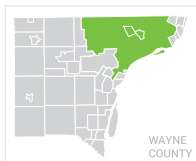
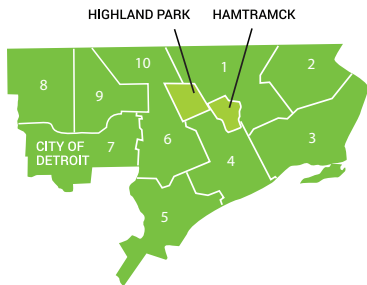


# HOW ARE THE CHILDREN? APRIL 2013

## Detroit Core Region



The Detroit Core region is comprised of three communities—the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. In addition, the analysis recognizes the ten planning sectors within Detroit. These areas were developed in the late 1990s as a method of dividing the 139 square miles of the city into workable sub-areas averaging about 100,000 residents. In 2000, they ranged in size from a low of 64,161 to a high of 116,751.

The last decade has brought a great deal of change to the city, resulting in a growing disparity across sectors. In addition, the recent move to a City Council by district arrangement makes it likely that the sectors will soon be eliminated as relevant sub-city geography. The region covers 144 square miles of land area (Detroit at 139 and Hamtramck and Highland Park combining for an additional 5), accounting for 23.4 percent of the

total county. Three public school districts serve the area.

The county has experienced continued population loss since 1990, primarily due to the loss in Detroit and other older core communities such as Highland Park. Immigration during the 1990s resulted in Hamtramck experiencing its first growth since the early 1940s, though this was reversed to a 2.4 percent loss over the recent decade. The result was quite significant for the cities of Detroit and Highland Park. Detroit experienced an unprecedented loss in percentage terms as almost 240,000 (25 percent of the total) residents left the city between 2000 and 2010. While Highland Park lost just under 5,000 residents, its percentage loss was even greater - 29.7 percent.

### POPULATION 5 & UNDER

While the number of children 5 years of age and under dropped

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## BY THE NUMBERS

### POPULATION & INCOME

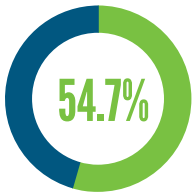
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Number of children in region that were 0-5 years old in 2010



34.9%

Population 0-5 years dropped 34.9% between 2000 and 2010.



54.7% of children 6 & under are in poverty.

77.2% of children 6 & under are below 185% poverty.

by 34.9% between 2000 and 2010 for the region as a whole, there was variation across sectors and communities. The only area to actually experience growth in this age group (up 20.3 percent) was the city of Hamtramck, where the wide ranging ethnic community, heavily populated by persons of Muslim faith, brought higher birth rates and larger families. Highland Park experienced the largest decrease at 44.8 percent. Expanding this analysis to the population 0-8 years of age, the loss grew to 50 percent. Detroit's decrease of 34.9 percent for children 0-5 years of age was distributed differentially across its land area. Sectors that tended to border the northern and western boundaries and were heavily African American, such as 1, 2 and 6, experienced losses greater than 43 percent. Ethnic communities in southwest Detroit and the west side, represented by Sectors 5 and 10, experienced relatively small decreases that were significantly below the city average.

Births in the region continued a steady decrease throughout the decade, with some acceleration of that decrease over the last half of the decade. The 11,500 average annual births of the 2008-10 period were 27.2 percent fewer than the first three years of the decade.

### INCOME

While socioeconomic data are not collected on an annual basis for

communities smaller than 65,000 population, the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) does produce 5-year aggregations. We chose to look at median family income, per capita income and child poverty as a gauge of the economic standing of children across Wayne County.

An analysis of 2011 median family income at the county level showed a decrease between 1999 and 2011 of over one-third in the buying power of the average family. While the "By the Numbers" section shows the actual 2011 median family income for each community (income data were not calculated by sector), an analysis of change over the decade revealed that, while all but one experienced a decrease, there was a wide range of change. For example, Northville city was the only community to show an income gain over the decade. Flat Rock and Wyandotte experienced the smallest decreases (6.2 and 7.0 percent, respectively), while Wayne and Inkster, two of the lower income cities to begin with, experienced the greatest decreases (35.5 and 31.6 percent, respectively). This lessening of family buying power is a strong indicator of increasing economic hardship.

Decreasing income was accompanied by increasing poverty, particularly among children. This was also based on the share of children, 6 years and under, below poverty and below 185% of poverty,

a measure used to determine eligibility for free/reduced lunch in school. It is clear that child poverty rates are extremely high throughout the core. Highland Park's rate is a staggering 80.6 percent, while Hamtramck and Detroit follow not far behind at 63.9 and 54.7 percent, respectively. Rates across the city sectors range from a low of 33.3 percent to a high of 67.4 percent. All areas showed significant increases in childhood poverty over the last decade.

## ETHNICITY

While no race or ethnic group is in the majority in Wayne County as a whole, African Americans clearly represent the vast majority (80.5%) of the Detroit Core population. This was only slightly higher than that of 2000. The primary change within the region was a continued loss of White, non-Hispanic share, from 11.6 to 9.1 percent, and growth in the Latino population, particularly in southwest Detroit, from 4.8 to 6.6 percent.

