



Economic Strength

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Monthly unemployment rate ¹ <i>2 of 83 Counties</i>	3.8%	3.7%		5.0%	4.7%	
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	2.6%	3.4%		1.6%	1.8%	
Percent of structurally deficient bridges	1.5%	1.5%		11.7%	11.1%	
Real personal income per capita <i>10 of 83 Counties</i>	\$31,930	\$32,483		\$33,255	\$33,894	
Children living in poverty <i>2 of 83 Counties</i>	9.2%	8.9%		22.0%	21.0%	

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) <i>4 of 23 Cntys w/≥ 6 deaths</i>	6.3	4.7		7.0	6.8	
Obesity in the population <i>5 of 44 Health Depts</i>	26.8%	25.4%		30.7%	31.2%	
3 rd graders reading at grade level <i>1 of 56 School Districts</i>	63.6%	62.9%		46.0%	44.1%	
SAT college readiness benchmarks <i>5 of 56 School Districts</i>	43.1%	45.1%		34.9%	34.9%	
Pop. w/bachelor's degree or higher (25+ yrs. old) <i>11 of 29 Counties²</i>	31.8%	31.8%		26.4%	26.9%	

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

PROGRESS KEY:

Performance Improved	Performance Declined	Performance Maintained

Value for Government

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	Prior	Current	Progress	Prior	Current	Progress
Bond rating (Moody's)	Aaa	Aaa		Aa1 (Stable)	Aa1 (Stable)	
Government debt burden per capita	\$165	\$152		\$758	\$719	
State gov't operating cost as a percent of GDP ³	0.91%	1.08%		14.3%	16.2%	
State/local gov't operating cost as a percent of GDP	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.8%	22.2%	
Access to state gov't – number of online services ⁴	82	83		276	289	

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

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

Quality of Life

Measure	Ottawa County			Michigan		
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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) <i>26 of 83 Counties</i>	2.3%	2.5%		(0.20)%	(0.19)%	
Monitored beaches with no closures/unsafe advisories ⁵	n/a	n/a	n/a	82%	78%	

5. 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 <i>41 of 83 Counties</i>	234.4	215.1		415.5	459.0	
Property crimes per 100,000 <i>42 of 83 Counties</i>	1,355.7	1,253.9		1,885.6	1,909.9	
Individuals fatally/seriously injured in traffic accidents	190	190		6,698	7,112	

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.