

Community Health Needs Assessment Highlights

Demographics:

- Of the county's 50,410 residents, about 33% make less than \$35,000, while 29% make \$75,000 or more per year.
- Unemployment was 8.5% in late 2013
- In 2011, 14% of the population received food stamps, and nearly 15% of all citizens and 26.6% of children lived in poverty.

Education and Health:

- In 2011, about 58% of Camden residents had a high school diploma or less.
- Camden County survey respondents with higher educational levels report better health status, while the least healthy are those without a high school diploma.

Mortality:

- Between 1999 and 2010, the leading cause of death from disease was heart disease, followed by cancers, chronic respiratory disease, and stroke. Lung cancer was the primary cancer.
- Deaths from injury were, in order, from motor vehicle accidents, firearms, poisoning, and suffocation.

Morbidity:

- Hospital discharge rates indicate a disproportionately large number of the following diseases: high blood pressure, obstructive heart disease including heart attack, diabetes, and bone and muscle diseases.
- There were 150 reports of high levels of lead in the blood tests.
- In 2010, 152 cases of sexually transmitted diseases were reported.

Health Utilization and Resource Use:

- County Health Rankings estimates the total uninsured percentage at 17% in 2013. Half of uninsured persons in the survey had not seen a doctor in the last two years.
- Of all survey respondents, 24% had not seen a dentist in the past two years.
- Lack of mental health services in the county was identified by 11% of survey respondents.

Risk Factors:

- Of survey respondents, 10% of women and 12% of men binge drink at least once a month.
- Of survey respondents, 10% say that they smoke or use tobacco, although County Health Rankings reports that 22% of residents smoke.
- In 2012, there were 107 substantiated reports of child abuse, 7.3 per 1000.
- Social problems identified by respondents were the following: poverty – 22%; low paying jobs with no benefits – 21%; lack of personal responsibility – 14%, child abuse/neglect – 11%. Hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence were other concerns.
- 47% of survey respondents say they are overweight, 52% say that they do not eat a healthy diet, and 29% say that they never exercise.
- Primary health and safety risks by survey respondents are the following: sports injuries – 10%, falls – 6%, alcohol abuse – 5%, on the job injuries – 5%, motor vehicle accidents, 4%, drug abuse – 3%, and domestic violence – 3%.

Access the full Community Health Needs Assessment at http://www.gachd.org/counties/camden-1/camden_county_community_health.php.