

Overview of Aransas County

Aransas County, Texas

Estimated population in 2000:22,497

Square miles: 528; Population density per square mile 42.61.

Race/Ethnicity	Population	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
White	19,672	87.4	70.97
Black	322	1.4	11.53
Other	765	3.4	17.49
Hispanic*	4,571	20.3	31.99

*Hispanic counts include White, Black and other representation when reported

Population Age

Age	Population	Area Percent	Statewide
Under 5	1,228	5.5	7.8
5-14	3,093	13.7	15.8
15-19	1,543	6.9	7.8
20-44	6,107	27.1	38.5
45-64	6,095	27.1	20.2
65+	4,431	19.7	9.9

Disability Status

Age	Number Residents	Number w/ Disability	Percent w/ Disability	Statewide Percentage
5-20	4,935	542	11.0	7.9
21-64	11,764	2,748	23.4	19.9
65+	4,299	1,608	37.4	44.8

For more demographics see: <http://www.census.gov/census2000/states/tx.html>

For population projections see: http://txsdc.tamu.edu/tpepp/2001_txpopprj_method.php

EDUCATION:

Enrollment

Type of School	Count	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
Nursery or Preschool	296	5.8	6.8
Kindergarten	283	5.6	5.9
Elementary (1-8)	2,566	50.6	45.5
High School (9-12)	1,429	28.2	21.9
College/Grad school	498	9.8	20.2

Educational Attainment

Respondents to the 2000 Census, 25 years of age or older

Educational Attainment	Count	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
Less than 9 th grade	1410	9.0	11.5
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	2578	16.4	12.9
H.S. grad (inc. equiv)	4579	29.1	24.8
Some college, no degree	3842	24.4	22.4
Associate Degree	696	4.4	5.2
Bachelor's Degree	1736	11.0	15.6
Graduate/Professional Degree	887	5.6	7.6

More County level data easily accessible at:

<http://socrates.cdr.state.tx.us/CNP/index.asp>

Analysis of Target Need Areas

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of children and youth in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are higher than the current levels for the state of Texas.

More specifically, the ratio of adults to children is 3.3. This is higher than other counties in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 31.0%. This rate of poverty is lower than the majority of the other counties in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state. Further, the percentage of people with children receiving TANF is 9.2% and the percentage of food stamp recipients is 16.4%. Compared to the 12 CR, the percentage of TANF recipients is higher than other counties and the percentage of food stamp recipients is lower than other counties. Compared to the state level the percentage of TANF recipients is higher and the percentage of food stamp recipients is higher. Although poverty does not necessarily cause social ills, it is related to the risk factors for many issues addressed by other indicators. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressed at eradicating poverty.

Our findings indicate that the residents of this county have high rates of child abuse and neglect compared to residents across the state of Texas. This level of child abuse and neglect when compared to other areas is about the same as residents in the 12 CR. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressed at ensuring the physical security of children and youth.

The percentage of pregnant teens is reported to be 24.2%. The percentage of births to mothers under 18 years of age is 6.4%. These rates are higher than residents across the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressed at teen pregnancy.

Our findings indicate that the residents of this county have high prevalence rates of children and youth coping with a disability. This level when compared to other areas is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than

residents in the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions in these areas.

At 292.0 /100,000, the rate of juvenile violent crime arrests is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions in these areas.

The percentage of children attending Head Start is 15.0 %. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state. The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions in these areas.

FAMILIES

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of families in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

In considering that two parent families have historically been the arrangement for the rearing of healthy children, our findings indicate that the percentage of families with married couples is 72.4% and this is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state. The number of single parent households (mostly female headed) is associated with a worsening of several social, emotional and physical conditions for children's development. Children growing up in single family homes tend to live in more impoverished environments, are more likely to drop out of school, and are more likely to become heads of single families themselves. The percentage of families with single parents when compared to other areas is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers is 31.6% and this rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressing these issues.

The rate of divorce in this county is .43. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

The childcare facility capacity percentage (percentage of the county that can be accommodated by quality childcare facilities) is 13.0%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of grandparents caring for grandchildren is 54.0 %. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. As previously noted, the percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 4.4%. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing these issues.

The rate of children in foster care is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The rate of children in family violence shelters is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing these issues.

SENIORS

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of seniors in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are lower than the current levels for the state of Texas.

The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is 27.0 %. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of the population over 65 living alone is 17.5 %.

This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR. The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 10.2%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of APS investigations validated was 70.0%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing these issues.

EDUCATION/PREPARATION/JOB SKILLS

Educational attainment provides a key advantage to individuals during their search for jobs and pursuit of economic and life opportunities. A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of education, preparation, and job skills in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are higher than the current levels for the state of Texas.

In this county, the percentage of students who dropped out of school was 4.3%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of eligible students who graduated was 84.8 %. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of students who received a G.E.D. was higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

In reviewing TAAS scores for students in this county, the majority of the scores for 4th grade students passing the TAAS were higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The majority of scores for 10th grade students passing TAAS were higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage with some college is 22.3%. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of individuals with an Associate's degree is 4.0. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of individuals who have attended some graduate school is 5.2%. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of households who speak languages other than English is 18.3%. This percentage is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$21,061. This percentage is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressing issues related to education/preparation/job skills.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY/BASIC NEEDS

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of self-sufficiency and basic needs in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

In this county, the percentage of individuals with incomes below the poverty level is 19.9%. This percentage is about the same residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of related children under 18 years of age in poverty is about the same residents in the 12 CR and higher residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of families receiving TANF is 9.2%; the percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches is 45.8%; the percentage of families receiving WIC is 34.9%. The majority of these rates are lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

The unemployment rate for 2003 was 7.0. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The rate of personal bankruptcy filing is 2.63/ 1,000 and this rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

Median household income is \$30,702. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing issues related to self-sufficiency and basic needs.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of neighborhood and community needs in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

The annual per capita personal income in this county is \$26,339. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of residents who own their homes is 75.2%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of household income for rent is 16.1%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The median value of housing units is \$79,000. This value is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The crime rate is 5288.8/100,000. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of businesses with minority sole proprietors is 24.6%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of businesses with female sole proprietors is 24.6%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing issues related to neighborhoods and communities.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of health and well-being needs in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are higher than the current levels for the state of Texas.

The percentage of deaths related to cardiovascular issues was 34.1%; due to cancer was 25.8%; related to diabetes was 3.3%. The prevalence of diabetes is 34.4/1,000 and the prevalence of hypertension is 148.0/1,000. The majority of these key indicators indicate that these rates are lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

The ratio of citizens per physician is 1,197/1. This ratio is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The ratio of citizens per registered nurse is higher than residents in the 12 CR

and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The ratio of citizens per dentist is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of children without health insurance is 20.0%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of adults without health insurance is 35.1%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of low birth rate babies is 14.3%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of mothers who received prenatal care is 4.4%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The rate of teen violent deaths is 0/100,000. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The rate of child deaths is 24.9/100,000. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressing issues related to health and well-being.

