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Erie County Profile

Statistical and Demographic Data for 2009 - 2012*

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The Skybuckets ride at Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky. Photo: Double B Photography

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* Data available as of September 30, 2012

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County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Erie County provides a number of services to families and individuals in need of assistance. These services range from food stamps, cash assistance, and child care subsidies to child support enforcement, job training, and access to medical care.

2010 Census Poverty Levels as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level*

	County	Ohio	U.S.
<18 Years of Age in Poverty:	24.4%	23.1%	21.6%
All Ages in Poverty:	14.9%	15.8%	15.3%

*Federal Poverty Level as issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and published in the Federal Register.

Population

2011 Census Population 76,751 **2000 Census Population** 79,551

Age Census (2011)	Population County	Population State	% of Total Population County	% of Total Population State
Age 0-17	16,742	2,693,092	21.8%	23.3%
Age 65 and Older	15,540	1,887,518	20.2%	16.3%
Median Age (2011)	43.2	40.4		
Average Household Size (Blank = NA)	2.38	2.47		

Vital Statistics

		2010 County	County Rate per 1,000	2010 State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births		745	56.4	139,034	62.2
Teen Births:	<15 Years of Age	0	0.0	158	0.4
	15-17 Years of Age	26	16.1	3,699	15.6
	18-19 Years of Age	58	69.3	9,806	59.4

	CY 2010 County	CY 2010 County Rate per 1,000	CY 2010 State	CY 2010 State Rate per 1,000	CY 2009 County	CY 2009 County Rate per 1,000	CY 2009 State	CY 2009 State Rate per 1,000
Marriages	455	5.9	66,433	5.8	523	6.8	66,426	5.8
Divorces	241	3.1	39,524	3.4	0	0.0	38,146	3.3

Income

The per capita income of a region provides a good barometer of its economic health. Over the last decade, per capita income fluctuations in Ohio have been highly correlated with employment growth or decline.

Per Capita Income Comparisons	County	Ohio	U.S.
Per Capita Income 2010	$36,404	$36,162	$39,937
Per Capita Income 2000	$28,645	$28,206	$29,845

Dependency Rate

	2010 County	2010 State	2009 County	2009 State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports*	23.5%	21.5%	23.3%	21.2%
County Rank	52 of 88	N/A	52 of 88	N/A

**The 'Rate of Dependency on Income Supports' is the total amount of income support provided by taxpayer dollars (e.g. Retirement and Disability payments, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, TANF, SSI, etc.) divided by total personal income. Note: Ranking based on highest (1) Rate of Dependency to lowest (88) Rate of Dependency.*

Food Security

Prevalence of Household-Level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security 2006-2008 (Average) and 2009-2011 (Average)						
Ohio Compared to Adjacent States and U.S.						
	Food Insecurity[1]			Very Low Food Security[2]		
	Average 2009-2011 (Percent)	Average 2006-2008 (Percent)	Change 2006-2008 to 2009-2011 (Percentage Pts)	Average 2009-2011 (Percent)	Average 2006-2008 (Percent)	Change 2006-2008 to 2009-2011 (Percentage Pts)
U.S.	14.7	12.2	2.5	5.6	4.6	1.0
Ohio	15.5	13.3	2.2	6.4	5.2	1.2
Indiana	13.2	11.2	2.0	5.4	4.3	1.1
Kentucky	16.4	12.6	3.8	6.6	4.4	2.2
Michigan	14.2	12.0	2.2	5.6	4.4	1.2
Pennsylvania	12.5	11.2	1.3	5.0	4.2	0.8
West Virginia	14.1	12.0	2.1	5.1	4.5	0.6

[1]Food insecurity is a condition that arises from lack of money and other resources to acquire food.

[2]Very low food security is a severe range of food insecurity in which the food intake of some household members was reduced and normal eating patterns were disrupted due to limited resources.

Source: Data for the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) food security reports are compiled from an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau as a supplement to the monthly Current Population Survey. (Survey was conducted during the week of December 11-17, 2011.) Information about the survey, data, and methods available at:

http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ap-administrative-publication/

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Labor Force and Employment

The size of a county's labor force is an indication of economic health. It is influenced by both the economy and the size and composition of the population.

