

## Summary Report

# 2016 PRC-MCHC Community Health Needs Assessment

## Alexian Brothers Health System Service Area

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# Introduction



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## About This Assessment

This Community Health Needs Assessment is a systematic, data-driven approach to determining the health status, behaviors and needs of residents in the service area of Alexian Brothers Health System. Subsequently, this information may be used to inform decisions and guide efforts to improve community health and wellness.

A Community Health Needs Assessment provides information so that communities may identify issues of greatest concern and decide to commit resources to those areas, thereby making the greatest possible impact on community health status.

This assessment was conducted on behalf of Alexian Brothers Health System as part of a larger project sponsored by the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) by Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC). PRC is a nationally-recognized healthcare consulting firm with extensive experience conducting Community Health Needs Assessments such as this in hundreds of communities across the United States since 1994.

## Methodology

This assessment incorporates data from both quantitative and qualitative sources. Quantitative data input includes primary research (the PRC Community Health Survey) and secondary research (vital statistics and other existing health-related data); these quantitative components allow for comparison to benchmark data at the state and national levels. Qualitative data input includes primary research gathered through an Online Key Informant Survey of various community stakeholders.

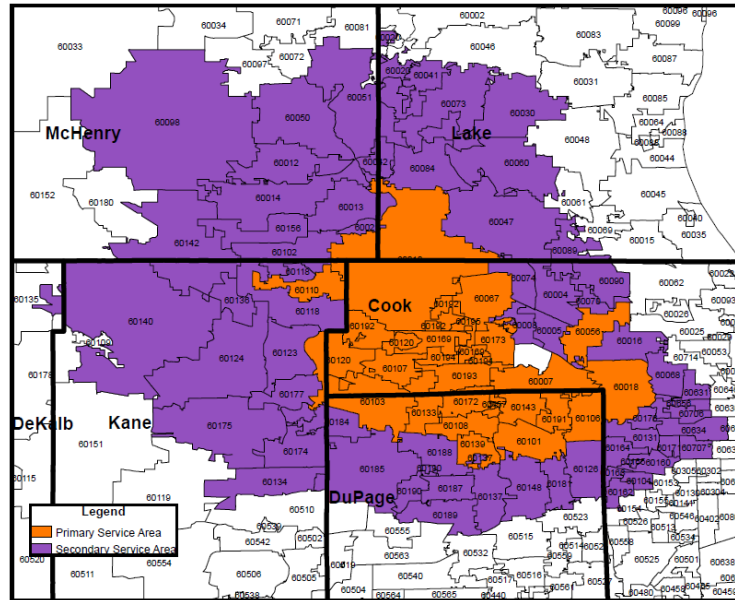
### PRC Community Health Survey

#### Survey Instrument

The survey instrument used for this study is based largely on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), as well as various other public health surveys and customized questions addressing gaps in indicator data relative to health promotion and disease prevention objectives and other recognized health issues. The final survey instrument was developed by the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) and PRC.

## Community Defined for This Assessment

The study area for the survey effort (referred to as the “Total Service Area” or “TSA” in this report) is comprised of 84 residential ZIP Codes based on patient origination. This area definition is illustrated in the following map.



## Sample Approach & Design

A precise and carefully executed methodology is critical in asserting the validity of the results gathered in the *PRC Community Health Survey*. Thus, to ensure the best representation of the population surveyed, a telephone interview methodology — one that incorporates both landline and cell phone interviews — was employed. The primary advantages of telephone interviewing are timeliness, efficiency and random-selection capabilities.

The sample design used for this effort consisted of a sample of 1,033 individuals age 18 and older in the Total Service Area. Because this study is part of a larger effort involving multiple regions and hospital service areas, the surveys were distributed among various strata. Once the interviews were completed, these were weighted in proportion to the actual population distribution so as to appropriately represent the Total Service Area as a whole. All administration of the surveys, data collection and data analysis was conducted by Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC).

For statistical purposes, the maximum rate of error associated with a sample size of 1,033 respondents is  $\pm 3.1\%$  at the 95 percent level of confidence.

