**Education**

Children's academic success in later years depends heavily on their kindergarten readiness.

30,000 AT-RISK CHILDREN

ARE NOT ENROLLED IN PRESCHOOL

**Kindergarten Readiness**

United Way

MORE THAN 800 LOW-INCOME CHILDREN BIRTH TO 5 YEARS were prepared to enter kindergarten through United Way supported licensed child care and early education programs.

High school graduation leads to higher earnings, greater productivity, and economic growth.

ONLY 71.9% OF LOW-INCOME STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN WASHTENAW COUNTY COMPARED TO A COUNTY-WIDE RATE OF 87.3%.

United Way

MORE THAN 1,600 LOW-INCOME YOUTH received supports to help them stay in school and make academics gains as a result of participating in programs supported by United Way.

**Financial Stability**

Maximizing their EITC helps individuals meet their basic needs, which increase their health, safety and financial stability.

APPROXIMATELY 20% of low- to moderate-income workers do not claim the earned income tax credit (EITC)

United Way

MORE THAN $1.8 MILLION was returned to Washtenaw County residents by trained volunteers who filed more than 1500 state and federal returns for low-income workers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) initiative in 2016 and 2017.

**Senior Well-Being**

Seniors who live alone are at increased risk of experiencing social isolation and dementia symptoms.

OVER HALF (52%) OF SENIORS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY LIVE ALONE.

United Way

MORE THAN 4,700 SENIORS were able to maintain their financial and physical independence by receiving legal, home and health services from programs supported by United Way.

United Way

MORE THAN 11,000 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS received nutritious food and meals from Food Gatherers and Meals on Wheels' programs that are supported by United Way.

**Health**

Consistent access to nutritious foods is necessary for leading a healthy and active life.

1 IN 3 STUDENTS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH. THIS IS AN INDICATOR OF SCHOOL POVERTY AND FOOD INSECURITY.

**Food Insecurity**

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**Health Outcomes**

Health outcomes can be affected by where a person lives.

ON AVERAGE, AFRICAN AMERICANS, LIVE 13 YEARS LESS THAN WHITE RESIDENTS.

HISPANIC RESIDENTS LIVE 20 YEARS LESS THAN WHITE RESIDENTS.

United Way

OVER 11,000 low-income, uninsured and under-insured individuals received access to health care through safety-net clinics or assistance with health insurance enrollment, through agencies supported by United Way.

Sources: State Preschool Profile, National Institute for Early Education Research; Washtenaw Coordinated Funders 2016-2017 program operations grantee data; Washtenaw Alliance for Healthy Children and Youth; Internal Revenue Service; 60+ Survey of Washtenaw County, September 2014; Michigan Department of health and Human Services mortality statistics, 2011
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VOLUNTEER

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We connect people, resources and organizations together to create a thriving community for everyone.

VISION

We envision an equitable community where opportunity is not limited and every member reaches their full potential.

VALUES

Equity • Inclusiveness
Community • Integrity
Volunteerism • Caring

By 2030 we aspire to live in a community where your zip code no longer determines your opportunity in life.