

Long Island Health Collaborative Community Member Survey Summary of Findings

Methodology:

Surveys were distributed by paper and electronically, through Survey Monkey, to community members. The electronic version placed rules on certain questions; for questions 1-5 an individual could select three choices, and each question was mandatory. For question 6, individuals could choose as many responses as they'd like. Although the rules were written on the paper survey, people often did not follow them. On December 15th 2018, we downloaded the surveys from Survey Monkey. We needed to add weights to the surveys which did not follow the rules - for each of the questions that had more than three responses. The weight for each response was $3/x$, where x is the count of responses. No weight was applied to questions with less than three responses because they had the option to select more and chose not to do so. With the weight determined, we applied the formula to the data and then added the remaining surveys to the spreadsheet.

Analysis Results:

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse**	22.45%	Cancer**	17.08%
2	Cancer**	16.68%	Drugs & Alcohol Abuse**	14.72%
3	Mental Health, Depression, Suicide	12.05%	Diabetes	12.88%
4	Heart disease & stroke**	10.14%	Heart disease & stroke**	11.23%
5	Obesity, Weight Loss Issues**	8.20%	Obesity, Weight Loss Issues**	9.49%
Sum of Column Percentages		69.53%		65.41%

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

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Heart disease & stroke**	18.57%	Heart Disease & Stroke**	17.90%
2	Obesity, Weight Loss Issues**	14.94%	Cancer**	14.56%
3	Cancer**	14.19%	Obesity / Weight Loss Issues**	13.77%
4	Women's Health & Wellness**	12.63%	Diabetes**	13.26%
5	Diabetes**	8.14%	Women's Health & Wellness**	13.07%
Sum of Column Percentages		68.47%		72.55%

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

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	No Insurance**	20.18%	No Insurance**	20.87%
2	Fear**	17.52%	Unable to Pay Co-pays / Deductibles**	16.05%
3	Unable to Pay Copays or Deductibles**	16.16%	Fear**	14.10%
4	There Are No Barriers**	14.70%	Don't Understand Need to See A Doctor**	13.14%
5	Don't Understand Need to See A Doctor**	11.13%	There Are No Barriers**	10.99%
Sum of Column Percentages		79.69%		75.15%

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

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Healthier Food Choices**	15.26%	Healthier Food Choices**	18.11%
2	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services**	14.71%	Clean Air & Water**	13.46%
3	Clean Air & Water**	12.11%	Mental Health Services**	10.88%
4	Mental Health Services**	11.75%	Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services**	10.05%
5	Job Opportunities	9.87%	Weight Loss Programs	9.55%
Sum of Column Percentages		63.70%		62.06%

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

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Drug & Alcohol	14.07%	Blood Pressure	12.00%
2	Mental Health / Depression**	10.74%	Diabetes	9.62%
3	Importance of Routine Well Checkups	8.61%	Cancer**	9.26%
4	Exercise / Physical Activity	8.01%	Cholesterol	8.47%
5	Cancer**	7.99%	Mental Health / Depression**	8.33%
Sum of Column Percentages		49.43%		47.67%

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

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

2018 Rank	Suffolk County	Percentage	Nassau County	Percentage
1	Doctor / Health Professional**	42.74%	Doctor / Health Professional**	39.38%
2	Internet**	20.62%	Internet**	16.09%
3	Family or Friends**	8.62%	Family or Friends**	10.13%
4	Newspaper / Magazines**	5.65%	Newspaper / Magazines**	6.42%
5	Television**	4.76%	Television**	5.97%
Sum of Column Percentages		82.39%		77.98%

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

2677 surveys were collected between January 1st and December 31st, 2018. There were 1664 respondents for Nassau, 810 for Suffolk and 203 for Queens.

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

About the Long Island Health Collaborative

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

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