Northwell Health
Community Health Needs Assessment
2022 – 2024

Queens County

Encompasses the following Northwell Health Hospitals:
Cohen's Children Medical Center, LIJ Medical Center, and LIJ Forest Hills
About Northwell Health

Northwell Health is New York State’s largest healthcare provider that cares for over two million people annually in the New York metropolitan region. Northwell operates 21 hospitals across 13 campuses, 830 outpatient facilities and has more than 16,600 affiliated physicians on its medical staff, 4,200+ of which are members of Northwell’s multi-specialty physician’s group. Northwell is also home to the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, and we train the next generation of medical professionals at the innovative Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, and the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.

Northwell has a long-standing commitment to providing exceptional care and investing in our most vulnerable and underrepresented communities. We have developed an extensive network of community partnerships to impact the health and well-being of the diverse communities we serve.

Our goal is to measurably improve health and wellness in the communities we serve and to provide the highest quality of care for all regardless of race, ethnicity, cultural background, language proficiency, literacy, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, geographic location, or socioeconomic status. Northwell’s integrated community and population health strategy includes data-driven approaches to screening for and addressing non-medical factors (social determinants of health). In doing so, our purpose is to empower the communities we serve to eliminate disparities and create sustainable change. This work is aligned with the Surgeon General’s National Prevention strategy, and we believe is fundamental to delivering the highest quality of care to all.

The following section details the efforts of our needs assessment process for the CHNA 2022-2024 cycle. Northwell conducted both primary and secondary analysis efforts and actively engaged in efforts to listen to our communities, so as to better understand and identify their significant health needs. This report was prepared to better inform our leaders, partners, and stakeholders across the communities we serve on our approach to identify the significant health needs of our communities and alignment with the New York State Prevention Agenda Priority and Focus Areas.

Northwell Health is committed to serving our vulnerable populations to improve our communities and meet the New York State Prevention Agenda Objectives.
Northwell Health Community Health Needs Assessment 2022 - 2024

Methodology and Analysis

The purpose of the CHNA is to understand the significant health needs and priorities of those who live, play and work in the communities we serve. The Northwell Health CHNA Steering Committee began the needs assessment process for the CHNA 2022-2024 cycle in February of 2022. Our process was guided by the framework we adapted from the American Hospital Association’s Community Health Improvement, Health Needs Assessment Toolkit.

Our assessment incorporated information through both primary and secondary sources. Primary analysis efforts consisted of a series of focus groups conducted with 80 community leaders across our service area. In partnership with the Greater New York Hospital Association, we also designed and implemented a health survey which was released to our community members, patients, and families through various points of care across our health system.

A secondary analysis was also collected to understand the demographics and health outcomes of each of the counties that make up our service area. The type of data that was collected and analyzed were measures of incidence, prevalence, rates of hospitalizations mortality, trends in health behaviors, the use and access of healthcare resources, and other relevant social determinants of health factor, all of which contributed to the identification of significant health needs of the communities we serve and Northwell’s alignment with the NYSDOH Prevention Agenda.

The sources utilized for the secondary analysis of the CHNA are publicly available. A brief list of the resources are as follows:

- NYSDOH Community Health Indicator Reporting System (NYS CHIRS),
- NYSDOH Prevention Agenda (NYSDOHPA)
- NYSDOH Perinatal Data Profile
- NYSDOH Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS)
- NYSDOH Leading Causes of Death
- CDC/NVSS Life Expectancy Tables
- NYSDOH Cancer Registry
- CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)
Throughout the Needs Assessment process, special attention was given to vulnerable communities. This report synthesizes our efforts and our findings that inform the significant health needs we identified and prioritized in alignment with the New York State Prevention Agenda. Our prioritization and related efforts to address these health needs based on the findings in this appendix are documented in other aspects of our CHNA Report, namely the Northwell Health 2022-2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Summary Report, our Northwell Health Community Service Plans for each of our hospitals, and our Northwell Health 2022-2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan.
CHNA 2022 – 2024 Focus Group Discussions

In the Spring of 2022, the Northwell CHNA Steering Committee conducted a series of focus group discussions (FGDs) to gain a better understanding of what the most significant health needs are for the service area. A total of six FGDs were conducted with a total of 80 community leaders across our service area. This research was designed to produce primary data to inform the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process and subsequent implementation plans for each Northwell hospital.

Methodology

The FGDs were conducted following a scripted, semi-structured discussion guide. One FGD was held for five of our six county service area: Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, New York, and Richmond. The FGDs were held both in-person and virtually through the use of a Zoom platform. Each FGD lasted for approximately 90 minutes, and two members of Northwell’s CHNA Steering Committee served as the primary facilitators for each FGD. For Westchester County, we convened two in-person “listening tours” at Northern Westchester Hospital. The listening tours were similar to a series of key-informant interviews with community leaders. The questions asked and information gathered about community health needs during the listening tour with community leaders in Westchester County, were similar to those of the FGDs with community leaders in the remaining five counties.

Participants were recruited through snowball sampling. For each FGD, one or two initial ‘seed’ participants who are community leaders within each county were identified. These participants then identified additional participants within their network who are also community leaders in the service area. This part of the sampling process was repeated until the desired range of 9-12 participants per group was achieved for most of the FGDs.

The criteria for participation in the FGD were:

- Age 18 or older
- Identified as a ‘community leader’ within the county
- Willing to participate in an audio (for in-person sessions) or video (for virtual sessions) recorded focus group discussion.

In order to hear a range of perspectives, the Northwell CHNA Steering Committee strove to include participants from a diverse cross-section of professional and demographic groups. Community participation and input through the FGDs were drawn from all sectors serving our communities. These included:

- Leaders of various community-based organizations
- Leaders from faith-based organizations
- County public health department officials and other public health leaders
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (serving low income and medically underserved populations)
- School-system administrative leadership (i.e.: superintendents)
- Community activists
- Law Enforcement Officials
- Business Leaders
Following a round of introductions, the Northwell CHNA Steering Committee led each discussion with the following open question:

“What do you see as the most pressing health concerns of the communities you serve?”

Each FGD was video- or audio-recorded and transcribed by a professional transcription service for accuracy. The transcript was then uploaded to a web-based data management and analysis software program called Dedoose, to facilitate analysis by the research team.

In order to analyze the transcript and its data systematically, we developed a comprehensive and thematic “codebook” of 54 items. The codes were drawn from the New York State Prevention Agenda Priority Areas followed by a grounded theory approach to generate additional codes based on the discussion itself.

The integrity of the data analysis was ensured in the following ways:

- Use of trained qualitative researchers
- Double-coding of each transcript
- Convening to discuss coding experiences and arrive to consensus of code applications.

To improve coding consistency, two team members blind coded the transcripts without conferring with their partner until their coding process was completed. The coding team for each transcript convened and resolved any discrepancies to produce a final version of the codebook for application and interpretation of the transcript. Consensus was reached by referring back to codebook.

**Focus Group Considerations**

We conducted one focus group discussion in each county of our service area. Taken together, these discussions revealed numerous thematic convergences across our highly diverse service area. Additionally, participants in each county FGD raised concerns that were heightened for, or specific to, their county. We intentionally recruited participants who worked in various sectors and were socio-demographically diverse. However, the information obtained was necessarily limited by the knowledge and opinion of the participants. Several participants served primarily poor or homeless clients. This may explain, in part, why the negative SDOH affecting poor communities were discussed extensively, including food insecurity, housing insecurity, and lack of transportation. Conducting more focus groups, perhaps with participants from the same neighborhoods, could have produced a broader and more nuanced understanding of the health needs of the diverse communities of Nassau County.
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Findings

Major keywords identified from participant feedback
Worsening mental health & substance use

The most prominent theme to emerge from the FGDs was the urgent need to address worsening mental health in recent years. Several participants acknowledged that they raised mental health concerns in their communities for several years. However, there was consensus that the stress and social isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic rapidly accelerated these negative mental health trends. The FGD participants were particularly concerned about worsening mental health crises among children and adolescents. Several specified that cases were not being identified early enough, leading to more serious consequences. FGD participants also emphasized that they were seeing acute crises in children at a younger age than they ever had before the pandemic.

The FGD participants also stressed that current resources within their communities were inadequate to meet the mental health needs of those they serve. Mental health resources were insufficient for not just the youth, but also for other vulnerable populations such as members of immigrant communities and backgrounds with limited English proficiency.

Community leaders also perceived an increased addiction to drugs and alcohol within their communities, largely exacerbated by the pandemic. While the participants identified alcohol and drug use as a problem, they also addressed the stigma of alcohol and substance use as being a factor that reduces access to healthcare resources by community members.

Disruptions to care for chronic conditions

In addition to the harm from COVID-19 itself, participants noted that preventative care and regular vaccinations fell off during the pandemic and have yet to fully rebound. Ongoing relationships with providers were disrupted as a result of the pandemic which disproportionately affected communities of color that have been burdened by chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Disruptions to routine visits to pediatricians, vaccinations, and connections to schools also particularly affected children.

