

Pickaway County Community Needs Assessment

Pickaway County Community Action Organization, Inc. - 2014



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Introduction

The purpose of the report is to provide Pickaway County Community Action Organization (PICCA) with information about the current health, nutrition and social service needs of Pickaway County. As a recipient of Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding, PICCA, like all community action agencies, is required to complete a community needs assessment every three years. The findings of this assessment will be utilized to make strategic and fiscal decisions that most effectively and efficiently serve the organization's community.

Two surveys were designed to collect information on the needs of eligible citizens as well as the availability and accessibility of community services and resources. The first survey was used to collect the insights of community social services organizations (the *Provider Survey*) and the second survey was designed to gather the experiences of clients of those organizations (the *Client Survey*). The surveys were distributed, collected and tabulated by PICCA

The surveys were conducted between May 1, 2014 and May 31, 2014. Copies of both surveys can be found in the Appendix of this report.

The Provider Survey was distributed to twenty-five social service organizations with only ten respondents. The respondents were: PICCA, Head Start, Pickaway Metropolitan Housing Authority, Emergency ClearingHouse Food Pantry, Haven House, Circleville City Grants Department, Pickaway County Senior Center, Berger Health System, Ohio State University Extension and American Red Cross.

The top five needs identified by the providers were as follows: 1) Dental Care; 2) Mental Health Services; 3) Substance Abuse Services; 4) Job/Employment Training; 5) Transportation to Jobs. Also scoring high within the provider group was Affordable Housing, Transitional Housing and home repairs.

The Client Surveys were distributed to clients by PICCA, PICCA Head Start and Early Head Start, Pickaway County Job and Family Services, and Pickaway County Library. There were 230 completed surveys returned to PICCA of which 79 percent were completed by females. The average age of the respondents was 30. The 43113 zip code (Circleville) had the highest number of respondents at 61 percent. The second highest was 43103 (Ashville) with 17 percent. The average household size is two adults and two children. Education: 23 percent of the respondents did not graduate high school; 42 percent have a high school diploma; 10 percent have a GED; 27 percent have attended some college courses; and only 9 percent hold a college degree. 91 percent of the respondents stated their ethnicity as Caucasian. The other 9 percent stated ethnicity as American Indian, Asian, African American and other Pacific Islander.

Other client characteristics are household income: 53 percent stated their household income was less than \$10,000; 29 percent stated between \$10,000 and \$25,999; 13 percent stated their income as between \$26,000 and \$49,000; the other 5 percent state their household income was \$50,000 and above.

Of the 230 client respondents, 83 percent stated they have insurance to help pay for health care while the other 17 percent said they have no health care insurance. Of those who stated they have healthcare coverage, 71 percent are covered by Medicaid, 5 percent receive Medicare and 7 percent are covered by private commercial insurance (through employer or self insured).

The following pages provide a look at demographics and statistical data regarding Pickaway County residents and the clients PICCA serves. Following the demographic data, a conclusion will outline the community needs as stated by survey respondents.

Organization Background

Pickaway County Community Action Organization, Inc. (PICCA) is a nonprofit organization, designed to improve the lives of low-income families. PICCA's mission is to be an active agent and partner for change in Pickaway County by providing opportunities which empower people in poverty to become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life.

PICCA was organized in 1965 as a 501(c)3 under the authority of the Economic Opportunity Act and President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. PICCA receives the majority of its funding from State and Federal agencies through grants including Federal Community Service Block Grants (CSBG). PICCA's annual budget is \$6,485,887 with an administrative rate of 8.2 percent. An additional resource that assists PICCA in carrying out its mission is an active volunteer program. In 2013, PICCA's low-income clientele donated a total of 28,856 hours of their time volunteering.

The governing body of PICCA is its Board of Directors. This Board is mandated to maintain a tripartite structure, a format which is unique to Community Action Agencies. PICCA's tripartite board consists of 18 voting members. One-third of the Board must be comprised of low-income representatives and one-third is public officials. The remaining one-third is comprised of representatives from business, industry, labor, religious, private welfare, or private education organizations in the Pickaway County area. Care is also given to retain Board members who reside in Pickaway County and are representative of the rural areas.

