

# Overview of Brooks County

## Brooks County, Texas

Estimated population in 2000: 7,976

Square miles: 944; Population density per square mile 8.45.

Race/Ethnicity	Population	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
White	6049	75.8	70.97
Black	15	0.2	11.53
Other	50	0.6	17.49
Hispanic*	7304	91.6	31.99

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

## Population Age

Age	Population	Area Percent	Statewide
Under 5	662	8.3	7.8
5-14	1413	17.7	15.8
15-19	708	8.9	7.8
20-44	2310	29.0	38.5
45-64	1733	21.7	20.2
65+	1150	14.4	9.9

## Disability Status

Age	Number Residents	Number w/ Disability	Percent w/ Disability	Statewide Percentage
5-20	2220	177	8.0	7.9
21-64	3895	1203	30.9	19.9
65+	1137	555	48.8	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](http://txsdc.tamu.edu/tpepp/2001_txpopprj_method.php)

## EDUCATION:

### Enrollment

Type of School	Count	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
Nursery or Preschool	202	8.3	6.8
Kindergarten	187	7.7	5.9
Elementary (1-8)	1186	48.8	45.5
High School (9-12)	573	23.6	21.9
College/Grad school	280	11.5	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 <sup>th</sup> grade	1395	29.6	11.5
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	970	20.6	12.9
H.S. grad (inc. equiv)	1103	23.4	24.8
Some college, no degree	846	17.9	22.4
Associate Degree	80	1.7	5.2
Bachelor's Degree	150	3.2	15.6
Graduate/Professional Degree	173	3.7	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 2.3. This is lower other counties in the 12 CR and lower residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 51.7%. This rate of poverty is higher 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 24.1% and the percentage of food stamp recipients is 41.6%. Compared to the 12 CR, the percentage of TANF recipients is higher than other counties and the percentage of food stamp recipients is higher 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 higher than 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 28.6%. The percentage of births to mothers under 18 years of age is 12.6%. 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 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 in these areas.

At 0 /100,000, the rate of juvenile violent crime arrests 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 in these areas.

The percentage of children attending Head Start is 46.1 %. This rate is higher 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 higher than 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 60.6% and this is lower 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 higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers is 60.0% and 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 increasing current interventions addressing these issues.

The rate of divorce in this county is .10. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The childcare facility capacity percentage (percentage of the county that can be accommodated by quality childcare facilities) is 7.5%. 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 67.9 %. This rate is higher than 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 1.6%. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing current interventions addressing these issues.

The rate of children in foster care is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The rate of children in family violence shelters 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 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 higher than the current levels for the state of Texas.

The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is 19.1 %. 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 20.1%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR. The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 30.4%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of APS investigations validated was 69.2%. 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 increasing 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 lower than the current levels for the state of Texas.

In this county, the percentage of students who dropped out of school was 6.2%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of eligible students who graduated was 81.1 %. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as 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 about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

In reviewing TAAS scores for students in this county, the majority of the scores for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students passing the TAAS were lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The majority of scores for 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15.3%. This percentage is lower 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 1.4. This percentage is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of individuals who have attended some graduate school is 3.1%. This percentage is lower 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 77.7%. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$18,558. 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 maintaining 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 higher than the current levels for the state of Texas.

In this county, the percentage of individuals with incomes below the poverty level is 40.2%. This percentage is higher than 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 higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of families receiving TANF is 24.1%; the percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches is 73.1%; the percentage of families receiving WIC is 84.8%. The majority of these rates are higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The unemployment rate for 2003 was 9.5. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The rate of personal bankruptcy filing is 2.5/ 1,000 and this rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

Median household income is \$18,622. 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 increasing 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 lower than the current levels for the state of Texas.

The annual per capita personal income in this county is \$18,396. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of residents who own their homes is 73.0%. 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 33.8%. 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 \$34,600. This value is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The crime rate is 2713.7/100,000. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The number of businesses with minority sole proprietors is less than 100. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of businesses with female sole proprietors is 28.4%. 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 increasing 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 39.1%; due to cancer was 23.2%; related to diabetes was 4.3%. The prevalence of diabetes is 55.0/1,000 and the prevalence of hypertension is 137.6/1,000. The majority of these key indicators indicate that these rates are higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The ratio of citizens per physician is 2,613/1. This ratio is higher than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as 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 county does not have any dentists available.

The percentage of children without health insurance is 14.1%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of adults without health insurance is 45.9%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of low birth rate babies is 9.8%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of mothers who received prenatal care is 5.3%. 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 0/100,000. 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 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 higher than 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 8.0%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of disabled individuals 21-64 years of age is 30.9%. This rate is higher 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 48.8%. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of unemployed persons with disabilities is 43.9%. 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 increasing current interventions addressing disabilities.

