



This snapshot of conditions in OVO was produced using data sources, including surveys of OVO clients and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The client survey covered seven different needs categories, and participating respondents ranked the needs in each category according to the most needed. The following are the top needs for each category for OVO.

NEEDS CATEGORIES	TOP CLIENT NEEDS	SPECIFYING NEED
Adult skills training	GED classes	36%
Financial skills training	Applying for benefits	48%
Household support (Family)	Youth programs	57%
Household support (Services)	Healthy relationships	52%
Food	Food assistance	82%
Home maintenance & repair	Insulation/weatherization	68%
Affordable housing	Help for electric/gas/water bills	78%

OVO Client Survey Highlights

- 52% of clients surveyed have used the agency four (4) or more times in the last year
- 86% of clients stated that the customer service received from the CAA staff was either excellent or good
- 96% of clients stated that they were highly likely or likely to return to the CAA for additional services
- 79% of the clients surveyed have a checking account and 42% of the clients have a savings account
- 20% of the clients have a credit card
- 30% indicated that they use check cashing or cash advance services
- 50% of the clients stated that cost of obtaining childcare is an issue
- 38% of clients have not been able to obtain rental housing because they do not have the money for a security deposit and/or the first or last month's rent
- 40% of clients state that a physical disability hinders employment

OVO Fast Facts OVO INDIANA

Population, 2013	84,671 1.3% of Indiana's Total Population	6,570,902
% Hispanic, 2013	2.0%	6.2%
Most populated city, 2013	Scottsburg, Scott County; 6,731	Indianapolis, Marion County; 843,393
Poverty rate, 2013	15.7%	14.8%
Unemployment rate, 2013	7.1%	6.9%
Number of drug arrests (per 1,000 people), 2012	10.59	4.11



OVERVIEW OF OVO DEMOGRAPHICS

Table 1 displays the percent change of the population by age in OVO and Indiana from 2009 to 2013. The largest change in OVO was for residents who are 65 or older. The number of residents who are 18 to 24 years old decreased at a faster rate than the state.

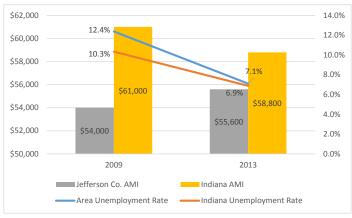
Table 1: Age of OVO Residents

	Under 5 Yrs	5-17 Yrs	18-24 Yrs	25-44 Yrs	45-64 Yrs	65 or Older
OVO	-7.7%	-2.6%	5.6%	-8.1%	3.9%	11.1%
Indiana	-5.6%	1.9%	3.5%	-1.2%	3.7%	10.4%

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 Year Estimates

ECONOMIC STATUS OF OVO

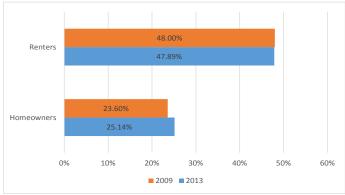
Figure 1: Changes in Area Median Income and Unemployment in OVO Compared to Indiana



Indiana Business Research Center, STATS Indiana, Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Overview, 2009 & 2013; Housing and Urban Development Data Sets, FY 2009 and FY 2013 Income Limits

Figure 1 compares the changes in the Area Median Income (AMI) and the unemployment rate for OVO and the state. AMI is used by HUD to define the income limits for Housing Choice and other housing programs. The AMI used for OVO is the AMI for Jefferson County. OVO's AMI has remained lower than Indiana's in both years. In 2013, the unemployment rate in OVO was 7.0% and Indiana's was 6.9%.

Figure 2: Residents Paying Over Thirty Percent of their Income on Housing Expenses (Excessive Housing Burden)



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Figure 2 is a comparison of housing cost burden for OVO between 2009 and 2013. Almost 50% of renters spend at least 30% of their income to pay rent and utilities. The number of homeowners who are experiencing the burden of excessive housing costs has increased to 25%.

Table 2: OVO Needs for Food Stamp and Free/Reduced Lunches

	2009	2013	2009-2013 % Change
OVO Food Stamps	13.9%	15.8%	3.5%
Indiana Food Stamps	11.4%	14.0%	17.2%
OVO Free/Reduced Lunch	47.9%	50.8%	13.9%
Indiana Free/Reduced Lunch	38.0%	43.7%	26.3%



The percent of the population who qualify for food stamps and free or reduced lunches has increased slower in OVO than in Indiana. Over 50% of children in OVO qualify for free or reduced school lunch-

Table 3: Poverty Rate Compared to State, OVO by County, 2013

	Total in Poverty	Poverty Rate	Children in Poverty	Child Poverty Rate	Seniors in Poverty	Senior Poverty Rate
Jefferson	4,123	12.7%	1,465	21.3%	439	8.6%
Jennings	4,644	16.4%	1,733	24.6%	172	4.3%
Scott	4,493	18.7%	1,757	31.3%	374	10.3%
OVO	13,260	15.7%	4,955	24.5%	985	7.7%
Indiana	969,881	14.8%	342,185	21.6%	60,818	6.6%

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 5 Year Estimates

Table 3 displays the poverty rates of OVO residents by county. OVO has higher poverty rate than Indiana. Jennings is the only county that has senior poverty rates lower than the state.

DRUG RELATED ARRESTS

Community discussions cited most often the negative impact of drug and substance abuse with heroin and methamphetamine. Table 4 shows the number of arrests for synthetic drugs (methamphetamine) and opiates (heroin). This data may be used to provide insight into the level of substance abuse in the CAA. It also lists the totals for the state and provides an overall drug arrest rate for comparison.

Table 4: Drug Related Arrests

	2012 Total Drug Arrests	2012 Drug Arrests per 1,000	2012 Synthetic Drug Arrests	2012 Opiate Drug Arrests	2009-12 Change in Total Drug Arrests
OVO	899	10.59	92	108	-13.47%
Indiana	26674	4.11	3018	3109	-11.82%

National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, FBI Uniform Crime Reporting; County level data, Arrests, All Ages, 2009-2012



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of OVO residents who have completed high school or obtained a GED is higher than Indiana. However, none of the OVO counties match or exceed Indiana's percentage of residents with an Associate's degree or higher. The opportunity to increase educational attainment is accessible, as all counties have at least one 2-year degree program facility located in the county.

Figure 5: 2013 Educational Attainment of OVO Residents

	Less Than High School Diploma	High School Diploma or GED	Associate's Degree or Higher	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Jefferson	16.1%	59.9%	24.0%	17.8%
Jennings	14.7%	69.3%	16.1%	9.6%
Scott	21.3%	60.5%	18.2%	11.5%
OVO	17.1%	63.1%	19.8%	13.3%
Indiana	12.8%	56.2%	31.1%	23.2%

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