PICCA's current Executive Board Members are:

Board President: Joy Ewing
Vice President: Kimberly Hartinger
Secretary/Treasurer: Joshua Goodwin

In 2013, PICCA served approximately 12 percent of the county's population through programs and services in 6 main areas:

Child Development – Early Head Start, Head Start
Transportation – Local bus and cab service
Community Services - Youth Education & Training, Free Tax Clinic, Ohio Benefit Bank
Housing - Three low-income housing complexes
Emergency Services – HEAP, Homelessness Prevention, Veterans Transitional Housing, Toys- for- Tots, Rapid Re-Housing, Representative Payee Program
Weatherization – home repairs, weatherization, and electric energy audits

Population Profile

Population Profile: Population Change

Population change within the 1 county report area from 2000-2012 is shown in Table 1. During the twelve-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 5.82%, increasing from 52,727 persons in 2000 to 55,795 persons in 2012.

Population Change 2000 - 2012

Geographic Area	Census 2000 Population	ACS 2008-2012 Population	Population Change	% Change
Pickaway County, Ohio	52,727	55,795	3,068	5.82
Ohio	11,353,140	11,533,561	180,421	1.59

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Census 2010. Release Date: February 2011](#) and [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Profile of Eligible Individuals

PICCA programs serve individuals and families based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Income eligibility requirements vary between programs.

2014 HHS 100% Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$11,670	\$15,730	\$19,790	\$23,850	\$27,910	\$31,970	\$36,030	\$40,090

2012 poverty estimates show a total of 7,486 persons living below the poverty rate in Pickaway County. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Poverty, 2012

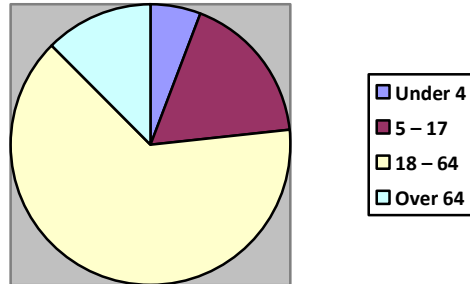
Geographic Area	All Ages		Age 0-17		Age 5-17	
	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	7,486	14.6	2,544	20.4	1,738	18.4
Ohio	1,818,886	16.2	617,006	23.6	411,818	21.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#) Estimates for 2012 were released in December 2013.

Population Profile: Age and Gender Demographics

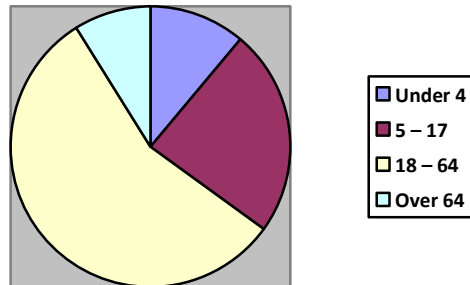
Pickaway County population by age

Under 4	5 – 17	18 – 64	Over 64
5.79%	17.62%	63.99%	12.60%



Age of population served by PICCA in 2013

Under 4	5 – 17	18 – 64	Over 64
11%	24%	56%	9%



Population By Gender, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Population		Served by PICCA	
	M	F	M	F
Pickaway County, Ohio	29,091	26,487	2,682	3,028
Ohio	5,558,031	5,903,188		

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Population Profile: Race Demographics

Population By Race, 2008 - 2012

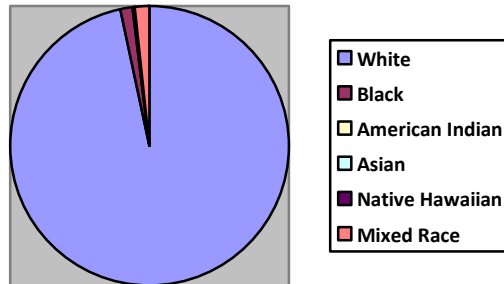
Geographic Area	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Native Hawaiian		Mixed Race	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Pickaway County, Ohio	26,912	25,586	1,545	330	70	75	129	84	0	0	562	385
Ohio	4,689,552	4,888,180	667,513	735,725	10,430	11,017	93,759	102,636	1,109	1,055	120,098	122,191

