High Level Overview

**WHO?** Education and childcare decision makers and advocates at every level, from policymakers and nonprofit organizations to individuals and families

**WHAT?** Data from the granular to the large scale, displayed through interactive visualizations that make it easy to understand

**WHERE?** Michigan communities, cities, neighborhoods, and school systems

**WHY?** To provide reliable, timely data and resources about the welfare and education of children in the state of Michigan

**HOW?** Using US Census Data and the American Community Survey to provide information about families and children in specific geographies

How to Navigate This Tool

First, visit [sdc.datadrivendetroit.org](sdc.datadrivendetroit.org)

State of the Detroit Child 2.0 provides three option tabs for at the top of the page to help you start your search for information about child welfare in Michigan:

I. **How are the Children?**
   a. We selected the 11 milestones on the homepage to give users a starting point of where to begin their SDC exploration.
   b. This is a good way to find data on some common lifecycle markers and quickly start exploring the available data.

II. **Explore by Geography**
    This tab lets you explore data available in geographies in three ways:
    a. Use search bar to search by Michigan city or ZIP code
    b. Click “Search on a map or create your own profile” to access the draw tool
    c. Click “See what other people have created” to see profiles created by other users

III. **Explore by Topics**
    This tab provides a table of data topics, with each topic linking to a detailed page about the the data and its source(s)
How to Navigate This Tool, continued

After clicking on “Search on a Map,” you can access data about a particular geography by searching on the map in one of two ways:

I. **Explore an area around a specific location**
   Find information for the area surrounding an address:
   
   a. Click “Use your current location,” double-click a point on the map, or type the address you want to know more about
   
   b. Click your desired geography (e.g.: census tract, block group, zip code, etc.) from the list to see the data profile for that area

II. **Draw a Custom Geographic Area:**
   Don’t see what you’re looking for? Create a geography!
   
   a. Click the “Draw” tab from the over-map menu.
   
   b. Select your desired geographic building block (e.g.: census tract, zip code) from the dropdown menu.
   
   c. Find and click the first point of your custom area to begin your shape. You can drag and zoom in or out on the map as needed.
   
   d. Click on additional points to “draw” a custom polygon line by line to cover your area! **Click the first point again when you’re done to “close” the shape.**
   
   e. Is your area too big or too small? You can add or remove geographies by clicking on them after making your shape.
   
   f. Click “Create Profile” to name and save your geographic area for you and others to quickly access for future use!

**From here, you’ll be able to scroll down to see the Profile Page!**

This page gives you a highly visual data summary under the map of your area.

You can jump to specific sections on the page by using the dropdown menu just below the map.

There are six categorical sections that each have several subsections of data about children and the conditions that affect their lives.

Each subsection has **permalink** and **back to top** icons immediately to the left of the title for easy navigation and bookmarking.