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STATE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD: BIRTH TO FIVE

SUMMARY FROM THE STATE OF THE FOX VALLEY CHILD: BIRTH TO FIVE. FOX VALLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION. 2016.

Household Composition, Income and Poverty (2010 – 2014 Statistics)

- Young Children in single parent households face serious economic challenges. These are the most vulnerable children and are challenged by the most significant barriers to social-emotional health, healthy development and success in school.¹
- In Winnebago County nearly 1 in 3 children live in single parent households. In the city of Oshkosh nearly 1 in 2 live in single parent households.²
- Winnebago County has the lowest median income of the Tri-County area at \$51,949. (Calumet - \$66,250 and Outagamie - \$58,421). The city of Oshkosh stands out at \$42,860 median income and has 21.8% in the \$10,000 to \$24,999 income bracket.¹
- Winnebago County has 16% of households below the poverty line. This accounts for 3,205 children ages 6-17 years. Households below the poverty line are as follows in Calumet (8.2%) and Outagamie (11%) counties.²
- 7.2% of Winnebago county residents do not have health insurance. Oshkosh stands out with 8.1% of its residents without health insurance.²

Safety at a Glance

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Winnebago and Outagamie counties have twice the incidence of Child Protective Services (CPS) reports per 1,000 Population (38.7 and 32.1 respectively) as Calumet (16.5). The incidence of Winnebago County CPS reports (38.7) exceeds the Wisconsin rate (32.5). In 2014, Winnebago County saw that 44.4% of substantiated maltreatment occurred in children birth to 4 years of age. (National trends about 40%).¹
- Infant Mortality: Defined as the death of a baby in the first year of life. Winnebago County has the highest infant mortality rate in the Tri-County area at 6 per 1,000 live births. (Calumet and Outagamie Counties record 3.5 and 5.1 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively. Wisconsin records 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live births.) This rate is affected by access to high quality and affordable healthcare and maternal factors which include education, smoking status and income status.¹

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Health at a Glance

- Preterm and Low Birth Weight: Winnebago County has a **preterm** birth rate of 10.6%, the Tri- County area stands at 10.4%, and Wisconsin reports 9.1%. **Low birth weight** rates are as follows: Winnebago County 7.7%, Tri-County 7.6% and Wisconsin 7.3%.³
- Preterm births (before 37 weeks gestation) and low birth weight (under 5# 8oz) are two of the leading causes of infant death. Risks for each include maternal age and race/ethnicity.¹
- Births to teens under age 17 and women aged 35+ have increased risk for preterm births. These babies can have respiratory, feeding and digestive issues, along with developmental delays and vision and hearing problems.¹
- African American women are more likely to have low birth weight babies than other races. These infants can face health problems such as respiratory distress, jaundice, anemia and infection.¹
- Immunization benchmark at age 2: Winnebago County has the lowest percentage (79%) of children aged 2 years who are up-to-date on vaccinations. Outagamie and Calumet Counties report 82% up to date.⁴

Ready to Learn

- Birth to 3 Early Intervention Program: Learning activities that stimulate the child's foundational skills have lifelong implications. Discovering a child's developmental delays early offers more opportunities to increase their abilities. Winnebago County is serving 2.0% of its 0-3 year old population through the Birth to 3 program. Wisconsin Child Find's target is set at 2.8% enrollment.⁵
- Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE): Family functioning and parent mental health are strongly correlated with a child's readiness to learn. Adverse experiences can include emotional, physical and or sexual abuse, loss of parent or guardian through death, divorce, separation or imprisonment.¹ Winnebago County (17%) exceeds Outagamie (9%) and Wisconsin (14%) of adults with 4+ adverse childhood experiences.⁶
- Head Start promotes the school readiness of children ages 3-5 years living in low-income families. UW Oshkosh is the federal grantee for this program which serves 534 children in Winnebago and Outagamie Counties. Many more low-income children qualify for services, but no additional capacity is available due to funding shortfalls.¹
- 3rd Grade Reading Assessment: Reading proficiency in the 3rd grade is a strong predictor of high school graduation and the odds of succeeding economically later in life. Assessment result levels are Advanced, Proficient, and Basic & Below. Winnebago County scored the poorest in the Tri-County area on this assessment. 65.4% of the 3rd graders tested scored at the Basic & Below level. On this measure, Calumet and Outagamie Counties scored 59.0% and 62.3%, respectively.⁷