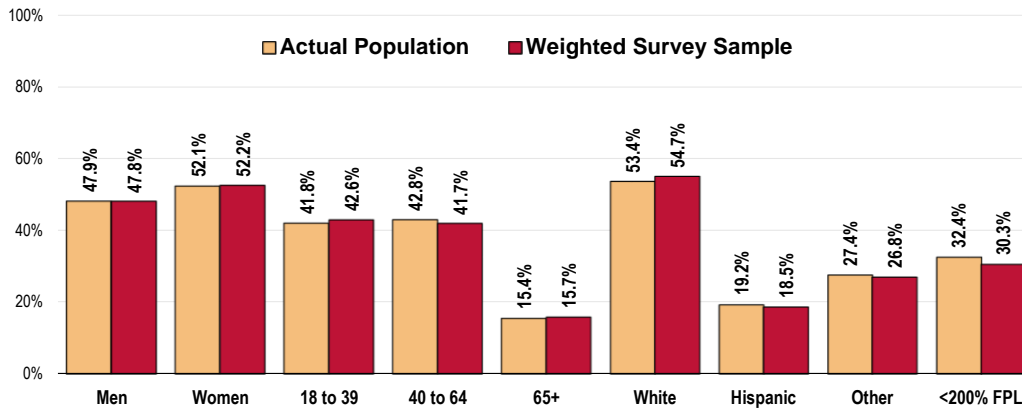
## Sample Characteristics

To accurately represent the population studied, PRC strives to minimize bias through application of a proven telephone methodology and random-selection techniques. And, while this random sampling of the population produces a highly representative sample, it is a common and preferred practice to “weight” the raw data to improve this representativeness even further. This is accomplished by adjusting the results of a random sample to match the geographic distribution and demographic characteristics of the population surveyed

(poststratification), so as to eliminate any naturally occurring bias.

The following chart outlines the characteristics of the Total Service Area sample for key demographic variables, compared to actual population characteristics revealed in census data. [Note that the sample consisted solely of area residents age 18 and older; data on children were given by proxy by the person most responsible for that child’s healthcare needs, and these children are not represented demographically in this chart.]

### Population & Survey Sample Characteristics (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • Census 2010, Summary File 3 (SF 3). US Census Bureau.  
• 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Further note that the poverty descriptions and segmentation used in this report are based on administrative poverty thresholds determined by the US Department of Health & Human Services. These guidelines define poverty status by household income level and number of persons in the household (e.g., the 2014 guidelines place the poverty threshold for a family of four at \$23,850 annual household income or lower). In sample segmentation: “**low income**” refers to community members living in a household with defined poverty status or living just above the poverty level, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; “**mid/high income**” refers to those households living on incomes which are twice or more the federal poverty level.

The sample design and the quality control procedures used in the data collection ensure that the sample is representative. Thus, the findings may be generalized to the total population of community members in the defined area with a high degree of confidence.

### Online Key Informant Survey

To solicit input from key informants, those individuals who have a broad interest in the health of the community, an Online Key Informant Survey was also implemented as part of this process. A list of recommended participants was provided by MCHC member hospitals; this list included names and contact information for physicians, public health representatives, other health professionals, social service providers, and a variety of other community leaders. Potential participants were chosen because of their ability to identify primary concerns of the populations with whom they work, as well as of the community overall.

Key informants were contacted by email, introducing the purpose of the survey and providing a link to take the survey online; reminder emails were sent as needed to increase participation. In all, 60 community stakeholders in the Total Service Area took part in the Online Key Informant Survey, as outlined below:

<b>Online Key Informant Survey Participation</b>		
<b>Key Informant Type</b>	<b>Number Invited</b>	<b>Number Participating</b>
Community/Business Leader	59	16
Other Health (Non-Physician)	19	11
Physician	20	3
Public Health Expert	50	15
Social Services Representative	42	15

Final participation included representatives of the organizations outlined below.

- A Safe Haven Foundation
- Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance
- Austin Childcare Providers Network
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- DuPage County Health Department
- DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform
- Elmhurst CUSD 205
- Enlace Chicago
- Erie Family Health Center/Erie HealthReach Waukegan
- Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County
- Illinois Department of Public Health, Bellwood Reg Office
- Lake County Forest Preserves
- Lake County Health Department
- Lake County Community Health Center
- Loretto Hospital
- Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare council
- Naperville School District 203
- New Moms, Inc.
- Northwest Community Healthcare
- Northwest Compass, Inc.
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
- PCC Community Wellness Center
- People's Resource Center
- St. Joseph Services
- United Way of Metropolitan Chicago



- Village of Addison
- Village of Arlington Heights
- West Humboldt Park Development Council
- Wheeling Township General Assistance Office

Through this process, input was gathered from several individuals whose organizations work with **low-income, minority populations** (including African-American, Arabic, Asian, autistic children, Chinese, the disabled, Eastern European, elderly, ethnic minorities, Filipino, Hispanic, the homeless, immigrants, Indian, Japanese, LGBT population, low-income residents, multilingual, multiracial, non-English speaking, Polish, Russian, South American, undocumented, uninsured/underinsured, women, youth), or other **medically underserved populations** (including African-American, the disabled, elderly, ex-offenders, free care, Hispanic, the homeless, immigrants, LGBT community, low-income, Medicaid/Medicare, the mentally ill, non-English speaking adults, pregnant teens, substance abusers, undocumented, uninsured/underinsured, veterans, young adults, youth).

