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# COMMUNITY REPORT 2015

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Dear Community Members:

Warren County is blessed in many ways but our greatest asset is the people who live and work here. This report is meant to inform, as well as invite community discussion that will help us create common goals, guide decisions, and work toward desired results regarding the health and well-being of our citizens.

Three previous community reports were used to guide this 2015 report. It highlights eleven indicators that were trending in a negative direction in the comprehensive report from 2011. Knowing our challenges as well as our strengths will better equip us to improve our future.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the individuals who helped make this report possible and to all those who are working to help keep Warren County a truly incredible place to live.

Sincerely,

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**Dear Community Members:** 

United Way of Warren County is proud to have been part of the collective collaboration of the members of the Support and Outreach Committee of the Warren County Family and Children First Council in the publications of the initial 2006 Report to the Community and the 2008, 2011, and 2015 follow-up reports. The contributions of time and talent by the many community leaders, volunteers, and government leaders in the research and publication of the reports demonstrates a commitment to a high quality of life for our citizens.

The 2006 Report to the Community provided necessary benchmarks to measure the progress in four identified outcomes valued in a thriving community. The measurement of the indicators and identified trends reported in the 2008, 2011, and 2015 follow-up reports are excellent tools for Warren County service providers and policy makers to understand our successes, challenges, and needed adjustments to ensure a strong and healthy community.

United Way of Warren County congratulates the Support and Outreach Committee on the completion of the 2015 follow-up report. We admire the resolve of the many volunteers and the hours contributed in the past 10 years to provide comprehensive overviews of the social and physical health of Warren County.

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## Introduction

This publication is a follow-up to a 2011 report developed and published by the Support and Outreach Committee of the Warren County Family and Children First Council. Similar reports have been published since 2006 and have established benchmarks from which to measure progress in four outcome areas: Healthy People and Behaviors, Stable Families, Young People Succeeding, and Safe and Supportive Neighborhoods.

The current report examines eleven of the thirty one indicators. Three comparison counties are used: Clermont, Greene, and Medina. These three Ohio counties are most like Warren County in population characteristics, land use, and proximity to a large city. There were times, however, that the three counties and Ohio were not included due to lack of adequate comparison data.

For a full explanation of rationale and definitions for data used, please refer to the 2006 report available online at the Warren County website or the Warren County United Way website. (www.co.warren.oh.us and www. warrencountyunitedway.org)

Collectively, measurements that reflect desired outcomes can be used as points of reference to determine success within society. The data, and the correlated narrative are provided here as tools for service delivery professionals, decision-makers, elected officials, faith-based organizations and anyone striving to improve well being and health for the citizens of Warren County.

The last comprehensive community report was published in 2011 and provided data on thirty one indicators:

#### Healthy People/Healthy Behaviors, Indicators 1-9

- 1. Low Birth Weight
- 2. Infant Mortality
- 3. Access to Primary Care
- 4. Common Health Issues
- 5. Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV and AIDS
- 6. Developmental Disabilities
- 7. Mental Health Issues
- 8. Suicide
- 9. Substance Abuse



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### Stable Families, Indicators 10-21

- 10. Marriage
- 11. Divorce
- 12. Child Abuse/Neglect
- 13. Domestic Violence
- 14. Median Income/Self Sufficiency 21. Services for Seniors
- 15. Unemployment
- 16. Poverty

#### Young People Succeeding, Indicators 22-28

22. Public School Attendance 26. Juvenile Delinquency 23. High School Graduation 27. Unruly Court Filings 24. 4th Grade Proficiency 28. Juvenile Substance Abuse Charges 25. Ohio Graduation Test Results

#### Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods, Indicators 29-31

29. Voter Participation

30. Property Crime

31. Violent Crime

### This report provides updates on the eleven indicators that were trending in a negative direction in 2011:

### **Healthy People/Healthy Behaviors**

1. Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV and AIDS

### **Stable Families**

- 3. Marriage
- 4. Divorce
- 5. Domestic Violence
- 6. Unemployment

- 7. Poverty
- 8. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP (Food Stamps)

2. Suicide

- 9. Foreclosures
- 10. Public Transportation

### Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods

11. Property Crime

- 17. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP(Food Stamps)
- 18. Homelessness
- 19. Foreclosures
- 20. Public Transportation



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## **Executive Summary** -

Overall, Warren County continues to be a safe and healthy place to live. The latest available data on the eleven negative trending indicators identified in the 2011 report reflect a positive turn in domestic violence, unemployment, and foreclosures. Three indicators (suicide, poverty, and SNAP) remain about the same as in 2011. The four indicators that continue to trend in a negative direction are STDs/HIV, Marriage, public transportation and property crime. Unfortunately, lack of adequate data prevented a meaningful comparison of divorce rates.

