












LIFE at Home



Highlighted Indicators

Current	Trend	
		Child care costs related to median family income
		Percent of adult and child population with disabilities
		Percent of elderly persons living alone and in poverty
		Youth not working and not in school

Good	
Fair	
Poor	
Not rated	

“Excellence” for the Fox Cities is defined as:

Community leaders and residents understand and address the needs of people that are vulnerable due to their age or handicapping conditions (children, youth, people who are older or have disabilities). These members of the community, as appropriate, have the opportunity to:

- Be safe from abuse and neglect
- Be involved in the community through leisure activities, employment, and education
- Receive needed supportive care
- Utilize affordable and quality child care
- Have access to affordable transportation

LIFE at Home

The pages listed below contain data from published sources presented in this section. Results from the Community and Leader surveys, sector expert groups, and community focus groups are also presented on most pages.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Data Shown</u>
Care for Children	Percent of families with all adults working Children receiving subsidized child care per 1,000 Children receiving licensed child care per 1,000 <i>Child care costs related to median household income *</i> Child care capacity, costs, and staff wages
Disability and Support	<i>Percent of adult and child population with disabilities *</i> Use of selected nonprofit organization support services Use of paratransit Calls/requests for assistance to nonprofit services
Elderly Persons and Support	Trends in aging population demographics <i>Percent of elderly persons living alone and in poverty *</i> Long Term Care use Elder abuse reports per year Deaths due to Alzheimer's disease
Family Supportiveness	Percent of families with children having one and two parents Child poverty rate Percent of births to mother with less than high school education Percent of births to single mothers Percent of at-risk births identified at hospital Births to teen-aged mothers Children in Kinship Care and foster care per 1,000
Youth Development	<i>Youth not working and not in school *</i> Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) results, selected Participation in extracurricular at public schools

** Highlighted Indicator*

For more information on children, families, elderly people, and people with disabilities:

Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Report, http://www.wccf.org/kidcount_pub.php
 Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc., <http://www.getconnectedforkids.org>
 Community Options Program, WI Dept of Health and Family Services, http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/LTC_COP/cop.htm
 Public Transportation in Fox Cities area, <http://www.appleton.org/departments/?department=fb4dcfb8d520>
 United States Census, American Community Survey (ACS), <http://www.census.gov>
 Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership, <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/wccrp/>

Care for Children

Data Highlights

- Figure 1** There were over 24,000 children under age five living in the three-county area in 2007-09 estimates (U.S. Census). In the counties of Outagamie and Winnebago, 72% of families (with children of all ages) had all adults in the workforce in 2007-09, compared to the U.S., 63%.
- Figure 2** Almost 1,500 families received state-subsidized child care in the three-county area in 2010. Over the past three LIFE Studies, Outagamie County enrollment grew from 83 families (2001) to 565 (2005) and 652 (2010).
- Figure 3** The number of children in licensed childcare slots has steadily increased in all three counties between 2001 and 2009, now matching or exceeding the Wisconsin average. Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties combined offered 8,412 licensed childcare slots in 2010. This reflects capacity to care for about 1/3 of children under age 5 residing in the area.
- Figure 4** In Outagamie County, the annual cost of childcare amounted to 10%-11% of the median household income of families with children (U.S. Census). Weekly costs to care for a child were up 25% since 2006. In 2010, Wisconsin ranked fourth-highest among all states on childcare costs relative to family income (National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies).
- In 2010, child care teacher wages in the Fox Cities were \$10.48 compared to \$9.85/hour in 2006, a 5% increase.

Figure 4

Average Weekly Group Childcare Costs, Outagamie County		
	Infant	Child age 3-4
2006	\$171	\$139
2010	\$206	\$174

Source: Child Care Resources & Referral

Progress and Concerns

More children appear to be in licensed care settings since the 2005 LIFE Study, and the quality of childcare is beginning to be measured with Wisconsin's newly implemented YoungStar system. Average wages for childcare teachers have grown by \$0.63 per hour in past five years.

Locally, the nonprofit YMCA is a major provider of quality child care and offers subsidies for low income families and convenient scheduling. However, there was consensus among our LIFE at Home expert panel, family focus group participants, and community survey respondents that the high cost of childcare was a definite concern, as costs grew 25% since 2006 and amount to a tenth of family income.