## Brooks County and State and Local Context

Key Indicators	Compared to Texas	Compared to 12 CR
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>		
• The ratio of adult to children is 2.3.	↓	↓
• The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 51.7%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of people with children receiving TANF is 24.1%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of food stamp recipients is 41.6%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 1.6%.	↓	↓
• The percentage of children attending Head Start is 46.1%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of teens pregnant is 28.6%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of births are to mothers under 18 years is 12.6%.	↑	↑
• The rate of victims of child abuse is 21.0/1,000.	↑	↑
• The rate of juvenile violent crime arrests is 0.0/100,000.	↓	↓
• The percentage of the child population that has disabilities is 8.0%.	↔	↑
<b>FAMILIES</b>		
• The percentage of families with single parents is 39.4%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of families with married couples is 60.6%.	↓	↓
• The rate of children in foster care is 14.6/1,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers is 60.0%.	↑	↑
• The rate of divorce is .10.	↓	↓
• The rate that children are in family violence shelters is 3.3/1,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of grandparents caring for grandchildren is 67.9%	↑	↑
• The childcare facility capacity percentage is 7.5%.	↓	↓
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 1.6%.	↓	↓

**SENIORS**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is 19.1%.      | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of the population over 65 living alone is 20.1%.      |   | ↑ |
| • The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 30.4%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of APS investigations validated was 69.2%.            | ↓ | ↓ |

**EDUCATION**

- |                                                                                    |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The percentage of students who dropped out of school was 6.2%.                   | ↔ | ↔ |
| • The percentage of eligible students who graduated was 81.1%.                     | ↔ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of students who received a GED was 4.8%.                          | ↔ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Reading is 89.0%.  | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Reading is 96.4%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Math is 84.5%.     | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Math is 99.1%.    | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Writing is 86.9%.  | ↓ | ↔ |
| • The percentage of 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students passing TAAS Writing is 95.3%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of individuals with some college is 15.3%.                        | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have an Associate's Degree is 1.4%.            | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have a Bachelor's Degree is 2.7%.              | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of individuals who have some graduate school is 3.1%.             | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of households who speak languages other than English is 77.7%.    | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$18,558.                              | ↓ | ↓ |

**SELF SUFFICIENCY/BASIC NEEDS**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The percentage of individuals with incomes below the poverty level is 40.2%.  | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of related children under 18 years of age in poverty is 57.7%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The median household income is \$18,622.                                      | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of families receiving TANF is 24.1%.                           | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches is 73.1%.        | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of families receiving WIC is 84.8%.                            | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The rate of personal bankruptcy filing is 2.5/1,000                           | ↓ | ↔ |
| • The unemployment rate for 2003 was 9.5.                                       | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of workers relying on public transportation for work is 0 %.   | ↓ | ↓ |

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The median household income is \$18,622.                                                         | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The annual per capital personal income is \$18,396.                                              | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of house hold income for rent is 33.8%.       | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of household income for owner costs is 18.3%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of residents who own their home is 73.04%.                                        | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The median value of housing units is \$34,600.                                                   | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The crime rate is 2713.7/100,000.                                                                | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of businesses with minority sole proprietors is <100.                             | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of businesses with female sole proprietors is 28.4%.                              | ↑ | ↑ |

## HEALTH

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The percentage of deaths related to cardiovascular issues was 39.1%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of deaths due to cancer was 23.2%.                    | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of deaths related to diabetes was 4.3%.               | ↔ | ↓ |
| • The prevalence of diabetes is 55.0/1,000.                            | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The prevalence of hypertension is 137.6/1000.                        | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The ratio of citizens per physician is 2,613/1.                      | ↑ | ↑ |
| • There are 0 ob/gyns available.                                       |   |   |
| • The ratio of citizens per registered nurse is 436/1.                 | ↑ | ↑ |
| • There are 0 dentist available.                                       |   |   |
| • The percentage of adults with mental illnesses is 20.1%.             | ↔ | ↔ |
| • 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 14.1%.        | ↔ | ↓ |
| • The percentage of adults without health insurance is 45.9%.          | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of low birth weight babies is 9.8%.                   | ↑ | ↔ |
| • The percentage of mothers who receive prenatal care is 5.3%.         | ↓ | ↑ |
| • The rate of teen violent deaths is 0/100,000.                        | ↓ | ↓ |
| • The rate of child deaths is 0/100,000.                               | ↓ | ↓ |

## DISABILITIES

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| • The percentage of disabled individuals 5-20 years of age is 8.0%.   | ↔ | ↔ |
| • The percentage of disabled individuals 21-64 years of age is 30.9%. | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of disabled individuals 65+ years of age is 48.8%.   | ↑ | ↑ |
| • The percentage of employed persons with disabilities is 43.9% .     | ↓ | ↓ |

↑ = Higher Than... ↓ = Lower Than... ↔ = About the same as...