DISABILITIES

A review of the key indicators used to evaluate the current status of disabilities needs in this county suggests that a majority of the indicators are at levels that are about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

The strong relationship between aging and disability status requires a careful consideration of how best to assist individuals with services. It is important to have estimates of the numbers of people with disabilities in order to comprehend the scope of the problem and adjust the amount of resources needed.

The percentage of disabled individuals 5-20 years of age in this county is 11.0%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of disabled individuals 21-64 years of age is 23.4%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of disabled individuals 65+ years of age is 37.4%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of unemployed persons with disabilities is 51.1%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on maintaining current interventions addressing disabilities.

Aransas County in State and Local Context

Key Indicators	Compared to Texas	Compared to 12 CR
CHILDREN & YOUTH		
• The ratio of adult to children is 3.3.	↑↑	↑↑
• The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 31.0%.	↑↑	↓↓
• The percentage of people with children receiving TANF is 9.2%.	↑↑	↑↑
• The percentage of food stamp recipients is 16.4%.	↑↑	↓↓
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 4.4%.	↓↓	↓↓
• The percentage of children attending Head Start is 15.0%.	↑↑	↓↓
• The percentage of teens pregnant is 24.2%.	↑↑	↔
• The percentage of births are to mothers under 18 years is 6.4%.	↑↑	↓↓
• The rate of victims of child abuse is 11.7/1,000.	↑↑	↔
• The rate of juvenile violent crime arrests is 292.0/100,000.	↑↑	↑↑
• The percentage of the child population that has disabilities is 11.0%.	↑↑	↑↑
FAMILIES		
• The percentage of families with single parents is 27.6%.	↑↑	↔
• The percentage of families with married couples is 72.4%.	↓↓	↑↑
• The rate of children in foster care is 4.0/1,000.	↔	↔
• The percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers is 31.6%.	↑↑	↓↓
• The rate of divorce is .43.	↔	↓↓
• The rate that children are in family violence shelters is 0.8/1,000.	↓↓	↓↓
• The percentage of grandparents caring for grandchildren is 54.0%	↑↑	↔
• The childcare facility capacity percentage is 13.0%.	↓↓	↓↓
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 4.4%.	↓↓	↓↓

SENIORS

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| • The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is 27.0%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of the population over 65 living alone is 17.5%. | | ↓↓ |
| • The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 10.2%. | ↓↓ | ↓↓ |
| • The percentage of APS investigations validated was 70.0%. | ↓↓ | ↓↓ |

EDUCATION

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| • The percentage of students who dropped out of school was 4.3%. | ↓↓ | ↓↓ |
| • The percentage of eligible students who graduated was 84.8%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of students who received a GED was 6.5%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 th grade students passing TAAS Reading is 96.3%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 10 th grade students passing TAAS Reading is 97.1%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 th grade students passing TAAS Math is 98.6%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 10 th grade students passing TAAS Math is 97.1%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 th grade students passing TAAS Writing is 95.3%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of 10 th grade students passing TAAS Writing is 95.7%. | ↑↑ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of individuals with some college is 22.3%. | ↓↓ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have an Associate's Degree is 4.0%. | ↔ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have a Bachelor's Degree is 10.1%. | ↓↓ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have some graduate school is 5.2%. | ↓↓ | ↑↑ |
| • The percentage of households who speak languages other than English is 18.3%. | ↓↓ | ↓↓ |
| • The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$21,061. | ↓↓ | ↓↓ |

HEALTH

• The percentage of deaths related to cardiovascular issues was 34.1%.	⇓	⇓
• The percentage of deaths due to cancer was 25.8%.	⇑	⇑
• The percentage of deaths related to diabetes was 3.3%.	⇓	⇓
• The prevalence of diabetes is 34.4/1,000.	⇑	⇓
• The prevalence of hypertension is 148.0/1000.	⇑	⇑
• The ratio of citizens per physician is 1,197/1.	⇑	⇓
• The ratio of females 14-44 per ob/gyn is 3,863/1.	⇑	⇑
• The ratio of citizens per registered nurse is 615/1.	⇑	⇑
• The ratio of citizens per dentist is 3,791/1.	⇑	⇓
• The percentage of adults with mental illnesses is 20.2%.	⇔	⇔
• The percentage of adults with depressive disorders is 4.9%.	⇔	⇔
• The percentage of adults with anxiety is 1.6%.	⇔	⇔
• The percentage of children without health insurance is 20.0%.	⇑	⇑
• The percentage of adults without health insurance is 35.1%.	⇑	⇓
• The percentage of low birth weight babies is 14.3%.	⇑	⇑
• The percentage of mothers who receive prenatal care is 4.4%.	⇓	⇑
• The rate of teen violent deaths is 0/100,000.	⇓	⇓
• The rate of child deaths is 24.9/100,000.	⇔	⇑

DISABILITIES

• The percentage of disabled individuals 5-20 years of age is 11.0%.	⇑	⇑
• The percentage of disabled individuals 21-64 years of age is 23.4%.	⇑	⇓
• The percentage of disabled individuals 65+ years of age is 37.4%.	⇓	⇓
• The percentage of employed persons with disabilities is 49.9% .	⇓	⇓

⇑ = Higher Than... ⇓ = Lower Than... ⇔ = About the same as...

Highlights of Randomly Selected Telephone Surveys:

- People can find affordable childcare.
- No major issues were reported concerning youth.
- One-fifth of respondents reported complications from aging which left them seeking assistance.
 - 75% never got the help they needed. Cost was the major barrier.
- 13% of households reported someone out of work and looking during the last year.
 - Two-thirds are still looking.
- A quarter of individuals reported their incomes did not meet their needs.
- Over a tenth of people have contacted a social service agency in the last year.
- Availability of affordable housing is a problem.
- Over a third experienced serious physical illness in the past year.
- 20% were without medical insurance in the last year.
- Almost 10% of households reported that someone went without medical care due to no insurance.
- Of people experiencing physical disabilities, 43% reported not receiving needed help.
 - Cost was the reason.

