

# LiveWell Erie

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT







Dear Erie County Residents,

Thank you for being interested in the work of Live Well Erie (LWE). Since founding LWE two years ago, our vision has continued to be a community one where no one gets left behind. As we move beyond the worst of the pandemic, this work is more relevant than ever.

In 2020, just a few months after establishing LWE as an ongoing enterprise with numerous community partners, our primary focus shifted to addressing the public health and social services emergencies. That work continued in 2021, as we helped thousands in our community get vaccinated for COVID-19. However, we were also able to bring a renewed focus on many of the original goals of LWE in 2021. Although the work over the last two years has been challenging and unpredictable, LWE has positively impacted our community.

In this report, LWE workgroups will provide updates on their progress last year. Many of the work groups' accomplishments were the sort we envisioned when launching LWE in 2019. Other achievements, however, were the result of a thoughtful response to needs that arose as a result of the pandemic. In this report, you will learn how Erie County has partnered with other governments and community organizations to improve the lives of seniors, working families, and children.

Although we have accomplished much over the last year, there is still so much to do. Therefore, we need your help in improving our community. If you have not done so already, please visit [LiveWellErie.com](http://LiveWellErie.com) and sign on as a partner. Get involved and make a difference. Together, we can achieve the vision of LWE: A community where no one is left behind.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie A. Cannon".

Marie A. Cannon, Commissioner  
Erie County Department of Social Services  
Co-Chair of Live Well Erie

# Strategic Working Group Updates:

## 1. Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed

### Co-Chairs:

**Jacqueline Hall**, Executive Director of Social Services  
Family Independence

**Aimee Neri**, LMSW, 8th Judicial District Coordinator,  
NYS Court Improvement

### Mission Statement:

To give every child the chance to succeed in a community that is safe/supportive and values the child's comprehensive health needs, so they can realize their greatest potential.

### Activity Summary Section:

The Children's Work Group has been working on three distinct strategies that directly address the goals and indicators highlighted within the Live Well Erie's framework and model. The first activity has been collaborating on the development of a survey that will assess if and how community agencies offer training on trauma, trauma-informed care, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, as well as mental health first aid in the community.

The second strategic activity is working on a collaboration between the NFTA and the Erie County parks and State parks system. This strategy is exploring the related elements of obesity and is trying to examine the desired goal in a comprehensive approach, such as the social and mental health aspects associated with children's obesity. This will be accomplished through the collaboration of the NFTA project-Urban Explorer Bus which will support children and families with access to public parks throughout the Summer 2022.



The third activity is the development of a community resource map that includes high-quality evidence-based reading support, and programs for math and Social Emotional Learning.

### Live Well Erie Emergency Childcare Task Force:

Although the Emergency Childcare Task Force continued its support for school aged children in 2021, focus on childcare providers of infants and toddlers remained. By the summer of 2021, a central issue emerged--namely that the market rate set by NYS and paid to providers for subsidized childcare for income eligible families is woefully inadequate. This low rate contributes to the low wages in the childcare industry. As such, the LWE Emergency Childcare Task Force partnered with Cornell University to study the true cost of childcare and determine the difference between it and the market rate.

Cornell University's Buffalo Co-lab conducted the study and calculated what the true costs of childcare might be if childcare workers were properly paid a wage commensurate with their skill and training. Early findings were available in December 2021 and the results were stunning (see below):

Provider Type	Weekly Gap Per Child	Monthly Gap Per Child	Annual Gap Per Child
DCC and SACC	\$53	\$230	\$2,756
FDC and GFDC	\$107	\$464	\$5,564

Provider Type	Weekly Gap Per Child	Monthly Gap Per Child	Annual Gap Per Child
DCC and SACC	\$141	\$611	\$7,332
FDC and GFDC	\$240	\$1,040	\$12,480

The top chart to the right reports the approximate gap between current subsidy rates and current costs of care.