In the online survey, key informants were asked to rate the degree to which various health issues are a problem in their own community. Follow-up questions asked them to describe why they identify problem areas as such, and how these might be better addressed. Results of their ratings, as well as their verbatim comments, are included throughout this report as they relate to the various other data presented.

*NOTE: These findings represent qualitative rather than quantitative data. The Online Key Informant Survey was designed to gather input from participants regarding their opinions and perceptions of the health of the residents in the area. Thus, these findings are based on perceptions, not facts.*

## Public Health, Vital Statistics & Other Data

A variety of existing (secondary) data sources was consulted to complement the research quality of this Community Health Needs Assessment. Data were obtained from the following sources (specific citations are included with the graphs throughout this report):

- Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Office of Infectious Disease, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Office of Public Health Science Services, Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services, Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance (DHIS)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Office of Public Health Science Services, National Center for Health Statistics
- Community Commons
- Connecticut Department of Public Health
- ESRI ArcGIS Map Gallery
- National Cancer Institute, State Cancer Profiles
- OpenStreetMap (OSM)
- US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

- US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns
- US Census Bureau, Decennial Census
- US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note that secondary data indicators reflect county-level data for Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties.

## Benchmark Data

### Illinois Risk Factor Data

Statewide risk factor data are provided where available as an additional benchmark against which to compare local survey findings; these data are reported in the most recent *BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) Prevalence and Trend Data* published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Department of Health & Human Services. State-level vital statistics are also provided for comparison of secondary data indicators.

### Nationwide Risk Factor Data

Nationwide risk factor data, which are also provided in comparison charts, are taken from the *2013 PRC National Health Survey*; the methodological approach for the national study is identical to that employed in this assessment, and these data may be generalized to the US population with a high degree of confidence. National-level vital statistics are also provided for comparison of secondary data indicators.

### Healthy People 2020

Healthy People provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. The Healthy People initiative is grounded in the principle that setting national objectives and monitoring progress can motivate action. For three decades, Healthy People has established benchmarks and monitored progress over time in order to:

- Encourage collaborations across sectors.
- Guide individuals toward making informed health decisions.
- Measure the impact of prevention activities.



Healthy People 2020 is the product of an extensive stakeholder feedback process that is unparalleled in government and health. It integrates input from public health and prevention experts, a wide range of federal, state and local government officials, a consortium of more than 2,000 organizations, and perhaps most importantly, the public. More than 8,000 comments were considered in drafting a comprehensive set of Healthy People 2020 objectives.

## Determining Significance

Differences noted in this report represent those determined to be significant. For survey-derived indicators (which are subject to sampling error), statistical significance is determined based on confidence intervals (at the 95 percent confidence level) using question-specific samples and response rates. For secondary data indicators (which do not carry sampling error, but might be subject to reporting error), “significance,” for the purpose of this report, is determined by a 5% variation from the comparative measure.

## Information Gaps

While this assessment is quite comprehensive, it cannot measure all possible aspects of health in the community, nor can it adequately represent all possible populations of interest. It must be recognized that these information gaps might in some ways limit the ability to assess all of the community’s health needs.

For example, certain population groups — such as the homeless, institutionalized persons, or those who only speak a language other than English or Spanish — are not represented in the survey data. Other population groups — for example, pregnant women, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender residents, undocumented residents, and members of certain racial/ethnic or immigrant groups — might not be identifiable or might not be represented in numbers sufficient for independent analyses.

In terms of content, this assessment was designed to provide a comprehensive and broad picture of the health of the overall community. However, there are certainly a great number of medical conditions that are not specifically addressed.

## IRS Form 990, Schedule H Compliance

For non-profit hospitals, a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) also serves to satisfy certain requirements of tax reporting, pursuant to provisions of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010. To understand which elements of this report relate to those requested as part of hospitals' reporting on IRS Form 990 Schedule H, the following table cross-references related sections.

