



# Mon Health Medical Center

*Community Health Needs Assessment  
as part of Mon County Collaborative*

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# Document Acronyms

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The following acronyms are used throughout this document:

Acronym	Definition
ACA	Affordable Care Act
CHIP	Community Health Implementation Plan
CHNA	Community Health Needs Assessment
MCHD	Monongalia County Health Department
MHMC	Mon Health Medical Center
WVUHS	West Virginia University Health System
WVU OHA	West Virginia University Office of Health Affairs

# 1 Background and Introduction

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Provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 require tax-exempt (non-profit) hospitals to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and develop a Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) at least every three years. The regulations for the CHNA include defining the hospital's service area and compiling demographics and analysis of health indicators; taking into account input from the community, including public health professionals; identifying resources; and prioritizing community health needs.

The 2022 Mon Health Medical Center (MHMC) CHNA meets the requirements described above and identifies the following prioritized needs:

- Substance Use and Abuse & Mental Health
- Cancer
- Obesity, Co-Morbid Illness, and Physical Activity

This document serves as a roadmap for the CHIP, which will be developed following the completion of the 2022 CHNA and will specify planned actions to be taken by MHMC and community partners, available resources, anticipated steps, and a plan for evaluating these activities. In addition to the prioritized health topics, leadership recognized prevalent themes of poverty and access to care in their community input. For this reason, their CHIP will include programming across all health topics developed with these systemic issues in mind. To facilitate this goal, Mon Health partnered with West Virginia University's Office of Health Affairs (WVU OHA) to complete this CHNA using a robust community-based process designed to engage a broad representation of community members. The WVU team was led by Dr. Megan Govindan. A CHNA leadership team including hospital and community representation was convened by MHMC to inform and guide the process.

## 1.1 About Mon Health Medical Center

Mon Health Medical Center is a 160-bed acute care hospital located in Morgantown, WV. The hospital began as Monongalia County Hospital which was spearheaded in the 1920's by the volunteer Women's Hospital Association and officially sanctioned by the county government in 1923. The hospital was renamed to Mon General Hospital and is now known as Mon Health Medical Center. The hospital offers a full range of excellent centers and services such as surgical care, heart and vascular, cardiac care, cancer, family birth, women's imaging, endoscopy, and an emergency department. In 2022 the Mon Health System and Charleston Area Medical Center Health System merged to form a new system named Vandalia Health.

## 1.2 Previous CHNA Findings

The most recent CHNA was adopted in 2020. It included a review of secondary data to assess socioeconomic characteristics, as well as key risk factors facing the community. Primary data recently collected by another local hospital was reviewed by the OHA and MHMC teams together, and from there a supplemental survey was developed specifically for MHMC stakeholders. This supplemental

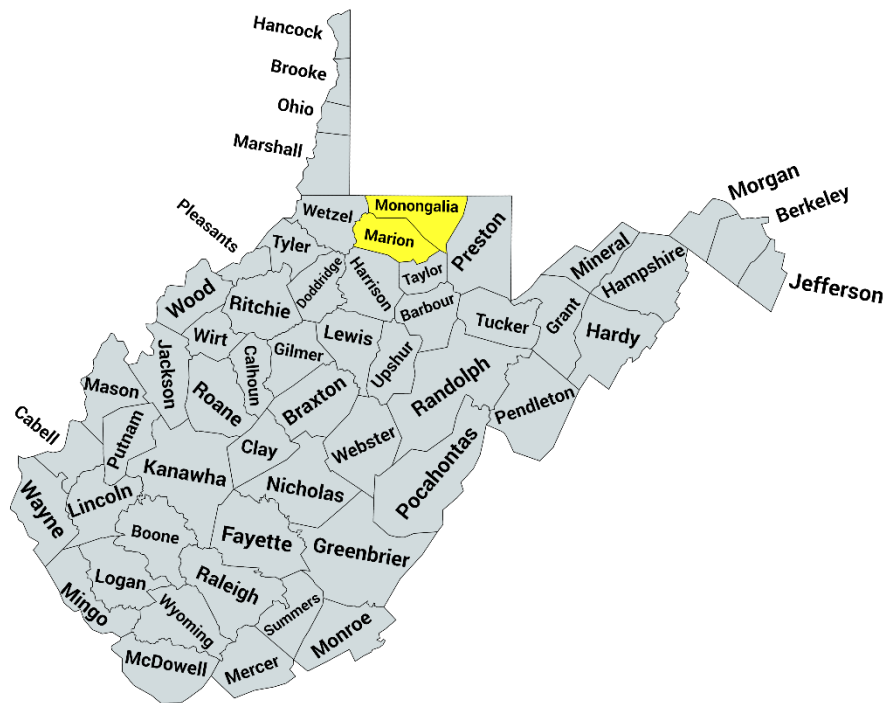
survey was administered to key partners of the MHMC community just prior to COVID-19 spreading in the U.S., but the team was able to consider all data together and finalize the 2022 CHNA just before having to fully pivot to clinical operations. The final report identified four main health priorities, with goals and strategies for each:

- Cancer
- Substance Use and Abuse
- Mental Health
- Obesity

### 1.3 Description of the Community Served

For the 2022 process, three entities within Monongalia County came together to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment process together for the first time. Mon Health Medical Center, in partnership with WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital and the Monongalia County Health Department, collaborated to develop a cooperative data collection effort that would help collectively meet reporting requirements for each. Due to clinic and campus locations beyond Monongalia County, this team defined the community served as Monongalia and Marion counties in West Virginia.

Figure 1: Mon Health Medical Center Service Area



The following table contains information from the US Census Bureau and shows the most current Quickfacts<sup>1</sup> (Appendix A) for the two counties in MHMC’s service area. It outlines some basic demographics, as well as information about health insurance coverage and poverty levels.

*Table 1: Select Demographic Data*

	<b>Monongalia</b>	<b>Marion</b>
Population	106,387	56,001
Residents under 18	16.5%	20.0%
Non-white or 1+ race	12.5%	7.6%
Hispanic or Latino	2.3%	1.4%
High school education or more	92.8%	90.2%
Bachelor’s degree or more	43.7%	23.1%
Under 65 yrs. and uninsured	9.2%	9.1%
Persons living in poverty	15.2%	13.2%

#### 1.4 Leadership Team and Community Partners

The following comprised Mon Health Medical Center’s CHNA leadership team and provided comprehensive input throughout the process of developing the CHNA. These individuals informed development the public input survey and were instrumental in dissemination for data collection within the community.

##### Leadership Team

- Rick Scherich, VP Finance
- David Goldberg, President and CEO
- Krystal Atkinson, Chief Nursing Officer
- Karen Friggens, VP Physician Services
- Romeo Tan, Senior Director of Operations

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219>

## 2 Methodology and Community Input Process

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The CHNA process began with a thorough review of the previous cycle's needs assessment report, and included a review of publicly available secondary data related to counties within Mon General's service area. These data included the above U.S. Census data and County Health Rankings data (Appendix B). Using these reports as a springboard, the leadership team started the initial discussion around critical health needs, changes in the community demographics over the previous few years, and lessons learned from the last CHNA cycle's health topic prioritization and development of implementation activities.

Primary data collection was comprised of surveying community members to gather perceptions of health issues, quality of life, and other related topics. Survey data was analyzed and presented back to the MHMC leadership team as well as the Monongalia County Collaborative Team at a data presentation hosted virtually. This event was focused on reviewing the survey data, discussing community assets that impact population health in MHMC's service area, as well as discussing the needs of those not well-represented in the survey data. At this meeting, the group worked to discuss possible strategies for each area of concern, as well as existing resources to address these needs. Each entity of the Collaborative Team focused on resources specific to their organization, but many of the programs serve the same community. The collaborative team intends to move forward with at least one joint implementation strategy to serve their community as a whole.

### 2.1 Primary Methods of Collecting and Analyzing Information

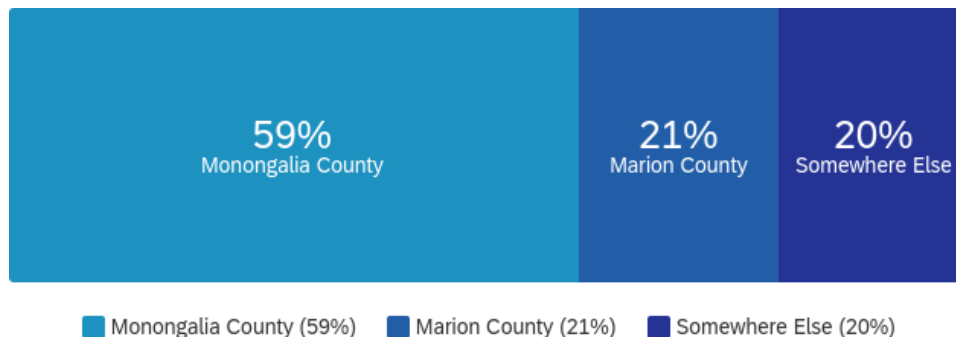
Two primary sources of data were utilized to inform the CHNA: (1) a public input survey and (2) a data presentation session where information was gathered from attendees. The public input survey (Appendix C) was developed by WVU OHA with the Mon County Collaborative leadership team following an iterative process. Survey topics included questions about specific health issues, thoughts on overall health of the community, quality of life, access to health care and medical needs (including specialist care), risky behaviors and personal choices, some questions specific to experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, and demographic information including geographic location and income. Questions included details about ability to access needed services, including telehealth and health insurance coverage. Further details can be found in Appendix H.

Data was collected anonymously from residents age 18 and older. The survey was disseminated via a web-based platform. Collection efforts included reaching local residents via social media and with assistance from the hospital's marketing team. MHMC also used their electronic medical record messaging platform to target patients by zip code and increase survey response.

It was not intended to be a representative, scientific sample of residents of these two counties, but rather a convenience mechanism to solicit the community's perception of health needs. Survey responses were anonymous, and respondents could skip any question(s) they chose. A total of 1,945 surveys were completed by community members from the area. Noteworthy limitations included disproportionately low representation from males, from the lower-income population of these counties, and from non-white community members. Most responses came from Mon Health's primary service area, Monongalia and Marion County. Additional responses came in from various counties in the region which included: Preston County, WV at 87 responses (4%), Fayette County, PA at 68 (3%), Harrison

County, WV at 46 (2%), Greene County, PA at 25 (1.3%), Garrett County, MD at 18 (0.9%), and Randolph County, WV (0.8%) and Taylor County, WV at 16 (0.8%).

Figure 2: Survey Response by County



At the conclusion of data collection, analysis was conducted by the WVU team. Results were provided back to leadership team members in aggregate (Appendix D), and broken down by income, age, and other demographics to ensure there was no significant variation in responses among groups. The team discussed the data alongside known health issues in the community, experiences in their own clinical and other professional settings, resources already in place to address some of the top issues, and initial thoughts about further addressing the most prevalent community concerns.

Additional information was collected through feedback at the virtual data presentation meeting hosted in September of 2022. This session solicited input about community health needs and sought to identify groups and organizations already providing essential services. Survey results were presented to this group and strategies for improving health outcomes in the top areas were discussed.

Input from this meeting was included a document (Appendix E), with ideas and partners categorized by health concern to be used for reference at the implementation planning stage.

### 3 Community Health Needs Prioritization

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Following the data presentation meeting, MHMC leadership met to review all input together and identify priority areas to address through implementation strategies. Leadership revisited topics from last cycle, discussed clinical and community changes since that time, including the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic on topics like mental health. The team then revisited the new data, and reviewed closely the top concerns raised across all categories including health and disease, quality of life, environment, risky behaviors, and personal choice (see tables 2-4 below).