The bottom chart to the right reports the approximate gap between current subsidy rates and costs of care if all workers earned \$25/hour for full-time and \$20/hour for part-time work. This scenario would allow providers to begin implementing their number one priority of raising staff wages, and could begin to address worker shortages in child care.

In addition to the findings about cost, the Cornell team also found that the childcare workforce had shrunk by 11% since 2019, having a seriously detrimental effect on the availability of childcare in our community.

Armed with this research, County Executive Poloncarz sent a letter to Governor Hochul requesting an increase in the market rate and \$20 million in additional

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childcare funding so that wages for childcare workers could be increased. Assemblymember Monica Wallace emerged as the local champion for additional funding and helped to lead childcare discussions in Albany.

Work of the Task Force in 2022 will continue to focus on advocacy, especially for increased funding in the State Budget, and a structural change in the funding model such that it is rooted not in a market rate but rather a true cost of care.



#### **List of Priorities for 2022:**

The Children’s Work Group has been working on three distinct strategies that directly address the goals and indicators highlighted within the Live Well Erie’s framework and model. The first activity has been collaborating on the development of a survey that will assess if and how community agencies offer training on trauma, trauma-informed care, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, as well as mental health first aid in the community.

- Improve services by implementing evidence-based models including trauma-informed care and strengthening families
  - Conduct a community assessment survey of trainings/programs that provide trauma-informed models
- Implement a countywide wellness initiative on healthy eating and physical activity, particularly in Erie County parks
  - Coordinate Urban Bus Explorer physical activities within Erie County Parks
- Implement strategies that support student success at every stage of development
  - Address 3rd and 8th grade ELA and Math scores by supporting schools with intensive tutoring services

## **2. Empowering Working Families**

### **Co-Chairs:**

**Karen L. King, Ph.D.**, Commissioner of Public Advocacy

**Julie Barrett-O’Neill**, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Coalition (LISC)

### **Mission Statement:**

Our ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families will achieve a sustainable standard of living and thriving quality of life.

### **Activity Summary Section:**

All three of the LWE Working Families goals were deeply impacted by the pandemic. Thus, the Working Families Work Group began a lengthy process of reimagining our community strategies to reflect the new realities COVID ushered in. As such, the LWE Implementation team held a retreat in the summer of 2021. At the retreat we conducted a comprehensive assessment of all of the community strategies for each work group. As an outcome of that work the Working Families work group identified 1-2 strategies per goal for the 2022 year. In addition to streamlining or redefining of the existing strategies, we also added a fourth goal, focusing on access to transportation and mobility; the connecting tissue of all the working families work group goals.

As a result, the Working Families work group has now developed community strategies that reflect the new realities. Our ALICE populations need access to safe affordable housing, they need work that provides thriving wages without the fear of losing valuable supplemental benefits; they need access to quality, accessible and affordable childcare; and finally, they must have access to mobility and transportation to provide for their families.

### **Live Well Erie Housing Advisory Task Force:**

The primary goal of the Live Well Erie (LWE) Housing Advisory Taskforce was to address the impending housing crisis as a result of the COVID related eviction moratorium being lifted. The secondary goal of the task force was to develop a long-term strategic approach to housing to ensure that all Erie County residents have affordable, safe and healthy housing as identified in the LWE agenda.

The Task Force is co-chaired by Commissioner of Social Services Marie Cannon and First Deputy Commissioner Karen Rybicki and is comprised of members from the public, private and not-for profit sectors. In July 2020, the task force began its work analyzing a survey of 1340 respondents on housing issues and how housing was impacted by COVID-19.



Since that time much work has been done including:

1. Development and successful execution of the LWE Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program. \$10 million dollars was allocated to this project which assisted 2190 Erie County households with up to five months of rental or mortgage assistance struggling as a result of the pandemic.
2. Obtained a \$30,000 planning Grant to develop a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach necessary to address the multifaceted problem of housing instability in Erie County that is client-centered, trauma-informed, inclusion/equity focused, coordinated and accessible to all families and individuals facing eviction/homelessness.
3. Obtained \$10,000 funding for Built for Zero partnership to address chronic homelessness in our community.
4. Applied for and awarded a Moving Forward Together funding grant of \$350,000 for work around building an affordable housing ecosystem in Buffalo and Erie County, which will focus on: preventing displacement, solving homelessness, promoting mobility, increasing capacity, developing affordable housing.

