

Long Island Health Collaborative Community Member Survey Summary of Findings

Methodology:

Surveys were distributed by paper and electronically, through Survey Monkey, to community members. The electronic version placed rules on certain questions; for questions 1-5 an individual could select three choices, and each question was mandatory. For question 6, individuals could choose as many responses as they'd like. Although the rules were written on the paper survey, people often did not follow them. In January of 2020, we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. Data collected includes January - December 2019. We needed to add weights to the surveys which did not follow the rules - for each of the questions that had more than three responses. The weight for each response was $3/x$, where x is the count of responses. No weight was applied to questions with less than three responses because they had the option to select more and chose not to do so. With the weight determined, we applied the formula to the data and then added the remaining surveys to the spreadsheet.

Analysis Results:

1. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns in the community where you live are:***

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse	16.20%	Cancer	14.84%
2	Cancer	17.53%	Diabetes	13.94%
3	Mental Health Depression/Suicide	11.04%	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse	11.99%
4	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	10.66%	Heart Disease & Stroke	11.07%
5	Heart Disease & Stroke	8.99%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	10.05%
Sum of Column Percentages		64.41%		61.89%

2. When asked ***what the biggest ongoing health concerns for yourself are:***

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Heart Disease & Stroke	13.78%	Heart Disease & Stroke	17.10%
2	Cancer	13.21%	Cancer	14.52%
3	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	11.58%	Diabetes	13.46%
4	Women's Health & Wellness	11.08%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	10.65%
5	Mental Health Depression/Suicide	7.93%	Women's Health & Wellness	9.49%
Sum of Column Percentages		57.57%		65.23%

3. The next question sought to *identify potential barriers that people face when getting medical treatment*:

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	No Insurance	19.56%	No Insurance	19.91%
2	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles	15.75%	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles	14.50%
3	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)	14.18%	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)	12.75%
4	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor	10.00%	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor	10.79%
5	Transportation	8.21%	Language Barriers	8.09%
Sum of Column Percentages		67.71%		66.03%

4. When asked *what was most needed to improve the health of your community*:

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Healthier Food Choices	12.59%	Clean Air & Water	16.92%
2	Mental Health Services	11.87%	Healthier Food Choices	15.58%
3	Clean Air & Water	11.69%	Weight Loss Programs	11.03%
4	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services	11.24%	Mental Health Services	9.46%
5	Job Opportunities	7.94%	Job Opportunities	7.69%
Sum of Column Percentages		55.33%		60.67%

5. When people were asked *what health screenings or education services are needed in your community*:

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Mental Health/Depression	8.02%	Blood Pressure	14.17%
2	Drug & Alcohol	7.62%	Cholesterol	11.25%
3	Cancer	7.29%	Cancer	9.23%
4	Nutrition	6.16%	Exercise/Physical Activity	7.35%
5	Exercise/Physical Activity	5.98%	Nutrition	6.42%
Sum of Column Percentages		35.08%		48.43%

6. For the final question people were asked *where do you and your family get most of your health information:*

Jan-Dec 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Doctor/Health Professional	42.62%	Doctor/Health Professional	26.13%
2	Internet	20.69%	Internet	15.57%
3	Family or Friends	16.86%	Family or Friends	10.30%
4	Newspaper/Magazines	10.54%	Television	8.49%
5	Television	10.38%	Newspaper/Magazines	6.56%
Sum of Column Percentages		101.09%		67.05%

1093 surveys were collected between January 1st and December 31st, 2019. There were 311 respondents for Nassau, 702 for Suffolk.

For a full version of the spreadsheet that includes interactive tables to analyze results based on demographic factors you can visit: <https://www.lihealthcollab.org/data-resources.aspx>

About the Long Island Health Collaborative

The Long Island Health Collaborative is a partnership of Long Island’s hospitals, county health departments, physicians, health providers, community-based health and social service organizations, human service organizations, academic institutions, health plans, local government, and the business sector, all engaged in improving the health of Long Islanders. The initiatives of the LIHC draw funding from the New York State Department of Health through the Population Health Improvement Program grant.

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