

Quality of Life and Safety

Key Findings

About 1 in 6 (16%) of Auglaize County adults in 2008 reported they were limited in some way because of a physical, mental or emotional problem. The health assessment identified that 45% of Auglaize County adults kept a firearm in or around their home.

Impairments and Health Problems

- ◆ About one in six (16%) of Auglaize County adults are limited in some way because of a physical, mental or emotional problem, increasing to 30% of those over the age of 65 and 41% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.
- ◆ 4% of adults needed help handling their routine or personal care needs due to a health impairment or problem, increasing to 8% of those over the age of 65 and 10% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.
- ◆ The following were reported as the most limiting health problems: back or neck problems (11%), arthritis (11%), depression (7%), and walking problems (6%).

Social Context

- ◆ Less than half (45%) Auglaize County adults kept a firearm in or around their home. 18% reported they were unlocked and 4% reported they were loaded.
- ◆ Of those with firearms, 76% have them for hunting, 38% have them for protection, 2% have them for work, and 13% have them for some other reason.
- ◆ 8% of adults have been threatened or abused either physically, sexually, emotionally, or verbally in the past year.
- ◆ Of those who were threatened or abused, 56% were by their spouse, 7% by their parent, and 46% were threatened or abused by someone else.
- ◆ 9% of adults needed help meeting their general daily needs such as food, clothing, shelter, or paying utility bills, increasing to 17% of those under the age of 30 and 25% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.
- ◆ 14% of adults attempted to contact a social service agency for assistance. 74% of these adults received assistance.
- ◆ Almost two-fifths (39%) of Auglaize County adults talked to their spouse or partner about personal problems, 31% talked to more than one person, 8% talked to their best friend, 1% talked to their parent, 3% talked to a brother/sister, and 1% talked to their pastor or priest, and less than 1% talked to a professional counselor. 11% did not talk to anyone about their personal problems.

Quality of Life and Safety Facts

- ◆ In 2000, due to a lack of resources, 11% of U.S. households did not have enough food and 32% of those who did not have enough food were categorized as “hungry”, indicating they had experienced physical symptoms of hunger.
- ◆ 57% of homeless adults in Ohio who live in rural areas are women.
- ◆ In the U.S., nearly 25% of women have been raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner at some point in their lives and more than 40% of the women who experience partner rapes and physical assaults sustain a physical injury.
- ◆ Between the years of 1981 and 1998, firearms were the weapon type used most often in intimate partner homicides.
- ◆ Firearms caused 63% of Ohio homicides between 1996 and 1998. (Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, CDC: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, respectively, 2000)

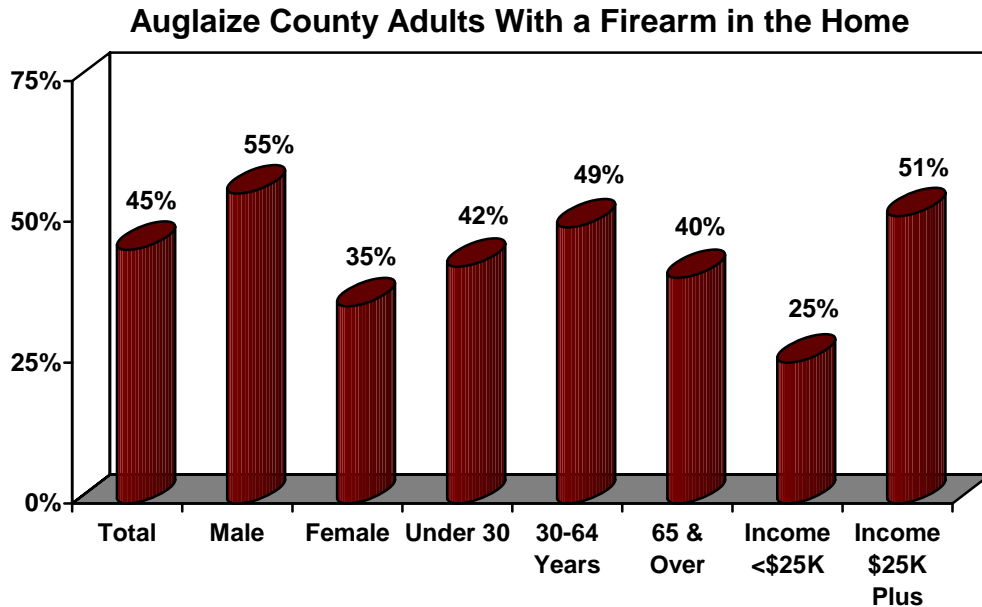
Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- ◆ Women with a history of IPV report 60% higher rates of all health problems than those without a history of abuse.
- ◆ They are also more likely to experience periods of unemployment, have health problems, and receive welfare.
- ◆ Men and women both experience IPV but women are 2 to 3 times more likely to report being pushed, grabbed, or shoved and 7 to 14 times more likely to report being beaten, choked, or tied down by an intimate partner.

