

# Music Therapy in Michigan

*Serving Michigan residents with Disabilities, Illness, and Special Needs*

**Music therapy** is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program. (*American Music Therapy Association, [www.musictherapy.org](http://www.musictherapy.org)*)

Music therapists are independently certified through the **Certification Board for Music Therapists** ([www.cbmt.org](http://www.cbmt.org)) after completing a bachelor's or master's degree; at least 1200 hours of supervised clinical training, including an internship after all coursework is completed; and passing a national board certification exam. **Board certified music therapists (MT-BC)** work within a scope of practice, adhere to a code of professional practice, and demonstrate current competency in the profession. Additionally, board certified music therapists must meet extensive continuing education and recertification requirements every five years.



Over **22,000** Michigan residents received music therapy services between Oct. 1, 2012 & Sept. 30, 2013.\*

As an established allied health profession, board certified music therapists in Michigan, along with the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), **strongly recommend that music therapy and the MT-BC credential be formally recognized in Michigan.** This is essential for ensuring the safety of Michigan residents and for increasing their access to quality, evidence-based music therapy services.

The state of Michigan has led the way in educational programs for music therapists. The first music therapy training program in the United States began at **Michigan State University** in 1944. Currently, two Michigan universities offer degrees in music therapy: **Western Michigan** and **Eastern Michigan**. There are currently four active National roster internship sites in Michigan: Franciscan Life Process Center (Lowell, MI); Keidan Center—Detroit Public Schools; Lighthouse Neurological Rehabilitation Center (Caro, MI); and Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Michigan (Madison Heights, MI). Additionally, there are a number of university-affiliated internship sites throughout the state.

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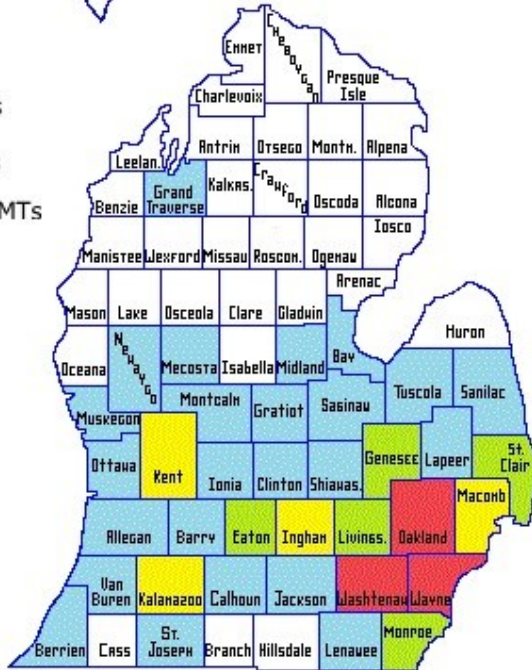
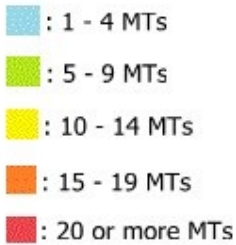
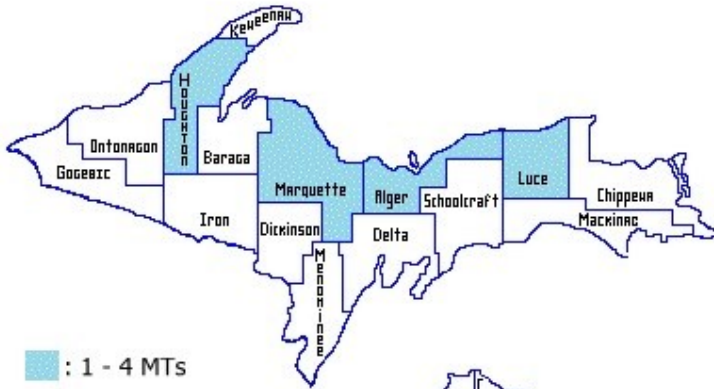
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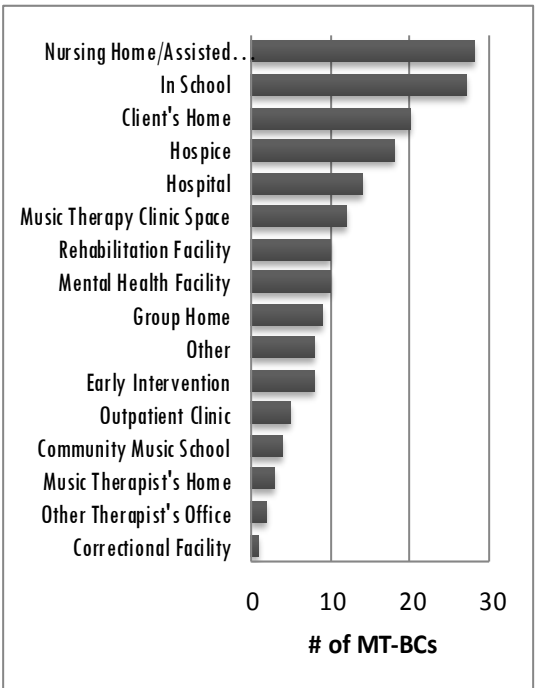
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## Where Do Michigan Music Therapists Work?

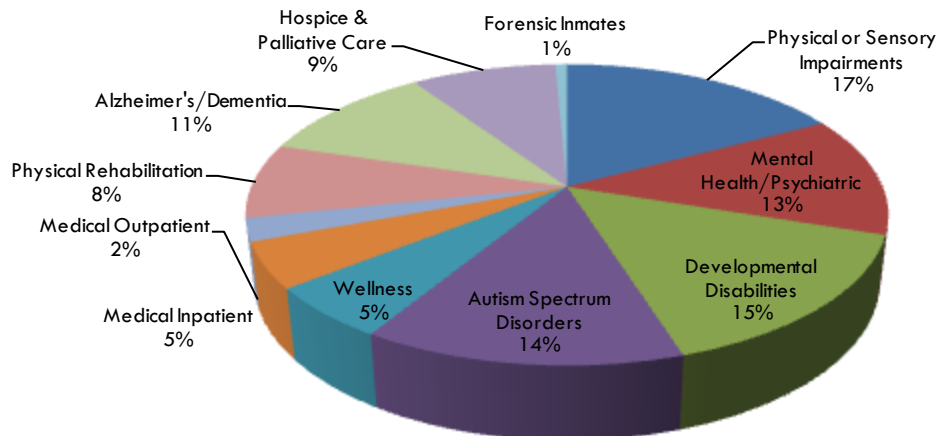


Michigan is home to **195** Board Certified Music Therapists...and counting!

## Settings Where Music Therapy Services are Provided



## Populations Served by Michigan Music Therapists



\* Data based on a survey of Michigan music therapists conducted in Fall 2013.