Poverty is a driver of poor health

Participants—several of whom work with low-income clients—named poverty as a fundamental cause for poor health and health inequities. Community leaders drew connections between a constellation of unmet social needs and their negative community health consequences. In particular, they named housing insecurity, food insecurity, financial instability, and lack of transportation as persistent barriers to wellbeing, especially among individuals who struggle to get by on low incomes. All of these adverse social determinants of health were linked to poverty.

Significant need for access to healthy & nutritious food

Participants acknowledged that food insecurity has been widespread and worsening within their communities. With inflation and rising food prices, the demand for food assistance has considerably increased within the service area.

Housing

Lack of adequate housing and homelessness was repeatedly raised as an unmet health related social need within the series of FGDs. The challenges of substandard housing or severe housing problems, such as overcrowding, unaffordability, inadequate basic utilities such as cooking gas for extended periods of time, paired with rising costs, all worsened health conditions.
Transportation

The lack of transportation also came up as a common factor contributing to poor health and worsening access issues. Participants acknowledged that access to health services and healthy & nutritious foods were even more difficult to achieve due to poor public transportation infrastructure. Affordability challenges for car ownership or cab fares, paired with poor public transportation networks made it difficult to find adequate treatment and social services.

Undocumented communities

In addition to challenges faced generally by low-income communities, participants shared that individuals and families who were undocumented had a particularly hard time of obtaining health care and getting other basic needs met. This was largely due to a lack of necessary documentation such as medical insurance cards, work permits, or drivers’ licenses. Many undocumented immigrants were also afraid to reach out and ask for health insurance because they were concerned it would affect their ability to remain in the country.

Technological challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated a trend towards telehealth visits for certain non-urgent care. In theory, conducting visits remotely via telehealth platforms could solve for lack of transportation to visits. However, participants raised concerns that poor digital literacy and lack of technological resources could also contribute to health inequities.

The following section highlights relevant quotations from our participants. The feedback is color-coded to reflect themes identified in alignment with the New York State Prevention Agenda Priority Areas.
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Focus Group Participant Feedback

“The pandemic actually exposed more than anything the harms that was going on in communities already. We were suffering from poverty, lack of resources, education, and affordable housing. This pandemic has kind of blew the lid because a lot of us who would work in this space, have been working on these issues prior to the pandemic. But what it has exposed is how great inequities are existing in this city particularly in the last two years. And so now the communities must confront it in a more direct way prior to the pandemic.”

“I think our health institutions need more resources. I think the staff in our facilities need more training or more supportive services. I don't see enough happening to keep our staff in these hospitals or medical centers. They're jaded and overwhelmed, as well, with the pandemic. We could use more resources for the staff so that they can be effective at their job. This can increase the high demands to address mental health services.”

“In Southeast Queens, particularly, we have a high concentration of pre-diabetic cases, individuals dealing with that, especially dealing with lack of quality foods in this areas. Also, we need to put more attention to hypertension in black and brown communities as it is ravaging our communities.”
**CHNA 2022 – 2024 Community Health Survey**

In collaboration with the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and its member hospitals across the New York Metropolitan region, Northwell Health participated in the 2022 Community Health Survey. The purpose of the survey was to learn from members of the community about the health issues that are important to them in order to improve the health services that are available in their neighborhoods.

**Methodology**

**Recruitment**

The Community Health Survey was open to community participation between April 11th—June 30th, 2022. Inviting community members to participate in the survey was a collective effort undertaken by GNYHA members. At Northwell, we took a multi-pronged approach to seek participation among community members across our service area:

- **Patient Experience:** We emailed a participation request and the Community Health Survey link to all 48,000+ Northwell patients who completed our Press-Ganey Patient Experience survey from January 1st, 2022 through June 30th 2022.
- **Go Health:** We texted a participation request with the survey link to all 17,000+ patients seen in our network of Go Health urgent care practices during the survey period.
- **Innovare Kiosks:** We created an advertisement requesting participation with a QR code linking to the survey. The advertisement ran several times daily during the survey period on the 33 Innovare advertising and phone-charging kiosks located throughout the health system.
- **CBO Partnerships:** We reached out to over 180 community leaders with whom we partner to request that they distribute the survey to the communities they serve in our service area. They included leaders of community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, and businesses, among others.
- **Community Events:** We distributed quarter-sheet flyers requesting participation with a QR code link to the survey at community events held by the OCPH during the survey period. These events included a health career fair, cancer screenings, food distributions, among others.
- **Website:** We posted a link to the survey on our public-facing Northwell Health website for the duration of the survey period.

**Eligibility**

Any community member living in our six-county hospital service area age 18 or older was eligible to participate. Respondents were asked to report their zip code on the survey. No personally identifying information (e.g., names, addresses, phone numbers, or email) were collected.
Sampling

The 2022 GNYHA CHNA Survey used a non-probability convenience sample. A web-based survey tool and a paper-based tools were used to collect the survey data. Participants who completed the survey online could use any Internet-enabled device. Surveys were available in the 11 most widely spoken languages in the New York Metropolitan area: English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Yiddish, Bengali, Korean, Haitian Creole, Italian, Arabic, and Polish. All data collected were self-reported by respondents.

Analysis

Initial summary data analysis was completed by GNYHA. Northwell conducted sub-analyses at the county level and for certain neighborhoods within our service area, in collaboration with GNYHA, in order to gain finer insight into the needs of our diverse communities.

Survey Considerations

The survey used a non-probability convenience strategy to recruit participants. Anyone who was 18+ years of age and lived within the survey area was eligible to participate. As a result, respondents differed from the general population in certain characteristics.

Among those who provided their demographic data, respondents were older, more female, predominantly white, more highly educated, and wealthier (households that made more than $100,000 last year), than the average for the six-county service area. The survey respondents’ demographics should be kept in mind when interpreting these findings.
CHNA 2022 – 2024 Community Health Survey

Survey Findings

The information below reflects the survey findings of all respondents within our six-county service area:

**Respondent Demographics**

- A total of 11,647 qualified respondents who were ages 18+ and lived within our six-county service area participated in the survey.
- Older individuals made up the majority of respondents. 85% (n=5,423) of respondents who reported their ages were 45 or older. However, 45% (n=5,299) of respondents did not report their age.
- The majority (67%) of respondents who reported their gender were women. 34% of respondents (n=3,943) did not indicate their gender or preferred not to say.
- Most (71%) respondents who reported their race/ethnicity indicated that they were White and non-Hispanic. 34% of respondents (n=3,909) did not indicate their race/ethnicity at all.
- College graduates comprised 67% of the respondents who chose to indicate the highest level of school they had completed.
- 44% (n=2,937) of those who specified their household income in the last year indicated that it was $100,000 or more. 44% of all respondents did not respond to the income question. 47% (n=3,626) of those who indicated their current employment status were retired; 31% (n=2,347) were employed full-time for wages or salary.

The survey asked respondents to consider 21 different health issues and indicate how important each issue was to them on a five-point scale, ranging from ‘Not at all’ to ‘Extremely’. Respondents were also asked to indicate how satisfied they were with the current services in their neighborhood to address each of the 21 health issues. Issues that were above average for respondents in terms of importance, yet below average in terms of respondents’ satisfaction with current services to address the issue were designated as “Needs Attention”. Based on the survey responses (issues ranked as above average importance but below average satisfaction), the following three conditions were determined to be needing attention for the six-county service area:

1. Violence (including gun violence)
2. Stopping falls among the elderly
3. Mental health/depression

The top 10 most important issues for respondents were as follows:

- Dental care
- Violence (including gun violence)
Respondents were also asked to indicate whether or not in the last 12 months they had experienced any of a series of SDOH-related issues. 49% (n=3,940) of those who answered the question said that their household expenses had increased. 39% (n=3,161) had experienced anxiety or depression. 29% (n=2,362) said that their medical expenses had increased.

Survey Findings for Queens County

The following section details the summary of findings for respondents from Queens County. This is followed by a detailed analysis of responding feedback.

Summary: Survey respondents for Queens County were mainly white and female. Approximately 44% of respondents were 65 years or older, and a quarter of them (26%) had a household income of $100,000 or more. Over half of the respondents had a college degree or higher and almost half of them were retired. Nearly half of the respondents indicated experiencing financial challenges with rising expenses to meet basic needs (i.e.: households, rent/mortgage, medical bills). Survey respondents also reported challenges accessing medical care when needed, largely due to the lack of timely appointments available. The top health concerns identified as being important to respondents but with inadequate resources to address them were related to violence, including gun violence, falls among the elderly, worsening mental health and women’s and maternal health care.

Demographics

- **Language:** Approximately 14% of survey respondents spoke a primary language at home other than English; The non-English language primarily spoken at home the most among the survey respondents was Spanish.