Thriving communities value healthy people, stable families, safe and supportive neighborhoods and work to assure young people succeed. Although Warren County is rich with social and physical assets that contribute to a high-quality of life, it will continue to change and face challenges to adapt to the influx of business and citizens.



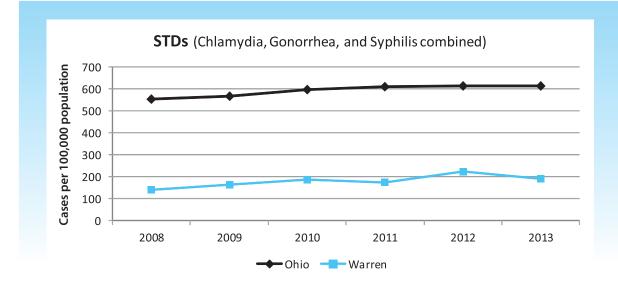
### Indicator 1 Sexually Transmitted Diseases:

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)



Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) represent the largest number of reported cases of infectious diseases in the U.S. All sexually active persons have the

potential to be exposed to STDs, but women are more likely to suffer more serious complications. STDs in women can lead to health complications such as infertility and pelvic inflammatory disease if the STD is not detected and treated early. Furthermore, STD's in general increase the risk for HIV transmission.



#### By County Cases of STDs per 100,000 population \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis combined)

|          | 2009 |   |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     | 567  | _ |
| Greene   | 356  | _ |
| Clermont | 260  | _ |
| Warren   | 164  |   |
| Medina   | 119  |   |

|          | 2010 | (      |
|----------|------|--------|
| Ohio     | 597  | 0      |
| Greene   | 385  | G      |
| Clermont | 262  | CI     |
| Warren   | 186  | W      |
| Medina   | 119  | M      |
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| (        | 2011 | _ |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     | 609  | _ |
| Greene   | 384  | _ |
| Clermont | 311  | _ |
| Warren   | 173  |   |
| Medina   | 171  |   |
|          |      | / |

|          | 2012 | ١ |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     | 615  |   |
| Greene   | 367  |   |
| Clermont | 281  |   |
| Warren   | 222  |   |
| Medina   | 200  |   |
|          |      |   |

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|          | 2013 | $\sum$ |
|----------|------|--------|
| Ohio     | 614  |        |
| Greene   | 371  | _      |
| Clermont | 287  |        |
| Warren   | 192  |        |
| Medina   | 186  |        |
|          |      |        |





## Indicator 1, Continued Sexually Transmitted Diseases:

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)



Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the disease caused by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), continues to spread within the U.S. population.

In the United States, it is estimated that over 1 million persons have HIV infection and at least a quarter of these people do not know they are infected. In Warren County, the number of reported cases of persons living with HIV infection continues to slowly climb.

#### By County People living with HIV per 100,000 population

|          | 2007 |
|----------|------|
| Ohio     | 120  |
| Greene   | 52   |
| Warren   | 36   |
| Clermont | 23   |
| Medina   | 21   |

|          | 2008 |
|----------|------|
| Ohio     | 129  |
| Greene   | 58   |
| Warren   | 38   |
| Clermont | 25   |
| Medina   | 22   |

|          | 2009 | _ |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     | 137  | _ |
| Greene   | 63   | _ |
| Warren   | 40   |   |
| Clermont | 28   | _ |
| Medina   | 23   |   |

