

Quality of Life and Safety

Key Findings

Over one-third (38%) of Sandusky County adults in 2005 suffered from a health ailment that limited their normal daily activities. Arthritis and back or neck problems were most commonly reported. The health assessment identified that 34% of Sandusky County adults kept a firearm in or around their home and 5% kept it loaded and unlocked. Seven percent indicated being abused (physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse) in the past 12 months. 11% of adults needed help meeting general daily needs.

Impairments and Health Problems

- ◆ Over one-third (38%) of Sandusky County adults had an impairment or health problem that limited their activities, increasing to 49% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.
- ◆ The most commonly reported problems were back or neck problems (15%), arthritis or rheumatism (13%) and walking problems (9%).
- ◆ Of those with a health impairment or problem, 4% need the help of other people with personal care needs, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around the house.
- ◆ Of those with a health impairment or problem, 13% needed the help of other people with handling routine needs, such as everyday household chores, doing necessary business, shopping, or getting around for other purposes.

Social Context

- ◆ Just over one-third (34%) Sandusky County adults kept a firearm in or around their home or motor vehicle, increasing to 48% of males.
- ◆ 5% of adults keep their firearm unlocked and loaded.
- ◆ Of those who have firearms in their home, 51% use them for hunting or sport, 17% use them for protection, 13% use them for some other reason, and 4% use them for work.
- ◆ 4% of Sandusky County adults had been abused (defined as including physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse) in the past 12 months by either a spouse or partner and 3% were abused by someone else. Another 4% were threatened to be abused.
- ◆ 11% of Sandusky County adults needed help meeting general daily needs such as food, clothing, shelter, or paying utility bills, increasing to 27% of those with incomes less than \$25,000, 23% of those under the age of 30, and 16% of females.
- ◆ 42% received assistance from a friend or family member, 15% of these adults looked for assistance and did not get any, and 15% received assistance from somewhere else.

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- ◆ 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)

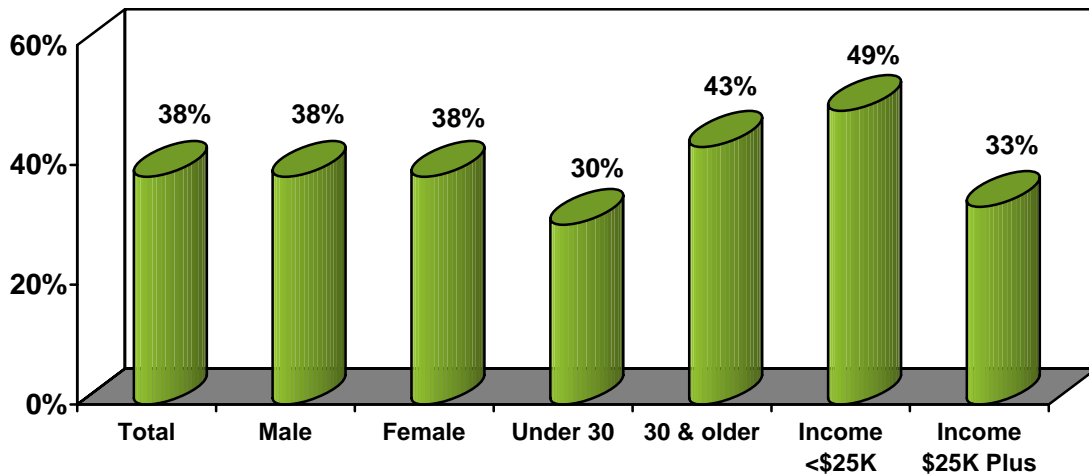
- ◆ Women with a history of IPV reported 60% higher rates of all health problems than those without a history of abuse.
- ◆ Women who experienced IPV were more likely to experience periods of unemployment, have health problems, and receive welfare.
- ◆ Men and women both experience IPV but women are 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)