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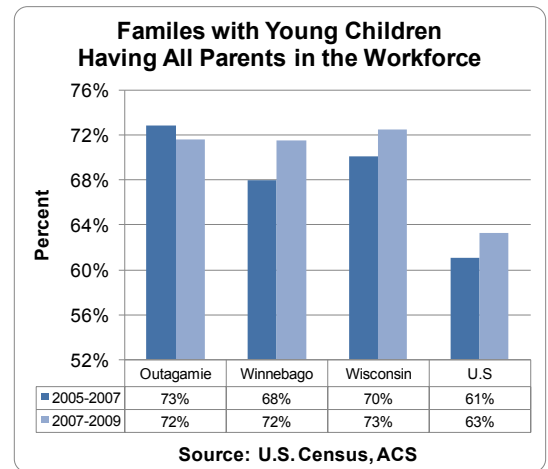


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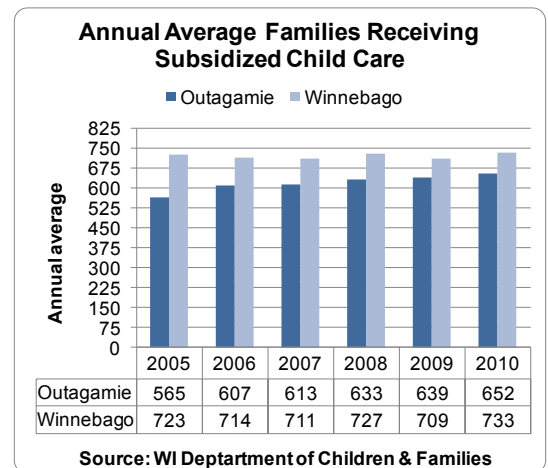
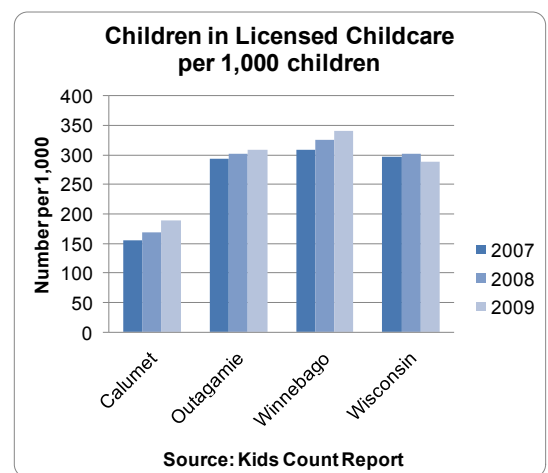


Figure 3



On the community survey, 22% of families with children rated the area below average on availability of affordable, quality child care

Disability and Support

Figure 1

Percent of Population with a Disability						
	Age: 17 and under		18-64		65 and over	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Outagamie	2.9	2.2	8.2	6.6	26.7	33.7
Winnebago	6.2	4.5	8.7	8.3	30.6	33.2
Wisconsin	3.9	3.8	8.7	8.8	33.1	32.8
U.S.	3.9	3.9	10.1	10.1	38.1	37.4

Source: U.S. Census, ACS One Year Estimates (Calumet n/a)

Data Highlights

- **Figure 1** The percent of children and adults under the age of 65 with disabilities decreased between 2008 and 2009 in Outagamie Winnebago counties while the percentage has increased for those older than 65. State and nationwide, the percentage of the population with a disability slightly decreased for those older than 65.
- **Figure 2** Since the previous LIFE Study (2005-2006), many agencies serving people with disabilities have added or re-configured programs making it impossible to compare to previous data. More recently, two agencies (The Arc and Fox Valley Siblings) have seen a 44% and 14% increase in clients served over the past three years.

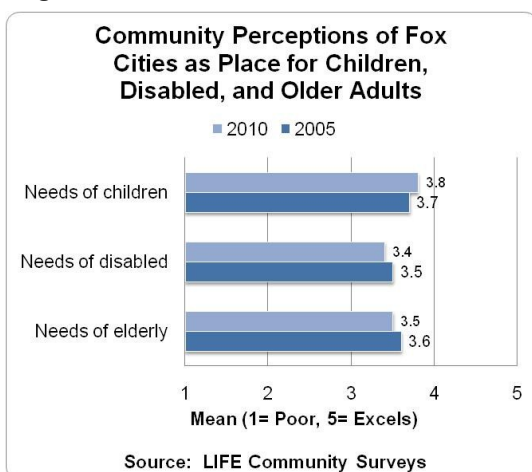
Figure 2

Clients Served by Selected Organizations			
	2008	2009	2010
Easter Seals	219	143	n/a
The ARC Fox Cities	2,117	2,929	3,042
CP of Mid East Wisconsin	670	688	674
Fox Valley Sibling Support Network	1346	1,586	1,541

