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Despite Top Ranking, Poverty Exists in Hamilton County

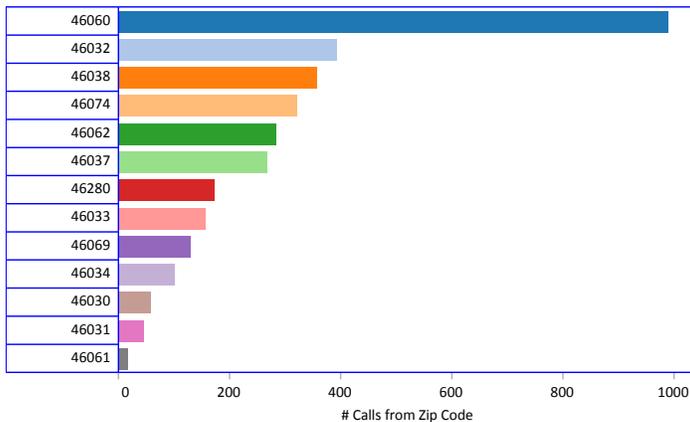
Hamilton County residents can take pride in the fact that they live in the healthiest county in Indiana, according to the most recently released data (April 2012) from the **County Health Rankings and Roadmaps** project (www.countyhealthrankings.org). The project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, ranks nearly every county in the nation on a vast array of health, economic, demographic and social factors to create a composite health ranking for each county.

Median household income factors into Hamilton County's top ranking; its 2010 median income of \$82,054 (US Census Bureau) is the highest in the state. (Indiana's 2010 median income is \$44,616). Despite the fact that the vast majority of its residents are not faced with it on a daily basis, **poverty still exists in the county.** Poverty thresholds are determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and vary based on the number of people in the

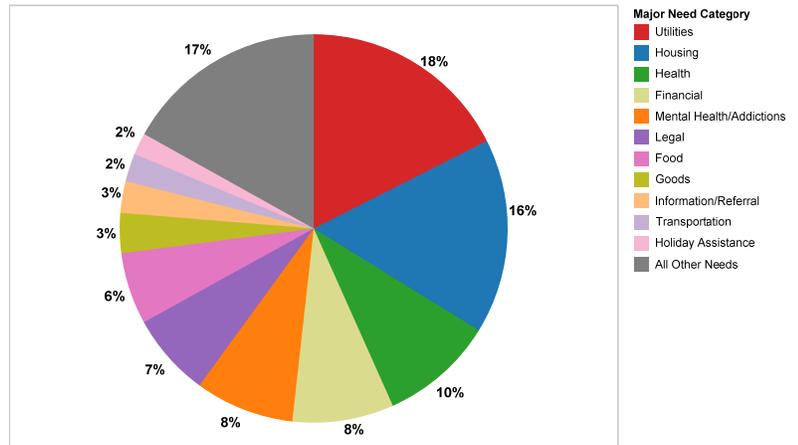
Hamilton County	Indiana
County Population (2010, US Census Bureau)	274,569 / 6,483,802
2012 County Health Ranking (out of 92 Indiana counties)	1
County Poverty Rate (2010, US Census Bureau)	4.9% / 15.3%
Avg. # Monthly Food Stamps Recipients (2011, FSSA)	9,076 / 884,135
Free/Reduced Lunch Recipients (2011 Kids Count Data)	8,504 / 489,137
Number Uninsured (2012 County Health Ranking)	22,180 / 882,602

household. The threshold for a single person is \$11,491; the threshold for a typical family of 4 is \$23,018. According to 2010 US Census Bureau data, **4.9% of Hamilton County residents are poor**; this percentage represents **more than 13,000 people, 5,000 of whom are children.** (The poverty rate for children under 18 is 6.3%, compared to a state rate of 21.6%).

Hamilton County Calls By Zip Code
April 2011 - March 2012



Hamilton County Needs By Category
April 2011 - March 2012



- Connect2Help 2-1-1 (C2H) receives calls for help from Hamilton County residents on a daily basis. During the last 12 months, April 2011-March 2012, C2H connected nearly 3,500 callers with 7,300 community resources to help them meet their needs.
- **More than half (63%) of the callers** lived in **4 Hamilton County cities**: Noblesville (46060 - 30%), Carmel (46032 - 12%), Fishers (46038 - 11%) and Westfield (46074 - 10%).
- Hamilton County callers' **top 3 needs**, which accounted for 44% of all requests, were **Utilities, Housing and Health**. Within the Utilities category, the top 3 needs were electric, gas and water bill assistance. The top Housing needs included rent assistance, shelter and low-cost housing. The top 3 Health needs were outpatient healthcare, dental care and prescription assistance.
- **Six percent (6%)** of Hamilton County callers' needs were recorded as **"unmet."** The top **unmet** needs were the same as the **presenting** needs of Hamilton County callers: Utilities (26%), Housing (22%) and Health (7%). The top 3 Utilities needs were electric, gas and water bill assistance. The top unmet Housing needs were shelter, rent assistance and low-cost housing search assistance. Top unmet Health needs included dental care, prescription assistance and vision care.

While the general "health" of Hamilton County is very good, thousands of residents are still struggling for survival.

To find help or to volunteer to help Hamilton County residents, dial 2-1-1.



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