

Community Needs Assessment

Primary Data

Cannon County Community Health Assessment Survey

The Community Health Assessment Survey provides a profile of perceived health care needs and problems facing the community. Its purpose is to obtain subjective data from a cross section of the health care services, problems and needs in the county. The survey includes questions about the health and social problems affecting the community as well as the availability, adequacy, accessibility and level of satisfaction of health care services in the community. The community survey is not a scientific random sample of the community, however it does represent a cross section of the community, i.e. young families, single parents, the elderly, farmers, business leaders, rural residents, etc. The community development staff distributed the Community Health Assessment Survey to the health council members, who then circulated the surveys throughout the community. Results of the survey were tabulated and analyzed using the “Epi Info” computer software. The community development staff presented the final results and analysis of the survey to the county health council. The following list identifies the perceived problems facing the Cannon County community based on the survey results.

		Top Ten Issues Highlighted
Smoking	72%	
Teen Alcohol/Drug Abuse	68%	
High Blood Pressure	66%	
Heart Conditions	65%	
Adult Alcohol Abuse	64%	
Adult Drug Abuse	57%	
Diabetes	55%	
Obesity	55%	
Smokeless Tobacco	55%	
Teen Pregnancy	54%	
Arthritis	54%	
Stress	52%	
Lack of Sex Education	46%	
Child Abuse/Neglect	41%	
Domestic Violence	40%	
School Dropout	39%	
Depression	39%	
Asthma	38%	
Lung Cancer	36%	
Breast Cancer	34%	
Motor Vehicle Deaths	34%	
Poor Nutrition for the Elderly	32%	
School Safety	32%	
Poor Nutrition for Children	31%	
Eating Disorders	31%	
Poverty	31%	