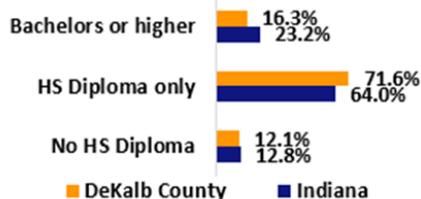


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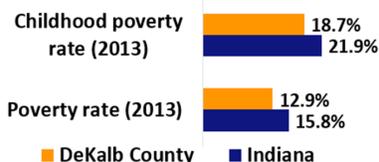
A community thrives when all of its members have what they need to survive. Mountains of research suggest that **educational attainment, sufficient income, and access to healthcare** allow people to meet their **basic needs**, which in turn strengthens the viability of the community. The following report provides data to identify how DeKalb County is doing in each of these areas, and suggestions for how you can help make DeKalb County a better place to live.

Education



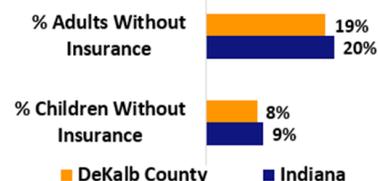
Source: STATSIIndiana

Income



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Health



Source: County Health Rankings

Basic Needs

Data from 211 reveal that many DeKalb County residents have a difficult time meeting basic needs. From July 2014—June 2015, **951 people called 211 for help with 1,493 needs and received 1,887 referrals** to community resources. Another **400 searched www.MyUnitedWay2-1-1.org** online to find resources.

Top Needs—FY14/15

Housing - 18%



Utilities - 16%



Health - 10%



Financial - 10%



Legal - 8%



Top Unmet Needs—FY14/15

Housing - 26%



Utilities - 14%



Health - 10%



Financial - 10%



Food - 10%



7% of DeKalb County needs were recorded as "unmet" by 211.

Community Assets (and how YOU can help)

211 maintains detailed information on **111 services physically located in DeKalb County** and **another 2,278 resources outside of the county that will serve DeKalb County residents**. These resources span the entire human services continuum, including everything from educational, income support and healthcare services to food pantries, shelters, and utility bill help to environmental/public health and governmental services. **You** can support these community assets in a variety of ways:

Volunteer Time—Many community agencies desperately need volunteers to help offset the cost of providing services. Call 211 to see where help is needed in DeKalb County.

Donate Money—Even small amounts make a HUGE difference. Consider supporting an individual agency or donate to organizations such as the United Way that maximize donated dollars by strategically funding agencies that have a community impact.

Advocate—211 can connect you with your local, state, and federal representatives to share your views on community issues about which you are passionate.