### Highlights of Randomly Selected Telephone Surveys:

- People are generally satisfied with childcare arrangements.
- Older people reported that general availability of service was less than needed.
- Almost a quarter of households reported someone out of work and looking in the past year  
83% are still looking for a job.

- People are out of work because of business closing or being laid off.
  - Transportation was a barrier for many.
  - Over a third reported that income was not enough to meet their needs.
  - About a third had contacted a social service agency in the last year.
  - Crime, abandoned buildings and trash were reported as neighborhood problems.
  - Those experiencing serious mental illness reported turning to family members and that they encountered barriers like getting off work and having to wait too long.
  - A third were without medical insurance
- One-fifth of households were not able to receive the medical help they needed.

**Qualitative Data Themes:**

**Children and Youth:** Need more after school programs; Need to continue to support Boys and Girls Club; youth have no vision for the future; Lack of childcare for middle class or working poor

**Families:** Need more parent involvement; Need better jobs

**Seniors:** Lack of activities for seniors

**Education / Job Preparation:** Lack of available jobs; Lack of job training; Illiteracy; Dropouts; School system too politicized

**Self-Sufficiency / Basic Needs:** Lack of transportation; Poverty

**Neighborhoods / Communities:** Crime and drug trafficking; Law enforcement perceived as not following up on petty crimes; Lack of available affordable housing

**Health / Well-being:** Lack of physicians; Overall insufficiency in healthcare systems; Lack of transportation is barrier to health care access; People not taking advantage of services when they are available; Apathy about self-care

**Disabilities:** *No comments*

## Key Informant Responses Brooks County

(n=22)

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.)

- |                                                           |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. ___15/A citizen in the county                          | e. ___4/Elected official |
| b. ___10/Agency worker in the county                      | f. ___2/Religious lead   |
| c. ___4/Consumer of services in the county                |                          |
| d. ___6/Involved in planning and coordinating initiatives |                          |

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

(Check as many as apply.)

\_\_\_8/Family Issues – For example, challenges concerning parenting, childcare and early childhood development issues.

\_\_\_7/Self-sufficiency and Basic needs- For example, emergency assistance, food assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance

\_\_\_12/Education /workforce development preparations issues: For example, literacy skills, career planning, job preparation, and educational attainment.

\_\_\_10/Neighborhood and community issues – For example, safety, crime prevention, affordable housing, recreation and enrichment opportunities.

\_\_\_13/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.)

\_\_\_10/Children and Youth

\_\_\_12/Families

\_\_\_9/Senior Citizens

\_\_\_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.)

<b>Community Group</b>	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to Access	Don't Know or No Opinion
Children and Youth	15%	40%	35%	10%
Families	14.3%	47.6%	33.3%	4.8%
Elderly	26.3%	42.1%	21.1%	10.5%
Physically Impaired	10.5%	26.3%	31.6%	31.6%
Mentally Impaired	23.8%	52.4%	9.5%	14.3%
Chronically Diseased	15%	20%	35%	30%

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

- 9.1% Early Childhood (0-6 years of age)
- 4.5% Elementary school (7 to 10 years old)
- 45.5% Middle school (11 to 13 years old)
- 18.2% High School (14-17)
- Multiple 22.7%

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

<b>Life Experiences</b>	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to Access	Don't Know or No Opinion
Divorce or separation	9.1%	27.3%	36.4%	27.3%
Serious physical illness	4.5%	36.4%	50%	9.1%
Death in the family	0	45.5%	31.8%	22.7%
Disabling injury	4.5%	40.9%	45.5%	9.1%
Severe financial crisis	0	19%	52.4%	28.6%
Other temporary crisis	0	25%	40%	35%

7. 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):

<b>Perspectives of Family Challenges</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Finding quality child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	27.3%	45.5%	0	4.5%	13.6%
Finding child care for children with special needs is a major challenge for families.	42.9%	42.9%	0	0	14.3%
Finding affordable child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	35%	45%	5%	0	15%
Finding supervised after-school activities is a major challenge for families.	28.6%	61.9%	4.8%	0	4.8%
Finding summer programs for children is a major challenge for families.	27.3%	59.1%	9.1%	4.5%	0
Finding adequate transportation to and from the child care facility is a major challenge for families.	23.8%	66.7%	4.8%	0	4.8%
Finding affordable extracurricular activities for children (such as sports, music, youth centers) is a major challenge for families.	22.7%	45.5%	22.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Finding affordable medical assistance for children	18.2%	54.5%	22.7%	0	4.5%

(such as inoculations, check-ups, medical advice)  
is a major challenge for families.

