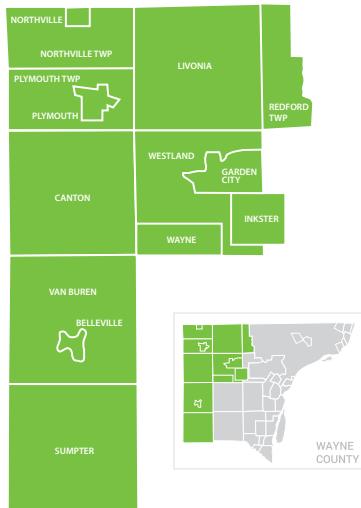


# HOW ARE THE CHILDREN? APRIL 2013

## Western Wayne Region



The Western Wayne County region is comprised of fourteen communities—eight cities and six townships. They range in size from the small cities of Belleville and Northville (both with less than 4,000 inhabitants) to the large communities of Canton township and Livonia (each over 90,000 residents). The region covers 230 square miles of land area, accounting for 37.4% of the total county. Eight public school districts serve the area.

While the county has experienced continued population loss since 1990, Western Wayne has experienced continued steady growth—primarily due to population movement into the edge townships of Canton, Northville and Van Buren.

### POPULATION 5 & UNDER

While the number of children 5 years of age and under dropped by 13.0% between 2000 and

2010 for the region as a whole, there was wide variation across communities. Three communities on the far edges of the county—Northville, Plymouth and Van Buren townships—all showed significant growth, with Northville coming in at 56.4%. Belleville city, while losing population overall, experienced a 3.5 percent increase in the youngest cohort. Ten communities experienced population loss, with nine having losses greater than 10 percent. Sumpter township topped this group with a decrease of 43.0 percent.

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 5,564 average annual births of the 2008-10 period were 16.1 percent fewer than the first three years of the decade.

### INCOME

While socioeconomic data are not

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## BY THE NUMBERS

### POPULATION & INCOME

35,709

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



Population 0-5 years dropped 13.0% between 2000 and 2010.



**16.4% of children 6 & under are in poverty.**

31.2% of children 6 & under are below 185% poverty.

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, an analysis of change over the decade revealed that, while all but one experienced a decrease, there was a wide range of change. 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. Seven communities had child poverty rates less than 10 percent, while three others had rates above 30 percent. The highest of these was Inkster at 51.7 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, represent the vast majority (75%) of Western Wayne's population. While both Asians and Latinos experienced small increases in share, the large migration of African Americans out of Detroit resulted in their share increasing from 8.8 to 14.9 percent 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 a decade high level of 6.6 percent level in the 2008-10 period. This rate was still less than half that of the countywide average.

### PRENATAL CARE

Both Wayne County and the Western region experienced a decrease in the percent of mothers receiving adequate prenatal care during 2008-10. The Western

share fell from 79.0 to 73.0 percent between 2005-07 and 2008-10. The 73.0 percent rate was the lowest of the decade.

### 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 constant over the decade and stood at 9.0% in the 2008-10 period, well below half the rate of the county as a whole.

### INFANT MORTALITY RATE

The infant mortality rate in the Western Wayne Region remained steady over the first 5 years of the decade, and then decreased slightly. It reached its low point of 5.7 deaths per 1,000 births in 2003-05 period. Analysis of the latest data available from the state for the two year period of 2008-09, show a jump to 6.9 deaths, the highest rate, by a small margin, of the decade.

### SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

The percent of New Mothers who reported smoking during pregnancy, which dropped steadily over the decade, stabilized since 2004 between 10 and 11 percent. A revision in the question after 2007

has led to an increase in the percent reporting in the affirmative. The Western region experienced an increase from 10.9 to 17.5 percent in 2008-10 – the largest among the regions. The 17.5 percent rate was second highest and 2 percentage points above the county average.

### CHILD CARE CENTERS

Child Care Centers represent a little more than half (56.9%) of the licensed programs in the Western Wayne Region. There are 223 Centers, 122 Family Homes, and 47 Group Homes.

### CHILD ABUSE

The number of investigated cases increased between 2010 and 2011, and then stabilized, while the number of substantiated cases showed the same first year increase and then a sharp drop. The overall share of substantiated cases showed year to year decreases.

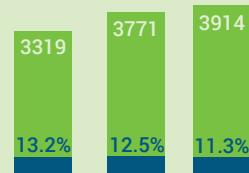
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### ISSUES

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Investigated vs Substantiated



FY2010 FY2011 FY2012

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#### Low birthweight babies



2000-02 (3-yr avg) 2008-10 (3-yr avg)

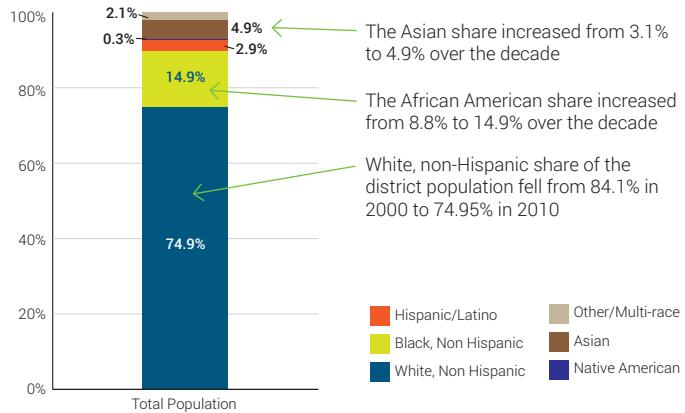
Number of low-birthweight babies reached its lowest point of the decade.

## Range of median family income in 2011



Northville township had the highest median family income within the Western Wayne region. Inkster had the lowest.

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## 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
Western Wayne	35,709	-13.0%	55,123	-11.7%	NA	NA	5,781	16.4%	10,977	31.2%
Belleville city	298	3.5%	429	-2.9%	\$64,474	\$34,474	10	8.6%	21	18.1%
Canton township	7,395	-8.9%	11,685	-2.8%	\$96,559	\$33,650	622	8.9%	1,214	17.4%
Garden City city	1,814	-20.9%	2,791	-23.3%	\$65,106	\$24,358	184	8.9%	609	29.4%
Inkster city	2,226	-24.9%	3,349	-27.6%	\$33,209	\$15,157	1,239	51.7%	1,820	76.0%
Livonia city	5,321	-23.6%	8,519	-22.2%	\$83,514	\$31,959	653	11.5%	1,294	22.8%
Northville city	155	-33.5%	255	-26.3%	\$124,600	\$47,636	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Northville township	1,936	56.4%	3,149	54.3%	\$129,083	\$51,413	20	1.1%	80	4.4%
Plymouth city	1,608	-20.2%	2,665	-13.4%	\$107,440	\$40,004	102	5.4%	261	13.7%
Plymouth township	739	14.0%	1,079	14.7%	\$100,889	\$43,082	22	3.1%	33	4.7%
Redford township	3,666	-15.0%	5,509	-15.5%	\$61,578	\$23,654	625	17.9%	1,380	39.5%
Sumpter township	628	-43.0%	1,004	-41.7%	\$65,714	\$23,520	213	34.5%	335	54.3%
Van Buren township	2,339	18.1%	3,486	18.5%	\$66,442	\$29,515	456	19.5%	958	41.0%
Wayne city	1,247	-26.4%	1,957	-24.0%	\$48,382	\$20,006	427	35.6%	634	52.9%
Westland city	6,337	-11.9%	9,246	-12.8%	\$56,038	\$23,652	1,208	20.9%	2,338	40.4%