

Community Health Needs Assessment

2025 - 2028

Memorial Health System

Dickinson County, KS



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*with community partners, Dickinson County Health
Department and K-State Research and Extension*



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In 2025, Memorial Health System (MHS), Dickinson County Health Department, and K-State Research and Extension collaborated to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for the targeted service area, *Dickinson County, Kansas*. Creating healthy communities requires a level of mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration among community health leaders and community residents. The benefits of this important collaboration for the CHNA identify important key health priorities in the community, highlighting gaps in services, justifies resource allocation, and ultimately leads to better health outcomes.

The CHNA is a requirement for non-profit hospitals. Furthermore, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) requires, in the accreditation process, that a public health department develop a set of standards to measure the performance of services performed by the health department. With that, a periodic community health assessment is required as well. The collaboration between MHS and the Dickinson County Health Department will help serve the needs of both entities that serve the health needs of Dickinson County.

The CHNA must take into account input from persons who represent the broad interest of the community served by the hospital. This includes those with special knowledge or expertise in public health and those representing low-income, medically underserved, or minority populations in the community.

This CHNA combines data from a variety of secondary sources, a community survey which provided feedback from the targeted service area, *Dickinson County*, and a focus group of 50 community members who came together in a town hall meeting on April 23, to review the compiled data, identifying the prominent needs of the community.

Five top priorities were identified among the focus group: mental health, chronic illness, substance abuse, physical health, and insurance. With these top five priorities identified, focus group members shared several ways to take action. Some great plans were already in progress, while other ideas were derived from small round table activities and group work.

The 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was built as a user-friendly guide, inviting every corner of Dickinson County - businesses, healthcare, schools, nonprofits, local government, law enforcement and first responders, and even individual residents, to engage in solutions that fit their strengths. By working across sectors, we can build momentum, foster innovation, and make measurable progress toward a healthier Dickinson County.

The work begins here and now, with the CHIP Guidebook designed to empower anyone and everyone to make a difference over the next three years!

TOP HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR 2025-2028





What is a Community Health Needs Assessment?

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a process for identifying and prioritizing the health needs of a community. It involves collecting and analyzing data, identifying resources. The results can then be used to develop a plan to address the community health initiatives.

Purpose:

- To understand the health status of a community
- To identify the needs and gaps in health care
- To develop a plan to improve community health
- To increase access to needed care

Who requires the Community Health Needs Assessment?

The IRS requires that “hospital organizations” defined by 501(r) to include:

- 1 - organizations that operate one or more state-licensed hospital facilities,
- and
- 2 - any other organization that the Treasury Secretary determines is providing hospital care as its principle function or basis for exemption.

When is the Community Health Needs Assessment performed?

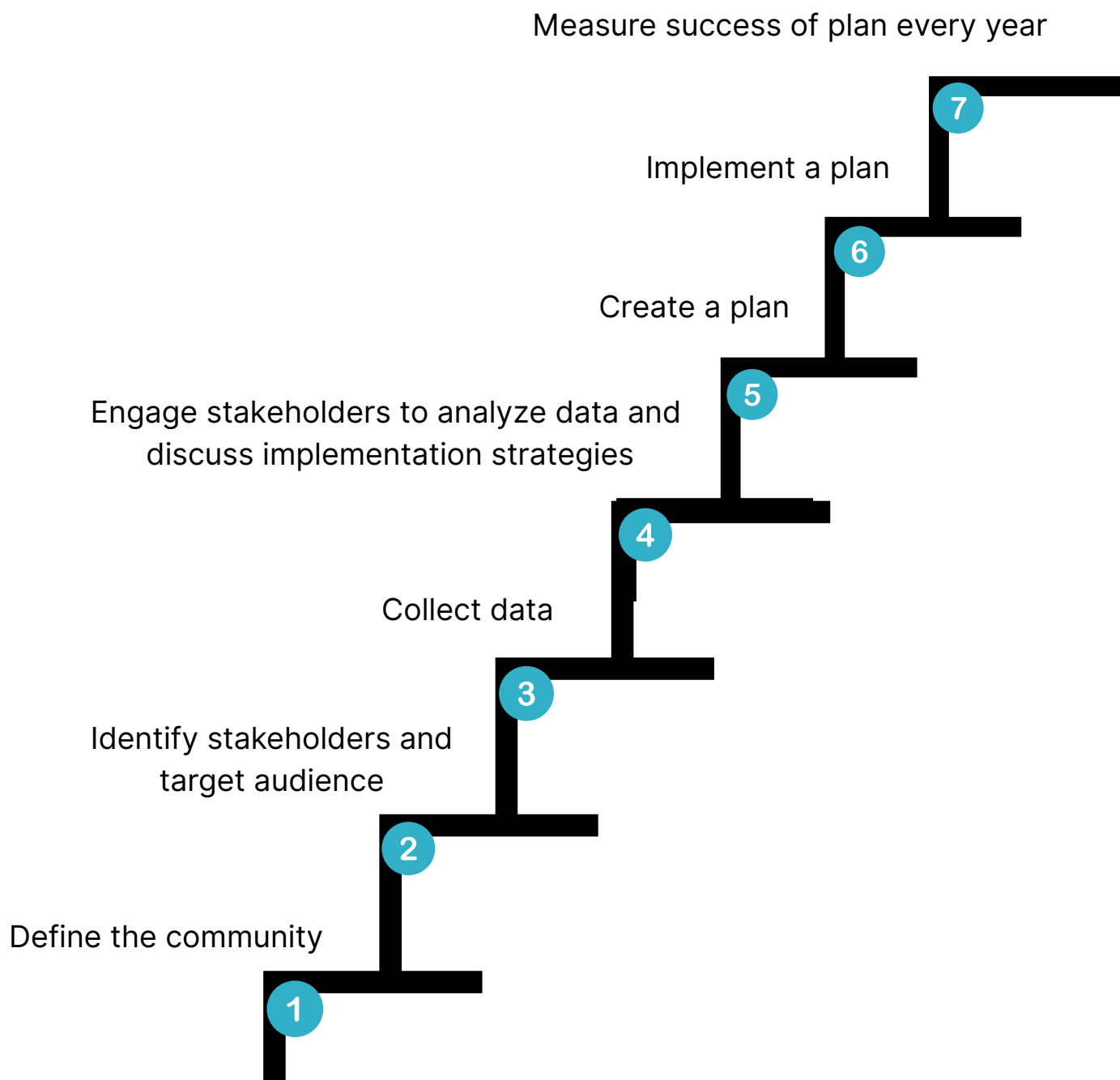
“Hospital organizations” that fit the definition described above are required to conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years. Following the assessment a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is developed to meet the needs community health needs. The CHNA and CHIP should be made available to the public before the start of the next fiscal year.

Who conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment?

Public health departments, non-profit hospitals, and other organizations that serve the community.



Steps for conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment





About Memorial Health System

Memorial Hospital has provided healthcare to residents in Dickinson County since 1922. Over time, the hospital became a health system with a holistic approach, incorporating several health care services for all stages of life. Memorial Health System encompasses Memorial Hospital and its affiliates, Heartland Health Care Clinic, Home Health and Hospice of Dickinson County, Impact Sports and Fitness, Village Manor of Heritage Village, and Frontier Estates of Heritage Village.

In January of 2022, Memorial Health System joined Salina Regional Health Center, becoming its third affiliated hospital after Lindsborg and Concordia to create a larger team of hospitals providing healthcare for patients in the north-central region of Kansas.

Memorial Hospital is a modern and well equipped 25-bed critical access hospital in Abilene, Kansas offering 24-hour emergency care; skilled nursing; nutritional and diabetic counseling, diagnostic laboratory services; diagnostic radiology and imaging services; rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and sports medicine; respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, and pulmonary rehabilitation; outpatient geriatric behavioral health services, inpatient and outpatient surgical services, and an array of visiting specialist who provide convenient care in Abilene for patients in Dickinson County. Those specialties include:

- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Obstetric/Gynecological
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Podiatry
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Studies
- Urology/Urological Surgery
- Wound Care



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About Dickinson County Health Department

The Dickinson County Health Department serves as a cornerstone of public health for the residents of Dickinson County, Kansas. Dedicated to protecting and promoting the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities, the department provides a wide range of essential services aimed at improving overall quality of life and addressing health disparities across the county.

As a local public health authority, the Dickinson County Health Department plays a vital role in:

- **Preventing Disease:** Through immunization clinics, infectious disease surveillance, and public health education, the department works to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and support a healthier community.
- **Promoting Wellness:** Programs such as maternal and child health services, family planning, and nutrition education empower individuals to make informed choices and live healthier lives.
- **Protecting Public Health:** Environmental health inspections, emergency preparedness efforts, and health screenings ensure the safety and resilience of the county in the face of natural disasters, foodborne illness, or health crises.
- **Serving Vulnerable Populations:** The department provides targeted support to underserved and at-risk populations, including WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) services, home visits, and support for those managing chronic conditions.
- **Partnerships with the Community:** In collaboration with schools, healthcare providers, government agencies, and other local organizations, the health department contributes to broader health initiatives.

■ Services Offered:

- Immunizations - Adults and Children
- Senior Foot Care - 60 yrs+
- WIC and WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling
- Communicable Disease Prevention
- Emergency Preparedness for Public Health
- TB Skin Testing
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Allergy Shots
- Flu Shots
- Weight Checks
- Breast Pump Rentals
- Car Seat Compliance Checks
- Safe Haven drop-off for Newborns



Abilene Clinic

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Hours: Mon 8am to 6pm

Tues - Fri 8am to 5pm

<https://www.dkcoks.gov/HealthDepartment>

Herington Clinic

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Herington, KS 67449

2nd Tuesday of each month

**call the Abilene office to schedule*



About

K-State Research and Extension

Extension Districts are an exciting opportunity to provide communities with additional resources, activities, and programs. While working together as a district, extension offices can be more efficient, effective, and sustainable with agents who can specialize and provide more in-depth programming while having access to additional resources and support.

Extension programs present useful information related to agriculture, home economics, youth development, family life, business and economics, healthy living, and much more. We take programs to schools, gardens, community centers, and other places.

Our philosophy is to help people help themselves by taking university knowledge to the places where people live, work, play, develop, and lead. We work at being responsive to the needs of the people by focusing our resources on providing quality information, education and problem-solving programs for real concerns.

■ Program Areas include:

- 4-H Youth Development
- District Fairs
- Community Vitality
- Crop Production
- Horticulture
- Health and Nutrition
- Family Resource Management and Aging
- Family and Youth Development
- Lawn and Garden
- Livestock
- SNAP-Ed
- Events
 - Free Car Seat Checks/Install
 - SNAP-ED: Eat Smart, Move More
 - Stay Strong Stay Healthy
 - Fresh Conversations



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Dickinson County Profiles and Demographics



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For the purposes of this Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), the community has been defined as all residents of Dickinson County, Kansas. This county-wide focus reflects the service areas of both Memorial Health System and the Dickinson County Health Department, both serving the entire county.

Memorial Health System provides comprehensive medical services to individuals and families throughout Dickinson County, with the majority of the patients coming from Abilene, the county's largest city, as well as surrounding rural communities and towns. Similarly, the Dickinson County Health Department delivers public health programs and services that are accessible to and intended for all county residents, regardless of age, income, or location.

By defining the community as the entire county, this CHNA aims to capture a comprehensive picture of the health priorities, barriers, and strengths of the population served. This inclusive approach ensures that the health priorities and strategies developed through this assessment reflect the diverse needs of all Dickinson County residents.

To start the process of identifying the health priorities for Dickinson County, the community profiles and demographic facts of the county must be considered.

