

C O M M U N I T Y N E E D S A S S E S S M E N T

P r i m a r y D a t a

Where appropriate, the SCRHC committees used primary data to focus their efforts to the local setting.

- Survey of Residents in two Memphis communities identified as underserved
- Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) - Designed by the Center for Disease Control and conducted annually by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

S e c o n d a r y D a t a

Shelby County Regional Health Council members were provided with an extensive amount of socio-demographics, health status, and health resource information. The secondary data were compiled by the staff of the Community Development Section. Data reports from the State Department of Health, Memphis & Shelby County Health Department (MSCHD), and Memphis Alliance for Public Health Research (MAP) were especially useful when benchmarked with national and/or regional data.

Types of Data Gathered and Utilized

- Demographic Information, collected by the Census Department, with comparisons by census tract and zip code for the Memphis metropolitan area:
 - Age
 - Race
 - Marital Status
 - Poverty Status
 - Family/Household Status
- Population, Housing, and Economic Analysis, 1970-1990, prepared by the Memphis and Shelby County Division of Planning and Development
- Area Socio-Health Profiles for Shelby County Planning Districts, prepared for the Community Health Agency
- Health Provider Data
 - Primary Care Physicians
 - number and full time equivalent in primary care specialties
 - TennCare MCOs
 - number of enrollees
 - number and type of gatekeeper physicians
 - Underserved Areas
 - detailed data by census tract submitted to office of shortage designation, HHS