Finding temporary shelter for families with children is a major challenge. 22.7% 59.1% 9.1% 0 9.1%

8. 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
Being left alone or unsupervised is a problem.	38.1%	61.9%	0	0	0
Finding a job is a problem.	33.3%	47.6%	9.5%	0	9.5%
Harassment or bullying by other children is a problem.	27.3%	45.5%	9.1%	0	18.2%
Being threatened or hurt by gang members is a problem.	19%	23.6%	33.3%	4.8%	19%
Aggressive or angry behavior towards others is a problem.	42.9%	42.9%	4.8%	0	9.5%
Failing or underachieving at school is a problem.	33.3%	52.4%	0	0	14.3%
Serious emotional difficulties are a problem.	18.2%	68.2%	0	0	13.6%
Running away from home is a problem.	9.5%	42.9%	14.3%	4.8%	28.6%
Gang activity is a problem.	25%	25%	20%	10%	20%
Trouble with the law is a problem.	28.6%	61.9%	4.8%	0	4.8%
Drinking or drug use is a problem.	50%	50%	0	0	0
Teenage pregnancy is a problem.	50%	45.5%	0	0	4.5%
Coping with a physical disability is a problem.	15%	50%	20%	0	15%
Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from their families.	0	27.8%	55.6%	5.6%	11.1%
Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from schools.	5%	50%	25%	15%	5%
People in this community need more information about how to get involved with youth.	45.5%	50%	0	0	4.5%

9. 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
Finding housing options such as assisted living is a major challenge for seniors.	25%	40%	25%	5%	5%
Being able to afford assisted living is a major challenge for seniors.	23.8%	47.6%	19%	4.8%	4.8%
Finding caregivers for senior citizens is a major challenge.	23.8%	33.3%	33.3%	4.8%	4.8%
Having access to adult day care centers is a major challenge for seniors.	13.6%	18.2%	59.1%	9.1%	0
Elder abuse is a major challenge for seniors.	14.3%	38.1%	28.6%	4.8%	14.3%
Finding high quality and affordable nursing homes is a major challenge for seniors.	18.2%	31.8%	36.4%	4.5%	9.1%
Finding available and affordable activities for seniors is a major challenge.	19%	28.6%	33.3%	9.5%	9.5%
Access to affordable and quality healthcare is a major challenge for seniors.	23.8%	52.4%	14.3%	0	9.5%

Transportation is a major challenge for seniors.	31.8%	36.4%	22.7%	4.5%	4.5%
Grandparents raising grandchildren is a major challenge for seniors.	27.3%	68.2%	0	0	4.5%
Being able to afford medications is a major challenge for seniors.	54.5%	45.5%	0	0	0

10. 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.

<u>Some community members need help with:</u>	Assistance is			
	Highly Available & Accessible	Somewhat Available & Somewhat Accessible	Unavailable & Difficult to access	Don't Know or No Opinion
Preparing meals	13.6%	68.2%	4.5%	13.6%
Shopping	9.1%	59.1%	22.7%	9.1%
Doing housework and laundry	4.8%	76.2%	14.3%	4.8%
Using a telephone	5%	55%	15%	25%
Taking medication	5%	65%	15%	15%
Managing money	9.5%	47.6%	9.5%	33.3%
Toileting, bathing and dressing	10%	75%	5%	10%
Walking	10%	75%	10%	5%
Eating	15%	70%	10%	5%
Keeping up with monthly bills(e.g., rent, utilities, and groceries)	4.8%	47.6%	19%	28.6%
Running errands, transportation to appointments	14.3%	52.4%	23.8%	9.5%

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

- 16/Availability of services.
- 12/Cost of services.
- 16/Don't know where to find services.
- 8/Have asked before for help but not been satisfied with the outcome.
- 8/Stigma associated with asking for help.
- 11/Difficulties/hassles arranging for receipt of the help.

12. 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?

- 15%  0%
- 40%  Under 10%
- 45%  10-25%
- 0  26-50%
- 0  51-75%
- m.  0  Over 75%

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

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

50% Yes      22.7% No      27.3% Don't Know

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

15. 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.)