IRS Form 990, Schedule H	See Report Page(s)
<b>Part V Section B Line 1a</b> <i>A definition of the community served by the hospital facility</i>	5
<b>Part V Section B Line 1b</b> <i>Demographics of the community</i>	39
<b>Part V Section B Line 1c</b> <i>Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs of the community</i>	190
<b>Part V Section B Line 1d</b> <i>How data was obtained</i>	5
<b>Part V Section B Line 1f</b> <i>Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority groups</i>	Addressed Throughout
<b>Part V Section B Line 1g</b> <i>The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs</i>	14
<b>Part V Section B Line 1h</b> <i>The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests</i>	7
<b>Part V Section B Line 1i</b> <i>Information gaps that limit the hospital facility's ability to assess the community's health needs</i>	10

# Summary of Findings



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## Significant Health Needs of the Community

The following “areas of opportunity” represent the significant health needs of the community, based on the information gathered through this Community Health Needs Assessment and the guidelines set forth in Healthy People 2020. From these data, opportunities for health improvement exist in the area with regard to the following health issues (see also the summary tables presented in the following section).

Areas of Opportunity Identified Through This Assessment	
<b>Cancer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer Deaths               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including Prostate Cancer, Female Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer Deaths</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cancer Incidence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including Prostate Cancer, Female Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Cervical Cancer Incidence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Colorectal Cancer Screening (Including Blood Stool Exams)</li> </ul>
<b>Chronic Kidney Disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kidney Disease Deaths</li> </ul>
<b>Diabetes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevalence of Borderline/Pre-Diabetes</li> <li>• <i>Diabetes ranked as a top concern in the Online Key Informant Survey.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Heart Disease &amp; Stroke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart Disease Deaths</li> <li>• High Blood Cholesterol Prevalence</li> <li>• <i>Heart Disease &amp; Stroke ranked as a top concern in the Online Key Informant Survey.</i></li> </ul>
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV/AIDS Deaths</li> <li>• HIV Prevalence</li> </ul>
<b>Immunization &amp; Infectious Diseases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumonia/Influenza Deaths</li> <li>• Flu Vaccination [65+]</li> </ul>
<b>Infant Health &amp; Family Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-Weight Births</li> </ul>
<b>Injury &amp; Violence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearm Prevalence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Including in Homes With Children</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Homicide Deaths</li> <li>• Violent Crime Rate</li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair/Poor” Mental Health</li> <li>• Diagnosed Depression</li> <li>• Suicide Deaths</li> <li>• 3+ Days Without Enough Sleep in the Past Month</li> <li>• <i>Mental Health ranked as a top concern in the Online Key Informant Survey.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Nutrition, Physical Activity &amp; Weight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nutrition, Physical Activity &amp; Weight ranked as a top concern in the Online Key Informant Survey.</i></li> </ul>

**Areas of Opportunity Identified Through This Assessment (continued)**

<b>Potentially Disabling Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity Limitations</li></ul>
<b>Respiratory Diseases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asthma Prevalence [Children]</li></ul>
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gonorrhea Incidence</li><li>• Chlamydia Incidence</li><li>• Multiple Sexual Partners</li></ul>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Illicit Drug Use</li><li>• <i>Substance Abuse ranked as a top concern in the Online Key Informant Survey.</i></li></ul>

## Summary Tables: Comparisons With Benchmark Data

The following tables provide an overview of indicators in the Total Service Area. These data are grouped to correspond with the Focus Areas presented in Healthy People 2020.










### Reading the Data Summary Tables











- In the following charts, the Total Service Area results are shown in the larger, blue column.
- ■ The columns to the right of the Total Service Area column provide trending, as well as comparisons between local data and any available state and national findings, and Healthy People 2020 targets. Symbols indicate whether the Total Service Area compares favorably (☀️), unfavorably (🌑), or comparably (🌒) to these external data.













Note that blank table cells signify that data are not available or are not reliable for that area and/or for that indicator.



Overall Health	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% "Fair/Poor" Physical Health	 10.0	 15.7
% Activity Limitations	 17.6	 22.0
<small>Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.</small>		





ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
13.9	 16.9	 15.3		 14.3
20.6	 17.0	 21.5		 13.7
 better  similar  worse				

Access to Health Services	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% [Age 18-64] Lack Health Insurance	 11.8	 6.3
% [Insured] Went Without Coverage in Past Year	 6.3	 4.1
% Difficulty Accessing Healthcare in Past Year (Composite)	 31.7	 35.4
% Cost Prevented Physician Visit in Past Year	 10.5	 10.6
% Difficulty Getting Appointment in Past Year	 9.2	 12.9





ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
8.1	 19.4	 15.1	 0.0	 11.1
4.8		 8.1		 5.8
34.2		 39.9		 38.3
10.6		 18.2		 16.5
11.7		 17.0		 15.2