Qualitative Data Themes:

Children and Youth: Need more activities for youth; Drug and alcohol abuse

Families: Need for better jobs

Seniors: Access to health care; Need for errand service; Need affordable places to live

Education / Job Preparation: Need more workforce training, technical school; Lack of more than low-wage jobs

Self-Sufficiency / Basic Needs: People “learn the system”; Need better transportation

Neighborhoods / Communities: Lack of affordable housing

Health / Well-being: Lack of local services; Long-term care / treatment for substance abuse or mental health issues; People who make just too much to qualify for health care benefits

Disabilities: Need better care for youth, children with disabilities

Key Informant Responses Aransas County

(n=16)

1. I live, work and/or am otherwise knowledgeable most specifically about community issues in which of the following counties. (Please check the one county about which you feel most knowledgeable. Throughout this survey, when the term “community” is mentioned, please think about this specific county.)

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| a. ___ Aransas | g. ___ Kleberg |
| b. ___ Bee | h. ___ Live Oak |
| c. ___ Brooks | i. ___ McMullen |
| d. ___ Duval | j. ___ Nueces |
| e. ___ Jim Wells | k. ___ Refugio |
| f. ___ Kenedy | l. ___ San Patricio |
- Regional

2. I feel knowledgeable about this county primarily because I am:

(Check more than one if appropriate.)

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| a. ___11/A citizen in the county | d. ___6/Involved in planning and coordinating initiatives |
| b. ___10/Agency worker in the county | e. ___1/Elected official |
| c. ___3/Consumer of services in the county | f. ___ Religious leader |

3. Which of the following key community issues do you feel most knowledgeable about?

(Check as many as apply.)

- a. _6/Family Issues – For example, challenges concerning parenting, childcare and early childhood development issues.
- b. _6/Self-sufficiency and Basic needs- For example, emergency assistance, food assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance
- c. _4/Education /workforce development preparations issues: For example, literacy skills, career planning, job preparation, and educational attainment.
- d. _1/Neighborhood and community issues – For example, safety, crime prevention, affordable housing, recreation and enrichment opportunities.
- e. _7/Health and well-being issues – For example, access to quality health care (physical, mental, dental).

4. Which groups of community members do you have most contact with concerning key community issues? (Check as many as apply.)

- a. _8/Children and Youth
- b. _10/Families
- c. _8/Senior Citizens
- d. _5/Persons with disabilities

5. In your community, how would you rate the overall quality of services that are available for the following groups of people? (Check the appropriate box for each.)

Community Group	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to Access	Don't Know or No Opinion
a. Children and Youth	15.4%	61.5%	7.7%	15.4%
b. Families	0	85.7%	0	14.3%
c. Elderly	7.1%	57.1%	14.3%	21.4%
d. Physically Impaired	0	46.2%	15.4%	38.5%
e. Mentally Impaired	14.3%	21.4%	28.6%	35.7%
f. Chronically Diseased	0	25%	16.7%	58.3%

6. Overall, which of the following age groups is most in need for solutions related to problems faced by children and youth? (Check one.)

- a. _14.3% ___ Early Childhood (0-6 years of age)

- b. 7.1% Elementary school (7 to 10 years old)
- c. 28.6% Middle school (11 to 13 years old)
- d. 35.7% High School (14-17)
- Multiple 14.3%

7. Please rate the availability and accessibility of services in your community for people experiencing the following conditions (check the appropriate box for each):

Life Experiences	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to Access	Don't Know or No Opinion
a. Divorce or separation	6.3%	37.5%	31.3%	25%
b. Serious physical illness	0	31.3%	37.5%	31.3%
c. Death in the family	12.5%	37.5%	18.8%	31.3%
d. Disabling injury	0	25%	50%	25%
e. Severe financial crisis	0	12.5%	56.3%	31.3%
f. Other temporary crisis	0	25%	43.8%	31.3%

8. When thinking about the issue of family challenges in your community please rate your level of agreement with the following (check the appropriate box for each):

Perspectives of Family Challenges	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Finding quality child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	43.8%	43.8%	12.5%	0	0
b. Finding child care for children with special needs is a major challenge for families.	56.3%	43.8%	0	0	0
c. Finding affordable child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	56.3%	37.5%	6.3%	0	0
d. Finding supervised after-school activities is a major challenge for families.	50%	43.8%	6.3%	0	0
e. Finding summer programs for children is a major challenge for families.	31.3%	43.8%	25%	0	0
f. Finding adequate transportation to and from the child care facility is a major challenge for families.	31.3%	50%	18.8%	0	0
g. Finding affordable extracurricular activities for children (such as sports, music, youth centers) is a major challenge for families.	37.5%	31.3%	25%	0	6.3%
h. Finding affordable medical assistance for children (such as inoculations, check-ups, medical advice) is a major challenge for families.	25%	43.8%	25%	0	6.3%
i. Finding temporary shelter for families with children is a major challenge.	31.3%	56.3%	6.3%	0	6.3%

9. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements about children and youth in your community. (Check the appropriate box for each.)

Perception of issues faced primarily by children and youth.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Being left alone or unsupervised is a problem.	46.7%	53.3%	0	0	0
b. Finding a job is a problem.	46.7%	33.3%	13.3%	0	6.7%
c. Harassment or bullying by other children is a problem.	31.3%	43.8%	6.3%	0	18.8%
d. Being threatened or hurt by gang members is a problem.	25%	43.8%	18.8%	0	12.5%
e. Aggressive or angry behavior towards others is a problem.	37.5%	37.5%	6.3%	0	18.5%
f. Failing or underachieving at school is a problem.	31.3%	56.3%	6.3%	0	6.3%
g. Serious emotional difficulties are a problem.	31.3%	56.3%	0	0	12.5%
h. Running away from home is a problem.	6.3%	50%	25%	0	18.8%
i. Gang activity is a problem.	31.3%	43.8%	18.8%	0	6.3%
j. Trouble with the law is a problem.	43.8%	43.8%	6.3%	0	6.3%
k. Drinking or drug use is a problem.	56.3%	37.5%	0	0	6.3%
l. Teenage pregnancy is a problem.	50%	31.3%	0	0	18.8%
m. Coping with a physical disability is a problem.	18.8%	43.8%	18.8%	0	18.8%
n. Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from their families.	6.3%	43.8%	37.5%	6.3%	6.3%
o. Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from schools.	0	25%	56.3%	6.3%	12.5%
p. People in this community need more information about how to get involved with youth.	56.3%	37.5%	0	0	6.3%

10. When thinking about the issues faced by senior citizens in your community please rate your level of agreement with the following (Check the appropriate box for each):

Perspectives of issues faced by Senior citizens	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. Finding housing options such as assisted living is a major challenge for seniors.	43.8%	31.3%	6.3%	0	18.8%
b. Being able to afford assisted living is a major challenge for seniors.	75%	12.5%	0	0	12.5%
c. Finding caregivers for senior citizens is a major challenge.	50%	18.8%	12.5%	0	18.8%
d. Having access to adult day care centers is a major challenge for seniors.	31.3%	31.3%	18.8%	0	18.8%
e. Elder abuse is a major challenge for seniors.	25%	31.3%	18.8%	0	25%
f. Finding high quality and affordable nursing homes is a major challenge for seniors.	37.5%	12.5%	31.3%	0	18.8%
g. Finding available and affordable activities for seniors is a major challenge.	25%	25%	31.3%	0	18.8%
h. Access to affordable and quality healthcare is a major challenge for seniors.	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%	0	12.5%
i. Transportation is a major challenge for seniors.	18.8%	37.5%	31.3%	0	12.5%
j. Grandparents raising grandchildren is a major challenge for seniors.	31.3%	56.3%	12.5%	0	0
k. Being able to afford medications is a major challenge for seniors.	62.5%	25%	6.3%	0	6.3%

11. Some people need assistance with activities in their daily lives. Please rate (with a check) the adequacy of available services for assistance with the following activities in your community.