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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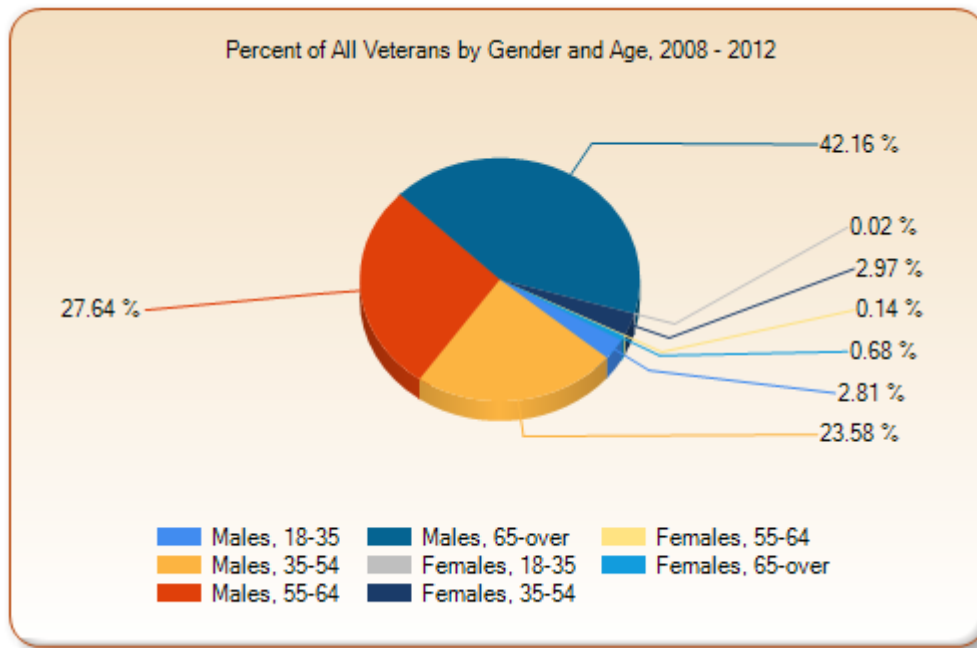
Population Served by PICCA – 2013

Geographic Area	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian	Mixed Race
Pickaway County, Ohio	5,292	81	10	2	0	88



Population Profile: Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

The table below shows the numbers of veterans living in the county. Pickaway County's adult population has 10.25% that are veterans, which is more than the state average or 10.14% and the national average of 9.34%.



Age and Gender Demographics of Veterans, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Veterans			Percent of Population over 18 by Gender		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Pickaway County, Ohio	4,381	4,214	167	10.25	18.62	0.83
Ohio	893,168	839,955	53,213	10.14	19.85	1.16
United States	21,853,912	20,306,044	1,547,868	9.34	17.94	1.28

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Veterans Served by PICCA – 2013

Geographic Area	Male	Female
Pickaway County, Ohio	60	2

Population Profile: Poverty Rate Change

Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012

Geographic Area	Persons in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Persons in Poverty, 2012	Poverty Rate, 2012	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	4,555	9.8	7,486	14.6	4.8
Ohio	1,088,381	9.8	1,818,886	16.2	6.4
United States	31,581,086	11.3	48,760,123	15.9	4.6

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012](#). Estimates for 2011 were released in December 2012.

Population Profile: Households in Poverty

Households in Poverty, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Total Households, 2008/2012	Households in Poverty, 2008/2012	% Households in Poverty, 2008/2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	19,196	2,285	11.9
Ohio	4,555,709	662,157	14.5
United States	115,226,800	15,920,513	13.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013](#). The 2012 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2008 through 2012.

Poverty rate of 2,339 Households served by PICCA in 2013

Levels of Poverty	# of Households Served	% of Households served
50%	1001	43%
51% - 75%	412	18%
76% - 100%	359	15%
101% - 125%	235	10%
126% - 150%	177	8%
151% - 175%	89	4%
176% - 200%	27	1%
201% over	39	1%

