

Overview of Nueces County

Nueces County, Texas

Estimated population in 2000: 313,645

Square miles: 1,166; Population density per square mile 268.99.

Race/Ethnicity	Population	Area Percent	Statewide Percent
White	225,912	72.0	70.97
Black	13,307	4.2	11.53
Other	5,856	1.9	17.49
Hispanic*	174,951	55.8	31.99

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

Population Age

Age	Population	Area Percent	Statewide
Under 5	24,247	7.7	7.8
5-14	49,288	15.7	15.8
15-19	25,828	8.2	7.8
20-44	113,139	36.1	38.5
45-64	66,138	21.1	20.2
65+	35,005	11.2	9.9

Disability Status

Age	Number Residents	Number w/ Disability	Percent w/ Disability	Statewide Percentage
5-20	79,690	6,810	8.5	7.9
21-64	170,736	37,294	21.8	19.9
65+	33,643	15,968	47.5	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	5,909	6.5	6.8
Kindergarten	4,902	5.4	5.9
Elementary (1-8)	41,159	45.0	45.5
High School (9-12)	21,230	23.2	21.9
College/Grad school	18,244	20.0	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	23,676	12.3	11.5
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	25,504	13.3	12.9
H.S. grad (inc. equiv)	48,026	25.0	24.8
Some college, no degree	47,658	24.8	22.4
Associate Degree	10,953	5.7	5.2
Bachelor's Degree	22,927	12.0	15.6
Graduate/Professional Degree	13,104	6.8	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 2.6. This is about the same as other counties in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 28.6%. This rate of poverty is lower than 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 7.5% and the percentage of food stamp recipients is 17.0%. Compared to the 12 CR, the percentage of TANF recipients is about the same as other counties and the percentage of food stamp recipients is about the same as 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 maintaining current interventions addressed at eradicating poverty.

Our findings indicate that the residents of this county have a high rate 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 17.8%. The percentage of births to mothers under 18 years of age is 7.2%. 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 255.4 /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 11.8 %. 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 higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state. This data suggests that future planning efforts for this county should include priority on increasing 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 70.7% 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 39.3% 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 maintaining current interventions addressing these issues.

The rate of divorce in this county is .52. This rate is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher 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 18.4%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of grandparents caring for grandchildren is 51.9 %. This rate is lower 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 9.3%. 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 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.

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 15.0 %. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of the population over 65 living alone is 18.4%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR. The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 15.8%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of APS investigations validated was 62.6%. 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 about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

In this county, the percentage of students who dropped out of school was 6.6%. 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 77.6 %. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower 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 about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas. The majority of scores for 10th grade students passing TAAS were about the same as residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage with some college is 20.9%. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of individuals with an Associate's degree is 4.8. This percentage is about the same as 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 5.7%. This percentage is higher than residents in the 12 CR and higher than as residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of households who speak languages other than English is 42.6%. This percentage is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$29,143. This percentage is higher 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 18.2%. This percentage is lower 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 lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of families receiving TANF is 7.5%; the percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches is 55.6%; the percentage of families receiving WIC is 43.0%. 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 6.8. 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 3.0/ 1,000 and this rate is higher than as residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

Median household income is \$35,959. This rate is higher 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 about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

The annual per capita personal income in this county is \$35,959. 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 61.32%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of household income for rent is 30.0%. 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 \$70,100. This value is higher than the value in the 12 CR and lower than the value in the state of Texas. The crime rate is 7335.1/100,000. 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 33.1%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of businesses with female sole proprietors is 24.6%. This rate is about the same as 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 about the same as the current levels for the state of Texas.

The percentage of deaths related to cardiovascular issues was 35.2%; due to cancer was 21.5%; related to diabetes was 5.2%. The prevalence of diabetes is 41.5/1,000 and the prevalence of hypertension is 115.5/1,000. The majority of these key indicators indicate that these rates are about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The ratio of citizens per physician is 450/1. This ratio is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The ratio of citizens per registered nurse is lower than residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas. The ratio of citizens per dentist is lower than residents in the 12 CR and about the same as residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of children without health insurance is 14.0%. 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 33.0%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of low birth weight babies is 8.4%. This rate is lower than residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas. The percentage of mothers who received prenatal care is 2.1%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and lower than residents in the state of Texas.

The rate of teen violent deaths is 35.2/100,000. 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 16.2/100,000. 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 maintaining 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 8.5%. 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 21.8%. 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 47.5%. This rate is about the same as residents in the 12 CR and higher than residents in the state of Texas.

The percentage of unemployed persons with disabilities is 48.3%. 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.

Nueces County and State and Local Context

Key Indicators	Compared to Texas	Compared to 12 CR
CHILDREN & YOUTH		
• The ratio of adult to children is 2.6.	↔	↔
• The percentage of people with children living in poverty is 28.6%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of people with children receiving TANF is 7.5%.	↑	↔
• The percentage of food stamp recipients is 17.0%.	↑	↔
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 9.3%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of children attending Head Start is 11.8%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of teens pregnant is 17.8%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of births are to mothers under 18 years is 7.2%.	↑	↔
• The rate of victims of child abuse is 13.6/1,000.	↑	↑
• The rate of juvenile violent crime arrests is 255.4/100,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of the child population that has disabilities is 8.5%.	↑	↑
FAMILIES		
• The percentage of families with single parents is 29.3%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of families with married couples is 70.7%.	↓	↓
• The rate of children in foster care is 8.3/1,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers is 39.3%.	↑	↓
• The rate of divorce is .52.	↑	↑
• The rate that children are in family violence shelters is 4.4/1,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of grandparents caring for grandchildren is 51.9%	↑	↓
• The childcare facility capacity percentage is 18.4%.	↔	↑
• The percentage of children in childcare with subsidized tuition is 9.3%.	↑	↑
SENIORS		
• The percentage of the population over 60 years of age is 15.0%.	↑	↔
• The percentage of the population over 65 living alone is 18.4%.		↔
• The percentage of the population over 65 living in poverty is 15.8%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of APS investigations validated was 62.6%.	↓	↓