Some community members need help with:	Assistance is			
	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to access	Don't Know or No Opinion
a. Preparing meals	0	75%	6.3%	18.8%
b. Shopping	0	43.8%	37.5%	18.8%
c. Doing housework and laundry	0	50%	31.3%	18.8%
d. Using a telephone	12.5%	50%	18.8%	18.8%
e. Taking medication	6.7%	46.7%	26.7%	20%
f. Managing money	6.3%	43.8%	31.3%	18.8%
g. Toileting, bathing and dressing	0	56.3%	25%	18.8%
h. Walking	6.3%	56.3%	18.8%	18.8%
i. Eating	0	68.8%	12.5%	18.8%
j. Keeping up with monthly bills(e.g., rent, utilities, and groceries)	0	43.8%	37.5%	18.8%
k. Running errands, transportation to appointments	6.3%	43.8%	37.5%	12.5%

12. What do you think are the **MOST** frequent factors that prevent people from accessing services in your community (check all that apply)?

- a. 9/100% Availability of services.
- b. 8/100% Cost of services.
- c. 14/100% Don't know where to find services.
- d. 6/100% Have asked before for help but not been satisfied with the outcome.
- e. 9/100% Stigma associated with asking for help.
- f. 11/100% Difficulties/hassles arranging for receipt of the help.
- g. 18.9% Other,specify _____

13. What percentage of the people you come into contact with in your community have two to more jobs that result in that person working more than 45 hours a week?

- a. 0 0%
- b. 46.7% Under 10%
- c. 40% 10-25%
- d. 13.3% 26-50%
- e. 0 51-75%
- f. 0 Over 75%

14. Information about reasons for unemployment contained in Question 14 of Combined County Data in Appendix D

15. Do most individuals in your community experience problems with buying or renting a house or apartment? (Check one.)

43.8% Yes 31.3% No 25% Don't Know

Reasons for difficulties related to housing are detailed in Question 15 of Combined County Data in Appendix D

16. Overall with respect to the neighborhoods in your community what is your level of agreement with the following statements? (Check the appropriate box for each.)

Perspectives of Neighborhood	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a. The overall physical condition of affordable housing units is poor.	37.5%	25%	18.8%	0	18.8%
b. Crime is a major problem.	25%	62.5%	12.5%	0	0
c. Youth gangs are a major problem.	31.3%	37.5%	25%	0	6.3%
d. Homelessness is a major problem.	25%	25%	43.8%	0	6.3%
e. Street disrepair is a major problem.	12.5%	37.5%	43.8%	0	6.3%
f. The number of abandoned buildings is a major problem.	6.7%	40%	40%	0	13.3%
g. Trash accumulation in neighborhoods is a major problem.	13.3%	60%	13.3%	0	13.3%
h. Most people feel that the neighborhood where they live is a good neighborhood to live in.	6.3%	50%	25%	0	18.8%
i. Most people feel that they are able to influence decisions that affect their neighborhood.	0	25%	50%	6.3%	18.8%
j. Neighborhood organizations have worked effectively to take care of the interests in the community.	0	31.3%	50%	0	18.8%

17. What would you say are the most likely sources of support sought out by community members? That is, if they had a problem in the last year where do you think they might seek help? Please rank the priority order of the sources to which people would turn for help with "1" being where they would turn first, "2" being where they would turn next, and so forth.

- a. First-71.4%, Second-7.1%, Third-7.1%, Fourth-7.1%, Fifth-7.1% Family member
- b. First-7.1%, Second-64.3%, Third-14.3%, Fourth-7.1%, Fifth-7.1% Friend
- c. First-21.4%, Second-7.1%, Third-21.4%, Fourth-35.7%, Fifth-14.3% Social service agency
- d. First-0, Second-0, Third-7.7%, Fourth-23.1%, Fifth-69.2% Independent Professional (MD, counselor, Psychologist)
- e. First-0, Second-23.1%, Third-53.8%, Fourth-23.1%, Fifth-0 Faith-based organization (church, priest, spiritual mentor)
- f. _____ Other. Please specify: _____
- g. _____ Don't Know/No Response

18. For the following types of needs, please indicate (with a check) where people in your community would most likely turn for assistance:

Type of Need	Family member	Friend	Social Service agency	Independent professional	Faith Based organization	Multiple
a. Financial crisis	40%	13.3%	33.3%	0	6.7%	6.7%
b. Emotional crisis	42.9%	28.6%	14.3%	0	7.1%	7.1%
c. Family problems	6.7%	66.7%	6.7%	0	13.3%	6.7%
d. Physical/medical issue	7.1%	0	28.6%	57.1%	0	7.1%
e. Concerns for safety	7.1%	0	50%	14.3%	0	14.3%
f. Eldercare	28.6%	0	50%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%

Many people face mental health issues (depression, serious mental illness, anxiety). Below is a list of reasons that may prevent people from receiving the help they need. Please indicate (with a check) whether or not the following issues represent **MAJOR** barriers for many people in your community.

Possible reasons people do not get the help they need	Presents a MAJOR barrier	Does not present a MAJOR barrier
a. Could not get an appointment	35.7%	64.3%
b. Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	53.3%	46.7%
c. It costs too much	78.6%	21.4%
d. Could not get off work	42.9%	57.1%
e. Have no one to take care of children	86.7%	13.3%
f. Wait too long in office/clinic	42.9%	57.1%
g. No transportation to get to the doctor/clinic	80%	20%
h. Couldn't find a doctor/clinic who accepts Medicaid	57.1%	42.9%
i. No professionals speak own language	15.4%	84.6%
j. Not covered by insurance	78.6%	21.4%
k. Managed care hassles	61.5%	38.5%
l. Too nervous or afraid	66.7%	33.3%
m. Have sought help before but not been satisfied	60%	40%
n. Stigma associated with asking for professional help	53.3%	46.7%
o. Service needed does not exist	58.3%	41.7%

20. What percentage of your contacts in your community would you estimate were without any healthcare coverage (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, private insurance) at all in the past 12 months?