Table 2: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Health & Disease

Top Health and Disease Concerns	
Drug and/or alcohol use	60.17%
Obesity	46.09%
Mental health problems	36.29%
Diabetes	24.44%
Cancers	21.96%

Table 3: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Quality of Life & Environment

Top Quality of Life and Environment Concerns	
Cost of health care and/or medications	61.43%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30.43%
Limited affordable/quality housing	26.71%
Poverty	26.46%
Homelessness	21.84%

Table 4: Community Health Perceptions Survey - Risky Behavior & Personal Choice

Top Risky Behavior and Personal Choice Concerns	
Drug use	65.51%
Excessive alcohol use	37.37%
Lack of exercise	32.85%
Unhealthy eating choices	26.70%
Child abuse and neglect	23.30%

Health issues were largely consistent when comparing datasets across demographics. For example, men listed substance use and abuse, adult obesity, and diabetes as their overall top three concerns. While women listed substance use and abuse, adult obesity, and mental health problems as their overall top three concerns. Heart problems, and health concerns related to aging were the next two concerns among most men, and among most women, the next two top health concerns were related to aging and diabetes. Substance use and abuse was also the top concern of both white and non-white respondents, with obesity and mental health falling next in line, to varying degrees.

Across income levels, and in households with and without children, substance use is consistently the top health concern. Diabetes, obesity, mental health, and health concerns related to aging all rotate throughout the top three spots for these demographic groups. Even when accounting for age we do not see a significant difference in “top three” health topics. Respondents age 65 or older tended to name substance use, obesity, and health concerns related to aging as their top concerns. Those younger than age 40 tended to be concerned about substance use, mental health, and obesity, in the “top three”. (Further demographic breakdowns of top health and disease concerns can be found in Appendix F.)

Beyond health and disease, topics related to quality of life and environment also shared a common theme. Cost of health care and medications, limited or no health insurance coverage, limited affordable/quality housing, poverty, homelessness, and limited safe places to walk, bike, etc. were all issues that appeared among top concerns. Limited organized activities for children and teens fell next in line, showing a public perception of socioeconomic issues as well as showing the mental health and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topics related to personal choice and risky behaviors tied in directly with all the above. Drug use, excessive alcohol use, lack of exercise, unhealthy eating choices, child abuse and neglect, distracted driving, and tobacco use were all issues that appeared at the top of all datasets. When asked in an open-ended way for suggestions to address these issues, those who took the survey frequently answered with ideas that fell into the following categories:

- Access to Care: including specialty care, wait times, and quality of care
- Substance Use: rehabilitation facilities, support groups, education
- Physical activity: fitness space and programs, exercise-based social activities, active outdoor activities, increased walkability of infrastructure
- Cost of Healthcare
- Nutrition-related topics: healthier restaurant and grocery store options, food assistance programs, nutrition education programs and classes

## 4 Prioritized Significant Community Health Needs

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The existing secondary data, new survey data, meeting input, and lessons learned from the last CHNA cycle all factored into MHMC leadership’s prioritization decisions. The group considered the degree to which the hospital can affect health outcomes for each topic, projects or programs already underway for each, as well as level of importance placed on each by the community relative to the reach of the hospital’s impact. Leadership paid particular attention to the demographics of respondents compared to the community (Appendix G), feedback gathered about access to health care (Appendix H), as well as other areas and demographics they know to be of particular concern in their community.

Within this discussion of where and how the hospital can realistically affect community wellbeing and health outcomes, what they could accomplish in collaboration with new and existing partners, and what topics to monitor and revisit later, the list of top health concerns was organized into three that will be the focus moving forward with implementation planning.

### **Substance Use and Abuse & Mental Health**

Mon Health Medical Center leadership is well-aware of ongoing issues related to drug and alcohol use in their service area, as well as issues related to mental health care, especially at this point in the COVID-19 pandemic. They recognize a continued need for attention and resources to be directed toward these public health crises throughout hospital and clinic catchment areas. In response to existing knowledge and community input, the leadership team deems it necessary to prioritize these topics for addressing with community benefit strategies.

### **Cancer**

Cancer continues to remain in the top health concerns for this hospital's area, and MHMC is proud to provide extensive community resources and programming to support their robust clinical offerings. MHMC has a long history of providing community education, screenings, and more, and will continue and build upon these services moving forward.

### **Obesity, Co-Morbid Illness, and Physical Activity**

During the previous CHNA cycle, obesity and related chronic diseases appeared among the community's top health concerns and were prioritized by hospital leadership to address through programming. MHMC implemented strategies to address these health topics, and leadership anticipated seeing these prevalent issues rise once again to the top of the list. This cycle, building on experiences from the last and in response to community requests and ideas collected through the survey data, MHMC's team has once again prioritized this set of topics for continued programming.

While the prioritized health topics above were easy to identify as places where the hospital can use its resources to have an impact on the community, leadership recognized an additional common theme in the survey data. Issues related to poverty and access to care are messages from the community that are clear to hospital leadership. For this reason, each of the prioritized health topics will include strategies that are developed with addressing these systemic gaps in mind.

## 5 Potential Resources

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The following table documents ideas for implementation strategy development, suggestions from survey respondents, as well as organizations identified during the community meeting whose missions are aimed at addressing top health concerns. These organizations could potentially aid in addressing health concerns identified in this CHNA, and this list may serve as a helpful starting point for implementation planning for this cycle.

Table 5: Potential Community Resources

<b>Community Resources/Ideas</b>
<b><i>Substance Use and Abuse &amp; Mental Health</i></b>
Brookhaven Elementary School Partnership
Highland Hospital partnership
Naloxone Resources
Population Health Initiatives
Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group
Prescription Drug Takeback Day
School-based partnerships for youth initiatives
<b><i>Cancer</i></b>
American Cancer Society Programming
Breast Cancer Survivor Programming
Cancer Screenings
Free Mammography Days
<b><i>Obesity, Co-Morbid Illness, and Physical Activity</i></b>
Girls on the Run Sponsorship
Low-Cost Sports Physicals
Pantry Plush More Partnership
School-based partnerships for youth initiatives

## 6 Evaluation of Impact

The previous Mon Health Medical Center CHNA was adopted by the board of directors in 2019, shortly before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. COVID-19 presented specific challenges and caused a great deal of stress on the country’s medical system, including community hospitals such as MHMC. Those challenges caused significant burnout for healthcare workers and caused many of them to leave the profession all together. COVID-19 also presented specific financial challenges to hospitals.

The pandemic has had a direct impact on hospitals' abilities to conduct this process with community partners as they had in the past. Key partnerships have typically included organizations and agencies who were also having to prioritize clinical operations, who were operating with less staff, and often volunteer-led agencies who were not participating in community work as usual.

Due to these challenges, the hospital team did not have the opportunity or resources to implement all programs addressing Obesity and Associated Chronic Disease, Substance Use and Mental Health Issues, and Cancer as they had intended in planning during the prior cycle. The following are some of the programs and sponsorship activities that were carried out by MHMC over the past cycle:

- Cancer screenings
- Living Beyond Breast Cancer sessions
- Free Mammography days
- American Cancer Society Programming
- Brookhaven Elementary School Partnership
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Naloxone Resources
- Girls on the Run Sponsorship
- Pantry Plus More Partnership
- WVU Football GameDay Educational "Swag Bags"
- Life Stride Walking Program

## 7 Conclusion

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Each of the top priorities identified in the 2022 CHNA are consistent with concerns raised in 2019. The 2022 CHNA identified four priorities to guide Mon Health Medical Center's efforts to improve the health of community members:

- Substance Use and Abuse & Mental Health Issues
- Cancer
- Obesity, Co-Morbid Illness, and Physical Activity

Hospital leadership discussion of implementation planning steps is already underway, as is consideration of new program opportunities with the WVU Team and with their external community partners. The WVU Team will work with the hospital to develop their Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP), which will serve as their roadmap for continuing or building community benefit strategies.

## 8 Appendices

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**QuickFacts**

**Monongalia County, West Virginia; Marion County, West Virginia**

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a *population of 5,000 or more*.

**Table**

All Topics	Monongalia County, West Virginia	Marion County, West Virginia
<b>Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)</b>	<b>106,387</b>	<b>56,001</b>
<b>PEOPLE</b>		
<b>Population</b>		
<b>Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)</b>	<b>106,387</b>	<b>56,001</b>
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	105,822	56,205
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	0.5%	-0.4%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	105,822	56,205
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	96,189	56,418
<b>Age and Sex</b>		
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.6%	5.3%
Persons under 18 years, percent	16.5%	20.0%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	13.5%	19.6%
Female persons, percent	48.4%	50.2%
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>		
White alone, percent	89.9%	93.8%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	3.9%	3.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	0.2%	0.3%
Asian alone, percent (a)	3.5%	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	0.1%	Z
Two or More Races, percent	2.5%	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	2.3%	1.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	87.9%	92.6%
<b>Population Characteristics</b>		
Veterans, 2016-2020	5,078	4,178
Foreign born persons, percent, 2016-2020	5.6%	1.2%
<b>Housing</b>		
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	49,892	26,275
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2016-2020	58.2%	74.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2016-2020	\$212,300	\$122,700
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$1,321	\$987
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$370	\$343
Median gross rent, 2016-2020	\$845	\$788
Building permits, 2021	14	19
<b>Families &amp; Living Arrangements</b>		
Households, 2016-2020	40,233	23,033
Persons per household, 2016-2020	2.50	2.39
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2016-2020	75.7%	87.6%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2016-2020	7.5%	1.9%
<b>Computer and Internet Use</b>		
Households with a computer, percent, 2016-2020	93.1%	88.6%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2016-2020	87.8%	83.4%
<b>Education</b>		
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	92.8%	90.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	43.7%	23.1%
<b>Health</b>		
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2016-2020	9.7%	14.2%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	9.2%	9.1%

Appendix A - US Census Quickfacts

<b>Economy</b>		
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	62.4%	58.3%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	58.5%	53.4%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	312,839	83,857
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	2,376,419	258,626
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	60,966	27,785
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000) (c)	1,718,070	753,036
Total retail sales per capita, 2017 (c)	\$16,195	\$13,345
<b>Transportation</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2016-2020	21.3	24.1
<b>Income &amp; Poverty</b>		
Median household income (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$54,198	\$52,856
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$33,527	\$27,763
Persons in poverty, percent	△ 15.2%	△ 13.2%
<b>BUSINESSES</b>		
<b>Businesses</b>		
Total employer establishments, 2020	2,352	1,108
Total employment, 2020	48,196	14,349
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	2,453,480	590,982
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	2.1%	-3.7%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2019	5,888	2,497
All employer firms, Reference year 2017	2,047	919
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	1,215	461
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	300	116
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	89	5
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	1,620	693
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	118	25
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	1,562	642
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>		
<b>Geography</b>		
Population per square mile, 2020	293.9	182.0
Population per square mile, 2010	267.1	182.7
Land area in square miles, 2020	360.09	308.75
Land area in square miles, 2010	360.06	308.74
FIPS Code	54061	54049




## Appendix A - US Census Quickfacts

[About datasets used in this table](#)

### Value Notes

 Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info  icon row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., V2021) refers to the final year of the series (2020 thru 2021). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Users should exercise caution when comparing 2016-2020 ACS 5-year estimates to other ACS estimates. For more information, please visit the [2020 5-year ACS Comparison Guidance](#) page.

### Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

### Value Flags

- Either no or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest or up open ended distribution.
- F Fewer than 25 firms
- D Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
- N Data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
- FN Footnote on this item in place of data
- X Not applicable
- S Suppressed; does not meet publication standards
- NA Not available
- Z Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.

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The 2022 Rankings include deaths attributable to COVID-19 from 2020. See our FAQs for more information on COVID-specific data.

