



2015 Community Needs Assessment

Clark County 2015 Final Data – 509 Survey Assessments

Indiana University Center for Survey Research

In 2015, the Clark County Health Department along with Indiana University conducted a community needs assessment designed to identify the health issues of vulnerable populations and the community as a whole in Clark County.

The process included gathering an enormous amount of information regarding demographic, socioeconomic and health statistics, including health care resources and utilization rates. The data was analyzed to identify common issues, determine the size and seriousness of the problems identified, the impact of those issues on vulnerable populations and the importance to the community as a whole.

The findings were compiled into a comprehensive report. With this information, Clark Memorial Hospital is better able align its resources with local organizations and have a greater focus on providing more relevant health screenings, educational events, and community programs for those who need them most.

Gender

Male 167 Female 341

Residence Zip Code

43170	1
47106	17
47111	76
47112	1
47119	3
47126	15
47129	84
47130	200
47141	3
47143	17
47147	3
47150	1
47160	1
47162	4
47163	5
47172	72
47177	2
47179	1
47229	1
49130	1

Number of people living in your household

0	1
1	122
2	208
3	82
4	72
5	13
6	9
8	1

Children less than 18 years of age living in your household?

0	371
1	56
2	57
3	13
4	3

Birth Year

1922	1	1961	15
1924	2	1962	9
1927	3	1963	8
1928	1	1964	12
1929	3	1965	9
1930	3	1966	4
1931	3	1967	4
1932	3	1968	6
1933	10	1969	7
1934	2	1970	5
1935	7	1971	11
1936	4	1972	5
1937	5	1973	3
1938	4	1974	4
1939	7	1975	8
1940	4	1976	9
1941	3	1977	5
1942	9	1978	4
1943	10	1979	6
1944	11	1980	7
1945	7	1981	14
1946	8	1982	6
1947	17	1983	5
1948	15	1984	3
1949	14	1985	7
1950	17	1986	3
1951	17	1987	4
1952	12	1988	3
1953	13	1989	5
1954	13	1990	7
1955	14	1991	7
1956	12	1992	2
1957	9	1993	3
1958	9	1994	1
1959	12	1995	1
1960	12		

County of Residence

Not provided/invalid response	12
Clark	495
County outside of sample area	2

Ethnicity

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	7
White	476
Black or African American.....	25
American Indian or	11
Alaska Native	
Asian	3
Native Hawaiian or	
other Pacific Islander	3
Other	4

Overall health in general

Poor	18
Fair	65
Good	189
Very good	190
Excellent	47

Physical health

Poor	21
Fair	76
Good	195
Very good	168
Excellent	47

Mental health

Poor	8
Fair	25
Good	129
Very good	218
Excellent	126

Social well-being

Poor	12
Fair	26
Good	133
Very good	214
Excellent	121

Types of healthcare coverage

Medicaid.....	45
Medicare	175
Private (employer-based,	323
self-insured)	
Public (Healthy Indiana Plan,	36
Marketplace Obamacare)	

Last visit with a healthcare provider (nurse, doctor, nurse-practioner, etc.)

Within the past 6 months.....	280
Within the past year.....	53
Within the past 2 years	14
Within the past 5 years	10
More than 5 years ago.....	2
Don't remember/unsure	5

Do you have a person you think of as your personal healthcare provider?

No	80
Yes.....	413
Do not know	2

Number of persons receiving any of the following health-related services

Dental care	335
Mental health care.....	48
Drug or alcohol treatment.....	6
Tobacco/smoking cessaation.....	17
Getting prescription	408
medication	
Getting immunizations.....	278
such as a flu shot or others	
Care related to birth control	49
Prenatal or well-baby	27
Women, Infants, and	15
Children's(WIC) supported	
services	
Food stamps or SNAP	30
Chronic desease care.....	100
such as diabetes or	
heart attack	
Acute care, suh as.....	187
for a cold or ear infection,	
injury, or a fall	
Annual routine physical exam....	338

58 – Number of people in the past 12 months that needed prescription medicine but did not get it because they couldn't afford it?

How would you rate the following in terms of whether they have an influence on your ability to be healthy?