| 2010 |
|------|
|      |
| 146  |
| 70   |
| 42   |
| 30   |
| 24   |
|      |

|          | 2011 | <u> </u> |
|----------|------|----------|
| Ohio     | 154  | _        |
| Greene   | 73   | _        |
| Warren   | 45   |          |
| Clermont | 35   | _        |
| Medina   | 26   | -        |
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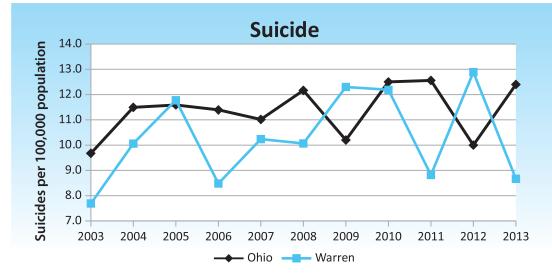
| <b>Reported cases of AIDS (actual numbers)</b><br>Source: Ohio Department of Health |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Ohio  | 577  | 621  | 550  | 546  | 480  |
| Clermont  | 2    | 3    | 4    | 3    | 5    |
| Greene  | 5    | 6    | 3    | 2    | 7    |
| Medina  | 2    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 2    |
| Warren  | 5    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 1    |



## Indicator 2 **Suicide**

Data obtained by phone call to Medina County Health Department. Clermont, Greene & Warren County data from county annual reports; Ohio data from "America's Health Rankings", United Health Foundation.





**By County** Suicides per 100,000 population

|          | 2009 |
|----------|------|
| Ohio     | 10.2 |
| Clermont | 16.9 |
| Greene   | 15.7 |
| Medina   | 14.4 |
| Warren   | 12.3 |
|          |      |

|          | 2010 | $\sum$ | (     |
|----------|------|--------|-------|
| Ohio     | 12.5 |        | Ohio  |
| Warren   | 12.2 |        | Clerr |
| Clermont | 11.2 | _      | Warr  |
| Medina   | 9.2  | _      | Gree  |
| Greene   | 8.2  |        | Medi  |
|          |      | /      |       |

| ) | (        | 2011 |   |
|---|----------|------|---|
|   | Ohio     | 12.6 |   |
|   | Clermont | 12.6 |   |
|   | Warren   | 8.8  |   |
|   | Greene   | 8.0  |   |
| ) | Medina   | 6.9  |   |
|   |          |      | / |

|          | 2012 |       | 2013      |   |
|----------|------|-------|-----------|---|
| Ohio     | 10.0 | Ohio  | 12.4      |   |
| Clermont | 15.6 | Clerm | nont 13.0 |   |
| Warren   | 12.9 | Greer | ne 12.9   |   |
| Medina   | 8.1  | Warre | en 8.7    |   |
| Greene   | 7.9  | Medir | na 8.6    |   |
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During the 2008-2009 school year, 4,624 students from Warren County (along with students from Clinton County) participated in the Ohio Youth Survey. In this survey, 12% of the students reported "seriously considering suicide" (15% of 9th -12th graders and 7% of 6th graders). Also, 1/10 students had made a suicide plan, and 445 students reported actually attempting suicide in the past 12 months.

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## Indicator 2, Continued **Suicide**

In the fall of 2013, a total of 14,410 Warren County students in 7th-12 grades took the PRIDE Survey. All school districts and the Warren County Career Center participated. Since the PRIDE Survey asked a slightly different question, direct comparisons to the Ohio Youth Survey are not possible. The results of the PRIDE Survey question, "Have you ever thought about committing suicide?" are summarized below. The good news is 84% of the students surveyed report "never" or "seldom" thinking about committing suicide. For students who reported having thoughts of suicide, it is hard to know how "seriously" they considered making an attempt. However, the percentage of students who reported thinking about committing suicide "often" or "a lot" indicates some decrease since the Ohio Youth Survey- 4.5% of 7th

& 8th graders and 8.6% of 9th-12th graders. Suicide risk is greater among high school students, particularly those in 10th and 12th grades. Nationally, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for youth. While the percentage of students thinking about suicide may be going down, significant numbers of students in Warren County continue to be at risk for suicide.

| Response                | <b>7</b> <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 9 <sup>th</sup> | <b>10</b> <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 6-8 <sup>th</sup> | 9-12 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Never                   | 82.8                   | 76.4            | 71.1            | 66.0                    | 66.2             | 64.5             | 64.6              | 79.5               | 71.7  |
| Seldom                  | 8.4                    | 11.9            | 12.1            | 13.9                    | 13.8             | 14.4             | 10.2              | 13.5               | 12.3  |
| Sometimes               | 5.1                    | 6.2             | 9.6             | 10.7                    | 11.5             | 11.6             | 5.7               | 10.8               | 8.9   |
| Often                   | 1.8                    | 2.7             | 3.5             | 4.7                     | 4.2              | 4.7              | 2.2               | 4.2                | 3.5   |
| A Lot                   | 1.9                    | 2.8             | 3.6             | 4.8                     | 4.4              | 4.8              | 2.3               | 4.4                | 3.6   |
| N Valid                 | 2588                   | 2713            | 2447            | 2438                    | 2354             | 1870             | 5301              | 9109               | 14410 |
| % "often"<br>or "a lot" | 3.7                    | 5.5             | 7.1             | 9.5                     | 8.6              | 9.5              | 4.5               | 8.6                |       |
| N "often"<br>or "a lot" | 96                     | 149             | 174             | 232                     | 202              | 176              | 239               | 783                | 2051  |

