

# EDUCATION

## INDICATOR: COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

### MEASURE

Montcalm Community College (MCC) total credit enrollment, total non-credit and workforce development enrollment, and total degrees and certificates conferred.

### WHY IS THIS INDICATOR IMPORTANT?

In today's global market, education beyond high school is increasingly necessary to attain an individual's career and economic goals.

### A WORD ABOUT LITERACY

Literacy and life-long learning are vital to creating a county that offers a high quality of life for its residents. Higher literacy levels can mean employment and higher wages, aiding in mobility and economic opportunities. A number of Montcalm County organizations address literacy at all ages, including foster-grandparents/ school-based reading mentoring programs, Montcalm Adult and Community Education, and Montcalm Adult Reading Council. Unfortunately, limited data exists on the demographics of the population served and program success rates.

*NOTE: Data reported July 1–June 30. SOURCE: Montcalm Community College. Last updated December 3, 2009.*

### HOW WELL IS THE MONTCALM COMMUNITY DOING?

The residents of Montcalm County are becoming better educated. Montcalm Community College continues to play a vital role in advancing the education levels of county residents. Educational and training opportunities are available at the following locations: Sidney, Greenville, Howard City, Ionia, and at area high schools.

### GOAL FOR MONTCALM COUNTY

To increase the number of people who obtain post-secondary hours, degrees and certificates.