Access to health insurance coverage

Makes it easier for me to be	393
healthy	
Does not have any influence	77
on my health	
Makes it more difficult for me	17
to be healthy	
Does not exist in my	2
community	

Availability of transportation

Makes it easier for me to be	318
healthy	
Does not have any influence	144
on my health	
Makes it more difficult for me	11
to be healthy	
Does not exist in my	15
community	

Ease of scheduling a healthcare appointment

Makes it easier for me to be	357
healthy	
Does not have any influence	95
on my health	
Makes it more difficult for me	31
to be healthy	
Does not exist in my	3
community	

Access to parks, trails, or outdoor areas

Makes it easier for me to be	284
healthy	
Does not have any influence	184
on my health	
Makes it more difficult for me	8
to be healthy	
Does not exist in my	9
community	

Access to community recreation centers

Makes it easier for me to be	180
healthy	
Does not have any influence	278
on my health	
Makes it more difficult for me	4
to be healthy	
Does not exist in my	22
community	

Access to public libraries

Makes it easier for me to be ... 172
healthy

Does not have any influence .. 309
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 5
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 4
community

Access to churches or faith-based organizations

Makes it easier for me to be ... 243
healthy

Does not have any influence .. 239
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 1
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 5
community

Access to doctors in my community

Makes it easier for me to be ... 382
healthy

Does not have any influence 79
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 17
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 13
community

Availability of fresh fruits and vegetables at stores, community gardens, or markets

Makes it easier for me to be ... 408
healthy

Does not have any influence 65
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 8
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 8 community

Access to workplace wellness or employee wellness

Makes it easier for me to be ... 206
healthy

Does not have any influence .. 242
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 6
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 29
community

Availability of family support services, such as those related to domestic or relationship violence or family social services

Makes it easier for me to be ... 120
healthy

Does not have any influence .. 337
on my health

Makes it more difficult for me 3
to be healthy

Does not exist in my 21
community

Please indicate whether you have engaged in any of the following behaviors within the past 12 month:

I try to lose weight.

Yes, within the past 30 days..... 171

Yes, within the past 6 months74

Yes, within the past 12 months ...77

No, not within the past 162
12 months

Do not know 4

I try to maintain/keep a healthy weight.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....215

Yes, within the past 6 months59

Yes, within the past 12 months .140

No, not within the past 65
12 months

Do not know5

I smoke or used tobacco products daily or most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....66

Yes, within the past 6 months7

Yes, within the past 12 months ...20

No, not within the past381
12 months

Do not know5

I smoke vapor/e-cigarettes daily or most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....22

Yes, within the past 6 months8

Yes, within the past 12 months ... 16

No, not within the past427
12 months

Do not know8

I am physically active daily or most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....237

Yes, within the past 6 months62

Yes, within the past 12 months .119

No, not within the past 65
12 months

Do not know 4

I get 7 or more hours of sleep daily or on most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....222

Yes, within the past 6 months37

Yes, within the past 12 months .117

No, not within the past 102
12 months

Do not know7

I eat home-cooked meals daily or on most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....258

Yes, within the past 6 months38

Yes, within the past 12 months .131

No, not within the past56
12 months

Do not know3

I eat fruits and vegetables with most of my meals daily or on most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....259

Yes, within the past 6 months 48

Yes, within the past 12 months .124

No, not within the past54
12 months

Do not know8

I consume sugar-sweetened drinks daily or on most days of the week.

Yes, within the past 30 days..... 139

Yes, within the past 6 months 43

Yes, within the past 12 months ...75

No, not within the past227
12 months

Do not know6

I drink at least 2 or more alcoholic drinks daily or most days of the week (alcohol is beer, wine, and/or liquor).

Yes, within the past 30 days..... 45

Yes, within the past 6 months26

Yes, within the past 12 months ...28

No, not within the past384
12 months

Do not know6

I use medication from a prescription that is not my own.

Yes, within the past 30 days.....5

Yes, within the past 6 months6

Yes, within the past 12 months3

No, not within the past464
12 months

Do not know8

I sought medical services at an emergency room.

Yes, within the past 30 days..... 19

Yes, within the past 6 months27

Yes, within the past 12 months ...52

No, not within the past387
12 months

Do not know4

I sought medical care at an urgent care clinic.

Yes, within the past 30 days	24
Yes, within the past 6 months	49
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	73
No, not within the past 12 months	334
Do not know	7

I participated in cancer screening.

Yes, within the past 30 days	33
Yes, within the past 6 months	40
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	76
No, not within the past 12 months	328
Do not know	9

I was injured from a fall.

Yes, within the past 30 days	16
Yes, within the past 6 months	14
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	32
No, not within the past 12 months	413
Do not know	8

I met with social groups or friends in the community.

Yes, within the past 30 days	214
Yes, within the past 6 months	33
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	58
No, not within the past 12 months	176
Do not know	6

I engage in unprotected sex.