Dickinson County KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	18,215 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	8,836 (100%)
Population in Households	17,963 (98.6%)	Owner Occupied HU	5,715 (64.7%)
Population in Families	14,487 (79.5%)	Renter Occupied HU	1,933 (21.9%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	252 (1.4%)	Vacant Housing Units	1,188 (13.4%)
Population Density	22	Median Home Value	\$157,705
Diversity Index ²	27	Average Home Value	\$189,335
		Housing Affordability Index ³	154
INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$66,145	Total Households	7,648
Average Household Income	\$92,091	Average Household Size	2.35
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	15%	Family Households	4,837
Per Capita Income	\$38,686	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	87		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (56.2)		

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Fact	Dickinson County, KS	Kansas
Population estimates, July 1, 2024, (V2024)	18,621	2,970,606
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2024, (V2024)	1.20%	1.10%
Persons under 5 years, percent	5.60%	6.00%
Persons under 18 years, percent	23.00%	23.60%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	21.20%	17.50%
Female persons, percent	49.50%	49.90%
White alone, percent	93.90%	85.90%
Black alone, percent (a)	1.30%	6.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	1.10%	1.30%
Asian alone, percent (a)	0.60%	3.20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	0.10%	0.20%
Two or More Races, percent	2.90%	3.30%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	6.00%	13.70%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	88.90%	73.70%
Veterans, 2019-2023	1,587	154,967
Foreign-born persons, percent, 2019-2023	1.00%	7.20%
Housing Units, July 1, 2024, (V2024)	8,814	1,310,506
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2019-2023	79.10%	66.90%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2019-2023	\$148,500	\$203,400
Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2019-2023	\$1,351	\$1,638
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2019-2023	\$594	\$618
Median gross rent, 2019-2023	\$809	\$1,029
Persons per household, 2019-2023	2.28	2.46
Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+ , 2019-2023	89.50%	85.20%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2019-2023	3.40%	12.10%
Households with a computer, percent, 2019-2023	94.90%	95.00%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2019-2023	89.70%	89.30%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023	92.40%	91.90%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2019-2023	21.90%	35.20%
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2019-2023	10.10%	9.70%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	9.30%	9.90%
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023	62.70%	65.40%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2019-2023	59.50%	61.40%
Median households income (in 2023 dollars), 2019-2023	\$67,982	\$72,639
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2023 dollars), 2019-2023	\$36,242	\$39,638
Persons in poverty, percent	10.50%	11.20%

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Abilene, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	6,324 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	3,111 (100%)
Population in Households	6,192 (97.9%)	Owner Occupied HU	1,941 (62.4%)
Population in Families	4,864 (76.9%)	Renter Occupied HU	839 (27.0%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	132 (2.1%)	Vacant Housing Units	331 (10.6%)
Population Density	1,309	Median Home Value	\$149,295
Diversity Index ²	27	Average Home Value	\$180,744
		Housing Affordability Index ³	153

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$62,054	Total Households	2,780
Average Household Income	\$96,275	Average Household Size	2.23
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	15%	Family Households	1,622
Per Capita Income	\$42,349	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	98		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (56.2)		

Carlton, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	44 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	19 (100%)
Population in Households	44 (100.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	13 (68.4%)
Population in Families	38 (86.4%)	Renter Occupied HU	3 (15.8%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	0	Vacant Housing Units	3 (15.8%)
Population Density	259	Median Home Value	\$225,000
Diversity Index ²	17	Average Home Value	\$209,615
		Housing Affordability Index ³	0

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$85,825	Total Households	16
Average Household Income	\$100,539	Average Household Size	2.75
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	0%	Family Households	13
Per Capita Income	\$36,560	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	74		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (64.1)		

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Chapman, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION	
Total Population	1,336 (100%)
Population in Households	1,304 (97.6%)
Population in Families	1,110 (83.1%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	32 (2.4%)
Population Density	1,432
Diversity Index ²	26

HOUSING	
Total HU (Housing Units)	592 (100%)
Owner Occupied HU	369 (62.3%)
Renter Occupied HU	151 (25.5%)
Vacant Housing Units	72 (12.2%)
Median Home Value	\$182,750
Average Home Value	\$186,111
Housing Affordability Index ³	123

INCOME	
Median Household Income	\$60,970
Average Household Income	\$78,265
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	19%
Per Capita Income	\$30,505
Wealth Index ⁵	56
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (58.6)

HOUSEHOLDS	
Total Households	520
Average Household Size	2.51
Family Households	361
Average Family Size	3.00

Enterprise, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION	
Total Population	681 (100%)
Population in Households	649 (95.3%)
Population in Families	534 (78.4%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	32 (4.7%)
Population Density	1,016
Diversity Index ²	30

HOUSING	
Total HU (Housing Units)	317 (100%)
Owner Occupied HU	219 (69.1%)
Renter Occupied HU	52 (16.4%)
Vacant Housing Units	46 (14.5%)
Median Home Value	\$95,192
Average Home Value	\$115,411
Housing Affordability Index ³	224

INCOME	
Median Household Income	\$58,100
Average Household Income	\$70,681
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	10%
Per Capita Income	\$28,197
Wealth Index ⁵	51
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (55.1)

HOUSEHOLDS	
Total Households	271
Average Household Size	2.39
Family Households	179
Average Family Size	3.00

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Herington, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	2,095 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	1,333 (100%)
Population in Households	2,053 (98.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	667 (50.0%)
Population in Families	1,519 (72.5%)	Renter Occupied HU	296 (22.2%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	42 (2.0%)	Vacant Housing Units	370 (27.8%)
Population Density	430	Median Home Value	\$82,143
Diversity Index ²	33	Average Home Value	\$112,406
		Housing Affordability Index ³	252

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$56,309	Total Households	963
Average Household Income	\$78,840	Average Household Size	2.13
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	9%	Family Households	504
Per Capita Income	\$36,270	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	70		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (53.9)		

Hope, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	327 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	174 (100%)
Population in Households	327 (100.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	126 (72.4%)
Population in Families	257 (78.6%)	Renter Occupied HU	23 (13.2%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	0	Vacant Housing Units	25 (14.4%)
Population Density	842	Median Home Value	\$172,368
Diversity Index ²	21	Average Home Value	\$174,206
		Housing Affordability Index ³	136

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$63,967	Total Households	149
Average Household Income	\$73,939	Average Household Size	2.19
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	17%	Family Households	88
Per Capita Income	\$33,691	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	59		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (51.2)		

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Manchester, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	61 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	40 (100%)
Population in Households	61 (100.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	18 (45.0%)
Population in Families	53 (86.9%)	Renter Occupied HU	4 (10.0%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	0	Vacant Housing Units	18 (45.0%)
Population Density	380	Median Home Value	\$287,500
Diversity Index ²	18	Average Home Value	\$290,278
		Housing Affordability Index ³	0

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$100,000	Total Households	22
Average Household Income	\$110,725	Average Household Size	2.77
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	0%	Family Households	17
Per Capita Income	\$39,934	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	104		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	High (80.5)		

Solomon, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	972 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	422 (100%)
Population in Households	972 (100.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	301 (71.3%)
Population in Families	778 (80.0%)	Renter Occupied HU	94 (22.3%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	0	Vacant Housing Units	27 (6.4%)
Population Density	1,129	Median Home Value	\$131,378
Diversity Index ²	26	Average Home Value	\$146,096
		Housing Affordability Index ³	221

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$79,134	Total Households	395
Average Household Income	\$91,176	Average Household Size	2.46
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	10%	Family Households	261
Per Capita Income	\$37,052	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	69		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (57.0)		

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Woodbine, KS Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2024)

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	145 (100%)	Total HU (Housing Units)	80 (100%)
Population in Households	145 (100.0%)	Owner Occupied HU	48 (60.0%)
Population in Families	120 (82.8%)	Renter Occupied HU	15 (18.7%)
Population in Group Quarters ¹	0	Vacant Housing Units	17 (21.2%)
Population Density	913	Median Home Value	\$170,000
Diversity Index ²	27	Average Home Value	\$188,542
		Housing Affordability Index ³	0

INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$48,413	Total Households	63
Average Household Income	\$68,394	Average Household Size	2.30
% of Income for Mortgage ⁴	0%	Family Households	47
Per Capita Income	\$29,716	Average Family Size	3.00
Wealth Index ⁵	46		
Socioeconomic Status Index ⁶	Moderate (56.0)		

To gain a comprehensive understanding of health trends and risk factors affecting Dickinson County, it is important to incorporate significant health data gathered from a variety of sources, including a county-wide survey that allows residents to provide valuable feedback regarding the community they live in and their accessibility to healthcare.

The CHNA committee met on two separate occasions to create a survey for all community members of Dickinson County. MHS and community partners have a great responsibility to improve the health of their community, and that is done through the healthcare services that they can provide. Although all priorities identified in the community can lead to poor health outcomes if not addressed, MHS and its community partners who provide health care services can not address what is not in their scope of operations. With that in mind, the CHNA committee carefully created a survey to get the appropriate feedback needed to make necessary changes and improvements. The survey was constructed of 43 questions. It was delivered to Dickinson County residents on December 20, 2024 and was open until February 14, 2025.



CHNA Community Survey

Opened: December 20, 2024

Closed: February 14, 2025

Total Responses: 290



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PLEASE NOTE:

THIS RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY REPRESENT A VERY SMALL
POPULATION OF DICKINSON COUNTY.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY:

WHO COMPLETED THIS SURVEY???

Male 22.41%

Female 77.59%

Other .34%

Mostly between ages 40-60

Mostly bachelor's or professional degree

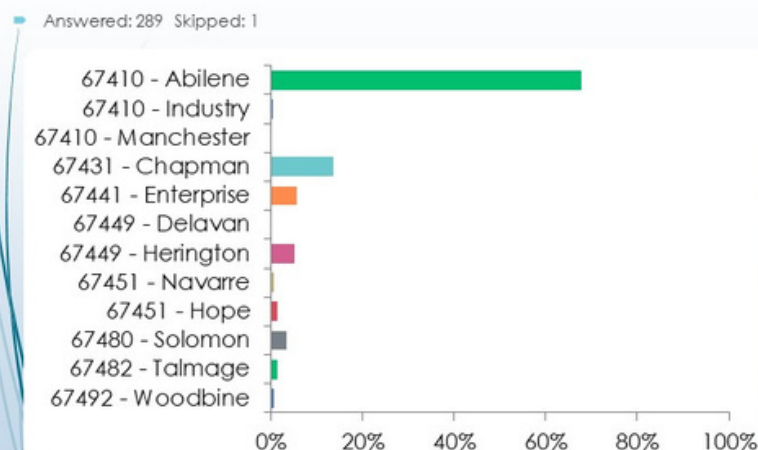
Mostly with annual salary \$40-60,000

Mostly homeowners

Mostly employed full-time employees

Mostly stated that they are in good health

Q1: Where in Dickinson County do you live?



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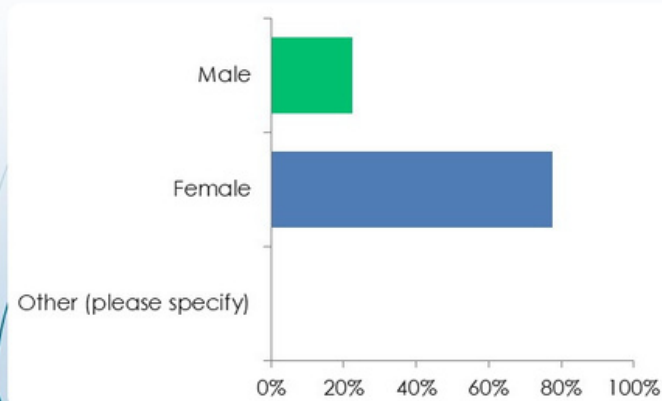


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Q2: What is your gender?

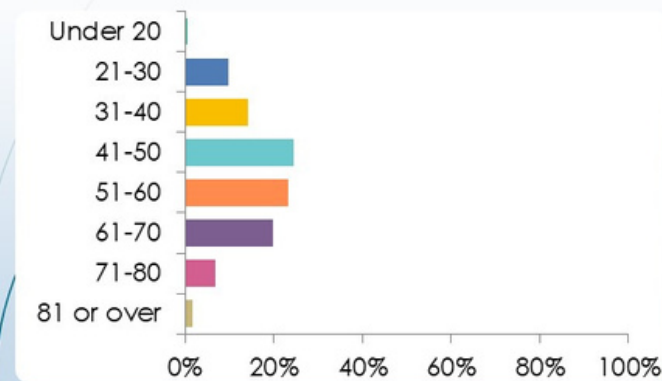
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Q3: What is your age range?

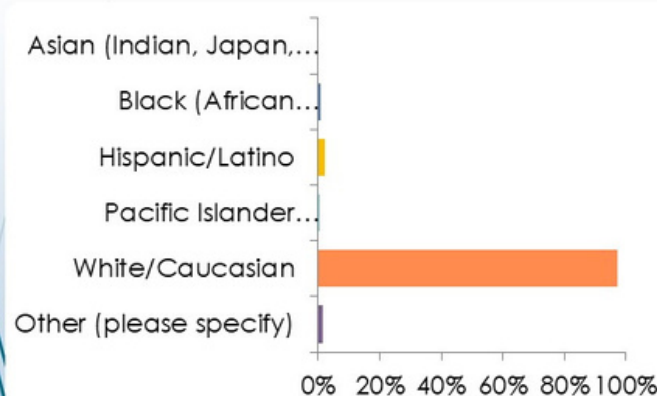
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Q4: What is your race? (check all that apply)

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



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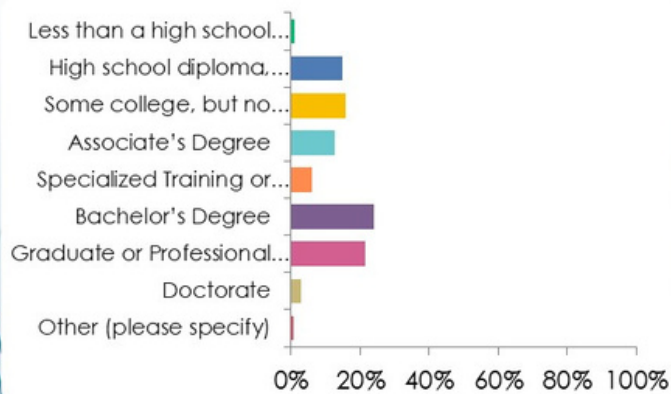


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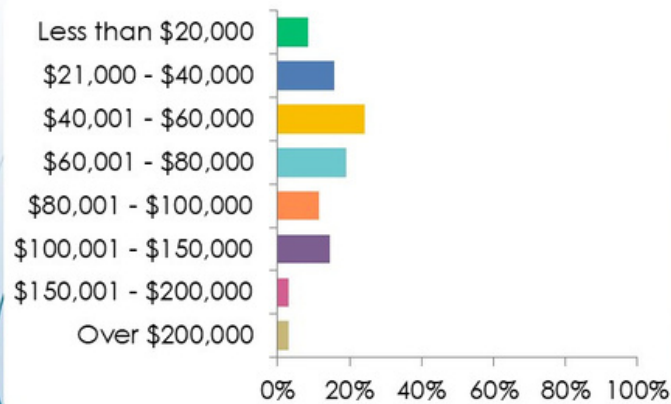
Q5: What is your highest level of education?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 1