EDUCATION

- The percentage of students who dropped out of school was 6.6%. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of eligible students who graduated was 77.6%. ↓ ↓
- The percentage of students who received a GED was 5.5%. ↑ ↑
- The percentage of 4th grade students passing TAAS Reading is 92.3%. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of 10th grade students passing TAAS Reading is 94.6%. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of 4th grade students passing TAAS Math is 93.4%. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of 10th grade students passing TAAS Math is 90.4%. ↓ ↓
- The percentage of 4th grade students passing TAAS Writing is 90.3%. ↑ ↑
- The percentage of 10th grade students passing TAAS Writing is 92.7%. ↑ ⇔
- The percentage of individuals with some college is 20.9%. ↑ ↑
- The percentage of individuals who have an Associate’s Degree is 4.8%. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of individuals who have a Bachelor’s Degree is 10.0%. ↑ ↑
- The percentage of individuals who have some graduate school is 5.7%. ↓ ↑
- The percentage of households who speak languages other than English is 42.9%. ↑ ⇔
- The average wage paid per job in 2001 was \$29,143. ↓ ↑

SELF SUFFICIENCY/BASIC NEEDS

- The percentage of individuals with incomes below the poverty level is 18.2%. ↑ ↓
- The percentage of related children under 18 years of age in poverty is 24.0%. ↑ ↓
- The median household income is \$35,959. ↓ ↑
- The percentage of families receiving TANF is 7.5%. ↑ ⇔
- The percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches is 55.6%. ↑ ↑
- The percentage of families receiving WIC is 43.0%. ↑ ↓
- The rate of personal bankruptcy filing is 3.0/1,000 ↓ ↑
- The unemployment rate for 2003 was 6.8. ⇔ ⇔
- The percentage of workers relying on public transportation for work is 1.9 %. ⇔ ↑

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY

• The median household income is \$35,959.	↓	↑
• The annual per capita personal income is \$25,091.	↓	↑
• The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of household income for rent is 30.0%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of households who pay less than 35% of household income for owner costs is 16.1%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of residents who own their home is 61.32%.	↓	↓
• The median value of housing units is \$70,100.	↓	↑
• The crime rate is 7335.1/100,000.	↑	↑
• The percentage of businesses with minority sole proprietors is 33.1%.	↑	↔
• The percentage of businesses with female sole proprietors is 24.6%.	↔	↔

HEALTH

• The percentage of deaths related to cardiovascular issues was 35.2%.	↓	↓
• The percentage of deaths due to cancer was 21.5%.	↔	↔
• The percentage of deaths related to diabetes was 5.2%.	↑	↑
• The prevalence of diabetes is 41.5/1,000.	↑	↔
• The prevalence of hypertension is 115.5/1000.	↑	↓
• The ratio of citizens per physician is 450/1.	↓	↓
• The ratio of citizens per ob/gyn is 1,791/1.	↓	↓
• The ratio of citizens per registered nurse is 115/1.	↓	↓
• The ratio of citizens per dentist is 2,784/1.	↔	↓
• The percentage of adults with mental illnesses is 20.3%.	↔	↔
• The percentage of adults with depressive disorders is 5.0%.	↔	↔
• The percentage of adults with anxiety is 1.7%.	↔	↔
• The percentage of children without health insurance is 14.0%.	↔	↓
• The percentage of adults without health insurance is 33.0%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of low birth weight babies is 8.4%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of mothers who receive prenatal care is 2.1%.	↓	↔
• The rate of teen violent deaths is 35.2/100,000.	↓	↓
• The rate of child deaths is 16.2/100,000.	↓	↓

DISABILITIES

• The percentage of disabled individuals 5-20 years of age is 8.5%.	↑	↑
• The percentage of disabled individuals 21-64 years of age is 21.8%.	↑	↓
• The percentage of disabled individuals 65+ years of age is 47.5%.	↑	↔
• The percentage of employed persons with disabilities is 51.7% .	↓	↓

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

Highlights of Randomly Selected Telephone Surveys:

- Finding affordable quality childcare was problematic for about 24% of respondents.
 - 18% said they could not afford the types of services they desired.
 - 82% reported their children under 10 years of age staying with their grandparents or siblings.
- Problems for young people include finding jobs, expressing anger or aggressive behavior, failing or underachieving in school and coping with a physical disability.
- 16% reported complications with aging which led them to need assistance with daily activities
 - 34% never got the assistance they desired. Availability and costs were the major barriers.
 - In particular 83% of these individuals were not able to get a nurse or personal caregiver.
- 8% reported having someone out of work – 50% of those are still looking for a job.
- 13% of respondents reported transportation as a major barrier.
- 25% of respondents say their income does not meet their needs; 39% report they are not better off than 5 years ago.
- 13% have contacted social service agencies in the past year.
- Crime and street repair are most problematic for neighborhoods.
- 3% report mental illness and 73% received help
 - 27% reported barriers including getting an appointment, not knowing where to go and too long to wait.
- 22% experienced serious physical illness.
 - 89% sought help with their physical problems mostly from physicians.
 - Barriers to receiving needed medical help included cost and difficulty getting an appointment.
 - 15% reported having no medical insurance.