Yes, within the past 30 days	73
Yes, within the past 6 months	10
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	20
No, not within the past 12 months	368
Do not know	10

I share needles with another person for medications or drugs.

No, not within the past 12 months	473
Do not know	9

I have sexual activity with another person while under the influence of alcohol.

Yes, within the past 30 days	19
Yes, within the past 6 months	5
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	11
No, not within the past 12 months	437
Do not know	8

I received a flu shot.

Yes, within the past 30 days	35
Yes, within the past 6 months	52
Yes, within the past 12 months	202
No, not within the past 12 months	198
Do not know	3

I received vaccines other than a flu shot.

Yes, within the past 30 days	22
Yes, within the past 6 months	30
Yes, within the past 12 months ...	68
No, not within the past 12 months	355
Do not know	10

In your opinion, how would you rate your community's overall health?

Poor	38
Fair	148
Good	239
Very good	62
Excellent	5

What do you think are the FIVE most important health issues affecting your community?

Basic needs: food, shelter, safety, transportation, access to primary health care

Not selected	247
Selected	258

Injuries: gun-related, car accidents, 4-wheeler accidents, falls

Not selected	450
Selected	55

Substance use: tobacco, alcohol, meth, heroin, marijuana, stimulants, prescription drugs

Not selected	115
Selected	390

Violence: suicide, homicide, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence

Not selected	379
Selected	126

Child abuse/safety: child abuse, child neglect

Not selected	376
Selected	129

Chronic diseases: diabetes, cancer, heart disease, stroke, COPD, high blood pressure, high cholesterol

Not selected	155
Selected	350

Infections disease/infections: HIV, chlamydia, TB, Hep C, food poisoning

Not selected	389
Selected	116

Well-baby: prenatal, antenatal care, teenage pregnancy, unintended pregnancy, unplanned pregnancy

Not selected	454
Selected	51

Obesity: eating unhealthy foods, lack of healthy food

Not selected	141
Selected	364

Lack of exercise: physical inactivity, access to walking trails, parks, sidewalks, recreational centers, bike lanes

Not selected	248
Selected	257

Mental/behavioral health: depression, stress, anxiety

Not selected	284
Selected	221

When thinking about how your county, city, or town allocated resources (staff or programs), how important is it to you that resources are allocated to each item below?

Clean outdoor air

Not at all important	10
Not very important	19
Somewhat important	82
Very important	382

Clean indoor air

Not at all important	9
Not very important	23
Somewhat important	100
Very important	357

Safe drinking water

Not at all important	4
Not very important	4
Somewhat important	25
Very important	462

Clean recreational water

Not at all important	6
Not very important	21
Somewhat important	123
Very important	338

Recycling programs

Not at all important	16
Not very important	44
Somewhat important	178
Very important	255

Access to healthy or fresh foods

Not at all important 8
 Not very important 9
 Somewhat important 72
 Very important..... 405

Available and accessible mental health care

Not at all important 6
 Not very important 25
 Somewhat important 129
 Very important..... 330

Teenage pregnancy prevention

Not at all important 12
 Not very important 30
 Somewhat important 140
 Very important..... 306

Domestic violence prevention

Not at all important 8
 Not very important 15
 Somewhat important 124
 Very important..... 345

Child abuse prevention

Not at all important 7
 Not very important 10
 Somewhat important 86
 Very important..... 389

Youth violence prevention

Not at all important 5
 Not very important 14
 Somewhat important 107
 Very important..... 362

Illegal prescription drug use prevention

Not at all important 5
 Not very important 24
 Somewhat important 84
 Very important..... 377

Tobacco use prevention

Not at all important 15
 Not very important 52
 Somewhat important 169
 Very important..... 252

Drug use or addiction services

Not at all important 7
 Not very important 21
 Somewhat important 99
 Very important..... 363

Impaired driving prevention

Not at all important 7
 Not very important 25
 Somewhat important 98
 Very important..... 359

Meth and heroin use prevention programs

Not at all important 9
 Not very important 30
 Somewhat important 117
 Very important..... 334

Access to health care

Not at all important 4
 Not very important 8
 Somewhat important 74
 Very important..... 406

Access to birth control

Not at all important 18
 Not very important 40
 Somewhat important 142
 Very important..... 289

Access to safe recreational opportunities

Not at all important 10
 Not very important 40
 Somewhat important 184
 Very important..... 256

Pest management

Not at all important 11
 Not very important 54
 Somewhat important 224
 Very important..... 197

Access to trails and walking paths

Not at all important 17
 Not very important 56
 Somewhat important 223
 Very important..... 194