Population Profile: Poverty Rate

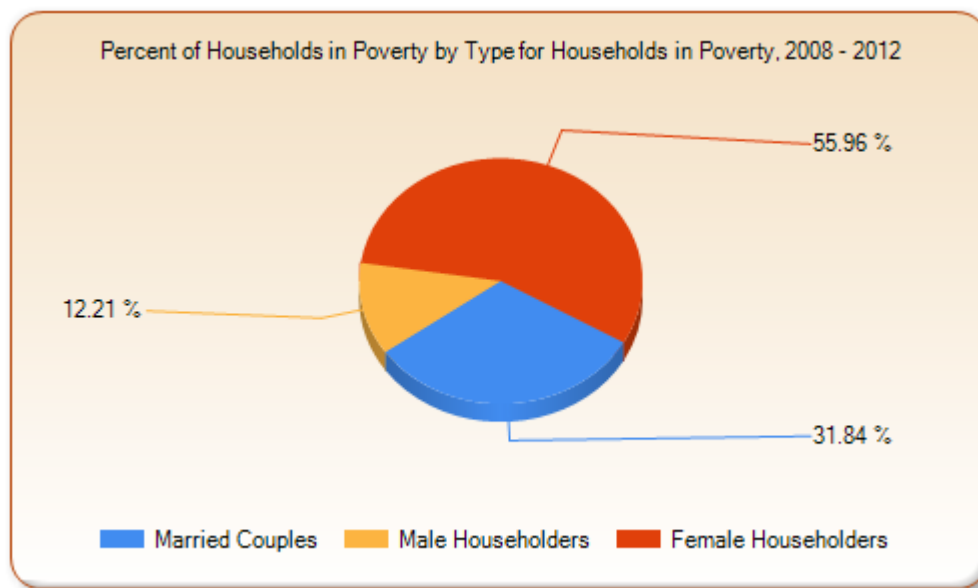
Poverty Rate 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Poverty Rate for All Persons		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	51,160	6,896	13.5
Ohio	11,222,568	1,723,485	15.4
United States	301,333,408	44,852,528	14.9

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Population Profile: Households in Poverty by Family Type



Households in Poverty by Family Type, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Total Households, 2007-2011	Households in Poverty			
		Overall	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Pickaway County, Ohio	14,082	1,360	433	166	761
Ohio	2,962,217	332,154	98,150	35,794	198,210
United States	76,595,552	8,363,024	3,031,161	873,067	4,458,796

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#) The 2012 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2008 through 2012.

Note: The poverty rate for Household type is based on the total number of households for that household type.

Population Profile: Household Poverty Rate by Family Type

In 2012, it is estimated that 9.66 percent of all households were living in poverty within the report area, compared to the national average of 10.9 percent. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 55.96 percent of all households in poverty, compared to 12.21 and 31.84 percent of households headed by males and married couples, respectively.

Household Poverty Rate by Family Type, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	All Types	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Pickaway County, Ohio	9.7	3.1	1.2	5.4
Ohio	11.2	3.3	1.2	6.7
United States	10.9	4.0	1.1	5.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2012](#). The 2013 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2008 through 2012.

Households by Family Type served by PICCA in 2013

Single Female	Two Adults	Male Householder	Single Person	Other
11%	35%	3%	28%	23%

Population Profile: Child (0-17) Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2012

According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for Pickaway County increased by 7.2%, compared to a national increase of 6.4%.

Change in Childhood (0-17) Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012

Geographic Area	Children in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children in Poverty, 2012	Poverty Rate, 2012	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	1,640	13.2	2,544	20.4	7.2
Ohio	400,440	14.1	617,006	23.6	9.5
United States	11,587,118	16.2	16,396,863	22.6	6.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012](#).

Population Profile: Child (0-4) Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2012

According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for Pickaway County increased by 8.6%, compared to a national increase of 6.5 percent.

Poverty Rate Change for Children under Five, 2000 - 2012

Geographic Area	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2012	Poverty Rate, 2012	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	608	18.0	806	26.6	8.6
Ohio	160,729	20.3	205,188	29.7	9.4
United States	4,050,543	20.3	5,310,326	26.9	6.5

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#)

Population Profile: Child (5-17) Poverty Rate Change, 2000 - 2012

According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the 1 county area increased by 7%, compared to a national increase of 6.4%.

Poverty Rate Change for Children Ages Five to Seventeen, 2000 - 2012

Geographic Area	Children 5-17 in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children 5-17 in Poverty, 2012	Poverty Rate, 2012	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	1,032	11.4	1,738	18.4	7.0
Ohio	239,711	11.7	411,818	21.4	9.7
United States	7,536,575	14.6	11,086,537	21.0	6.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#)

Population Profile: Child (0-17) Poverty Rate (ACS)

According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 19.75 percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the 2012 calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in Pickaway County is less than the national average of 20.8 percent.