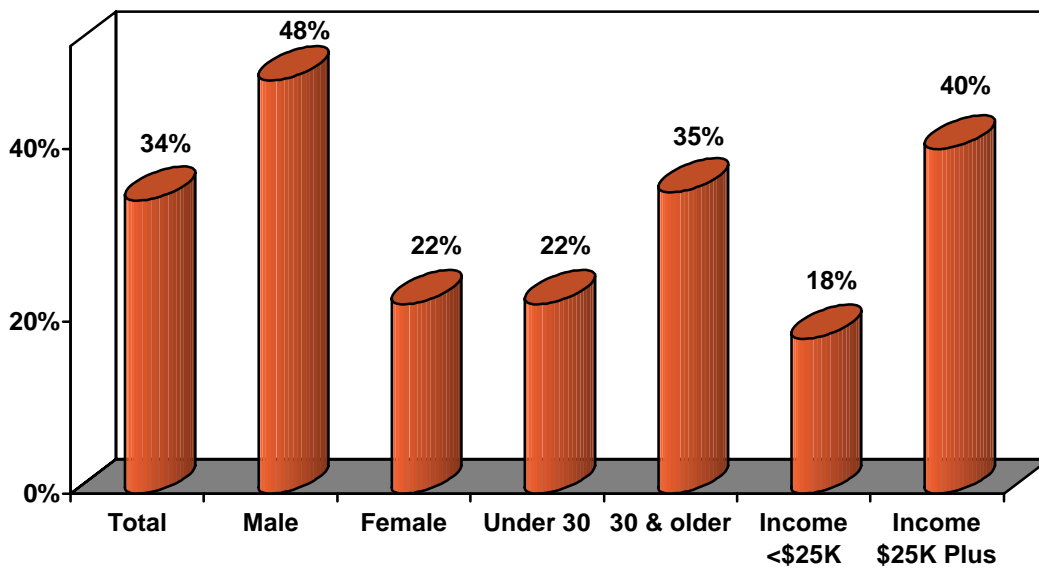
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The following graphs show the percentage of Sandusky County adults that had health problems that limited their activities and the percentage of Sandusky County adults that had a firearm in the home. Respondent choices included such health issues as back or neck problems, arthritis, mental health, and cardiovascular problems. Examples of how to interpret the information shown on the first graph include: 38% of all Sandusky County adults had a health problem or impairment that limits their activities, 38% of males had such a problem and 30% of those 30 and older reported a health problem or impairment.

Sandusky County Adults With a Health Problem or Impairment



Sandusky County Adults With a Firearm in the Home



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Estimated Poverty Status in 2003

Age Groups	Number	90% Confidence Interval	Percent	90% Confidence Interval
Sandusky County				
All ages in poverty	5,058	3,895 to 6,220	8.2%	6.3 to 10.1
Ages 0-17 in poverty	1,748	1,300 to 2,195	11.5%	8.5 to 14.4
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	1,053	745 to 1,361	9.5%	6.7 to 12.3
Median household income	\$41,542	\$38,984 to \$44,268		
Ohio				
All ages in poverty	1,196,090	1,129,187 to 1,262,994	10.6%	10.1 to 11.2
Ages 0-17 in poverty	425,563	391,565 to 459,561	15.3%	14.1 to 16.6
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	258,469	233,505 to 283,433	12.8%	11.6 to 14.0
Median household income	\$43,119	\$41,865 to \$44,373		
United States				
All ages in poverty	35,861,170	35,190,401 to 36,531,939	12.5%	12.2 to 12.7
Ages 0-17 in poverty	12,865,806	12,519,657 to 13,211,955	17.6%	17.2 to 18.1
Ages 5-17 in families in poverty	8,399,573	8,111,130 to 8,688,016	16.1%	15.5 to 16.6
Median household income	\$43,318	\$43,009 to \$43,627		

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

Federal Poverty Thresholds in 2004 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	\$9,827					
1 Person 65 and >	\$9,060					
2 People Householder <65	\$12,649	\$13,020				
2 People Householder 65 and >	\$11,418	\$12,971				
3 People	\$14,776	\$15,205	\$15,219			
4 People	\$19,484	\$19,803	\$19,157	\$19,223		
5 People	\$23,497	\$23,838	\$23,108	\$22,543	\$22,199	
6 People	\$27,025	\$27,133	\$26,573	\$26,037	\$25,241	\$24,768
7 People	\$31,096	\$31,290	\$30,621	\$30,154	\$29,285	\$28,271
8 People	\$34,778	\$35,086	\$34,454	\$33,901	\$33,115	\$32,119
9 People or >	\$41,836	\$42,039	\$41,480	\$41,010	\$40,240	\$39,179

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/threshld