How Portability Works

What is Portability?

"Portability" in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program refers to the process through which your family can transfer or "port" your rental subsidy when you move to a location outside the jurisdiction of the public housing agency (PHA) that first gave you the voucher when you were selected for the program (the initial PHA).

The agency that will administer your assistance in the area to which you are moving is called the receiving PHA.

New families have to live in the jurisdiction of the initial PHA for a year before they can port. But, the initial PHA may allow new families to port during this one-year period.



What Happens Next?

- 1. You must notify the initial PHA that you would like to port and to which area you are moving.
- 2. The initial PHA will determine if you are eligible to move. For example, the PHA will determine whether you have moved out of your unit in accordance with your lease.
- 3. If eligible to move, the initial PHA will issue you a voucher (if it has not done so already) and send all relevant paperwork to the receiving PHA.
- 4. If you are currently assisted, you must give your landlord notice of your intent to vacate in accordance with your lease.

Contacting the Receiving PHA

- 1. Your case manager will let you know how and when to contact the receiving PHA. Your case manager must give you enough information so that you know how to contact the receiving PHA.
- 2. If there is more than one PHA that administers the HCV program where you wish to move, you may choose the receiving PHA. The initial PHA will give you the contact information for the PHAs that serve the area. If you prefer, you may request that the initial PHA selects the receiving PHA for you.

Generally, the initial PHA is not required to give you any other information about the receiving PHAs, but you may wish to find out more details when contacting them (such as whether the receiving PHA operates a Family Self-Sufficiency or Homeownership program).

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Before Porting, Things You Should Know

Subsidy Standards: The receiving PHA may have different subsidy standards. In other words, the initial PHA may have issued you a three-bedroom voucher, but the receiving PHA may, if appropriate for your family, issue you a two-bedroom voucher. Note, however, that the PHA's subsidy standards must comply with fair housing and civil rights laws. This includes processing reasonable accommodation requests that are necessary for qualified individuals with disabilities.

Payment Standards: The payment standards of the receiving PHA may be different for each PHA. Payment standards are what determine the amount of the rent that the PHA will pay on your behalf. If a receiving PHA's payment standards are lower than the initial PHA, then the portion of the rent you pay may be more than what you were paying at the initial PHA.

Re-screening: The receiving PHA may re-screen you using their own policies, which may be different than the initial PHA's policies and could result in them denying your request to move. When contacting the receiving PHA, you may want to ask whether they re-screen families moving into their area under portability and what are their policies for termination or denial of HCV assistance. This will assist you in determining if the receiving PHA's policies might prevent you from moving to their jurisdiction.

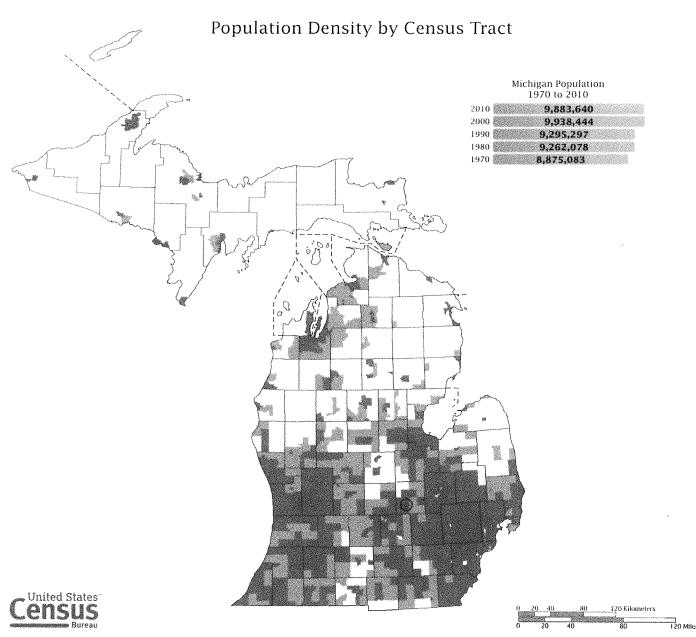
Time Management: You should manage the move so that you have enough time to arrive at the receiving PHA before the initial PHA voucher expires; otherwise, you may lose your assistance.