	CY 2011			CY 2010		
	County	State	U.S.	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	42,200	5,806,000	153,617,000	42,700	5,897,600	153,889,000
Employment	38,500	5,305,000	139,869,000	38,300	5,303,000	139,064,000
Unemployment	3,700	501,000	13,747,000	4,400	594,500	14,825,000
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.6	8.9	10.4	10.1	9.6
1st UC Benefit Payments	2,626	259,192	N/A	2,619	290,983	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	$13,460,782	$1,635,607,835	N/A	$15,460,718	$2,032,955,748	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	$285	$291	N/A	$281	$297	N/A
UC Duration	14.5	17.8	N/A	17.6	19.9	N/A

Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN)

WARN provides protection to workers, their families and communities by requiring employers to provide notification 60 calendar days in advance of plant closings and mass layoffs.

	CY 2011		CY 2010	
	County	State	County	State
Employer WARN Notices	0	58	0	83
WARN Employees Affected	0	8,840	0	10,777

Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

646 Erie County residents, during FFY 2011, participated in the Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program, which provides unemployed job seekers with services that promote quicker re-entry into the workforce.

***To learn more about Labor Market and Employment information, go to:**
http://lmi.state.oh.us/asp/laus/vbLAUS.htm

Commuting to Work*

Metropolitan areas tend to draw the most commuters from their own and neighboring counties.
In Erie County , according to the U.S. Census Bureau, **27.5%** of workers who are at least 16 years of age commute to jobs that are outside their county of residence. An average commute time is **18.9** minutes.

*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A" (Data Not Available)

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Workforce Investment Act*

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a federally funded program that assists employers in obtaining skilled and productive employees; expands the available pool of skilled workers whose skills match current job opportunities; and meaures program achievements in terms of customer outcomes and increased local accountability. Ohio has 31 comprehensive, full-service One-Stop sites, and 59 satellite sites throughout 20 local workforce development areas, with at least one site in every Ohio county. The following data is from Ohio's Annual Report for Program Year 2010:

Adult Programs	County	State
Total Participants	142	18,789
Total Exiters	59	9,276
Entered Employment Rate	77.4%	67.5%
Retention Rate	84.6%	84.6%
Average Earnings	$13,346	$14,655

Dislocated Worker Programs	County	State
Total Participants	124	19,789
Total Exiters	79	8,554
Entered Employment Rate	85.5%	73.3%
Retention Rate	92.5%	89.4%
Average Earnings	$16,603	$19,101

Youth Programs	County	State
Total Participants	112	13,240
Total Exiters	59	5,007
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	57.7%	65.1%
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	38.2%	64.1%
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	0.0%	44.1%

*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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Family Services

Child Support

The Erie County Child Support Enforcement Agency establishes paternities and obtains, enforces, and collects child support funds for children.

$13,378,514 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2011 County	FFY 2011 State	FFY 2010 County	FFY 2010 State
Number of Cases	7,605	953,163	7,897	992,344
Paternity Establishment Rate*	97.0%	92.1%	99.4%	93.4%
Cases with Support Orders	6,896	783,566	6,933	771,082
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	90.7%	82.2%	87.8%	77.7%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	68.3%	66.6%	67.5%	66.6%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	69.1%	64.1%	68.9%	64.0%

*The Paternity Establishment Rate is the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, for whom paternity was established or acknowledged as of the end of the reporting period, divided by the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, as reported 12 months prior to the reporting period. In some cases, the rate can exceed 100%.

Food Assistance (FA)

The Food Assistance program is designed to raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power and to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals and families whose gross monthly income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Food Assistance	SFY 2012 County	SFY 2012 State	SFY 2011 County	SFY 2011 State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	10,192	1,472,746	9,101	1,377,173
Average Monthly Child Recipients	6,779	1,029,621	6,198	953,014
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	16,971	2,502,367	15,299	2,330,187
Percent of Population	22.1%	21.7%	19.9%	20.2%
Net Expenditures	$20,547,388	$2,983,899,907	$19,485,419	$2,959,815,232
Average Annual FA Payment per Recipient	$1,223	$1,247	$1,274	$1,270

Ohio Works First (OWF)

Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial-assistance portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides cash benefits to needy families for up to 36 months.

28 out of every 1,000 residents in Erie County received cash benefits through OWF during SFY 2012.

