

Community Needs Assessment

Primary Data

DeKalb 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 DeKalb County based on the survey results.

		Top Ten Issues Highlighted
Teen Pregnancy	77%	
Teen Alcohol/Drug Abuse	75%	
Adult Alcohol Abuse	69%	
Smoking	68%	
Adult Drug Abuse	68%	
Stress	55%	
High Blood Pressure	53%	
Smokeless Tobacco	53%	
Heart Conditions	52%	
Domestic Violence	50%	
Crime	49%	
Child Abuse/Neglect	46%	
Obesity	46%	
Depression	46%	
Diabetes	45%	
Arthritis	44%	
Lack of Sex Education	42%	
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	37%	
Youth Violence	35%	
Lung Cancer	35%	
Other Cancer	35%	
Motor Vehicle Deaths	34%	
Poverty	34%	
School Dropouts	33%	
Poor Nutrition for Children	32%	