- a. 0 0%
- b. 7.1% Under 10%
- c. 14.3% 10-25%
- d. 35.7% 26-50%
- e. 42.9% 51-75%
- f. 0 Over 75%

When you think about some of the major health issues for members of your community, how available and accessible in your community are the following services? (Check the appropriate box for each.)

<u>Major health Issues:</u>	Services are :			
	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to access	Don't Know or No Opinion
a. Complications from Obesity/weight management issues (diabetes, arthritis, mobility and accessibility restrictions, wellness programs, group support)	12.5%	25%	56.3%	6.3%
b. Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure)	18.8%	43.8%	31.3%	6.3%
c. Cancer	18.8%	43.8%	31.3%	6.3%
d. Visual or hearing problems	18.8%	50%	25%	6.3%
e. Developmental disorders (attention deficit, mental retardation)	31.3%	31.3%	31.3%	6.3%
f. Depression	26.7%	26.7%	33.3%	13.3%
g. AIDS and HIV conditions	16.7%	33.3%	41.7%	8.3%
h. Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's)	18.8%	31.3%	37.5%	12.5%

21. In your estimate, what percentage of your contacts during the past 12 months needed medical care but did not get it?

- 0% Under 10%
- 28.6% 10-25%
- 21.4% 26-50%
- 14.3% 51-75%
- 7.1% Over 75%

23. Some people cannot or will not get medical help. Below is a list of reasons that may prevent people from receiving the help they need. Please indicate (with a check) whether or not the following issues represent **MAJOR** barriers for many people in your community.

Possible reasons people do not get the help they need	Presents a MAJOR barrier	Does not present a Major barrier
Could not get an appointment	26.7%	73.3%
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	56.3%	43.8%
It cost too much	87.5%	12.5%
Could not get off work	35.7%	64.3%
Have no one to take care of children	73.3%	26.7%
Wait too long in doctor's office/clinic	42.9%	57.1%
No transportation to get to the doctor's office	86.7%	13.3%

Possible reasons people do not get the help they need (cont.)	Presents a major barrier	Does not present a major barrier
Couldn't find a doctor who accepts Medicaid	43.8%	56.3%
No doctor speaks own language	13.3%	86.7%
No insurance coverage	87.5%	12.5%
Managed care hassles	64.3%	35.7%
Too nervous or afraid	64.3%	35.7%
Have sought help before but not been satisfied	50%	50%
Stigma associated with asking for professional help	60%	40%
Service needed does not exist	42.9%	57.1%
Other, please specify: _____		

24. What percentage of the Adults in your community contact area possess limited English speaking skills?

- a. 71.4% Under 10%
- b. 14.3% 10-25%
- c. 14.3% 26-50%
- d. 0 51-75%
- e. 0 Over 75%

25. What percentage of the Adults in your community contact area need training in basic reading skills?

- a. 42.9% Under 10%
- b. 50% 10-25%
- c. 7.1% 26-50%
- d. 0 51-75%
- e. 0 Over 75%

26. Regarding the primary needs in your community with respect to several themes discussed in this survey, what is your level of agreement with the following statements? (Check the appropriate box for each.)

Family Issues – For example challenges concerning parenting, childcare and early childhood development issues.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Families need more information on how best to raise healthy children	86.7%	13.3%	0	0	0
Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies on parenting, and childcare arrangements	73.3%	26.7%	0	0	0
Families can't seem to get to the services that are available to them because of a variety of barriers (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	56.3%	31.3%	6.3%	0	6.3%
Families are reluctant or feel it unnecessary to seek outside help when it comes to raising their children and arranging childcare opportunities.	31.3%	50%	12.5%	0	6.3%

Self-sufficiency and Basic needs- For example, emergency assistance, food assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
People need more information on the available assistance for food, housing and transportation. Due to difficulty accessing services, people are not taking full advantage of the available help currently being provided in the area of food and housing.	31.3%	62.5%	6.3%	0	0
Barriers exist that prevent people from obtaining food assistance, transportation assistance and housing assistance.	18.8%	62.5%	18.8%	0	0
People are reluctant to seek or do not perceive the need for help from available sources	25%	50%	18.8%	6.3%	0
Affordable and decent housing is not available in the area for the very low income family	18.8%	56.3%	6.3%	18.8%	0
	43.8%	31.3%	18.8%	0	6.3%

Education /workforce development preparations issues: For example, literacy skills, career planning, job preparation, and educational attainment.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
People need more information on what is available in terms of educational/training and job opportunities.	56.3%	37.5%	6.3%	0	0
People need more readily available help from the social service agencies on identifying options for work and workforce preparation	37.5%	43.8%	18.8%	0	0
Due to barriers, people are not taking full advantage or can't seem to get to the services that are available to help them prepare to earn a satisfying living wage (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	12.5%	50%	25%	0	12.5%
People are reluctant to seek help or feel that they will not benefit from outside help in seeking	62.5%	31.3%	6.3%	0	0

satisfying job opportunities.

The wages paid within the local area do not create an incentive for individuals to work rather than stay on public support.

46.7% 46.7% 6.7% 0 0

Neighborhood and community issues – For example safety, crime prevention, affordable housing, recreation and enrichment opportunities.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
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Families need more information on how best to make their communities safe, satisfying places to live.

46.7% 40% 13.3% 0 0

Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies in promoting family-centered, safe living environments.

20% 46.7% 33.3% 0

Due to barriers, families can't seem to get to the services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)

Families may not want to get involved or seek assistance designed to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.

20% 53.3% 20% 0 6.7%

Families are afraid to get involved to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.

6.7% 60% 26.7% 0 6.7%

Health and well-being issues – For example access to quality health care (physical, mental, dental).	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
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People need more information on how to get the medical (physical, mental, dental) health care their families need.

46.7% 40% 13.3% 0 0

Peoples need more readily available help from social service agencies in obtaining available health care in their community when they need it.

46.7% 40% 13.3% 0 0

Due to barriers, people can't seem to get the health care services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)

26.7% 33.3% 33.3% 0 6.7%

Families are not fully aware of preventative measures and lifestyle issues that promote healthy lifestyles and management of chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

33.3% 60% 0 6.7% 0

People just want to receive the medical attention they need

53.3% 40% 6.7% 0 0

The medical help needed for mental illness is not available within the community.