### **List of Priorities for 2022:**

- Families will have safe, affordable housing
  - Live Well Erie Housing Summit
- Families will have greater financial security
  - LWE Workforce Development Pilot Project- Work readiness and upskill training
- Access to quality, affordable Childcare
  - Cornell Cost of Care Study Part 2
  - GIS -revised mapping to plot exiting childcare centers adjacent to bus lines and large employers
- Access to mobility and transportation
  - Develop community strategies that support the three Working Families goals

## **3. Supporting Our Seniors**

### **Co-Chairs:**

**Angela Marinucci**, Commissioner of Erie County Senior Services

**Karen Nicholson**, Executive Director, Center for Elder Law and Justice

### **Mission Statement:**

The Older Adults Working Group is dedicated to making life more accessible and healthier for the older adults of Erie County. Together we want to work to expand options for older adults able to continue living full and independent lives, and that they are able to participate more fully in the community and feel better doing it.

### **Activity Summary Section:**

The Older Adults Working Group consists of sub-committees focused on: transportation, mental health, nutrition, and financial security. These sub-committees focus on the areas in which our older adults most need assistance and education in order to live independent and complete lives well into advanced ages.

In the transportation subcommittee, we determined that current options do not provide for later evening





and weekend transport, and that with the reduction in NFTA services, older adults were being confined to their homes for longer periods. Our Mental Health and Nutrition subcommittees reformatted during the pandemic to expand their outreach, with virtual programming to combat social isolation, a frozen home delivered meal option, and the Go & Dine program through Erie County Senior Services, which works with local restaurants to provide healthy meals to older adults and support local business. Finally, our financial security subcommittee added courses to the University Express catalog to educate older adults on their financial options as they age.

#### **List of Priorities for 2022:**

- Explore options for On-Demand transportation to allow older adults to move more freely about the County in the evenings, on weekends, and in rural areas. (RFP forthcoming)
- Increase connectedness throughout the community, including through forthcoming Department of Senior Services collaboration with Senior Centers to provide technological advancements creating an internet-based network to share information across the county
- Rollout programming that will encourage mindfulness and attempt to remove stigma from mental healthcare
- Expand information on healthy eating to more cultural cuisines, using the Go & Dine program and through our home delivered and congregate meal sites
- Live Well Erie will host Town Hall Meetings to collect data and understand the issues that have arisen post pandemic that affect the community.

## **Partner Highlights**

### **Highmark Blue Cross Blues Shield of WNY:**

- Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY has teamed up with the Buffalo City Mission to help eliminate health disparities through evidence-based research, robust analytics and program design. The new collaboration is designed to provide a system of integrated, coordinated care for homeless patients discharged from the hospital
- Food insecurity was a major initiative for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY in 2021. In an effort to address this need, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield WNY invested more than \$50,000 throughout the eight counties of Western New York to provide food for those in need
- Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY also teamed up with FeedMore, the Massachusetts Avenue Project and Jamestown Mobile Market to provide vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables in areas Erie and Chautauqua Counties that can be considered food deserts

### **Erie County Department of Parks and Recreation:**

- The Parks Department worked with the Department of Health, Department of Senior Services, and the Erie County Movability Team to host “ERIE WALKS! IN THE PARK 2021”
- They also worked with Live Well Erie to offer free healthy snack bags to all of the children that attended our Fall Fest event held in October 2021. Erie County’s Fall Fest saw roughly 4,000 attendees

### **Erie County Department of Environment and Planning:**

- Erie County allocated \$760,000 in federal HOME funds for the construction of a 33-unit affordable housing project for senior citizens in the Village of Blasdell. People Inc. is the project manager of the Oakwood Place apartments, which converted a former school building and now houses 33 low income senior citizens.”
- They provided leadership and direction to the Food Policy Council, including opportunities to increase food access for seniors and low-income communities.