#### "Have you ever thought about committing suicide?" Percent of responses from 14,410 students to the above (PRIDE Survey, 2013, Table 4.24)

| A total of 2,051 students responded with either "Often" o | or "A lot". |
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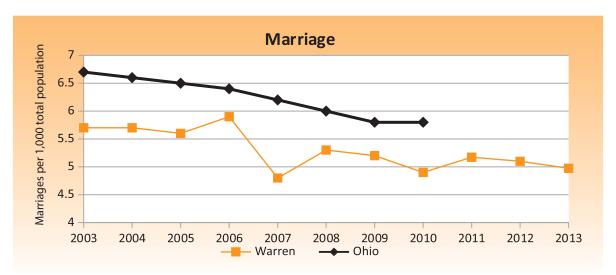


## Indicator 3 Marriage

The benefits of healthy marriages to individuals and communities are well documented. Researchers have found that a higher percentage of couples in healthy marriages correlates directly with lower crime, higher property values, and higher rates of physically and emotionally healthy citizens. Marriages, however, are on the decline in Ohio and Warren County.



The latest state wide data available was 2010.



#### By County Marriages per 1,000 population

Source: Ohio Department of Health and Probate Courts in each county

| 2009       |
|------------|
| nio 5.8    |
| eene 6.1   |
| ermont 5.5 |
| arren 5.2  |
| edina 4.9  |
|            |

|          | 2010 | <br>(_ |
|----------|------|--------|
| Ohio     | 5.8  |        |
| Greene   | 5.8  | G      |
| Clermont | 5.2  | С      |
| Warren   | 5.1  | V      |
| Medina   | 4.9  |        |
|          |      | 1      |

| (        | 2011 | _ |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     |      |   |
| Greene   | 6.1  | _ |
| Clermont | 5.6  | _ |
| Warren   | 5.6  |   |
| Medina   | 5.2  |   |

|          | 2012 | ) |
|----------|------|---|
| Ohio     |      |   |
| Greene   | 6.1  | _ |
| Clermont | 5.5  | _ |
| Medina   | 5.1  |   |
| Warren   | 5.0  |   |
|          |      | / |

|          | 2013 | $\sum$ |
|----------|------|--------|
| Ohio     |      |        |
| Greene   | 5.5  | _      |
| Clermont | 5.4  | _      |
| Medina   | 5.0  |        |
| Warren   | 4.9  |        |
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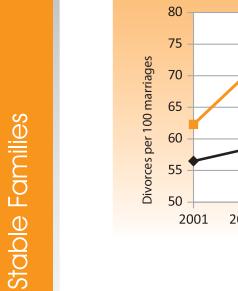


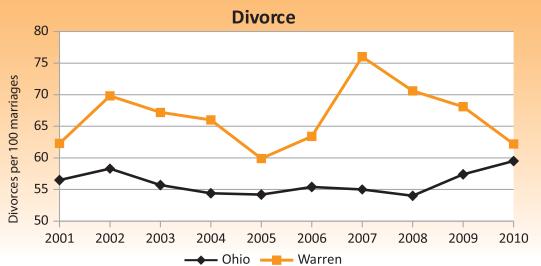
### Indicator 4 **Divorce**

Although now in decline, over the past ten years, Warren County has experienced an increased rate of divorce overall and is consistently at a greater rate than Ohio.

Unfortunately, the most current divorce data per marriages by county available through the Ohio Department of Health is 2010. No comparison by county was possible since that year.