Cash Assistance (CA)	SFY 2012 County	SFY 2012 State	SFY 2011 County	SFY 2011 State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	607	110,936	646	138,085
Average Monthly Child Recipients	1,517	245,825	1,486	283,338
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	2,122	356,167	2,132	421,423
Percent of Population	2.8%	3.1%	2.8%	3.7%
Net Expenditures	$2,183,370	$392,535,664	$2,533,949	$466,826,098
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	$1,029	$1,102	$1,189	$1,108

Child Safety and Care/Placement

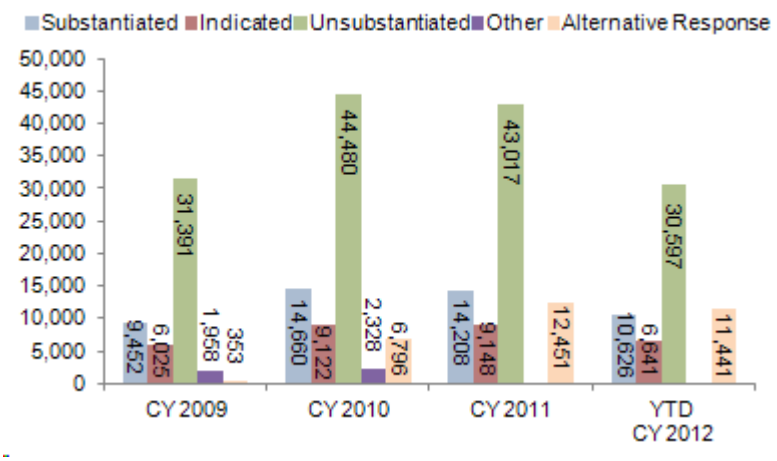
The Erie County Public Children Services Agency administers local adoption assistance, foster care services, and child welfare intervention programs. The agency strives to reunify children with their families when possible, or find other permanent living arrangements for them when they cannot safely return home.

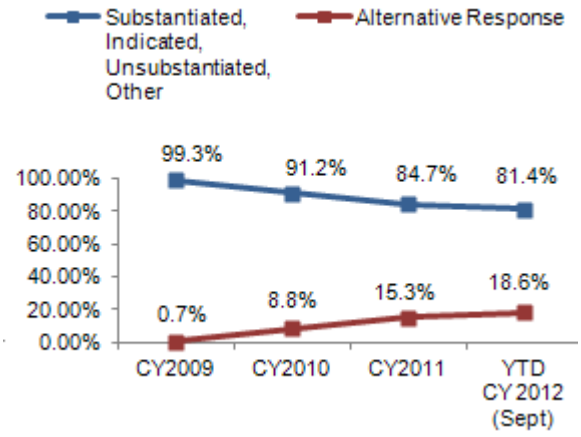
Ohio's Differential Response System

Differential Response offers child welfare agencies options for responding to accepted reports of child abuse and neglect by requiring that such reports be assigned to either the "Traditional Response (TR)" pathway or the "Alternative Response (AR)" pathway. In some instances, a traditional child protection response is needed in order to determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred and to ensure child safety and well-being. AR sets aside fault finding and substantiation decisions and applies only to reports that do not allege serious or imminent harm. In an AR response caseworkers partner with families and ensure that they are connected with the services and supports they need to keep their children safe.

By August 2011, thirty three counties had implemented the Differential Response System. As of September, 2012 an additional fifteen counties went 'live', increasing the grand total to forty eight 'active' counties. To date, not all of the metro counties are fully implemented. Many of those counties have started with just one unit of workers processing AR cases and are planning to expand.

Determination of Case Status CY 2009 – Year-To-Date CY 2012, as of September 2012.





Report Type Description	
Traditional Response Reports	
Substantiated or Indicated	Reports with a "Substantiated" or "Indicated" finding.
Unsubstantiated	CPS reports with a finding of "Unsubstantiated:" due to intentionally false report; other than intentionally false report.
Closed – no finding	Cases Closed Without Finding.
Other	Case Closed For Other Reasons; Unknown or Missing.
Dates of conclusion	The period of time that children in the Total had a completed CPS investigation or assessment.
Total Dispositions	Child Protective Services (CPS) report investigation or assessments completed during the Report Period.
Alternative Response Cases	AR Responses do not receive a disposition.