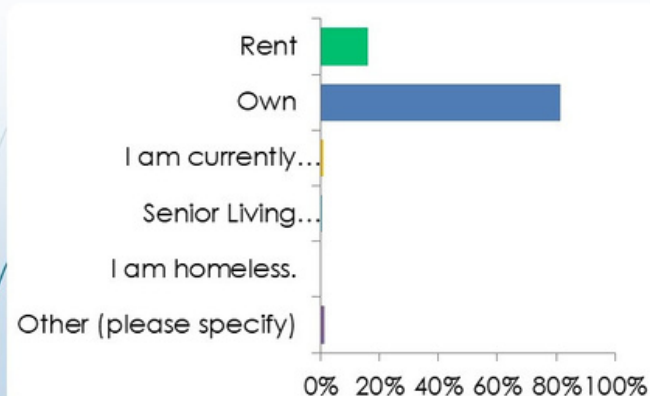
Q6: What was your total gross income last year? (before taxes)

Answered: 283 Skipped: 7



Q7: What is your living arrangement?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



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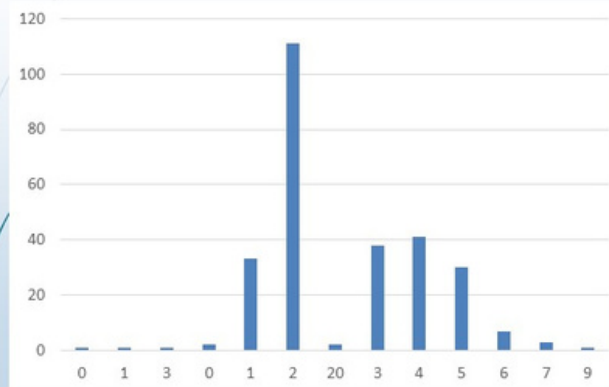


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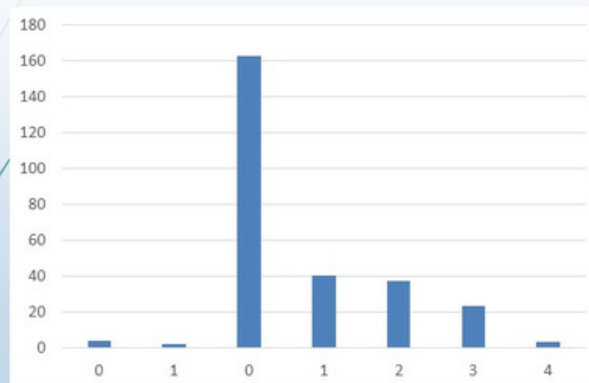
Q8: Including yourself, how many people live in the same place with you?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



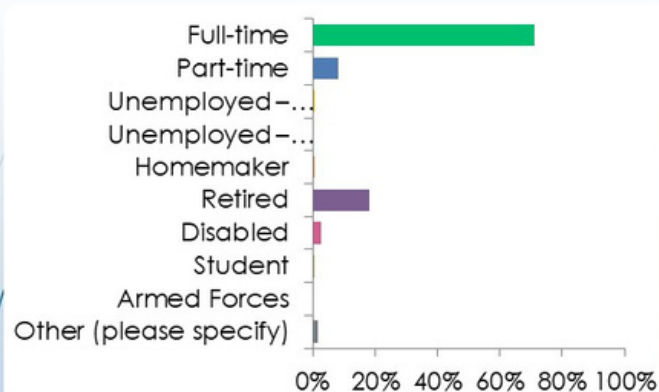
Q9: How many of the people living with you are under 18 years of age?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



Q10: What is your job status?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



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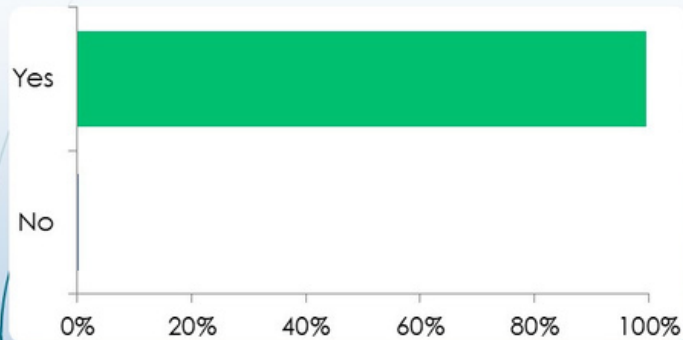


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Q11: Does your household have convenient access to a phone?

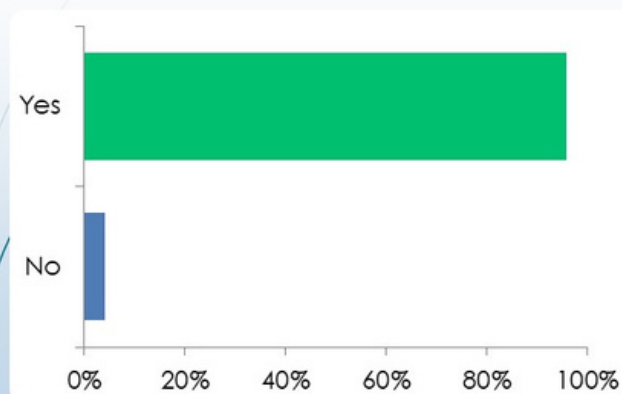
■ Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q12: Does your household have convenient access to the internet?

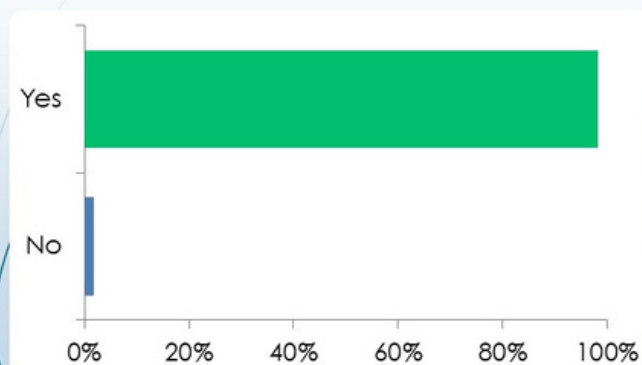
■ Answered: 289 Skipped: 1



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Q13: Does your household have convenient access to transportation?

■ Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



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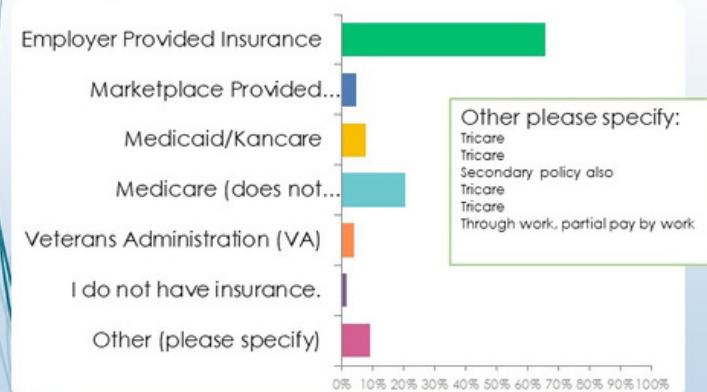
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Q14: What kind of insurance do you have?

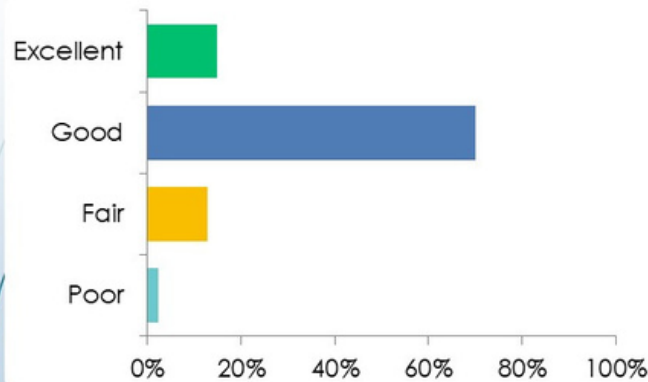
(check all that apply)

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



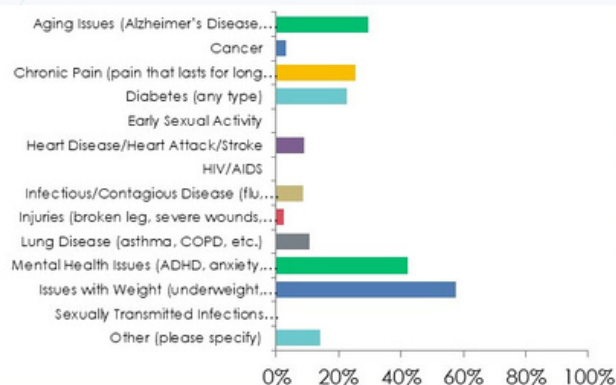
Q15: How would you rate your health?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



Q16: Please identify the health issues that are directly affecting your household at the time you are completing this survey.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 43



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Q16: Please identify the health issues that are directly affecting your household at the time you are completing this survey.

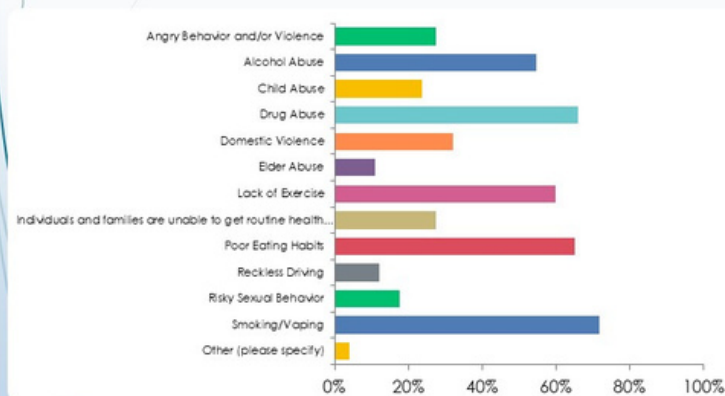
Other:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ NA▪ NA▪ Autoimmune▪ Knee replacement▪ None▪ Hypertension▪ Cyclic vomiting and mitochondrial deficiency▪ Pcos/fertility issues▪ Nothing really▪ Epilepsy▪ Partners Epilepsy▪ Significant birth defects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hypothyroidism, eczema▪ Charcot Marie Tooth▪ Liver, thyroid, PAD▪ HTN and persistent cough, thyroid issues▪ Osteoporosis▪ Obesity▪ RA▪ High blood pressure▪ RA, compression fractures, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disability▪ Pre-existing condition, autoimmune▪ Dental▪ Over active bladder▪ Autoimmune disease▪ None▪ Hypertension▪ Lupus▪ Crohns disease▪ Autoimmune▪ Have pacemaker |
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Q17: Please check which unhealthy behaviors YOU **BELIEVE** are affecting the community you live in.

Answered: 270 Skipped: 20



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Q17: Please check which unhealthy behaviors YOU **BELIEVE** are affecting the community you live in.

Other:

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mental health▪ NA▪ NA▪ Other residents pretend to know what everyone else should do▪ Most all of the above▪ Because I live in the country, I don't see what happens in the city | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Adults and children spend too much time on social media▪ Unable to get insurance to cover obesity medication▪ No hospital▪ Vaccine hesitancy▪ People just not taking care of health issues and working or sending kids to school sick and contagious |
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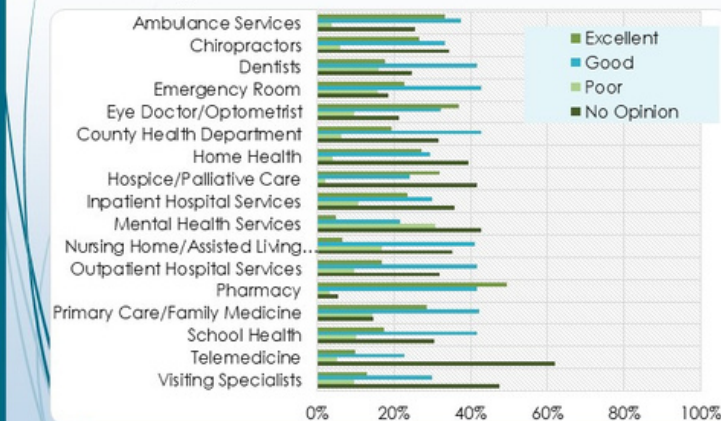


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Q18: How would you rate each of the health care services in Dickinson County?

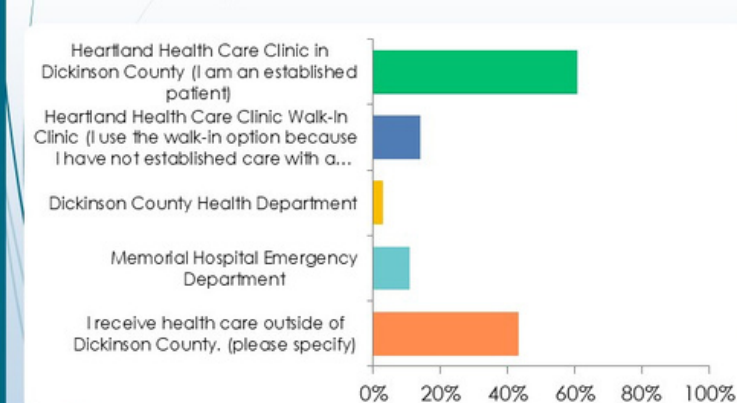
Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q19: When you need health care, where do you go for these services?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 1



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Q19: When you need health care, where do you go for these services. Other cont...