## Every Child Deserves a Chance to Succeed

211WNY  
 American Heart Association of WNY  
 Best Self Western New York - Child Advocacy Center  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network  
 Buffalo String Works  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Catholic Charities  
 Child & Family Services  
 Child Care Resource Network  
 City of Buffalo  
 Community Action Organization of WNY  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
 Compass House  
 Compeer  
 Crisis Services  
 EC Health  
 EC Purchasing  
 EC Senior Services  
 ECMC  
 Envision Wellness  
 Erie 1 BOCES  
 Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc  
 FeedMore WNY  
 Front Seat Life  
 Gateway-Longview  
 Health Foundation for Western and Central New York  
 Healthful Living  
 Healthy Community Alliance  
 Help Me Grow Western New York  
 Highmark Inc.  
 Homeless Alliance of Western New York  
 Homespace Corporation  
 Inclusive Theatre of Western New York  
 Independent Nursing Care, LLC  
 International Institute of Buffalo  
 Jewish Family Services  
 John R. Oishei Children's Hospital  
 John R. Oishei Foundation  
 Justice Bus Initiative  
 Kaleida Health/Children's Hospital/UBMD)  
 Karen Society of Buffalo  
 Learning Disabilities Association of WNY  
 Metro Community Development Corp. (Delavan Grider Community Center)  
 Open Buffalo  
 Parent Network WNY  
 Peace of the City  
 People Against Trafficking Humans - PATH  
 Population Health Collaborative  
 Prevention Council of Erie County  
 Read to Succeed  
 Say Yes to Education Buffalo  
 Seneca-Babcock Community Association, Inc.  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Belle Center  
 The Foundry Buffalo  
 The Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care  
 The Trading Post  
 UB/MD  
 UB School of Public Health and Health Professions  
 United Way of Buffalo and Erie County  
 Univera Healthcare  
 West Side Community Services  
 WNY Independent Living, INC  
 WNY Women's Foundation  
 YMCA Buffalo Niagara  
 Envision Wellness  
 EC Environment and Planning

**Empower Working Families**  
 1199 SEIU  
 211WNY  
 American Diabetes Association

American Heart Association  
 Belmont Housing Resources for WNY  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium  
 Buffalo Niagara Manufacturers Alliance  
 Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
 Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation  
 Cancer Care of WNY  
 Catholic Charities  
 Child & Family Services  
 Child Care Resource Network  
 Community Action Organization of WNY  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo\*  
 Compeer  
 Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo  
 Crisis Services  
 CWA 1133  
 CWA- District 1  
 Erie county division of Information and Support Services  
 Envision Wellness  
 Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc  
 Erie County - Environment and Planning  
 Erie County Medical Center  
 Erie County Office for the Disabled  
 Erie County Office of Mental Health  
 Erie County Office of Senior Services  
 Erie County Parks Department  
 Erie County Personnel Office  
 Erie County Probation Office  
 Erie County Purchasing Office  
 FB Community Land Trust  
 Feedmore WNY  
 Fidelis Care  
 Front Seat Life  
 Grassroots Gardens WNY  
 Healthful Living  
 Healthy Community Alliance  
 Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York  
 Homeless Alliance of WNY  
 Homespace Corporation  
 Inclusive Theatre of Western New York  
 Independent Health  
 Independent Nursing Care, LLC  
 Jewish Family Service  
 John R. Oishei Foundation  
 Justice Bus Initiative  
 Karen Society of Buffalo  
 Learning Disabilities Association of WNY  
 Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo  
 Literacy NY Buffalo-Niagara  
 Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
 M&T Bank  
 Metro Community Development Corp. Delavan Grider Community Center  
 NAACP Buffalo Branch  
 Near East and West Side Task Force  
 Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.  
 Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority - NFTA- Metro  
 Northland Training Center  
 Olmstead Center for Sight  
 Open Buffalo  
 Partnership for the Public Good  
 PATH Enrichment Center  
 Peace of the City  
 Population Health Collaborative  
 Rural Outreach Center  
 Say Yes to Education Buffalo  
 SEIU  
 Seneca-Babcock Community Association  
 Start with Sleep  
 SUNY Erie  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Foundry Buffalo