(Source: CDC, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Intimate Partner Violence Fact Sheet, 11-20-04)

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The following graph shows the percentage of Auglaize County adults that had a firearm in the home. Examples of how to interpret the information shown on the first graph include: 45% of all Auglaize County adults kept a firearm in their home, 55% of males, and 42% of those under 30 kept a firearm in their home.



Firearm Trauma

- ❖ Firearm injuries are the second leading cause of injury death in the U.S.
- ❖ Firearms in a home double the risk of homicides and suicides in those homes.
- ❖ The majority (57%) of gun deaths in the U.S are suicides.
- ❖ Firearms are involved in 70% of teen homicides.
- ❖ 83% of the public do not want concealed weapons carried in public places.
- ❖ Firearms are the most common method (54%) of completed suicides.
- ❖ Firearms are the most common method (67%) of homicides.

(Source: Dr. Price, Firearms Trauma Presentation, 2005)

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Estimated Poverty Status in 2005

Age Groups	Number	90% Confidence Interval	Percent	90% Confidence Interval
Auglaize County				
All ages in poverty	3,272	2,693 to 3,851	7.1%	5.9 to 8.4
Ages 0-17 in poverty	1,062	836 to 1,289	9.3%	7.3 to 11.2
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	671	514 to 828	7.7%	5.9 to 9.5
Median household income	\$48,568	\$46,691 to \$50,446		
Ohio				
All ages in poverty	1,442,421	1,418,607 to 1,466,234	13.0%	12.8 to 13.2
Ages 0-17 in poverty	501,341	488,011 to 514,671	18.5%	18.0 to 19.0
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	322,771	311,367 to 334,175	16.3%	15.8 to 16.9
Median household income	\$43,547	\$43,214 to \$43,880		
United States				
All ages in poverty	38,231,474	37,934,924 to 38,528,024	13.3%	13.2 to 13.4
Ages 0-17 in poverty	13,360,273	13,217,771 to 13,502,775	18.5%	18.4 to 18.7
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	8,765,541	8,662,789 to 8,868,293	17.0%	16.8 to 17.2
Median household income	\$46,242	\$46,138 to \$46,346		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/county.html>

Federal Poverty Thresholds in 2007 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years of Age

Size of Family Unit	No Children	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children
1 Person <65 years	\$10,787					
1 Person 65 and >	\$9,944					
2 people Householder < 65 years	\$13,884	\$14,291				
2 People Householder 65 and >	\$12,533	\$14,237				
3 People	\$16,218	\$16,689	\$16,705			
4 People	\$21,386	\$21,736	\$21,027	\$21,100		
5 People	\$25,791	\$26,166	\$25,364	\$24,744	\$24,366	
6 People	\$29,664	\$29,782	\$29,168	\$28,579	\$27,705	\$27,187
7 People	\$34,132	\$34,345	\$33,610	\$33,098	\$32,144	\$31,031
8 People	\$38,174	\$38,511	\$37,818	\$37,210	\$36,348	\$35,255
9 People or >	\$45,921	\$46,143	\$45,529	\$45,014	\$44,168	\$43,004

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, *Poverty Thresholds 2006*, www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/threshld/thresh07.html