



Economic Strength

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Monthly unemployment rate ¹	3.2%	3.5%		5.0%	5.2%	
	2 of 83 Counties					
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	2.8%	1.6%		1.9%	1.6%	
				29 of 50 States		
Percent of structurally deficient bridges	1.5%	1.5%		11.7%	11.1%	
				38 of 50 States		
Real personal income per capita	\$30,625	\$31,845		\$31,344	\$33,239	
	13 of 83 Counties			32 of 50 States		
Children living in poverty	9.7%	9.2%		23.0%	22.0%	
	2 of 83 Counties			34 of 50 States		

1. "Prior" represents the same month of the previous year. Ottawa's rate is not seasonally adjusted because seasonally adjusted rates are not available for counties

Health & Education

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Infant mortality (Per 1,000 births)	8.0	3.9		6.7	7.0	
	1 of 24 Cntys w/≥ 6 deaths			36 of 50 States		
Obesity in the population	24.2%	26.8%		30.7%	31.2%	
	7 of 44 Health Depts			35 of 50 States		
3 rd graders reading at grade level	67.9%	63.6%		50.1%	46.0%	
	1 of 56 School Districts					
SAT college readiness benchmarks	25.9%	43.1%	n/a ²	20.2%	34.9%	n/a ²
	4 of 56 School Districts					
Pop. w/bachelor's degree or higher (25+ yrs. old)	32.5%	31.8%		26.4%	26.9%	
	9 of 29 Counties ³			35 of 50 States		

2. Due to a change in tests, results from the prior year cannot be compared to the current year

3. Ottawa's rank is among Counties with populations of 65,000 or more

PROGRESS KEY:

Performance Improved	Performance Declined	Performance Maintained

Value for Government

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Bond rating (Moody's)	Aaa	Aaa		Aa1 (Stable)	Aa1 (Stable)	
Government debt burden per capita	\$182	\$167		\$758	\$719	
				34 of 50 States		
State gov't operating cost as a percent of GDP ⁴	1.48%	1.21%		14.6%	14.3%	
State/local gov't operating cost as a percent of GDP	n/a	n/a	n/a	20.6%	19.9%	
Access to state gov't – number of online services ⁵	78	82		276	289	

4. Ottawa's data reflects the County's operating cost as a percent of GDP

5. Ottawa's data reflects the County's online services

Quality of Life

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
State park popularity – annual visits per citizen	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.56	2.83	
Percent of residents satisfied with County parks	85%	90%		n/a	n/a	n/a
Population growth (Ages 25-34)	2.6%	2.8%		0.01%	(0.20)%	
	9 of 83 Counties					
Monitored beaches with no closures/unsafe advisories ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	75%	82%	

6. Ottawa stopped issuing beach advisories in May 2011

Public Safety

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Violent crimes per 100,000	191.5	208.6		427.3	415.5	
	42 of 83 Counties			35 of 50 States		
Property crimes per 100,000	1,570.4	1,386.7		2,043.9	1,885.6	
	43 of 83 Counties			10 of 50 States		
Individuals fatally/seriously injured in traffic accidents	162	188		5,785	5,828	

Note: In some cases, County-level data are not available from the same data source used by the State. In other cases, County-level data are not available for the same time frame used by the State. In these instances, data sources and time frames were selected that most closely match those of the State. Due to this difference, it must be noted that comparisons may not be completely equivalent in all cases.