Once at the Receiving PHA

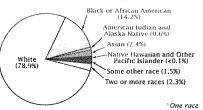
- 1. The receiving PHA will issue you a voucher to search for a unit in its jurisdiction. Your voucher must be extended by 30 days from the expiration date on the voucher issued by the initial PHA.
- 2. When you submit a request for tenancy approval, the time on your voucher will stop until you are notified in writing whether the unit is approved or denied. The request for tenancy approval is the form you will submit to the receiving PHA once you find a unit, so that the receiving PHA can determine whether you may rent that unit under the program.
- 3. If you decide that you do not want to lease a unit in the area, the receiving PHA will return your voucher to the initial PHA. The initial PHA is not required to, but may, extend the term of your voucher so that you may search for a unit in the initial PHA's jurisdiction or port to another jurisdiction.

Any additional instructions will be provided by the receiving PHA. PHAs must comply with all nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements in the portability process, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

2010 Census: Michigan Profile

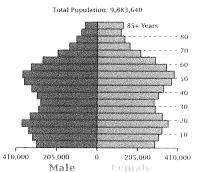


State Race* Breakdown



Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up **4.4%** of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age



Housing Tenure

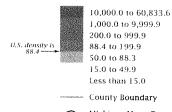
Total Occupied Housing Units: 3,872,508

72.1% Owner Occupied	27.9% Renter
72.130 Owner Occupied	Occupied

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units 2.57 people

Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units: 2.29 people

People per Square Mile by Census Tract



Michigan Mean Center of Population

MICHIGAN PHA Contact Information

This listing is ordered by **city**. Only those PHAs in Michigan that Administer the Section 8 Program are listed here.

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HA Code	PHA Name, Phone & Fax Number	Address	Type [?]
MI121	Alma Housing Commission Phone: (989)463-4200 Fax: (989)463-1448	400 E Warwick Drive Alma MI 48801	Both
MI064	Ann Arbor Housing Commission Phone: (734)794-6720 Fax: (734)994-0781	727 Miller Avenue Ann Arbor MI 48103	Both
MI050	Baldwin Housing Commission Phone: (231)745-7441 Fax: (231)745-8583	105 Fournier Drive PO Box 337 Baldwin MI 49304	Both
MI019	Baraga Housing Commission Phone: (906)353-6432 Fax: (906)353-7637	416 Michigan Avenue Baraga MI 49908	Both
MI194	Bath Charter Township Housing Commission Phone: (517)641-6244 Fax: (517)641-4474	14379 Webster Road Bath MI 48808	Both
MI035	Battle Creek Housing Commission Phone: (269)965-0591 Fax: (269)965-8847	250 Champion Street Battle Creek MI 49037	Both
MI032	Benton Township Housing Commission Phone: (269)927-3541 Fax: (269)927-3567	1216 Blossom Lane Benton Harbor MI 49022	Both
MIO10	Benton Harbor Housing Commission Phone: (269)927-3546 Fax: (269)927-6112	721 Nate Wells Drive Benton Harbor MI 49022	Both
MI084	Boyne City Housing Commission Phone: (231)582-6203 Fax: (231)582-3797	829 S Park Street Boyne City MI 49712	Both
MI060	Cadillac Housing Commission Phone: (231)775-9491 Fax: (231)775-0722	111 S Simons Street Cadillac MI 49601	Both

MI880	Eaton County Non-Profit Phone: (517)541-1180 Fax: (517)541-0269	319 S Cochran Ave Charlotte MI 48813	Section 8
MI030	Cheboygan Housing Commission Phone: (231)627-7189 Fax: (231)627-5772	Cuyler Cheboygan MI 49721	Both
MI040	Clinton Township Housing Commission Phone: (586)791-7000 Fax: (586)792-6735	34947 Village Road Clinton Township MI 48035	Both
MI119	Iron County Housing Commission Phone: (906)875-6060 Fax: (906)875-3430	210 N 3rd Street Crystal Falls MI 49920	Both
MI003	Dearborn Housing Commission Phone: (313)943-2390 Fax: (313)943-3042	13615 Michigan Avenue Floor 2 Dearborn MI 48126	Both
MI160	Dearborn Heights Housing Commission Phone: (734)455-3670 Fax: (734)455-2429	26155 Richardson Dearborn Heights MI 48127	Section 8
MI001	Detroit Housing Commission Phone: (313)877-8000 Fax: (313)877-8805	1301 E. Jefferson Detroit MI 48207	Both
MI120	Dowagiac Housing Commission Phone: (269)782-3786 Fax: (269)782-2809	100 Chestnut Street Dowagiac MI 49047	Both
MI044	Eastpointe Housing Commission Phone: (586)445-5099 Fax: (586)445-8097	15701 E 9 Mile Road Eastpointe MI 48021	Both
MI112	Evart Housing Commission Phone: (231)734-3301 Fax: (231)734-6454	601 W 1st Street Evart MI 49631	Both
MI096	Ferndale Housing Commission Phone: (248)547-9500 Fax: (248)547-1137	415 Withington Street Ferndale MI 48220	Both
MI009	Flint Housing Commission Phone: (810)736-3050 Fax: (810)736-0158	3820 Richfield Road Flint MI 48506	Both

