

Community Needs Assessment

Primary Data

Van Buren 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 Van Buren County based on the survey results.

		Top Ten Issues Highlighted
Smoking	71%	
Teen Alcohol/Drug Abuse	55%	
Adult Alcohol Abuse	52%	
Adult Drug Abuse	48%	
Teen Pregnancy	47%	
Smokeless Tobacco	46%	
High Blood Pressure	45%	
Breast Cancer	38%	
Heart Conditions	36%	
Obesity	33%	
Lung Cancer	32%	
Lack of Sex Education	32%	
Arthritis	32%	
Stress	32%	
Diabetes	31%	
Unemployment	31%	
School Dropout	30%	
Other Cancer	28%	
Poverty	22%	
Child Abuse/Neglect	22%	
Depression	19%	
Prostrate Cancer	17%	
Domestic Violence	17%	
Colon Cancer	16%	
Asthma	16%	