The Trading Post  
 UB Community Justice Clinic  
 United Way  
 Univera Healthcare  
 University at Buffalo  
 University at Buffalo School of Law  
 Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo  
 West Side Community Services  
 Western New York Area Labor Federation/New York State AFL-CIO  
 Western New York Independent Living  
 YMCA Buffalo Niagara

## Supporting Our Seniors

211WNY  
 Aging with Purpose  
 American Diabetes Association  
 American Heart Association  
 Amherst Senior Center  
 Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, Inc.  
 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library  
 Buffalo Urban League  
 Cancer Care of WNY  
 Catholic Charities  
 Center for Elder Law and Justice  
 Child & Family Services  
 Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
 Compeer  
 Crisis Services  
 D'Youville College Department of Occupational Therapy  
 Envision Wellness  
 Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc  
 Erie County Department of Health  
 Erie County Department of Environment Planning  
 Erie County Department of Mental Health  
 Erie County Department of Senior Services  
 Erie County Department of the Executive  
 Erie County Medical Center; Front Seat Life  
 Erie County Office for the Disabled  
 FB Community Land Trust  
 Feedmore WNY  
 Fidelis Care  
 Grassroots Gardens WNY  
 Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)  
 Healthful Living  
 Healthy Community Alliance  
 Highmark Inc.  
 Inclusive Theatre of Western New York  
 Independent Health  
 Independent Nursing Care, LLC  
 Jewish Family Services  
 John R. Oishei Foundation  
 Kaleida Health  
 Learning Disabilities Association of WNY  
 LISC WNY  
 Mobility Development Group  
 Open Buffalo  
 Parent Network WNY  
 Population Health Collaborative  
 Rural Transit Service, Inc.  
 Seneca-Babcock Community Association, Inc.  
 Shared Mobility, Inc.  
 Temple Beth Zion  
 The Foundry Buffalo  
 Tivity Health- Silver Sneakers  
 Town of Aurora Senior Center  
 UB Center for Successful Aging, School of Medicine  
 UB Center for Successful Aging, School of Medicine  
 UB Center of Excellence  
 UB Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease: UB School of Medicine  
 UB School of Public Health and Health Professions  
 Univera Healthcare  
 West Side Community Services  
 WNY Independent Living  
 YMCA Buffalo Niagara

## Live Well Erie Implementation Team:

**Marie Cannon**, Commissioner of Social Services and Live Well Erie Chair  
**Maria Whyte**, Deputy County Executive  
**Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP**, Commissioner of Health  
**Timothy Hogues**, Commissioner of Personnel  
**Karen King, PhD.**, Commissioner of Public Advocacy  
**Julie Barrett-O'Neill**, Executive Director, LISC Western New York

**Jacqueline Hall**, Executive Director, Social Services Family Independence  
**Angela Marinucci**, Commissioner of Senior Services (current)  
**David Shenk**, Commissioner of Senior Services (former)  
**Karen Nicholson, Esq.**, CEO Center for Elder Law & Justice  
**Amy Rockwood**, Director of Planning and Evaluation, Mental Health  
**Kelly Sullivan**, Clerk for Live Well Erie



# Live Well Erie Data Snapshot



Live Well Erie (LWE) launched in September 2019 and the baseline data below was the most current available at that time. Because there is often a significant lag in data availability, many of the 2022 updates cover time periods prior to the launch of LWE. While there are only a few indicators with data for periods after the LWE launch, this can help us better understand what is happening in our community. Change indicates changes in indicators that have occurred after the LWE launch. Also, it should be noted that ALL of the indicators have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pages 2 & 3 provide the data sources and a brief discussion regarding each of the indicators. \*Data collected in 2022.

Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed						
Goal 1: Children will grow up in a stable, safe and supportive community						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Children in Indicated Reports of Abuse & Maltreatment		25.1/1,000 children (2017)	21.4/1,000 children (2020)		14.7% decrease	
Firearm related index crimes, general population crimes		10.1/10,000 population (2017)	10.3/10,000 population (2018)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Goal 2: Children will achieve comprehensive health						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Students Overweight or Obese		33% (2014-2016)	31.9% (2017-2019)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Incidence of Preterm Birth		10% (2016)	10.3% (2018)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Goal 3: Children will realize their greatest potential						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Grade 3 ELA Proficiency		48% (2017/18)	47% (2018/19)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 8 ELA Proficiency		41% (2017/18)	40% (2018/19)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 3 Math Proficiency		51% (2017/18)	48% (2018/19)		Latest data available pre LWE	
Grade 8 Math Proficiency		23% (2017/18)	28% (2018/19)		Latest data available pre LWE	
High School Dropout Rate		7.1% (2017/18)	5.4% (2019/20)		24% decrease	
Empower Working Families						
Goal 1: Families in Erie County will have safe, affordable housing						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Families in Erie County who are considered housing cost burdened by income**	Below \$20,000		86.6% (2018)	86.8% (2020)		Over the past decade the % of housing cost burdened families is increasing for those with incomes under \$50,000
	\$20,000-\$34,999		60.9% (2018)	59.5% (2020)		
	\$35,000-\$49,999		26.3% (2018)	28.4% (2020)		
	\$50,000-\$74,999		11.9% (2018)	11.4% (2020)		
	\$75,000+		1.9% (2018)	2.3% (2020)		
Erie County Residents that are discriminated against when seeking housing		213 (2018)	320 (2021)		Increased outreach and Covid-19 and eviction moratorium likely affected this indicator	
Incidence of high blood level rate per 1,000 tested children aged < 72 months		15.1/1,000 (2018)	Not available		Data not available for update	
Goal 2: Families in Erie County will have greater financial security						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Households in Erie County living at the ALICE level		27.49% (2018)	Not available		Data not available for update	
Goal 3: Families in Erie County will have access to quality, affordable childcare						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Capacity of Childcare Programs		29,495 (2018)	27,561 (3/2022)		See discussion on following pages	
Supporting Our Seniors						
Goal 1: Older Adults will be able to maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
Percent 65 and over with an independent living difficulty		13.7% (2017)	13.2% (2020)		Slight decrease	
65 + living in same residence for one year or more****		94.7% (2017)	95% (2020)		Slight increase	
Goal 2: Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2022 Update	Change	Comment	
AARP Overall Livability Score**		57 (2018)	Not available		Expected that this report will be updated in 2022	
Goal 3: Older adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives						
Indicator	Goal	Erie County Baseline*	2021 Update	Change	Comment	
65+ at or above 125% of the poverty level*		86.9% (2017)	87.5% (2020)		Slight increase	

\*Adjusted data to ACS 5-Year Estimates

\*\* This indicator added in 2022

## Data Sources and Discussion

The impact of Covid-19 on our community has been profound and it has impacted every area that we are working to improve. Soon after the launch of Live Well Erie in late 2019, Covid-19 became the focus of much of our collective work. Covid-19 also delayed the release of data and for new data that has been released, further explanation is required in order to better understand the changes we have reported. Live Well Erie continues to strive for transparency and provides the following to provide a more complete understanding of the data and the factors influencing any changes we've observed in the 2022 Data Snapshot.

Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed		
Goal 1: Children will grow up in a stable, safe and supportive community		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Children in Indicated Reports of Abuse & Maltreatment	NYS Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse: <a href="https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=107">https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=107</a>	The number of reports may have been impacted by many of the school districts operating in a virtual environment and staff not being able to see their students in person or have opportunities to discuss any concerns that the student may present.
Firearm related index crimes, general population crimes	NYS Kids' Well-being Indicator Clearinghouse: <a href="https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=47">https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=47</a>	
Goal 2: Children will achieve comprehensive health		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Students Overweight or Obese	NYS Department of Health: <a href="https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=/EBI/PHIG/apps/chir_dashboard/chir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=Jg63&amp;cos=14">https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=/EBI/PHIG/apps/chir_dashboard/chir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=Jg63&amp;cos=14</a>	
Incidence of Preterm Birth	NYS Department of Health: <a href="https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=%2FEBI%2FPHIG%2Fapps%2Fchir_dashboard%2Fchir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=lb43&amp;cos=14">https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=%2FEBI%2FPHIG%2Fapps%2Fchir_dashboard%2Fchir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=lb43&amp;cos=14</a>	
Goal 3: Children will realize their greatest potential		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Grade 3 and 8 ELA Proficiency	NYS Department of Education: <a href="https://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php">https://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php</a>	No data was collected by NYSED in 2019/20 and the data collected in 2020/21 was limited and not representative of the school population, therefore LWE chose not to include this data.
Grade 3 and 8 Math Proficiency		
High School Dropout Rate	NYS Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse: <a href="https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=376">https://www.nyskwic.org/get_data/indicator_profile.cfm?subindicatorID=376</a>	
Empower Working Families		
Goal 1: Families in Erie County will have safe, affordable housing		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Families in Erie County who are considered housing cost burdened by income**	US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Table S2503	Over the past decade the % of housing cost burdened households is increasing for households with incomes under \$50,000. The % is significantly higher for households that rent (46%) compared to those with a mortgage (16.9%) in 2020.
Erie County Residents that are discriminated against when seeking housing	Erie County Fair Housing Board	The increase in 2021 was likely due to several factors. There was increased outreach in 2021 including the purchase of billboards in several prominent locations. Also, because of COVID-19 and the eviction moratorium, antidotally there were several complaints regarding harassment by landlords who sought to remove tenants by extrajudicial means, often by refusing to provide essential services or make needed repairs.
Incidence of high blood level rate per 1,000 tested children aged < 72 months	NYS Department of Health: <a href="https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=/EBI/PHIG/apps/chir_dashboard/chir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=Cg28&amp;cos=14">https://webb1.health.ny.gov/SASStoredProcess/guest?_program=/EBI/PHIG/apps/chir_dashboard/chir_dashboard&amp;p=ctr&amp;ind_id=Cg28&amp;cos=14</a>	Data not available for update
Goal 2: Families in Erie County will have greater financial security		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Households in Erie County living at the ALICE level	United Way of Buffalo and Erie County: <a href="https://unitedforalice.org/county-profiles/new-york">https://unitedforalice.org/county-profiles/new-york</a>	United Way's schedule to update data is every 2 years. The 2020 update focused on COVID related metrics, not this particular metric.
Goal 3: Families in Erie County will have access to quality, affordable childcare		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Capacity of Childcare Programs	Child Care Resource Network	In the previous update the number of child care slots was expanded, primarily due to Erie County sponsored child care slots for school age children. That program expired during 2021 and the County is currently assessing child care resources, costs to operate child care services, etc. toward better understanding the current situation and barriers.
Supporting Our Seniors		
Goal 1: Older Adults will be able to maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
Percent 65 and over with an independent living difficulty	US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Table S1810	
65 + living in same residence for one year or more****	US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Table S0102	
Goal 2: Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
AARP Overall Livability Score	AARP - <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search/Erie%20County,%20New%20York,%20United%20States">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search/Erie%20County,%20New%20York,%20United%20States</a>	This indicator added in 2022 and the report is expected to be updated by AARP in 2022. The score of 57 for the County is in the top half of communities in the US.
Goal 3: Older adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives		
Indicator	Data Source	Discussion
65+ at or above 125% of the poverty level****	US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Table S1703 Selected Characteristics of People at Specified Levels of Poverty in Past 12 Months	