

**2022 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS
ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CLOUD
COUNTY, KANSAS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Background and Process

In April 2022, the Community Health Needs Assessment Committee met and discussed ways to involve the community in addressing the most important needs of Cloud County. The group decided to survey the community, asking for their input on the priority of the following areas:

1. Obesity
2. Depression/Mental Health
3. Diabetes
4. Heart Disease
5. Tobacco Use including vaping and chewing
6. Stroke
7. Trauma/Falls
8. Hypertension(high blood pressure)
9. High Cholesterol
10. Substance Abuse
11. Transportation to Medical Services

The survey was launched through all forms of media for a period of six weeks. Posters included a QR code for online access. Printed surveys were also made in several public places in the Community.

118 surveys were received and tabulated. The Community Health Needs Assessment Committee met in July 2022 to review the results of the survey and discuss and implementation plan. The Committee consists of 25 members from various organizations in the community.

The Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires that tax-exempt hospitals complete this assessment (CHNA) once every three years and then adopt a written strategy to be called the Cloud County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Cloud County Health Center is required to formally adopt the CHIP within the current tax year that the CHIP was completed. It is expected to monitor this plan and develop progress reports on the plan.

The improvement plan will address the priority need areas identified by the CHNA Committee. The plan will cover the next three years until a new or revised CHIP is developed as required. It

will detail specific tasks to be completed, how these tasks will be measured, and who is responsible for completing the identified tasks, and target dates for completion of each task.

The surveys distributed were to be ranked as the following;

Most Important, Very Important, Important, Less Important and Not Important.

Based on the survey results, here are the top 3 issues identified for the Community:

- 1) Depression/Mental Health – 118 total surveys with a 44% of Most important
- 2) Obesity – 118 total surveys with a 40% rate of Important
- 3) Tobacco Use including vaping and chewing – 118 total surveys with a 36% rate of Very Important

These areas will be listed in the Improvement plan for the next three years 2022 – 2025.

Other areas that received high importance for the Community were:

Diabetes

Heart Disease

Stroke

Hypertension

Substance Abuse

These areas will be reviewed and discussed as possible focus areas in the future.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

For the purposes of this assessment, the target focus area is the population of Cloud County.

Cloud County is a county with a total area of 718 square miles according to the US Census Bureau. The Republican River passes through the county, entering from Republic County to the north and exiting to Clay County to the east. Major highways in the county are US 81 which runs through the town of Concordia and connects north to Belleville, Kansas and to the south Salina, Kansas. Another major route in US route 24, which connects Clay Center, Kansas from the east to Beloit, Kansas to the west.

The population as of the 2020 census for Cloud County was 9,032 with an estimated population for 2023 of 8,854 or a 2% decline.

Based on the census data the population stats for the County were as follows:

- 1) 2000 population of 10,268 or a 6.8% decline from 1990
- 2) 2010 population of 9,533 or a 7.2% decline
- 3) 2020 population of 9,032 or a 5.3% decline
- 4) 2023 est. population of 8,854

Cities included in the county population were Aurora, Clyde, Concordia, Glasco, Jamestown and Miltonvale.

DEMOGRAPICS ANALYSIS FOR CLOUD COUNTY

Listed below are the racial/ethnic composition of Cloud County:

White – 97.7%
Black or African American - .34%
Native American - .25%
Asian - .25%
From other races - .13%
From 2 or more races - .73%
Hispanic or Latino - .60%

Population of the county by age category:

Under 18 years of age – 22.40%
From 18-24 years of age – 10.40%
From 25-44 years of age – 21.90%
From 45-64 years of age – 22.20%
Over 65 years of age – 23.20%

The median income for a household in the county was \$31,578, and the median income for a family was \$39,745. The per capita income for the county was \$17,536. Approximately 6.4% of families and 10.8% of the total population was below the poverty line, including 12.1% under the age of 18 years and 8.7% of those age 65 and older.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS LISTING
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR CLOUD COUNTY

This questionnaire is being used to help us assess your concerns regarding the most important health needs of the community.

Circle the importance of each of the health issues affecting our community:

Obesity	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Depression/Mental Health	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Diabetes	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Heart Disease	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Tobacco/Vaping/Chewing	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Stroke	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Trauma/Falls	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
High Cholesterol	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Substance Abuse	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important
Transportation to Medical Services	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Less Important	Not Important

Rank the order in which the following health issues should be addressed from 1-11

Obesity	Tobacco/Vaping/Chewing	High Cholesterol
Depression/Mental Health	Stroke	Substance Abuse
Diabetes	Trauma/Falls	Transportation to Medical Services
Heart Disease	Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)	

Are there any other health issues facing our community that we should be aware of?