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**Fox Cities LIFE Study finds Calumet and Outagamie counties
have fastest salary growth rate in the Fox Cities**

New available data from the Fox Cities LIFE Study found that between 2014 and 2018, salaries in the Fox Cities area grew, with the fastest growth rates in Calumet and Outagamie counties.

The new data released also shows that although the region has generally affordable housing, transportation costs are high. Transportation costs can equate to approximately 25% of a household income. When that cost is combined with 25% of income spent on housing, a household spends half of their income on transportation and housing costs.

Housing cost estimates include: contract rent, mortgage payments, condominium fees, property taxes, homeowner's insurance, utilities, and fuels. Transportation costs are a function of automobile ownership, automobile use, transit use, and the household expenditures associated with those variables. A neighborhood is defined here as a Census block group.

These data points are part of the newly updated 31 data points within the study's categories of [basic needs](#), [economy](#), and [safety](#). Interactive charts and trend information are now available on the [Fox Cities LIFE Study website](#), with a summary of the new 31 data points on the "[What's New](#)" page. Data sources are: Oshkosh and Fox Cities area homeless shelters; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy; KIDS COUNT Data Center; Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc.; Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

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About the LIFE Study:

The Leading Indicators for Excellence (LIFE) Study provides a data-focused overview of the quality of life in the Fox Cities area. The LIFE Study began in 2001 and provides a look at how our community is doing. It provides insights, trends and data to gauge the quality of life in health and human services issues in the Fox Cities. The data presented should be a catalyst for community conversation about how we all can bring about important change, improve the quality of life, and

put effort to the greatest needs in our community. The study also is benchmarked against select counties, Wisconsin and the nation, with trending information.

The official research partner for the LIFE Study is The Polis Center of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). They specialize in working with their partners to define, measure, and actively improve community health, well-being, and resiliency. The center is responsible for data collection, evaluation, and visualizing the data for this website.

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