Source: Data provided by organizations

- **Figure 3** In 2010, ratings by community members were similar to 2005 ratings at how well the Fox Cities area meets the needs of children, individuals who have disabilities, and the elderly.
- Enrollment in Wisconsin's Birth to Three program (serving children with developmental delays or disabilities) declined in all three counties. In 2009, Calumet County had 28 kids per 1,000 enrolled, Outagamie County had 25, and Winnebago County, 20, and statewide, 28 per 1,000.
- Use of paratransit for people with special needs declined by 31% between 2008 and 2010, when 112,820 rides were provided, still an average of over 300 per day.
- In the community survey, 20% of survey respondents said that "they had been significantly impacted by having to care for an elderly family member." Likewise, our focus group of older adults discussed their concerns about the ability to care for an aging spouse.

Figure 3



66% of the community and 68% of leaders rated the area Good or Excellent as a place for persons with disabilities.

Progress and Concerns

We convened area experts for our sector panel to discuss the needs of vulnerable groups. They pointed to effective nonprofit services in the Fox Cities that, often collaboratively, provide strong programs for people with disabilities. Paratransit services are well used but have declined recently.

Experts are concerned by what they see as growing gaps in care management for people with disabilities (of all ages), insufficient respite care, and reductions in public funding for programs that keep individuals successful and independent in the community.

Elderly Persons and Support

Data Highlights

Data on Elder Abuse shown in the Safe LIFE section.

- **Figure 1** The percentage of the population age 65 and over declined in Calumet and Winnebago Counties since 2005-07 estimates, compared to Outagamie County which held steady at 9%, matching the U.S. average.
- **Figure 2** In Outagamie and Winnebago counties, respectively, 43% and 46% of older adults lived alone, exceeding the Wisconsin and U.S. averages.
- **Figure 3** The percentage of persons over age 65 living in poverty rose in Outagamie and Winnebago Counties and equaled or exceeded Wisconsin's rate in 2007-09. Calumet County saw a slight decline in the percent of older adults living in poverty .
- Deaths due to Alzheimer's Disease in the three county area (combined) rose from 76 in 2007 to 95 in 2008, and again declining to 74 deaths from this cause in 2009.
- There were 211 reports of elder abuse in the three counties combined in 2009 (reporting methods changed in 2008, preventing comparisons to past years). Experts believed that much of the abuse that occurs goes unreported. Details shown in Safety section.
- Experts and older adults that participated in LIFE study panels/focus groups discussed concerns about housing (safety, affordability, accessibility, and the ability to provide upkeep); transportation that allows them to remain involved, and a feeling of being left behind and more isolated due to insufficient technology. They expressed a desire to have more ways to build relationships with young people. In addition, they stressed the importance and quality of programs and services offered at the Thompson Center, urging expansion of these efforts to outlying areas of the Fox Cities.

Progress and Concerns

Family Care Support Coalitions are being initiated in Fox Cities counties to help individuals caring for a loved one. The Fox Cities area is not yet seeing dramatic growth in the numbers of older individuals that is anticipated in the near future and area leaders and community members see the area positively as a place for retirement and for persons with disabilities. But area experts urge greater preparation for what will be growing needs of the elderly. In the Fox Cities area, a higher percentage of older adults live in poverty than in the recent past, while more live alone. Major barriers to successful independence of older adults include society's emphasis on technology, insufficient access to accessible and low-maintenance housing, and challenges of transportation, especially for poor older adults who are likely to live alone.