Qualitative Data Themes:

Children and Youth: More affordable after-school activities, particularly in middle school;

More programs like Boys and Girls Clubs; More affordable child care

Families: Need for better paying jobs; Need more parental involvement

Seniors: Need transportation for seniors to get health care

Education / Job Preparation: Dropouts; Lack of career connections and preparation; Lack of basic job skills; Literacy

Self-Sufficiency / Basic Needs: Need for more affordable housing, especially for seniors; Need more assistance following disasters; Income insufficient to meet needs

Neighborhoods / Communities: Graffiti; Crime prevention

Health / Well-being: Concerns about availability and affordability of health care and prescriptions for poor and seniors; Lack of transportation a barrier to health care; Diabetes; People do not know how to get services

Disabilities: *No specific comments*

Summary of Research by Youth Opportunities United Nueces County

Data collected and analyzed by the Data Collection and Analysis Work Group provided Youth Opportunities United (YOU) information regarding the four clusters of risk factors that were determined to contribute to delinquency, violence, drug use, teen pregnancy, and dropouts in Nueces County. Data for 100 indicators related to 18 risk factors. These factors were divided into 4 clusters of causes. Many of these same indicators were examined to assess the needs of the people residing in Nueces County.

The first cluster was described as Family Management Problems and Family Conflict. Indicators used to determine the gravity of the situation included family violence as demonstrated by the rates of child and adult abuse, divorce rates, number of children in foster care, number of domestic violence victims. The factors hinder families' attempts to develop healthy bonds, possibly impeding the development of the children involved.

According to the data collected for YOU, the rates of child abuse and divorce are higher than the State. The rate of child abuse in the county was double that of the State. The numbers of children in foster care and victims of domestic violence have also increased. Over an 8 year period, the number of victims of domestic violence served increase 241%.

Results of a survey reported that female parents were more like to participate in behaviors such as shoving, punching and hitting with an object. These behaviors were viewed in contributing to the delinquency and behavioral problems.

The low socioeconomic status of the area described the second cluster of indicators. The criteria analyzed to determine the status included the per capita income, number of children receiving various types of assistance. These circumstances place families under stress and inhibit parental efforts to provide the necessary support as they develop.

The comparison of the per capita income to the State specified that the county suffered from a lower per capita income by \$3,700 in 2001. Indicators such as families living in poverty and child poverty rate were shown to be higher than the State. The number of children on State subsidized childcare, enrolled in Medicaid, receiving Supplemental Security Insurance, receiving food stamps and receiving TANF were greater in comparison to the State rates. Families receiving WIC also increased over a 3-year period. The state of these factors is conducive to problem behaviors.

The third cluster of indicators was favorable parental attitudes toward the problem behavior. Parental activity such as adult alcohol related arrests, drug abuse violations, violent crime arrests, adult property crime arrests, homicides robberies and aggravated assaults. Children internalize and respond to these types of adult behaviors.

Adult alcohol arrests and drug abuse violations increased in 2000. The number of adults admitted for substance abuse has also increased. The higher death rates due to liver disease and cirrhosis are viewed as the long term effects of these behaviors. Crimes such as violent crime arrests, adult property crime arrests, homicides robberies and aggravated assaults have steadily decreased.

Early initiation of the problem behavior is the fourth cluster of indicators. This cluster included evidence such as rates of delinquency, dropout rates, alcohol and drug use and rate of teen pregnancy. YOU survey data was used to analyze the age of initiation for these types of behaviors.

Delinquency for 10-14 year olds had higher rates than those reported for the State and Nation. The number of drug arrests also increased for the same age range. The dropout rate and teen pregnancy rate was also higher than the State. The data indicated that the students residing in Nueces County began experimenting with alcohol and drugs at an early age.

In the final analysis, 8 risk factors were found to contribute to be present and contribute to problem behaviors. These indicators included early academic failure as demonstrated by low standardized test scores and grades. Lack of commitment to school was demonstrated by the percentage of students who reported to skip or cut classes one or more days a week. The rebelliousness of the students was demonstrated by the 44.8% of the students who responded that gangs existed I their schools. A small percentage of students viewed drug use or drinking as a serious problem, 17.8% and 14.7% respectively. Of the students who responded to the survey, 15.6% of them reported that their friends engaged in the problem behavior of carrying a weapon to school. Drugs reported to be available to the students in the community included marijuana and alcohol. The numbers of juvenile drug offenses arrests and school discipline problems have also been reported as increasing. The participation of adults in problem behaviors as confirmed by the increased number of deaths due to cirrhosis and other liver diseases also contributes to the growing problem behaviors.

Key Informant Responses Nueces County

(n=162)

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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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aransas | <input type="checkbox"/> Kleberg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bee | <input type="checkbox"/> Live Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brooks | <input type="checkbox"/> McMullen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duval | <input type="checkbox"/> Nueces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Wells | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenedy | <input type="checkbox"/> San Patricio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional | |

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

(Check more than one if appropriate.)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 136/A citizen in the county | <input type="checkbox"/> 66/Involved in planning and coordinating initiatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 83/Agency worker in the county | <input type="checkbox"/> 3/Elected official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63/Consumer of services in the county | <input type="checkbox"/> 5/Religious leader |

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

(Check as many as apply.)

- 85/Family Issues – For example, challenges concerning parenting, childcare and early childhood development issues.
- 61/Self-sufficiency and Basic needs- For example, emergency assistance, food assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance
- 74/Education /workforce development preparations issues: For example, literacy skills, career planning, job preparation, and educational attainment.
- 58/Neighborhood and community issues – For example, safety, crime prevention, affordable housing, recreation and enrichment opportunities.
- 70/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.)

