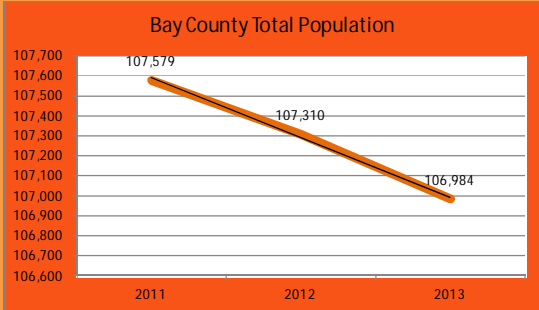
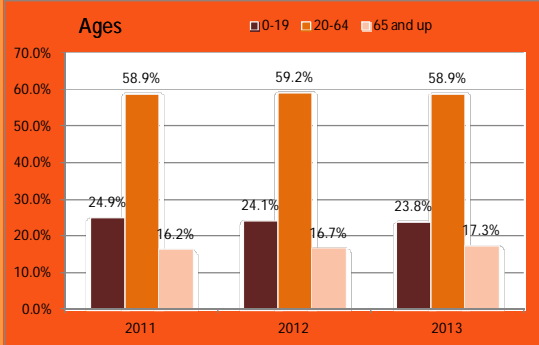
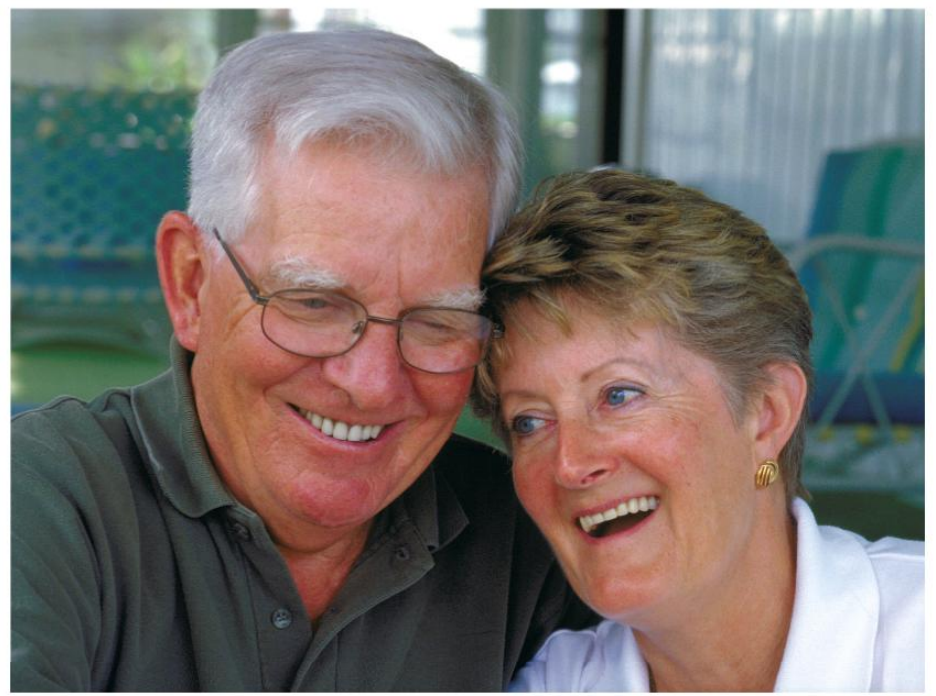


# Bay County - Population

In Bay County, the population of over 100,000 is decreasing. However, the percentage of adults age 65 and up, continues to increase annually.



US Census Bureau: Demographic; 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates



US Census Bureau: Age + Sex; 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates



# Bay County - Education

The education of Bay County residents has remained stable; however, there has been a steady decline in the number of residents with less than a high school diploma.