JC_OBGYN
Salina specialists
Konza
Salina
Salina or Manhattan
Mowery Clinic, Salina-OBGYN
I use Dr. Todd Frieze
Salina-Mowery Clinic
Fort Riley
Urgent Care in Salina
ComCare
Salina_Ks
Salina/Manhattan
Salina Family
Dr. Frieze office in Chapman
Salina
Stormont Vail - Flint Hills Junction City
Salina
Council Grove or JC
Council Grove, Morris County
Marion, Emporia, Wichita
Junction City, Geary County
See specialist in Salina, KS
Junction City
Salina Family
Ft. Riley

Dental_pediatrics
ComCare
Salina Pediatric Center
Mowery Clinic in Salina
Manhattan or Junction City
IACH on Fort Riley
My doctor is in Geary County
Gynecologist in Salina
ComCare Salina
Mowery Clinic
Salina Regional
Clay County Hospital
Salina
Junction City
Salina, all services
Council Grove Clinic
PCP in the county
Geary County
Comcare in Salina
Stormont Vail
Dentist, dermatologist
Comcare Salina
Seeing cancer doctor in Salina
Manhattan, Topeka, Kansas City
Geary County Rural Health
Stormont Vail in JC

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Answered: 289 Skipped: 1

Cardiologist, Ophthalmologist, Orthopedic, Dermatologist, Hospital
Eye specialist in Salina, heart doctor in Garden City and Salina
My children have pediatricians elsewhere and we receive dental/vision care elsewhere
Primary care in Manhattan, utilize outpatient services at Fort Riley via Tricare
Our doctor and hospital closed and had to go elsewhere for services
Mowery Women's Clinic and Salina Pediatric Care for child
Council Grove, Manhattan, husband uses VA
Primary care physician is in Salina
I still have primary care in Wichita because there weren't enough available option in DK County when I moved here.
My primary care is Onaga Clinic, Fertility specialist in KC
Dentist is in Salina, also had surgery in Salina for a knee replacement
Pediatrician, dermatology, gynecology all outside of DK
Neurosurgeon, heart specialist, eye doctor, gynecologist, ortho surgeon
MCH Council Grove and cancer center in Manhattan, VA in Junction City
My primary doc is in Manhattan, my GYN is in Salina, and my dentist is in Clay Center
For walk-in clinic, it's because I do not have a PCP. I love the convenience of it! Salina Family Healthcare is where my PCP is.
AMH is garbage. On all my emergency medical documents I wrote anywhere but AMH
The care at MHS emergency room is horrible. I can be seen, have tests (xray, MRI, etc.) and receive medications in the time it would take me to be seen in Abilene.
Because we Dr. only when needed we cannot maintain ourselves as "established". One of us also has VA care.
I have all of my medical providers in Manhattan. Then if I'm needing an ER, I go to Junction City
Konza Prairie Community Health Center (use Chapman clinic site when possible)

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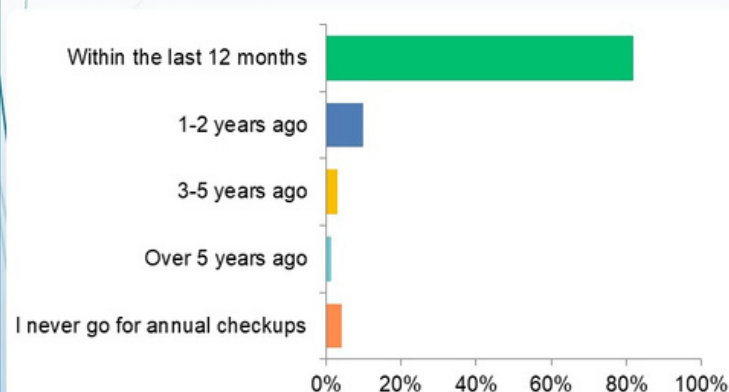
Q19: When you need health care, where do you go for these services. Other cont...

Salina Regional and Mowery Clinic
Mowery Clinic, SRHC
Salina Pediatric and Mowery Clinic
Mowery Clinic is my go to care facility
Salina County
Salina Regional
Konza Prairie
Salina Family
Konza Prairie Clinic in Junction City
ComCare in Salina, KS
Dr. Lechamy, KU Topeka
ComCare
SRHC Doctor
Mowery
Salina Regional
Junction City
Konza
ComCare Salina, KS
Manhattan, KS for primary and pediatric care
Mowery Clinic in Salina, KS
Also go to VA
Konza-Chapman and Junction City office
Konza Prairie Community Health Center
Salina Family Health Care for the kids
VA
Salina and Manhattan

Stormont Vail in Junction City
Salina Family Health
Salina
Salina Family Healthcare
Ft. Riley, KU Med
Junction City, Salina
Marion County
I go to Marion
Salina and Manhattan
Other county
I go to Salina. Healthcare in Abilene is pathetic.
Rheumatologist in Topeka
Junction City or Manhattan
Clay County Medical Center
I got to SRHC for emergency care.
Manhattan Kansas
Stormont Vail
I go anywhere but here
Lindsborg
ComCare in Salina
Salina
Mowery Clinic
Salina Ortho, Mowery, Salina Pediatric Care
Salina
Mowery Clinic
Salina Clinics

Q20: How long has it been since you have seen a doctor for any kind of annual wellness exam, and NOT because you had a health issue that needed attention?

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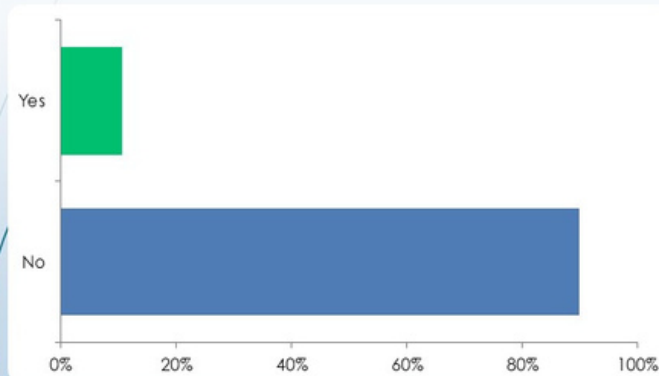


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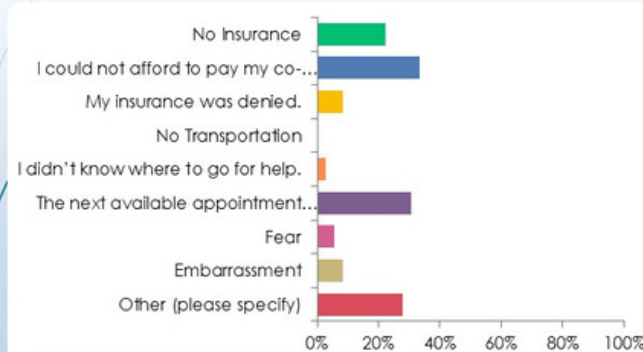
Q21: In the last year, was there a time when you needed medical care, but you were unable to get it?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 1



Q22: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving medical care that you needed.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 253



Q22: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving medical care that you needed.

Other:

- Specialty care
- Na
- Na
- Na
- Na
- Na
- Asked to have labs done and was told no
- Obesity is an illness and medication should cover it
- No facility to go to in town
- I answered no, not for the reasons listed, but because Abilene services are always inadequate and we end up going to Salina anyway

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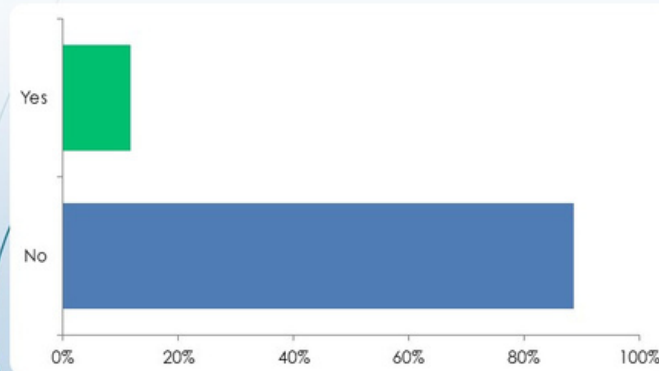


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Q23: In the last year, was there a time when you needed prescribed medicine, but you were unable to get it?

■ Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q24: If you answered yes, please describe why you were unable to receive the prescribed medication that you needed. ■ Answered: 36 Skipped: 239

Other:

1	Preferred Pharmacy out of town that was covered by insurance
2	Insurance denied and the out of pocket cost was too much
3	Could not afford it
4	Not covered by Medicare and way too expensive!!!
5	Insurance did not cover
6	Cost Prohibitive
7	na
8	insurance
9	na
10	na
11	na
12	Shortage of that med
13	Unable to afford
14	The medicine was out-of-stock. My doctor prescribed an alternate until it was back in stock.
15	Insurance denied my medication even with my doctor appealing it and completing prior authorization paperwork.
16	insurance just recently denied the coverage of the medication I have been on for the last 2 years, its too much for cash price
17	Too expensive, even with insurance
18	The prescription expired.
19	Cost can be an issue.
20	cost

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Q24: other cont.

Other:

21	monjaro
22	No money for doctor appointment therefore can't get my rx filled
23	Too expensive for someone who did not at the time have insurance
24	I needed diabetes medicine and insurance wouldn't cover it and it was over \$400
25	Non coverage by health insurance
26	Price of medication
27	Salina Regional health insurance no longer will cover medication for weight loss. I have under went weight loss surgery but band had to be removed due to allergic reaction to plastic. Insurance will not cover weight loss medication.
28	Even with insurance too expensive. Co pay close to 1K.
29	I have to get my specialty prescription mailed in through CVS specialty because it is too expensive to be ran through insurance locally and the cash price fluctuated to much
30	Even with prescription insurance the copay was unaffordable.
31	hours of pharmacy. always closed when i get home from work.
32	Cost
33	price
34	Cost. Had to go to Salina and saved \$150
35	It was an adhd medication and they only have so many pills per pharmacy. I had to call several different pharmacies and it was quite frustrating
36	no time in dentist office schedule when needed

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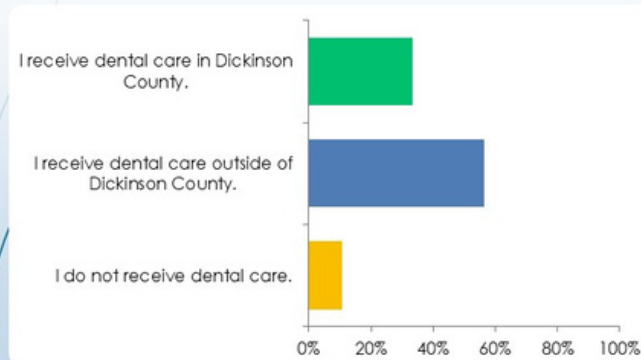


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Q25: When you need dental care, where do you go for these services?

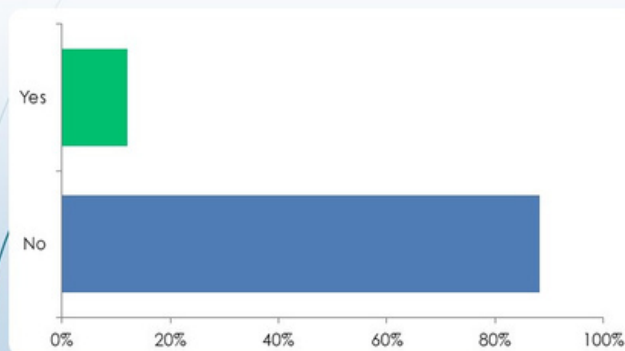
Answered: 286 Skipped: 4



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Q26: In the last year, was there a time you needed dental care, but you were unable to get it?

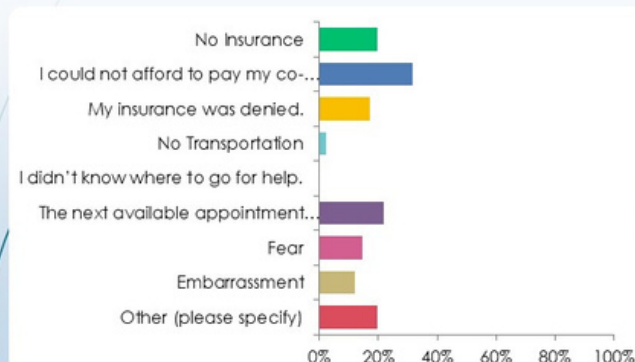
Answered: 286 Skipped: 4



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Q27: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the dental care that you needed.

Answered: 41 Skipped: 249



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Q27: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the dental care that you needed.