Affordable housing

Not at all important 13
 Not very important 29
 Somewhat important 152
 Very important..... 295

Food availability

Not at all important 8
 Not very important 15
 Somewhat important 99
 Very important..... 370

Food safety

Not at all important 6
 Not very important 16
 Somewhat important 87
 Very important..... 381

Bike lanes

Not at all important 64
 Not very important 134
 Somewhat important 174
 Very important..... 118

Services for aging communities

Not at all important 7
 Not very important 24
 Somewhat important 144
 Very important..... 317

Services for the homeless

Not at all important 16
 Not very important 25
 Somewhat important 156
 Very important..... 294

Disaster/emergency preparedness/response

Not at all important 5
 Not very important 14
 Somewhat important 123
 Very important 348

During the past 12 months, to what extent have the following experiences applied to you personally?

I have been able to talk with a healthcare provider in the language with which I am most comfortable.

Never..... 42
 Seldom 15
 Sometimes 67
 Often 366

I have felt discriminated against by a healthcare provider because of my race, ethnicity, or culture.

Never..... 457
 Seldom 20
 Sometimes 9
 Often 7

I have had negative experiences in healthcare that caused me to lose trust in medical providers.

Never..... 253
 Seldom 116
 Sometimes 102
 Often 23

Healthcare providers have communicated with me in a respectful and clear manner.

Never..... 36
 Seldom 15
 Sometimes 85
 Often 355

I have felt discriminated against by a healthcare provider because of my medical condition or lifestyle.

Never.....	408
Seldom.....	45
Sometimes.....	33
Often.....	7

I have felt discriminated against by a healthcare provider because of my age.

Never.....	409
Seldom.....	52
Sometimes.....	23
Often.....	8

Which of the following best describes your participation in social services within your community within the past 12 months?

Food pantry

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	433
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	11
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	6
I sought and received this type of service.....	37

Homeless shelter

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	479
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	2
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	3
I sought and received this type of service.....	3

Free or emergency childcare help

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	466
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	9
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	6
I sought and received this type of service.....	6

Domestic abuse services

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	478
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	2
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	1
I sought and received this type of service.....	5

Employment services

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	442
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	19
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	8
I sought and received this type of service.....	19

Prenatal programs and breastfeeding support

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	470
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	4
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	1
I sought and received this type of service.....	12

Mental/behavioral health programs

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	436
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	19
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	5
I sought and received this type of service.....	28

Rural transit and/or city bus

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	450
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	9
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	13
I sought and received this type of service.....	16

Walk-in clinic

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	385
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	17
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	13
I sought and received this type of service.....	74

Township trustee assistance

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	444
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	11
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	16
I sought and received this type of service.....	16

Financial help, utility bills, etc.

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	422
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	23
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	20
I sought and received this type of service.....	21

Legal help

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	437
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	14
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	16
I sought and received this type of service.....	20

STI/STD testing, treatment, prevention

I did not feel the need for this type of service.....	471
I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.....	2
I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.....	4
I sought and received this type of service.....	11

Help finding health insurance

I did not feel the need for this type of service.423
 I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.20
 I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.21
 I sought and received this type of service.24

Substance abuse services

I did not feel the need for this type of service.473
 I felt I needed help in this area but did not look for help or ask anyone for help.2
 I tried to find help in the area but did not know where to turn or could not find help.4
 I sought and received this type of service.7

Considering all sources, which of the following best describes your total household income before taxes for 2014?

Less than \$15,00056
 \$15,000-\$24,99960
 \$25,000-\$34,99955
 \$35,000-\$49,99964
 \$50,000-\$74,99993
 \$75,000-\$99,99967
 \$100,000-\$149,99964
 \$150,000 or more.....22

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Unable to work.....31
 Retired.....156
 Student.....5
 Homemaker.....25
 Out of work for less than 1 year ...8
 Out of work for 1 year or more.....5
 Self-employed.....28
 Employed for wages238

Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you completed?

Some high school23
 High School diploma or GED recipient.....134
 Some college118
 Associate degree55
 Bachelor's degree80
 Graduate or professional degree or beyond.....78
 Other5

More specifically, which of the following best describes the highest level of education you completed?

7th Grade1
 9th Grade1
 Apprenticeship Program.....1
 Beauty School1
 Business College 2 Years1
 Certificate Diploma from College1
 Had to leave school at 11th Grade1
 Masters.....1
 Military Schools and Employer Schools.....1
 One Class from Bachelors Degree1
 Pre K.....1
 Retired RN.....1
 Some Trade School.....1
 Vocational School1
 Will be getting Associates Degree at end of year.....1

How frequently have you used the following websites and search methods on a cell phone (smartphone) to seek health-related information in the past 12 months?

