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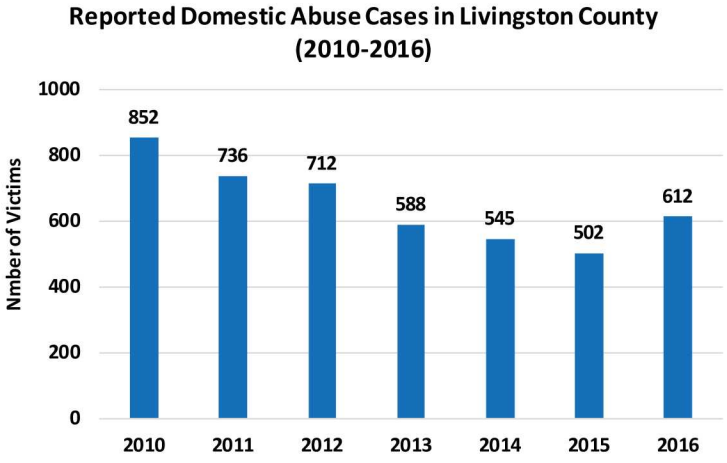
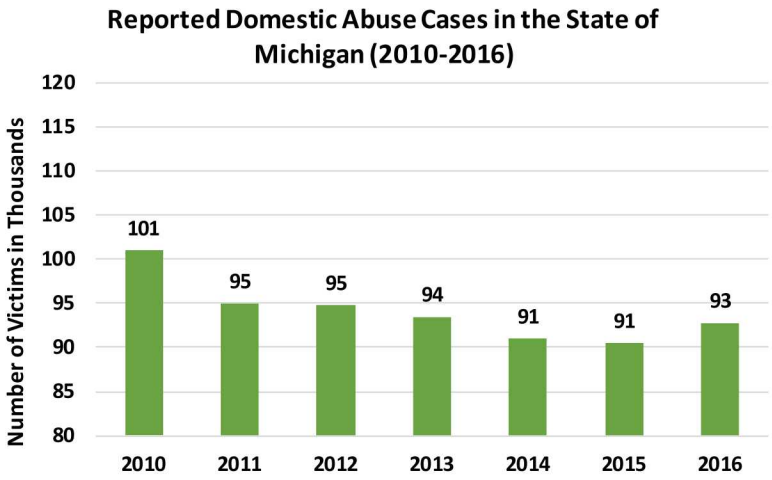
Domestic Violence

The number of reported domestic violence and abuse offenses have increased over the last decade. These crimes are determined by the victim-offender relationship, and not by just the type of crime committed. Livingston County has recently experienced a rise in domestic violence cases for the first time since 2010. In addition, there has been a rise in child abuse and neglect cases over the last 5 years. Please note, the spike in reported cases may be due to an actual increase in offenses occurring, or it may be due to the fact that offenses are now being reported to officials more prevalently than in previous years.

Domestic Violence

There were 92,823 cases of domestic violence reported in the state of Michigan in 2016. This is a 2.5% increase from the previous year (90,595 cases). Of these cases, 612 were reported from Livingston County, which reflects a 21.9% increase from 2015 when 502 offenses were reported.

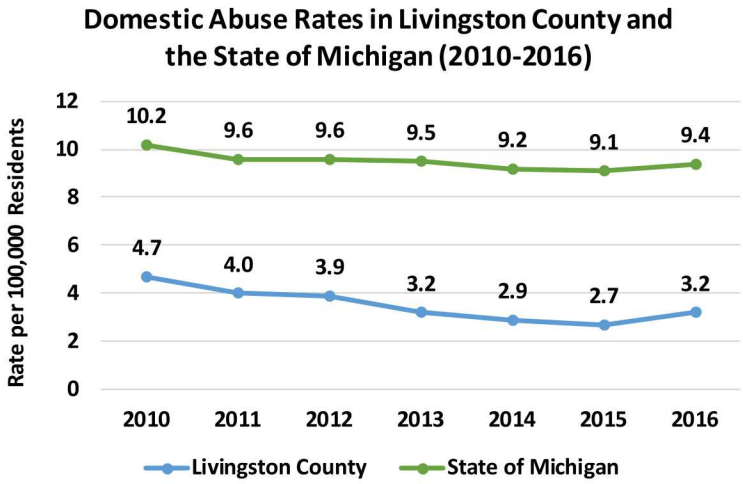




Intimate Partner Violence

Over 57% of the reported domestic violence offenses were between intimate or former intimate partners. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.

In both Livingston County and the state of Michigan, the number of domestic abuse cases have decreased annually between 2010 and 2015. The 2016 crime reports show the first annual increase in offenses since 2010.