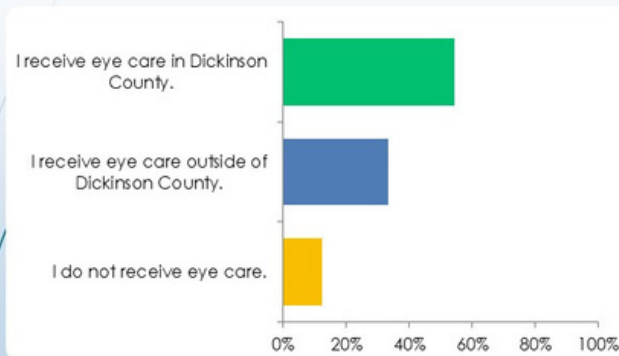
Other:

1	na
2	na
3	na
4	na
5	ER doc didn't stick up my lip and now I like with a jacked up lip. It is very upsetting.
6	Too busy with cancer appointments
7	I answered no, not for the reasons you listed but because Abilene services are always inadequate and we end up going to Salina anyway.
8	Christan MediShare is not accepted locally, because the local dentist will not apply to be a partner

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Q28: When you need eye care, where do you go for these services?

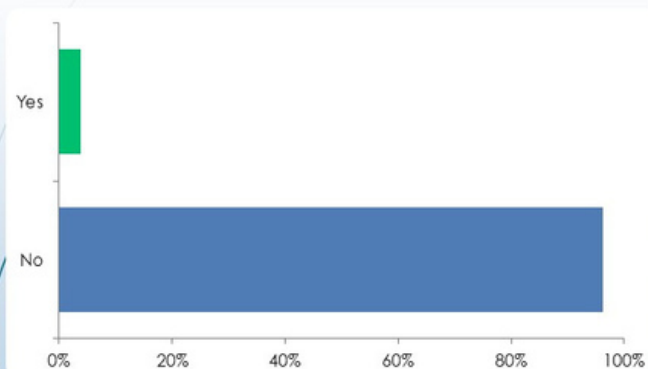
■ Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q29: In the last year, was there a time you needed eye care, but you were unable to get it?

■ Answered: 281 Skipped: 9



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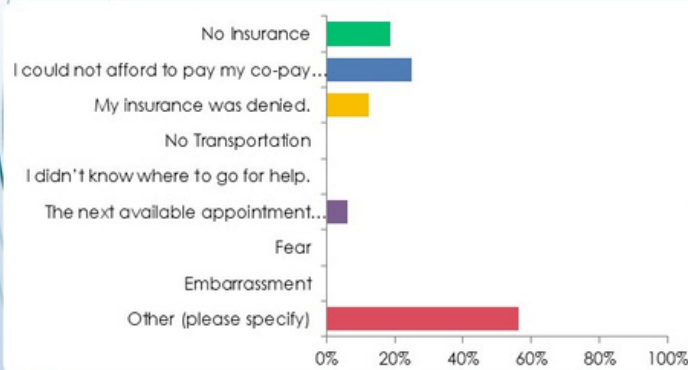


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Q30: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the eye care that you needed.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 274



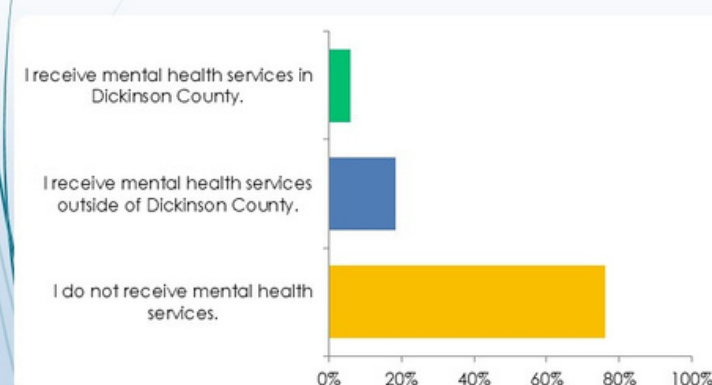
Q30: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the eye care that you needed.

Other:

1	Receive out of town
2	na
3	na
4	na
5	na
6	There were no providers in DK or anywhere close who took our insurance. It was insurance fault not doctors.
7	Eye doctor closed unexpectedly and move to different county
8	My insurance is not accepted by local optometrists
9	medicare doesn't provide eye care coverage

Q31: When you need mental health services, where do you go for these services?

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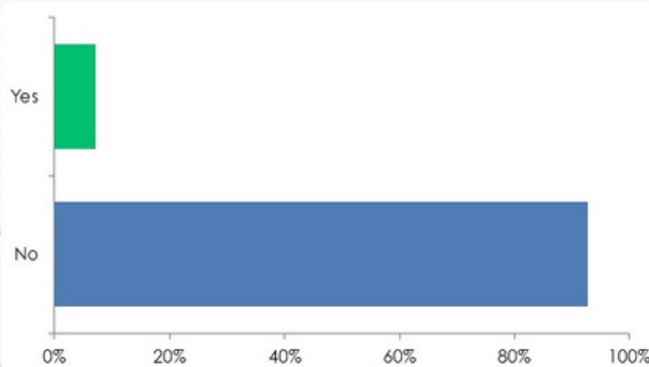


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Q32: In the last year, was there a time you needed mental health services, but you were unable to get it?

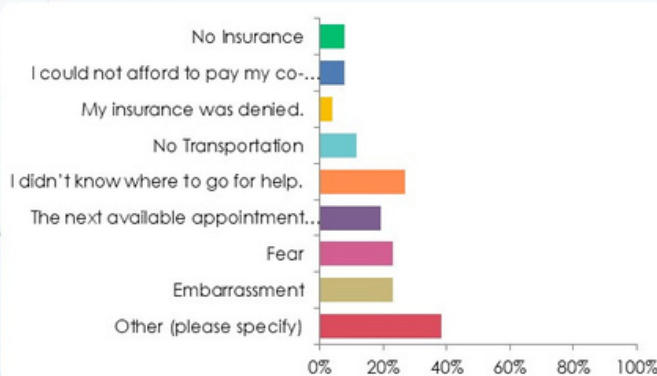
Answered: 265 Skipped: 25



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Q33: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the mental health services that you needed.

Answered: 26 Skipped: 264



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Q33: If you answered yes, please check the following reasons that kept you from receiving the mental health services that you needed.

Other:

1	na
2	na
3	na
4	na
5	na
6	Could find a great time in schedule
7	Choosing between mental health or doctor because price
8	no facility in my town and abilene office is full.
9	Salina is more convenient.
10	Too many people in clinic that I don't trust with my mental health issues. Small town.

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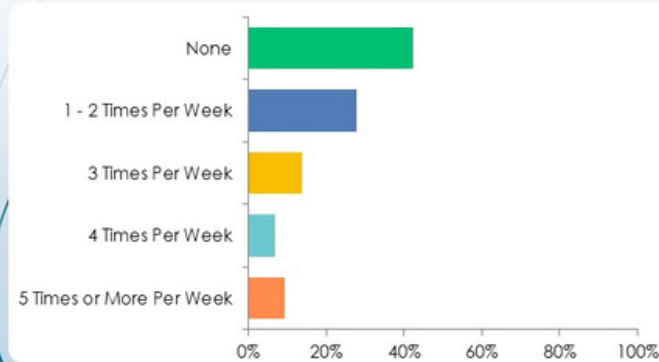


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Q34: In the last week, how many times did you choose to engage in exercise that lasted AT LEAST 30 minutes or more? (jogging, walking, playing a sport, weight-lifting, fitness classes, etc.)

Answered: 289 Skipped: 1



Q35: If your answer to the previous question was none, what is keeping you from exercising?

(check all that apply)

Answered: 143 Skipped: 147



Q35: If your answer to the previous question was none, what is keeping you from exercising?

(check all that apply)

Other:

1	Weather, prefer walking outside
2	I am having knee surgery in three weeks- no exercise per dr
3	na
4	na
5	na
6	I have had the flu
7	I often feel weak and shaky from my hypoglycemia
8	Weather
9	too cold outside
10	Just not interested
11	Don't want to exercise around others

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Q35: If your answer to the previous question was none, what is keeping you from exercising?
(check all that apply)

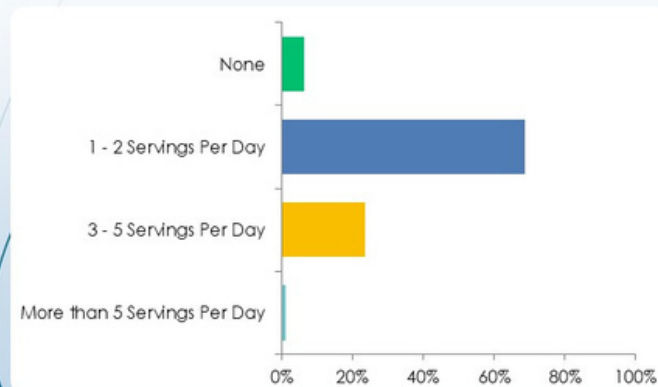
Other:

12	We had had a major snow storm regular exercise of walking was out for the week otherwise 30 minutes at least 5 times a week
13	Snowed in
14	fitness center hours aren't compatible with my hours
15	I've been sick
16	Just don't want to
17	Don't like working out in packed gyms or having to wait for equipment.
18	lack of facilities. the gym in town does not respond to messages and is hard to get a hold of.
19	I don't need to exercise if i live an active lifestyle.
20	After hours access would be better for me but no options
21	I have a respiratory virus

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Q36: On a typical day, how many servings of fruits or vegetables do you eat?

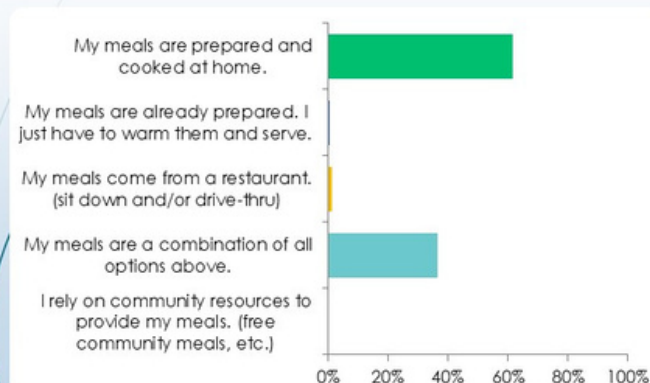
■ Answered: 290 Skipped: 0



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Q37: In a typical week how are your meals prepared?

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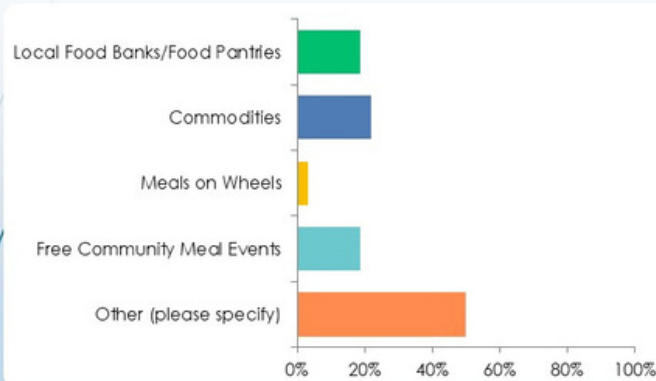


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Q38: Do you utilize any of the following resources for food?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 243



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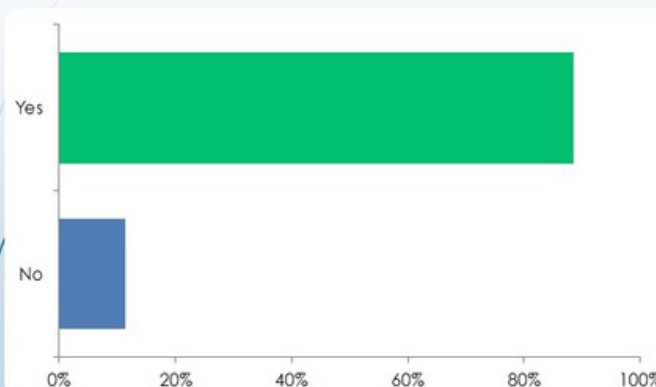
Answered: 32 Skipped: 243

Other:

1	None
2	na
3	No
4	No
5	None
6	We eat both at home and out
7	Buy my own
8	I go tot the Chapman Food Mart grocery store and buy my food to cook.
9	Do not need help with food
10	NA
11	no
12	no
13	No
14	N/A
15	Grocery stores and restaurants, both within and outside of Dickinson County.
16	No

Q39: Do you feel like you have a network of support during times of stress and need? (neighbors, family, faith groups, agencies and organizations, etc.)

Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q40: What do you think people in your community need more information about?
(check all that apply)

Answered: 262 Skipped: 28

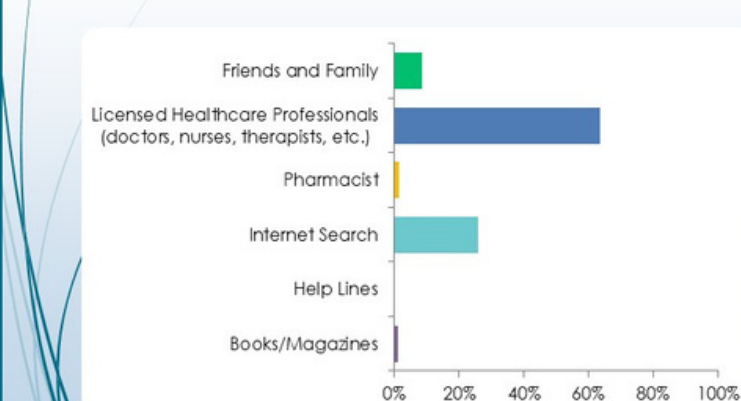


Q40: Breakdown of numbers

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Nutrition (healthy eating habits)	51.15% 134
▼ Exercising	45.04% 118
▼ Managing Weight	49.24% 129
▼ Suicide Prevention	37.79% 99
▼ Stress Management	64.50% 169
▼ Anger Management	33.21% 87
▼ Preventative Care (medical, dental, vision, etc.)	40.08% 105
▼ Vaccinations	16.79% 44
▼ Quitting Smoking (tobacco use or vaping)	44.66% 117
▼ Substance Abuse Prevention (drugs and alcohol)	53.44% 140
▼ Domestic Violence Prevention	30.15% 79
▼ Rape/Sexual Abuse Prevention	18.70% 49
▼ Caring for People with Disabilities	29.77% 78
▼ Safe Sex (preventing pregnancy or sexual transmitted disease)	19.47% 51
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 6.87% 18
Total Respondents: 262	

Q41: How do you get most of your health-related information?