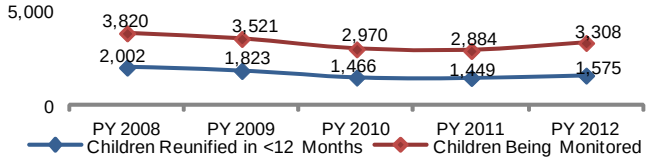
Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) Performance Measures

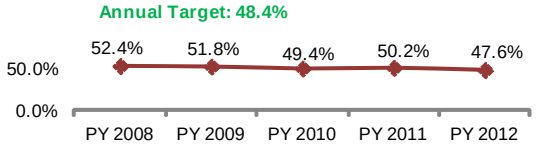
In 2004, the U.S. Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, mandated a Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) process to gauge the effectiveness of child-welfare programs. The CFSR is a review of state child welfare systems and a guide that validates successful strategies and provides insight for areas needing improvement.

The Ohio CFSR Dashboard was developed as a program evaluation and management tool backed with substantial support from the research community. As such, it empowers managers to detect problems in performance and make changes to programs prior to the end of the review period, thereby averting financial penalties. HHS established Ohio's review period to begin on April 1 and end on March 31. In the interest of presenting data that is consistent with the federal reporting period, the April 1 to March 31 Program Year is the report period. Data presented is point-in-time as of July 12, 2012.

CFSR Permanency Measure C1-3: Entry Cohort Reunification in <12 Months

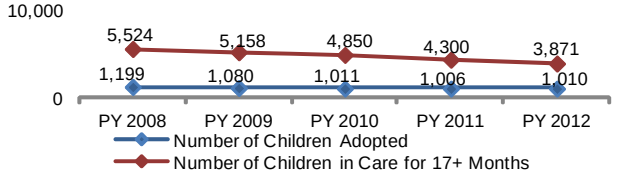
Of all children entering foster care for the first time between October and March prior to the beginning of the evaluation period, and remained in care for longer than one week, what percent was discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? Target: At least 48.4% of the children must be reunified to avoid risk of Federal penalty.

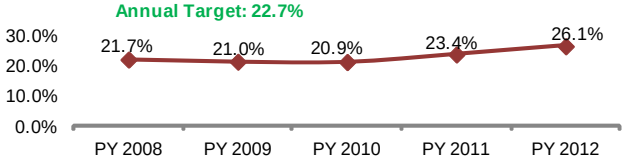




CFSR Permanency Measure C2-3: Children in Care 17+ Months, Adopted by the End of the Year

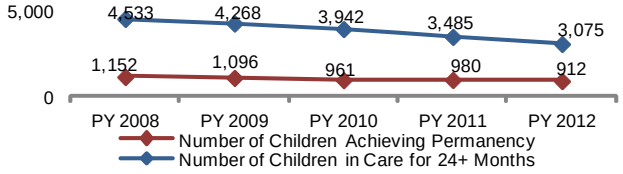
Of all children in foster care for 17+ months on April 1 of the evaluation year (and not discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of live with relative, reunify, or guardianship), what percent was discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by the last day of the evaluation period?

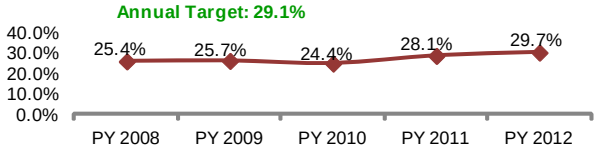




CFSR Permanency Measure C3-1: Of Children in Care 24+ Months, How Many Achieve Permanency?

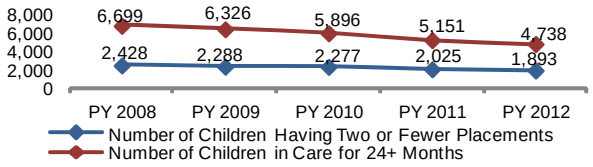
Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on April 1 of the evaluation period, what percent was discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by March 31? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).

