

Child Health Status

Results from the 2005 *Child Well Being Survey (CWB)*

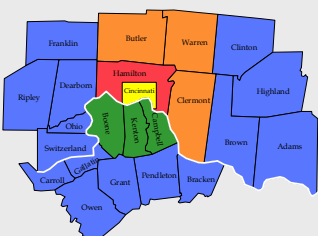
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The **Child Well Being Survey (CWB)** is a project of the Child Policy Research Center, The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and United Way of Greater Cincinnati. The University of Cincinnati's Institute for Policy Research administered the random telephone survey of caregivers of children in a 22-county area in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana from October through December 2005. The survey provides policy-makers, decision-makers, public agencies, and academicians with population-based information to describe and monitor the well being of children in the tri-state area.

Topics include: child health status, selected chronic conditions, medical home, injury requiring medical attention, health insurance, middle childhood activity, food security, child care arrangements, child's behavioral and emotional health, parent perception of substance use, caregiver's health status and selected adult health measures. Many questions were taken from the National Survey of American Families, the National Children's Health Survey, and the National Health Interview Survey. These questions provide national estimates to compare to CWB estimates.

The sample includes 1,559 completed interviews. The sampling area was grouped into five geographic regions: city of Cincinnati; Hamilton County outside the city, Ohio suburban counties (Butler/Clermont/Warren); Northern Kentucky suburban counties (Boone/Campbell/Kenton); and 15 rural counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. The 2005 sample data is weighted to provide accurate population estimates.

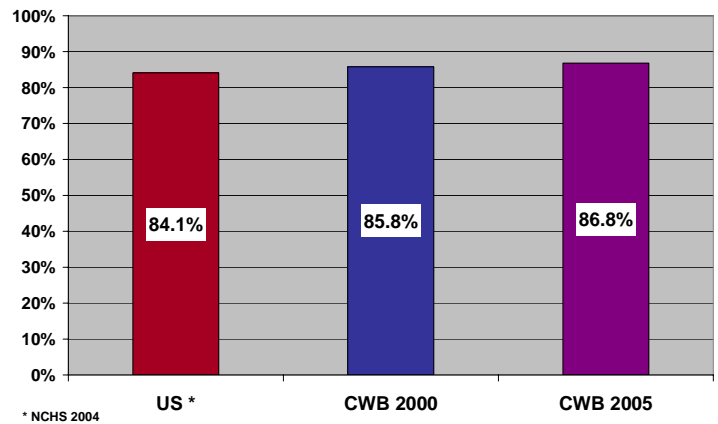
Five Geographic Regions



Selected Findings

Parents and primary caregivers reported the health status of their children. Overall in 2005, 86.8% of CWB caregivers report that their children have either excellent or very good overall health. CWB 2000 and national estimates show similar rates of favorable health status among children.

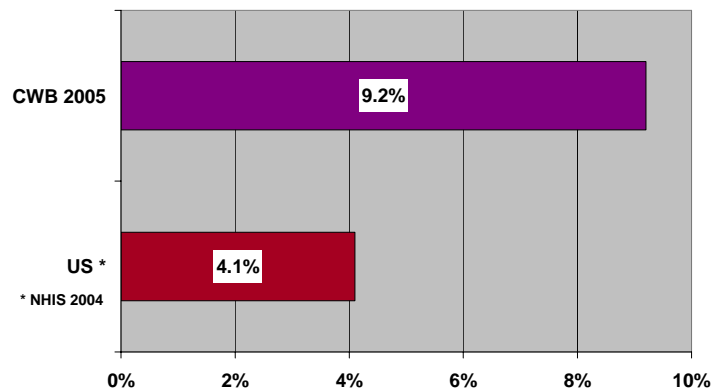
Children with Excellent or Very Good Health Status



Children living in poverty in greater Cincinnati are twice as likely to have fair or poor health compared to children in the US (9.2% vs. 4.1%).

Only 75.3% of poor children have excellent or very good health in 2005, compared to 86.8% of all children.

Children with Fair or Poor Health Status Living in Families Below 100% FDL



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