

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 August 29, 2019, we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. Data collected includes January - June 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-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse**	20.36%	Cancer**	15.15%
2	Cancer**	16.47%	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse**	14.10%
3	Mental Health Depression/Suicide	12.74%	Diabetes	12.96%
4	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues**	11.23%	Heart Disease & Stroke**	11.82%
5	Heart Disease & Stroke**	8.43%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues**	11.60%
	Sum of Column Percentages	69.24%		65.63%

** indicates an option present in the top five for both counties

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

Jan-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Heart Disease & Stroke**	14.17%	Heart Disease & Stroke**	17.22%
2	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues**	13.68%	Cancer**	14.70%
3	Cancer**	12.80%	Diabetes	12.51%
4	Women's Health & Wellness**	11.84%	Obesity/Weight Loss Issues**	11.72%
5	Mental Health Depression/Suicide	9.82%	Women's Health & Wellness**	10.34%
	Sum of Column Percentages	62.31%		66.49%

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

Jan-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	No Insurance**	23.24%	No Insurance**	20.39%
2	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles**	18.12%	Unable to Pay Co-pays/Deductibles**	16.69%
3	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)**	15.67%	Fear (e.g. Not ready to face/discuss health problems)**	13.90%
4	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor**	10.33%	Don't Understand Need to See a Doctor**	10.36%
5	Transportation	9.72%	Language Barriers	9.97%
Sum of Column Percentages		77.08%		71.32%

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

Jan-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Healthier Food Choices**	14.55%	Clean Air & Water**	18.86%
2	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services**	14.16%	Healthier Food Choices**	15.53%
3	Mental Health Services**	14.02%	Mental Health Services**	11.17%
4	Clean Air & Water**	12.48%	Weight Loss Programs	10.34%
5	Job Opportunities	9.25%	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services**	8.22%
Sum of Column Percentages		64.46%		64.13%

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

Jan-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Mental Health/Depression**	12.54%	Blood Pressure	15.01%
2	Drug & Alcohol	12.32%	Cholesterol	12.55%
3	Cancer**	9.80%	Cancer**	9.86%
4	Importance of Routine Well Check Ups	8.24%	Exercise/Physical Activity	8.51%
5	Nutrition	8.03%	Mental Health/Depression**	6.59%
Sum of Column Percentages		50.93%		52.51%

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

Jan-June 2019 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Doctor/Health Professional**	31.30%	Doctor/Health Professional**	28.50%
2	Internet**	15.77%	Internet**	16.43%
3	Family or Friends**	11.87%	Family or Friends**	12.08%
4	Television**	6.64%	Television**	9.34%
5	Newspaper/Magazines	6.40%	Hospital	6.60%
	Sum of Column Percentages	71.98%		72.95%

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873 surveys were collected between January 1st and June 30th, 2019. There were 272 respondents for Nassau, 526 for Suffolk and 75 for Queens.

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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