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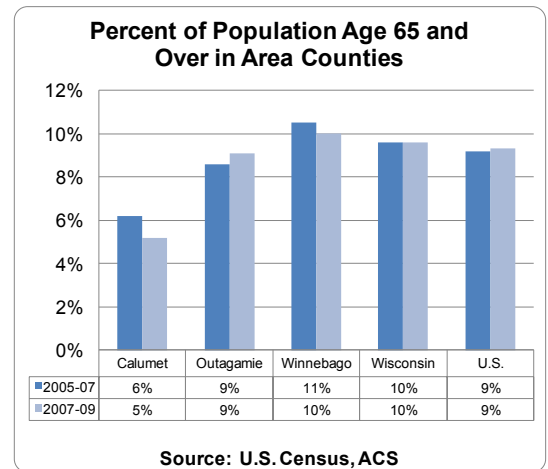


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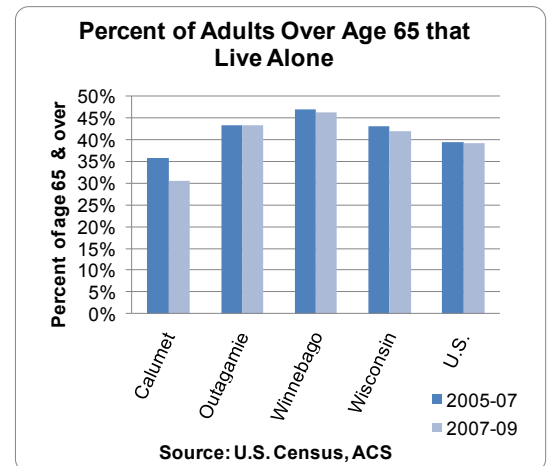
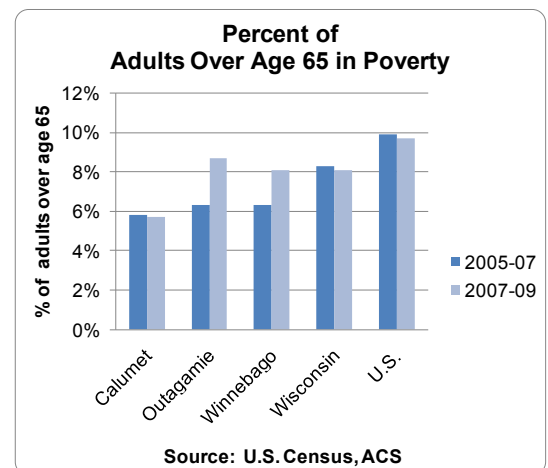


Figure 3



40% of community members rated the Fox Cities area above average as a place that meets the needs of elderly persons

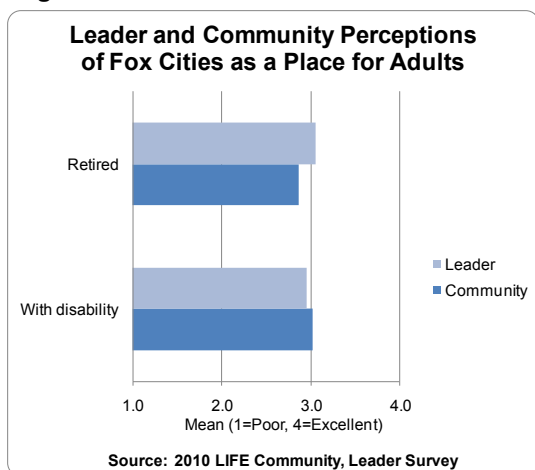
Elderly Persons and Support, cont.

Figure 1

Long Term Care Community Options and Medical Assistance (MA) Waiver Caseloads					
	Recipients		% change	Wait list	
	2008	2009		2008	2009
Calumet	256	290	13%	0	1
Outagamie	739	766	4%	300	445
Winnebago	1,254	1,322	5%	228	165

Source: WI Department of Health Services

Figure 2



Data Highlights

- Figure 1** Counties provide long term care services for persons with disabilities or the elderly through the Community Options and Medicaid Waiver programs. In 2009, all three counties served more people, while the waiting list for persons in Outagamie County grew nearly 50% reaching 445. According to our expert panels, poorer elderly residents have declining access to long term support services.
- Figure 2** Leaders and community members were similar in how they rated the area as a place to live for retirees and for persons with a disability. On a scale from 1 (Poor) to 4 (Excellent), both groups rated the area Good.
- Living Assistance is a collaboration between Clarity Care, American Red Cross—Outagamie County and Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Beginning in 2009, these organizations have integrated efforts to identify isolated low-income elderly individuals, and then coordinated intake, assessment and support services to this population.
- Rebuilding Together Fox Valley is an organization that helps elderly and disabled people stay safely in their homes by remodeling and making their homes accessible.
- Midwest Stay at Home Care, a Thrivent Financial program, is a new initiative in 2011 to provide high-quality affordable care, allowing older adults to stay in their homes independently and safely.