## Marion (MA) 2022 Rankings

Download West Virginia Rankings Data

### County Demographics

	County	State
Population	55,962	1,784,787
% below 18 years of age	19.9%	20.0%
% 65 and older	19.9%	20.9%
% Non-Hispanic Black	3.3%	3.5%
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%
% Asian	0.7%	0.9%
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
% Hispanic	1.4%	1.8%
% Non-Hispanic White	92.6%	91.8%
% not proficient in English **	0%	0%
% Females	50.5%	50.5%
% Rural	41.5%	51.3%

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	West Virginia
<b>Health Outcomes</b>				
<b>Length of Life</b>				
Premature death	9,200	8,300-10,100	5,600	11,300
<b>Quality of Life</b>				
Poor or fair health **	24%	21-27%	15%	24%
Poor physical health days **	5.3	4.9-5.7	3.4	5.3
Poor mental health days **	6.2	5.8-6.6	4.0	6.6
Low birthweight	10%	9-11%	6%	9%
<b>Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	23	14-37	43	56
Life expectancy	75.6	74.9-76.3	80.6	74.3
Premature age-adjusted mortality	450	420-490	290	530
Child mortality	40	20-60	40	60
Infant mortality	6	4-8	4	7
Frequent physical distress **	17%	15-18%	10%	17%
Frequent mental distress **	20%	19-22%	13%	22%
Diabetes prevalence **	12%	11-13%	8%	13%
HIV prevalence	60		38	129
<b>Health Factors</b>				
<b>Health Behaviors</b>				
Adult smoking **	25%	21-28%	15%	26%
Adult obesity **	40%	39-42%	30%	40%
Food environment index	8.0		8.8	6.6
Physical inactivity **	35%	31-38%	23%	30%
Access to exercise opportunities	56%		86%	50%

## Appendix B - County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Excessive drinking **	13%	12-14%	15%	15%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	35%	24-45%	10%	26%
Sexually transmitted infections	315.7		161.8	313.0
Teen births	20	18-23	11	28
<b>Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Food insecurity	12%		9%	14%
Limited access to healthy foods	5%		2%	8%
Drug overdose deaths	46	36-57	11	57
Motor vehicle crash deaths	11	8-15	9	16
Insufficient sleep **	42%	40-44%	32%	43%
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Uninsured	8%	7-9%	6%	8%
Primary care physicians	1,930:1		1,010:1	1,270:1
Dentists	2,000:1		1,210:1	1,740:1
Mental health providers	1,120:1		250:1	670:1
Preventable hospital stays	6,150		2,233	5,472
Mammography screening	45%		52%	41%
Flu vaccinations	42%		55%	42%
<b>Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Uninsured adults	10%	8-11%	7%	10%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	1,040:1		580:1	580:1
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>				
High school completion	90%	89-92%	94%	88%
Some college	62%	56-67%	74%	57%
Unemployment	8.7%		4.0%	8.3%
Children in poverty	16%	10-22%	9%	20%
Income inequality	4.5	4.1-4.9	3.7	5.0
Children in single-parent households	28%	23-33%	14%	24%
Social associations	16.1		18.1	13.1
Violent crime	296		63	330
Injury deaths	101	89-112	61	133
<b>Additional Social &amp; Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
High school graduation	91%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	9%
Reading scores	3.0		3.3	2.9
Math scores	2.9		3.4	2.8
School segregation	0.10		0.02	0.16
School funding adequacy	\$5,369			\$2,907
Gender pay gap	0.74	0.66-0.81	0.88	0.73
Median household income	\$58,900	\$53,400 to \$64,300	\$75,100	\$49,200
Living wage **	\$36.48			\$36.52
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	50%		32%	52%
Residential segregation - Black/white	55		27	61
Residential segregation - non-white/white	43		16	46
Childcare cost burden **	29%		18%	34%
Childcare centers **	6		12	4
Homicides	6	4-9	2	5
Suicides	16	12-22	11	20
Firearm fatalities	19	14-24	8	18
Juvenile arrests				10
<b>Physical Environment</b>				
Air pollution - particulate matter	7.5		5.9	7.6
Drinking water violations	Yes			
Severe housing problems	11%	9-12%	9%	11%
Driving alone to work	80%	79-82%	72%	82%
Long commute - driving alone	35%	32-38%	16%	34%
<b>Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Traffic volume	181			203
Homeownership	74%	73-76%	81%	74%
Severe housing cost burden	9%	7-10%	7%	10%
Broadband access	83%	82-85%	88%	79%

^ 10th/90th percentile, i.e., only 10% are better.

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## Monongalia (ML)

### 2022 Rankings

Download West Virginia Rankings Data

County Demographics				
	County	State		
Population	106,819	1,784,787		
% below 18 years of age	16.3%	20.0%		
% 65 and older	13.5%	20.9%		
% Non-Hispanic Black	3.8%	3.5%		
% American Indian & Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%		
% Asian	3.5%	0.9%		
% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%		
% Hispanic	2.2%	1.8%		
% Non-Hispanic White	88.0%	91.8%		
% not proficient in English **	0%	0%		
% Females	48.6%	50.5%		
% Rural	26.9%	51.3%		

	County	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ^	West Virginia
<b>Health Outcomes</b>				
<b>Length of Life</b>				
Premature death	6,400	5,900-7,000	5,600	11,300
<b>Quality of Life</b>				
Poor or fair health **	21%	18-24%	15%	24%
Poor physical health days **	4.9	4.6-5.3	3.4	5.3
Poor mental health days **	5.8	5.4-6.2	4.0	6.6
Low birthweight	8%	7-9%	6%	9%
<b>Additional Health Outcomes (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
COVID-19 age-adjusted mortality **	33	23-47	43	56
Life expectancy	79.3	78.7-79.8	80.6	74.3
Premature age-adjusted mortality	320	300-340	290	530
Child mortality	40	30-60	40	60
Infant mortality	7	5-9	4	7
Frequent physical distress **	15%	13-17%	10%	17%
Frequent mental distress **	18%	16-20%	13%	22%
Diabetes prevalence **	11%	10-12%	8%	13%
HIV prevalence	129		38	129
<b>Health Factors</b>				
<b>Health Behaviors</b>				
Adult smoking **	20%	17-24%	15%	26%
Adult obesity **	40%	38-42%	30%	40%
Food environment index	8.1		8.8	6.6
Physical inactivity **	26%	23-29%	23%	30%
Access to exercise opportunities	73%		86%	50%
Excessive drinking **	18%	17-19%	15%	15%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	22%	14-29%	10%	26%
Sexually transmitted infections	497.1		161.8	313.0
Teen births	10	8-11	11	28
<b>Additional Health Behaviors (not included in overall ranking)</b>				
Food insecurity	11%		9%	14%
Limited access to healthy foods	6%		2%	8%
Drug overdose deaths	27	22-33	11	57
Motor vehicle crash deaths	8	6-10	9	16
Insufficient sleep **	41%	39-42%	32%	43%
<b>Clinical Care</b>				
Uninsured	7%	6-8%	6%	8%

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Primary care physicians	680:1		1,010:1	1,270:1
Dentists	760:1		1,210:1	1,740:1
Mental health providers	340:1		250:1	670:1
Preventable hospital stays	5,251		2,233	5,472
Mammography screening	50%		52%	41%
Flu vaccinations	48%		55%	42%

### Additional Clinical Care (not included in overall ranking)

Uninsured adults	8%	7-9%	7%	10%
Uninsured children	3%	2-4%	3%	3%
Other primary care providers	240:1		580:1	580:1

### Social & Economic Factors

High school completion	93%	92-94%	94%	88%
Some college	74%	70-79%	74%	57%
Unemployment	6.3%		4.0%	8.3%
Children in poverty	13%	9-17%	9%	20%
Income inequality	6.1	5.6-6.7	3.7	5.0
Children in single-parent households	21%	16-26%	14%	24%
Social associations	10.4		18.1	13.1
Violent crime	250		63	330
Injury deaths	67	60-74	61	133

### Additional Social & Economic Factors (not included in overall ranking)

High school graduation	91%		96%	91%
Disconnected youth			4%	9%
Reading scores	3.2		3.3	2.9
Math scores	3.2		3.4	2.8
School segregation	0.08		0.02	0.16
School funding adequacy	\$5,983			\$2,907
Gender pay gap	0.86	0.80-0.92	0.88	0.73
Median household income	\$55,800	\$49,100 to \$62,600	\$75,100	\$49,200
Living wage **	\$38.78			\$36.52
Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch	40%		32%	52%
Residential segregation - Black/white	34		27	61
Residential segregation - non-white/white	37		16	46
Childcare cost burden **	36%		18%	34%
Childcare centers **	7		12	4
Homicides	2	1-4	2	5
Suicides	11	9-15	11	20
Firearm fatalities	10	7-13	8	18
Juvenile arrests	7			10

### Physical Environment

Air pollution - particulate matter	6.8		5.9	7.6
Drinking water violations	No			
Severe housing problems	18%	16-19%	9%	11%
Driving alone to work	74%	72-77%	72%	82%
Long commute - driving alone	24%	21-26%	16%	34%

### Additional Physical Environment (not included in overall ranking)

Traffic volume	325			203
Homeownership	58%	57-60%	81%	74%
Severe housing cost burden	16%	14-18%	7%	10%
Broadband access	88%	86-89%	88%	79%

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Note: Blank values reflect unreliable or missing data

Thank you for taking this Community Health Survey - your thoughts are important to us and will benefit the people who live in your county. Survey results will be used to help guide health programs of Ruby Memorial Hospital, Mon General Hospital, and the Monongalia County Health Department, and address community members' health concerns.

**This survey is anonymous - your answers will not be connected to you in any way.**

If you have recently completed this survey, there is no need to do so again. Please feel free to share this link with other members of your community. Thank you for your time and please contact us if you have any questions or need help completing this survey. Emily Sarkees, WVU Office of Health Affairs, edillama@hsc.wvu.edu

(1.) In which county do you currently live?

- Monongalia County
- Marion County
- Somewhere else

*(display if "Somewhere else" is chosen for question 1)*

(2.) In which county and state do you live?

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(3.) What is your age?

- Less than 18 years (If under the age of 18, there is no need for you to continue with this survey. Thank you for your time!)
- 18 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 64
- 65 years or older

(4.) What do you think is the most important health problem or issue where you live?

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(5.) From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? **Please choose ONLY 3.**

- Aging problems
- Anxiety
- Cancers
- Chronic disease
- COVID-19
- Dental problems
- Diabetes ("sugar")
- Depression/hopelessness
- Drug and/or alcohol use
- Heart problems
- High blood pressure
- Mental health problems
- Obesity
- Respiratory/lung disease/asthma
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(6.) From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? **Please choose ONLY 3.**

- Chronic loneliness or isolation
- Cost of health care and/or medications
- Homelessness
- Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage
- Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food
- Limited access to public transportation
- Limited affordable/quality housing
- Limited job opportunities
- Limited organized activities for children and teens
- Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids
- Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.
- Limited social services programs
- Poverty
- Water/air quality
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(7.) From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county? **Please choose ONLY 3.**

- Excessive alcohol use
- Child abuse and neglect
- Crime
- Distracted driving (cellphone use)
- Domestic violence
- Drug use
- Gambling
- Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)
- Lack of exercise
- Not getting recommended immunizations
- Overeating
- Tobacco
- Unhealthy eating choices
- Vaping
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(8.) Can you think of something that would help improve the health of your community?

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(9.) What type of health insurance coverage do you have? Please select all that apply.

- Private health insurance (e.g., through your employer, union, family member, or private plan)
- Public health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, VA services, Tricare, CHIP, or Indian health services)
- Uninsured (i.e., no health insurance coverage)
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(10.) I know how to access medical care in my community.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

(11.) Please tell us your level of agreement with each of these statements about your county.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I have access to good health care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the medical care I receive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to afford medical care when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to afford medications when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to get medical care when I need it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to see specialists when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to see my primary care doctor when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to get mental health care when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have access to a walk-in clinic or urgent care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(12.) What medical services or specialties would you like to see offered in your area?

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(13.) Please tell us about access to telehealth medical care in your home.

- I do not have access to high-speed internet at home and cannot access telehealth medical care.
- I have high-speed internet, but it is not reliable or fast enough to use for telehealth medical care.
- I have high-speed internet at home but would prefer not to use it for telehealth medical care.
- I have high-speed internet at home but need more information about telehealth medical care before deciding.
- I have high-speed internet at home and would be comfortable attending a telehealth medical appointment this way.

(14.) In the past 12 months, have you seen a medical provider for a routine check-up, wellness visit, or other preventive care?

- Yes
- No
- If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_



*(display if yes to question 14)*

(15.) What kind of place do you usually go to when you receive preventive care? Please select all that apply.