## Bay County Education Levels for Adults

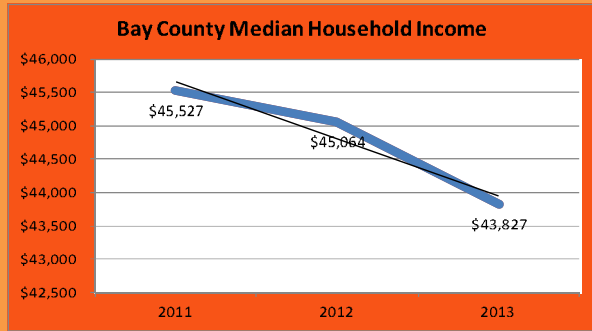
	2011	2012	2013
Less than High School Diploma	11.8%	11.2%	10.4%
High School Diploma or Equivalency	33.5%	35.2%	36.5%
Some College, No Degree	24.5%	24.0%	24.1%
Associate's Degree	10.6%	10.9%	10.8%
Bachelor's Degree	13.1%	12.8%	12.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.5%	5.8%	5.8%

US Census Bureau: Educational Attainment; 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates

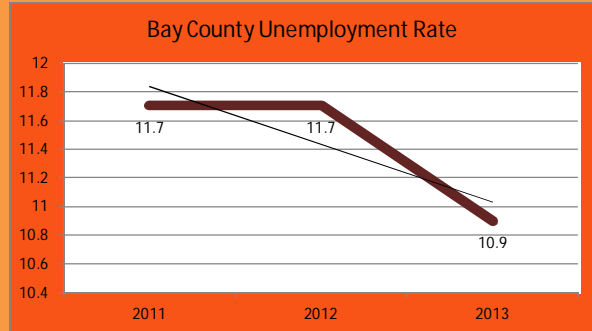


# Bay County - Economic Indicators

Bay County residents median household income has continued to decrease, but the unemployment rate in Bay County has shown a decrease as well.



US Census Bureau: Selected Economic Characteristics: 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates



US Census Bureau: Employment Status 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates



## Get Involved

The Bay Human Services Collaborative Council and your United Way encourage you to get involved. Start today, give, advocate and volunteer. This report card is a summary of current research, and data sources are cited throughout the report.



### Bay Human Services Collaborative Council Members

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Bay Area Community Foundation  
 Bay Area Women's Center  
 Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority  
 Bay-Arenac-Gladwin Department of Health and Human Services  
 Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District  
 Bay City Public Schools  
 Bay County Division on Aging  
 Bay County Family Court

Bay County Health Department  
 Bay County Prevention Network  
 Bay Health Plan  
 CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region  
 CORY Place  
 Disability Network of Mid-Michigan  
 Do-All, Inc.  
 Good Samaritan Rescue Mission  
 List Psychological Services  
 McLaren Bay Region

Michigan Rehabilitation Services  
 Michigan State University Extension – Bay County  
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# Bay County Human Services

## 2014

# Report Card



A vision for a strong vibrant Bay County begins with the people who live here. The Bay Area Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC) is a group of non-profit, government, school, healthcare and law enforcement organizations coming together to work on that vision. Members of the council form task force groups to tackle issues in our community. It is by working together, progress is made and the positive impact of our efforts can be seen.

As a member of the HSCC and a leader in human services, United Way of Bay County encourages you to get involved in making a better life for your community. People are our most valuable resource and it is imperative we do everything we can to ensure Bay County families are educated, healthy and stable.

***We know what gets measured gets done.***

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# Youth

From birth to age 18 our children need to flourish at all stages to become successful adults and we need to continue to provide them every available resource and opportunity to do so. Bay County agencies provide support to parents, caregivers, and children in many areas of need.

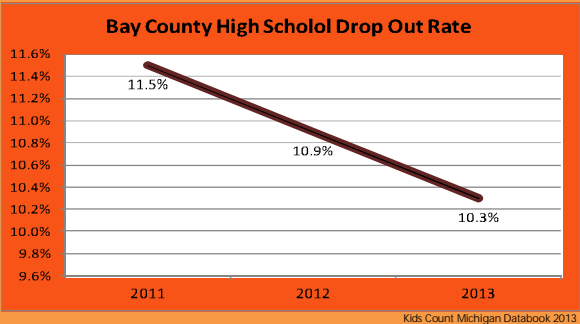
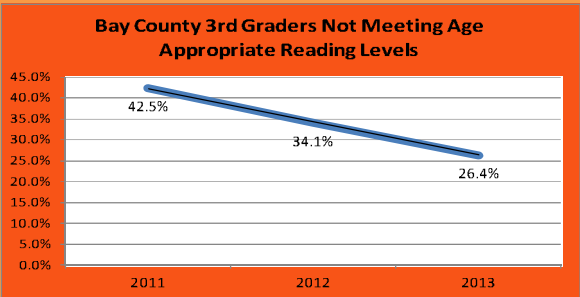
The Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative Safe Journey Workgroup developed and launched the Safe Journey video and curriculum, developed by local high school students, to present to area middle and high school students the dangers to a fetus when substances are used by the mother or father. Workgroup members include staff from McLaren Bay Region, Covenant, Neighborhood Resource Center, Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Services, Great Lakes Bay CAN Council, Bay-Arenac ISD, Saginaw Valley State University, Bay County Health Department, and Bay-Arenac Great Start Collaborative.