MI073	Grand Rapids Housing Commission Phone: (616)235-2600 Fax: (616)235-2660	1420 Fuller Avenue SE Grand Rapids MI 49507	Both
MI198	Kent County Housing Commission Phone: (616)632-7400 Fax:	82 Ionia Avenue, NW Suite 390 - 3rd Floor Grand Rapids MI 49503	Section 8
MI047	Grayling Housing Commission Phone: (989)348-9314 Fax: (989)344-0944	308 Lawndale Street Grayling MI 49738	Both
MI023	Greenville Housing Commission Phone: (616)754-7179 Fax: (616)754-1393	308 E Oak Street Greenville MI 48838	Both
MI063	Hancock Housing Commission Phone: (906)482-3252 Fax: (906)482-2450	1401 Quincy Street Hancock MI 49930	Both
MI186	Montcalm Housing Commission Phone: (231)937-4241 Fax: (231)937-4657	Mulberry Howard City MI 49329	Both
MI027	Inkster Housing Commission Phone: (313)561-2600 Fax: (313)561-2893	4500 Inkster Road Inkster MI 48141	Both
MI117	Ionia Housing Commission Phone: (616)527-9060 Fax: (616)527-3383	667 N. Union Street Ionia MI 48846	Both
MI038	Jackson Housing Commission Phone: (517)787-9241 Fax: (517)787-6143	301 Steward Avenue Jackson MI 49201	Both
MI901	Michigan State Housing Development Authority Phone: (517)373-8370 Fax: (517)241-3372	735 E. Michigan Lansing MI 48912	Section 8
MI058	Lansing Housing Commission Phone: (517)487-6550 Fax: (517)487-6977	310 Seymour Avenue Lansing MI 48933	Both
MI100	Lapeer Housing Commission Phone: (810)664-0591 Fax: (810)667-7154	544 N Saginaw Street Lapeer MI 48446	Both

MI051	Lincoln Park Housing Commission Phone: (248)593-4611 Fax: (248)593-4620	1356 Electric Avenue Lincoln Park MI 48146	Both
MI055	Livonia Housing Commission Phone: (248)477-7086 Fax: (248)477-0172	19300 Purlingbrook Street Livonia MI 48152	Both
MI188	Madison Heights Housing Commission Phone: (248)583-0843 Fax: (248)588-4143	300 W. Thirteen Mile Road Madison Heights MI 48071	Section 8
MI049	Manistique Housing Commission Phone: (906)341-5451 Fax: (906)341-2728	400 E Lakeshore Drive Manistique MI 49854	Both
MI178	Schoolcraft County Housing Commission Phone: (906)341-5052 Fax: (906)341-5052	900 Steuben Street Manistique MI 49854	Both
MI070	Marquette Housing Commission Phone: (906)226-7559 Fax: (906)226-8633	316 Pine Street Marquette MI 49855	Both
MI048	Melvindale Housing Commission Phone: (313)429-1095 Fax: (313)383-7872	3501 Oakwood Boulevard Melvindale MI 48122	Both
MI087	Menominee Housing Commission Phone: (906)863-8717 Fax: (906)863-8081	1801 8th Avenue Menominee MI 49858	Both
MI074	Mount Pleasant Housing Commission Phone: (989)773-3784 Fax: (989)772-3987	1 W Mosher Street Mount Pleasant MI 48858	Both
MI094	Munising Housing Commission Phone: (906)387-4084 Fax: (906)387-3808	200 City Park Drive Munising MI 49862	Both
MI066	Muskegon Housing Commission Phone: (231)722-2647 Fax: (231)722-9503	1080 Terrace Muskegon MI 49442	Both