

# BUFFALO COUNTY

- **POPULATION OF BUFFALO COUNTY: 13,587 (Census, 2010)**
- **18.6% OF POPULATION IS AGED 65 AND OLDER (Census, 2010)**
- **100% OF POPULATION IS LIVING IN RURAL AREA (Census, 2010)**

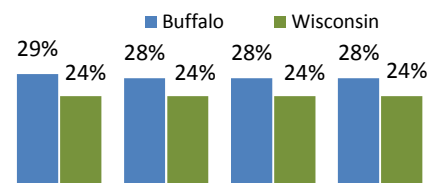
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## Buffalo County Health Data

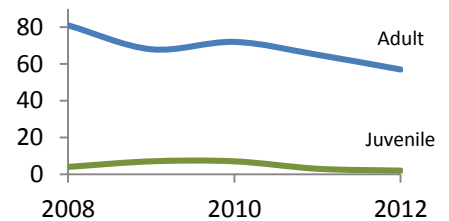
### ❖ Alcohol and Other Drug Use

- The county consistently had higher rates of binge drinking (at least 4 or 5 drinks in a sitting) than Wisconsin:
  - Buffalo County: 28%
  - Wisconsin: 24%
- 20% residents stated they had no concern about alcohol use in their community, while 46% said they were concerned/very concerned.
- More than half of driving deaths were due to alcohol impairment (2014, six of eleven deaths)
- The total number of adult drug arrests decreased by approximately 30% between 2008 and 2012, going from 85 arrests to 59 arrests.

Adult Binge Drinking is Higher in Buffalo County



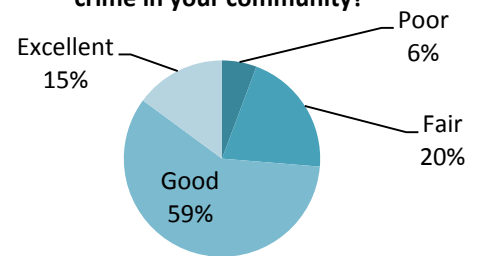
Number of Drug Arrests



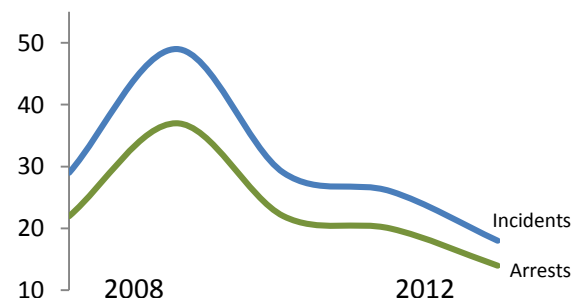
### ❖ Injury and Violence

- There were very few violent crime offenses from 2008 to 2012 (Murder: 0, Robbery: 3, Rape: 3, Aggravated Assault: 17)
- Buffalo County residents were asked to rate efforts to prevent crime in their community. 6% of respondents rated this as “poor,” where 74% rated this as “good” or “excellent”.
- Between 2008 and 2012, there was an average of 30 domestic abuse incidents per year and an average 23 domestic violence arrests per year in Buffalo County.
- There are fewer people involved per motor vehicle crash in Buffalo County compared to Wisconsin

How would you rate efforts to prevent crime in your community?



Domestic Abuse Incidents and Arrests



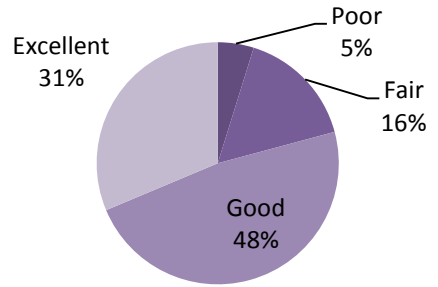
❖ **Nutrition**

- As of 2011 Buffalo County has only two WIC-authorized food stores. This is 33% lower than the number of stores per person in Wisconsin.
- Residents of are more likely to experience low food access among both the general population and the low income population, compared to Wisconsin residents at large.
- However, 79% of survey respondents said their access to health food choices was Good or Excellent

Percent of Population with Low Food Access, 2010		
	Percent Population with Low Food Access	Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access
<b>Buffalo</b>	24.7%	7.1%
<b>Wisconsin</b>	23.2%	5.3%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA-Food Access Research Atlas. 2010

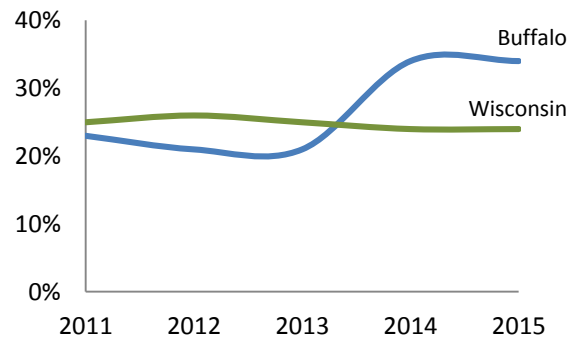
How would you rate your access to healthy food choices?