<b>Perspectives of Neighborhood</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
The overall physical condition of affordable housing units is poor.	10%	40%	25%	5%	20%
Crime is a major problem.	15%	60%	20%	0	5%
Youth gangs are a major problem.	15.8%	21.1%	42.1%	5.3%	15.8%
Homelessness is a major problem.	10.5%	31.5%	42.1%	5.3%	10.5%
Street disrepair is a major problem.	19%	52.4%	28.6%	0	0
The number of abandoned buildings is a major problem.	22.7%	45.5%	31.8%	0	0
Trash accumulation in neighborhoods is a major problem.	19%	52.4%	28.6%	0	0
Most people feel that the neighborhood where they live is a good neighborhood to live in.	5%	60%	25%	0	10%
Most people feel that they are able to influence decisions that affect their neighborhood.	5%	40%	45%	5%	5%
Neighborhood organizations have worked effectively to take care of the interests in the community.	0	15%	65%	5%	15%

16. 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.

First-78.9%, Second-5.3%, Third-10.5%, Fourth-5.3% Family member  
First-5.6%, Second-77.8%, Third-5.6%, Fourth-5.6%, Fifth-5.6% Friend  
First-11.8%, Second-0, Third-47.1%, Fourth-35.3%, Fifth-5.9% Social service agency  
Third-18.2%, Fourth-9.1%, Fifth-72.7% Independent Professional (MD, counselor, Psychologist)  
Second-23.5%, Third-29.4%, Fourth-41.2%, Fifth-5.9% Faith-based organization (church, priest, spiritual mentor)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other. Please specify: Third-100%  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know/No Response

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

<b>Type of Need</b>	Family member	Friend	Social Service agency	Independent professional	Faith Based organization	Other. Please specify
Financial crisis	71.4%	0	19%	0	9.5%	<u>0</u>
Emotional crisis	57.1%	19%	14.3%	4.8%	4.8%	<u>0</u>

Family problems	40.9%	22.7%	18.2%	0	18.2%	0
Physical/medical issue	23.8%	0	47.6%	28.6%	0	0
Concerns for safety	30%	10%	35%	5%	5%	15%
Eldercare	42.9%	0	47.6%	0	9.5%	0

18. 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
Could not get an appointment	12.5%	87.5%
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	50%	50%
It costs too much	72.2%	27.8%
Could not get off work	23.5%	76.5%
Have no one to take care of children	50%	50%
Wait too long in office/clinic	41.2%	58.8%
No transportation to get to the doctor/clinic	77.8%	22.2%
Couldn't find a doctor/clinic who accepts Medicaid	44.4%	55.6%
No professionals speak own language	0	100%
Not covered by insurance	85.7%	14.3%
Managed care hassles	63.2%	36.8%
Too nervous or afraid	52.9%	47.1%
Have sought help before but not been satisfied	47.4%	52.6%
Stigma associated with asking for professional help	58.8%	41.2%
Service needed does not exist	505	50%

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?   0   %

  10   % Under 10%

  20   % 10-25%

  40   % 26-50%

  25   % 51-75%

  5   % Over 75%

19. 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
Complications from Obesity/weight management issues (diabetes, arthritis, mobility and accessibility restrictions, wellness programs, group support)	0	47.6%	52.4%	0
Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure)	4.5%	54.5%	40.9%	0
Cancer	9.5%	33.3%	57.1%	0
Visual or hearing problems	9.5%	38.1%	52.4%	0

Developmental disorders (attention deficit, mental retardation)	19%	14.3%	57.1%	9.5%
Depression	15%	35%	30%	20%
AIDS and HIV conditions	5.3%	26.3%	57.9%	10.5%
Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's)	9.1%	18.2%	63.6%	9.1%

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

- 0% 0%
- 26.3% Under 10%
- 26.3% 10-25%
- 31.6% 26-50%
- 10.5% 51-75%
- 5.3% Over 75%

21. 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 <b>MAJOR</b> barrier	Does not present a <b>Major</b> barrier
Could not get an appointment	22.2%	77.8%
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	36.8%	63.2%
It cost too much	84.2%	15.8%
Could not get off work	33.3%	66.7%
Have no one to take care of children	50%	50%
Wait too long in doctor's office/clinic	38.9%	61.1%
No transportation to get to the doctor's office	77.8%	22.2%
Couldn't find a doctor who accepts Medicaid	36.8%	63.2%
No doctor speaks own language	0	100%
No insurance coverage	85.7%	14.3%
Managed care hassles	50%	50%
Too nervous or afraid	47.4%	52.6%
Have sought help before but not been satisfied	31.6%	68.4%
Stigma associated with asking for professional help	33.3%	66.7%
Service needed does not exist	46.7%	53.3%

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

- 5% 0%
- 55% Under 10%
- 25% 10-25%
- 15% 26-50%
- 0 51-75%
- 0 Over 75%

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

- 0% 0%
- 45% Under 10%
- 35% 10-25%
- 20% 26-50%
- 0 51-75%
- 0 Over 75%

25. 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.)