- 88/Children and Youth
- 102/Families
- 62/Senior Citizens
- 49/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
Children and Youth	19.4%	69.4%	5%	6.3%
Families	15.2%	72.2%	7%	5.7%
Elderly	13.5%	59.4%	12.9%	14.2%
Physically Impaired	9.7%	47.7%	22.6%	20%
Mentally Impaired	7.5%	42.1%	32.1%	18.2%
Chronically Diseased	7%	35%	26.8%	31.2%

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

- 17% Early Childhood (0-6 years of age)
- 13.2% Elementary school (7 to 10 years old)
- 39.6% Middle school (11 to 13 years old)
- 22.6% High School (14-17)
- Multiple 7.5%

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
Divorce or separation	6.4%	55.4%	14%	24.2%
Serious physical illness	13.8%	55.3%	15.7%	15.1%
Death in the family	10.7%	50.9%	17.6%	20%
Disabling injury	6.9%	57.2%	17.6%	18.2%
Severe financial crisis	5%	44.7%	35.2%	15.1%
Other temporary crisis	3.9%	42.1%	24.3%	29.6%

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):

Perceptions of Family Challenges	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Finding quality child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	25.9%	46.8%	17.1%	4.4%	5.7%
Finding child care for children with special needs is a major challenge for families.	55.6%	29.4%	7.5%	1.3%	6.3%
Finding affordable child care facilities is a major challenge for families.	41.3%	45%	8.1%	1.3%	4.4%
Finding supervised after-school activities is a major challenge for families.	30%	35.6%	25%	2.5%	6.9%
Finding summer programs for children is a major challenge for families.	25%	36.9%	28.8%	1.9%	7.5%
Finding adequate transportation to and from the child care facility is a major challenge for families.	29.6%	47.2%	11.3%	1.3%	10.7%
Finding affordable extracurricular activities for children (such as sports, music, youth centers) is a major challenge for families.	23.9%	39.6%	25.8%	4.4%	6.3%
Finding affordable medical assistance for children (such as inoculations, check-ups, medical advice) is a major challenge for families.	22%	36.5%	30.8%	5%	5.7%
Finding temporary shelter for families with children is a major challenge.	32.7%	40.3%	15.7%	.6%	10.7%

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
Being left alone or unsupervised is a problem.	50.9%	42.2%	3.7%	0	3.1%
Finding a job is a problem.	30.6%	43.8%	20.6%	0	5%
Harassment or bullying by other children is a problem.	27.8%	54.9%	7.4%	0	9.9%
Being threatened or hurt by gang members is a problem.	24.7%	54.3%	11.7%	0	9.3%
Aggressive or angry behavior towards others is a problem.	29.6%	61.7%	4.3%	0	4.3%
Failing or underachieving at school is a problem.	48.4%	46.6%	3.7%	0	1.2%
Serious emotional difficulties are a problem.	27.8%	58%	6.8%	0	7.4%
Running away from home is a problem.	13%	53.4%	14.3%	1.2%	18%
Gang activity is a problem.	42.9%	47.2%	4.3%	.6%	5%
Trouble with the law is a problem.	31.5%	56.2%	7.4%	0	4.9%
Drinking or drug use is a problem.	55.9%	41%	1.2%	0	1.9%
Teenage pregnancy is a problem.	59.6%	33.5%	3.1%	0	3.7%
Coping with a physical disability is a problem.	20.8%	52.8%	13.2%	.6%	12.6%
Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from their families.	3.9%	41.9%	39.4%	7.1%	7.7%
Children and youth in this community receive support and caring from schools.	4.4%	46.3%	41.3%	3.8%	4.4%
People in this community need more information about how to get involved with youth.	49.7%	41%	5%	0	4.3%

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):

Perceptions 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.	26.1%	47.1%	14.6%	.6%	11.5%
Being able to afford assisted living is a major challenge for seniors.	54.7%	32.7%	4.4%	.6%	7.5%
Finding caregivers for senior citizens is a major challenge.	42.5%	40%	6.9%	.6%	10%
Having access to adult day care centers is a major challenge for seniors.	17.5%	48.1%	21.3%	.6%	12.5%
Elder abuse is a major challenge for seniors.	17.5%	41.9%	21.9%	0	18.8%
Finding high quality and affordable nursing homes is a major challenge for seniors.	40.6%	39.4%	10.6%	.6%	8.8%
Finding available and affordable activities for seniors is a major challenge.	20.6%	46.3%	21.9%	1.9%	9.4%
Access to affordable and quality healthcare is a major challenge for seniors.	36.3%	43.1%	13.1%	.6%	6.9%
Transportation is a major challenge for seniors.	33.1%	48.1%	11.9%	0	6.9%
Grandparents raising grandchildren is a major challenge for seniors.	39.7%	44.2%	9%	.6%	6.4%
Being able to afford medications is a major challenge for seniors.	66.2%	29.3%	1.9%	0	2.5%

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.

