



**SECTION ONE  
DKD Measures (Measures 101)**

Community measures aggregate and summarize data at the level of the community. The community is usually defined on some type of physically defined geographic area (see Geography 101). These units may be as large as counties or as small as census tracts. Community measures are quantitative information about what has often been considered a qualitative subject: the well-being of communities. Because they are numbers, they can be measured and compared over time to find trends that tell communities where they have been and where they are likely headed. Communities usually divide their measures into several categories. In the case of DetroitKidsData the categories were chosen to reflect information important to children and families.

The following table gives the 4 main domains (color coded) of measures for DetroitKidsData. The table provides the number of measures identified in each category (Total) and the number for which data has been obtained and made available on the DetroitKidsData website (Data). Measures were originally identified as important for children and families and likely to be available for the entire three county area from an existing electronic data system. As of April 15, 2010, DetroitKidsData has data available for 183 of the 196 identified measures.

<b>Measurement Domains and SubCategories</b>	<b>Measures</b>	
	<u>Data</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>1. Predisposing/mediating measures of child health &amp; development</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>
a. Social Demographic	15	17
b. Community Health	6	8
c. Child Welfare	10	10
d. Educational Resources	6	9
<b>2. Developmental / Behavioral Factors</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>
a. School Enrollment	11	11
b. School Performance	10	12
c. Mental Health	0	3
<b>3. Health / Healthcare</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
a. Health Risk	11	11
b. Access to Services	27	28
c. Health Status	9	9
<b>4. Neighborhood demographic characteristics</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>
a. Age, Gender, Race	46	46
b. Households and Families	16	16
c. Income and Poverty	16	16
<b>Total Measures</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>196</b>