- A doctor's office or health center
- Urgent care center or clinic
- Hospital emergency room
- A VA medical center or clinic
- None of these options
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

*(display if yes to question 14)*

(16.) During your last check-up or wellness visit which routine screenings did you receive?

- General physical exam - Y/N/Do not recall
- Obesity check (e.g., BMI) - Y/N/Do not recall
- Blood pressure - Y/N/Do not recall
- Oral health screening (e.g., teeth) – Y/N/Do not recall
- Cholesterol check – Y/N/Do not recall
- Eye check – Y/N/Do not recall
- Immunizations (e.g., chickenpox, shingles, flu, etc.) – Y/N/Do not recall
- Hearing check – Y/N/Do not recall
- Skin check (e.g., moles, lesions, or spots) – Y/N/Do not recall
- Depression screening – Y/N/Do not recall
- Breast exam or mammogram – Y/N/Do not recall
- Prostate exam or PSA test – Y/N/Do not recall
- Colon cancer exam or colonoscopy – Y/N/Do not recall
- Pelvic exam - Y/N/Do not recall
- Testicular exam – Y/N/Do not recall
- Cervical cancer exam or pap smear – Y/N/Do not recall
- Bone density exam – Y/N/Do not recall
- None of the above – Y/N/Do not recall

(17.) During the past 4 weeks:

How would you rate your overall health?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
How much did physical health problems limit your usual physical activities (such as walking or climbing stairs)?	Not at all	Very little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Could not do physical activities
How much difficulty did you have doing your daily work, both at home and away from home, because of your physical health?	None at all	A little bit	Some	Quite a lot	Could not do daily work
How much bodily pain have you had?	None	Very mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe
How much energy did you have?	Very much	Quite a lot	Some	A little	None
How much did your physical health or emotional problems limit your usual social activities with family or friends?	Not at all	Very little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Extremely
How much have you been bothered by emotional problems (such as feeling anxious, depressed or irritable)?	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Quite a lot	Extremely
How much did personal or emotional problems keep you from doing your usual work, school or other daily activities	Not at all	Very little	Somewhat	Quite a lot	Could not do daily activities

(18.) Did you experience any of the following before age 18? Please check all that apply. (For crisis help information please call 1-800-273-TALK, text HOME to 741741, or call 211 for essential community services.)

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Did you live with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or an alcoholic?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you live with anyone who used illegal street drugs or who abused prescription medications?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you live with anyone who served time or who was sentenced to serve time in a prison, jail, or other correctional facility?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were your parents separated or divorced?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often did your parents or adults in your home ever slap, hit, kick, punch, or beat each other up?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Before the age of 18, how often did a person or adult in your home ever hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<i>(question 18 continued)</i>	Often	Sometimes	Never
How often did a parent or adult in your home ever swear at you, insult you, or put you down?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult ever touch you sexually?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult try to make you touch them sexually?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult force you to have sex?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(19.) Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.

- Often true
- Never true

(20.) Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more.

- Often true
- Never true

(21.) What is your living situation today?

- I have a steady place to live
- I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future
- I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)

(22.) Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? Choose all that apply.

- Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice
- Mold
- Lead paint or pipes
- Lack of heat
- Oven or stove not working
- Smoke detectors missing or not working
- Water leaks

(23.) In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?

- Yes
- No
- Already shut off

(24.) In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily life?

- Yes
- No

(25.) How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating?

Would you say it is:

- Very hard
- Somewhat hard
- Not hard at all

(26.) How often do you feel lonely or isolated from those around you?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

(27.) If for any reason you need help with day-to-day activities such as bathing, preparing meals, shopping, managing finances, etc., do you get the help you need?

- I don't need any help
- I get all the help I need
- I could use a little more help
- I need a lot more help

(28.) Please indicate any of the following you have experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic (select all that apply):

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Loss of income	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of job or business	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal health effects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of the usual way of life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participated in response or emergency services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children and adolescents being out of school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social isolation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community health concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
COVID-19 diagnosis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
COVID-19 suspected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(29.) Please consider how you received information during the COVID-19 pandemic – what were your most trusted sources of information? (Please check all that apply.)

- My own medical provider
- My local health department or other public health agency
- News media
- Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Family or friends (word of mouth)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(30.) How often do you smoke cigarettes?

- Every day
- Some days
- Not at all

(31.) During the past month, how many days per week did you get exercise from running, gardening, walking, or something else?

- 1 day per week
- 2 days per week
- 3 days per week
- 4 days per week
- 5 days per week
- 6 days per week
- 7 days per week
- None

(32.) On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period? \_\_\_\_\_

(33.) About how much do you weigh in pounds? \_\_\_\_\_

(34.) About how tall are you in feet and inches? \_\_\_\_\_

(35.) What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

- Male
- Female

(36.) How do you describe yourself? (select one)

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Do not identify as male, female, or transgender

(37.) Which of these groups best describes your race? Please select all that apply.

- White/Caucasian
- Asian
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(38.) Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

(39.) What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school graduate
- High school diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Some college or certification
- Technical or vocational degree/certification
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher (includes any advanced degrees)

(40.) What is your estimated yearly household income?

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- More than \$100,000
- Prefer not to answer

(41.) What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married or in a domestic partnership
- Divorced
- Never married
- Separated
- Widowed
- Other (please specify)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(42.) How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? Please enter a whole number even if you are not the primary caregiver or biological parent. \_\_\_\_\_

(43.) How were you invited to complete this survey?

- Electronic medical record message invitation (e.g., MyChart, MyMonHealth Patient Portal)
- Personal email invitation
- My employer
- Social media
- Friend or family member
- Public health educator
- Public school, library, or other community organization
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(44.) What is your residency status in your county?

- I am a permanent resident of my county (in West Virginia)
- I am a university student who is here part time
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

(45.) Is there anything else you would like to say about health in your community?

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Total Survey Responses

1947 Responses

Field	Choice Count
Completed Surveys	1,945

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In which county do you currently live?

1938 Responses

Field	Percentage
Monongalia County	59%
Marion County	21%
Somewhere Else	20%

Q3 - What is your age?

1947 Responses

Field	Percentage
Less than 18 years	0%
18 to 29 years	8%
30 to 39 years	15%
40 to 49 years	15%
50 to 64 years	30%
65 years or more	31%









Appendix D Aggregate Survey Data - MHMC CHNA 2022

Other	2%
Gambling	2%

Q8 - Can you think of something that would help improve the health of your community?

1006 Responses



Q9 - What type of health insurance coverage do you have? (Select all that apply)

1497 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Private health insurance (e.g., through your employer, union, family member, or private plan)	74%
Public health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, VA services, Tricare, Chip, or Indian Health Services)	35%
Other (please specify)	4%
Uninsured (i.e., no health insurance coverage)	2%

Q10 - I know how to access medical care in my community.

1497 Responses

Field	Percentage
Strongly agree	57%
Somewhat agree	22%
Strongly disagree	10%



Q13 - Please tell us about access to telehealth medical care in your home.

1406 Responses

Field	Percentage
I have high-speed internet at home and would be comfortable attending a telehealth medical appointment this way.	50%
I have high-speed internet at home but would prefer not to use it for telehealth medical care.	21%
I have high-speed internet, but it is not reliable or fast enough to use for telehealth medical care.	10%
I have high-speed internet at home but need more information about telehealth medical care before deciding.	15%
I do not have access to high-speed internet at home and cannot access telehealth medical care.	4%

Q14 - In the past 12 months, have you seen a medical provider for a routine check-up, wellness visit, or other preventive care?

1406 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes	93.95%
No	2.13%
If not, then why?	3.91%

Q14\_2 - If no, why not?

54 Responses



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Q15 - What kind of health facility or office do you usually go to when you receive preventive care? Please select all that apply.

Field	Percentage of Responses
A doctor's office or health center	96%
Urgent care center or clinic	12%
Hospital emergency room	5%
A VA medical center or clinic	1%
Other (please specify)	2%
None of these options	0%

1316 Responses

Q15\_5- Other (please specify)

22 Responses

Other (please specify) - Text
Urgent care
Local liquor store
Telehealth
Cancer center at hospital
Hospital for Bone Density test
Specialist
Gynecology
My doctor of 35 years. He & his daughter have taken very good care of me.
Health coach visits
Local Pharmacy for vaccines
OB/GYN
Telehealth
try reg MD first, often go to urgent care
Clinic, primarily staffed with Nurse Practitioners
Work has Nurse Practitioner
CAMC PRIMARY CARE
Cvs
John Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute
telehealth
Eye doctor annually, Dentist biannually, OB/GYN annually
Pharmacy for flu or COVID shots
on line session

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Q16 - During your last check-up or wellness visit which routine screenings or services did you receive?

		1317 Responses		
Field	Yes	No	Do not recall	
General physical exam	88.75%	8.83%	2.42%	
Obesity check (e.g., BMI)	61.08%	29.99%	8.93%	
Oral health (e.g., teeth) screening	37.79%	58.18%	4.03%	
Depression screening	57.19%	36.77%	6.04%	
Cholesterol and blood pressure	88.66%	9.36%	1.98%	
Eye exam	39.71%	58.67%	1.62%	
Immunizations (e.g., chickenpox, shingles, flu, etc.)	50.26%	47.00%	2.74%	
Hearing check	13.06%	83.23%	3.71%	
Skin check (e.g., moles, lesions, or spots)	32.41%	64.73%	2.86%	
Breast exam or mammogram	39.10%	58.91%	2.00%	
Prostate exam or PSA test	17.08%	78.60%	4.32%	
Colon cancer exam or colonoscopy	23.76%	74.47%	1.77%	
Pelvic exam	27.20%	71.29%	1.51%	
Testicular exam	5.29%	90.84%	3.87%	
Cervical cancer exam or pap smear	24.93%	73.52%	1.55%	
Bone density exam	13.34%	84.28%	2.39%	
None of the above	5.12%	71.86%	23.03%	

Q17 - During the past 4 weeks,

		1377 Responses	
How would you rate your overall health?	Percentage		
Excellent	12.13%		
Good	57.88%		
Fair	24.98%		
Poor	4.28%		
Very poor	0.73%		

Q17\_2 - How much did physical health problems limit your usual physical activities (such as walking or climbing stairs)?

		1373 Responses	
Field	Percentage		
Not at all	30%		
Very little	29%		
Somewhat	27%		
Quite a lot	13%		

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Could not do physical activities 1%

Q17\_3 - How much difficulty did you have doing your daily work, both at home and away from home, because of your physical health?

1367 Responses

Field	Percentage
None at all	46%
A little bit	25%
Some	19%
Quite a lot	9%
Could not do daily work	2%



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Q17\_4 - How much bodily pain have you had?

1370 Responses

Field	Percentage
None	12%
Very mild	33%
Mild	23%
Moderate	25%
Severe	7%

Q17\_5 - How much energy did you have?

1366 Responses

Field	Percentage
Very much	6%
Quite a lot	29%
Some	41%
A little	20%
None	3%

Q17\_6 - How much did your physical health or emotional problems limit your usual social activities with family or friends?

1368 Responses

Field	Percentage
Not at all	34.58%
Very little	25.80%
Somewhat	25.15%
Quite a lot	12.43%
Could not do social activities	2.05%

Q17\_7 - How much have you been bothered by emotional problems (such as feeling anxious, depressed or irritable)?

1368 Responses

Field	Percentage
Not at all	30%
Slightly	36%
Moderately	17%
Quite a lot	12%
Extremely	5%

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Q17\_8 - How much did personal or emotional problems keep you from doing your usual work, school or other daily activities?

1367 Responses

Field	Percentage
Not at all	47%
Very little	26%
Somewhat	17%
Quite a lot	9%
Could not do daily activities	1%

Q18 - Did you experience any of the following before age 18? Please check all that apply. (For crisis help information please call 1-800-273-TALK, text HOME to 741741, or call 211 for essential community services.)

