

“And How are the Children? 2014”
Community Health Assessment
User’s Guide

“And How are the Children? 2014” Community Health Assessment is a compilation of outcomes and indicators, showing where we stand in Wayne County with our commitments of well-being for children and families. This issue is organized around five topic areas also called indicators. Each topic area has a compilation of focus areas which can also be called outcomes. For each focus area (outcomes) there are a summary and a graph displaying the most current information regarding the focus area. For some focus areas, a table of information is also included.

This issue of “And How are the Children? 2014” is meant to be a snapshot of the current status of outcomes and indicators. Most of the statistics reported are those of Wayne County as well as the State of Ohio.

The most meaningful and useful way to look at the data, when presented is to observe the trend line within the community for the indicator. In other words, knowing an indicator’s results over a period of time provides knowledge on whether that indicator is improving, worsening, or remaining the same. For each indicator where there are several measurements over a period of time, an arrow is provided on the top right-hand corner to show the current trend. **The color of the arrow indicates whether the trend is improving (green), worsening (red), or remaining the same (yellow). The reader must keep in mind that some indicators will show improvement by declining in value (i.e. infant mortality rate), while others will show improvement by increasing in value (i.e. student graduation rate).** If an indicator is not presented with trend data, a notation of *n/a* is inserted into the box.

Original data sources and special notes about the data are provided. The data have been collected from official national, state, and local sources. In several instances the data are from the public health and human services sector. Each indicator presented is from only one source thereby circumventing confusion and misinterpretation of results which often occurs when more than one source is used for the same indicator.