Progress and Concerns

Several strong efforts to support the older adult population are underway, including the expanded programming of the Thompson Center and other initiatives to enable older adults to remain independent through support services and improvements to existing homes. Aging and Disability Resource Centers are supporting the population.

Counties provide long term care services for individuals with disabilities and older adults with funding for the Community Options and Medicaid Waiver programs. Before Wisconsin's 2011-2013 budgetary cutbacks, counties were in various stages of implementing a new model of care delivery, Family Care, which provides long term care case management for all elderly or disabled residents. Winnebago County had already implemented Family Care when state policies changed, while Outagamie County will go forward with a partially implemented program, with uncertain impacts on services.

19% of community members reported being "significantly impacted by needing to care for an elderly family member."

Family Supportiveness

Data Highlights

- **Figure 1** Births to mothers with no high school degree declined in recent years to between 6% and 10% of all births locally, falling well below the 2009 U.S. rate of 17%.
- **Figure 2** In the three counties of the Fox Cities area, between 19% (Calumet) and 34% (Winnebago County) of births were to an unmarried mother, compared to 37% in Wisconsin and 41% in the U.S.
- **Figure 3** The percent of at-risk births (eligible for Medicaid) identified at the hospital increased by over 10% for all three area counties between 2005 and 2008, though it remained below the state average (2009 data not available).
- **Figure 4** The teen birth rate has dropped in Calumet County, but in Outagamie and Winnebago counties, the rate is up to 24 and 23 teen births per 1,000 teens, respectively, compared to 30 per 1,000 in Wisconsin and 39 in the U.S. In 2009, there was a total of 308 teen births in the three county area compared to 285 in 2006.
- The rate of children in foster care declined slightly in the three county area between 2005-07 (the most recent data available): in Calumet and Outagamie County 1.5 per 1,000 kids and Winnebago County, 4.6, still lower than Wisconsin's overall rate of 6.1.

Figure 4

Teen Birth Rate Per 1,000 teens (age 15-19)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
Calumet	16	14	17	13
Outagamie	20	23	23	24
Winnebago	22	21	22	23
Wisconsin	31	32	31	30
U.S.	42	43	42	39

Source: Local Health Profile Reports

Progress and Concerns

At risk births (defined a variety of ways) are rising. We know that children have fewer advantages when living in single parent households or homes with less-educated parents. These early challenges create increased developmental risks for children, resulting in longer term issues. Aside from the difficulties posed to the individual, the community bears a greater cost in the long run for every at-risk birth that occurs.

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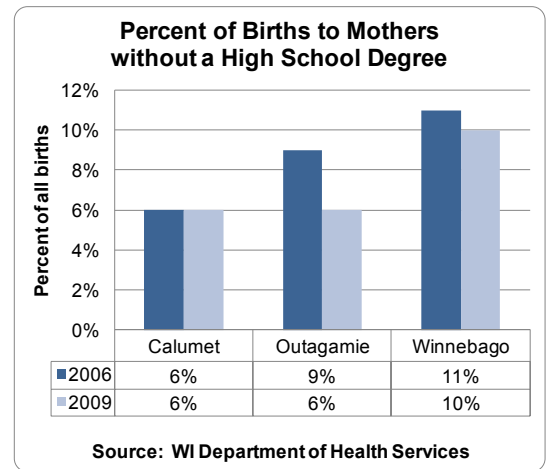


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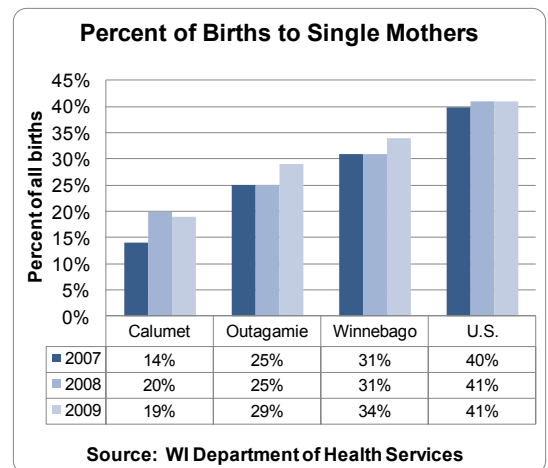
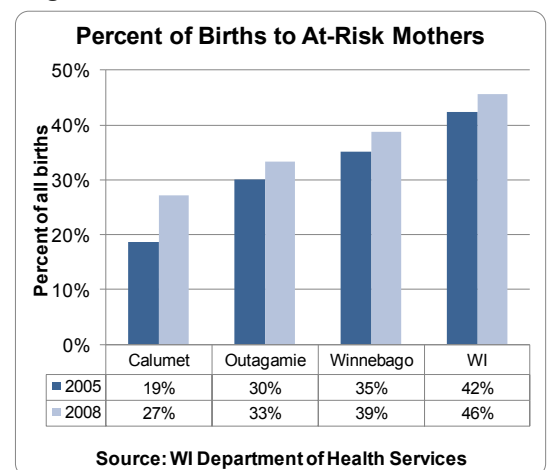