Access to Health Services (continued)	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
% Difficulty Finding Physician in Past Year	5.1	8.3	7.3		11.0		9.4
% Transportation Hindered Dr Visit in Past Year	1.9	5.2	4.1		9.4		8.5
% Skipped Prescription Doses to Save Costs	9.3	12.4	11.4		15.3		14.2
% Difficulty Getting Child's Healthcare in Past Year	6.8	2.9	4.1		6.0		6.0
Primary Care Doctors per 100,000			98.6	79.0	74.5		
% [Age 18+] Have a Specific Source of Ongoing Care	80.3	76.3	77.6		76.3	95.0	78.7
% [Age 18-64] Have a Specific Source of Ongoing Care	80.0	75.4	76.9		75.6	89.4	79.2
% [Age 65+] Have a Specific Source of Ongoing Care	79.8	81.8	81.2		80.0	100.0	77.3
% Have Had Routine Checkup in Past Year	75.1	74.0	74.4	66.5	65.0		64.9
% Child Has Had Checkup in Past Year	98.2	87.0	90.2		84.1		87.0

Access to Health Services (continued)







PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 7.0	 9.0
 10.0	 9.5

Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.







ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
8.4		 8.9	 6.9	
9.7		 16.5	 10.7	




 better     similar     worse

Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Chronic Back Conditions

PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 25.4	 37.1
 5.2	 9.5
 17.4	 15.6

Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
33.7		 37.3	 32.9	
8.2		 13.5	 5.3	
16.1		 18.4	 18.2	

 better     similar     worse

Cancer	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
Cancer (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			169.2	174.2	166.2	161.4	191.4
Lung Cancer (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			42.3	47.5	44.7	45.5	
Prostate Cancer (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			21.9	20.5	19.8	21.8	
Female Breast Cancer (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			23.7	22.8	21.3	20.7	
Colorectal Cancer (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			15.8	15.9	14.9	14.5	
Prostate Cancer Incidence per 100,000			156.2	149.4	142.3		
Female Breast Cancer Incidence per 100,000			129.4	127.4	122.7		
Lung Cancer Incidence per 100,000			64.8	70.6	64.9		
Colorectal Cancer Incidence per 100,000			48.1	48.6	43.3		
Cervical Cancer Incidence per 100,000			9.2	8.4	7.8		

Cancer (continued)	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% Skin Cancer	 4.7	 6.1
% Cancer (Other Than Skin)	 4.4	 6.4
% [Men 50+] Prostate Exam in Past 2 Years	 65.9	 75.3
% [Women 50-74] Mammogram in Past 2 Years	 80.8	 84.7
% [Women 21-65] Pap Smear in Past 3 Years	 91.6	 89.6
% [Age 50-75] Colorectal Cancer Screening	 60.9	 69.9
<small>Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.</small>		

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
5.6	 4.6	 6.7		 4.1
5.8	 6.3	 6.1		 5.9
71.9		 75.0		 79.5
83.8	 76.4	 83.6	 81.1	 79.8
90.2	 77.3	 83.9	 93.0	 87.9
67.2		 75.1	 70.5	 68.0
better     similar     worse				

Chronic Kidney Disease	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Kidney Disease (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% Kidney Disease	 1.8	 1.2
<small>Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.</small>		

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
16.2	 17.1	 13.2		 19.6
1.4	 2.4	 3.0		 1.3
better     similar     worse				



Dementias, Including Alzheimer's Disease	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Alzheimer's Disease (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
<small>Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.</small>		

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
16.4	20.0	24.0		18.7
better       similar       worse				






Diabetes	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Diabetes Mellitus (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% Diabetes/High Blood Sugar	9.1	11.1
% Borderline/Pre-Diabetes	4.9	4.1
% [Non-Diabetes] Blood Sugar Tested in Past 3 Years	50.3	55.0
<small>Note: In the green section, each subarea is compared against all other areas combined. Throughout these tables, a blank or empty cell indicates that data are not available for this indicator or that sample sizes are too small to provide meaningful results.</small>		

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
19.3	19.4	21.3	20.5	23.0
10.4	9.9	11.7		10.0
4.4		5.1		0.6
53.5		49.2		
better       similar       worse				

**Educational & Community-Based Programs**

PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 20.9	 25.4
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% Attended Health Event in Past Year

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
23.9	 23.8		 17.8	
	 better	 similar	 worse	



**Family Planning**

PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
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% Teen Births

















ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
7.2	 7.6	 7.8	 9.7	
	 better	 similar	 worse	

