- **Race/Ethnicity:** Survey respondents from this county were mostly White (46%). The proportion of survey respondents that were non-White were Black (19%), Hispanic (18%), AAPI (11%) with 6% as Other.

- **SOGI:** Survey respondents from the county mainly identified as female (68%); 86% of respondents identified as Straight, 3% identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual, and 9% preferred not to say.

- **Age:** Survey respondents skewed toward older age groups with over 44% aged 65 or older, followed by 35% in the 45-65 age range.
- **Insurance Coverage**: Survey respondents were primarily insured by Medicare (40%); 37% were commercially insured.

- **Education and Income**: Survey respondents of the county skewed towards highly educated with 54% having a college degree or higher; 26% of the survey respondents had a household income greater than or equal to $100,000.

- **Employment Status**: Nearly half of survey respondents were retired (44%), and 31% of respondents were employed full time; approximately 5% of survey respondents were unemployed at the time they took the survey

**Health Status & Needs Identified:**

- **Overall Health of Neighborhood**: Approximately 19% of survey respondents identified the overall health of their neighborhood as very good or excellent.

- **Physical Health**: 26.4% of survey respondents identified their physical health as being ‘Fair’ or ‘Poor’

- **Mental Health**: Over 15% of survey respondents identified their physical health as being ‘Fair’ or ‘Poor’

- **Health-Related Social Needs**: 48.9% of survey respondents indicated they experienced an increase in their household expenses within the last year; 11.5% indicated difficulties in paying their rent or mortgage. Similarly, 27.5% indicated experiencing higher medical expenses in the last year. Additionally, 37.6% respondents indicated experiencing anxiety or depression.

- **COVID-19 Needs**: Half of survey respondents identified the need for at-home COVID-19 tests (54.2%) and access to boosters for COVID-19 (43.3%). Over 40% of survey respondents also identified the need for reliable sources of information on COVID-19.

- **Access to Care**: Approximately 17% of survey respondents in the county indicated they were unable to access medical care in-person when they needed it. The top reason identified was that ‘There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment soon enough’. Additionally, 7% of the respondents indicated they were unable to get medical care virtually (video or phone), the primary reason being ‘There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment’

- **Health Needs Identified**: The three main health needs that survey respondents ranked as having the highest importance but the lowest satisfaction of services within their neighborhood were related to 1) violence (including gun violence), 2) stopping falls among the elderly, 3) mental health and depression and 4) women’s and maternal health care.
Queens County

Survey Respondent Demographics
Total Qualified Respondents: 2,209

Primary language you speak at home

- **English**, 86%
- Other than English, **14%**

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Race & Ethnicity

- **White**, 46%
- **Black**, 19%
- **Hispanic**, 18%
- **A&PI**, 11%
- Other, 6%

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No response: 711
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Insurance Coverage

- Medicare: 40%
- Commercial: 37%
- Medicaid: 15%
- Uninsured: 0.5%
- Other: 7%
- Other: 7%

No response: 698

Sexual Orientation

- Straight: 86%
- Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual: 3%
- Prefer not to say: 9%
- Other: 2%

No response: 733

Gender Identity

- Male: 29%
- Female: 68%
- Prefer not to say: 2%
- Non-binary: 0.5%

No response: 694

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No response: 918

Education

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<td>Less than high school</td>
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<td>Some college / technical school</td>
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No response: 728

Employment Status

Retired, 44%
Employed - Full Time, 31%
Employed - Part Time, 7%
Unable to work, 7%
Self-employed, 3%
Unemployed, 5%
Homemaker, 3%
A student, 1%

No response: 730

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In general, how is your ...  

...overall health?

...physical health?

...mental health?

Survey Results
Total Qualified Respondents: 2,209

Queens County
**Queens County Survey Results**

**Total Qualified Respondents: 2,209**

### What are your COVID-19 needs?*

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<td>At-home COVID-19 tests</td>
<td>867</td>
<td>54.2%</td>
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<td>Personal protective equipment (e.g., masks, hand sanitizer, face shields, gloves)</td>
<td>722</td>
<td>45.2%</td>
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<td>Boosters for COVID-19</td>
<td>693</td>
<td>43.3%</td>
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<td>Reliable source(s) of information on COVID-19</td>
<td>653</td>
<td>40.8%</td>
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<td>In-person testing for COVID-19 (e.g., doctor’s office, pharmacy, mobile van)</td>
<td>642</td>
<td>40.2%</td>
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<td>Treatment for COVID-19</td>
<td>535</td>
<td>33.5%</td>
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<td>COVID-19 vaccination</td>
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*No response: 610*

### In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following?*

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<td>Increased household expenses</td>
<td>762</td>
<td>48.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Anxiety or depression</td>
<td>586</td>
<td>37.6%</td>
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<td>Increased medical expenses</td>
<td>397</td>
<td>25.5%</td>
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<td>Difficulty paying utilities or other monthly bills</td>
<td>236</td>
<td>15.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Difficulty paying your rent/mortgage</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
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<td>Hunger or skipped meals because you did not have enough money to buy food</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
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<td>None of the above</td>
<td>446</td>
<td>28.6%</td>
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*No response: 650*

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*Total respondents: 2,209*
Queens County
Survey Results
Total Qualified Respondents: 2,209

In the last 12 months, was there a time when you needed medical care in-person but did not get it?

- Yes: 262 (17%)
- No: 1,284 (83%)

For which of the following reasons could not get medical care in-person the last 12 months?*

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<td>There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment soon enough</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>52.5%</td>
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<td>I could not get through on the telephone to make the appointment</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>26.6%</td>
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<td>Because of COVID-19</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>25.9%</td>
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<td>I could not afford the cost of care (e.g., copay, deductible)</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>15.8%</td>
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<td>Once I got there the wait was too long to see the doctor</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
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<td>I did not have transportation</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>13.9%</td>
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<td>I did not have health insurance</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>I did not have childcare</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>6.2%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>18.1%</td>
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<td>None of the above</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
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In the last 12 months, was there a time when you needed medical care by video or phone but could not get it?

- Yes: 104 (7%)
- No: 1,455 (93%)

For which of the following reasons could not get medical care by video or phone in the last 12 months?*

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<td>There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>41.6%</td>
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<td>I could not get through on the telephone to make the appointment</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
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<td>I did not know how to see the doctor by video or phone</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>I could not afford the cost of care (e.g., copay, deductible)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>I did not have a computer, phone, or other device to use for the visit</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
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<td>I did not have internet</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
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<td>I did not have a private place to have my appointment</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
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<td>I did not have health insurance</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>I did not have data or minutes in my phone plan to use for a visit</td>
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<td>3.0%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>None of the above</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>11.9%</td>
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**Queens County**

**Survey Results**

**Importance and Satisfaction Ratings**

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<th>Importance Rank*</th>
<th>Importance Score^</th>
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<tr>
<td>Violence (including gun violence)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4.55</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>2.58</td>
<td>Below Average</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stopping falls among elderly</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4.23</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>2.99</td>
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<td>Mental health/depression</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>4.17</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>2.80</td>
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<td>Women's and maternal health care</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>4.03</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>3.05</td>
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<td><strong>Needs Attention</strong></td>
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<td>COVID-19</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4.40</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3.54</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
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<td>Dental care</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4.39</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3.33</td>
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<td>Cancer</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4.37</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Heart disease</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4.35</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3.29</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
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<td>Access to healthy/nutritious foods</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4.27</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>High blood pressure</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4.27</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3.36</td>
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<td>Diabetes/elevated sugar in the blood</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>4.08</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3.19</td>
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<td>Arthritis/disease of the joints</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>4.07</td>
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<td><strong>Maintain Efforts</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Obesity in children and adults</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>3.94</td>
<td>Below Average</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>2.81</td>
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<td>Substance use disorder/drug addiction (including alcohol use disorder)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>3.76</td>
<td>Below Average</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Cigarette smoking/tobacco use/vaping/e-cigarettes/hookah</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>3.55</td>
<td>Below Average</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>2.73</td>
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<td>Hepatitis C/liver disease</td>
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<td>3.45</td>
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<td>Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>3.30</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>2.86</td>
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<td>HIV/AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>3.27</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>2.94</td>
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<td>Asthma/breathing problems or lung disease</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>3.95</td>
<td>Below Average</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>3.09</td>
<td>Above Average</td>
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<td>Adolescent and child health</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>3.95</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>Infant health</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>3.21</td>
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*How important is this issue to you?*

**How satisfied are you with current services in your neighborhood?**

^Rated on a 5-point scale from 1="Not at all" to 5="Extremely"
Northwell CHNA 2022-2024
Secondary Analysis
Sociodemographics

Population

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<td>Population</td>
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10 Year Population Change

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<td>Change</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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Overall County Health Ranking: **12**