Answered: 287 Skipped: 3



CHNA Community Survey

Opened: December 20, 2024

Closed: February 14, 2025

Total Responses: 290



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Q42: Is there anything that you feel this survey did not address concerning health outcomes for Dickinson County?

1	In general, Dickinson County needs to have more publicity regarding the services offered. Have better Emergency, Trauma & Urgent Care & Specialty Facilities available to it's residents.
2	Seems to be overpriced for the services provided. It costs ove \$6500/a month for my family member to live in the local nursing home. The care is atrocious.
3	no
4	manual entry from HJ question 12: he answered no because Vyve doesn't always work right question 18: he added that a chiropractor and a hospital is needed in Herington question 42: added pharmacist and internet search
5	manual entry by HJ participant added on 42: pharmacist and internet search
6	easy access to hospitals
7	no
8	na
9	This town is not open-arm
10	No
11	The schools need to be better educated on what they serve children for breakfast and lunch. These meals are high in sugar , bad oils, and processed foods. Our kids need more opportunities to move during the day.
12	The services the Memorial Hospital provides is very limited compared to Salina Regional. Most people I know prefer the 30 minute drive to get the care they feel Dickinson County is lacking.
13	There should be a question of why do you receive care outside of your county.
14	No
15	Not sure if this is health related, but I feel there needs to be more resources for helping parents lead their children (learn how to be parents) as well as something that teaches how to step OUT of poverty.

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Q42: Is there anything that you feel this survey did not address concerning health outcomes for Dickinson County?

16	no
17	Doctors that "care. We have professionals that are afraid to examine patients. Recently referred to a specialist without even examining the person. They took our word of the diagnosis.
18	no
19	No
20	Better advertisement for mental health options including options to be anonymous and get help
21	no
22	Safe housing which improves mental health and healthy lifestyle.
23	Behavioral health group like crossroads for Abilene
24	Emergency Room--long wait, staff not helpful or friendly

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Q42: Is there anything that you feel this survey did not address concerning health outcomes for Dickinson County?

25	The cost of Health care is WAY to EXPENSIVE!!!!
26	help for elders --- a volunteer system in place to help meet needs they may have.... TRANSPORTATION for work and to get items outside the hours of 8-5....
27	-
28	I would like to an on-staff pediatrician at Heartland Clinic rather than just family medicine.
29	No
30	Resources for elderly when it comes to medicare plans, prescription plans, taxes. Transportation services. It would be nice if hospital provided transportation for outpatient exams.
31	no
32	no
33	N/A
34	access to exercise options, nutritional education options
35	Such poor communication!
36	Can't think of anything
37	Elder care
38	no

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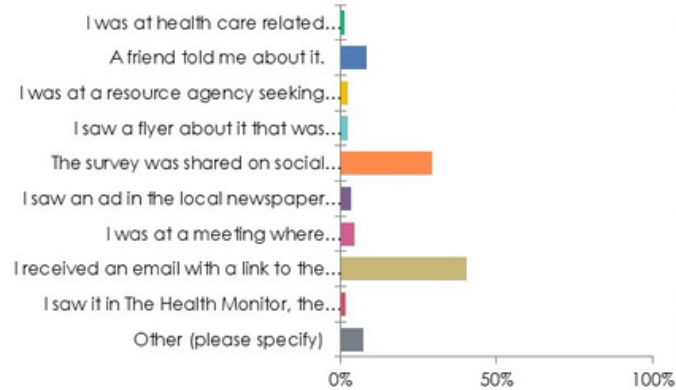
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39	The overwhelming sadness of losing the Rose Unit at Memorial Hospital. My 87 year old mother in law who has life long mental illness was saved by this unit multiple times since it's inception.... It was a crucial part of her recovery plan and I know that she is not the only one that this closing has effected in this way..
40	I think the community needs a better understanding of mental health in general. It comes with an awful stigma. We could use a lot more resources and training opportunities for mental health. CKMHC is amazing, but it isn't enough. Mental Health needs to be treated as a top priority, just like health care is.
41	How do u get insurance?
42	More senior center activities
43	Cost of care
44	no
45	Cognitive decline that comes with aging, how to slow it down, how to cope with a family member suffering from dementia, resources to assist the daily caregiver.
46	Mental health access to incarcerated individuals and those with drug abuse and drug addiction challenges.
47	Poverty is 100% connected to health outcomes. I think that should be addressed more in-depth.
48	better care at hospital
49	Our kids need more focus on living healthy lives. Schools are not providing enough time in sunlight, outside, or moving. This includes teenagers.
50	Dickinson County doesn't have a ton of options when it comes to healthcare. If I need anything health wise, I've pursued it either in Manhattan or Junction City.
51	Surge in public distrust in vaccines. As a healthcare provider, the social media posts I see from community members and their uneducated negative opinions of ALL vaccines is disturbing. We need better community education on significance of routine childhood immunization

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Q43: How did you come to fill out this survey?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 2



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Q43: How did you come to fill out this survey?

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	Impact Fitness Facebook
2	Facebook
3	My husband -Dr. Sheern
4	received from a lady at Catholic Charities
5	Work
6	The link on Impact Fitness Facebook Page
7	Chapman Elementary
8	it was sent to my work email
9	My employer sent for the staff to complete.
10	Facebook
11	Memorial Health System FB page
12	Village manor newsletter.
13	Health Department referral
14	Story in the Reflector Chronicle
15	Saw the article in the Abilene Reflector Chronicle
16	Received a link
17	Boss sent it
18	Brenda forced me to, please help
19	Facebook
20	committee survey TEST. THIS looks AWESOME!!

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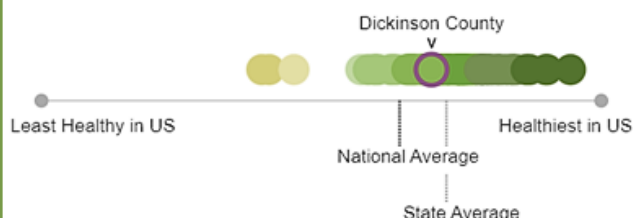
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County Health
Rankings & Roadmaps

Dickinson County Population Health and Well-being - 2025



Dickinson County is faring slightly worse than the average county in Kansas for Population Health and Well-being, and slightly better than the average county in the nation.

Dickinson County Population Health and Well-being

Population health and well-being is something we create as a society, not something an individual can attain in a clinic or be responsible for alone. Health is more than being free from disease and pain; health is the ability to thrive. Well-being covers both quality of life and the ability of people and communities to contribute to the world. Population health involves optimal physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being.

Dickinson County is faring slightly worse than the average county in Kansas for Population Health and Well-being, and slightly better than the average county in the nation.

Download Chart



Trends Available

Population Health and Well-being

Length of life

Premature Death



Dickinson County

11,200

Kansas

8,600

United States

8,400

Additional Length of life (not included in summary)

Quality of life

Poor Physical Health Days

3.7

3.7

3.9

Low Birth Weight

7%

7%

8%

Poor Mental Health Days

5.3

5.2

5.1

Poor or Fair Health

15%

15%

17%

Additional Quality of life (not included in summary)



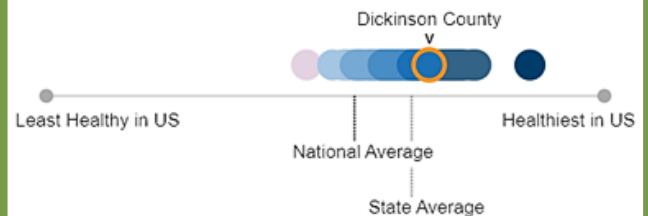
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County Health
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Dickinson County Community Conditions - 2025



Dickinson County is faring slightly better than the average county in Kansas for Community Conditions, and better than the average county in the nation.

Community Conditions





Health infrastructure

		Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	
Flu Vaccinations		37%	49%	48%	▼
Access to Exercise Opportunities		55%	80%	84%	▼
Food Environment Index		8.3	6.8	7.4	▼
Primary Care Physicians		2,050:1	1,280:1	1,330:1	▼
Mental Health Providers		1,540:1	400:1	300:1	▼
Dentists		4,610:1	1,580:1	1,360:1	▼
Preventable Hospital Stays		3,060	2,529	2,666	▼
Mammography Screening		48%	49%	44%	▼
Uninsured		9%	10%	10%	▼

Additional Health infrastructure (not included in summary)

		Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	
Limited Access to Healthy Foods		5%	8%	6%	▼
Food Insecurity		12%	13%	14%	▼
Insufficient Sleep		35%	37%	37%	▼
Teen Births		14	18	16	▼
Sexually Transmitted Infections		124.8	474.4	495.0	▼
Excessive Drinking		22%	19%	19%	▼
Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths		24%	21%	26%	▼
Drug Overdose Deaths		20	22	31	▼
Adult Smoking		16%	15%	13%	▼
Physical Inactivity		23%	23%	23%	▼
Uninsured Adults		11%	12%	11%	▼
Uninsured Children		5%	5%	5%	▼
Other Primary Care Providers		1,320:1	640:1	710:1	▼



Physical environment	Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	—
Severe Housing Problems	7%	12%	17%	✓
Driving Alone to Work	80%	77%	70%	✓
Long Commute - Driving Alone	34%	22%	37%	✓
Air Pollution: Particulate Matter 	7.8	7.3	7.3	✓
Drinking Water Violations	No			✓
Broadband Access	90%	89%	90%	✓
Library Access	2	3	2	✓
Additional Physical environment (not included in summary)	Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	—
Traffic Volume	31	72	108	✓
Homeownership	79%	67%	65%	✓
Severe Housing Cost Burden	7%	11%	15%	✓
Access to Parks		37%	51%	✓
Adverse Climate Events	3			✓
Census Participation	67.8%		65.2%	✓
Voter Turnout	66.3%	65.4%	67.9%	✓
Social and economic factors	Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	—
Some College	62%	70%	68%	✓
High School Completion	92%	92%	89%	✓
Unemployment 	2.8%	2.7%	3.6%	✓
Income Inequality	3.5	4.4	4.9	✓
Children in Poverty 	13%	13%	16%	✓
Injury Deaths	96	85	84	✓
Social Associations	21.2	13.2	9.1	✓
Child Care Cost Burden	18%	19%	28%	✓
Additional Social and economic factors (not included in summary)	Dickinson County	Kansas	United States	—
High School Graduation	94%	89%	87%	✓
Reading Scores	3.2	3.0	3.1	✓
Math Scores	3.2	3.0	3.0	✓
School Segregation	0.04	0.20	0.24	✓
School Funding Adequacy 	\$2,047	\$1,479	\$1,411	✓
Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	48%	48%	55%	✓
Gender Pay Gap	0.83	0.79	0.81	✓
Median Household Income	\$63,400	\$70,300	\$77,700	✓
Living Wage	\$37.63	\$42.69		✓
Child Care Centers	8	7	7	✓
Residential Segregation - Black/White		59	63	✓
Homicides		6	7	✓
Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths	18	14	12	✓
Firearm Fatalities	18	16	13	✓
Disconnected Youth		5%	7%	✓
Lack of Social and Emotional Support	20%	7%	10%	✓

CHNA Town Hall Meeting

Focus Group Participants



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The CHNA committee carefully selected the focus group participants for the 2025 CHNA Town Hall Meeting to have representation from as many sectors as possible, from all communities in Dickinson County. These participants were chosen for their passion to improve community well-being and/or because they hold leadership roles that empower them to effect change across Dickinson County. Invitations were sent on March 21, 2025 to the following community leaders:

- Abilene Childcare Learning Center - Robin Hansen
- Abilene Fire Department - Jeremy Stuck
- CARES Coalition/Abilene USD School Board Member - Tom Schwartz
- Central Kansas Mental Health Center - Taylor Haws
- Central Kansas Mental Health Center - Leannitta Heller
- Chapman Community Member/Past MHS BOD Member - Millie Fink
- Chapman School Nurse - Tara Tiernan
- City of Abilene - Brandon Rein
- City of Solomon - Andrea McCook
- Central Kansas Foundation Addiction Treatment Center - Chelsey Copeland Eberwein
- Community Foundation for Dickinson County - Elizabeth Weese
- Dickinson County Economic Development Corporation - Jessica Goodale
- Dickinson County Health Department/CHNA Committee - Brenda Weaver
- Dickinson County Health Department - Julie Smith
- Dickinson County EMS - John Hultgren
- Dickinson County Sheriff's Office - Jerry Davis
- Family Eye Care of Abilene/Memorial Health Foundation - Jennifer Waite
- Harvey Drug Abilene - Sandy Kueker
- Herington Hearts Core Community - Kevin Bayes
- Herington School District Superintendent - Donalyn Biehler
- Hope/Rural Vista School District - Debbie Linder
- Impact Sports and Fitness - Anita Larson
- K-State Research and Extension - Rodney Denholm
- K-State Research and Extension - Tristen Cope
- K-State Research and Extension/CHNA Facilitator - Kyler Langvardt
- MHS CEO - Harold Courtois
- MHS CNO - Angie Johnson
- MHS CFO - Elgin Glanzer
- MHS CMO - Dr. William Short
- MHS SDO - Sara Boyd
- MHS Executive Asst./Memorial Health Foundation Mgr/CHNA Committee - Jonee Crump
- MHS Director of Marketing and Development/CHNA Committee - Haley Jones
- MHS BOD President - Dr. Steven Schwarting
- MHS BOD Member/CHNA Committee - Karman Diehl
- MHS BOD Member - Tony Geiger
- MHS Director of Clinic Operations - Karysa Reyer
- MHS Dietitian - Marcy Newcomer
- MHS Chronic Care Mgt. - Megan Espeseth
- MHS Emergency Department Mgr. - Chris Sare
- MHS Director of Home Health & Hospice - Dani Gantner
- MHS Inpatient Nurse Mgr. - Jessica Younkman
- MHS Patient & Family Advocacy Council/Retired MHS Doctor - Dr. Doug Sheern
- Neighbor to Neighbor Abilene - Amanda Robinson
- Solomon School District Superintendent - Justin Coup
- Quality of Life Coalition - Kat McKee

CHNA Town Hall Meeting

Date --- April 23, 2025

Time --- 8:00 to 1:00pm

Location --- Nichols Education Center

Attendance --- 42/50 invited participants



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The purpose of the Town Hall meeting was to review the 2025 CHNA survey results, analyze relevant secondary data, identify the most pressing health priorities for Dickinson County, and begin forming a collaborative action plan for the next three years.