1335 Responses

Field	Often	Sometimes	Never
Did you live with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal?	14%	18%	68%
Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or an alcoholic?	15%	14%	71%
Did you live with anyone who used illegal street drugs or who abused prescription medications?	4%	8%	89%
Did you live with anyone who served time or was sentenced to serve time in a prison, jail, or other correctional facility?	1%	4%	94%
Were your parents separated or divorced?	18%	5%	77%
How often did your parents or adults in your home ever slap, hit, kick, punch, or beat each other up?	4%	11%	85%
Before the age of 18, how often did a person or adult in your home ever hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way?	4%	20%	76%
How often did a parent or adult in your home ever swear at you, insult you, or put you down?	11%	27%	62%
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult ever touch you sexually?	3%	9%	89%
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult try to make you touch them sexually?	3%	6%	92%
How often did anyone at least 5 years older than you or an adult force you to have sex?	2%	3%	96%

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Q19 - Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more.  
1320 Responses

Field	Percentage
Often true	11.52%
Never true	88.48%

Q20 - Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.  
1322 Responses

Field	Percentage
Often true	14%
Never true	86%

Q21 - What is your living situation today?  
1308 Responses

Field	Percentage
I have a steady place to live	95%
I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future	5%
I do not have a steady to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)	0%

Q22 - Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? Choose all that apply.  
1298 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
None of the above	81%
Pest such as bugs, ants, or mice	11%
Mold	8%
Water leaks	6%
Smoke detectors missing or not working	3%
Oven or stove not working	1%
Lack of heat	1%
Lead paint or pipes	1%

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Q23 - In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?

1308 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes	7%
No	93%
Already shut off	0%

Q24 - In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?

1297 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes	6%
No	94%

Q25 - How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating? Would you say it is:

1295 Responses

Field	Percentage
Very hard	6%
Somewhat hard	25%
Not hard at all	70%

Q26 - How often do you feel lonely or isolated from those around you?

1293 Responses

Field	Percentage
Never	34.73%
Rarely	26.91%
Sometimes	26.53%
Often	9.82%
Always	2.01%

Q27 - If for any reason you need help with day-to-day activities such as bathing, preparing meals, shopping, managing finances, etc., do you get the help you need?

1293 Responses

Field	Percentage
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I don't need any help	82%
I get all the help I need	12%
I could use a little more help	5%
I need a lot more help	1%

Q28 - Please indicate any of the following you have experienced because of the COVID-19 Pandemic  
(select all that apply).

Field	1270 Responses		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Loss of income	22.12%	75.18%	2.69%
Loss of job or business	9.58%	89.27%	1.15%
Personal health effects	30.11%	63.95%	5.94%
Loss of the usual way of life	59.13%	37.33%	3.54%
Participated in response or emergency services	12.81%	81.44%	5.75%
Children and adolescents being out of school	28.81%	69.12%	2.07%
Work from home	38.82%	60.36%	0.82%
Social isolation	61.58%	35.61%	2.81%
Community health concerns	51.31%	44.93%	3.76%
Loss of tourism	34.24%	56.49%	9.26%
COVID-19 diagnosis	38.83%	59.03%	2.13%
COVID-19 suspected	35.26%	61.67%	3.07%
Other (please specify)	8.48%	69.08%	22.44%

Q29 - Please consider how you received information during the COVID-19 pandemic - what were your most trusted sources of information?

1258 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
My own medical provider	54.29%
My local health department or other public health agency	57.00%
News media	53.66%
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	21.62%
Family or friends (word of mouth)	35.69%
Other	12.56%

Q29- Other

115 Responses

Other - Text

Only a few specific stations of news media
Newspapers
Not sure who to trust!
Peer reviewed journals
I read pre prints and follow some immunologists etc
Personal research
Dr Malone, dr. Bett Weinstein and Heather Haynes and joe Rogan
I am employed by WVU Medicine and completely trust information provided by them.
My own research
Internet research
published information from trusted doctors and scientists
my son that works in health care ,, works with covid patients in ICU
Place of employment (healthcare)
Cdc
Employer
NONE
Work
Government
I have researched information on NIH site and found information there not broadly broadcast on news channels. Information did not always match what was being announced on the news channels.
I work in healthcare from my employer & providers I work with in addition to my own research
Research journals
Journals and doctors. Not the MSM
Specialists I see in Pittsburgh

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reputable hospital sites, health sites, and news sites

I work in an Emergency Department

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

I work in the healthcare industry

My employer

Not the government

My own research and reading

I follow the findings of experts that are Epidemiologists.

I did my best to listen to all available information and decided on my own what to believe.

my employer

My work

Studies done

Nothing

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Actually didn't entirely believe any information - contradictory and misleading

My own research and CDC

My employer

Medical journals

work - work at university

My own research, work as an RN

Peer reviewed articles

Internet

Since I started working in health care, I receive updates from our CEO.

Work

Nothing and no one

I am a healthcare provider

Specialists I follow via social media

NPR

I work in the health care field

Personal research

all of the above

Work

I'm choosy about which media I read or watch, so I didn't choose "News media." I depend on DATA and FACTS that can be verified.

My own research

Research papers

Church leaders

The state COVID website and county map

CDC

I read medical journal articles on Pubmed and other databases

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Work (mon health medical center)

Governor briefings with Dr. Marsh

Justice briefings - Marsh, Hoyer

Work

CDC

Since none of the above was completely accurate and was all agenda-driven, at first I listened to it all to make my determination. After my mental health suffered from this, I then began ignoring all information about covid from every source and just lived my life day-by-day, and was much better off.

The hospital I worked for.

Hospital/MD

I never want to hear the phrase COVID-19 ever again in my life. The virus has had virtually zero effect on my life or the lives of my friends and family. Government policies associated with COVID-19 have been incredibly destructive, leaving us without income and without hope.

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Fox news is reliable and truthful.

Working in the Mon General Emergency Department

Work (WVUM)

My employer

CDC

Employer

CO-VID 19 locations where I received the injections.

Internet - Web MD Mayo etc

Peer-reviewed medical journal abstracts.

CDC

Work

I'm a medical professional... I read the studies

News is propaganda. Will never trust the news.

EMS system

Directly from the CDC, other government web sites, and university studies.

My own knowledge as a pharmacist.

MY EMPLOYMENT FROM DHHR

Baby Dog. Any COVID information related from the Governor's obese mutt was more reliable from all politicians and medical providers in the state combined.

WV Gov Justice's reports by email are very helpful

CDC

Listening to the Governor

CVS

Medical Journals

My own research evaluation.



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Work

Employer

John Hopkins Public Health newsletter

Work in healthcare

CDC Web-site

employer

I work in a medical facility

research

own research

Didn't trust anyone

Trust nobody

Work

I work for a hospital system, it was the information I trusted the most.

Hospital I work at

CDC

School of Public Health

Medical literature

Researched from reliable medical resources

Q30 - How often do you smoke cigarettes?

1264 Responses

Field	Percentage
Some days	3%
Every day	6%
Not at all	91%

Q31 - During the past month, how many days per week did you get exercise from running, gardening, walking, or something else?

1260 Responses

Field	Percentage
1 day per week	11%
2 days per week	14%
3 days per week	19%
4 days per week	13%
5 days per week	13%
6 days per week	6%
7 days per week	13%
None	11%

Q32- On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period?

1248 Responses

Field	Percentage
0	0.16%
2	0.08%
3	0.64%
4	3.29%
5	6.57%
6	29.09%
7	27.16%
8	25.08%
9	4.73%
10	2.72%
11	0.08%
12	0.16%
13	0.08%
14	0.08%
16	0.08%

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Q35 - What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

1244 Responses

Field	Percentage
Female	72%
Male	28%

Q36 - How do you describe yourself? (select one)

1245 Responses

Field	Choice Count
Male	342
Female	897
Transgender	3
Do not identify as male, female, or transgender	3

Q37 - Which of these groups best describes your race? Please select all that apply.

1245 Responses

Field	Choice Count
White/Caucasian	1,214
Asian	8
Black or African American	15
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Other (please specify)	15

Q38 - Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

1219 Responses

Field	Choice Count
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	16
No, not Hispanic or Latino	1,203

Q39 - What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1244 Responses

Field	Choice Count
Less than high school graduate	6
High school diploma or equivalent (GED)	133
Bachelor degree or higher (includes any advanced degrees)	688

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Other (please specify)	50
Technical or vocational degree/certification	77
Associate degree	113
Some college or certification	177

Q40 - What is your estimated yearly household income?

1236 Responses

Field	Percentage
Less than \$20,000	6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	6%
\$30,000 to \$49,999	16%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14%
More than \$100,000	27%
Prefer not to answer	14%

Q41 - What is your marital status?

1244 Responses

Field	Choice Count
Married or in a domestic partnership	848
Divorced	108
Never married	13
Separated	10
Widowed	83
Other (please specify)	12
Single	170

Q42 - How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? Please enter a whole number even if you are not the primary caregiver or biological parent.

1118 Responses

Field	Choice Count
0	801
1	145
2	121
3	37
4	12
5	1
6	1

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Q43 - How were you invited to complete this survey?

1240 Responses	
Field	Percentage
My employer	11%
Social media	10%
Friend or family member	1%
Public school, library, or other community organization	0%
Other	1%
Electronic medical record message invitation (e.g., MyChart, MyMonHealth Patient Portal)	18%
Personal email invitation	58%
Public health educator	0%

Q44 - What is your residency status in your county?

Field	Choice Count
I am a permanent resident of my county (in West Virginia)	1,134
I am a university student who is here part time	4
Other	101

*Mon County Community Health Survey 2022*

**Q45 - Is there anything else you would like to say about health in your community?**

Is there anything else you would like to say about health in your community?

Despite the abundance of services available within minutes of home and the quality of health insurance, bed-bound people living at home are not able to receive medical care in Monongalia County due to lack of gurney transportation.

nope

no

do something about the homeless population

no

There needs to be more Public Education about Diabetes and Kidney Disease.

No

I am concerned about growing vaccine hesitancy, in particular for the safety of my child.

Desperately Need PREP Services In Western MD, Preston, and Tucker Counties

We need to get the people off the streets first and foremost. It is dangerous for those individuals and dangerous for the community to have that. Drug use, unhygienic conditions, and unsafe areas abound along the rail trails where the homeless camps abound. I am not blaming those individuals but it is a community health issue

No

Without mask regulations, our county and state has made it dangerous to just go out and perform normal activities. Forcing healthy people to stay home so gross unvaxxed people can be the ones in restaurants and in stores is just so WV

Gay friends in Mon County often visit Washington PA for services, PrEP, etc. Why? Are those services not available in Mon County?

we need a great focus on making sure what is on the streets can be tested w/o consequences. people need to stop dropping like flies

Covid isolation and overreacting has caused irreparable mental health harm leading to concurrent drug abuse and homelessness, crime and has divided our country worse than anything to date.

I would like to see more infrastructure like side walks, parks and recreation opportunities for community

Notice an influx of tobacco, vaping shops. This is detrimental to the health of our community. On Van Voohris alone there are two shops of this type. Very negative for the health of our community.

There is not enough affordable activities in the county. With the cost of homes many businesses operate on the higher end of the income spectrum in terms of what is offered. While we have free options like the rail trail the rail trail has proven unsafe due to Mon County's lack of enforcement of keeping the homeless population from living along the trail harassing community members or attacking them.

No

I would like to see vaping stopped by the FDA

no

No.

Child hunger

Overall, I think our access to all types of health care are good in this county. It has been challenged during COVID, but I think all agencies went above and beyond to find ways to adapt to the situations they were given.

the loss of FRMC has been a terrible blow to the community

Too little help available for pain as we age such as arthritis, osteoarthritis (we are told we have it but not told what we can do for it), fibromyalgia, lupus, etc.

I don't think you'll get a good, complete picture re community health w/ this survey. Too long and too "hard" for many in our community (unfortunately). Those in poorest health & with greatest needs & "underserved," I suspect, won't respond in high numbers. They don't have time (busy working), internet, etc.

no

Improve efficiency of patient reaching to physician

No

No

No

SOMETHING MORE NEEDS DONE ABOUT THE DRUG EPIDEMIC

It seems that I have a lot of privilege and even still I cannot access health care as much as I would like - until an emergency happens. Time and money are what prevents me from doing so. There needs to be a fix.

