

# Suggested information to be included in a Community Health Needs Assessment



The availability and cost of data may vary by region/county.

## Demographics and Socioeconomic Status

- Community overview:
  - Age, sex, race, and socioeconomic status of community members
  - Poverty by age, geography and racial/ethnic subgroups
  - Unemployment rate
  - Educational attainment

## Access to Health Care

- Accessibility of behavioral health and dental services
- Health staffing shortages by Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Primary Care HPSA and Dental HPSA
- Number of Primary Care Physicians (M.D.s and D.O.s) per 10,000 people
- Number of hospitals and beds per 10,000 people
- Percent of uninsured patients
  - Uninsured adults (ages 18+)
  - Uninsured children (ages 17 and under)
- Percent of patients receiving Medicaid and Medicare

## Health Status of Overall Population and Priority Population (Uninsured, Low-Income, Minority and Vulnerable Groups)

- Leading causes of death (age-adjusted rates if available)
- Inpatient admission rates and the top 10 causes of admission
- Rates of “preventable” hospitalization (congestive heart failure, asthma, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and pneumonia)

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## Risk Factor Behaviors and Conditions Related to Top 10 Causes of Death

- Tobacco use rates
- Obesity rates
- Substance misuse disorders
- Incidence rate
- Screenings utilization rates

## Maternal and Child Health

- Infant mortality rate
- Low-birth-weight rates
- Proportion of women who receive late or no prenatal care
- Teen pregnancy rate

## Infectious Diseases

- Sexually transmitted infection incidence rates (chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis)
- HIV incidence rate
- Tuberculosis incidence rate
- Rates of COVID-19, flu and pneumonia vaccination

## Natural Environment

- Air quality
- Drinking water quality
- Seasonal food access and sufficiency

## Social Environment

- Violent crime rate
- Child abuse rate
- Housing affordability rate
- Social connectivity and isolation rates

## Resources/Assets

- Resources potentially available to address community health needs (such as federally qualified health clinics or school clinics)

Community Benefit ✦ A Mission to Care: A Commitment to Community



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For over 35 years, CHA has been the leading source of information and tools for planning and reporting hospital community benefit. In 2008, CHA's accounting system for reporting community benefit was used in the development of the IRS Form 990 Schedule H.

CHA represents more than 650 hospitals and 1,600 long-term care and other health facilities in all fifty states. Our hospitals were established to address health needs in their communities and that tradition continues today. Catholic hospitals are a critical source of care and services in their communities. This includes community-based services that address significant health and health-related needs reported as community benefit.

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