Attendees were seated at 10 round tables with 3 to 5 individuals per table, intentionally arranged to mix sectors and perspectives. This design encouraged cross-sector collaboration, innovative thinking, and the opportunity for attendees to learn from one another.

After reviewing the CHNA survey findings and engaging in open discussion about health-related trends and challenges within their sectors, the focus group collectively identified five key health priorities for Dickinson County: Mental Health, Chronic Illness, Substance Abuse, Physical Health, and Insurance.

Next, the round table session was initiated. Each table chose one of the five priorities to focus on, giving extensive consideration to:

- Current efforts within their sectors that are currently addressing the issue
- Opportunities for collaboration
- New ideas and possible action steps for future improvement

When the group reconvened, each table shared its findings and ideas with all Focus Group attendees, creating a rich and inspiring exchange of solutions and strategies.

The meeting was a major success, both in pinpointing the top health priorities for Dickinson County and in generating enthusiastic dialogue and actionable feedback. As the CHNA committee reviewed the ideas and feedback that came out of the event, one thing became clear: so much good work is already happening across Dickinson County. Rather than start from scratch, the committee chose to build on this momentum.

As a result, the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) evolved into a comprehensive guidebook, a user-friendly, actionable resource that outlines current initiatives, identifies gaps, and offers a menu of strategies for continued progress. The guidebook is designed to:

- Help community organizations and partners align their efforts
- Provide clear, adaptable goals across sectors
- Encourage sustainable collaboration
- Serve as a practical tool for ongoing health improvement efforts
- Allow feedback over the next three years to keep everyone informed on efforts

This approach ensures that the work started at the Town Hall meeting continues in the months and years ahead, empowering stakeholders across Dickinson County to work together toward a healthier future!



TOP 5



Mental Health



Chronic Illness



Substance Abuse



Physical Health



Insurance



Mental Health

What It Is:

Mental health refers to a person's emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It influences how we think, feel, and act, and affects how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

How It Affects Individuals:

Poor mental health can lead to anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicide. It can also affect physical health, sleep, relationships, job performance, and overall quality of life. When left untreated, mental health issues often become more severe and harder to manage.

How It Affects the Community:

Communities with high levels of untreated mental illness may experience increased crime, homelessness, school dropout rates, and unemployment. When residents struggle with mental health, it puts added pressure on local law enforcement, healthcare systems, schools, and social services.

Kansas Mental Health Trends (2022–2025):

Unmet Need for Mental Health Providers: As of March 2023, Kansas meets only 26% of its mental health provider need, slightly below the national average of 27.7%.

Increased Poor Mental Health Days: County-based models reflect concerning trends in poor mental health days, especially in rural areas like Dickinson County.

Post-COVID Rise in Anxiety and Depression: By early 2023, over 30% of U.S. adults reported anxiety or depressive symptoms. More than 20% of those affected in Kansas reported needing, but not receiving, mental health counseling.

Slow Development in Mental Health Infrastructure: Kansas has committed to reopening and constructing psychiatric facilities, including a 30-bed unit in Larned and a new hospital in Wichita.

Innovative Rural Mental Health Models: The “LandLogic Model,” introduced in 2025, trains providers to connect therapy with rural values and metaphors, particularly for Kansas farmers.

Dickinson County – Specific Insights:

Hospital Admissions for Mental/Behavioral Health (2018–2020): Rate of 72.8 per 10,000 (KDHE).

Depressive Disorder Diagnoses (2021): 41.8% of obese adults and 23.7% of non-obese adults reported ever being diagnosed with depression.

Behavioral and Mental Health Readiness (2022 CHNA): 39.4% rated mental and behavioral health services as “poor” or “very poor,” slightly above the state average.



Mental Health cont.

Key changes since the previous CHNA:

Stable but Insufficient Provider Access – Despite incremental improvements, provider shortages remain a critical issue.

Persistent High Mental Distress – No marked decline in poor mental health days has been seen, especially in rural areas.

Growing Awareness and Innovative Solutions – Community recognition has increased, alongside new models like LandLogic.

Admission Rates Worsening – Historical data shows high hospital admission rates for psychiatric reasons in Dickinson County.

Implications:

Provider Gaps Remain a Barrier: Only ~26% of statewide need is met; expansion of telehealth and provider training is vital.

Community Perception Rates are High: Nearly 40% of residents perceive mental health services as inadequate.

Leverage Local Successes: Pilot models like LandLogic in Dickinson's agricultural population could be promising.

Focus Beyond Treatment: Early intervention and integrated community-level prevention are key.



Chronic Illness

What It Is:

Chronic illnesses are long-term health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma, and obesity. These conditions usually persist for a year or more, and require ongoing medical attention, limit daily living activities, or both.

How It Affects Individuals:

Chronic diseases can significantly reduce quality of life. They may lead to pain, disability, increased medical costs, and shortened life expectancy. Managing a chronic condition often requires lifestyle changes and continuous care, which can be physically, mentally, and financially draining.

How It Affects the Community:

High rates of chronic illness increase the burden on hospitals, clinics, and public health resources. It can affect workforce productivity, raise local healthcare costs, and widen health disparities, especially in rural areas where access to preventive care is limited.

Kansas Trends (2020–2022):

Heart disease mortality rose to 170.4 per 100,000 (above the national average of 168.5).
Diabetes mortality increased to 26.6 per 100,000.
Modest reductions in other chronic diseases were observed.

Dickinson County Insights:

38.7% adult obesity (2022).
30.6% physically inactive; 18.7% smokers; 21.3% excessive drinkers (2021).
Heart disease and cancer mortality rates are above state averages.

Key changes since the previous CHNA:

Increased mortality rates for diabetes and heart disease.
Lifestyle risk factors like inactivity and obesity persist.
Preventive programs have expanded, but gaps remain.
Disparities in outcomes continue among rural and underserved populations.

Implications:

Strengthen community-level prevention.
Increase chronic care coordination and outreach in rural populations.



Substance Abuse

What It Is:

Substance abuse refers to the misuse of alcohol, prescription medications, or illegal drugs. It includes addiction, dependency, and risky behaviors related to substance use.

How It Affects Individuals:

Substance abuse can impair judgment, increase the risk of accidents, damage organs, and lead to mental illness, overdose, or death. It also often causes strained relationships, financial instability, and difficulty maintaining employment or education.

How It Affects the Community:

Substance abuse impacts public safety, healthcare costs, crime rates, and child welfare. It can overwhelm emergency services, lead to increased incarceration rates, and break down the social fabric of neighborhoods and families.

Kansas Trends (2019–2021):

Opioid overdose deaths rose 73.5% (2011–2020).

From Jan–Jun 2021, overdose deaths up 54%.

Youth misuse rate: 7.1%; adult SUD: 17.1%.

Kansas saw a 43% increase in overdose deaths in 2021.

Dickinson County Insights:

No county-specific data is publicly available.

Rural overdose trends suggest an increasing risk.

Key changes since the previous CHNA:

Overdose deaths sharply increased, particularly involving fentanyl.

Youth prevention efforts expanded, but challenges remain.

Growth in recovery and peer support services.

The lack of updated overdose prevention policies remains a gap.

Implications:

Increase access to detox, recovery, and harm-reduction services.

Launch public awareness campaigns; advocate for Good Samaritan laws.

Top 5 Health Priorities 2025-2028



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Physical Health

What It Is:

Physical health refers to maintaining a healthy body through regular exercise, good nutrition, and avoiding harmful habits. It involves movement, healthy eating, and routine medical care to prevent disease and promote well-being.

How It Affects Individuals:

A physically active lifestyle and balanced diet can reduce the risk of chronic illness, improve energy, support mental health, and increase life expectancy. Conversely, poor physical health can lead to fatigue, disease, and long-term disability.

How It Affects the Community:

Communities with poor physical health may see increased obesity, chronic disease rates, and healthcare expenses. This can limit the workforce and decrease overall quality of life. Promoting healthy habits can lead to longer, more productive lives and reduced medical costs for all.

Kansas Trends:

Diet and activity disparities persist, especially in rural areas.

Rural smoking and inactivity rates are higher than their urban counterparts.

Dickinson County Insights:

52.9% have access to exercise opportunities (vs. state avg of 73.3%).

13.3% food insecurity; 5.0% lack access to healthy food outlets.

Obesity and inactivity remain high.

Key changes since the previous CHNA:

Obesity and inactivity rates remain steady or rising.

Food access initiatives are slowly expanding.

Improvements to built environments are underway.

Community wellness partnerships are beginning to emerge.

Implications:

Expand access to recreation and fresh foods.

Promote walking groups, school programs, and public fitness events.



Insurance

What It Is:

This priority refers to whether individuals have health insurance and can get the medical care they need, *when they need it*. Access to care includes physical access, affordability, provider availability, and care that is culturally appropriate.

How It Affects Individuals:

Without insurance or accessible care, people often delay or avoid medical treatment. This can lead to undiagnosed conditions, unmanaged chronic diseases, and more severe health problems down the road. Financial stress from medical bills can also affect mental and emotional well-being.

How It Affects the Community:

Limited access to care can lead to worse overall health outcomes, higher emergency room usage, and health disparities. It strains hospitals, reduces productivity, and leaves gaps in community wellness that affect everyone, not just the uninsured.

Kansas Overview:

Rural communities face high provider shortages and hospital closures.

5.1 providers per 10,000 in rural vs. 8.0 in urban.

Medicaid expansion remains stalled.

Dickinson County Insights:

1 primary care provider per 2,052 people.

11.0% uninsured (2019); preventable hospital stays are higher than the state norm.

Transportation and navigation barriers are noted.

Key changes since the previous CHNA:

Provider shortages persist across rural Kansas.

Kansas has not expanded Medicaid.

Telehealth access increased, but digital divides remain.

Navigation services have grown but remain under-resourced.

Implications:

Improve telehealth access and transport options.

Expand health literacy, navigators, and financial assistance awareness.

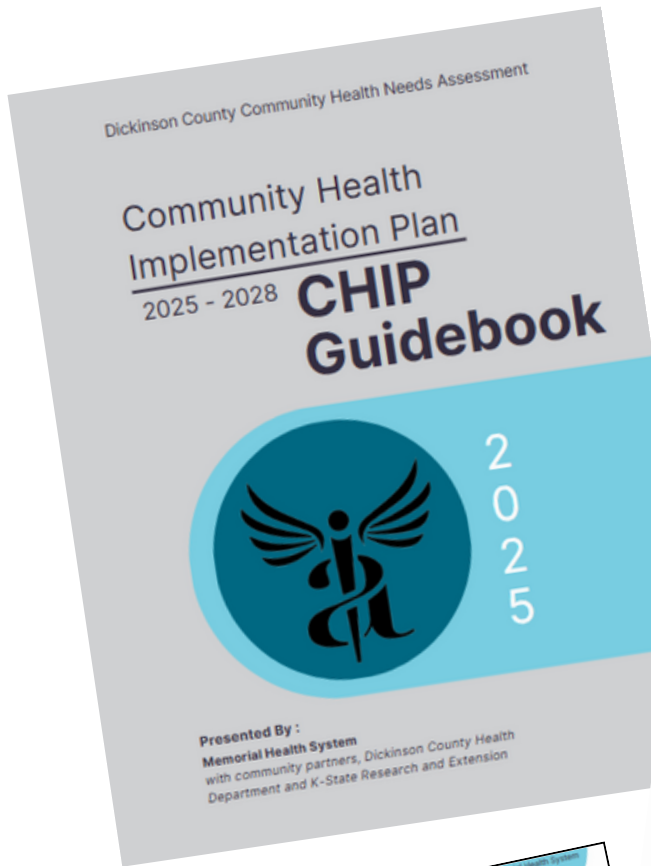
Community Health Needs Assessment 2025

CHIP - Community Health Improvement Plan



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Welcome Message

Dear Community Partner,

Thank you for being a vital part of Dickinson County. Memorial Health System and community partners, Dickinson County Health Department and K-State Research and Extension, invite you to participate in the Dickinson County Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP).