35.7% 21.4% 21.4% 21.4% 0

Telephone Survey Results from ARANSAS COUNTY

45 Responses

Hello, my name is _____. A partnership of organizations in the Coastal Bend is working with the United Way and is conducting a citizen survey of the 12 County Coastal Bend Region, I would like to talk with any person age 18 or older.

(TO RESPONDENT) *I am not asking for money and we are not trying to sell you anything.* We are conducting a survey on various healthcare, lifestyles and family issues. Your household has been selected at random to be included among those who will have an opportunity to participate in this study. The results of this study will be used in planning for local human services. All of your answers will remain confidential, and will be used only to describe healthcare, neighborhood and family issues in your area.

1. To ensure that we speak to a representation of various households in the area, could you please tell me your zip code? _____

2. Which county do you live in?

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|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Aransas | 5. Jim Wells | 9. McMullen |
| 2. Bee | 6. Kennedy | 10. Nueces |
| 3. Brooks | 7. Kleberg | 11. Refugio |
| 4. Duval | 8. Live Oak | 12. San Patricio |

3. What is your age?

AGE OF RESPONDENT _____

4. What is your marital status?

Married	51%
Widowed	19.1%
Divorced	8.9%
Separated	1.9%
Living with a partner	1.3%
Never married	17.8%
NR / DK	0

5. How many persons are currently living in your households, including yourself?

NUMBER OF PERSONS 1-23.7%, 2-45.5%, 3-15.8%, 4-7.9%, 5-5.9%, 6-1.3%

5 A. How many of those persons under the age of 6? _____ Go To: CH1
0-87.9%, 1-8.3%, 2-3.2%, 3-0.6%

5 B. How many of those persons between the ages of 6 to 10? _____ Go To: CH6
0-93.6%, 1-5.1%, 2-1.3%

5 C. How many of those persons between the ages of 11 to 17? _____ Go To: CH7
0-92.4%, 1-7%, 2-0.6%

(Use only the youngest child in household)

5D. What is your relation to the children you just listed?
(If multiple, Use only the youngest child in household)

Sibling	41.7%
Grandparent	12.5%
Roommate's children	0
Parent	37.5%
Other (specify)	8.3%

5E. How many of those persons in your households are age 60 or older? 0-40.7%, 1-30.7%, 2-27.9%, 3-0.7%

5F. Does anyone in the household have either a physical or mental disability?
If yes, go to D1 p.17 Yes 26.8%, No 73.2%

6. Do you own or rent your home?

Own	76.3%
Rent	21.8%
NR/DK	1.3%

7. How long have you lived at your current address?

Less than 1 year	15.3%
1 to 5 years	33.8%
6 to 10 years	10.2%
11 to 15 years	5.7%
16 to 20 years	6.4%
Over 20 years	28.7%
DK/NR	0%

8. Regarding the house, apartment or dwelling that you live in, would you say that its physical condition and quality is excellent, good, fair or poor?

Excellent	28%
Good	51%
Fair	18.5%
Poor	2.5%
NR/DK	0%

10. Please tell me if any of the following are a major or minor problem, or not a problem in your neighborhood.

	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>No Problem</u>	<u>NR/DK</u>
Crime	5.4%	14.8%	75.8%	4%
Youth gangs	1.3%	9.6%	81.5%	7.6%
Homelessness	1.9%	7.6%	84.1%	6.4%
Streets needing a lot of repair	14%	19.1%	64.3%	2.5%
Abandoned buildings	8.3%	12.7%	75.8%	3.2%
Trash	0	0	0	0
Availability of affordable housing	13.5%	16%	62.8%	7.7%

11. In the last year, have you or anyone in your household experienced the following problems?

11A. Divorce or Separation?

Yes (Go On) 7.6%
 No (Stop Here) 92.4%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 40%
 No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 60%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member 33.3%
 Friend 16.7%
 Social Service Agency 16.7%
 Independent Professional 16.7%
 Church Organization 0
 Other. Please specify: __16.7%__

B1. What kept you from receiving help? RECORD AS MANY AS THEY PROVIDE SPONTANEOUSLY.

Try to elicit at least TWO (2)

(If needed use 2,3,7,12,13 to prompt)

Couldn't get an appt. 0
 Don't know a place to go for help 0
 Help costs too much 100%
 Could not get time off work 0
 No one to take care of children 0
 The wait is too long 0
 Transportation problems 0
 Couldn't find anyone to accept insurance 0
 No professionals speak my language 0
 Not covered by insurance 0
 Managed care hassles 0
 Too nervous or afraid to ask for help 0
 Sought help before but not satisfied 0

Stigma or shame with asking for help 0

11B. Serious physical illness or medical condition?

Yes (Go On) 30.6%
No (Stop Here) 69.4%

What type of problem was it?

Complications from Obesity/weight management issues (diabetes, arthritis, mobility and accessibility restrictions, wellness programs, group support) 31.9%
Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure) 21.3%
Cancer 12.8%
Visual or hearing problems 0
Neurological disorders 4.3%
Developmental disorders (attentional deficit, mental retardation) 2.1%
AIDS and HIV conditions 0
Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's) 0
Other: 14.9%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 93.3%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 4.4%

Where Seek Help

Family Member 0
Friend 0
Social Service Agency 0
Ind. Professional 92.3%
Church Org. 0
Other 7.7%

Kept from Help

Couldn't get appt 0
Don't know place to go 0
Help cost too much 0
Couldn't get time off work 0

11C. Serious Mental Illness

Yes (Go On) 3.2%
No (Stop Here) 96.8%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 50%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 50%

Where Seek Help	
Family Member	0
Friend	33.3%
Soc Service Ag	0
Ind. Professional	33.3%
Other	33.3%

Kept from Help	
Couldn't get appt	0
Don't know place to go	0
Couldn't get time off from work	0

11D. Death in Immediate family

Yes (Go On)	7%
No (Stop Here)	93%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions)	25%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions)	75%

Where Seek Help	
Family Member	0
Friend	0
Soc Service Ag	0
Ind. Professional	0
Church Org.	0

Kept from Help	
Couldn't get appt	66.7%
Don't know place to go	33.3%
Help cost too much	0
No one to care for children	0
Couldn't find anyone to accept insurance	0

11E. Chronic physical disability or disabling injury

Yes - Go to D1 thru D4 (later in the telephone protocol)	14.6%
No (Stop here)	85.4%

11F. Complications associated with Aging such as such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's

Yes - Go to S1 thru S5 (later in the telephone protocol)	20.6%
No (Stop here)	79.4%

11G. Temporary Crisis like homelessness or joblessness.

Yes (Go On)	3.9%
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No (Stop Here) 96.1%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 50%

No (Go to Barrier-Version2 [B2] Questions) 50%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member 0

Friend 0

Social Service Agency 100%

Independent Professional 0

Church Organization 0

Other. Please specify: ___0___

B2. What kept you from receiving help?