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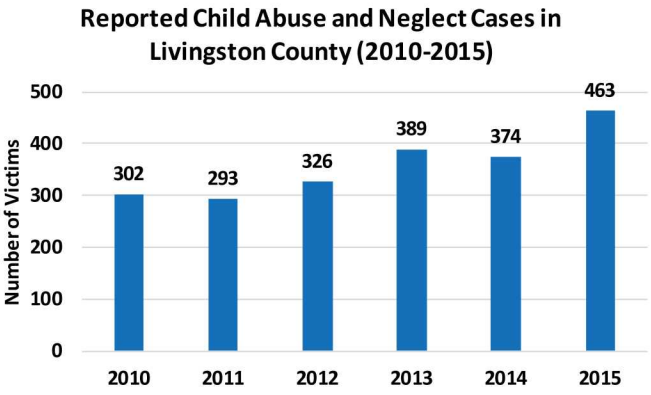
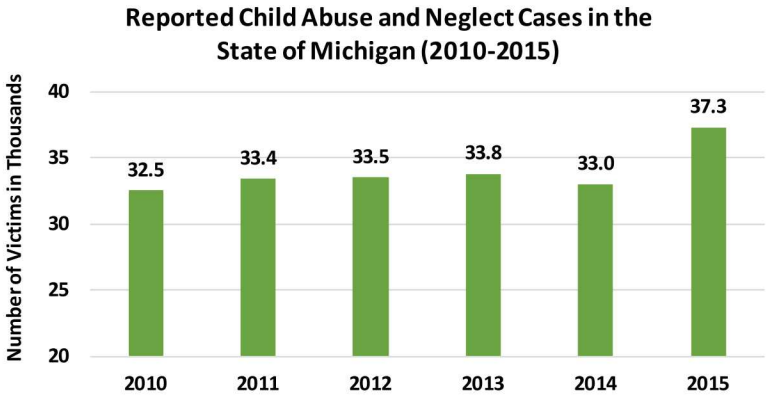
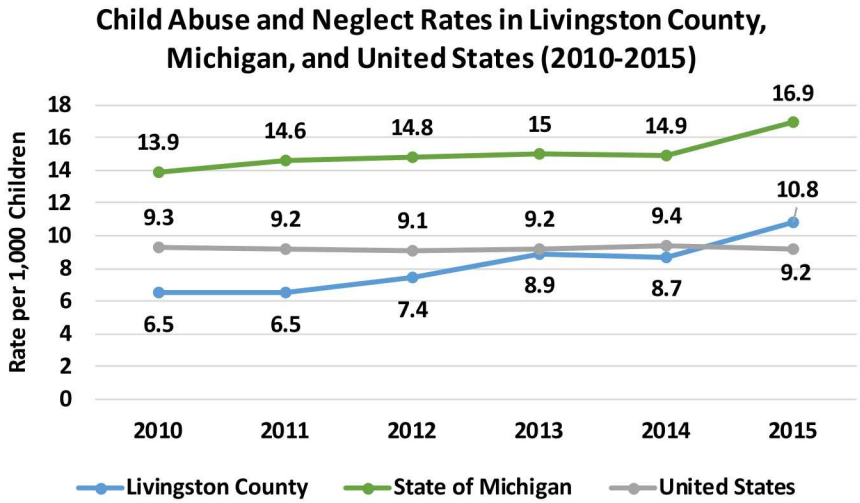
Child Abuse and Neglect

According to the Kids Count in Michigan Program, Livingston County has been ranked as the top county in the state of Michigan for overall child welfare. Despite this ranking, child abuse and neglect cases have increased over 56% between 2009 and 2015. In 2015 there were 463 reported child abuse or neglect cases in Livingston County (10.8 per 1,000 children). This is higher than the national average which is approximately 9.2 offenses per 1,000 children. In 2015 the rate of child abuses and neglect in the state of Michigan were almost twice that of the national average (16.8 per 1,000 children).





Between 2010 and 2015, the rate of child abuse in Livingston County rose by 4.4 cases per 1,000 children, while the rate increase for the state of Michigan rose by 3 cases per 1,000 children. The increase in child abuse and neglect cases between 2014-2015 was the largest increase reported since 2010.



LACASA

LACASA houses the LC domestic violence shelter as well as being a resource for the community for nearly 40 years. LACASA not only supports survivors and their families with no cost counseling and support, but also aims to educate and advocate for the community through prevention programs.

If you would like more information or to leave feedback, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivHealthFeedback

Sources: 2010-2016 MICR; 2017 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book; NCANDS; Administration for Children & Families; National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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