**Hearing & Other Sensory or Communication Disorders**

PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 6.7	 9.2
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% Deafness/Trouble Hearing



ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
8.4		 10.3	 6.3	
	 better	 similar	 worse	






Heart Disease & Stroke	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Diseases of the Heart (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
Stroke (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% Heart Disease (Heart Attack, Angina, Coronary Disease)	 3.2	 7.0
% Stroke	 2.4	 3.8
% Blood Pressure Checked in Past 2 Years	 96.7	 97.4
% Told Have High Blood Pressure (Ever)	 28.9	 29.9
% [HBP] Taking Action to Control High Blood Pressure	 94.8	 95.7
% Cholesterol Checked in Past 5 Years	 96.0	 96.1
% Told Have High Cholesterol (Ever)	 25.3	 31.9
% [HBC] Taking Action to Control High Blood Cholesterol	 85.3	 93.2

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
172.0	 173.9	 171.3	 156.9	 219.3
35.4	 37.7	 37.0	 34.8	 46.3
5.8		 6.1		 5.4
3.4	 2.8	 3.9		 4.5
97.2		 91.0	 92.6	 94.6
29.6	 30.1	 34.1	 26.9	 29.1
95.4		 89.2		 96.8
96.0	 74.0	 86.6	 82.1	 89.6
29.7	 36.6	 29.9	 13.5	 34.1
91.0		 81.4		 85.1
















**Heart Disease & Stroke (continued)**











PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 71.1	 76.5
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
<b>74.8</b>	 82.3		 80.2	
	 better	 similar	 worse	



**HIV**












PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 18.5	 19.0
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
<b>2.2</b>	 1.6	 2.2	 3.3	 4.7
<b>449.1</b>	 300.1	 340.4		
<b>18.9</b>		 19.3	 18.6	
	 better	 similar	 worse	

Immunization & Infectious Diseases	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% [Age 65+] Flu Vaccine in Past Year	 44.2	 63.7
% [High-Risk 18-64] Flu Vaccine in Past Year	 26.0	 54.2
% [Age 65+] Pneumonia Vaccine Ever	 65.3	 77.5
% [High-Risk 18-64] Pneumonia Vaccine Ever	 15.6	 30.9
% Have Completed Hepatitis B Vaccination Series	 49.9	 39.9
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
57.9	 58.6	 57.5	 70.0	 71.0
46.1		 45.9	 70.0	 43.8
73.7	 64.6	 68.4	 90.0	 68.1
26.2		 41.9	 60.0	 24.1
43.1		 44.7		 36.3
 better  similar  worse				







Injury & Violence Prevention	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Unintentional Injury (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
Motor Vehicle Crashes (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% "Always" Wear Seat Belt	 90.9	 92.8

ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
25.7	 32.9	 39.2	 36.4	 29.6
5.4	 7.9	 10.7	 12.4	 5.8
92.2		 84.8	 92.0	 89.7

Injury & Violence Prevention (continued)	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
% [Child 5-17] Missed School for Safety Reasons Last Month	 0.4	 0.0	1.9				 2.0
% Child [Age 0-17] "Always" Uses Seat Belt/Car Seat	 97.9	 98.1	98.0		 92.2		 90.8
% Child [Age 5-17] "Always" Wears Bicycle Helmet	 52.5	 39.2	42.4		 48.7		 34.8
Firearm-Related Deaths (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			9.6	 8.8	 10.4	 9.3	 9.3
% Firearm in Home	 17.9	 15.6	16.3		 34.7		 12.2
% [Homes With Children] Firearm in Home	 22.7	 17.2	18.8		 37.4		 11.9
% [Homes With Firearms] Weapon(s) Unlocked & Loaded			8.5		 16.8		 6.3
Homicide (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)			8.6	 6.3	 5.3	 5.5	 9.4
Violent Crime per 100,000			507.9	 403.2	 380.9		 673.0
% Victim of Violent Crime in Past 5 Years	 2.0	 2.0	2.0		 2.8		 1.6















**Injury & Violence Prevention (continued)**













PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 2.9	 1.8
 8.3	 11.3
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
3.8				 6.1
10.4		 15.0		 10.4
 better  similar  worse				












































**Maternal, Infant & Child Health**










































PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
5.5	 5.4	 17.3	 22.1	
8.6	 4.0	 8.0	 7.8	 8.7
6.3	 6.3	 6.0	 6.0	 8.2
 better  similar  worse				