General availability

Cost of assistance

Did not know how to find help

Have asked for help but didn't get it

Stigma or shame with asking for help

Couldn't get an appt 0

Managed care hassles 0

Sought help before but not satisfied 0

Don't know to place to go for help 0

Help cost too much 50%

The wait is too long 0

Transportation problems 50%

12. What is your primary means of transportation? PROMPT WITH LIST IF NEEDED

Automobile (car or truck) 91.7%

Cab 0.6%

Bus 0

Walk 0.6%

Ride with a friend or relative 3.8%

Bicycle 0

Volunteer organization 0.6%

Other, specify 0.6%

13. Has transportation ever been a barrier for you?

Yes 14%

No 85.4%

14. Are you presently... (Prompt only if necessary)

Employed full-time	24.8%
Employed part-time	7.6%
Unemployed	8.9%
Retired	40.1%
A student	5.7%
A homemaker	10.8%
Disabled or too ill to work	1.9%
NR/DK	0

15. Have you been employed continuously for the last two years?

Yes	32.7%
No	67.3%
NR/DK	

15A. Does any adult in the household have two to more jobs that result in that person working more than 45 hours a week?

Yes	10.4%
No	89.6%

16. Has any adult in your household over the past 12 months been out of work and looking for a job?

1. Yes - Go to 16A & 16B	10.8%
2. No	88.5%
3. DK/NR	0.7%

16A. Did they find a job, are they still looking, or have they given up looking?

Find a job looking	30%
Still looking	40%
Given up	5%
DK/NR	25%

16B. Which of the following best describes why the person was out of work?

Quitting	22.7%
Changing careers	0
Business closing or being laid off	27.3%
Got fired or was terminated	0
Lacked transportation	0
Became disabled	9.1%
Other	<u>40.9%</u>

17. How well does the amount of income you and your household members receive satisfy your needs? Would you say...

Not enough	28%
Enough	57.3%
More than enough	12.1%
DK/NR	2.6%

18. Would you say that you are better off financially than you were five years ago?

Yes	51%
No	45.9%
DK/NR	3.1%

19. Thinking about 5 years from now, how confident are you that you will have enough money to meet your needs in the future? Would you say...

Very confident	37.6%
Somewhat confident	31.2%
Not very confident	19.7%
DK/NR	11.5%

20. Keeping up with rent or house payments and other monthly bills can make it hard for some people to buy enough groceries. In your household, over the past 12 months has buying needed groceries been no problem at all, a minor problem, or a major problem?

1. No problem at all	Skip to Q 22	84.7%
2. A minor problem	CONTINUE to 21	11.5%
3. A major problem	CONTINUE to 21	3.2%
4. NR/DK	SKIP TO Q22	0.6%
5. Refused	SKIP TO Q22	0

21. If you really needed money, where would you turn?

Relatives or friends	37.7%
Public welfare	14.8%
Other public agency	1.6%
Faith-based organization	0
Work	0
Bank	19.7%
Pawn shop	3.3%
Other loan institution	3.3%
No place to go	6.6%
Other	3.3%
DK/NR	9.8%

22. Have you contacted a social services office or agency about a problem, request for service, or for information in the past 12 months?

Yes	0
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No 0
NR/DK 0

23. How would you rate your health condition compared to others your age?

Excellent 32.5%
Average 61.1%
Poor 5.1%
DK/NR 1.3%

24. Was there any time in the past 12 months when you were completely without any health plan or Medicaid insurance coverage at all?

Yes 14%
No 86%

25. During the past 12 months, was there any time when you or a member of your household, needed medical care but did not get it?

Yes 10.2%
No 89.8%
NR/DK 0

26. We have talked about a number of problems that people frequently experience. Have you or anyone in your household experienced a major problem in the past year that we have not discussed?

Yes 4.6%
No 95.4%
DK 0
Refused 0

What was it? _____

27. What language is spoken most often in your home?

No information is available for this question in this county...

28. How many years of education have you completed?

1-11 Less than high school 11.5%
High school graduate/GED 5.5%
Some college or technical school 32.5%
College graduate or more 28.7%
NR/DK 21.8%

29. Do any adults in your household need training in basic reading skills?

Yes 0
 No 0
 DK/NR 0

30. What ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

White 80.3%
 African American 6.4%
 Hispanic 9.6%
 Native American 0.6%
 Asian 0.6%
 Other, specify 1.3%
 NR/DK 0.6%

That concludes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

31. In the future we may be conducting focus groups of residents in your areas. If and when that time comes, do we have permission to call you to see if you are interested in participating?

Yes 37.6%
 No 62.4%

32. INDICATE SEX BY OBSERVATION:

Female 60.3%
 Male 39.7%

CHILD CARE – FOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED 2 OR MORE TO 3A.

(Use a random selector to specify **one** child within the household who is under the age of 6).

CH1. You mentioned that you had _____ children under the age of 6.

Now we would like to ask some questions about your child that is _____ years old. Please think about your child that is __ years old when answering the following questions. (NOTE: THIS SELECTION WILL BE REFERRED TO AS “CHILD” THROUGHOUT THE NEXT SECTION)

CH2. Do you use any of the following to care for this CHILD?

	Yes	No	NR/DK
Licensed daycare center	25%	75%	0
Day care run from someone’s home	10%	90%	0
Head Start Program	0	100%	0
Preschool	20%	80%	0
Friend or relative	10%	90%	0
Babysitter in your home	10%	90%	0

Babysitter outside your home	10%	90%	0
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CH2-A. IF NO TO ALL THE ABOVE: What person or organization provides care?

Parent is full-time caregiver 77.8%

Other 22.2%

DK/NR 0

CH3. First, thinking about childcare for this CHILD, would you say that you have no problem, a minor problem or a major problem with any of the following?

	<u>No Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Major Problem</u>
Finding quality child care facilities	90%	10%	0
Finding child care for children with special needs	0	0	0
Finding affordable child care facilities	66.7%	33.3%	0
Finding child care convenient to your home or work	88.9%	11.1%	0
Transportation to and from the child care facility	100%	0	0

CH4. Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During the last month did (CHILD) take care of (himself/herself) or stay home alone with (his/her) brother or sister who is under 13 years old on a regular basis even for a small amount of time?

Yes, alone 10%
 Yes, with brother/sister 0
 Yes, both 0
 No 90%
 NR/DK 0

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ASK CH6 IF CHILDREN UNDER 10:

CH6. In your household, for the children between ages 6 and 10 years old, where do they spend **most** of their time on weekdays after school when not with their parents? Where else do they go? DO NOT READ LIST. TAKE "MOST" RESPONSE AND TWO RESPONSSSES THAT FOLLOW.

