

Otsego County Quality of Life Assessment

**Appendix F**  
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## Quality of Life Indicators - 2012 Report Card

Sources for each Indicator
<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>
Attendance at the Otsego County Historical Museum Source: Jim Akans, OCHS Executive Director
Number of artists in the Gaylord Area Council of Arts (GACA) Juried Fine Arts Exhibit Source: Lisa Lindgren, GACA Arts Coordinator
Number of musical concerts presented by the Gaylord Community Band plus those sponsored by GACA Source: Gary Waldo (Gaylord Community Band) and Lisa Lindgren (GACA)
<b>Community &amp; Civic Engagement</b>
Number of volunteer hours by RSVP and the Volunteer Center of Otsego County combined Source: Lorraine Manary, Otsego County United Way Executive Director
Total amount awarded in grants by the Otsego County Community Foundation Source: Dana Bensinger, OCCF Executive Director
Percent of survey respondents who agree or strongly agree that our festivals help generate community spirit Source: Survey Question 53
<b>Economy</b>
Unemployment rate Source: Kids Count - Bureau of Labor Statistics
Median household income Source: NWMCOG - U.S. Census Bureau - SAIEP
Percent of population living in poverty Source: NWMCOG - U. S. Census Bureau - SAIPE
Number of business establishments Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Business QuickFacts
<b>Education &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>
Number of visits to the Otsego County Library in Gaylord, Johannesburg, and Vanderbilt Source: Maureen Derenzy, Otsego County Library Director
High school graduation rate (on time) Source: Kids Count - CEPI
Percent of students who achieved reading proficiency in 3rd grade Source: Kids Count - MEAP
Enrollment at the University Center Gaylord and Kirtland Gaylord M-TEC combined Source: Jack Thompson, University Center Gaylord Executive Director
<b>Faith-Based &amp; Spirituality</b>
Number of individuals served by the Otsego County Food Pantry which is managed by local churches Source: Judi Doan, Otsego County Food Pantry 2012 Year to Date Report
Percent of survey respondents satisfied with the diversity of local churches to meet spiritual needs Source: Survey Question 10

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<b>Government &amp; Politics</b>	
Percent of voter turnout in a Presidential election	Source: Susan Defeyter, Otsego County Clerk
Percent of survey respondents satisfied with the ability of local leaders to meet the community's challenges	Source: Survey Question 18
<b>Health &amp; Wellness</b>	
Percent of adults with health insurance (includes Medicare and Medicaid)	Source: <a href="http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/michigan/2012/otsego/county/1/overall">http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/michigan/2012/otsego/county/1/overall</a>
Percent of adults who are obese	Source: <a href="http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/michigan/2012/otsego/county/1/overall">http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/michigan/2012/otsego/county/1/overall</a>
Number of home delivered meals served by the Otsego County Commission on Aging	Source: Dona Wishart, OCCOA Director
<b>Housing</b>	
Percent of families paying more than 30% of their income for rent	Source: U.S. Census
Number of Otsego County homeless people staying at the Friendship Housing Center	Source: Marilyn Kaczanowski, Friendship Housing Center Executive Director
Average price of residential / home sales	Source: Michigan Association of Realtors
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Number of rides provided by the Otsego County Bus System	Source: John Burt, Otsego County Administrator
Miles of county roads improved by the Otsego County Road Commission	Source: Tom Deans, Otsego County Road Commission, Engineer-Manager
Number of flights from Gaylord Regional Airport	Source: Matt Barresi, Gaylord Regional Airport Director
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Environment</b>	
Number of stream miles enhanced through fish passage projects and in stream habitat improvement	Source: Brad Jensen, Huron Pines Executive Director
Number of seedlings sold at the Otsego Conservation District's tree sale	Source: Patricia Osburn, Otsego Conservation District Administrator
Annual inches of snowfall at the National Weather Service - Gaylord Station	Source: Annual Climatological Summary (2012), NOAA
<b>Recreation &amp; Leisure</b>	
Number of youth enrolled at the Otsego County Sportsplex Summer Day Camp	Source: Lisa Lindgren, Otsego County Sportsplex
Total number of rounds of golf played at area courses	Source: Pam Duczkowski, Gaylord Tourism Bureau Assistant Director
<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>	
Percent of survey respondents who feel their neighborhood is safe	Source: Survey Question 55
Number of felony arrests	Source: Criminal Justice Master Plan 2011, page 88