Mental Health & Mental Disorders	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% "Fair/Poor" Mental Health	 13.2	 11.3
% Diagnosed Depression	 15.5	 16.4
% Symptoms of Chronic Depression (2+ Years)	 19.5	 25.5
Suicide (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% 3+ Days Without Enough Sleep in the Past Month	 66.4	 56.8
% [Those With Diagnosed Depression] Seeking Help	 87.8	 71.0
% Typical Day Is "Extremely/Very" Stressful	 8.7	 11.1
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
12.0		 11.9		 7.6
16.1		 20.4		 8.6
23.5		 30.4		 24.6
8.1	 9.7	 12.5	 10.2	 7.1
62.5				 61.6
76.2		 76.6		 44.8
10.3		 11.9		 13.7
 better  similar  worse				

Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
% Eat 5+ Servings of Fruit or Vegetables per Day	 42.8	 41.7	42.1		 39.5		 45.5
% "Very/Somewhat" Difficult to Buy Fresh Produce	 10.2	 15.8	13.9		 24.4		 14.3
Population With Low Food Access (Percent)			13.6	 20.4	 23.6		
% Medical Advice on Nutrition in Past Year	 37.1	 52.1	47.2		 39.2		 40.5
% Healthy Weight (BMI 18.5-24.9)	 45.9	 41.1	42.6	 33.0	 34.4	 33.9	 37.1
% Overweight (BMI 25+)	 52.2	 58.1	56.2	 64.7	 63.1		 60.1
% Obese (BMI 30+)	 22.0	 26.9	25.3	 29.4	 29.0	 30.5	 23.7
% Medical Advice on Weight in Past Year	 22.1	 28.0	26.1		 23.7		 29.0
% [Overweights] Counseled About Weight in Past Year	 37.6	 34.1	35.2		 31.8		 35.9
% [Obese Adults] Counseled About Weight in Past Year	 54.1	 55.2	54.9		 48.3		 54.3







Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight (continued)	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
% [Overweights] Trying to Lose Weight Both Diet/Exercise	 51.4	 50.2	50.6		 39.5		 45.4
% Child [Age 5-17] Healthy Weight	 43.1	 64.0	58.9		 56.7		 71.7
% Children [Age 5-17] Overweight (85th Percentile)	 42.4	 23.0	27.8		 31.5		 28.3
% Children [Age 5-17] Obese (95th Percentile)	 30.0	 9.8	14.8		 14.8	 14.5	 17.4
% No Leisure-Time Physical Activity	 16.7	 17.4	17.2	 25.1	 20.7	 32.6	 17.8
% Meeting Physical Activity Guidelines	 56.5	 47.2	50.2		 50.3		 47.9
% Moderate Physical Activity	 32.3	 28.5	29.7		 30.6		 24.6
% Vigorous Physical Activity	 45.7	 36.9	39.8		 38.0		 38.5
Recreation/Fitness Facilities per 100,000			10.8	 10.2	 9.7		
% Medical Advice on Physical Activity in Past Year	 41.7	 54.6	50.5		 44.0		 46.3













**Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight (continued)**

PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 44.4	 55.8
 17.2	 13.6
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
52.5		 48.6		
15.4			 16.8	
 better  similar  worse				



















**Oral Health**





PSA vs. SSA	
PSA	SSA
 79.5	 73.2
 94.6	 83.6
 77.8	 73.4
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
75.2	 66.9	 65.9	 49.0	 72.5
86.7		 81.5	 49.0	 78.9
74.8		 65.6		 68.6
 better  similar  worse				







Respiratory Diseases	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
CLRD (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
Pneumonia/Influenza (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% COPD (Lung Disease)	 4.5	 5.3
% [Adult] Currently Has Asthma	 7.2	 9.4
% [Asthmatics] Asthma Attack in the Past Year		
% [Child 0-17] Currently Has Asthma	 4.9	 15.4
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
<b>31.0</b>	 39.3	 42.0		 31.4
<b>16.6</b>	 16.8	 15.3		 20.9
<b>5.1</b>	 5.0	 8.6		 7.3
<b>8.7</b>	 7.6	 9.4		 9.5
<b>47.7</b>				 50.8
<b>12.3</b>		 7.1		 7.3
 better  similar  worse				

Sexually Transmitted Diseases	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Gonorrhea Incidence per 100,000		
Chlamydia Incidence per 100,000		
% [Unmarried 18-64] 3+ Sexual Partners in Past Year	 3.4	 20.4
% [Unmarried 18-64] Using Condoms	 54.8	 47.6
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
184.7	 141.0	 107.5		
619.6	 526.1	 456.7		
15.1		 11.7	 6.5	
50.3		 33.6	 42.7	
 better  similar  worse				


