I lived in Monongalia County for 5 years before moving to Marion County for affordable housing 4 years ago.

It Sucks

no

Access to information about health concerns, screenings, access to care, etc. is needed

This inflation wave is going to cripple this region

It is very poor. Obesity, nutrition and poor exercise and flexibility

no

No

We need affordable housing/ healthcare

This survey was way too long

80+ yrs, and receiving health care from local dentist and WVU physicians.

Too many people without adequate insurance

By casual observation, there is greater disparity in income, education, and world view for Garrett County, MD than we've seen in other areas in which we have lived.

Rapidly declining drug use out of control

As a female I have the right to decide what happens with my body with judgement or interference from church or state, I have the right to have my health information protected .

It's declining

Morgantown needs sidewalks and a safe family oriented downtown

Lots of drugs

I cannot express enough about the needs of caregivers and their loved ones. Strongly lacking in Marion Co.

no

Be cautious about implementing future lockdowns and mask requirements.

Would like to see spa centers with pool built for senior citizens in our town

No

no

Morgantown has great medical care and doctors. Hospitals are the best both for care and personnel.

We need more non-WVU internists

pharmaceutical companies need to stop influencing medical institutions and medical institutions needs to stop using only certain pharmaceutical companies because the patient should come first just as the oath taken states

Not at this time

I would like to see free exercise groups for all ages. I feel we have a mental health issue and obesity and this would help with both!

no

No

No

no

Monongalia County especially Morgantown is geared to young people only.

No

no

Mental health is a huge problem, along with addiction issues. Too many people are dying trying to numb the pain of what/who hurts them.

Most people are healthy hard working

No

I love Dr McBee

It sucks so bad I drive 2 hours every week to Morgantown despite the price of gas. It's pitiful.

No

I think mental health and addiction services are the greatest need for my community at this time.

If the dental school can offer services at reduced rates, why can't the medical school do the same?



To see any specialists, my round-trip drive over mountain roads is 97.6 miles (Harrisonburg, VA), 135.8 miles (Elkins, WV), 284 miles (Morgantown, WV), 78.6 miles (Petersburg, WV), and 220 miles (Weston, WV). At my age (79), and especially in winter, driving these distances on mountain roads is problematic.

We have to do better. We have to stop focusing on money and look at patient outcomes.

no

need more mental health services. Now not tomorrow

I very much appreciate how the Mon County Health Department and WVU coordinated covid info and vaccine efforts!

None at this time

No

No

Just that the cost of housing affects everything else about my life and my kids which keeps us from affording additional medical services or why I have to sometimes not buy my diabetic medication and why my gas has been shut off.

NO

Some of my responses aren't the usual as I am currently pregnant (weight, exercise, physical well-being).

It is unfortunate the lack of care one can receive here. I typically travel out of state to receive better quality care.

Please provide more mental health treatment.

No

No

Way too many nosy questions

We are in need of ethical leadership, if such potential does exist.

It's horrendous. Lack of proper education, social services, horrible air and water quality and general environment here is polluted and nobody cares ( no curbside recycling or car emissions tests) , many Covid deniers and anti-vac people and no access to abortion now. It's a disaster here in WV.

Thanks for great Covid immunization response

We'll done, comprehensive survey

We have more access than many areas of the state. New gold standard practices have made it more difficult to see your provider than it used to be

no

it is important and i appreciate any efforts you make to improve it!

No, thank you.

no

no

Stop harping over Covid and address obesity, drug abuse and wholesome eating habits.

we need help for drug addiction - residential treatments - telehealth is not helpful for someone in crisis

No

no

N/A

I feel fortunate to live in Mon County where access to medical care is so readily available. We are fortunate to benefit from the presence of WVU and their research arm.

No

Lack of primary care doctors willing to accept patients with multiple health problems

I have received excellent medical care. I do not know, however, if that is true of everyone in our community.

We need affordable DENTAL HEALTH services!!

N/A

I think our issues are primarily social. We have adequate resources in general, but people (in general) choose to live an unhealthy lifestyle, and until that culture changes, our community health won't change.. Obviously, there are exceptions, a few people who have no control.

West Virginia needs to step it up!!! Listen to your patients when they express concerns and prioritize people over money.

not at this time

There does need to be a basic healthcare available to every individual that is not dependant on insurance. I also question whether those that really need healthcare in our area would have access or elect to complete this survey in it's entirety. unfortunately.

I'd really like to see education on nutrition and fitness efforts being made in communities. Obesity is 100% preventable and it's the cause of A LOT of health-related issues.

No

Alot of elderly sick people.

No

Answering these questions makes me feel very blessed. We need to find a way to feed and house our citizens.

More pro active doctors

I feel it is poor.

No

There are many people in West Virginia that choose to be ignorant about public health.

Do something about the drug problems and the homeless

No

No

no

No

No

It's time for reform. Not an insurance mandate. Not band-aid solutions. Not exploitive corporate greed. Reform that benefits the people.

None at this time.

Not that I can think of at this time

Certainly if we could keep politicians/politics out of health care, we would all be better for it.

More std testing and awarenes

Without universal, single-payer healthcare, our community health issues will never be able to be adequately addressed.

Community heath doesn't always seem cohesive in the city.

We need a national effort to increase funding for community health services.

No

I wish WVU hospital and Mon Health were in better terms.

No

No

no

I am disgusted with the current medical field. The cost of normal appointments costs me 3 days wages. Just trying to make ends meet with a mortgage, utilities, groceries, debt and pet care leaves very little excess money to spend on health care. We do not drive new vehicles, mine is 14 years old and my husband's is 7. We are paying for new facilities and the war between MonHealth & WVU.

There is an epidemic of morbidly obese people here.

Nope

Concerned about the growing homeless population

Illegal drug use is rampant and the courts are not doing their part to help this health problem

We are a poor town. I don't expect seeing help happening unless the people want to help themselves

Not enough medical appointments available timely

would like my family doc to be closer to Mon General

no

The health in my community is not as good as it could be compared to other parts of the US.

N/A

Need affordable eye and dental insurance

Nope

I have seen some deterioration of health in the older residents, due to isolation from covid.

I don't go to the doctor but once a year, because I never meet my deductible. So we pay for all of it, plus my premiums every paycheck.

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Im new to Mon so im not really able to comment. However so dar i am pleased with the services.

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I am the single income for tgis household. My wife is disabled and is no longer able to provide monetary or physical support. I leave her out of my emotiinal issue to shield her from whar I am dealinf with. I am the provider for a mentally ill, physically handicapped person who does nothi g to gelo me

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No

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No

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Medical providers are too busy with too many patients to give adequate attention to. Getting timely appoints is a result of not enough providers. Hospital providers do not communicate together...left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. I could go on and on but don't think it makes a difference. Medicine is big business and the patients needs are secondary!

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Needs improvement

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No

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I had an awful experience during pregnancy, delivery and after care. More needs to be done for mothers before, during and after pregnancy. I'm lucky because I had a great support system who all specialize in medicine and who are mothers themselves. Had it not been for them, my pregnancy, delivery and after care would have been a lot worse (and I had health issues). I can't imagine what's it's like for a woman who doesn't have those people helping her.

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COVID isn't done with us yet. Don't let up.

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N/A

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I wish COVID vaccine hesitancy wasn't a thing.

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No

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I believe it's above average.

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No

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No

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Why is it seniors always slip through the cracks? They get know help. We planned for retirement and my husband had gotten sick. We had just short of a million of retirement and because he had to go to nursing home, I have nothing. No money, home, nothing. My husband would not won't it this way. So here I am just out on the street with nothing.

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More affordable care & housing for elderly is needed

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How do I get help with getting a vehicle..... I don't have one and I need one

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Should not have to wait weeks or months for appointments and should not have to travel 30plus miles to get it

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No

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Much outreach is needed to be certain the homeless and addicted receive care and treatment

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No

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No. This surveys is too long

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no

There is not enough variety of drug/alcohol treatment programs in my county. The main one we have can be difficult to participate in.

Takes far too long to get a doctor's appt when needed. Also costs are out of control.

Other than it being easier to get specialty service for screening services; colonoscopy, mammogram, etc without getting a referral. Being able to make an appointment without first going to a family practice doctor or such.

I know obesity is a big problem in WV; but drug abuse is bigger (no pun intended).

Lacking

Varies sharply between in-town and rural, and between counties with big towns (eg Marion, Mon) and those without

ambulance services too costly

Telehealth from Mon Gen for Covid-19 was useless. It took 4 days for anyone to instruct me to do NOTHING!

I am lucky enough to have the financial ability to get regular healthcare, both from my PCP and from GYN, Ophth, Dental and other providers, and I have a healthcare background so I know how and when to access these or other healthcare resources. Sadly, way too many folks in our community are not as fortunate. I believe we need better access to free or low cost care, especially for things like dental, hearing, eye care. I also think we need to look at the Western end of Mon Co in terms of accessible grocery stores beyond the Dollar store and gas station markets.

No, but improvement would help.

No

No

No

NO

Not at this time

No

ITS OKAY!

Leave sexual orientation, 'woke', etc out of health, schools, etc. There are many bigger problems to spend time and money on. Make the hospitals, county, city, etc. balance their budgets and stop depending on county residents to pay for what others can't afford.

No

No

No

I am grateful for the individuals and organizations that care about and work towards improving the health of Mon County. We are lucky because we have many resources here and often WV'ians travel to Morgantown/Mon County to seek their care.

I highly value the fact that I live in Monongalia County.

More needs to be done specifically for seniors.

Nope, that about covers it.

NO

No

I can't get to the doctor when I need to because I don't have secure transportation.

Fortunate to have the health care available in Mon County and wish there was more awareness of what options there are.

Very good.

Do not let the gun store on Don Knotts Blvd open.

No

No

Our elderly population has financial concerns and no one to help them.

More help for seniors

Nope

No

Need better nursing homes

I think obesity is also a problem in my community along with other ones I listed at beginning of survey.. a lot of people I know can afford to

No.

no

No

I believe our seniors and veterans should have better care, more healthier foods supplied and lots more mental health care free or at very little cost to them. It seems if you are single with six kids you get all the help you need and then some. The seniors and vets receive very little assistance in comparison to young, unmarried girls with many kids.. I think it's appalling how little we help help certain sects of our community but throw money at the other.

More choices since Mon Marion came to county, but, we need more doctors besides an emergency department

Nope

Number 1: Broadband. Once we have that in place, we can focus on helping with education.

No

No

no

All good.

Get moving people

I was diagnosed with Endometrial Cancer in November, 2021. Although my diagnoses was not discovered for 3 months during, I was able to have surgery and treatment for this diagnosis. Hope to complete the treatment by August, 2022.

I see so much need, it's sad. We need help in our community for free or little cost medications

It is lacking/one incident malpractice

No

Parts of Mon County it's very easy to access health care if you can afford it, but once you move away from the interstates it isn't as easy to access. I see needs every day in town close to medical facilities and yet they don't get help. I can only imagine how bad it is once you move away from the "city" aspect. We need to do better on every level.

Let's be proactive, work 4 days per week, improve mental health by doing this and we can all be more active. Win Win

No

Options for exercise in inclement weather would be great

Need a full time Emergency Department, with a Doctor on staff

N/a

Thank goodness for facilities like HealthRight

No

No

Morgantown is great place to live with easy access to great health care

no

Government policies hurt our community, they do more harm than good.

More access to specialty providers without a long wait

This is stupid question that I have ever been asked.

NO

Please stop firing people or treating unvaccinated people with disrespect, or that have different beliefs. I believe you are causing more harm to the community than good.

Health care and counseling for the homeless

People need to stay home when they are sick. Education on transmissible diseases

I wish we had used a science-based approach to covid mitigation instead of a social/political one. 8,000 West Virginians are dead because of our poor choices. Hoping to move to a better state soon.

better health care in mon valley wv is accessible and would benefit fayette county PA

I think the health in my county is pretty good

I'm tired. Literally tired of being shamed for my comorbidity (terrible word)

I can't afford to pay medical bills bc I'm married (but on disability) to someone who makes over the guidelines for charity care. It isn't fair bc he doesn't pay my bills or health bills but I can't apply because of him. He has good insurance and I need it & we have a daughter who benefits from it.