Quality of Life Ranking: **40**

Length of Life Ranking: **8**
## Sociodemographics

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### Life Expectancy
- **81.5 years**

### Birth Rate
- **11.8 Birth rate per 1,000 population**

### Mortality Rate
- **512.7 Age-adjusted total mortality rate per 100,000**

### Top Five Leading Causes of Death

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The SVI identifies relative vulnerability of every U.S. Census tract and ranks census tracts on 15 social factors, including unemployment, minority status, and disability. It groups these measures into four related themes, as well as an overall ranking. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index
Sociodemographics

### Race

**Queens**
- White: 35.9%
- Black: 25.9%
- Asian: 18.1%
- Other: 20.2%

**New York State**
- White: 21.5%
- Black: 8.7%
- Asian: 14.2%
- Other: 55.6%

Legend:
- White
- Black
- Asian
- Other

### Ethnicity

**Queens**
- Hispanic or Latino: 27.8%
- Not Hispanic or Latino: 72.2%

**New York State**
- Hispanic or Latino: 19.5%
- Not Hispanic or Latino: 80.5%

Legend:
- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

### Language

**Languages Spoken at Home Other than English**

**Queens**
- English: 55.2%
- Other Languages: 44.8%

**New York State**
- English: 30.0%
- Other Languages: 70.0%

### Speaks English less than "very well"

**Queens**
- Very well: 72.3%
- Less than very well: 27.7%

**New York State**
- Very well: 98.0%
- Less than very well: 2.0%

### Gender

**Queens**
- Male: 48.5%
- Female: 51.5%

**New York State**
- Male: 48.5%
- Female: 51.5%

Legend:
- Male
- Female

### Age

**Queens**
- 0 - 17: 12.8%
- 18 - 44: 20.9%
- 45 - 64: 25.5%
- 65+: 40.8%

**New York State**
- 0 - 17: 13.3%
- 18 - 44: 26.1%
- 45 - 64: 22.8%
- 65+: 37.8%

Legend:
- 0 - 17
- 18 - 44
- 45 - 64
- 65+
**Sociodemographics**

### Income
- **Queens**: $72,975
- **New York State**: $72,038

### Unemployment
- **Queens**: 3.5%
- **New York State**: 4.0%

### Veteran Status
- **Queens**: 2.2%
- **New York State**: 3.9%

### Medicaid Insured
- **Queens**: 29.4%
- **New York State**: 25.7%

### Disability Status
- **Queens**: 9.7%
- **New York State**: 12.0%

### Uninsured
- **Queens**: 8.9%
- **New York State**: 5.4%

### Foreign Born
- **Queens**: 46.9%
- **New York State**: 22.4%
### Education

**Queens**
- **College Graduates**: 54.5%
  - Population aged 25 years and older with at least some college

**New York State**
- **College Graduates**: 60.8%

**Queens**
- **Less than High School**: 18.0%
  - Population aged 25 years and older with less than a high school degree

**New York State**
- **Less than High School**: 13.2%

### Poverty

**Queens**
- **All Poverty**: 11.6%
  - Population below 100% FPL

**New York State**
- **All Poverty**: 13.6%

**Queens**
- **Childhood Poverty**: 14.4%
  - Children aged <18 years below poverty

**New York State**
- **Childhood Poverty**: 18.2%

### Housing

**Queens**
- **Rent**: $1,583
  - Monthly median gross rent

**New York State**
- **Rent**: $1,280

**Queens**
- **Housing Burden**: 42.6%
  - Monthly Housing Costs is equal to or greater than 30% of monthly household income

**New York State**
- **Housing Burden**: 36.9%

**Queens**
- **Substandard Housing**: 31.0%
  - Household with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.

**New York State**
- **Substandard Housing**: 23.0%

### Transportation

**Queens**
- **Travel Time**: 44.4 minutes
  - Mean travel time in minutes to work

**New York State**
- **Travel Time**: 33.6 minutes

**Queens**
- **Driving Alone**: 54.5%
  - Percentage of work population who drove alone (car, truck, and van)

**New York State**
- **Driving Alone**: 53.0%

**Queens**
- **Public Transportation**: 13.2%
  - Percentage of work population who used public transportation (excluding taxicab)

**New York State**
- **Public Transportation**: 28.0%
Health Status

Findings:

- Hospitalizations in the County and New York State (NYS) remained relatively stable between 2016-2019.
- Emergency department visits showed a decrease between 2016 – 2019 with the County having a lower rate than the NYS overall.
- The percentage of adults between 18-64 with health insurance has remained stable at above 87% in the County; slightly lower than the State at 92.5%.
- Children in the County have health insurance at comparable rates to the State, above 97%.
- The percentage of the population that are Medicaid insured in the County and the State has been relatively unchanged.
- The percentage of adults with access to a regular healthcare provider have decreased at a faster rate in the County compared to the State.

Healthcare Utilization

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<td>Hospitalizations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age-adjusted total hospitalization rate per 10,000</td>
<td>1,016.4</td>
<td>999.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>1,077.3</td>
<td>1,065.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>1,018.0</td>
<td>1,064.4</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>987.5</td>
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Healthcare Access

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<td>Insurance Coverage</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percentage of adults aged 18-64 years with health insurance</td>
<td>92.0</td>
<td>92.5</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>87.6</td>
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ER Visits

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Health Status

Findings:

- Total preventable hospitalizations improved in the County and slightly improved in the State.
- The difference in preventable hospitalization rates for adults between Black and White populations have widened and the State, suggesting ongoing disparities.
- The Hispanic-to-White ratio of preventable hospitalizations increased for the County and the State.
- The County experienced an improvement in the percentage of total premature deaths.
- The disparity in premature deaths between Black and White populations in the County has been stable.
- The disparity in premature deaths between Hispanic and White populations in the County have been stable.

### Preventable Hospitalizations

#### Overall

Potentially preventable hospitalizations among adults, age-adjusted rate per 10,000

- Queens: 115.5
- NYS: 128.1

#### Black to White

Potentially preventable hospitalizations among adults, difference in age-adjusted rates per 10,000 between Black non-Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

- Queens: 49.6
- NYS: 87.7
- Difference: 128.1 - 115.5 = 12.6

#### Hispanic to White

Potentially preventable hospitalizations among adults, difference in age-adjusted rates per 10,000 between Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

- Queens: 8.4
- NYS: 21.9
- Difference: 34.6

### Premature Deaths

#### Overall

Percentage of premature deaths (before age 65 years)

- Queens: 23.8
- NYS: 22.9

#### Black to White

Premature deaths (before age 65 years), difference in percentages between Black non-Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

- Queens: 16.9
- NYS: 15.1
- Difference: 17.7

#### Hispanic to White

Premature deaths (before age 65 years), difference in percentages between Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

- Queens: 16.7
- NYS: 17.1

- Queens: 16.5
- NYS: 16.4

### Note on Disparities

- The trend continues with improvement in hospitalizations and slight improvement in premature deaths.
- Disparities widen between Black and White populations, with Hispanics having slightly better outcomes compared to previous years.

### Comparison Across Counties

- Queens NYS
  - Overall: 115.5 - 128.1
  - Black to White: 49.6 - 87.7
  - Hispanic to White: 8.4 - 21.9

- Queens NYS
  - Overall: 23.8 - 22.9
  - Black to White: 16.9 - 15.1
  - Hispanic to White: 16.7 - 17.1
Findings:

- The overall prevalence of cigarette smoking has improved in both the County and the State.
- The percentage of cigarette smoking among the County’s low-income adults has improved and is lower compared to the State.
- The County’s percentage of low-income adults consuming sugar beverages has worsened and is still lower compared to the State.
- The County’s percentage of households receiving Food Stamp/SNAP benefits decreased and so did the State’s percentage.
- The percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch has increased in the County and the State, reaching approximately 72% and 55% respectively.

### Smoking

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### Healthy Eating & Food Security

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<th>Percentage of adults with an annual household income less than $25,000 who consume one or more sugary drinks per day</th>
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**Improving:** 2015 - 2017  
**No Significant Change:** 2015 - 2017  
**Getting Worse:** 2018 - 2020
Health Behaviors

Findings:

- The rate of adults participating in physical activity for leisure has been stable in the County but improved in the State.
- Adults 65 and older improved in their rates of leisure time physical activity in the County compared to the State.
- Rates of physical activity also improved for adults with disabilities at the County and State level.
- The percentage of children aged 2-4 years old enrolled in WIC and watching TV for 2 hours or less a day noticeably improved.

Physical Activity

Percentage of adults who participate in leisure-time physical activity.

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Percentage of adults who participate in leisure-time physical activity, aged 65+ years.

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Percentage of adults with disabilities who participate in leisure-time physical activity.

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Percentage of children (aged 2-4 years) enrolled in WIC watching TV 2 hours or less per day.