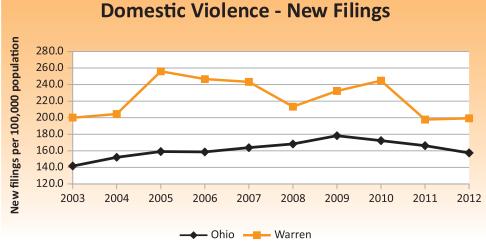




## Indicator 5 Domestic Violence

Domestic violence poses a serious threat to a victim's physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being. The most recent national survey, commissioned by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reported that 29% of women in United States have been physically or sexually assaulted, and/or stalked by an intimate partner (Black et.al., 2011).





The risk of experiencing violence and coercive control increases significantly both during and after separation because a victim's leaving signals an impendina loss of control by their perpetrator. Civil protection orders (CPO) are today the predominant legal remedy victims use to extricate themselves from abusive intimate partner relationships.

Victims often choose the civil protection order process because it provides them with

needed alternatives to the criminal justice system or to a shelter. In the civil protection order system, victims can seek orders that enjoin respondents from contacting, harming, harassing, or stalking them but without an arrest. A court may also order that a victim retain physical and legal custody of the children.

In Warren County, domestic violence civil protection orders have risen in the past decade from 216 to 522 protection order filings. However, recent data for years 2011 and 2012, reflect that the number of filings have decreased by 8% when compared to the highest year of CPO filings in 2010.

Without verifiable data it is difficult to speculate why numbers have gone down or whether it is a temporary plateauing. However, Warren County's reduction in filing numbers is consistent with our comparison counties and with that of the State of Ohio in general. It is hoped the decreases are the result of ten years of aggressive domestic violence criminal justice interventions and of more recent violence prevention initiatives. Moreover it is further desired that lower numbers in 2011 and in 2012 reflect an overall decrease in domestic abuse perpetration in Warren County and throughout Ohio.

| By | <pre>/ County</pre> | New filings | of domestic viole | nce per 100,000 | ) population |
|----|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|    |                     |             |                   |                 |              |

|          |       | 0        |       |        | '       | ,     |          |       |          |       |    |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|---------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----|
|          | 2008  |          | 2009  |        |         | 2010  |          | 2011  |          | 2012  | .) |
| Ohio     | 168.2 | Ohio     | 178.2 | 0      | hio     | 172.2 | Ohio     | 166.1 | Ohio     | 157.5 |    |
| Clermont | 478.1 | Clermont | 460.5 | CI     | lermont | 524.6 | Clermont | 430.1 | Clermont | 395.8 |    |
| Warren   | 213.3 | Warren   | 232.3 | W      | /arren  | 244.7 | Warren   | 197.8 | Warren   | 199.3 |    |
| Medina   | 177.7 | Medina   | 180.7 | M      | ledina  | 177.3 | Medina   | 182.8 | Medina   | 172.7 |    |
| Greene   | 120.7 | Greene   | 134.9 | G      | reene   | 139.9 | Greene   | 145.2 | Greene   | 123.9 |    |
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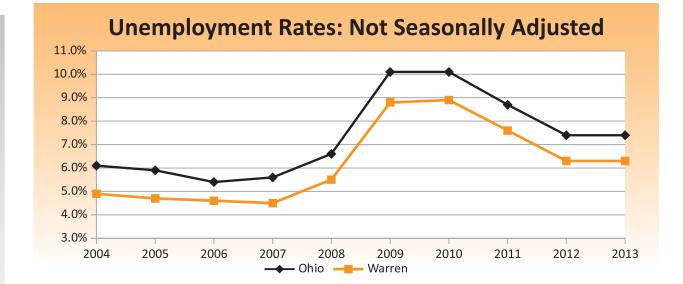
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## Indicator 6 Unemployment

The unemployment rate is an important indicator of the economic condition of the community. Warren County's rate of unemployment has dropped as the economy has picked up in the last three years, and currently Warren County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Ohio.





#### By County Unemployment Rates: Not Seasonally Adjusted

| (          | 2010  |            | 2011  | ) ( |            | 2012 | ı ( |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|-----|------------|------|-----|
| Ohio       | 10.1% | Ohio       | 8.7%  |     | Ohio       | 7.4% |     |
| Montgomery | 11.1% | Montgomery | 10.1% |     | Montgomery | 8.5% |     |
| Green      | 10.0% | Hamilton   | 9.2%  |     | Hamilton   | 7.6% |     |
| Clermont   | 9.9%  | Clermont   | 8.6%  |     | Greene     | 7.0% |     |
| Hamilton   | 9.4%  | Greene     | 8.5%  |     | Clermont   | 6.9% |     |
| Warren     | 8.9%  | Warren     | 7.6%  |     | Warren     | 6.3% |     |
| Medina     | 8.2%  | Medina     | 6.8%  |     | Medina     | 6.0% |     |

