

Prosperity Index

Muskegon Area Sustainability Coalition
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Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa Counties Comparisons - Indicators and Index Scores

Sector/Indicator	Muskegon County MI		Kent County MI		Ottawa County MI	
	Measure	Index	Measure	Index	Measure	Index
Social Equity						
Median Household Income	\$40,883	3.1	\$46,826	3.4	\$56,576	3.9
Household Income Spread	\$8,291	5.0	\$14,056	3.2	\$12,708	3.7
Infant Mortality	6.7	3.7	8.0	3.0	5.3	4.4
Nursery/Pre-School Enrollment	38.9%	2.4	46.7%	3.3	52.0%	4.0
Home Ownership	79.3%	4.9	72.1%	4.0	85.2%	5.0
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	1.6	5.6%	2.2	5.3%	2.4
<i>Sector Index:</i>		3.5		3.2		3.9
Environmental Integrity						
Toxic Release Inventory	10.39	3.6	1.70	4.8	33.55	0.5
Particulate Matter	11.30	3.5	12.80	3.3	12.00	3.4
Land for Agriculture*	0.42	1.7	0.29	1.5	0.65	2.1
Urban Sprawl	12.55	2.9	9.67	3.6	10.87	3.3
Ozone	0.0900	2.4	0.0815	2.7	0.0830	2.7
Solid Waste – Type II	4.11	2.9	2.78	3.6	3.16	3.4
<i>Sector Index:</i>		2.8		3.3		2.6
Economic Prosperity						
Per Capita Personal Income	\$26,560	1.8	\$35,049	2.7	\$32,122	2.4
Employment Growth	0.52%	1.8	0.29%	1.4	-0.10%	0.9
Employment Distribution	0.892	1.9	0.897	2.0	1.092	3.9
Bachelor's Degrees	18.7%	2.2	30.2%	3.5	31.5%	3.6
Average Weekly Wages	\$653	1.8	\$745	2.4	\$710	2.2
Population Growth	0.28%	4.7	0.46%	4.5	0.46%	4.5
<i>Sector Index:</i>		2.4		2.8		2.9
Overall Index:		2.9		3.1		3.1

* Most recent data available - 2002

For more information and data sources, see: <http://muskegonasc.org/prospind.aspx>