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Findings:

- Hospitalization rates for cardiovascular disease have worsened in the County since 2016; the County’s mortality rates due to cardiovascular disease are comparable to the State and have shown some improvement.
- The County’s rate of hospitalizations for coronary heart disease (CHD) have been stable and are similar to the rate statewide.
- The County’s mortality rate for CHD has improved over the last few years, while the State’s mortality rate for CHD stayed stable.
- The rate of hospitalizations for cerebrovascular strokes are comparable to the State but have worsened; stroke related mortality rates have experienced worsened in the County but have remained stable statewide.

### Cardiovascular Disease

**Age-adjusted cardiovascular disease hospitalization rate per 10,000**

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### Coronary Heart Disease (CHD)

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### Stroke

**Age-adjusted cerebrovascular disease (stroke) hospitalization rate per 10,000**

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### Age-adjusted cardiovascular disease mortality rate per 100,000

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**Improving** 2015 - 2017  
**No Significant Change** 2015 - 2017  
**Getting Worse** 2015 - 2017
**Findings:**

- The County’s rate of preventable heart failure inpatient admissions is lower than the State but has increased since 2017.
- Compared to the State, the County’s mortality rate from congestive heart failure is lower, but has increased (from 4.1 to 4.7).
- Preventable Quality Indicators (PQI) for heart failure admission rates were highest in the southeastern portion of the County.

**Heart Failure**

Potentially preventable heart failure hospitalization rate per 10,000 - Aged 18 years and older

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Age-adjusted congestive heart failure mortality rate per 100,000

- Queens: 4.1, 4.7
- NYS: 11.6, 10.8

**PQI 08 Heart Failure Admission Rate**
**Findings:**

- The overall rate of preventable admissions were higher in the southeastern section of the County.
- Admissions for PQI 91 were relatively low in the County.
- The percentage of adults with chronic conditions who took a course or class to learn how to manage their condition, decreased in the County, while State rates were lower yet remained stable.
- Preventable admissions for chronic conditions were highest in the southeastern portion of the County.

**Chronic Conditions**

Percentage of adults with chronic conditions (arthritis, asthma, CVD, diabetes, CKD, cancer) who have taken a course or class to learn how to manage their condition.
Findings:

- The adult obesity rate for the County has trended in the same direction as the State and has worsened; the County’s obesity rate is still lower than the State’s obesity rate.
- The percentage of the County’s low-income adults with obesity has also worsened but is currently lower than the rate statewide.
- Obesity trends among children and adolescents have been relatively stable in both the County and the State; the County has a higher rate of childhood obesity than the state (20.4% vs 17.2%).
- The percentage of children (aged 2-4) in the WIC program who are obese has decreased in the County, slightly less than the State percentage (13.1% vs 13.8%).

**Obesity**

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**Childhood Obesity**

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**Improving** 2015 - 2017  
**No Significant Change** 2015 - 2017  
**Getting Worse** 2015 - 2017
Findings:

- The County has a lower rate of hospitalization due to diabetes compared to the State, but rates have increased since 2016 (from 14.4% to 17.1%).
- Diabetes related mortality rates have worsened both county- and state-wide, however, the County has a comparably lower rate (16.1% vs 18.1%).
- There has been a decline in the County’s adult (ages 45+) population who tested for high blood sugar or diabetes in the last 3 years.
- PQI-93 diabetes composite inpatient admission rates are highest in the southeastern sections of the County.

**Diabetes**

Age-adjusted diabetes hospitalization rate per 10,000 (primary diagnosis)

Age-adjusted diabetes mortality rate per 100,000

Percentage of adults who had a test for high blood sugar or diabetes within the past three years, aged 45+ years

PQI 93 Diabetes Composite Admission Rate
Findings:

- Preventable hospitalizations for short term complications from diabetes steadily increased in both the County and the State since 2016.
- PQIs 01 and 03, preventable inpatient admissions for both short- and long-term complications due to diabetes are highest in the southeastern portions of the County.

### Diabetes Complications

#### PQI 03: Diabetes Long-Term Complication Admission Rate

#### PQI 01 Diabetes Short-Term Complication Admission Rate

Potentially preventable diabetes short-term complications hospitalization rate per 10,000 - Aged 18 years and older.
Findings:

- PQI 14 - uncontrolled diabetes admission rates are concentrated in the southeastern sections of the County.
- PQI 16 - lower-extremity amputation among patients with diabetes rates are highest on the southern part of the County.
Chronic Conditions

Findings:

- Preventable hospitalization rates for adults with hypertension has worsened in both the County and the State, with relatively higher rates in the County (9.4% vs 7.7%)
- At 78.6%, the County has more adults with hypertension taking medicine to manage their high blood pressure than the State at 76.9%
- PQI 07 – Hypertension admission rates are highest in the southeastern portion of the County

Hypertension

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PQI 07 Hypertension Admission Rate

- Potentially preventable hypertension hospitalization rate per 10,000 - Aged 18 years and older
- Improvement lags compared to the State
- The southeastern portion of the County had the highest admission rates

Queens

- The quantity of adults with hypertension taking medicine to manage their high blood pressure is 78.6%

NYS

- The quantity of adults with hypertension taking medicine to manage their high blood pressure is 76.9%
Findings:

- The age-adjusted rates of hospitalizations and mortality from asthma is lower in the County as compared to the State.
- Asthma hospitalization for adults 65+ in the County has gone down but has been higher than the State overall.
- The County’s asthma related mortality rates showed an improvement in its trend and dropped lower than the State rate.
Findings:

- Since 2016, hospitalization rates for chronic lower respiratory disease have decreased in the County and the State.
- Mortality rates per 100,000 from chronic lower respiratory disease have remained stable.
- PQI 05 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or asthma in older adults admission rates are high all over the County but particularly concentrated in the southeastern section.

**Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease**

**Age-adjusted chronic lower respiratory disease hospitalization rate per 10,000**

- 2016: 22.8
- 2017: 22.4
- 2018: 20.6
- 2019: 19.0

**Age-adjusted chronic lower respiratory disease mortality rate per 100,000**

- 2016: 16.0
- 2017: 16.3
- 2018: 16.1
- 2019: 16.3

**PQi 05 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate**

[Map showing the admission rates]
Findings:

- Emergency department visit rates for asthma among the youth aged 0-17 declined significantly from 2016-2019 in the County and NYS.
- PQI 15 - asthma in younger adults admission rates are concentrated in the southeastern portion of the County.
- Hospitalization rates for pneumonia and the flu among those age 65 and older decreased in both the County and the State.
- PQI 11 - community acquired pneumonia admission rates were low and not strongly observed in the County.

### Youth Asthma & Pneumonia

#### PQI 15 Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate

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#### PQI 11 Community Acquired Pneumonia Admission Rate

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Findings:

- The age-adjusted incidence rate for all cancer was lower in the County than the State; the trend in the rate since 2015 has improved.
- The age-adjusted mortality rate for all cancer was stable for the County but improved for the State.
Findings:

- The age-adjusted incidence rate for ovarian cancer was decreased for the County at a faster rate than the State.
- The age-adjusted mortality rate from ovarian cancer worsened in the County but improved statewide.
- The age-adjusted incidence rate for cervix uteri cancer improved in County and the State since 2015.
- The age-adjusted mortality rate for cervix uteri cancer declined in the County and the State.

### Ovarian Cancer

Age-adjusted ovarian cancer incidence rate per 100,000

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### Cervix Uteri Cancer

Age-adjusted cervix uteri cancer incidence rate per 100,000

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### Ovarian Cancer Mortality Rate

Age-adjusted ovarian cancer mortality rate per 100,000

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### Cervix Uteri Cancer Mortality Rate

Age-adjusted cervix uteri cancer mortality rate per 100,000

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Findings:

- The County had an age-adjusted colon and rectum cancer incidence rate similar to the State.
- The age-adjusted mortality rate from colon and rectum cancer decreased for the County and the State.
- The percentage of adults aged 50-64 receiving a colorectal cancer screening remained flat in the County, but improved in the State.
- There were higher than expected rates of observed colorectal cancer cases throughout the County.

### Colorectal Cancer

**Age-adjusted colon and rectum cancer incidence rate per 100,000**

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**Age-adjusted colon and rectum cancer mortality rate per 100,000**

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**Percentage of adults who receive a colorectal cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines, aged 50-64 years**

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**Key:**
- Red: 50.0% or greater than expected
- Light red: 15.0% - 49.9% greater than expected
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- Black: 50.0% or greater than expected
Findings:

- The County’s age-adjusted incidence rates for female breast worsened since 2015.
- The age-adjusted late-stage female breast cancer rates slightly improved in the County and the State.
- The age-adjusted female breast cancer mortality rate increased in the County but decreased in the State.
- Greater than expected cases of breast cancer were clustered in the eastern and western parts of the County.

