addresses issues of availability and access to resources for families.

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMLIES:**

1. Social Services
   1. Department of Health and Human Services
2. Mental Health Services
   1. Bellin Health Psychiatric Center
   2. Catholic Charities
   3. Self-Reflections Therapeutic Services
   4. Pathways
   5. Northcare
3. Health/Dental Health

Delta County:

* Medical providers: 28
* Dental- 12- 3 accept some state insurance

Menominee County:

* Medical providers: 12
* Dental- 5- 2 accept some state insurance

Schoolcraft County:

* Medical Providers: 8
* Dental- 5- 2 accept some state insurance

1. Nutrition resources

* Public Health Departments-WIC
* MSU extension

1. Disability Services and Resources
   1. Early On
   2. Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate Schools
   3. MDS Community Action Agency
   4. SAIL Disability network of the Upper Peninsula
   5. Social Security Disability Office

**The availability of low-cost food-**

* Delta County
  + Feeding America
  + The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (MDS-CAA)
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA)
  + Emergency Assistance Food Pantry (Tribal members only-Hannahville Community)
  + Calvary Lutheran Church Food Pantry (Residents of Rapid River School District only)
  + Salvation Army Food Pantry
  + Saint Vincent de Paul Society- Escanaba & Gladstone
* Menominee County
  + Feeding America
  + The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (MDS-CAA)
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA)
  + Abundant Life Mission Food Pantry
* Schoolcraft County
  + Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (MDS-CAA)
  + Tribal meal Program (For 60+ only) (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
  + Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Data collected from: UPCAP, Saint Vincent de Paul staff, Health Department, Public school

## Observations and Recommendations:

Based on the information collected during the completion of this Community Needs Assessment we were able to create six goal statements to work towards over the next few years. We will be looking at building community awareness, providing additional services, expanding into the more rural areas of our three counties, exploring new streams of revenue, and looking at our facilities.

We will also be participating in a three-county transit study with CUPPAD to determine the best way to provide transportation throughout our three counties.