<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	4.5%	63.6%	13.6%	18.2%
Shopping	5.2%	43.1%	30.7%	20.9%
Doing housework and laundry	4.5%	49.4%	25.3%	20.8%
Using a telephone	9.8%	47.7%	17.6%	24.8%
Taking medication	5.9%	51%	22.9%	20.3%
Managing money	7.8%	42.2%	31.8%	18.2%
Toileting, bathing and dressing	5.9%	53.6%	22.2%	18.3%
Walking	7.7%	52.9%	17.4%	21.9%
Eating	7.2%	56.2%	14.4%	22.2%
Keeping up with monthly bills(e.g., rent, utilities, and groceries)	4.5%	40.6%	38.7%	16.1%
Running errands, transportation to appointments	4.5%	42.6%	36.1%	16.8%

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

- 82/Availability of services.
- 115/Cost of services.
- 123/10Don't know where to find services.
- 49/Have asked before for help but not been satisfied with the outcome.
- 61/Stigma associated with asking for help.
- 91/Difficulties/hassles arranging for receipt of the help.

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?

- 9.1% 0%
- 40.9% Under 10%
- 26.6% 10-25%
- 18.2% 26-50%
- 4.5% 51-75%
- 0.6% 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.)

- 35.4% Yes 25.9% No 38.6% 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.)

Perceptions of Neighborhood	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
The overall physical condition of affordable housing units is poor.	25.9%	42%	24.1%	.6%	7.4%
Crime is a major problem.	26.1%	52.2%	16.1%	.6%	5%
Youth gangs are a major problem.	30.6%	46.3%	16.3%	1.3%	5.6%
Homelessness is a major problem.	28.8%	46.3%	18.8%	1.9%	4.4%
Street disrepair is a major problem.	32.5%	41.3%	20%	.6%	5.6%
The number of abandoned buildings is a major problem.	27.5%	46.3%	20%	1.3%	5%
Trash accumulation in neighborhoods is a major problem.	31.7%	39.1%	23%	1.2%	5%
Most people feel that the neighborhood where they live is a good neighborhood to live in.	8.7%	55.9%	21.7%	1.2%	12.4%
Most people feel that they are able to influence decisions that affect their neighborhood.	3.1%	18%	55.3%	12.4%	11.2%
Neighborhood organizations have worked effectively to take care of the interests in the community.	3.1%	24.8%	45.3%	10.6%	16.1%

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.

- First-83.7%, Second-11.1%, Third-3.3%, Fourth-1.3%, Fifth-.7% Family member
- First-7.6%, Second-64.8%, Third-14.5%, Fourth-9%, Fifth-4.1% Friend
- First-8.8%, Second-10.9%, Third-26.5%, Fourth-40.1%, Fifth-13.6% Social service agency
- First-.8%, Second-2.4%, Third-5.6%, Fourth-21.4%, Fifth-66.7%, Sixth-3.2% Independent Professional (MD, counselor, Psychologist)
- First-7.1%, Second-13.6%, Third-50.7%, Fourth-22.1%, Fifth-6.4% Faith-based organization (church, priest, spiritual mentor)
- _____ Other. Please specify: First-10%, Third-20%, Fifth-20%, Sixth-50%
- _____ 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	Other. Please specify
Financial crisis	69.7%	3.9%	17.4%	0	3.2%	1.3%
Emotional crisis	41.9%	26.5%	9.7%	5.2%	9.7%	.6%
Family problems	21.8%	38.5%	12.2%	3.8%	17.9%	0
Physical/medical issue	14.8%	1.9%	25.2%	52.9%	.6%	1.3%
Concerns for safety	29.6%	14.5%	28.3%	5.3%	2%	14.5%
Eldercare	32%	2%	52.3%	3.9%	3.3%	.7%

Multiple a(4.5%), b(5.8%), c(5.8%), d(3.2%), e(5.3%), f(5.9%)

19. 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	40.4%	59.6%
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	66.9%	33.1%
It costs too much	88.2%	11.8%
Could not get off work	50.7%	49.3%
Have no one to take care of children	73.8%	26.2%
Wait too long in office/clinic	57.7%	42.3%
No transportation to get to the doctor/clinic	61.9%	38.1%
Couldn't find a doctor/clinic who accepts Medicaid	52.8%	47.2%
No professionals speak own language	24.6%	75.4%
Not covered by insurance	86.6%	13.2%
Managed care hassles	68.3%	31.7%
Too nervous or afraid	70.3%	29.7%
Have sought help before but not been satisfied	53.1%	46.9%
Stigma associated with asking for professional help	59.9%	40.1%
Service needed does not exist	29.1%	70.9%

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?

- 3.2% 0%
- 12.8% Under 10%
- 28.8% 10-25%
- 32.7% 26-50%
- 16% 51-75%
- 6.4% Over 75%

21. 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.)

Major health Issues:	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)	15.2%	58.9%	19.6%	6.3%
Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure)	30.6%	58%	5.1%	6.4%
Cancer	36.8%	52.3%	6.5%	4.5%
Visual or hearing problems	24.2%	51.6%	15%	9.2%
Developmental disorders (attention deficit, mental retardation)	16.1%	54.2%	19.4%	10.3%
Depression	14.2%	55.5%	22.6%	7.7%
AIDS and HIV conditions	13.5%	55.1%	17.3%	14.1%
Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's)	10.3%	59%	19.2%	11.5%

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

- 4.5% 0%
- 35.7% Under 10%
- 31.8% 10-25%
- 19.5% 26-50%
- 6.5% 51-75%
- 1.9% 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	28.7%	71.3%
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	57.6%	42.4%
It cost too much	94.2%	5.8%
Could not get off work	46.3%	53.7%
Have no one to take care of children	68.9%	31.1%
Wait too long in doctor's office/clinic	55%	45%
No transportation to get to the doctor's office	60.9%	39.1%
Couldn't find a doctor who accepts Medicaid	49.7%	50.3%
No doctor speaks own language	16.9%	83.1%
No insurance coverage	92.4%	7.6%
Managed care hassles	66.7%	33.3%
Too nervous or afraid	55.4%	44.6%
Have sought help before but not been satisfied	47%	53%
Stigma associated with asking for professional help	39.5%	60.5%
Service needed does not exist	29.9%	70.1%