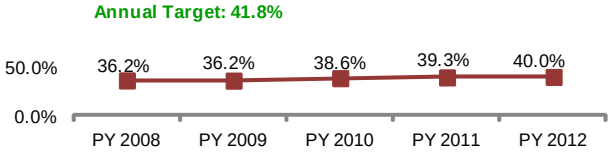




CFSR Permanency Measure C4-3: Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care 24+ Months

Of all children in foster care for at least 24 months on April 1 of the evaluation period, what percent had 2 or fewer placement settings? The annual target of 41.8% is the minimum percent of children expected to have 2 or fewer placements to avoid risk of Federal penalty.





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Child Care

Ohio counties provide child care services and early learning opportunities that families need to succeed at work and school. Through state and federal funding, families whose income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline can receive payment for all or part of their monthly child care expenses while parents work or attend job training/educational activities. A family may remain eligible until income increases to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

	SFY 2011		SFY 2010	
Children Served	**County**	**State**	**County**	**State**
Number of Children Using Publicly Funded Child Care (Unduplicated Count)	1,228	239,879	2,026	198,105
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	$3,223,950	$577,105,078	$3,324,307	$586,757,393
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	$2,625	$2,406	$1,641	$2,962
Providers	**SFY 2012**		**SFY 2011**	
Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	16	4,236	13	4,114

*Includes licensed full-time, part-time, Head Start, school-based and combination centers with 7 or more children.

"Step Up To Quality" Program

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is Ohio's voluntary quality rating system for child care programs. SUTQ is designed to increase the number of high-quality programs, recognize and support programs that achieve higher quality standards, and provide parents with an easy-to-use tool to assist them in making more informed choices on behalf of their children. Programs with the hightest ratings qualify for monetary awards.

The number of Licensed Child Care Centers Earning Quality Ratings as of June 30, 2012: 6

For additional information about child care services, Step Up to Quality (SUTQ), or to search for child care in your area, go to: http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm

Adult Protective Services (APS)

County Departments of Job and Family Services provide Adult Protective Services to the elderly who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and/or have no one to assist them.

	SFY 2011-SFY2012		SFY2010-2011	
	County	**State**	**County**	**State**
Adult Cases	22	15,475	28	15,359
Cases Deemed Emergencies	0	511	0	549
Cases in Need of Protective Services	17	6,381	22	6,545
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	0	81	0	86

	SFY 2012		SFY 2011	
	County	**State**	**County**	**State**
Expenditures	$2,978	$17,017,750	$23,962	$17,548,663

Kinship Permanency Incentive

KPI provides time-limited incentive payments to relatives caring for minor children who would be at risk of harm if they remained in their own homes.

	SFY 2012		SFY 2011	
Unduplicated Counts*	**County**	**State**	**County**	**State**
Children Approved for Initial KPI Funding	2	2,241	8	2,430
Children Receiving KPI Payments Redeterminations	20	4,714	25	5,430
Total Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	22	6,955	33	7,860

*Blank Field = N/A

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Medical Assistance

Ohio offers a variety of assistance programs to give those with limited resources access to basic medical care. The most comprehensive of these is Medicaid, the federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses doctors and health-care facilities for providing services to eligible individuals with low income.

Nursing Facilities/Residential Care*

	CY 2011		CY 2010	
	County	State	County	State
Nursing Homes	8	939	8	944
Residential Care Facilities	5	599	5	598

*Includes state-licensed and Medicaid-certified facilities. Data is point in time, as of 8/6/2012.

Alternatives to Nursing Facilities (Waiver Programs)*

Waiver programs allow people on Medicaid with disabilities to receive care in their homes and communities instead of in nursing homes. The following chart lists the waiver programs available in Ohio for SFY 2011 and SFY 2012 and the number of Erie County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services	SFY 2012		SFY 2011	
Waiver Type	County	State	County	State
Choices - Age 60 or older	5	697	4	734
PASSPORT - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	196	40,752	166	39,483
Assisted living - Age 21 or older	8	4,795	1	3,893
Individual Options Waiver - Available to all ages	113	17,311	105	16,881
Level One Waiver - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	49	11,851	46	10,555
Ohio Home Care - Age 59 or younger	39	10,442	49	10,387
Transitions - Age 60 or older	14	3,066	12	2,943
Transitions Carve Out - All ages	13	2,352	10	2,181
Unduplicated Counts	437	91,266	381	85,346