Breast Cancer

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Key:
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- 15.0% - 49.9% greater than expected
- Within 14.9% or less of expected
Findings:

- Between 2015 to 2019, the age-adjusted incidence rate for prostate cancer and late-stage prostate cancer remained lower than the State rates, but showed slight increases.
- The age-adjusted mortality rate for prostate cancer worsened in the County, while improving in the State.
- The southeastern part of the County observed greater than expected cases of prostate cancer cases.

Prostate Cancer

Age-adjusted prostate cancer incidence rate per 100,000

Age-adjusted prostate cancer late stage incidence rate per 100,000

Age-adjusted prostate cancer mortality rate per 100,000

Key:
- 50.0% or greater than expected
- 15.0% - 49.9% greater than expected
- Within 14.9% or less of expected
**Findings:**

- The age-adjusted incidence rate for lung and bronchus cancer has been lower in the County as compared to the State and the incidence has remained stable.
- The age-adjusted lung and bronchus cancer mortality rates increased for the County but decreased for the State.
- Greater than expected rates of lung cancer were observed in clusters throughout the County.

### Lung Cancer

- **Age-adjusted lung and bronchus cancer incidence rate per 100,000**
  - 2015: 43.9
  - 2016: 43.3
  - 2017: 43.7
  - 2018: 42.8

- **Age-adjusted lung and bronchus cancer mortality rate per 100,000**
  - Queens: 18.7, 20.0, 33.0
  - NYS: 30.0

**Map Key:**
- **50.0% or greater than expected**
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Findings:

- The age-adjusted incidence and mortality rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer remained stable for both the County and the State.
- The rate of outpatient visits for dental caries among children 3-5 years old has improved and has been significantly lower than the State.
- The age-adjusted melanoma mortality rate remained flat for the County and the State.

**Oral Cancer**

Age-adjusted oral cavity and pharynx cancer incidence rate per 100,000

Age-adjusted oral cavity and pharynx cancer mortality rate per 100,000

Caries outpatient visit rate per 10,000 - Aged 3-5 years

**Melanoma**

Age-adjusted melanoma cancer mortality rate per 100,000
**Findings:**

- The northeastern and northwestern portions of the County experienced greater than expected rates of urinary cancer cases.
- The rate of greater than expected non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cases were spread throughout the County.

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Findings:

- The age-adjusted percentage of County residents who experienced mental distress during the past month, increased for both the County and the State.
- The County has had a lower rate of adults reporting adverse childhood experiences compared to the State (28.2% vs 35.6%).
- Age-adjusted suicide rates have worsened in the County but were stable in the State.
- Age-adjusted suicide rates for youths aged between 15-19 years old have noticeably worsened in the County and the State.

Insert quote on mental health from Suffolk County focus group if avail. If not avail – drop a stat on childhood mental health.
Findings:

- The age-adjusted percentage of binge drinking, reported in the past month decreased in the County and the State overall.
- The rate of alcohol related motor vehicle injuries have increased in the County but has remained lower than the rate statewide.
- The age-adjusted opioid overdose death rate got worse since 2015, for both the County and the State; County rates have consistently been lower than the State.
- The rate of opioid overdose ED visits has been stable in the County but the State has seen improvement; the County rate is still significantly lower than the rate statewide (22.9 vs 53.1 per 100,000 population).
- The age-adjusted opioid analgesic prescription rates declined for both the County and the State.
- The rate of buprenorphine prescriptions have remained slightly improved in the County but are considerably lower than the rate statewide.

### Substance Abuse

#### Binge Drinking

Binge drinking during the past month among adults, age-adjusted percentage

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#### Opioid Overdose Deaths

Overdose deaths involving any opioids, age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population

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#### Prescribed Opioid Use

Opioid analgesic prescription, age-adjusted rate per 1,000 population

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#### Drunk Driving

Alcohol related motor vehicle injuries and deaths per 100,000

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#### Opioid Overdose ED Visits

ED visits (incl. outpatients & admitted patients) involving any opioid overdose, age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population

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#### Buprenorphine Use

Patients who received at least one buprenorphine prescription for opioid use disorder, age-adjusted rate per 100,000 population

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**Findings:**

- The County and NYS percentages of women aged 18-44 and 45+ receiving a preventive medical visit were similar and ranged from 79% to 89%.
- In the County, 28.2% of women aged 18-44 reported talking with a health care provider about ways to prepare for a healthy pregnancy as compared to only 35.3% in NYS.
- The percentage of births with adequate prenatal care are 77.5% and 76% for the County and the State, respectively.
Findings:

- The maternal mortality rate decreased in the County from 14.5 to 10.8 per 100,000 live births, while the State rate increased from 15.3 to 20.4 live births.
- The percentage of births to women aged 25+ without a high school education declined in the County and the State.
- The percentage of premature births remained relatively stable in the State but slightly increased in the County.
- The County had a percentage of cesarean section births similar to the State (34.3% vs 33.2%), however the trends have improved (from 35.6% to 34.3%).
Findings:

- The percentage of pregnant women in WIC who have gestational diabetes rose in the County and the State.
- The percentage of pregnant women in WIC with hypertension worsened in both the County and the State.
- The percentage of pregnant women in WIC with 1st trimester prenatal care improved in both the County and the State.
- The percentage of women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy underweight remained stable for the County and the State.
- Compared to the State, the County had a higher percent of women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy overweight but a lower percent of women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy obese.

### Pregnancy, Poverty & Comorbidities

#### Gestational Diabetes
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC with gestational diabetes:
  - Queens: 7.6%
  - NYS: 8.8%

#### Hypertension
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC with hypertension during pregnancy:
  - Queens: 5.5%
  - NYS: 6.1%

#### 1st Trimester Prenatal Care
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC with early (1st trimester) prenatal care:
  - Queens: 92.1%
  - NYS: 93.2%

#### Underweight
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy underweight (BMI less than 18.5):
  - Queens: 5.5%
  - NYS: 5.3%

#### Overweight
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy overweight but not obese (BMI 25 to less than 30):
  - Queens: 56.6%
  - NYS: 58.2%
  - Queens: 54.8%
  - NYS: 55.8%

#### Obesity
- Percentage of pregnant women in WIC who were pre-pregnancy obese (BMI 30 or higher):
  - Queens: 38.8%
  - NYS: 40.4%
  - Queens: 51.8%
  - NYS: 54.8%
Findings:

- The pregnancy rate is higher in the County than in the State; both have experienced slight declines.
- The percentage of geriatric pregnancies, defined as births to women aged 35 years or older, was slightly higher in the County than in the State.
- Teen pregnancy rates improved for both County and State, but the County has a slightly higher rate per 1,000 females from 15-19 years old (26.4 vs 23.0 respectively).
- The percentage of births to teens slightly changed in the County, which has been less than the rates statewide.

### Pregnancy Rates

**All Pregnancies**

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### Teen Pregnancy Rates

**Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years**

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**Percentage of births to teens - Aged 15-19 years**

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*Getting Worse*: 2015 - 2017, 2018 - 2020
Findings:

- The fertility rate declined steadily among women aged 15-44 in the County and the State.
- The teen fertility rate declined slightly in both the County and State.
- The abortion ratio in the County slightly increased in the County compared to the State which had a slight decrease.

Fertility Rates

- **All Fertility Rates**: Fertility rate per 1,000 females - Aged 15-44 years
- **Teen Fertility Rates**: Teen fertility rate per 1,000 (births to mothers aged 15-19 years/female population aged 15-19 years)

Abortions

- Abortion ratio (induced abortions per 1,000 live births) - All ages
Findings:

- The infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (<1 year) has noticeably improved in the County while remaining flat for the State.
- The percentage of low birthweight singleton births (<2.5 kg) increased since 2015 for both the State and the County.
- The crude rate of newborns with any diagnosis relating to maternal drug use remained flat in the County but showed improvements in the State overall; County rates considerably lower than the rates statewide.

### Infants

#### Mortality Rate
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births - Infant (<1 year)

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#### Low Birthweight
Percentage low birthweight (<2.5 kg) singleton births

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### Newborn Withdrawals
Newborns with neonatal withdrawal symptoms and/or affected by maternal use of drugs of addiction (any diagnosis), crude rate per 1,000 newborn discharges

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Findings:

- The percentage of 6-month-old infants enrolled in WIC who were breastfed improved for both the County and the State.
- The percentage of infants who were supplemented with formula in the hospital noticeably decreased in the County but remained stable in the State.
- The percentage of infants exclusively breastfed in the hospital slightly improved in the County but remained flat in the State.
- The percentage of Black non-Hispanic infants exclusively breastfed remained mostly flat in the County and the State.
- The percentage of Hispanic infants exclusively breastfed improved in the County.