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

- 10.2% 0%
- 59.9% Under 10%
- 21.7% 10-25%
- 7.6% 26-50%
- 0.6% 51-75%
- 0 Over 75%

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

- 3.8% 0%
- 49.7% Under 10%
- 31.8% 10-25%
- 13.4% 26-50%
- 1.3% 51-75%
- 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	60.6%	34.4%	3.1%	.6%	1.3%
Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies on parenting, and childcare arrangements	56%	34%	7.5%	.6%	1.9%
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)	42.5%	41.3%	11.3%	0	5%
Families are reluctant or feel it unnecessary to seek outside help when it comes to raising their children and arranging childcare opportunities.	42.1%	39%	13.2%	1.3%	4.4%

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.	30%	54.4%	14.4%	0	1.3%
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.	21.3%	53.1%	19.4%	3.1%	3.1%
Barriers exist that prevent people from obtaining food assistance, transportation assistance and housing assistance.	22.6%	52.2%	20.8%	.6%	3.8%
People are reluctant to seek or do not perceive the need for help from available sources	18.2%	49.7%	25.2%	1.9%	5%
Affordable and decent housing is not available in the area for the very low income family	32.5%	36.9%	23.1%	2.5%	5%

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.	46.9%	46.9%	4.4%	.6%	1.3%
People need more readily available help from the social service agencies on identifying options for work and workforce preparation	38.8%	49.4%	10%	.6%	1.3%
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)	35.8%	45.3%	14.5%	1.9%	2.5%
People are reluctant to seek help or feel that they will not benefit from outside help in seeking satisfying job opportunities.	22.8%	57.6%	14.6%	1.3%	3.8%
The wages paid within the local area do not create an incentive for individuals to work rather than stay on public support.	50.9%	27%	17%	2.5%	2.5%

Neighborhood and community issues – 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.	31%	55.1%	12.7%	.6%	.6%
Families need more readily available help from the social service agencies in promoting family-centered, safe living environments.	33.8%	54.1%	9.6%	.6%	1.9%
Due to barriers, families can't seem to get to the services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	22.9%	46.5%	24.8%	0	5.7%
Families may not want to get involved or seek assistance designed to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.	25.5%	51.6%	17.8%	1.9%	3.2%
Families are afraid to get involved to make their living situation more safe and satisfying.	19.1%	41.4%	29.9%	1.9%	7.6%
Health and well-being issues – 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.	33.3%	54.7%	10.1%	0	1.9%
Peoples need more readily available help from social service agencies in obtaining available health care in their community when they need it.	35%	47.8%	13.4%	.6%	3.2%
Due to barriers, people can't seem to get the health care services that are available to them (e.g., transportation, high costs, etc)	33.5%	41.1%	20.3%	.6%	4.4%
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.)	42.4%	45.6%	9.5%	.6%	1.9%
People just want to receive the medical attention they need	34.4%	51.6%	8.3%	.6%	5.1%
The medical help needed for mental illness is not available within the community.	23.1%	28.8%	37.2%	1.9%	9%

Telephone Survey Results NUECES COUNTY

572 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	56.8%
Widowed	16.8%
Divorced	7.7%
Separated	1.6%
Living with a partner	1.9%
Never married	14.5%
NR / DK	0.7%

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ 1-20.4%, 2-41.2%, 3-16.5%, 4-13%, 5-6.3%, 6-1.9%, 7-0.2%, 8-0.2%

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

0-86.5%, 1-9.1%, 2-3%, 3-0.9%, 4-0.4%, 7-0.2%

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

0-89.6%, 1-7.7%, 2-1.9%, 3-0.2%, 4-0.2%, 5-0.2%, 6-0.2%

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

0-89.3%, 1-6.9%, 2-3%, 3-0.9%

(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 32.8%
 Grandparent 13.8%
 Roommate's children 0.9%
 Parent 52.6%
 Other (specify) 0

5E. How many of those persons in your households are age 60 or older? 0-52.2%, 1-25.5%, 2-21.8%, 3-0.4%, 4-0.2%

5F. Does anyone in the household have either a physical or mental disability?
 If yes, go to D1 p.17 Yes 15.9%, No 84.1%

6. Do you own or rent your home?

Own 72.1%
 Rent 26.3%
 NR/DK 0.5%

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

Less than 1 year 13.8%
 1 to 5 years 27.5%
 6 to 10 years 13.7%
 11 to 15 years 9.6%
 16 to 20 years 7%
 Over 20 years 28%
 DK/NR 0.4%

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 31.9%
 Good 48.9%
 Fair 15.9%
 Poor 2.6%
 NR/DK 0.2%

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	5.6%	22%	70.1%	2.3%
Youth gangs	3%	14.2%	77.8%	5.1%
Homelessness	3.5%	11.9%	82.2%	2.4%
Streets needing a lot of repair	16.6%	18.7%	63.3%	1.4%

Abandoned buildings	6.1%	14%	78.1%	1.7%
Trash	5.9%	12.4%	80.6%	1%
Availability of affordable housing	7.3%	16.4%	69.4%	6.6%

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

11A. Divorce or Separation?