<b>Family Issues</b> – 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	47.6%	42.9%	4.8%	4.8%	0
Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies on parenting, and childcare arrangements	47.6%	42.9%	4.8%	4.85	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)	23.8%	52.4%	4.8%	4.8%	14.3%
Families are reluctant or feel it unnecessary to seek outside help when it comes to raising their children and arranging childcare opportunities.	4.8%	71.4%	4.8%	4.8%	14.3%

<b>Self-sufficiency and Basic needs-</b> 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.	27.3%	59.1%	9.1%	4.5%	0
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.	23.8%	47.6%	14.3%	4.8%	9.5%
Barriers exist that prevent people from obtaining food assistance, transportation assistance and housing assistance.	19%	47.6%	28.6%	4.8%	0
People are reluctant to seek or do not perceive the need for help from available sources	9.5%	61.9%	14.3%	9.5%	4.8%
Affordable and decent housing is not available in the area for the very low income family	9.5%	61.9%	19%	4.8%	4.8%

<b>Education /workforce development preparations issues:</b> 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.	40.9%	50%	4.5%	4.5%	0
People need more readily available help from the social service agencies on identifying options for work and workforce preparation	36.4%	54.5%	4.5%	4.5%	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)	40.9%	45.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
People are reluctant to seek help or feel that they will not benefit from outside help in seeking satisfying job opportunities.	14.3%	57.1%	19%	4.8%	4.8%
The wages paid within the local area do not create an incentive for individuals to work rather than stay on public support.	45.5%	40.9%	9.1%	4.5%	0

<b>Neighborhood and community issues</b> – For example safety, crime prevention, affordable housing, recreation and enrichment opportunities.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Families need more information on how best to make their communities safe, satisfying places to live.	40.9%	50%	0	4.5%	4.5%
Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies in promoting family-centered, safe living environments.	27.3%	59.1%	0	4.5%	9.1%
Due to barriers, families can't seem to get to the services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	22.7%	54.5%	9.1%	4.5%	9.1%
Families may not want to get involved or seek assistance designed to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.	9.1%	59.1%	13.6%	4.5%	13.6%
Families are afraid to get involved to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.	18.2%	50%	9.1%	4.5%	18.2%

<b>Health and well-being issues</b> – For example access to quality health care (physical, mental, dental).	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
People need more information on how to get the medical (physical, mental, dental) health care their families need.	31.8%	45.5%	13.6%	4.5%	4.5%
Peoples need more readily available help from social service agencies in obtaining available health care in their community when they need it.	22.7%	63.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Due to barriers, people can't seem to get the health care services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	27.3%	45.5%	13.6%	4.5%	9.1%
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.)	31.8%	59.1%	0	9.1%	0
People just want to receive the medical attention they need	27.3%	63.6%	0	4.5%	4.5%
a. The medical help needed for mental illness is not available within the community.	4.8%	38.1%	38.1%	9.5%	9.5%

## Telephone Survey Results BROOKS COUNTY

14 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	35.7%
Widowed	21.4%
Divorced	7.1%
Separated	7.1%
Living with a partner	0
Never married	28.6%
NR / DK	0

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS 1-28.6%, 2-35.7%, 3-21.4%, 4-7.1%, 5-7.1%

5 A. How many of those persons under the age of 6? \_\_\_\_\_ Go To: CH1

0-92.9%, 1-7.1%, 2-0, 3-0

5 B. How many of those persons between the ages of 6 to 10? \_\_\_\_\_ Go To: CH6

0-100%, 1-0, 2-0

5 C. How many of those persons between the ages of 11 to 17? \_\_\_\_\_ Go To: CH7

0-100%, 1-0, 2-0

**(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 0  
 Grandparent 0  
 Roommate's children 100%  
 Parent 0  
 Other (specify) 0

5E. How many of those persons in your households are age 60 or older? 0-83.3%, 1-0, 2-8.3%, 3-0, 4-8.3%

5F. Does anyone in the household have either a physical or mental disability?  
 If yes, go to D1 p.17 Yes 40%, No 60%

6. Do you own or rent your home?  
 Own 7.1%  
 Rent 92.9%  
 NR/DK 0

7. How long have you lived at your current address?  
 Less than 1 year 71.4%  
 1 to 5 years 28.6%  
 6 to 10 years 0  
 11 to 15 years 0  
 16 to 20 years 0  
 Over 20 years 0  
 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 14.3%  
 Good 28.6%  
 Fair 21.4%  
 Poor 0  
 NR/DK 0

10. Please tell me if any of the following are a major of 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	28.6%	35.7%	21.4%	14.3%
Youth gangs	14.3%	21.4%	64.3%	0
Homelessness	7.1%	7.1%	85.7%	0
Streets needing a lot of repair	7.1%	7.1%	71.4%	14.3%
Abandoned buildings	28.6%	14.3%	0	57.1%
Trash	28.6%	14.3%	50%	7.1%

Availability of affordable housing	7.1%	14.3%	71.4%	7.1%
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11. In the last year, have you or anyone in your household experienced the following problems?

