



2015 Erie County Health Disparities Fact Sheet

Population (2014)

- Total population: 278,443
- Female population: 141,146 (50.7%) Male population: 137,297 (49.3%)
- White population: 242,549 (87.1%)
- Black population: 19,063 (6.8%)
- Asian population: 4,315 (1.5%)
- Other Race population: 3,828 (1.3%)
- Two or More Races population: 8,688 (3.1%)
- Hispanic population (of any race): 10,716 (3.8%)
- Population under 18 years of age: 60,639 (21.8%)
- Population age 65 years and above: 44,087 (15.8%)
- Median age: 39.4 years

Poverty (2014) (Percent of residents living below the poverty level)

- 16.3% of Erie County residents
- 14.2% of White residents
- 27.3% of Black residents
- 8.6% of senior citizens (age 65+)
- 22.7% of children under the age of 18
- 11.5% of family households
- 10.2% of White family households
- 22.3% of Black family households
- 19.5% of families with related children under 18
- 41.6% of single female families with related children under 18

Education (2014)

- 7.9% of the White population 25 years and above had not graduated from high school, compared to 20.6% of the Black population.
- 28.9% of the White population 25 years and above had earned a bachelor's degree, compared to 11.8% of the Black population.

Maternal, Infant, and Child Health (2011-2013 three year average)

- **Infant Mortality** - Infant (under 1 year of age) death rates per 1,000 live births: 6.9 for the total population, 6.4 for Whites, and 8.7 for Blacks. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 6.0 deaths per 1,000 live births.

- **Low Birth Weight** - Percent of babies born at low birth weight (under 2,500 grams or 5 pounds 9 ounces): 7.9% for the total population, 7.0% for Whites, 12.8% for Blacks, and 9.2% for Hispanics. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 7.8% of live births.
- **Prenatal Care** - Percent of babies whose mothers received prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy: 76.1% for the total population, 79.4% for Whites, 64.6% for Blacks, and 68.1% for Hispanics. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 77.9% of live births.
- **Smoking During Pregnancy** - Percent of mothers who smoked tobacco during pregnancy: 21.7% for the total population, 22.9% for Whites, 22.2% for Blacks, and 19.0% for Hispanics. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 1.4% of live births.
- **Single Mothers** - Percent of live births to single mothers: 48.4% for the total population, 43.1% for Whites, 84.0% for Blacks, and 70.1% for Hispanics.
- **Teen Births** - Percent of all live births to mothers under 18 years of age: 2.9% for the total population, 2.7% for Whites, 7.1% for Blacks, and 7.5% for Hispanics.

Mortality (2011-2013 three year average) (Age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 population)

- **All Causes of Death:** 799.4 for the total population, 788.1 for Whites, 944.7 for Blacks, 968.6 for males, and 665.6 for females.
- **Heart Disease:** 193.4 for the total population, 190.1 for Whites, 235.2 for Blacks, 242.6 for males, and 156.5 for females.
- **Cancer:** 181.2 for the total population, 177.9 for Whites, 252.7 for Blacks, 215.7 for males, and 157.9 for females. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 160.6 deaths per 100,000
- **Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease:** 49.9 for the total population, 63.1 for males, and 41.5 for females.
- **Accidents (Unintentional Injuries):** 42.8 for the total population, 60.1 for males, and 26.3 for females. Healthy People 2020 Goal: 36.0 deaths per 100,000.
- **Diabetes Mellitus:** 24.1 for the total population, 32.1 for males, and 18.1 for females.

New Cancer Cases (2011-2013 three year average) (Age-adjusted incidence rates per 100,000 population)

- **All Cancer Sites:** 468.9 for the total population, 507.0 for males, and 445.5 for females.
- **Lung and Bronchus Cancer:** 64.4 for the total population, 74.0 for males, and 57.9 for females.
- **Colorectal Cancer:** 36.8 for the total population, 45.6 for males, and 29.7 for females.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (2012-2014 three year average) (Crude rates per 100,000 population)

- **Gonorrhea:** 115.0 for the total population, 46.5 for Whites, 728.0 for Blacks, 186.4 for Hispanics, 83.4 for males, and 145.6 for females.
- **Chlamydia:** 411.0 for the total population, 213.4 for Whites, 1,987.7 for Blacks, 500.3 for Hispanics, 271.0 for males, and 546.9 for females.