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Measures of Early Childhood Education and Development | Percentage Enrolled in Nursery/Preschool

- Over the past eight years the percentage of 3-4-year olds enrolled in nursery/preschool dropped from a high of 48% in 2010 to a low of 34% in 2016.
- By 2018, the rate had climbed back up to nearly half at 48%.

Measures of Early Childhood Education and Development | Children in Publicly Funded Childcare

- In 2018 there was county variation in the percentage of children in publicly funded childcare. Lucas County had the highest share at 9.3%.
- Putnam County had the lowest share at less than 1%.
- Henry County’s share was second from the bottom at 1.6%

Figure 3.2 County Rankings of the Percentage of Children Aged 0-7 in Publicly Funded Childcare Administered Through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services among Henry County and its Neighboring Counties, 2018.

Data Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services data request.

Notes: (1) Counts are unduplicated at county-level. A child may be counted twice in two different counties, if they were in cases managed by two counties during the year. The statewide count is unduplicated across the state. (3) Defiance and Paulding counties began reporting combined data under Defiance County in 2015. Totals for the two counties are reported under Defiance County.
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Enrollment

Measures of Enrollment | Enrollment in Public Schools

- Based on student enrollment numbers, the largest public-school district in Henry County was Napoleon Local Schools with nearly 2,000 students.
- Holgate Local Schools had the smallest public-school district with slightly more than 400 students.

**Figure 3.3** Number of Students Enrolled by Public School Districts in Henry County, OH, 2017-18. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets
Measures of Enrollment | Chronic Absenteeism
Ohio defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10 percent or more of the school year for any reason. The chronic absence rate is the percentage of students who missed 10% or more of the school year, including excused and unexcused absences (about 18 days in a 180-day school year). Chronic absenteeism predicts lower academic performance; lower achievement scores; repeating grades; and future chronic absenteeism.

- In the state of Ohio 16% of students were considered chronically absent from school in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Rates of chronic absenteeism is much lower in Henry County public schools than in the state of Ohio overall.
- Liberty Center had the largest share of their student body with issues of chronic absenteeism at 6.7%
- Holgate Local schools had the smallest share at 2.6%

Figure 3.4 Percentage of Students Chronically Absent by Public School Districts in Henry County, OH and the State of Ohio, 2017-18. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets
**Measures of Enrollment | Suspension/Expulsion Rate**

- The state of Ohio has a suspension/expulsion rate of 12 per 100 students during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Rates among Henry County public school districts were lower than the state rate.
- Napoleon Local Schools had the highest rate of 4 per 100 students.
- Holgate Local schools had the lowest rates of about 1 per 100 students.

**Figure 3.5** Percentage of Students Receiving Out of School Suspensions or Expulsions by Public School Districts in Henry County, OH and the State of Ohio, 2017-18. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets
Measures of Enrollment  | College Enrollment

- Generally, the percentage of 18-24-year-olds Henry County residents enrolled in college has dropped since 2010.
- In 2010 about one-third of young women were enrolled and one-quarter of young women.
- By 2018 only 21% young women were enrolled and 15% of young men.

High School Graduation

**Measures of High School Graduation | the High School Graduation Rate**

- Henry County graduation rates for the 2016-2017 school year were higher than the state average of 84%.
- Holgate Local schools had the highest graduation rate of 100%.
- Liberty Center schools had the lowest rate of 91%.

**Figure 3.7** Percentage of High School Seniors Receiving a High School Diploma by Public School Districts in Henry County, OH and the State of Ohio, 2016-17. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets
Language & Literacy

Measures of Language & Literacy

- The share of the population aged 5 years and over who only spoke English in the United States was 79%.
- The state and local county shares are higher—all greater than 90%.
- In Henry County 96% of those aged 5 and older speak only English.

**Figure 3.8** County Rankings in the Percentage of the Population Aged 5 Years and Older Who Speak Only English for Henry County and its Neighboring Counties, the state of Ohio and the U.S., 2018. Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Measures of Language & Literacy | Reading Proficiency

- 3rd grade reading proficiency was higher among Henry County public schools than in the state of Ohio, overall.
- Proficiency was very similar among Henry County schools, ranging from only 73-77%.
- The proficiency is highest among 3rd graders attending Napoleon Local schools.
- The lowest proficiency was among 3rd graders at Liberty Center Local schools.

Figure 3.9 Percentage of Students Who Scored Proficient or Higher on the Third Grade State Proficiency Exam in Reading by Henry County Public Schools Districts and the State of Ohio, 2017-18. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets
Measures of Language & Literacy | Math Proficiency

- 8th grade math proficiency was higher among most Henry County public schools than in the state of Ohio, overall.
- The proficiency is highest among 8th graders attending Patrick Henry Local schools.
- The lowest proficiency was among 8th graders at Napoleon Local schools.

**Figure 3.10** Percentage of Students Who Scored Proficient or Higher on the Eighth Grade State Proficiency Exam in Math by Henry County Public School Districts and the State of Ohio, 2017-18. Data Source: Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio’s annual KIDS COUNT County-by-County Factsheets.
Measures of Language & Literacy | Illiteracy

Adult literacy rates have been captured twice in the United States by the National Center for Education Statistics. The most recent county-level data available are from 2003, therefore we are limited in our ability to present an up-to-date measure. Regardless, this is the most recent estimate available.

- Overall, it was estimate that 9% of the population aged 16 and older in Ohio lacked basic literacy skills in 2003. Five neighboring counties, including Henry County had percentages higher than the state average.
- Paulding County had the highest share at nearly 11%. Henry Count had the second largest share at just over 10%.
- The smallest share was found in Wood County where 7% were estimated to lack basic literacy skills.

Figure 3.11 County Rankings in the Percentage of the Population Aged 16 Years and Older Who Lack Basic Prose Literacy Skills for Henry County and Its Neighboring Counties, the State of Ohio, 2003. Data Source: National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 2003

Note: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education. In response to a demand for estimates of the percentage of adults with low literacy in individual states and counties, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has produced estimates of the percentage of adults lacking Basic Prose Literacy Skills (BPLS) for all states and counties in the United States.
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