11A. Divorce or Separation?

Yes (Go On) 7.1%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 14.3%

No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 85.7%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member 0

Friend 0

Social Service Agency 0

Independent Professional 0

Church Organization 0

Other. Please specify: 0

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 0

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) 0

No (Stop Here) 0

What type of problem was it?

Complications from Obesity/weight management issues (diabetes, arthritis, mobility and accessibility restrictions, wellness programs, group support) 14.3%

Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure) 85.7%

Cancer 0

Visual or hearing problems	0
Neurological disorders	0
Developmental disorders (attentional deficit, mental retardation)	0
AIDS and HIV conditions	0
Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's)	0
Other:	0
Multiple	0

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 100%

No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 0

Where Seek Help

Family Member 50%

Friend 0

Social Service Agency 0

Ind. Professional 50%

Church Org. 0

Other 0

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) 0

No (Stop Here) 0

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 0

No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 0

Where Seek Help

Family Member 0

Friend 0

Soc Service Ag 0

Ind. Professional 0

Other 0

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) 0  
No (Stop Here) 0

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 0  
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 0

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 0  
Don't know place to go 0  
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) 0  
No (Stop here)0

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) 0  
No (Stop here)100%

11G. Temporary Crisis like homelessness or joblessness.

Yes (Go On) 35.7%  
No (Stop Here) 64.3%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 0  
No (Go to Barrier-Version2 [B2] Questions) 100%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member 0  
Friend 0  
Social Service Agency 0  
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 0
- The wait is too long 0
- Transportation problems 0

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

- Automobile (car or truck) 78.6%
- Cab 0
- Bus 0
- Walk 0
- Ride with a friend or relative 14.3%
- Bicycle 0
- Volunteer organization 0
- Other, specify 0 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Has transportation ever been a barrier for you?

- Yes 35.7%
- No 57.1%

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

- Employed full-time 14.3%
- Employed part-time 21.4%
- Unemployed 7.1%
- Retired 35.7%
- A student 0
- A homemaker 14.3%
- Disabled or too ill to work 7.1%
- NR/DK 0

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

- Yes 28.6%
- No 71.4%
- 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	21.4%
No	78.6%

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	23.1%
2. No	76.9%
3. DK/NR	0

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

Find a job looking	16.7%
Still looking	83.3%
Given up	0
DK/NR	0

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

Quitting	0
Changing careers	16.7%
Business closing or being laid off	83.3%
Got fired or was terminated	0
Lacked transportation	0
Became disabled	0
Other	0

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

Not enough	35.7%
Enough	64.3%
More than enough	0
DK/NR	0

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

Yes	57.1%
No	28.6%
DK/NR	14.3%

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	7.1%
Somewhat confident	64.3%
Not very confident	14.3%
DK/NR	14.3%

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   | 57.1% |
| 2. A minor problem   | CONTINUE to 21 | 42.9% |
| 3. A major problem   | CONTINUE to 21 | 0     |
| 4. NR/DK             | SKIP TO Q22    | 0     |
| 5. Refused           | SKIP TO Q22    | 0     |

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

- |                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Relatives or friends     | 35.7% |
| Public welfare           | 7.1%  |
| Other public agency      | 0     |
| Faith-based organization | 0     |
| Work                     | 0     |
| Bank                     | 21.4% |
| Pawn shop                | 7.1%  |
| Other loan institution   | 0     |
| No place to go           | 0     |
| Other                    | 7.1%  |
| DK/NR                    | 14.3% |

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   | 28.6% |
| No    | 71.4% |
| NR/DK | 0     |

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

- |           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Excellent | 14.3% |
| Average   | 78.6% |
| Poor      | 7.1%  |
| DK/NR     | 0     |

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 | 35.7% |
| No  | 64.3% |

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   | 21.4% |
| No    | 78.6% |
| 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     | 7.1%  |
| No      | 85.7% |
| DK      | 7.1%  |
| Refused | 0     |