We know a parent's education makes a difference in a child's education. The Bay Commitment College Access Network has reached nearly 7,000 people to date with resources to post secondary success. The clients are made up of students grades K-12, college students, parents, adults and professionals.

The United Way of Bay County Back to School Clothing Program and Do-All, Inc. Backpack Program joined in collaboration, sending over 1,000 youth back to school with new clothing, undergarments, shoes and backpacks.



Investing in education for youth of all ages is extremely important to the future of Bay County. Local organizations, businesses, schools and leaders must work together to provide opportunities for our youth. Education is the path out of poverty and toward job placement and success.



# Health

Improving the health of our community requires each of us to become more aware of health risks and available resources. Bay County agencies are focused on improving access to healthcare, addressing chronic disease, reducing substance abuse, and preventing suicide.

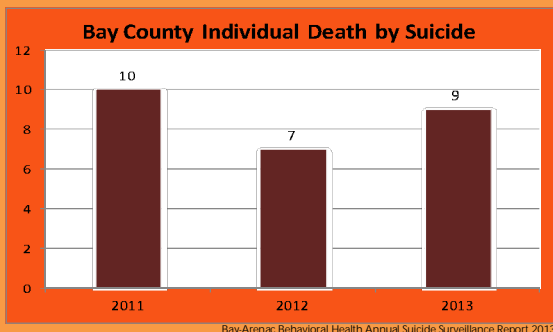
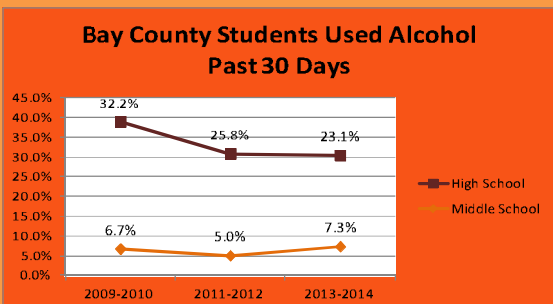
**Aging Well – A Vulnerable Adult Protocol** was established to create a sustainable plan for critical community partnerships that allow organizations to hold perpetrators of abuse and neglect against vulnerable adults accountable. Partners included: Bay County Prosecutor’s Office, Bay County Sheriff’s Office, Bay County Department of Health and Human Services, Bay City Department of Public Safety, Michigan State Police, Bay County Division on Aging and Bay Area Women’s Center.

**Suicide Prevention** – The 2014 Walk for Hope raised over \$42,000.00 for the Great Lakes Bay Region (up from \$34,000 in 2013). Funding supports suicide prevention and mental health promotion activities such as school education programs, professional trainings, community awareness and education, and after care support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

Bay County Health Department in partnership with Saginaw Valley State University secured a United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Grant for \$1,047,389 for a Nurse-led Inter-professional clinic, known as The University Clinic.



Whether it is a neighbor without health insurance, a victim of abuse, or someone struggling with mental illness or addiction, we will keep working together to ensure everyone has access to affordable and quality care.



# Basic Needs

Nearly 15 % of Bay County residents live in poverty. The lack of affordable housing and food, continues to be a challenge for many residents, especially those in poverty. Over 17,600 individuals receive food stamps and 51% of our youth are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

With the generous funding of United Way, Northeast Michigan 2-1-1 continues to provide information and referral services in Bay County. In 2014, they received 2,101 requests for basic needs, which was up from 1,541.

The Bay-Arenac Diaper Bank Council worked with two diaper pantries and established seven diaper closets locally, to distribute over 11,300 diapers to children in 2014.

The NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) Food Drive collected 38,255 pounds of food , which was sent out to 28 local food pantries in 2014. An additional 15,000 pounds of food and sugar was secured and distributed through the United Way Halloween Duo and the Michigan Sugar Drive.

In 2014, EFSP (Emergency Food and Shelter Program) brought \$60,812 in food and shelter grants to Bay County through the United Way of Bay County.



Until we can eliminate the challenges that prevent hard working families from getting ahead we must help residents meet their basic needs. These obstacles include: low paying jobs, increasing costs of food, utilities, transportation, and the lack of affordable housing for families in Bay County.