Google, Bing, Yahoo
 Never.....143
 Seldom26
 Sometimes105
 Often192

Facebook
 Never.....272
 Seldom40
 Sometimes53
 Often98

Medical sites (Medline, American Cancer Society, WebMD etc.)

Never.....201
 Seldom61
 Sometimes126
 Often74

Blogs

Never.....364
 Seldom50
 Sometimes35
 Often9

Twitter

Never.....415
 Seldom21
 Sometimes11
 Often10

Other

Never.....288
 Seldom23
 Sometimes35
 Often18
 Total364

I do not own or have access to a smartphone/cellphone148

Mode of survey completion

Paper.....418
 Web91

How this report was prepared.

This report was prepared by the Indiana University Center for Survey Research. The IU School of Public Health contracted with the Center for Survey Research to assist a group of Indiana counties with their community health needs assessment in Spring/Summer 2015.

Summary Overview

Indiana University School of Public Health (SPH), in partnership with a cooperative group of six Indiana counties, including representatives from the IU Health system, contracted with the Center for Survey Research (CSR) to conduct a survey about health needs and attitudes. The planning for the survey, to provide data for the counties as part of a larger community health needs assessment, began in fall 2014. Goals of the project were for IU Health to fulfill a biannual assessment requirement and the county health departments to take steps toward accreditation.

The survey was developed by the CSR and SPH with input from county representatives. The survey was launched on July 8, 2015 and data collection concluded on September 11, 2015. Sampled households in Clark, Dubois, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, and Monroe counties were contacted and asked to complete the online survey or a paper questionnaire. The overall response rate was 29.8%.

Data Collection Methodology

Sample Design

The target population for the 2015 Indiana Community Health Needs Assessment Survey consisted of noninstitutionalized adult residents, aged 18 years or older, in the six participating Indiana counties: Clark, Dubois, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, and Monroe. The sample was randomly drawn from an address-based sampling frame of each county, consisting of residential, non-business addresses, excluding P.O. boxes, seasonal/vacation, vacant, only way to get mail and throwback, and drop-off point addresses; rural addresses were included in the frame. At the household level, participants in the study were randomized by a respondent-selection that selected the adult with the most recent birthday to complete the survey.

Sample lists of 2,000 records per county were purchased from Marketing Systems Group who assured the CSR of the coverage for the target population. The lists included postal address, FIPS code (county designator), and appended demographic information for the head of household regarding income, marital status, home ownership status, and education. Upon receipt of the sample, it was stored in a secure database created and maintained by the CSR and was reviewed and corrected for any clerical errors.

Research Design

CSR proposed and implemented an embedded experimental design for the 2015 Indiana Community Health Needs Assessment Survey that tested the efficiency of an online administration of the survey, in view of possible repeat administration, against the expected response rate gains of a postal mail administration.

Questionnaire and Recruitment Design

Questionnaire development for the 2015 Indiana Community Health Needs Assessment Survey occurred over a period of two and a half months (early April through mid-June 2015). Development consisted of CSR reviewing and providing extensive suggested alterations to the original draft provided by SPH and meeting and collaborating closely with SPH and representatives from the counties and IU Health, who made final decisions with regard to the questionnaire.

The final questionnaire included 146 items covering health topics such as health and quality of life and access to health care, type of health insurance, health behaviors, views on personal and community health, and opinions on the most important health challenges facing the respondent's community.

The online version of the questionnaire was programmed using the CSR's native ColdFusion-based web survey tool and rigorously tested. A mobile-compatible version was also produced.

The questionnaire was also formatted for printing, and CSR contracted with Scantron Corporation to print 17,000 copies for mailing to county residents. The paper questionnaire was an eight-page booklet stapled in the center.

Both the web and paper surveys included specific directions as to how to select the adult in the household who is to complete the survey.

CSR developed six letters for the two experimental groups: a pre-letter, two invitations, and three follow-ups. SPH provided input and final approval of the letters.

Data Collection

The field period for the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey was July 10, 2015 through September 11, 2015. All sampled addresses were included in the data collection.

Final Disposition and Response Rates

Final dispositions for all cases were classified according to the American Association for Public Opinion Research's (AAPOR) *Standard Definitions: Final Dispositions of Case Codes and Outcome Rates for Surveys, 8th edition*.