Breastfeeding

**At 6 Months**
Percentage of infants enrolled in WIC who are breastfed at 6 months among all WIC infants

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**Formula Supplementation**
Percentage of infants supplemented with formula in the hospital among breastfed infants

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Getting Worse: 2018 - 2020
Findings:

- The percentage of children in poverty remained relatively flat for both County and State; the County has a lower rate of childhood poverty compared to the State.
- Roughly 55% of children aged 3 to 4 in the County and the State are enrolled in early education.
- Over 97% of children below the age of 19 have health insurance coverage on the County and State-levels.

### Childhood Poverty

Percentage of children aged <18 years below poverty

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### Early Education

Percentage of children aged 3 to 4 years old who enrolled in schools among population aged 3 to 4 years old

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### Childhood Insurance Coverage

Percentage of children aged <19 years with health insurance

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Findings:

- The mortality rate for children aged 1-4 declined in the County but remained flat in the State.
- The mortality rate for children aged 5-14 remained flat in the County and the State.
- The mortality rate for youth aged 15-19 increased in the County but decreased in the State.
- The trend in teenage suicides has noticeably worsened in the County (going from 2.5 to 4.4) and the State (5.4 to 6.2).

### Pediatric Deaths

*Mortality rate per 100,000 - Aged 1-4 years*

- Queens: 16.6
- NYS: 17.9

*Mortality rate per 100,000 - Aged 5-14 years*

- Queens: 9.7
- NYS: 11.0

*Mortality rate per 100,000 - Aged 15-19 years*

- Queens: 21.6
- NYS: 32.4

### Youth Suicide

*Suicide mortality among youth, rate per 100,000, aged 15-19 years*

- Queens: 2.5
- NYS: 4.4

*Improving: 2015 - 2017, 2018 - 2020*
*Getting Worse: 2015 - 2017, 2018 - 2020*
Findings:

- The percentage of children and adolescents with obesity remained flat for both the County and the State.
- The percentage of obese children aged 2-4 in WIC slightly decreased in the county but remained relatively flat in the State.
- Rates of asthma-related ED visits for youth aged 0-17 steadily declined in the County and the State.
- The rate of outpatient visits for dental caries among children 3-5 years old has improved and has been consistently lower than the State.

**Childhood Obesity**

Percentage of children and adolescents with obesity

**Childhood Obesity & Poverty**

Percentage obese (95th percentile or higher) children (aged 2-4 years) in WIC

**Youth Asthma**

Asthma emergency department visits, rate per 10,000, aged 0-17 years

**Pediatric Oral Health**

Caries outpatient visit rate per 10,000 - Aged 3-5 years
Findings:

- Incidence rates per 100,000 population for hepatitis A have been low, but worsened since 2015, in both the County and the State.
- Incidence rates per 100,000 population for acute hepatitis B have been low, but slightly improved since 2015, in the County.
- Rates of chronic hepatitis C cases per 100,000 population improved for both the County and the State.
- Age-adjusted rates of sexually transmitted diseases per 100,000 population, such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, and early syphilis all steadily increased since 2015, for both the County and the State.
- Age-adjusted rates per 100,000 population for newly diagnosed HIV cases decreased for the County and the State; County rates were consistently higher.
- Age-adjusted mortality rates per 100,000 population for AIDS decreased for the County and the State.
- Incidence rates for tuberculosis remained relatively flat for the County and the State since 2015.
Findings:

- The County’s incidence rates got worse for diseases such as E. coli, haemophilus influenza, salmonella and shigella
- The County’s incidence rates remained mostly flat for meningococcus
- The County’s incidence rate improved for conditions such as pertussis and mumps
Interpersonal Violence & Safety

Findings:

- The index crime rate remained relatively flat for the County and below the rate statewide; Statewide rates saw a noticeable decrease
- Violent crime rates slightly increased in the County but remained relatively the same in the state overall
- Homicides in the County relatively lower but increased over time to be on par with statewide rates

Crime

All Crime
Index crime rate per 100,000

Violent Crime
Violent crime rate per 100,000

Homicides
Age-adjusted homicide mortality rate per 100,000
Findings:

- The age-adjusted hospitalization rate for all assaults is the same in the County as it is in the State; trends for both State and County remained flat.
- Firearm assault-related hospitalizations are very similar between the County and the State and remained flat.
- The rate of assault-related hospitalizations ratio between Black and White persons improved for both the County and the State.
- The rate of assault-related hospitalizations ratio between Hispanic and White persons improved for the County while remaining flat for the State.

**Assaults**

**All Assaults**

Age-adjusted assault hospitalization rate per 10,000

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**Firearm Assaults**

Firearm assault-related hospitalizations, rate per 10,000 population

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**Assaults: Black/White**

Assault-related hospitalizations, ratio of rates between Black non-Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

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**Assaults: Hispanic/White**

Assault-related hospitalizations, ratio of rates between Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

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**Improving**

- 2015 - 2017
- 2018 - 2020

**No Significant Change**

- 2015 - 2017
- 2018 - 2020

**Getting Worse**

- 2015 - 2017
- 2018 - 2020
Findings:

- The age-adjusted hospitalization rate from falls were similar for the County and the State; Hospitalizations for adults over 65+ years old decreased in the County while slightly increasing in the State.
- Work-related hospitalizations per 100,000 employed persons increased since 2016 with lower rates in the County compared to the State.
- The ratio of work-related ED visits between black and white individuals was similar between the County and the State.

### Falls

Age-adjusted falls hospitalization rate per 10,000

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Hospitalizations due to falls among adults, rate per 10,000 population, aged 65+ years

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### Work-Related Injuries

#### All Hospitalizations

Work-related hospitalizations per 100,000 employed persons aged 16 years and older

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#### ED Visits among Minorities

Work-related emergency department (ED) visits, ratio of rates between Black non-Hispanics and White non-Hispanics

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Findings:

- The County had a lower rate of motor vehicle injury and mortality per 100,000 compared to the State; the trends remained flat for both.
- Alcohol-related motor vehicle injuries and deaths declined in the County and the State.
- The rate of crash-related pedestrian fatalities did not have a noticeable change in the County or the State.

### Vehicle Injuries & Deaths

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### Pedestrian Deaths

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- **Improving**
  - 2015 - 2017
  - 2018 - 2020
- **No Significant Change**
  - 2015 - 2017
  - 2018 - 2020
- **Getting Worse**
  - 2015 - 2017
  - 2018 - 2020
Findings:

- Since 2016, the age-adjusted hospitalizations for unintentional injuries steadily increased in both the County and the State.
- The age-adjusted mortality rates for unintentional injuries have improved for the State, however the County rates are lower and remained relatively flat.
- The County hospitalization rate for poisonings worsened, while rates for self-inflicted injuries were flat; both sets of County rates were relatively lower than the rates statewide.
- Age-adjusted rate for traumatic brain injury hospitalizations was stable in the County and the State.

### Unintentional Injuries

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### Other Injuries

#### Poisonings

Age-adjusted poisoning hospitalization rate per 10,000

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#### Self-Inflicted Injuries

Age-adjusted self-inflicted injury hospitalization rate per 10,000

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#### Traumatic Brain Injuries

Age-adjusted traumatic brain injury hospitalization rate per 10,000

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SOUTHEAST JAMAICA

A working-class and middle-class neighborhood located south of downtown Jamaica in the borough of Queens in New York City. Southeast Jamaica is part of Queens Community District 12. Southeast Jamaica has a racial diversity index of .60. The poverty rate in Southeast Jamaica is 10.0%.

Comm Unit Assets

Food Pantries: Beacon Community Center at Richard S. Grossley Campus JHS 8, Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, Community Church of Christ Soup Kitchen, Greater Allen AME Cathedral, Harding Ford Vision, St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Northwell Community Partners: Greater Springfield Community Chruch

Northwell Community Programs: Northwell Community Scholars (planned 2023), Wellness on Wheels

Parks: Baisley Pond Park, Dr. Charles R. Drew Park

School District(s): NYC Department of Education

Transportation: Long Island Rail Road, MTA Bus, MTA Subway
### QUEENS COUNTY

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<td>Avoidable ED Visits</td>
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<td>Life Expectancy</td>
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Source: NYSDOH SPARCS

Current faith-based centers include permanent sites; Other faith-based centers were provided by Community Relations. Avoidable ED Visits defined by NYU Algorithm; Prepared by the Office of Strategic Planning.
CHNA SURVEY COLLABORATIVE OVERVIEW

In early 2022, GNYHA offered member hospitals and health systems the opportunity to participate in the GNYHA Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Survey Collaborative. The collaborative supported participating members’ primary data collection efforts to meet the requirements of the Federal CHNA and the New York State Community Service Plan (CSP) by gathering information on community health needs and engaging with community members. While not a required element of a CHNA, surveys can be a part of a hospital’s CHNA and CSP along with other community engagement efforts and secondary data such as surveillance data from public health departments. The collaborative complemented longstanding GNYHA efforts to support members throughout their CHNA and CSP development and implementation process.