American Community Survey, Child (0-17) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 0 - 17 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	12,625	2,494	19.8
Ohio	2,675,185	593,726	22.2
United States	72,869,120	15,188,844	20.8

Population Profile: Child (0-4) Poverty Rate (ACS)

According to the American Community Survey 5 Year data, an average of 26.58 percent of children fewer than five years of age lived in a state of poverty during the 2012 calendar year. The poverty rate for children under five years of age living in Pickaway County is greater than the national average of 24.1 percent.

Child (0-4) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 0 - 4 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	3,130	832	26.6
Ohio	702,482	192,214	27.4
United States	19,835,588	4,776,397	24.1

Population Profile: Child (5-17) Poverty Rate (ACS)

According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 17.50 percent of children aged five to seventeen lived in a state of poverty during the 2012 calendar year. The poverty rate for children age five to seventeen living in Pickaway County is less than the national average of 19.6 percent.

Table 16. Child (5-17) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 5 - 17 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	9,495	1,662	17.5
Ohio	1,972,703	401,512	20.4
United States	53,033,532	10,412,447	19.6

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Population Profile: Seniors in Poverty

Poverty rates for seniors (persons age 65 and over) are shown in the table below. According to American Community Survey estimates, there were 457 seniors, or 6.7 percent, living in poverty within Pickaway County.

Seniors in Poverty, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Seniors	Seniors in Poverty	Senior Poverty Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	6,854	457	6.7
Ohio	1,564,775	126,033	8.1
United States	39,358,824	3,702,237	9.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Employment

Employment: Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for Pickaway County report area is provided. Overall, the report area experienced an average 5.9 percent unemployment rate in June 2014.

Employment/Unemployment Information, June 2014

Geographic Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Pickaway County, Ohio	24,857	23,387	1,470	5.9
Ohio	5,793,056	5,453,257	339,799	5.9
United States	158,137,393	148,098,004	10,039,389	6.3

Employment: Unemployment Change

Unemployment change in Pickaway County from June 2013 to June 2014 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 1,995 persons to 1,470 persons, a rate change of -2.07 percent.

Change in Unemployment, June 2013 - June 2014

Geographic Area	Unemployment, June 2013	Unemployment, June 2014	Unemployment Rate, June 2013	Unemployment Rate, June 2014
Pickaway County, Ohio	1,995	1,470	8.00	5.90
Ohio	451,659	339,799	7.70	5.90
United States	12,410,443	10,039,389	7.80	6.30

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, July 30, 2014.](#)

Employment: Household Income

Median annual household incomes in Pickaway County are show in the table below.

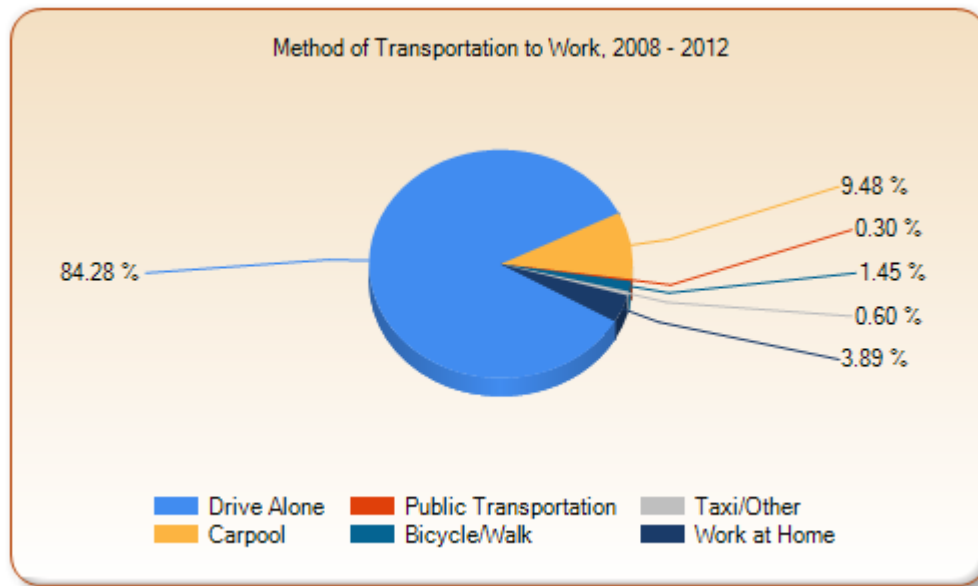
Median Annual Household Income, 2012

Geographic Area	Median Household Income (\$)
Pickaway County, Ohio	54,540
Ohio	46,873
United States	51,371

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#) Estimates for 2012 were released in December 2013.