Figure 3



97% of community members rated the Fox Cities good or excellent as a place to raise a family

Family Supportiveness, cont.

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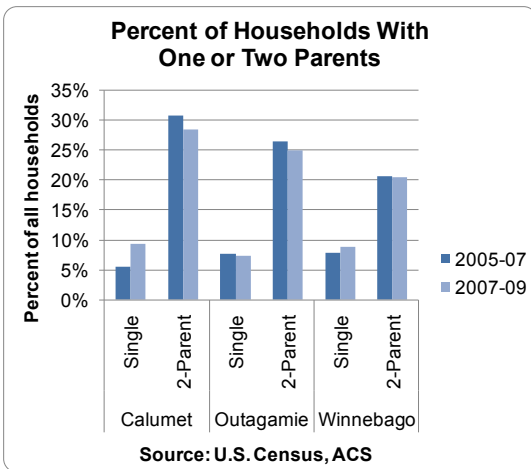


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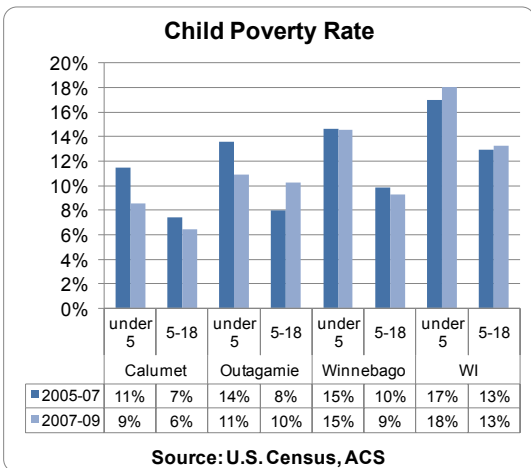
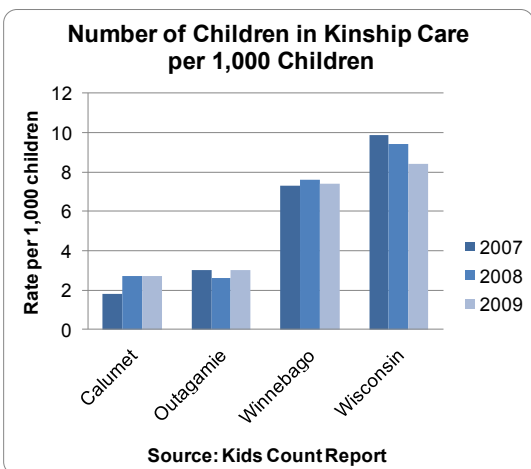


Figure 3



77% of leaders rated the Fox Cities good or excellent at caring for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities

Data Highlights

- Figure 1** Calumet and Outagamie Counties each had higher rates than in the U.S. of two-parent families (28% and 25%, respectively, compared to 21% in the U.S.). In two of the three counties in the Fox Cities area, the percent of households with two parents declined as the percent of single-parent households rose.
- Figure 2** Locally, child poverty rates were much lower than in the U.S. overall. In the three county area, between 9% and 15% of very young children (under age 5) were classified as in poverty in 2007-09 estimates, while between 6-10% of children age 5 to 18 were so classified. In the U.S., 22% of children under age 5 and 17% of those age 5 to 18 were in poverty in 2007-09, a slight increase over 2005-07. It is important to keep in mind that these data are Census estimates using the average rate over three years and recent events may not be reflected well.
- Figure 3** Children in Calumet and Winnebago Counties participated in Kinship Care (a statewide program where a child is raised by a relative) at a lower rate than in Wisconsin, although Winnebago County children participated at a rate closer to the state average.
- In 2010, 97% of adults responding to the community survey rated the Fox Cities area Good or Excellent as a place to raise a family, compared to 89% in 2005.
- Experts in several sector panels noted that they had experienced a higher number of children and families in poverty in the most recent time period.