With family member

Grandparents/other adult relatives 80%
 Older brothers/sisters baby-sitting 0

Institution

In a family day home 0
 In a child care center 20%
 In a supervised after-school activities or summer program 0

Other

Unrelated adults or older kids baby-sitting 0
 Other children their age in the neighborhood playing 0
 Other, specify: 0 _____
 NR/DK

CH7. In your household, for the youth **11 to 17** years old, where do they spend **most** of their time on weekdays after school when not with their parents? Are there any other places they go? **DO NOT READ THE LIST. TAKE "MOST"**.

Supervised

Grandparents/other adult relatives 100%
 With other adults 0

Organized activities

Sports 33.3%
 Band 16.7%
 At faith-based organization activity 0
 Scouting activities (girl/boy scouts) 0
 Youth program 0
 Other organized activities 16.7%

Responsible activities

At their job 0
 Babysitting younger brothers/sisters 0
 Babysitting for other unrelated children 25%

Other

Visiting at their friends' homes 20%
 Hanging out at the mall 0
 Watching TV 0
 Doing homework 20%
 On the computer 0
 Other, specify: 0 _____
 NR/DK 0

CH9. Now think about all the child care arrangements and programs you use regularly for **all your children** while you work, are in school or look for work. Which of the following statements best describes your level of satisfaction with the cost of childcare?

- I'm satisfied because my current arrangements are affordable. 75%
- I'm only somewhat satisfied because my current arrangements cost more than I can really afford to pay. 0
- I can't really afford the types of services I desired. 12.5%

CH10. Do you **get** any assistance in paying for your childcare from public service agencies, employers, family or friends?

- Public service agency (including government) 37.5%
- Employer 0
- Family or friends 12.5%
- Other 12.5%
- DK/NR 37.5%

CH11. Have you been able to get shots for your children for childhood diseases and other scheduled immunizations?

- Yes 100%
- No 0
- NR/DK 0

ASK CH12 IF: CHILDREN 6 TO 17

CH12. All children from time to time have problems. I'm going to read a list of problems that many children face. Please indicate if for any of your children READ EACH ITEM is not a problem, is a minor problem, or is major problem? DO NOT ROTATE LIST.

	No <u>Problem</u>	Minor <u>Problem</u>	Major <u>Problem</u>	<u>NR/DK</u>
Finding a job	61.5%	0	38.5%	0
Harassment or bullying by other children	84.6%	0	15.4%	0
Being involved or with or threatened by a gang	100%	0	0	0
Expressing aggressive or angry behavior toward others	92.3%	0	7.7%	0
Failing or underachieving at school	92.3%	0	7.7%	0
Serious emotional problems	92.3%	0	7.7%	0
Running away from home overnight or longer	100%	0	0	0
Trouble with the law	92.3%	0	7.7%	0
Drinking or drug use	100%	0	0	0
A teenage pregnancy	100%	0	0	0
Coping with having a physical disability	92.3%	0	7.7%	0

SENIORS (elderly)

S1. Do you or some other member of your household always, sometimes, or never need assistance with any of the following activities.

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
Preparing meals	8.1%	10.8%	81.1%	0
Shopping	13.5%	5.4%	81.1%	0
Doing housework and laundry	18.9%	8.1%	73%	0
Using the telephone	5.4%	2.7%	91.9%	0
Taking medication	10.8%	2.7%	86.5%	0
Managing money	8.1%	0	91.9%	0
Toileting ,Bathing and dressing	8.1%	2.7%	89.2%	0
Walking	13.5%	10.8%	75.7%	0
Eating	8.1%	2.7%	89.2%	0
Restroom	10.8%	2.7%	86.5%	0
Getting out of a chair	10.8%	5.4%	83.8%	0
Getting out of a bed	10.8%	8.1%	81.1%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	19.4%	8.3%	72.2%	0

S1-A How often do you get the assistance you need with these?

Never	75%
Sometimes	21.4%
Usually	0
Always	3.6%

S2. What keeps you from getting the assistance you need?

General availability	28.6%
Cost of assistance	57.1%
I don't know how to find the help	0
Have asked for help before but not been satisfied	14.3%
Stigma or shame with asking for assistance	0

S3. Over the past 12 months, has there been any attempt to get a nurse or personal caretaker to take care anyone in your household during the day to make sure they are okay?

Yes	9.1%
No	90.9%
NR/DK	0

S3-A. Did you find the care you needed?

Yes	50%
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No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION) 16.7%
 NR/DK 33.3%

S3-B. Has lack of finding care for this person kept you or anyone in your household from working?

Yes 6.7%
 No 73.3%
 NR/DK 20%

S4. Was finding that type of home care not a problem, a minor problem or a major problem?

Not a problem 78.6%
 A minor problem 0
 A major problem 0
 NR/DY 21.4%

People with Physical Disabilities

D1. Do you or some other member of your household always, sometimes, or never need assistance with any of the following activities.

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK/NR</u>
Preparing meals	0	0	0	0
Shopping	11.8%	29.4%	55.9%	0
Doing housework and laundry	14.7%	29.4%	55.9%	0
Using the telephone	6.1%	9.1%	84.4%	0
Taking medication	18.2%	9.1%	72.7%	0
Managing money	9.1%	9.1%	81.8%	0
Toileting, Bathing and dressing	12.1%	12.1%	75.8%	0
Walking	21.2%	18.2%	60.6%	0
Eating	6.1%	15.2%	78.8%	0
Restroom	12.1%	9.1%	78.8%	0
Getting out of a chair	12.1%	18.2%	69.7%	0
Getting out of a bed	12.1%	18.2%	69.7%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	27.3%	21.2%	51.5%	0

D1-A. How often do you get the assistance you need with these?

Never 36.7%
 Sometimes 23.3%
 Usually 20%
 Always 20%

D2. What keeps you from keeping the assistance you need?

General availability 53.8%
 Cost of assistance 46.2%

I don't know how to find the help 0
Have asked for help before but not been satisfied 0

D3. Over the past 12 months, has there been any attempt to get a nurse or personal caretaker to take care anyone in your household during the day to make sure they are okay?

Yes 24.1%
No 69%
NR/DK 6.9%

D3-A. Did you find the care you needed?

Yes 42.9%
No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION) 33.3%
NR/DK 23.8%

D3-B. Has lack of finding care for this person kept you or anyone in your household from working?

Yes 22.7%
No 59.1%
NR/DK 18.2%

D3-C. Was finding that type of home care not a problem, a minor problem or a major problem?

Not a problem 52.4%
A minor problem 9.5%
A major problem 23.8%
NR/DY 14.3%