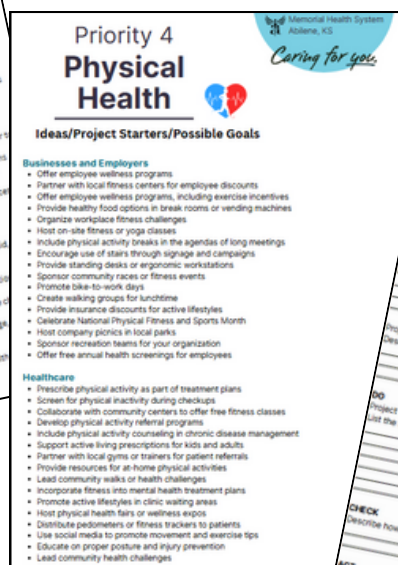
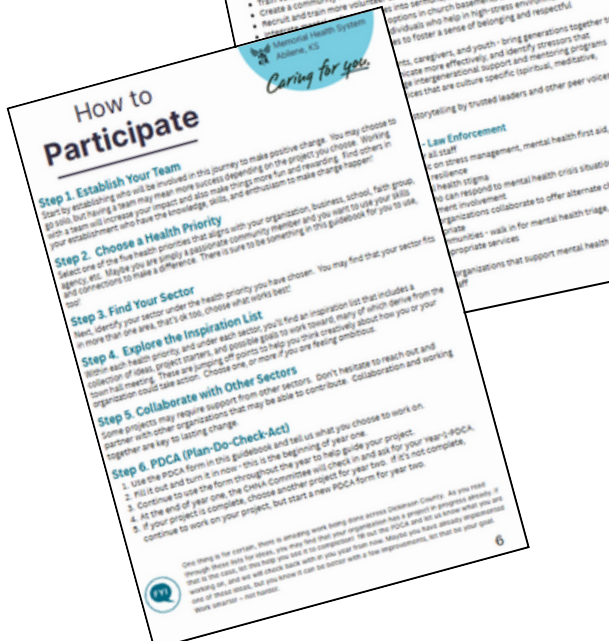
This guidebook is more than a planning tool. It's a call to action, an invitation to collaborate, and a commitment to improving the lives of those we serve. It was designed to support local organizations, schools, healthcare providers, businesses, and community groups to play an active role in implementing impactful strategies that align with the five health priorities identified within the Community Health Needs Assessment for 2025.

Inside you will find:

- A "pick-your-path" approach that allows you to create a plan that aligns with the services and resources that you provide, ensuring a plan of success.
- A variety of ideas that you may tailor to fit the needs of the sector you work or volunteer with.
- A PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) worksheet to help guide and track your efforts throughout each year.

We appreciate your commitment and leadership as we work collectively to make Dickinson County a place where health and wellness are within reach for everyone!

With great appreciation,
The CHNA Committee



Community Health Improvement Plan
CHIP Project Sheet

Project Title: _____
Sector (Business, Healthcare, etc.): _____
Agency/Organization Name: _____
Project Team Members: _____
Project Timeline: _____

PLAN
Define the goal and the health priority it addresses: _____
Project Description: Describe your project idea and the strategy you plan to use: _____

DO
Project Objectives: List the specific objectives your team must achieve to accomplish this goal: _____

CHECK
Describe how you will measure progress or success for this project: _____

ACT
What improvements or adjustments were made during year one? _____

Project Completed
YES _____ we are starting a new project for year two.
NO _____ we are working on the same project for year two.

Dickinson County Community Resources



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Memorial Health System Providers and Visiting Specialists Schedule

MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM PROVIDERS

Devon Shearmire
 Emergency Department
Advanced Practice Provider

Ashly Doering
 Emergency Department
Advanced Practice Provider

Deann Feldt
 Emergency Department
Advanced Practice Provider

Nicole Betz
 Emergency Department
Advanced Practice Provider

Lori Golbek
 Emergency Department
Advanced Practice Provider

Kelly Trickey
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Advanced Practice Provider

Rachelle Sims
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Advanced Practice Provider

Laura Pape
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Advanced Practice Provider

Erica Forbes
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Advanced Practice Provider

Todd Smith
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Advanced Practice Provider

Michael Ziegler
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

Maci Hicks
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

Megan Brown
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

Kimmy Hinman
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

Brian Holmes
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

Allison Thompson
 Heartland Health Care Clinic
Family Physician

William Short, CMO
 Wound Care Center
Physician

Visiting Specialists to MHS (Abilene, KS) 2025				
SPECIALTY	Physician Name	Group	Office Location (City/State)	SCHEDULE
Audiology	Dr. Katie Bunker	Advanced Audiology	Brady St. Clinic	Every Tuesday
Cardiology	Dr. David Battin	Salina Regional Cardiology	Brady St. Clinic	1st Wed every month
Cardiology	Dr. Priyantha Ranaweera	Heart & Vascular Clinics LLC	Brady St. Clinic	1st Fri every month
Endocrinology	Dr. Richard Gomendoza	SRHC Endocrinology	Brady St. Clinic	3rd Fri every month
Hematology & Oncology	Dr. Jeffrey Geitz	Tammy Walker Cancer Center	Brady St. Clinic	3rd Thurs every month
Hematology & Oncology	Dr. Peeran Sandhu	Tammy Walker Cancer Center	Brady St. Clinic	4th Wed every month
Obstetric/Gynecological	Dr. Emily Budden	Salina Women's Clinic	Heartland Health Care Clinic	3rd Thurs every month
Ophthalmology	Dr. Gary Weiner	Weiner Eye Group	Hospital 2nd Floor Specialty Clinic	1st and 4th Tues every month
Orthopaedic - Clinic/ Surgery	Dr. Todd Reilly	Salina Regional Orthopedic Clinic	Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine	2nd Mon every month
Otolaryngology	Melissa Crawford	Salina Regional ENT and Audiology	Hospital 2nd Floor Specialty Clinic	2nd Tues every month
Podiatry	Dr. Rebecca Johnson	SRHC Podiatry	Hospital 2nd Floor Specialty Clinic	1st Mon of month excludes Feb, May, Aug, Sept.
Podiatry	Dr. Michael Frederiksen	Foot Health Center	Brady St. Clinic	2nd Wed of every month
Rheumatology & Allergy	Dr. James Anderson	Heartland Specialists	Hospital 2nd Floor Heartland Specialist	days vary
Sleep Labs	Trained Sleep Tech	Rural Sleep Solutions	Hospital 2nd Floor Specialty Clinic	days vary
Urological Clinic/Surgery	Dr. Laki Evangelidis	Associated Urologists	Brady St. Clinic	3rd Wed of every month
Urology	Dr. Michael Matteuci	Salina Urology Association	Brady St. Clinic	1st Wed of every month
Wound Care Center	Dr. William Short	Restorix	Hospital 2nd Floor Specialty Clinic	every Wed and Thurs

Dickinson County Community Resources



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Abilene, KS

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Health Services Available in Dickinson County in 2025

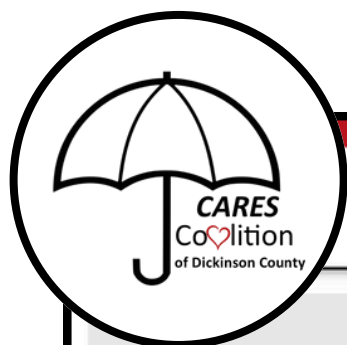
Health Services Offered In Dickinson County - 2025				
Healthcare Services Offered Yes/No	MHS	Health Dept	Others who provide this service:	Notes:
Primary Care	x		Mosier Medical Clinic, Konza Prairie in Chapman	
Alzheimer Center	x			Village Manor Dementia Unit
Ambulatory Surgery Centers	x			
Arthritis Treatment Center	x			
Bariatric / Weight Control Services			Restore Wellness	
Birthing / LDR / LDRP Room				
Breast Cancer / Screening	x			
Burn Care	x			
Cardiac Rehabilitation	x			
Cardiac Surgery				
Cardiology Services	x			
Case Management	x			
Chaplaincy / Pastoral Care Services	x			
Chemotherapy				
Colonoscopy	x			
Crisis Prevention	x			
CT Scanner	x			
Diagnostic Radioisotope Facility	x			
Diagnostic / Invasive Catheterization				
Electron Beam Computed Tomography (EBCT)				
Insurance Enrollment Assistance Services		x	K-State Research and Ext.	
Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripter (ESWL)				
Fertility Clinic				
Full Field Digital Mammography (FFDM)				
Genetic Testing / Counseling	x			can order in MHS lab and send to KU for counsel
Geriatric Services	x	x		health dept provides foot care for 60+
Heart Services	x			
Hemodialysis				
HIV / AIDS Services	x			
Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)				
Inpatient Acute Care - Hospital & Services	x			
Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) 161				
Intensive Care Unit				
Intermediate Care Unit				
Interventional Cardiac Catheterization				
Isolation Room	x			
Kidney Services				
Liver Services				
Lung Services				
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	x			
Mammograms	x			
Mental Health Services	x		Central Kansas Mental Health, OCKK	MHS - mental health embedded in clinic
Mobile Health Services		x		DK County EMS - current implement of CP program
Multislice Spiral Computed Tomography (<64 Slice CT)				
Multislice Spiral Computed Tomography (64+ Slice CT)	x			
Neonatal Services				
Neurological Services	x			
Obstetrics	x			Shared Care OB program w/ SRHC
Prenatal/Postnatal	x			
Occupational Health Services				
Oncology Services				
Orthopedic Services	x			
Outpatient Surgery	x			
Pain Management	x			
Palliative Care Program				
Pediatric Services	x			
Physical Rehabilitation	x			
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)				
Positron Emission Tomography / CT (PET / CT)				
Psychiatric Services	x			
Radiology, Diagnostic	x			
Radiology, Therapeutic	x			
Reproductive Health	x			
Robotic Surgery				
Shaped Beam Radiation System 161				
Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography (SPECT)				
Sleep Center	x			MHS - sleep studies through Respiratory Care Dept
Social Work Services	x			
Sports Medicine	x			
Stereotactic Radiosurgery	x			biopsy
Swing Bed Services	x			
Transplant Services				
Trauma Center				
Ultrasound	x			
Women's Health Services	x			
Wound Care	x			
Adult Day Care Program	x			MHS - Home Health & Hospice offers respite services
Assisted Living				
Home Health Services	x		other agencies from out of Dickinson County	MHS - Abilene and Herington locations
Hospice	x			MHS - Abilene and Herington locations
Long-Term Care	x		Enterprise Estates, Countryside, Homestead, Brown Memorial, Chapman Valley Manor, Legacy at Herington,	MHS - Village Manor
Nursing Home Services	x			
Retirement Housing	x		several in DK County	Frontier Estates
Skilled Nursing Care	x			
Emergency Services	x			
Urgent Care or Walk-In Clinic	x			MHS - Walk In Clinic
Ambulance Services			DK County EMS	
Alcoholism-Drug Abuse			CKF Addiction Treatment	
Blood Donor Center				
Chiropractic Services			Stephens Chiropractic, Porter Chiropractic	
Complementary Medicine Services				
Dental Services			TallGrass Dental; Dr. Hansen	
Fitness Center	x			Impact Sports & Fitness
Health Education Classes	x			
Health Fair		x		
Health Information Center	x			
Health Screenings	x	x		
Meals on Wheels	x			
Nutrition Programs	x	x	K-State Research and Ext.	MHS - Dietitian, HD- WIC
Patient Education Center				
Support Groups	x	x		MHS - Diabetic Support, HD - WIC BFPC Program
Teen Outreach Services				
Tobacco Treatment / Cessation Program	x			
Transportation to Health Facilities				MHS/OCKK Partnership
Wellness Program	x		K-State Research and Ext.	



Dickinson County Resource Guide

*"A convenient place to find all of the resources
available in Dickinson County"*

<https://www.caresresources.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the CARES Coalition of Dickinson County website. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'About CARES', 'Projects', 'Community Calendar', 'Register Your Agency', and 'Agency Login'. Below the navigation bar is a large grey banner with the text 'CARES Coalition of Dickinson County is here to help connect you with the resources in your area!'. Underneath the banner is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search by Keyword' and a red 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a section titled 'Search by Category' with a grid of 20 red buttons, each containing a category name. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Special Thanks to Sponsors' with two logos: the Memorial Health System logo and the Community Foundation Dickinson County logo.

Navigation Links: Home, About CARES, Projects, Community Calendar, + Register Your Agency, Agency Login

Search Bar: Search by Keyword, Search

Search by Category:

Childcare	City/County Connections	Crisis Hotlines	Education
Financial Assistance	Food	Fun & Entertainment	Gently Used/Cheap/Free Stuff
Health Services	Housing	Job Resources	Legal/Court
Libraries	Persons w/ Disabilities	Philanthropy	Programs
Public Safety	Recovery and Treatment	Recreational	Senior Services
Spirituality	Transportation	Veterans	Volunteers

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