A diverse group of GNYHA member hospitals participated in the 2022 collaborative, including community and safety net hospitals, small health systems, and large academic medical centers. GNYHA developed a health needs assessment survey with member input, made the survey available in 11 languages on paper and online, collected the data and analyzed the results, and created custom reports for each participating hospital. The members recruited participants from their communities to respond to the survey, and more than 17,600 community members responded.

COLLABORATIVE SURVEY DESIGN

The CHNA collaborative survey is an abbreviated version of the 2022 GNYHA Model Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. GNYHA members provided input in multiple stages through a collaborative and iterative process. GNYHA developed the survey using best practice approaches in survey design and needs assessment. The survey used validated questions from existing surveys such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (CDC BRFSS) and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Community Health Survey (NYC CHS). GNYHA sought to minimize respondent burden by keeping the survey length to a minimum.

Community members could complete the survey online in a format compatible with mobile devices. The members also received copies of the survey in 11 languages (English and the top 10 languages spoken among non-English speakers as designated by New York State), which participants could print and use for data collection. Before the collaborative began, participating hospitals gave GNYHA a list of the counties or zip codes where the hospital would field the survey. GNYHA attributed respondents who lived in a hospital’s survey service area to that hospital. Hospitals recruited members of their community to participate in the survey and entered data from paper surveys online. Each hospital received a report with data from respondents who live in that service area.

COLLABORATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

Approximately 17,600 community members responded to the survey, and about 70% completed the entire survey. Community members qualified for the survey if they were age 18 and above and lived within any of the geographic areas identified by the members as their hospital’s service area.
During the survey fielding period, GNYHA held member forums in which the members shared best practices and challenges in recruiting community members for the survey. GNYHA produced biweekly geographic and demographic reports summarizing the responses in their service area, which allowed hospitals to adjust their dissemination strategy.

Following the survey’s close, GNYHA provided each participant with a report that summarized the survey responses and respondent demographics, and a spreadsheet with the processed respondent-level data for their service area, allowing for participating hospitals to conduct additional analyses. GNYHA also provided technical assistance to each hospital to interpret their results and identify areas of need, and created custom reports as requested by members.
2022 Community Health Survey

We want to improve the health services we offer to people who live in your neighborhood. The information you give us will be used to improve health services for people like yourself.

Completing the survey is voluntary. We will keep your answers private. If you are not comfortable answering a question, leave it blank.

We value your input. Thank you very much for your help.

1 **Are you 18 years of age or older?**
   - Yes
   - No → Thank you very much, but we are only asking this survey of people who are ages 18 and older.

2 **We want people from all different neighborhoods to take part in this survey. Please tell us the zip code where you live so we can identify your neighborhood.**

    Zip code: ________________
IF YOU PROVIDED A ZIP CODE, PLEASE GO TO PAGE 3. YOU DO NOT NEED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

3 Do you live in New York City?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No → Skip to 5

4 If you live in New York City, please select the borough where you live:
   ○ The Bronx → Go on to page 3
   ○ Brooklyn → Go on to page 3
   ○ Manhattan → Go on to page 3
   ○ Queens → Go on to page 3
   ○ Staten Island → Go on to page 3

5 If you do not live in New York City, please tell us the county where you live:
   ○ Albany County
   ○ Allegany County
   ○ Broome County
   ○ Cattaraugus County
   ○ Cayuga County
   ○ Chautauqua County
   ○ Chemung County
   ○ Chenango County
   ○ Clinton County
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   ○ Cortland County
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   ○ Ulster County
   ○ Warren County
   ○ Washington County
   ○ Wayne County
   ○ Westchester County
   ○ Wyoming County
   ○ Yates County
   ○ Other_____________
6 In general, how is the overall health of the people of your neighborhood?
   ○ Poor
   ○ Fair
   ○ Good
   ○ Very good
   ○ Excellent

7 In general, how is your physical health?
   ○ Poor
   ○ Fair
   ○ Good
   ○ Very good
   ○ Excellent

8 In general, how is your mental health?
   ○ Poor
   ○ Fair
   ○ Good
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For each of the following, please tell us: How important is each of the following to you and how satisfied are you with the current services in your neighborhood to address each health issue?

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10 **What are your COVID-19 needs?** (Select all that apply)
   - □ At-home COVID-19 tests
   - □ Boosters for COVID-19
   - □ In-person testing for COVID-19 (e.g., doctor’s office, pharmacy, mobile van)
   - □ Personal protective equipment (e.g., masks, hand sanitizer, face shields, gloves)
   - □ Treatment for COVID-19
   - □ Reliable source(s) of information on COVID-19
   - □ COVID-19 vaccination

11 **In the last 12 months, was there a time when you needed medical care in-person but did not get it for any reason?**
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No → Skip to 13

12 **For which of the following reasons could you not get medical care in-person the last 12 months?** (Select all that apply)
   - □ I could not afford the cost of care (e.g., copay, deductible)
   - □ I did not have health insurance
   - □ There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment soon enough
   - □ I could not get through on the telephone to make the appointment
   - □ Once I got there the wait was too long to see the doctor
   - □ I did not have transportation
   - □ I did not have childcare
   - □ Because of COVID-19
   - □ Other
   - □ None of the above

13 **In the last 12 months, was there a time when you needed medical care by video or phone but could not get it for any reason?**
   - ○ Yes
   - ○ No → Skip to 15
14 For which of the following reasons could you not get medical care by video or phone in the last 12 months? (Select all that apply)

- I could not afford the cost of care (e.g., copay, deductible)
- I did not have health insurance
- There were no available appointments, or I couldn’t get an appointment soon enough
- I could not get through on the telephone to make the appointment
- I did not have a computer, phone, or other device to use for the visit
- I did not know how to see the doctor by video or phone
- I did not have internet
- I did not have data or minutes in my phone plan to use for a visit
- I did not have a private place to have my appointment
- Other
- None of the above

15 In the last 12 months, have you experienced any of the following? (Select all that apply)

- Anxiety or depression
- Difficulty paying your rent/mortgage
- Difficulty paying utilities or other monthly bills
- Increased household expenses
- Increased medical expenses
- Hunger or skipped meals because you did not have enough money to buy food
- None of these

16 What type of health insurance do you use to pay for your doctor or hospital bills? Is it insurance through:

- A plan purchased through an employer or union (including plans purchased through another person's employer)
- A plan that you or another family member buys on your own
- Medicare
- Medicaid or other state program
- TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS), VA, or Military
- Alaska Native, Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Services
- Some other source
- I do not have any kind of health insurance coverage
17 What is your age?
_________________

18 Are you...
- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Another gender
- Prefer not to say

19 Do you describe yourself as...
- Lesbian or Gay
- Straight, that is not Gay
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

20 Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx?
- No
- Yes → Answer 21

21 Which group best represents your Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx origin or ancestry?
- Puerto Rican
- Dominican
- Mexican
- Ecuadorian
- Colombian
- Cuban
- Other Central American
- Other South American
- Other
22 Which one or more of the following would you say is your race? (Select all that apply)

□ White
□ Black or Black American → Answer 23

23 Some people in addition to being Black, have a certain heritage or ancestry. Do you identify with any of these? (Select all that apply)

□ African American
□ Caribbean or West Indian
□ A recent immigrant or the child of recent immigrants from Africa
□ Other

□ Asian → Answer 24

24 Please tell me which group best represents your Asian heritage or ancestry?

□ Chinese
□ Asian Indian
□ Filipino
□ Korean
□ Japanese
□ Vietnamese
□ Other

□ Middle Eastern or North African
□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
□ American Indian, Native, First Nations, Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, or Alaska Native
□ Other

25 What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed?

○ Grades 8 (Elementary) or less
○ Grades 9 through 11 (Some High School)
○ Grade 12 or GED (High School Graduate)
○ Some college or technical school
○ College graduate or more

26 Including yourself, how many people usually live or stay in your home or apartment?

___________________ person(s)
27 What is the primary language you speak at home?
   ○ English
   ○ Spanish
   ○ Mandarin
   ○ Cantonese
   ○ Russian
   ○ Yiddish
   ○ Bengali
   ○ Korean
   ○ Haitian Creole
   ○ Italian
   ○ Arabic
   ○ Other

28 What is your current employment status? Select the category that best describes you.
   ○ Employed full-time for wages or salary
   ○ Employed part-time for wages or salary
   ○ Self-employed
   ○ Out of work for 1 year or more
   ○ Out of work for less than 1 year
   ○ A homemaker
   ○ A student
   ○ Retired
   ○ Unable to work

29 What is your household’s annual household income from all sources, before taxes, in the last year?
   By household income we mean the combined income from everyone living in the household including even roommates or those on disability income.
   ○ Less than $20,000
   ○ $20,000 to $29,999
   ○ $30,000 to $49,999
   ○ $50,000 to $59,999
   ○ $60,000 to $74,999
   ○ $75,000 to $99,999
   ○ $100,000 or more

   This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your help.