

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. On April 22, 2021, we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. Data collected includes January - December 2020. 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 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Cancer	20.52%	Cancer	15.70%
2	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse	17.30%	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse	13.24%
3	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	13.11%	Heart Disease & Stroke	10.89%
4	Heart Disease & Stroke	13.00%	Diabetes	10.40%
5	Diabetes	12.17%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	8.84%
Sum of Column Percentages		76.10%		59.07%

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

Jan-Dec 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Cancer	17.00%	Heart Disease & Stroke	17.10%
2	Heart Disease & Stroke	15.98%	Cancer	14.46%
3	Women's Health & Wellness	14.27%	Women's Health & Wellness	12.26%
4	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	13.72%	Diabetes	10.93%
5	Diabetes	9.12%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues	9.99%
Sum of Column Percentages		70.09%		64.75%

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

Jan-Dec 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles	20.92%	No Insurance	17.18%
2	No Insurance	20.79%	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)	15.64%
3	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)	19.52%	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles	14.48%
4	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor	11.54%	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor	11.00%
5	Transportation	8.32%	There are no Barriers	8.88%
Sum of Column Percentages		81.09%		67.18%

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

Jan-Dec 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Mental Health Services	15.82%	Clean Air & Water	17.91%
2	Clean Air & Water	15.06%	Healthier Food Choices	16.82%
3	Healthier Food Choices	13.03%	Mental Health Services	10.76%
4	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services	10.89%	Job Opportunities	9.45%
5	Job Opportunities	10.24%	Weight Loss Programs	9.13%
Sum of Column Percentages		65.05%		64.07%

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

Jan-Dec 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Mental Health/Depression	11.97%	Blood Pressure	13.29%
2	Blood Pressure	10.72%	Exercise/Physical Activity	9.83%
3	Cancer	10.35%	Mental Health/Depression	9.80%
4	Nutrition	9.67%	Cancer	8.81%
5	Exercise/Physical Activity	9.65%	Drug & Alcohol	8.31%
Sum of Column Percentages		52.36%		50.05%

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

Jan-Dec 2020 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Doctor/Health Professional	28.96%	Doctor/Health Professional	27.91%
2	Internet	16.18%	Internet	19.02%
3	Family or Friends	12.08%	Television	10.74%
4	Newspaper/Magazines	8.91%	Family or Friends	8.90%
5	Television	8.09%	Newspaper/Magazines	7.98%
Sum of Column Percentages		74.21%		74.54%

480 surveys were collected between January 1st and December 31st, 2020. There were 127 respondents for Nassau, 307 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>

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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 are overseen by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council.

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