❖ **Oral Health**

- Percent of residents 2 years-old and above that have not seen a dentist in the past twelve months:
  - Buffalo County: 34%
  - Wisconsin: 24%
- Only two public water systems in the county provide the recommended amount of fluoride in the water that promotes optimal oral health benefits.

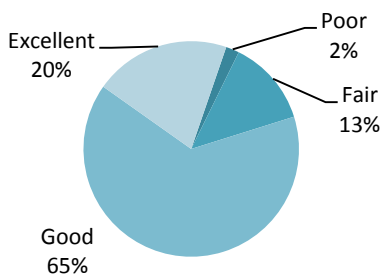
No Recent Dental Visit



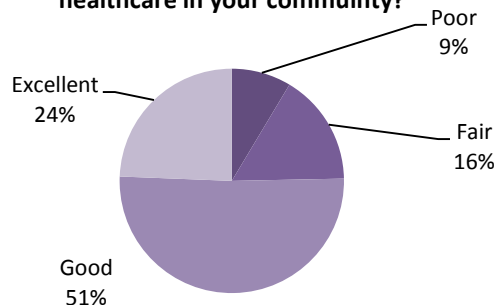
❖ **Mental Health**

- Buffalo County has a patient to provider ratio of 6,679:1. Wisconsin has 10 times more mental healthcare providers per person than Buffalo County.
- Suicide rates per 100,000 population between 2008 and 2012 (note this is only a rate, not actual number of suicides)
  - Buffalo County: 12.6 per 100,000 population
  - Wisconsin: 13 per 100,000 population
- 85% of residents surveyed said mental health was excellent or good in the community, and 75% said access to mental healthcare was excellent or good.

How would you rate mental health in your community?

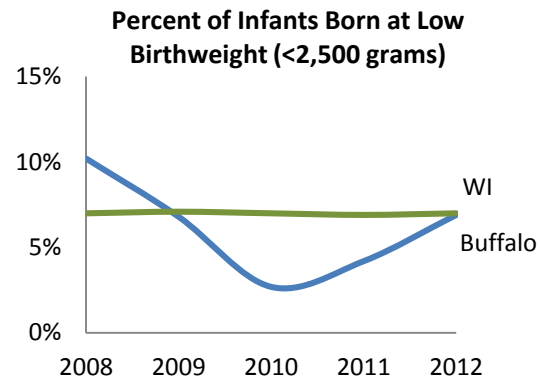


How would you rate access to mental healthcare in your community?



### ❖ Healthy Growth and Development

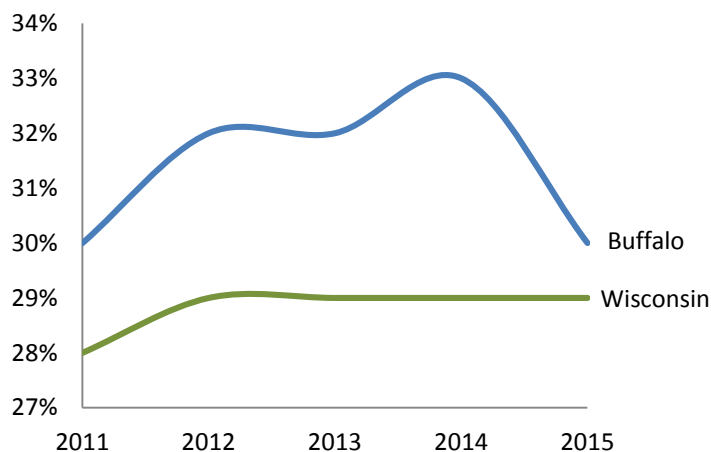
- Buffalo County consistently has higher rates of pregnant women participating in early prenatal care compared to Wisconsin women. In Buffalo County, 79% of pregnant women participated in a prenatal visit during their first trimester in 2012 (compared to 77% in Wisconsin)