Need some positives to balance the negatives to bring hope back to the area

Western maryland is poorly served and have long waits for specialists causing people like me to go out of town but hard for those who do not have rides or drive

No

Western end of Monongalia County is mostly in poor health.

No

No, but thank you for sending me this survey.

There are many areas of concern for public health. One in particular is the over consumption of sodas or high caloric drinks. Frequently, at the grocery store I see carts filled with few food items and many many drinks, including bottled water. A focus on healthier drink choices would be good - mainly tap water.

NO

There is a large difference in the circumstances between people who live in the town area and those in rural areas. It would be nice to close that gap.

Concern regarding access to reproductive health given the overturning of roe v wade. Also concern of medicalization of marijuana. Health providers need to collaborate with mental health professionals regarding what is acceptable so that individuals do not become then addicted to marijuana which may lead to other substance use.

No

no

Fireworks need to be outlawed in communities unless set off by professionals

West Virginia struggles to meet health needs, but I believe that there are solutions. It will take some serious intention and listening to make a difference. Please use this data to support those who are the most vulnerable. Please consider how the most vulnerable members of our community may not be answering these questions. This data is powerful.

No

More activities that are free fir kids or summer programs grandparents raising grandchildren need more support

Since you are taking the time to do this surgery, please listen and actually do something with the results to help address the needs identified. Otherwise, this is all a waste of time.

It's expensive (especially procedures), somewhat mechanical (examination, symptoms, drugs) no wholistic or looking at the root of the symptoms

Appreciate the survey and that these efforts are being undertaken. Please keep up the good work.

No

Access to more specialists in Marion County

More doctors and clinics

No

No

More healthy places to eat

Need drs that care and better er service

Need to work on the drug problem



I think alot of people are struggling due to the increase in the cost if living, gas prices, mental health issues and lack of services for grandfamilies raising grandchildren

Morgantown need more places to walk, better sidewalks. More social programs for senior citizens/or announcements. Much better road planning, getting too congested to drive.

WVU Medicine has very low standards. Mon Health is doing all the good work and making up for WVU Medicine's blunders. Please take a look at how these two institutions are different in terms of treatment and training. Maybe WVU Medicine can learn something from Mon Health. However, I think WVU Medicine should strive to be even better than Mon Health.

the results of this survey are likely to be skewed. the very people most in need of services are the least likely to have a computer and internet access.

No

no

WVU Hospitals and Mon General Hospital keep the county up to date.

No

No

No

No

No

I work as support for a specialist clinic in Mon county, and I can see the need for more affordable healthcare and coverage, as well as the need for more medical professionals in the state. This state is poor and with poverty comes poor health. We need more free or affordable services provided to the public and encouragement for them to use such services. Otherwise those who can will continue to leave the state and those who cannot will continue to decline in health.

No

no

Medical care in WV is poor at best. I would not have surgery in this state. Ruby is a particularly bad place to have surgery.

MY PREFERENCE IS TO GO TO MON GERERAL FOR ANY SURGRIES

No

Quit sueing everyone

We need help in our area (education, better access, more involvement, etc.).

No

Stop pushing drugs, push better nutrition and exercise. Lifestyle choices can effect our health

no

It sucks!

Affordable senior facilities are needed

No

Air Quality is poor

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Thankful we have as many resources as we do

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Education plays a large part of our community's health problems. After we moved back to WV, it is very apparent that tobacco use, lack of exercise, and obesity are woven into this culture more than most places. Having more places to congregate and exercise or be physically active would greatly benefit this area. Currently Morgantown has the Mylan facilities, but they are located on the outer edge of the county and not easily accessible for lost people.

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No

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We are lucky in our area to have excellent providers but not everyone can easily access them.

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Glad we have hospital(s) again! Thank you.

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No

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Need better Dental coverage

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No

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As a NC resident, if you ever contact me again without my express written permission, I will press charges for cyberstalking.

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Too many people on drugs including marijuana. I see it negatively impacting families my county and in my school district where I live in the school district where I work which are two different areas of that county.

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I believe the overall health of my community can be seen as poor. There is a lot of poverty, and because of the poverty many people suffer from addiction, physical and mental health crises, and abuse. I think WV is a beautiful state, it is my home. But those in power prove time and time again that they do not care about those who call WV home. My parents were poor when I was born, I have been homeless with my parents and now that I am almost 30 years old, my parents are still suffering financially and physically and I cannot afford to care for them. Their options are grim, and I don't have the time or money to care for myself.

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no

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People need to disregard most "medical advice " on social media.

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Give younger people more physical activities. Create downtown to a thriving and walkable area. Less fast food options.

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Medical care has become big business. There are very few private practice doctors. WVU and MonHealth control everything and manage it very poorly. There's a 6 months wait-list for psychological services. I'm disgusted with the modern medical money making machine.

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we need more and better mental health services across the spectrum of providers, services, and disorders.

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Need affordable health insurance

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Need jobs, housing and recreation.

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The homeless population in this area is excessive. We need resources to move people away from downtown businesses who will be hurt by their presence. The homeless here sometimes pose a safety risk to those around. Healthcare billing borders on fraudulent practice. Discounts for insured and or prompt pay are not provided consistently. Particularly if paying by automated service (which by the way is encouraged) are not disclosed at all. This is discriminating for those who lack the knowledge or assertiveness to inquire. Therefore too many are paying out of pocket in excess way too often.

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The homeless is an issue

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Oppose masks, mandates, and lockdowns. Frightens and damages people.

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I appreciate that we have 2 outstanding hospitals in Morgantown and my first choice is Mon General

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I would like to see more sidewalks in the county for improved safety, encouraging more people to walk/bike.

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No

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I would like to see more individualized listening and caring. I'd like to see that insurance and pharmaceutical companies not run the lives of patients/clients and those in need.

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No

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The over burdened mental health system is in need of expansion and revision

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Drug abuse is a major issue here and there nowhere near enough recovery services available. This needs to change or the problem will only continue to grow.

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Until we start to teach and educate on healthy ways to eat and PREPARE healthy food things will not get better.

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Need for mental health care workers

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n/a

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Community Activity free or low cost would be beneficial.

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No

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Safety of individuals and drug abuse is just very concerning to me and I don't want children to go hungry.

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It appears all health issues are stemming from lack of education surrounding food, exercise, social interaction, safe sex, and mental health. To be honest, we need to focus on children as I feel adults are far less responsive. We have allowed our personal beliefs, religion, race, and politics to drive us into a false sense of community that has actually created social isolation.

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I'd like to do my part in making it better

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no

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n/a

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Something seriously must be done about all the drinking and driving after football games

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Abortion access !!!

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Abortion is healthcare.

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Better planning and government transparency

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Connectivity of resources needs to be established to provide access to all who are in need and desire to receive it.

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I wish there was a better partnership between Mon and Ruby so we could choose the best doctor at the time without fear of not being covered by insurance because the preferred doctor has rights at the opposite facility.

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There is a wide gap influenced by generational lessons learned.

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No

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free universal healthcare including mental, vision and dental in addition to medical

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There is a need for affordable, accessible (for those with disabilities) housing.

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I think we need more resources for mental health especially after COVID-19

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I work in WV and live in PA on the border. We have a rural clinic and pharmacy...wonderful.

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No

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My elderly neighbors can not afford their medications. Some only get select prescriptions filled , others do not fill any . Due to high co pays

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Good health care providers are leaving, and health care providers don't want to check basic labs even if you have history of it being abnormal. Health care is too expensive for the poor care we receive.

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The health of women and children is a neglected priority. Women need access to affordable contraception as well resources for access to out of state abortions.

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We need more mental health options. Many booked up.

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This survey has some flow and item issues that will limit interpretability.

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Mental health seems to be overlooked; and very hard to get help

Appendix E – Potential Community Resources

<b>Community Resources/Ideas</b>
<b><i>Substance Use and Abuse &amp; Mental Health</i></b>
Brookhaven Elementary School Partnership
Highland Hospital partnership
Naloxone Resources
Population Health Initiatives
Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group
Prescription Drug Takeback Day
School-based partnerships for youth initiatives
<b><i>Cancer</i></b>
American Cancer Society Programming
Breast Cancer Survivor Programming
Cancer Screenings
Free Mammography Days
<b><i>Obesity, Co-Morbid Illness, and Physical Activity</i></b>
Girls on the Run Sponsorship
Low-Cost Sports Physicals
Pantry Plush More Partnership
School-based partnerships for youth initiatives

Advanced Filter  
Men

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

342 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	55%
Obesity	50%
Diabetes ("sugar")	28%
Heart problems	27%
Aging problems	25%
Mental health problems	24%
Cancers	23%
High blood pressure	14%
COVID-19	12%
Depression/hopelessness	9%
Chronic disease	9%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	6%
Anxiety	6%
Dental problems	4%
Other	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

338 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	66%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	37%
Poverty	27%
Limited affordable/quality housing	25%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	21%
Homelessness	20%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	18%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	15%
Limited social services or programs	15%
Limited job opportunities	11%

Appendix F - Top Health and Disease Demographic Breakdowns

Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	9%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	9%
Limited access to transportation	8%
Other	5%
Water/air quality	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	66%
Lack of exercise	40%
Excessive alcohol use	38%
Unhealthy eating choices	30%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	23%
Tobacco	20%
Overeating	19%
Crime	14%
Not getting recommended immunizations	14%
Child abuse and neglect	10%
Vaping	7%
Domestic violence	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	6%
Gambling	2%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter  
Women

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	62%
Obesity	48%
Mental health problems	41%
Aging problems	19%
Diabetes ("sugar")	24%
Cancers	19%
Chronic disease	14%
Heart problems	18%
Anxiety	9%
Dental problems	7%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
High blood pressure	8%
COVID-19	7%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	6%
Other	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	59%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	28%
Limited affordable/quality housing	29%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	19%
Poverty	25%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	19%
Limited access to transportation	12%
Homelessness	23%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	15%
Limited social services or programs	12%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	17%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	13%



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Water/air quality	5%
Limited job opportunities	11%
Other	6%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	65%
Excessive alcohol use	36%
Lack of exercise	31%
Unhealthy eating choices	27%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	24%
Child abuse and neglect	27%
Crime	14%
Overeating	13%
Domestic violence	13%
Not getting recommended immunizations	11%
Tobacco	17%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	8%
Vaping	8%
Gambling	2%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter  
Under 40

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

346 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	73%
Mental health problems	57%
Obesity	50%
Depression/hopelessness	16%
Diabetes ("sugar")	15%
Heart problems	14%
Cancers	13%
Anxiety	12%
Chronic disease	10%
COVID-19	8%
Aging problems	8%
High blood pressure	8%
Dental problems	7%
Other	5%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	2%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

330 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	53%
Poverty	35%
Limited affordable/quality housing	30%
Homelessness	27%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	25%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	23%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	19%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	18%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	16%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	15%

Appendix F - Top Health and Disease Demographic Breakdowns

Limited job opportunities	12%
Limited social services or programs	9%
Limited access to transportation	8%
Water/air quality	4%
Other	3%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	68%
Excessive alcohol use	43%
Lack of exercise	31%
Child abuse and neglect	30%
Unhealthy eating choices	30%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	20%
Tobacco	14%
Not getting recommended immunizations	13%
Crime	12%
Domestic violence	11%
Overeating	11%
Vaping	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	6%
Gambling	2%
Other	1%

Advanced Filter  
Over 65

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

518 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	49%
Obesity	44%
Aging problems	34%
Diabetes ("sugar")	31%
Cancers	29%
Heart problems	25%
Mental health problems	14%
High blood pressure	14%
Chronic disease	13%
COVID-19	12%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	9%
Anxiety	5%
Other	4%
Dental problems	4%
Depression/hopelessness	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