## PRENATAL CARE

Both Wayne County and the Detroit Core region experienced a decrease in the percent of mothers receiving adequate prenatal care during 2008-10. The Core share fell from 60.1 to 56.9 percent between 2005-07 and 2008-10. This was just slightly above the lowest rate of the decade, 55.9 percent, that occurred back in 2000-02.

## BABIES WITH LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

The percent of low birthweight babies (less than 5.5 lbs.) reached its lowest point of the decade, 11.4 percent, during the 2008-10 period, after holding between 13.0 and 14.0 all decade. This was just above the county average of 10.7 percent.

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate in the Detroit Core Region has remained relatively steady over the entire decade. It reached its highest point of 16.2 deaths per 1,000 births in the 2002-04 period. Analysis of the latest data available from the state for the two year period of 2008-2009, show a rate of 14.5 deaths, a rate that has held since 2004.

Although infant mortality rates have been relatively stabilized, Black children continue to die at a rate 3 times that of White children.

## TEENAGE MOTHERS

The percent of new mothers below the age of 20 years remained continued a steady increase throughout the decade and reached its highest level of 20.3 percent in the 2008-10 period. This rate is 1 ½ times that of the countywide average of 13.6 percent.

## MOTHERS' EDUCATION LEVEL

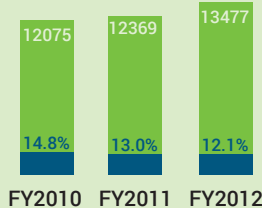
The percent of new mothers with less than a high school education has remained constant over the decade and stood at 35.2 percent in the 2008-10 period, well above the

# BY THE NUMBERS

## ISSUES

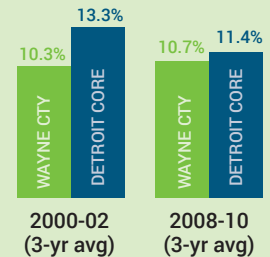
### Child abuse cases

Investigated vs Substantiated



While the number of investigated child abuse cases has risen, the percent substantiated has dropped.

### Low birthweight babies



Number of low-birthweight babies in the region has dropped 1.9% since 2000.

county average of 23.7 percent.

## SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

The percent of New Mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy, while not particularly high, did drop steadily over the decade, from 14.3 percent in 2000-2002 to 11.6 percent in 2005-07. A revision in the question after 2007 has led to an increase in the percent reporting in the affirmative. The Detroit Core region experienced an increase from 11.6 to 16.8 percent in 2008-10 – third

highest among the regions and just a percentage point above the county average.

## CHILD CARE CENTERS

Child Care Centers represent almost three of every five (57.9%) of the licensed programs in the Detroit Core Region. There are 316 Centers, 140 Family Homes and 90 Group Homes.

## CHILD ABUSE

While the number of investigated cases experienced a steady increase

between 2010 and 2012, the number of substantiated cases decreased between 2010 and 2011 and then essentially stabilized in 2012. This pattern resulted in a steady decrease in the percentage of substantiated cases.

## DETAILED POPULATION DATA

	Population 0-5 years, 2010	Percent Change, 2000-10	Population 0-8 years, 2010	Percent Change, 2000-10	2011 Median Family Income	Per Capita Income, 2011	Children <6 yrs old in Poverty	Percent of children less than 6	Children <6 below 185% poverty	Percent of children less than 6
<b>Detroit Core</b>	<b>63,243</b>	<b>-34.9%</b>	<b>94,250</b>	<b>-39.4%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>35,003</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>49,423</b>	<b>77.2%</b>
<b>Detroit City</b>	59,786	-36.0%	89,169	-40.4%	\$33,445	\$15,261	32,942	54.0%	46,813	76.7%
<b>Sector 1</b>	5,867	-43.8%	8,789	-47.6%	NA	NA	3,898	63.1%	5,117	82.8%
<b>Sector 2</b>	7,557	-43.1%	11,410	-48.2%	NA	NA	4,008	57.0%	5,556	79.0%
<b>Sector 3</b>	6,200	-39.3%	9,229	-44.1%	NA	NA	3,592	55.1%	5,002	76.7%
<b>Sector 4</b>	3,484	-31.7%	5,008	-38.8%	NA	NA	1,732	58.0%	2,390	80.0%
<b>Sector 5</b>	8,889	-13.2%	13,033	-14.4%	NA	NA	4,516	51.0%	7,243	81.8%
<b>Sector 6</b>	4,906	-46.5%	7,256	-50.6%	NA	NA	3,128	67.4%	3,961	85.4%
<b>Sector 7</b>	7,857	-33.8%	11,664	-38.1%	NA	NA	5,105	59.6%	6,729	78.6%
<b>Sector 8</b>	5,693	-38.9%	8,585	-42.8%	NA	NA	3,034	47.4%	4,350	67.9%
<b>Sector 9</b>	5,961	-34.0%	9,039	-38.9%	NA	NA	2,636	44.3%	4,368	73.4%
<b>Sector 10</b>	3,372	-28.2%	5,156	-32.4%	NA	NA	1,293	33.3%	2,097	53.9%
<b>Hamtramck city</b>	2,589	20.3%	3,809	17.3%	\$28,512	\$10,602	1,317	63.9%	1,821	88.3%
<b>Highland Park city</b>	868	-44.8%	1,272	-49.9%	\$24,694	\$11,756	744	80.6%	789	85.5%