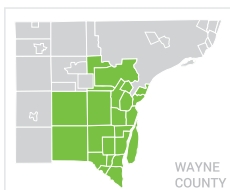
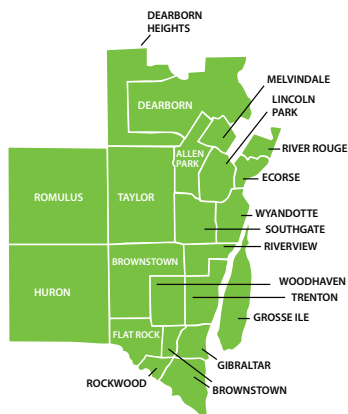


HOW ARE THE CHILDREN? APRIL 2013

Downriver Wayne Region



The Downriver Wayne County region is comprised of 20 communities—17 cities and 3 townships. They range in size from the small cities of Rockwood and Gibraltar (at 3,289 and 4,656 inhabitants, respectively) to the third largest community in the county—Dearborn, with 98,153 residents. The region covers 242 square miles of land area, accounting for 39.4% of the total county. 18 public school districts serve the area. While the county has experienced continued population loss since 1990, Downriver Wayne has held rather steady, losing just 0.2% of its population between 2000 and 2010, though there is wide variation across the communities.

POPULATION 5 & UNDER

While the number of children 5 years of age and under dropped by 6.7% between 2000 and 2010 for the region as a whole, there was

wide variation across communities. Brownstown Township led the only four gainers, with an increase of 6.8 percent. Sixteen communities experienced population loss, with five having losses exceeding 20 percent, led by Grosse Ile township at -35.1 percent.

Births in the region continued a rather steady decrease throughout the decade. The 6,349 average annual births of the 2008-10 period were 11.1 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.

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BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION & INCOME

39,966

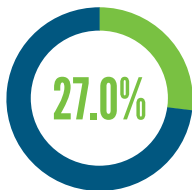
Number of children in region that were 0-5 years old in 2010



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



Decrease in annual births from 2000-2010



27.0% of children 6 & under are in poverty.

47.2% of children 6 & under are below 185% poverty.

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, an analysis of change over the decade revealed that, while all experienced a decrease, there was a wide range of change. Flat Rock and Wyandotte experienced the smallest decreases (6.2 and 7.0 percent, respectively), while River Rouge and Melvindale, two of the lower income cities to begin with, experienced the greatest decreases (38.7 and 26.5 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. Six communities had child poverty rates less than 10 percent, while six others had rates above 30 percent. Both River Rouge and Ecorse had rates above 60 percent.

ETHNICITY

While no race or ethnic group is in the majority in Wayne County as a whole, White, non-Hispanics,

which include a number of ethnic groups, such as persons of Middle Eastern descent, represents the vast majority (80%) of Downriver Wayne’s population. Both African Americans and Latinos have increased their representation over the decade.

TEENAGE MOTHERS

The percent of new mothers below the age of 20 years remained relatively steady during the decade but took a slight uptick in the most recent period, reaching the decade high level of 8.7 percent level it had during the 2000-02 period.

PRENATAL CARE

Both Wayne County and the downriver region experienced a decrease in the percent of mothers receiving adequate prenatal care during 2008-10. The Downriver share fell from 81.5 to 74.5 percent between 2005-07 and 2008-10.

BABIES WITH LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

The percent of low birthweight babies (less than 5.5 lbs.) reached its lowest point of the decade, 6.6 percent, during the 2008-10 period. This was well below the county average of 10.7 percent.

MOTHERS’ EDUCATION LEVEL

The percent of new mothers with less than a high school education has remained relatively constant over the decade and stood at 18.0% in the 2008-10 period.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate in the Downriver Wayne Region rose during the first 5 years of the decade, and then decreased in the years since. It reached its high of 7.9 deaths per 1,000 births in 2003-05 and fell to 7.1 in the 2005-07 period. Analysis of the latest data available from the state for the two year period of 2008-09, indicates a continued decrease to 6.5.

SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

The percent of New Mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy, which dropped steadily during the first five years, has stabilized since 2004 at 14.7%. A revision in the question after 2007 has led to an increase in the percent reporting in the affirmative. The Downriver region experienced the second

largest increase from 14.7 to 20.7 percent in 2008-10 – with the highest rate among the regions and 5 percentage points above the county average.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Child Care Centers represent over two-thirds (69%) of the licensed programs in the Downriver Wayne Region. There are 188 Centers, 54 Family Homes, and 29 Group Homes.

CHILD ABUSE

While the numbers of investigated cases showed significant increases in each year, the number of substantiated cases remained relatively stable. The overall share of substantiated cases, similar in 2010 and 2011, dropped in 2012.

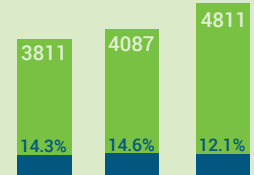
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ISSUES

Child abuse cases

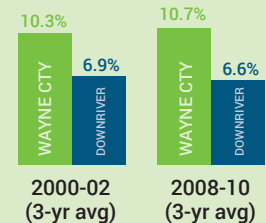
Investigated vs Substantiated



FY2010 FY2011 FY2012

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Low birthweight babies



Number of low-birthweight babies reached its lowest point of the decade.

Range of median family income in 2011

GROSSE ILE
TOWNSHIP

\$98,910

RIVER
ROUGE

\$27,762

Grosse Ile township had the highest median family income within the Downriver Wayne region. River Rouge had the lowest.

20.7%

Average percent of new mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy in 2008-2010

8.7%

Average percent of new mothers below the age of 20 years in 2008-2010

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
Downriver Wayne	39,966	-6.7%	61,145	-6.7%	NA	NA	11,042	27.0%	19,269	47.2%
Allen Park city	1,725	-9.4%	2,669	-9.9%	\$69,840	\$26,769	159	9.4%	436	25.7%
Brownstown township	2,388	6.8%	3,788	12.4%	\$77,076	\$27,379	244	9.3%	761	28.9%
Dearborn city	9,550	-1.3%	14,634	1.8%	\$56,589	\$22,816	3,275	32.5%	5,646	56.0%
Dearborn Heights city	4,595	3.2%	6,946	2.6%	\$56,063	\$22,293	1,182	23.6%	2,333	46.6%
Ecorse city	827	-22.4%	1,268	-21.0%	\$35,750	\$16,306	566	63.6%	709	79.7%
Flat Rock city	840	0.1%	1,291	-0.3%	\$62,643	\$23,553	233	26.6%	436	49.8%
Gibraltar city	307	1.7%	474	-2.3%	\$75,529	\$30,701	86	38.9%	86	38.9%
Grosse Ile township	421	-35.1%	778	-28.7%	\$98,910	\$41,103	0	0.0%	24	5.0%
Huron township	1,147	-3.2%	1,795	-3.3%	\$72,722	\$25,690	74	7.0%	176	16.6%
Lincoln Park city	3,093	-6.3%	4,688	-6.4%	\$49,089	\$19,650	872	28.1%	1,779	57.3%
Melvindale city	875	-0.8%	1,296	-3.3%	\$42,619	\$18,200	188	22.8%	431	52.2%
River Rouge city	752	-24.7%	1,131	-27.5%	\$27,762	\$13,148	435	63.6%	590	86.3%
Riverview city	666	-22.6%	1,020	-22.7%	\$63,884	\$25,537	132	20.2%	292	44.6%
Rockwood city	200	-24.8%	322	-22.0%	\$70,337	\$27,331	22	13.7%	34	21.1%
Romulus city	1,970	-8.4%	2,990	-10.1%	\$52,656	\$20,336	926	41.9%	1,144	51.7%
Southgate city	1,789	-9.3%	2,759	-10.6%	\$63,326	\$24,361	78	5.4%	284	19.7%
Taylor city	5,287	-11.4%	7,724	-16.1%	\$49,586	\$20,227	2,150	38.9%	3,294	59.6%
Trenton city	1,029	-19.2%	1,697	-17.6%	\$73,761	\$28,581	188	18.7%	298	29.7%
Woodhaven city	822	-12.2%	1,314	-11.3%	\$73,917	\$28,585	88	10.7%	160	19.5%
Wyandotte city	1,683	-12.2%	2,561	-12.4%	\$64,900	\$25,706	144	9.7%	356	24.0%