What was it? \_\_\_\_\_

27. What language is spoken most often in your home?
- |                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| English        | 78.6%   |
| Spanish        | 7.1%    |
| Vietnamese     | 0       |
| Other, specify | 0 _____ |
| NR/DK          | 0       |

28. How many years of education have you completed?
- |                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1-11 Less than high school       | 21.4% |
| High school graduate/GED         | 21.4% |
| Some college or technical school | 28.6% |
| College graduate or more         | 14.3% |
| NR/DK                            | 0     |

29. Do any adults in your household need training in basic reading skills?
- |       |      |
|-------|------|
| Yes   | 0    |
| No    | 100% |
| DK/NR | 0    |

30. What ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?
- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| White            | 21.4% |
| African American | 0     |
| Hispanic         | 78.6% |
| Native American  | 0     |
| Asian            | 0     |
| Other, specify   | 0     |
| NR/DK            | 0     |

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 | 57.1% |
| No  | 42.9% |

32. INDICATE SEX BY OBSERVATION:

Female 85.7%  
 Male 14.3%

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	100%	0	0
Day care run from someone’s home	0	0	0
Head Start Program	0	0	0
Preschool	0	0	0
Friend or relative	0	0	0
Babysitter in your home	0	0	0
Babysitter outside your home	0	0	0

CH2-A. IF NO TO ALL THE ABOVE: What person or organization provides care?

Parent is full-time caregiver 0  
 Other 0  
 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?

	No <u>Problem</u>	Minor <u>Problem</u>	Major <u>Problem</u>
Finding quality child care facilities	100%	0	0
Finding child care for children with special needs	100%	0	0
Finding affordable child care facilities	100%	0	0
Finding child care convenient to your home or work	100%	0	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	0	
Yes, with brother/sister	0	
Yes, both	0	
No	100%	
NR/DK	0	

C5

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 RESPONSES THAT FOLLOW.

With family member

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

Institution

In a family day home	0
In a child care center	0
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	0
With other adults	100%

Organized activities

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

Responsible activities

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

Other

Visiting at their friends' homes 0  
Hanging out at the mall 0  
Watching TV 100%  
Doing homework 0  
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. 100%  
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. 0

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

Public service agency (including government) 0  
Employer 0  
Family or friends 0  
Other 0  
DK/NR 100%

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 a 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	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0
Harassment or bullying by other children	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Being involved or with or threatened by a gang	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Expressing aggressive or angry behavior toward others	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Failing or underachieving at school	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Serious emotional problems	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Running away from home overnight or longer	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Trouble with the law	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
Drinking or drug use	66.7%	0	33.3%	0
A teenage pregnancy	50%	0	50%	0
Coping with having a physical disability	66.7%	0	33.3%	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	0	33.3%	66.7%	0
Shopping	0	33.3%	66.7%	0
Doing housework and laundry	0	66.7%	33.3%	0
Using the telephone	0	0	100%	0
Taking medication	0	0	100%	0
Managing money	0	0	100%	0
Toileting ,Bathing and dressing	0	0	100%	0
Walking	0	66.7%	33.3%	0
Eating	0	33.3%	66.7%	0
Restroom	0	0	100%	0
Getting out of a chair	0	0	100%	0
Getting out of a bed	0	0	100%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	0	66.7%	33.3%	0

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

Never	0
Sometimes	33.3%
Usually	33.3%
Always	33.3%

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

General availability	100%
Cost of assistance	0
I don't know how to find the help	0
Have asked for help before but not been satisfied	0
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	0
No	100%
NR/DK	0

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

Yes	100%
No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION)	0
NR/DK	0

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

Yes	0
No	100%
NR/DK	0

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

Not a problem	100%
A minor problem	0
A major problem	0
NR/DY	0

#### 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	100%	0
Shopping	0	0	100%	0
Doing housework and laundry	0	0	100%	0
Using the telephone	0	0	100%	0

Taking medication	0	0	100%	0
Managing money	0	0	100%	0
Toileting, Bathing and dressing	0	0	100%	0
Walking	0	0	100%	0
Eating	0	0	100%	0
Restroom	0	0	100%	0
Getting out of a chair	0	0	100%	0
Getting out of a bed	0	0	100%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	0	0	100%	0

D1-A.

How often do you get the assistance you need with these?

Never 0  
 Sometimes 0  
 Usually 0  
 Always 0

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

General availability 0  
 Cost of assistance 0  
 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 0  
 No 0  
 NR/DK 0

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

Yes 0  
 No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION) 0  
 NR/DK 0

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

Yes 0  
 No 0  
 NR/DK 0

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

Not a problem	0
A minor problem	0
A major problem	0
NR/DY	0