Progress and Concerns

Both community members and leaders view the Fox Cities as a great place to raise a family and the numerous programs, quality schools, and other amenities bear that out. It is possible that a large portion of families is unaware of many opportunities and support services that exist, according to our expert panel and our family focus group participants. They urged greater communication with families about programs and services that might be there to assist them in raising their children.

Families in the Fox Cities are changing, however, with more single parent households. These households, with one income, have higher poverty rates and more challenges in managing the home life while having time for a child. It is unclear why the area has a lower rate than statewide of children who are raised by a relative through the Wisconsin Kinship Care program.

Youth Development

Data Highlights

Additional Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data are available in A Healthy LIFE and A Safe LIFE sections of the full report.

- Figure 1** Outagamie County reported that less than .5% of youth were out of school and unemployed in 2007-09. Although below the U.S. average, youth in Winnebago County out of school and unemployed rose to 1.5% in 2007-09. Data are not available for Calumet County.
- Figure 2** The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) shows that for the most part, Fox Cities youth reflect other students in Wisconsin (combined data aggregated by CESA 6). Surprisingly, just over half report their health is good/excellent, while almost 1 in 5 said that they had 8 or more days of poor mental health in the past 30 days. A clear minority fear for safety at their schools or have been bullied in the past year and half feel that bullying is a problem at school. Concerns related to cyber-bullying and texting have grown nationally.
- Figure 3** Participation in extracurricular activities varies widely at public schools in the Fox Cities area.
- In several panels, experts discussed what they described as youth transitioning to adulthood and the fact that many are poorly prepared with goals and skills, especially youth from underprivileged backgrounds.
- On a scale from 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excels), community members with children rated the Fox Cities area 3.8 as a place with opportunities for youth to participate in positive activities.
- 41% of leaders urged the area to place high priority on the healthy development of all youth compared to 30% in 2005.

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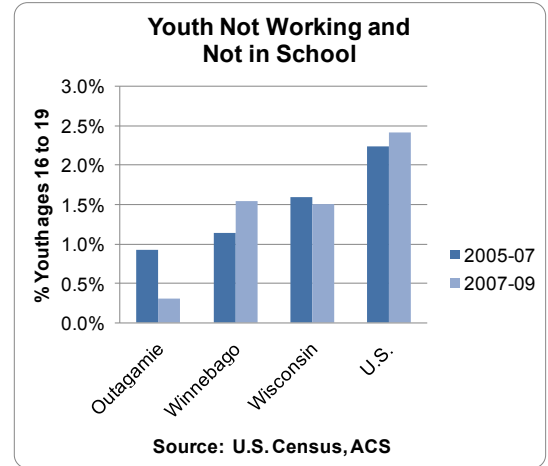


Figure 2

	Fox Cities %	WI %
Excellent/good health	56	61
Poor mental health 8/ past 30 days or more	17	15
Depressed 2+ weeks, past year	21	21
Violence is problem at my school (%agree)	24	21
Purposely harmed self 2+ times, past year	13	9
Bullied at school, past year	24	23
Bullying is problem at my school (% agree)	46	42
Mostly/always feel safe at school	81	86
Went hungry sometimes or often	16	13
Watch TV 3+ hours, avg. school day	20	22
Video/computer 3+ hours, avg. school day	19	19

Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

Figure 3

	Academic	Athletic	Music
Appleton	46%	37%	29%
Freedom	56%	68%	27%
Hortonville	25%	42%	21%
Kaukauna	43%	40%	6%
Kimberly	85%	61%	25%
Little Chute	64%	54%	20%
Menasha	31%	43%	18%
Neenah	31%	31%	6%

Source: WI Department of Public Instruction

Progress and Concerns

The data shown here will form the first area-wide baseline of rates of risk behavior by youth. Since the 2005-06 LIFE Study, area schools have collaborated on the timing and methods of conducting the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, an instrument used by the Centers for Disease control to assess student behavior across the nation. Experts tell us that recent data will show that a greater number of youth have attempted to take their own lives. Approximately one in five youth report mental health concerns while nearly half indicate concerns about bullying at school. Youth are spending many hours a day watching TV and interacting with electronic devices.