|            | 2013 | ( ( ( |
|------------|------|-------|
| Ohio       | 7.4% |       |
| Montgomery | 8.4% | M     |
| Hamilton   | 7.3% | M     |
| Greene     | 7.2% | G     |
| Clermont   | 7.0% | Н     |
| Medina     | 6.5% | С     |
| Warren     | 6.3% |       |
|            |      |       |

| (July)     | 2014 |
|------------|------|
| Ohio       | 6.0% |
| Montgomery | 6.2% |
| Medina     | 6.0% |
| Greene     | 5.8% |
| Hamilton   | 5.6% |
| Clermont   | 5.2% |
| Warren     | 5.0% |
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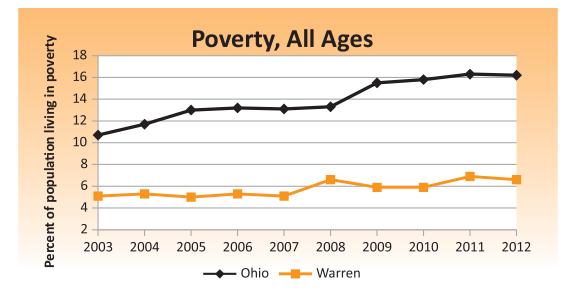


### Indicator 7 Poverty

Poverty has long-lasting negative impacts on children's health and educational achievement. Families living in poverty often move more frequently, have limited transportation, and struggle with higher rates of physical and mental health concerns. These challenges can affect family stability as well as children's opportunities to be successful in school.



The official threshold for measuring poverty is based on a formula using the price of food as its foundation. Although the official poverty index has increased over the years due to the rising cost of food, the income level that defines "in poverty" is generally recognized as half the amount needed to meet basic living expenses. The federal guideline defining poverty for a family of four in 2014 was an annual income of \$23,850.



#### By County Percent of the population living in poverty by county -

| -        | -    |          | •    |     | •        |      |          |      |     |          |      |
|----------|------|----------|------|-----|----------|------|----------|------|-----|----------|------|
|          | 2008 |          | 2009 | ) ( |          | 2010 |          | 2011 | ) ( |          | 2012 |
| Ohio     | 13.3 | Ohio     | 15.5 |     | Ohio     | 15.8 | Ohio     | 16.3 |     | Ohio     | 16.2 |
| Greene   | 10.7 | Greene   | 12.3 |     | Greene   | 13.1 | Greene   | 15.6 |     | Greene   | 12.9 |
| Clermont | 8.8  | Clermont | 10.4 |     | Clermont | 9.6  | Clermont | 10.9 |     | Clermont | 11.5 |
| Warren   | 6.6  | Medina   | 6.6  |     | Medina   | 7.6  | Medina   | 8.9  |     | Medina   | 7.6  |
| Medina   | 5.8  | Warren   | 5.9  |     | Warren   | 5.9  | Warren   | 6.9  |     | Warren   | 6.6  |



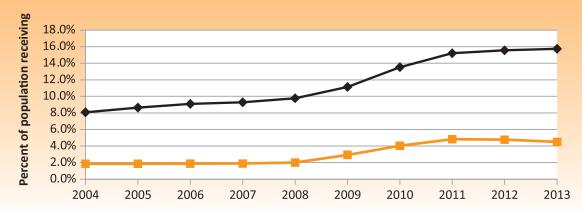


### Indicator 8 **Supplemental Nutrition** Assistance Program (SNAP)

The need for public assistance is often a direct result of unemployment, underemployment, and poverty. Eighty-three percent of SNAP benefits go to households with children, seniors, and non elderly people with disabilities. Extensive research shows SNAP not only provides an economic



and nutritional lifeline for low-income households, but it also creates a significant benefit to the wider economy. SNAP spending generates local economic activity, jobs in the retail sectors, and beyond. Research has shown that every five dollars spent in SNAP generates nine dollars in economic activity for the local community. In addition to boosting the economy and job creation, SNAP has helped thousands of Warren County residents climb out of poverty and away from hunger. SNAP helps to stabilize the low-income household by assisting with their household food expenses to free up vitally needed resources to cover rent and other necessities. A downward trend indicates that fewer families are seeking assistance to supplement their incomes in order to feed their families.



### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP**

#### – Ohio –––– Warren

#### **By County** Percent of the population receiving SNAP

|          | 2009  | ) |          | 2010  |   |          | 2011  |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|
| Ohio     | 11.1% |   | Ohio     | 13.5% |   | Ohio     | 15.2% |
| Clermont | 7.3%  |   | Greene   | 9.1%  |   | Clermont | 10.5% |
| Greene   | 6.4%  |   | Clermont | 7.4%  |   | Greene   | 8.3%  |
| Medina   | 4.0%  |   | Medina   | 5.3%  |   | Medina   | 6.0%  |
| Warren   | 2.9%  | ) | Warren   | 4.0%  | ) | Warren   | 4.8%  |
| <u> </u> | /     |   | \        |       | · | \        |       |

| (        | 2012  | $\sum$ |       |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Ohio     | 15.6% |        | Ohio  |
| Greene   | 10.6% |        | Clerm |
| Clermont | 8.6%  |        | Green |
| Medina   | 6.5%  |        | Medin |
| Warren   | 4.8%  |        | Warre |
|          |       | /      |       |

| 2013  |
|-------|
| 15.7% |
| 10.3% |
| 8.7%  |
| 6.8%  |
| 4.5%  |
|       |



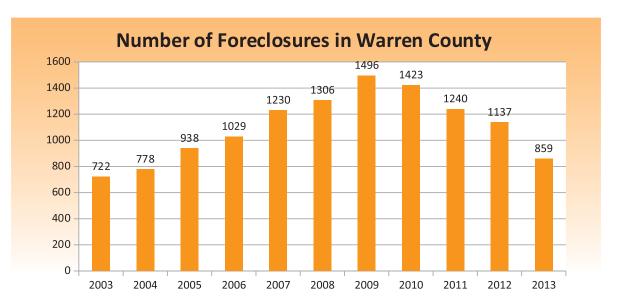
### Indicator 9 Foreclosures

Decreasing foreclosure rates pave the way for increasing home values and correlate with an increase in financial stability. Although the State of Ohio, including Warren County, was hit very hard by housing foreclosures in recent years, foreclosure rates have fallen steadily since 2009.

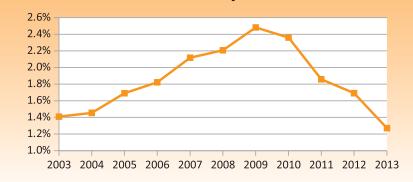


Warren County has experienced the desired downward trend in the foreclosure

rate in available housing stock from 2.36% in 2010 to 1.27% in 2013. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of single family residences from 60,287 in 2010 to 67,589 in 2013.









**Stable Families** 



## Indicator 10 **Public Transportation**

In 2013, Warren County was reclassified as "urban" and because the county public transportation system is a demand-response only with no fixed routes, funding from the Federal Transit Administration for operational expenses was cut.



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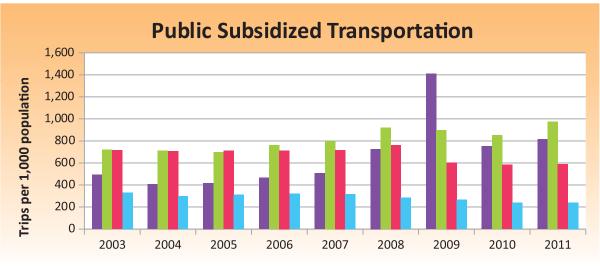
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The county has made agreements with other entities which have helped continue service at the same level prior to the funding loss. There is, however,

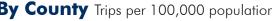
unmet demand, especially in more rural parts of the county during hours in high-demand, particularly mornings.



Clermont Greene Medina Varren

The steep rise in Clermont County ridership coincides with the addition of a fixed route service that began in 2007.