501 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	66%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	33%
Limited affordable/quality housing	27%
Poverty	22%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	20%
Homelessness	18%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	17%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	16%
Limited access to transportation	14%
Limited social services or programs	14%

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Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	8%
Other	7%
Water/air quality	5%

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Lack of exercise	33%
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Overeating	19%
Tobacco	18%
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Crime	16%
Domestic violence	9%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Vaping	5%
Gambling	2%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter  
White

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

1212 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	60%
Obesity	49%
Mental health problems	36%
Diabetes ("sugar")	25%
Aging problems	21%
Heart problems	20%
Cancers	20%
Chronic disease	12%
High blood pressure	10%
Depression/hopelessness	10%
COVID-19	9%
Anxiety	8%
Dental problems	6%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	6%
Other	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

1207 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	61%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	31%
Limited affordable/quality housing	28%
Poverty	26%
Homelessness	22%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	19%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	18%
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Tobacco	18%
Overeating	15%
Crime	14%
Not getting recommended immunizations	12%
Domestic violence	11%
Vaping	7%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	7%
Gambling	2%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter  
Non-White

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

400 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	60%
Obesity	38%
Mental health problems	36%
Cancers	28%
Diabetes ("sugar")	23%
Heart problems	20%
Aging problems	19%
High blood pressure	14%
Anxiety	13%
Depression/hopelessness	12%
Chronic disease	10%
COVID-19	8%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	4%
Dental problems	4%
Other	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

354 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	63%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30%
Poverty	29%
Limited affordable/quality housing	21%
Homelessness	21%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	19%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	18%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	18%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	14%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	12%



Appendix F - Top Health and Disease Demographic Breakdowns

Limited job opportunities	11%
Limited access to transportation	9%
Limited social services or programs	8%
Other	4%
Water/air quality	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	66%
Excessive alcohol use	39%
Lack of exercise	30%
Child abuse and neglect	27%
Unhealthy eating choices	22%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	20%
Crime	18%
Overeating	17%
Tobacco	14%
Not getting recommended immunizations	12%
Vaping	9%
Domestic violence	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	8%
Gambling	3%
Other	3%

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Advanced Filter  
Income < \$30,000

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

149 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	57%
Mental health problems	38%
Obesity	33%
Aging problems	25%
Diabetes ("sugar")	22%
Heart problems	19%
Cancers	19%
Depression/hopelessness	17%
Anxiety	14%
Chronic disease	11%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	10%
Dental problems	9%
COVID-19	9%
High blood pressure	8%
Other	5%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

148 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	59%
Poverty	32%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30%
Limited affordable/quality housing	29%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	22%
Homelessness	20%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	18%
Limited access to transportation	16%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	14%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	13%

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Limited social services or programs	13%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	9%
Limited job opportunities	9%
Other	6%
Water/air quality	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	63%
Excessive alcohol use	37%
Lack of exercise	29%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	30%
Crime	26%
Child abuse and neglect	22%
Unhealthy eating choices	20%
Tobacco	14%
Overeating	13%
Domestic violence	12%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	10%
Not getting recommended immunizations	8%
Gambling	5%
Other	4%
Vaping	3%

Advanced Filter  
Income > \$75,000

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

675 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	60%
Obesity	52%
Mental health problems	35%
Diabetes ("sugar")	27%
Cancers	22%
Aging problems	20%
Heart problems	20%
Chronic disease	14%
COVID-19	9%
High blood pressure	9%
Depression/hopelessness	8%
Anxiety	8%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	5%
Other	4%
Dental problems	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

673 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	60%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30%
Limited affordable/quality housing	29%
Homelessness	24%
Poverty	23%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	22%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	18%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	14%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	14%
Limited social services or programs	14%

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Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	13%
Limited access to transportation	11%
Limited job opportunities	10%
Other	6%
Water/air quality	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	64%
Lack of exercise	37%
Excessive alcohol use	35%
Unhealthy eating choices	32%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	26%
Child abuse and neglect	21%
Tobacco	20%
Overeating	15%
Not getting recommended immunizations	12%
Domestic violence	10%
Crime	10%
Vaping	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	6%
Other	2%
Gambling	2%

Advanced Filter  
<4-year Degree

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

504 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	63%
Obesity	39%
Mental health problems	33%
Cancers	27%
Aging problems	25%
Diabetes ("sugar")	23%
Heart problems	22%
Depression/hopelessness	12%
High blood pressure	12%
Anxiety	10%
Chronic disease	9%
Dental problems	7%
COVID-19	7%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	7%
Other	3%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

501 Responses

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	65%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	31%
Limited affordable/quality housing	25%
Poverty	24%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	24%
Homelessness	22%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	17%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	15%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	15%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	13%

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Limited social services or programs	13%
Limited access to transportation	11%
Limited job opportunities	11%
Water/air quality	5%
Other	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	69%
Excessive alcohol use	37%
Lack of exercise	29%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	26%
Child abuse and neglect	24%
Unhealthy eating choices	22%
Crime	21%
Tobacco	15%
Overeating	14%
Domestic violence	11%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	10%
Not getting recommended immunizations	7%
Vaping	7%
Gambling	3%
Other	2%

Advanced Filter  
Education- 4 Year Degree or Higher

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

	688 Responses
Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	58%
Obesity	56%
Mental health problems	40%
Diabetes ("sugar")	27%
Heart problems	19%
Aging problems	18%
Cancers	15%
Chronic disease	14%
COVID-19	10%
High blood pressure	9%
Depression/hopelessness	9%
Anxiety	8%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	5%
Dental problems	5%
Other	5%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

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Cost of health care and/or medications	58%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	30%
Limited affordable/quality housing	30%
Poverty	27%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	23%
Homelessness	23%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	16%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	15%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	15%
Limited social services or programs	14%



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Limited job opportunities	12%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	11%
Limited access to transportation	11%
Other	6%
Water/air quality	4%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	63%
Excessive alcohol use	37%
Lack of exercise	36%
Unhealthy eating choices	32%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	23%
Child abuse and neglect	22%
Tobacco	20%
Not getting recommended immunizations	15%
Overeating	15%
Domestic violence	10%
Crime	8%
Vaping	8%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	5%
Other	2%
Gambling	1%

Advanced Filter  
Children in the Home

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	69%
Obesity	54%
Mental health problems	51%
Diabetes ("sugar")	21%
Heart problems	18%
Cancers	15%
Depression/hopelessness	13%
Anxiety	11%
Chronic disease	9%
Aging problems	9%
COVID-19	7%
Dental problems	7%
High blood pressure	6%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	3%
Other	3%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

Field	Percentage of Responses
Cost of health care and/or medications	57%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	27%
Limited affordable/quality housing	27%
Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	26%
Poverty	25%
Lack of health insurance or limited health coverage	23%
Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	23%
Homelessness	21%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	17%
Chronic loneliness or isolation	11%
Limited job opportunities	11%
Limited social services or programs	11%

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Limited access to transportation	7%
Other	5%
Water/air quality	3%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	68%
Excessive alcohol use	40%
Lack of exercise	35%
Child abuse and neglect	30%
Unhealthy eating choices	29%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	22%
Tobacco	15%
Crime	13%
Overeating	11%
Domestic violence	10%
Vaping	10%
Not getting recommended immunizations	6%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	6%
Other	1%
Gambling	1%

Advanced Filter  
No Children in the Home

Q5 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to health and disease in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug and/or alcohol use	58%
Obesity	48%
Mental health problems	33%
Diabetes ("sugar")	26%
Aging problems	23%
Cancers	21%
Heart problems	21%
Chronic disease	13%
High blood pressure	11%
COVID-19	10%
Depression/hopelessness	9%
Anxiety	7%
Respiratory/lung disease/asthma	7%
Dental problems	6%
Other	4%

Q6 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important problems related to quality of life and environment in your county? Please choose ONLY 3.

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Limited safe places to walk, bike, etc.	17%
Limited organized activities for children and teens	15%
Limited ability to get healthy food or enough food	14%
Limited social services or programs	14%
Limited access to transportation	12%
Limited job opportunities	12%

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Limited places to play or healthy activities for kids	8%
Other	6%
Water/air quality	5%

Q7 - From the following list, which do you think are the 3 most important risky behaviors related to personal choices in your county?

Field	Percentage of Responses
Drug use	64%
Excessive alcohol use	36%
Lack of exercise	33%
Unhealthy eating choices	27%
Distracted driving (cellphone use)	25%
Tobacco	19%
Child abuse and neglect	19%
Overeating	16%
Not getting recommended immunizations	15%
Crime	13%
Domestic violence	11%
Impaired driving (drugs/alcohol)	8%
Vaping	7%
Gambling	2%
Other	2%

Appendix G - Demographics

<b>Demographic</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>	<b>Monongalia</b>	<b>Marion</b>
Men	27.65%	51.60%	49.80%
Women	72.35%	48.40%	50.20%
Age 65+	31.26%	13.50%	19.60%
White alone	96.96%	89.90%	93.80%
Non-white or 2+ races	3.04%	12.50%	7.60%
Hispanic or Latino	1.31%	2.30%	1.40%
Households with high-speed internet	87.70%	87.80%	83.40%
Bachelor's degree or higher, age 25+	55.31%	43.70%	23.10%

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>

Appendix H - Responses Regarding Access to Care

Q9 - What type of health insurance coverage do you have? (Select all that apply)

1497 Responses

Field	Percentage of Choices
Private health insurance (e.g., through your employer, union, family member, or private plan)	64%
Public health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, VA services, Tricare, Chip, or Indian Health Services)	31%
Other (please specify)	3%
Uninsured (i.e., no health insurance coverage)	1%

Q10 - I know how to access medical care in my community.

1497 Responses

Field	Percentage
Strongly agree	57%
Somewhat agree	22%
Strongly disagree	10%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%
Somewhat disagree	5%

Q11 - Please tell us your level of agreement with each of these sentences about your County.

1472 Responses

Field	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
I have access to good health care.	5%	7%	7%	32%	50%
I am satisfied with the medical care I receive.	6%	9%	8%	39%	39%
I am able to afford medical care when needed.	9%	12%	9%	32%	38%
I am able to afford medications when needed.	7%	11%	8%	34%	40%
I am able to get medical care when I need it.	6%	8%	7%	34%	45%
I am able to see specialists when needed.	9%	10%	11%	34%	36%
I am able to see my primary care doctor when needed.	6%	9%	8%	31%	46%
I am able to get mental health care when needed.	11%	12%	31%	23%	23%





Appendix H - Responses Regarding Access to Care

Q14 - In the past 12 months, have you seen a medical provider for a routine check-up, wellness visit, or other preventive care?

1406 Responses

Field	Percentage
Yes	94%
No	2%
If not, then why?	4%

Q14\_2 If no, why not?

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Q15 - What kind of health facility or office do you usually go to when you receive preventive care? Please select all that apply.

1316 Responses

Field	Percentage of Choices
A doctor's office or health center	83%
Urgent care center or clinic	10%
Hospital emergency room	4%
A VA medical center or clinic	1%
Other (please specify)	1%
None of these options	0%

Q16 - During your last check-up or wellness visit which routine screenings or services did you have?

1317 Responses

Field	Yes	No	Do not recall
General physical exam	89%	9%	2%
Obesity check (e.g., BMI)	61%	30%	9%
Oral health (e.g., teeth) screening	38%	58%	4%
Depression screening	57%	37%	6%
Cholesterol and blood pressure	89%	9%	2%
Eye exam	40%	59%	2%
Immunizations (e.g., chickenpox, shingles, flu, etc.)	50%	47%	3%
Hearing check	13%	83%	4%
Skin check (e.g., moles, lesions, or spots)	32%	65%	3%

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Breast exam or mammogram	39%	59%	2%
Prostate exam or PSA test	17%	79%	4%
Colon cancer exam or colonoscopy	24%	74%	2%
Pelvic exam	27%	71%	2%
Testicular exam	5%	91%	4%
Cervical cancer exam or pap smear	25%	74%	2%
Bone density exam	13%	84%	2%
None of the above	5%	72%	23%