Yes (Go On)	6.3%
No (Stop Here)	92.4%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions)	52%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions)	48%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member	7.7%
Friend	0
Social Service Agency	15.4%
Independent Professional	53.8%
Church Organization	23.1%
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.	33.3%
Don't know a place to go for help	0
Help costs too much	16.7%
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	16.7%
Managed care hassles	0
Too nervous or afraid to ask for help	16.7%
Sought help before but not satisfied	0
Stigma or shame with asking for help	16.7%

11B. Serious physical illness or medical condition?

Yes (Go On)	21.9%
No (Stop Here)	77.6%

What type of problem was it?

Complications from Obesity/weight management issues (diabetes, arthritis, mobility and accessibility restrictions, wellness programs, group support)	38.2%
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Cardiovascular complications (Heart disease; high blood pressure)	17.9%
Cancer	7.3%
Visual or hearing problems	0.8%
Neurological disorders	8.1%
Developmental disorders (attentional deficit, mental retardation)	3.3%
AIDS and HIV conditions	0
Complications associated with the Aging Process (such as arthritis, mobility limitations, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's)	7.3%
9. Other:	12.2%
10. Multiple	4.9%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions)	89.4%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions)	4.9%

Where Seek Help

Family Member	2.9%
Friend	1%
Social Service Agency	2.9%
Ind. Professional	83.5%
Church Org.	1%
Other	8.7%

Kept from Help

Couldn't get appt	50%
Don't know place to go	0
Help cost too much	50%
Couldn't get time off work	0

11C. Serious Mental Illness

Yes (Go On)	2.6%
No (Stop Here)	97.4%

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	10%
Friend	0
Soc Service Ag	10%
Ind. Professional	70%
Other	10%

Kept from Help

Couldn't get appt	33.3%
Don't know place to go	33.3%
Couldn't get time off from work	0
Wait is too long	33.3%

11D. Death in Immediate family

Yes (Go On) 8.6%
No (Stop Here) 91.4%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 52.2%
No (Go to Barrier [B] Questions) 47.8%

Where Seek Help

Family Member 44.4%
Friend 3.7%
Soc Service Ag 3.7%
Ind. Professional 22.2%
Church Org. 25.9%

Kept from Help

Couldn't get appt 0
Don't know place to go 20%
Help cost too much 20%
No one to care for children 20%
Couldn't find anyone to accept insurance 20%

11E. Chronic physical disability or disabling injury

Yes - Go to D1 thru D4 (later in the telephone protocol) 9.4%
No (Stop here)90.6%

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) 15.6%
No (Stop here)84.4%

11G. Temporary Crisis like homelessness or joblessness.

Yes (Go On) 4%
No (Stop Here) 96%

Did you seek help with this problem?

Yes (Go to "Where" [W] Questions) 73.7%
No (Go to Barrier-Version2 [B2] Questions) 26.3%

W1. Where did you seek assistance?

Family member 14.3%
Friend 21.4%
Social Service Agency 7.1%
Independent Professional 28.6%
Church Organization 0
Other. Please specify: ___28.6%___

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 20%
 Managed care hassles 40%
 Sought help before but not satisfied 20%
 Don't know to place to go for help 0
 Help cost too much 0
 The wait is too long 20%
 Transportation problems 0

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

Automobile (car or truck) 91.3%
 Cab 0.3%
 Bus 3%
 Walk 0.2%
 Ride with a friend or relative 3.8%
 Bicycle 0
 Volunteer organization 0.2%
 Other, specify 0.3%

13. Has transportation ever been a barrier for you?

Yes 12.9%
 No 86.5%

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

Employed full-time 33%
 Employed part-time 10.3%
 Unemployed 5.6%
 Retired 33.9%
 A student 2.1%
 A homemaker 10%
 Disabled or too ill to work 4.5%
 NR/DK 0.5%

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

Yes 38.9%
 No 60.2%
 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	7.6%
No	91.8%

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	7.8%
2. No	91.6%
3. DK/NR	0.6%

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

Find a job looking	28.1%
Still looking	50%
Given up	4.7%
DK/NR	17.2%

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

Quitting	4.1%
Changing careers	10.2%
Business closing or being laid off	28.6%
Got fired or was terminated	8.2%
Lacked transportation	4.1%
Became disabled	6.1%
Other	36.7%

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

Not enough	24.9%
Enough	57.4%
More than enough	17.1%
DK/NR	0.4%

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

Yes	56.9%
No	38.7%
DK/NR	4.4%

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	44.5%
Somewhat confident	35.1%
Not very confident	13.7%
DK/NR	6.7%

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	81.8%
2. A minor problem	CONTINUE to 21	14.5%
3. A major problem	CONTINUE to 21	3%
4. NR/DK	SKIP TO Q22	0.7%
5. Refused	SKIP TO Q22	0

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

Relatives or friends	25.1%
Public welfare	5.5%
Other public agency	1%
Faith-based organization	2.1%
Work	1.7%
Bank	15.3%
Pawn shop	0.7%
Other loan institution	1.4%
No place to go	2.4%
Other	3.8%
DK/NR	41.1%

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	13.4%
No	86.1%
NR/DK	0

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

Excellent	40.5%
Average	52.6%
Poor	6.6%
DK/NR	0.4%

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	14.8%
No	85.2%

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	6.9%
No	93.1%

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	3%
No	95.7%
DK	1.1%
Refused	0.2%

What was it? _____

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

English	94%
Spanish	2.3%
Vietnamese	0
Other, specific:	<u>0.5%</u>
NR/DK	0

28. How many years of education have you completed?

1-11 Less than high school	9.1%
High school graduate/GED	28.3%
Some college or technical school	30.8%
College graduate or more	28.8%
NR/DK	0.2%

