



Community Indicators

One of the first publications of the 21st Century Council was a Quality of Life Report in 1991. Since then a number of data reports highlighted indicators of areas for concern as well as community progress. The measures themselves were reviewed several times over the last 20 years to reflect data sources that could be examined in multi-year formats and could give a picture of the status of key aspects of Quality of Life in our community.

With limited resources and a desire to broaden the accessibility of interested citizens to Quality of Life data, the online approach to community indicators has changed. The 21st Century Council will maintain a list of indicators, updated annually, with links to relevant sources of the most current data. Community members will be encouraged to contribute to the selection of indicators and reliable data sources.

A more substantive analysis of priority or high interest indicators will be encouraged in a new section called **Community Indicators Mini-Studies**. Individuals and groups will be invited to contribute their research and analysis skills to these areas. A standard format will be followed: a description of the indicator and its importance; a graph and analysis of multi-year data; a summary of current community efforts; a summary of national and international best practices; and policy or other action recommendations. These brief studies from students, individuals, groups or organizations in the community will be posted on the 21st Century Council and other web sites. It is hoped they will be used to support conversations about strategies and policy decisions that can positively impact an aspect of our community's Quality of Life.

If you would like to contribute to the Community Indicators Mini-Studies please contact:

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