Employment: Commuter Travel Patterns, 2008 - 2012

This chart shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for Pickaway County. Of the 23,034 workers in the report area, 93.76 percent, or 21,596 workers used private automobiles to travel to work. Of these, 84.28 percent drove to work alone while 9.48 percent carpoolled. 0.30 percent of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while 2.06 percent (or 474 workers) used some other means including walking, bicycles, and taxicabs to travel to work.



Method of Transportation to Work

Geographic Area	Workers 16 and Up	Method of Transportation to Work (Percent)					
		Drive Alone	Carpool	Public Transportation	Bicycle/Walk	Taxi/Other	Work at Home
Pickaway County, Ohio	23,034	84.3	9.5	0.3	1.5	0.6	3.9
Ohio	5,196,293	83.1	8.3	1.7	2.6	0.8	3.5
United States	139,893,632	76.1	10.0	5.0	3.4	1.2	4.3

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

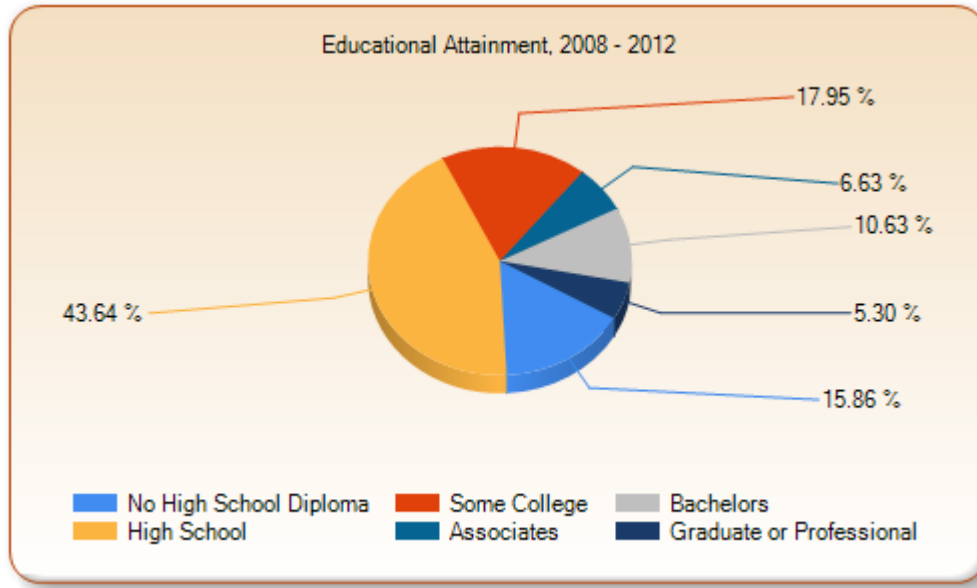
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Of the 230 client respondents, 34 percent stated having employment where their wages were not enough to live on. They also stated needing assistance with transportation and/or car repairs. 14 percent of respondents rely on family and friends for their transportation needs.

Education

Education: Educational Attainment

This table shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in Pickaway County. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2008 to 2012.



Percent Attaining Educational Levels, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	% No High School Diploma	% High School Only	% Some College	% Associates	% Bachelors	% Graduate or Professional
Pickaway County, Ohio	15.81	43.6	18.0	6.6	10.6	5.3
Ohio	11.79	34.9	20.9	7.7	15.7	9.1

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Housing

Housing: Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2012 for Pickaway County.

Median Housing Unit Age, 2012

Geographic Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (in 2012)
Pickaway County, Ohio	21,181	1977	35
Ohio	5,124,503	1967	45
United States	131,642,456	1975	37

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Housing: Homeowners

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 13,137 homeowners in Pickaway County in 2000, and 14,368 owner occupied homes in the report area for the 5 year estimated period from 2008 - 2012.

Owner Occupied Homes, 2000 - 2008/2012

Geographic Area	Homes, 2000	Homes, 2008/2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	13,137	14,368
Ohio	3,072,522	3,098,283
United States	1,293,556	1,544,719

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 1, 2000;](#) [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Housing: Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for Pickaway County in the table below. U.S. Census data shows 73 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS five year estimates show 128 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2012.