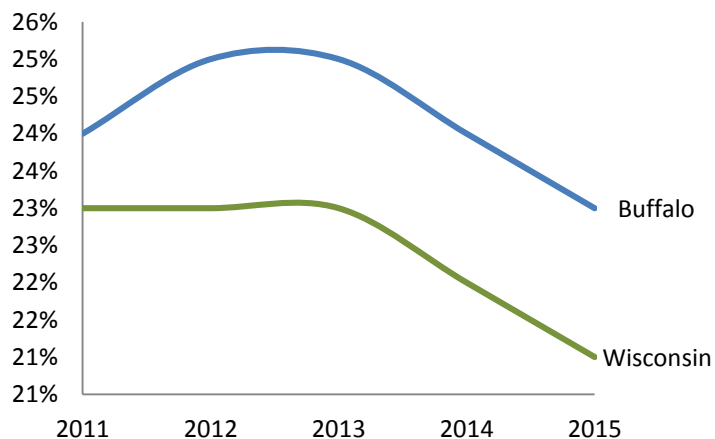
### ❖ Physical Activity

- Buffalo County consistently had higher rates of obesity than Wisconsin.
- In 2015, more Buffalo County adults reported no leisure-time physical activity compared to adults across Wisconsin. Over the last 5 years, the county has had higher rates of physical inactivity compared to Wisconsin.

Percent of Obese Adults



Percent of Physical Inactive Adults

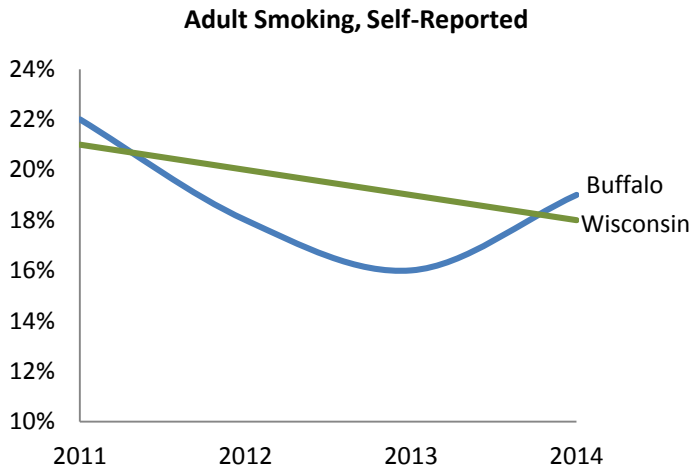


### ❖ Reproductive and Sexual Health

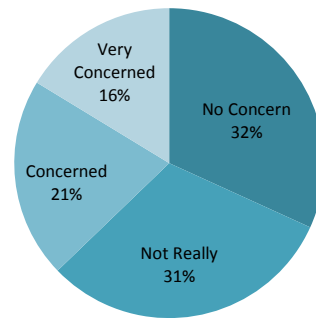
- Buffalo County continuously has a lower birth rate than Wisconsin. The average birth rate for Buffalo County between 2008 and 2012 was 10.2 births per 1,000 population.
- Births per 1,000 population in 2012
  - Buffalo County: 11 per 1,000 population
  - Wisconsin: 11.8 per 1,000 population
- Babies born at a low birth weight 2012:
  - Buffalo County: 6.2%
  - Wisconsin: 7%
- Average percent of births to teenage mothers from 2008-2012:
  - Buffalo County: 4.4%
  - Wisconsin: 7.4%

## ❖ Tobacco Use and Exposure

- As result of a random household survey, 32% of respondents had no concern about tobacco in their community while 52% were concerned/very concerned.
- Percent of adults in 2014 that smoke tobacco every day or most days and that has smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.
  - Buffalo County: 19%
  - Wisconsin: 18%



**How concerned are you about tobacco use in your community?**



- Between 2011 and 2014, Buffalo County consistently had slightly higher rates of women smoking during pregnancy (approximately 18%) than did the state of Wisconsin (14%).

## ❖ Communicable Disease and Prevention

- Between 2008 and 2012, approximately 98.2% of Buffalo County residents in grades K-12 were immunization compliant.
- Buffalo County had similar (if not lower) numbers of confirmed cases of a variety of communicable diseases compared to Vernon, Burnett, and Pepin Counties.

**Confirmed Cases of Communicable Diseases by Similar Counties**