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

Yes	3.7%
No	95.7%
DK/NR	0.2%

30. What ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

White	63.8%
African American	7%
Hispanic	22.8%
Native American	0.7%
Asian	0.4%
Other, specify	4.1%
NR/DK	0.5%

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 30.6%
 No 69.4%

32. INDICATE SEX BY OBSERVATION:

Female 64.2%
 Male 35.8%

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	14.1%	84.4%	1.6%
Day care run from someone’s home	7.9%	90.5%	1.6%
Head Start Program	6.3%	92.1%	1.6%
Preschool	14.1%	84.4%	1.6%
Friend or relative	29.7%	67.2%	1.6%
Babysitter in your home	14.3%	84.1%	1.6%
Babysitter outside your home	12.7%	84.1%	3.2%

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

Parent is full-time caregiver 85.4%
 Other 7.3%
 DK/NR 7.3%

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	77.4%	15.1%	7.5%
Finding child care for children with special needs	76%	14%	10%
Finding affordable child care facilities	76%	12%	12%
Finding child care convenient to your home or work	78.4%	9.8%	11.8%

Transportation to and from the child care facility	82%	12%	6%
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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	11.1%
Yes, with brother/sister	7.4%
Yes, both	0
No	79.6%
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 RESPONSSSES THAT FOLLOW.

With family member

Grandparents/other adult relatives	66.7%
Older brothers/sisters baby-sitting	15.2%

Institution

In a family day home	0
In a child care center	6.1%
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	3%
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	52.4%
With other adults	14.3%

Organized activities

Sports 19%
 Band 0
 At faith-based organization activity 0
 Scouting activities (girl/boy scouts) 0
 Youth program 0
 Other organized activities 9.5%

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 0
 Doing homework 4.8%
 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. 7.1%
 I can't really afford the types of services I desired. 17.9%

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

Public service agency (including government) 11.1%
 Employer 29.6%
 Family or friends 11.1%
 Other 14.8%
 DK/NR 33.3%

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

Yes 84.4%
 No 9.4%
 NR/DK 6.3%

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.

	<u>No Problem</u>	<u>Minor Problem</u>	<u>Major Problem</u>	<u>NR/DK</u>
Finding a job	76.3%	13.2%	10.5%	0
Harassment or bullying by other children	89.2%	2.7%	8.1%	0
Being involved or with or threatened by a gang	89.5%	2.6%	7.9%	0
Expressing aggressive or angry behavior toward others	76.3%	13.2%	10.5%	0
Failing or underachieving at school	84.2%	5.3%	10.5%	0
Serious emotional problems	86.8%	5.3%	7.9%	0
Running away from home overnight or longer	92.1%	2.6%	5.3%	0
Trouble with the law	86.8%	7.9%	5.3%	0
Drinking or drug use	89.5%	5.3%	5.3%	0
A teenage pregnancy	92.1%	5.3%	2.6%	0
Coping with having a physical disability	89.5%	0	10.5%	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	13.8%	12.8%	73.4%	0
Shopping	17.4%	14.7%	67.9%	0
Doing housework and laundry	16.1%	15.2%	68.8%	0
Using the telephone	8.1%	7.2%	84.7%	0
Taking medication	10.8%	9.9%	79.3%	0
Managing money	10.8%	10.8%	78.4%	0
Toileting ,Bathing and dressing	8.1%	9.9%	82%	0
Walking	9.9%	13.5%	76.6%	0
Eating	7.2%	5.4%	87.4%	0
Restroom	8.1%	7.2%	84.7%	0
Getting out of a chair	10.8%	13.5%	75.7%	0
Getting out of a bed	11.7%	11.7%	76.6%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	15%	16.8%	68.2%	0

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

Never	34.1%
Sometimes	39.6%

Usually 11%
 Always 15.4%

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

General availability 32%
 Cost of assistance 40%
 I don't know how to find the help 12%
 Have asked for help before but not been satisfied 12%
 Stigma or shame with asking for assistance 4%

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 15.6%
 No 83.1%
 NR/DK 1.3%

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

Yes 40.8%
 No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION) 31%
 NR/DK 28.2%

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

Yes 2.7%
 No 69.9%
 NR/DK 27.4%

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

Not a problem 61.3%
 A minor problem 5.3%
 A major problem 8%
 NR/DY 25.3%

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	20.6%	20.6%	57.1%	1.6%
Shopping	29%	21%	50%	0
Doing housework and laundry	32.3%	21%	46.8%	0
Using the telephone	18.2%	4.5%	75.8%	0
Taking medication	21.5%	12.3%	66.2%	0
Managing money	18.5%	10.8%	70.8%	0
Toileting, Bathing and dressing	18.5%	16.9%	64.6%	0

Walking	27.7%	24.6%	47.7%	0
Eating	15.4%	9.2%	75.4%	0
Restroom	18.5%	12.3%	69.2%	0
Getting out of a chair	21.5%	18.5%	60%	0
Getting out of a bed	21.5%	20%	58.5%	0
Running errands, transportation to appointments	32.8%	15.6%	48.4%	0

D1-A.

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

Never	38.5%
Sometimes	17.3%
Usually	7.7%
Always	36.5%

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

General availability	27.3%
Cost of assistance	50%
I don't know how to find the help	0
Have asked for help before but not been satisfied	22.7%

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	34.7%
No	61.2%
NR/DK	4.1%

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

Yes	45%
No (IF NOT GO TO NEXT QUESTION)	42.5%
NR/DK	12.5%

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

Yes	7.7%
No	82.1%
NR/DK	10.3%

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

Not a problem	46.2%
A minor problem	23.1%
A major problem	12.8%
NR/DY	17.9%