#### **By County** Trips per 100,000 population 2007 2008 2009 2010 Greene 800 Greene 920 Clermont 1,411 Greene 853 Greene Medina 717 Medina 764 Greene 897 Clermont 753 Clermont 506 Medina 605 Medina 584 Medina Clermont Clermont 727 318 285 267 238 Warren Warren Warren Warren Warren





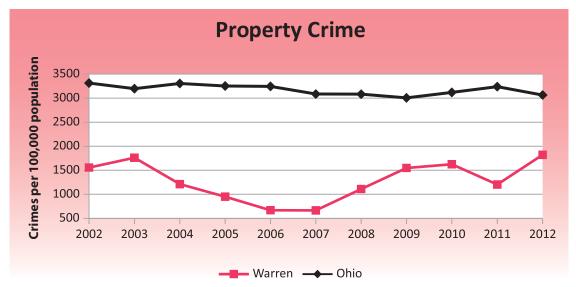
### Indicator 11 Property Crime

National, State and County Trends

Nationally, between 2000-2009, property crime, measured by the United States Department of Justice, National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) declined and was at the lowest levels since the NCVS first began measuring crime in 1973.

Ohio's crime rate mirrored the national downward trend from 2007-2009, showed an increase from 2009 to 2011 and then decreased again in 2012. In Warren County, however, there was a slight increase in Property Crime form 2009 to 2010 and then a sharp decrease in 2011. There was a fairly significant increase in 2012, reflecting a return to higher crimes rates as seen in 2003.

Compared to three "like" counties, Warren County's property crime rates suggest that overall, despite rapid population growth and accompanying law enforcement challenges, it remains a safe community in which to live. Two of the three "like" counties have experienced a steady increase in property crime from 2010-2012 and the third had an increase from 2010 to 2011, with a slight decrease from 2011 to 2012, similar to the overall trend in Ohio.



#### By County Property Crimes per 100,000 population

| 2008           |          | 2009  | (        | 2010  | (        | 2011  |   | (        |
|----------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---|----------|
| Ohio 3,083     | Ohio     | 3,007 | Ohio     | 3,122 | Ohio     | 3,240 |   | Ohio     |
| Greene 2,849   | Greene   | 2,904 | Clermont | 3,138 | Clermont | 3,321 |   | Clermont |
| Clermont 2,209 | Clermont | 2,175 | Greene   | 2,635 | Greene   | 2,832 |   | Greene   |
| Warren 1,110   | Warren   | 1,548 | Warren   | 1,625 | Warren   | 1,202 |   | Warren   |
| Medina 421     | Medina   | 440   | Medina   | 714   | Medina   | 791   | ) | Medina   |

17



2012 3,066

2,740

2,708

1,822

873



## **Indicator Summary**

The data presented here provides an overview of the information offered throughout this publication. Rankings were determined using the most recent three years data. The trends for Warren County are also presented. There are times when "n/a" is used if a desired trend is difficult to establish or not appropriate. The symbol "n/a" was also used when comparison data was not available.

| Outcome Indicator               |  | Warren County<br>vs. comparisons                                    | Is Warren County trendin<br>in the desired direction?      |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Healthy People<br>and Behaviors | 1. STDs/HIV/AIDS<br>2. Suicide   | better<br>mixed   | no<br>neutral  | • |
| Stable Families                 | <ol> <li>Marriage</li> <li>Divorce</li> <li>Domestic Violence</li> <li>Unemployment</li> <li>Poverty</li> <li>SNAP</li> <li>Foreclosures</li> <li>Public Transportation</li> </ol> | worse<br>n/a<br>mixed<br>better<br>better<br>better<br>n/a<br>worse | no<br>n/a<br>yes<br>yes<br>neutral<br>neutral<br>yes<br>no |   |
| Safe<br>Neighborhoods           | 11. Property Crime   | better  | no<br>Totals   |   |
|                                 |  | mixed<br>worse  | SonDesirable Tree5yes32neutral32no42n/a1                   |   |

## **Final Messages**

Examining change is the central theme of this report. Our responses to the changes and challenges we face should be guided by the best and most accurate data available. Unfortunately, gathering high quality comparison data across time is a difficult, and at times impossible. Changing definitions and lack of up-to-date statistics provided the team that worked on this report additional challenges.

Printing costs were eliminated by the authors by making this report available solely through the internet. It is our hope that the report will be downloaded and used to promote reflective discussion and decision making, as well as encourage collaborative work and more focused targeting of funds and resources. We also hope that the information presented here will be used to help evaluate the effectiveness of our systems and community resources.



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Ohio Secretary of State at www.sos.state.oh.us

Supreme Court of Ohio

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Warren County Combined Health District

Warren County Data Processing Department

U.S. Census

As well as all comparison county's coroners offices and probate courts.

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