Housing Units without Plumbing, 2000 and 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Occupied Housing Units, 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2000	Percent without Plumbing, 2000	Occupied Housing Units, 2008-2012	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2008-2012	Percent without Plumbing, 2008-2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	17,599	73	0.39	21,181	128	0.67
Ohio	4,445,773	19,407	0.41	5,124,503	21,165	0.46
United States	1,737,080	11,005	0.56	2,172,647	9,528	0.52

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, 2000;](#) [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Income

Income: Income Levels, 2008 - 2012

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income and Per Capita Income, based on U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Both measures are shown for Pickaway County.. The average Per Capita income for the report area is \$23,250 as compared to a national average of \$28,051.

Income Levels by County, 2008 - 2012

Geographic Area	Median Household Income, 2012	Per Capita Income, 2012
Pickaway County, Ohio	53,750	23,250
Ohio	48,246	25,857
United States	60,119	29,733

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

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Income: Household Income

Median annual household incomes in Pickaway County.

2012 Median Annual Household Income

Geographic Area	Median Household Income (\$)
Pickaway County, Ohio	54,540
Ohio	46,873
United States	51,371

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#) Estimates for 2012 were released in December 2013.

Nutrition

Nutrition: Free and Reduced Lunch Program

This table shows that 3,979 students (or 43.16 percent) received free or reduced price lunches during the 2011 - 2012 school year, which is less than the national average of 45.82 percent.

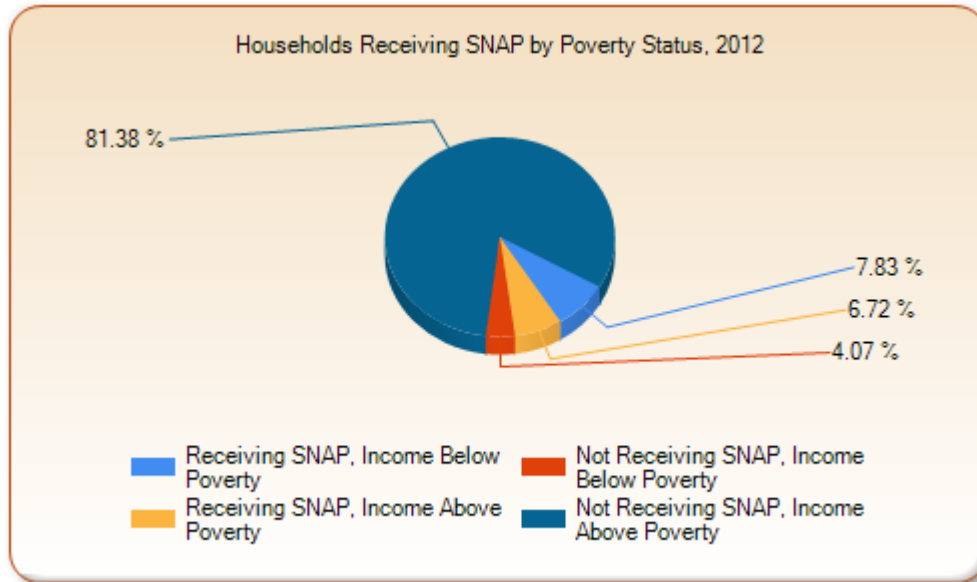
Table 34. Students Participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, 2011 - 2012

Geographic Area	Students Participating	Total Student Enrollment	Percent of Students Participating
Pickaway County, Ohio	3,979	9,220	43.16
Ohio	758,106	1,738,547	43.61
United States	22,805,825	49,768,912	45.82

Source: [National Center for Educational Statistics \(NCES\), Common Core of Data \(CCD\), 2011-12 School Universe data.](#)

Nutrition: Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

This table shows that 2,794 households (or 14.56 percent) received SNAP payments during 2012. During this same period there were 781 (or 4.07 percent) households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments, which is less than the national average of 7.8 percent.



Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status, 2012

Geographic Area	Households Receiving SNAP				Households Not Receiving SNAP			
	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty
Pickaway County, Ohio	2,794	14.56	1,504	1,290	16,402	85.44	781	15,621
Ohio	610,144	13.39	354,516	255,628	3,945,565	86.61	307,641	3,637,924
United States	13,180,710	11.44	6,982,939	6,197,771	102,046,090	88.56	8,937,574	93,108,517

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 Data Release, December 2013.](#)

The 2012 American Community Survey 5-year data is a 5-year average of data collected from 2008 through 2012. SNAP numbers are for the last 12 months of the five-year average (2012).

Health Care

Health Care: Persons Receiving Medicare

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare for the 1 county report area in Table 38. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 10,336 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2012. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 2,196 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2012.

Geographic Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Pickaway County, Ohio	8,140	2,196	10,336
Report Area	8,140	2,196	10,336
Ohio			
United States	43,739,904	10,384,773	54,124,727

Source: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare County Enrollment Report, 2012.](#)

Health Care: Uninsured Population

The uninsured population is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons. In 2011, the percentage of persons uninsured was 12.9 in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Geographic Area	Insurance Population (2011 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Pickaway County, Ohio	55,509	38,712	5,712	12.90
Ohio	11,525,536	8,309,396	1,338,208	13.90
United States	306,603,774	217,966,406	45,725,534	14.91

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2011 \(August 2013 release\).](#)

Although Healthcare was not identified as a top need, dental care was rated higher as a service needed by both client respondents and service providers. Upon further research, clients reported they were not receiving dental treatment due to the spend-down requirement for Medicaid. PICCA's Strategic Plan includes starting a Dental Program that will help clients receive dental care by assisting with the spend-down requirements.

Conclusion:

The purpose of this assessment is to provide an overview of the county population and the needs identified by the respondents of the client and provider surveys to assist PICCA to make strategic and fiscal decisions for their programs and services.

In general, findings from the Provider Survey indicate that providers of social services in Pickaway County named overall healthcare as the top need. Dental care, mental healthcare and increased services available for substance abuse were rated the highest need. As a result of these findings, one of the goals of PICCA's Strategic Plan is to begin a Dental Program that will partner with a local Dentist to provide up to \$500 in dental care services to clients that are income eligible. This process has begun and funding for the program will come from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Data from the Client Survey provide slightly different findings on healthcare. 83 percent of the client respondents said they were covered by some form of medical insurance, 71 percent by Medicaid, 5 percent by Medicare and 7 percent are covered by private commercial insurance. Only 7 percent reported themselves or someone in their home having problems with alcohol, drug or tobacco addiction.

Also scoring as a top need from providers is job/employment training as well as transportation to jobs. Jobs and transportation was also a top need identified by respondents of the client surveys. Over 14 percent of client respondents reported having no transportation at all with only 2 percent saying they use public transportation. An additional 14 percent stated their transportation was provided by friends or relatives. Of the client respondents, 49 percent stated having reliable transportation and 5 percent saying their vehicle was in need of repairs. Few reported knowing of services available for car repairs. Higher paying jobs are available in Northern Pickaway County/Southern Franklin County; however, reliable transportation to those higher paying jobs is a barrier for many of PICCA's clients.

The largest need named by the client respondents was jobs. Over 45 percent reported being unemployed, 15 percent are working part-time and only 20 percent are working a full time job. Low-paying job, that isn't enough to live on, was reported by 34 percent of client respondents. Higher paying jobs and reliable transportation to those jobs was identified in the previous Community Needs Assessment. Through strategic planning, PICCA has developed an Education and Training program that partners with local business to provide employment skills while the clients receive a stipends during the training period. The program has seen many successes and PICCA will continue to seek additional funding to increase the number of clients who can participate in the program.

Nutrition Needs: The data reported by providers about nutrition needs in the county show they feel there is a need for food assistance in addition to food stamps to help clients meet nutritional needs. Although food pantries are available in almost all communities, hours and transportation were cited as barriers to obtaining food from local pantries. PICCA, the past several years, has collaborated with the YMCA and Mid Ohio FoodBank to provide a Summer Food Service Program. However, the two locations for food distribution are both within the Circleville City Limits. No Summer Food Service Program is available for children in

neighboring communities.

The results from this assessment paint a picture that is becoming typical in smaller communities and for the social service providers in those communities. Providers report waiting lists for housing assistance while funding and budget cuts continue for services.

Successful strategies for our community include prioritizing programs that meet the needs that are identified as the greatest, partnering with other organizations to ensure non-duplication of efforts, and looking for various and new funding sources.