

Marion Health and Poverty Stats:

There are 612 school districts in the state of Ohio. Of those 612 schools, Marion City Schools ranks 580th in regards to average gross income, meaning that Marion, Ohio ranks in the bottom 6% of schools in regards to parental income.

Marion also finds itself in the bottom percentile in regards to health outcomes in the state of Ohio. Out of 88 counties, Marion ranks 66 in health outcomes, which ranks current health, and 73 in health factors, which rates factors that predict future health. Whereas our numbers have improved in 2020, we still find ourselves in the bottom third of the state.

Embedded in these statistics are more troubling trends and health factors that must be addressed. We are in the top percentile of teenage pregnancy, adult smoking, obesity and 25% of our kids live in poverty. In the children in poverty statistic, we are one of roughly 18 counties that has a rate of 25% or higher. We are one of a few counties that have a 25% or higher rate of children in poverty that is not part of the appalachian footprint or in a county with a large urban population/area. In Marion, we also saw ourselves at the bottom end of overdose statistics. Between 2013-2018, there were only 13 more counties in the state of Ohio with a higher drug overdose rate than Marion. Most of these counties were also in the appalachian footprint of Ohio or close to or part of large urban areas.

Other statistic to consider concerning Marion City youth:

- Diversion data, 2018:
205 youth out of 274 youth (75%)
Delinquency complaints, 230/280 (82%)
Status offense complaints, 59/78 (76%)
- Diversion data, 2019:
134 youth out of 235 youth (57%)
Delinquency complaints, 122/245 (50%)
Status offense complaints, 12/25 (48%)
- 2018 Probation:
Total youth: 134
Marion City: 110
% = 82%
- 2019 Probation:
Total youth: 79
Marion City: 61
% = 77%

It should be noted that due to the odd nature of 2020, I chose not to include statistics from this specific year.

Below are figures from Jeff Marsh in regards to what it costs to operate our city buses daily.

Cost per day	\$3,219
Cost per hour	\$55.58
Cost per ride	\$10.29
Cost per mile	\$6.57

If the city of Marion could provide transportation to students in low income areas for two hours a night two nights per week, the weekly cost would be \$222.32. If were able to provide this service for a full calendar year, the cost would be \$11,560.64.

Reference:

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