



Covington

2011 Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Child Well-Being Survey

The 2011 Child Well-Being Survey included an oversample of households in the city of Covington, Kentucky. Covington is a city in Kenton County, Kentucky that borders the Ohio River, sitting directly across from Cincinnati, Ohio. Covington is one of three sites participating in the *Place Matters* initiative, a place-based investment project which aims to improve quality of life by targeting specific issues. A total of 182 surveys were completed with parents/caregivers in Covington to help provide a more detailed understanding of the health status and needs of children in Covington.

General Health Status

8 out of 10 parents in Covington described their child's health as "excellent" or "very good."

Oral Health & Preventive Dental Care

8 out of 10 parents in Covington described their child's teeth as "excellent" or "very good."

3 out of 10 parents reported that their child has experienced toothaches, cavities, broken teeth, and/or bleeding gums within the past six months.

8 out of 10 parents in Covington report that their child has had at least one preventive dental care visit within the past year.

Health Problems

3 out of 10 parents reported that their child has a special health care need.

4 out of 10 children with asthma has visited the ER or urgent care within the past year due to their asthma.

2 out of 10 parents report that their child was injured within the past year, and

7 out of 10 of the injuries occurred at home.

2 out of 10 children ages 10 – 17 years in Covington are overweight/obese.

3 out of 10 parents of children ages 10 – 17 years describe their child as "overweight" or "obese."



Accessing Health Care

1 out of 10 children in Covington have gone without health insurance at some point in the past year.

5 out of 10 children in Covington are covered by Medicaid or some other kind of public insurance.

8 out of 10 children in Covington received some kind of preventive health care in the past year.

1 out of 10 children in Covington received treatment for a behavioral health issue within the past year.

Food Security

3 out of 10 parents in Covington say that adults in their household had to skip or cut the size of their meals in the past year because there wasn't enough food.

5 out of 10 say that this happened almost every month.

8 out of 10 parents say that it's easy to obtain healthy foods for their families where they live.

Physical Activity & Screen Time

4 average number of days/week children get at least 20 minutes of physical activity.

3 average number of hours per day of screen time of children in Covington.

Parenting

6 average days per week in which everyone in the households shares a meal.

8 out of 10 parents talked to their child about drugs and alcohol within the past month.

Neighborhood Characteristics

8 out of 10 parents report high levels of social support in their neighborhoods.

2 out of 10 parents in Covington report litter, rundown housing, and/or vandalism in their neighborhoods.

8 out of 10 parents in Covington "usually" or "always" feel that their child is safe in their community or neighborhood.

9 out of 10 parents in Covington "usually" or "always" feel that their child is safe at school.

The **Child Well-Being Survey (CWBS)** is a random-digit-dial (RDD) telephone survey of primary caregivers in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. Primary caregivers, usually parents, are asked questions about one randomly selected child in their household. The CWBS was previously conducted in 2000 and 2005. The 2011 sample includes 2,083 completed surveys and covers several health topics, including: general health status, chronic conditions, usual source of care, oral health and preventive dental care, screen time and physical activity, food security, and neighborhood resources. The sampling error for the 2011 CWBS is $\pm 2.1\%$; the margin of error for the Covington oversample is $\pm 7.3\%$.

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For more findings from the 2011 Child Well-Being survey and past surveys visit www.cchmc.org/service/i/anderson-center/health-policy/well-being/ or www.HealthFoundation.org. For more information, please contact Rachel Sebastian, MA at (513) 803-2396 or rachel.sebastian@cchmc.org.