

2008 Community Health Assessment: RICHFIELD

On-line Survey Results

Background & Methodology

One aspect of the community engagement process for the Community Health Assessment and Action Plan (CHAAP) was accomplished through an on-line survey. The survey was developed by Bloomington Public Health and made available to those who live and work in Richfield. The survey was distributed through city website access, email survey links and paper copies in English and Spanish. The survey took approximately 10 minutes to complete and assessed respondents' level of concern regarding 86 different health issues facing their community. Response options for each health issue included "Very concerned", "Somewhat concerned", "Not concerned" and "Don't know".

The 86 health issues were broken out by 12 topics, all of which fall under the six essential local public health areas of responsibility. Respondents were told their response was anonymous and the results would be used to help gauge community concern for public health planning and assessment. There were 182 respondents who live or work in Richfield. Results below reflect this population of respondents. Results should be reviewed with the knowledge that this was not a scientific survey and may not be fully representative of all residents and workers in the community. Efforts were made to obtain surveys from of all populations. However, there was still a smaller than desired response rate from Spanish-speaking community members.

Top 10 Community Concerns

Top 10 concerns were chosen based on the health issues with the highest percent of respondents answering "very concerned" among all 86 issues. Numbers reflect % responding "very concerned" & (# respondents).

1. Teenage drug use 66% (158)
2. Teenage alcohol use 66% (158)
3. Gang violence 64% (154)
4. Ability of an individual to pay for health services 63% (153)
5. Adequate health insurance coverage 61% (148)
6. Teenage tobacco use 59% (141)
7. Teenage unsafe driving 57% (137)
8. Child abuse or neglect 57% (138)
9. Teen unhealthy eating 56% (135)
10. Teenage physical inactivity 56% (135)

Top 24 Community Health Issues by Category

Top two health issues with highest percent responding "very concerned" for each topic.

Chronic Disease

- Cancer 44% (105)
- Heart disease 40% (95)

Senior Health

- Driving 46% (111)
- Mental health (Isolation, loneliness & depression) 46% (111)

Adult Health

- Physical inactivity 37% (89)
- Financial Planning for life long needs 35% (85)

Teen & Youth Health

- Drug use 66% (158)
- Alcohol use 66% (158)

Infant & Child Health

- Child abuse or neglect 57% (138)
- Safety (seat belt use, car & booster seat use, bicycle helmet use, etc.) 43% (104)

Pregnancy & Birth

- Teen pregnancy 50% (120)
- Drug and alcohol use during pregnancy 48% (116)

Injury & Violence

- Gang violence 64% (154)
- Sexual assault 55% (133)

Healthy Living by Design

- Accessible and safe walking paths, crosswalks and park trails 50% (122)
- Accessible and safe public transportation 42% (101)

Contagious Disease

- City's ability to respond to a disease outbreak (Drug-resistant strains, SARS, pandemic flu, West Nile, etc.) 38% (93)
- MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) 34% (81)

Environmental Health

- Water quality (chemical contaminants, waterborne diseases, etc.) 51% (126)
- Indoor and outdoor air quality (smoke, radon, mold, carbon monoxide, etc.) 44% (108)

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Messages reaching the public during public health emergencies 40% (97)
- Citizen's abilities (individual, family, neighborhood) to respond to an emergency before outside help arrives 39% (96)

Health Care Quality and Accessibility

- Ability of an individual to pay for health services 63% (153)
- Adequate health insurance coverage 61% (148)

Issues that may require increased education

These issues had the highest percentage of respondents reporting "don't know" (5%-11%)

Senior alcohol abuse	Premature birth	Racial/ethnic gaps & disparities
Late prenatal care	Infant & Child mental health	Drug & alcohol use during pregnancy
Low birth weight	Teen pregnancy	Distribution of medication, vaccines and supplies
Multiple births	Older women giving birth	MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)
Infant mortality		