Sickle-Cell Anemia	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% Sickle-Cell Anemia	 0.8	 0.9
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
0.8			 0.6	
 better  similar  worse				









Substance Abuse	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
Cirrhosis/Liver Disease (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% Current Drinker	 65.6	 56.4
% Chronic Drinker (Average 2+ Drinks/Day)	 6.8	 4.8
% Binge Drinker (Single Occasion - 5+ Drinks Men, 4+ Women)	 24.9	 14.5
% Drinking & Driving in Past Month	 2.7	 1.5
% Liver Disease	 0.7	 1.7
Drug-Induced Deaths (Age-Adjusted Death Rate)		
% Illicit Drug Use in Past Month	 0.9	 6.6
% Ever Sought Help for Alcohol or Drug Problem	 4.4	 5.2
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
8.3	 8.5	 9.9	 8.2	 8.6
59.3	 57.2	 56.5		 61.0
5.5		 5.2		 4.5
17.9	 21.8	 19.5	 24.4	 19.9
1.9		 5.0		 2.3
1.6				 1.6
11.1	 12.1	 14.1	 11.3	 10.7
4.8		 4.0	 7.1	 2.7
4.9		 4.9		 2.3
 better  similar  worse				

Tobacco Use	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% Current Smoker	 13.7	 14.2
% Someone Smokes at Home	 12.4	 12.3
% [Non-Smokers] Someone Smokes in the Home	 5.6	 4.2
% [Household With Children] Someone Smokes in the Home	 5.0	 2.7
% [Smokers] Received Advice to Quit Smoking		
% [Smokers] Have Quit Smoking 1+ Days in Past Year		
% Smoke Cigars	 2.0	 2.7
% Use Smokeless Tobacco	 4.2	 1.0
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
14.0	 18.0	 14.9	 12.0	 14.9
12.3		 12.7		 13.4
4.7		 6.3		 7.0
3.3		 9.7		 14.8
68.9		 67.8		 64.7
72.9		 55.9	 80.0	 53.7
2.4		 4.1	 0.2	 5.1
2.0	 2.6	 4.0	 0.3	 2.3
 better  similar  worse				

Vision	PSA vs. SSA	
	PSA	SSA
% Blindness/Trouble Seeing	 5.1	 7.6
% Eye Exam in Past 2 Years	 59.7	 59.9
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ABHS	ABHS vs. Benchmarks			TREND
	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	
6.7	 3.9	 8.5	 5.2	
59.8		 56.8	 55.9	
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# Data Charts & Key Informant Input



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## Community Characteristics

### Population Characteristics

Data from the US Census Bureau reveal the following statistics for our community relative to size, population, density, age, race/ethnicity and language. Keep in mind:

- A significant positive or negative shift in total population over time impacts healthcare providers and the utilization of community resources.
- Urban areas are identified using population density, count, and size thresholds. Urban areas also include territory with a high degree of impervious surface (development). Rural areas are all areas that are not urban.
- It is important to understand the age distribution of the population as different age groups have unique health needs which should be considered separately from others along the age spectrum.

### Population Characteristics

	Cook County	DuPage County	Lake County	MCHC Region	United States
Total Population	5,212,372	922,803	702,099	6,837,274	311,536,591
Total Land Area (sq. miles)	945.08	327.41	443.55	1,716.04	3,530,997.6
Population Density	5,515.29	2,818.47	1,582.9	3,984.33	88.23
2000-2010 Population Change	-3.4%	1.4%	9.1%	-1.6%	9.7%
Urban Population	99.9%	99.9%	98.7%	99.8%	80.9%
Age 0-17	23.4%	24.4%	26.8%	23.8%	23.7%
Age 18-64	64.4%	63.5%	62.3%	64.1%	62.9%
Age 65+	12.2%	12.1%	10.9%	12.1%	13.4%
Median Age	35.5	38.4	37.0	36.8	37.3
White Alone	56.7%	80.3%	78.7%	62.2%	74.0%
Black Alone	24.4%	4.6%	14.4%	19.9%	12.6%
Some Other Race	16.9%	12.9%	4.8%	15.8%	10.6%
Multiple Races	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%	2.8%
Hispanic or Latino	24.2%	13.5%	20.2%	22.4%	16.6%
2000-2010 Hispanic Population Change	16.1%	49.4%	51.0%	20.9%	42.7%
Linguistically Isolated Population	8.5%	5.0%	5.0%	7.6%	4.8%

## Social Determinants of Health

### About Social Determinants

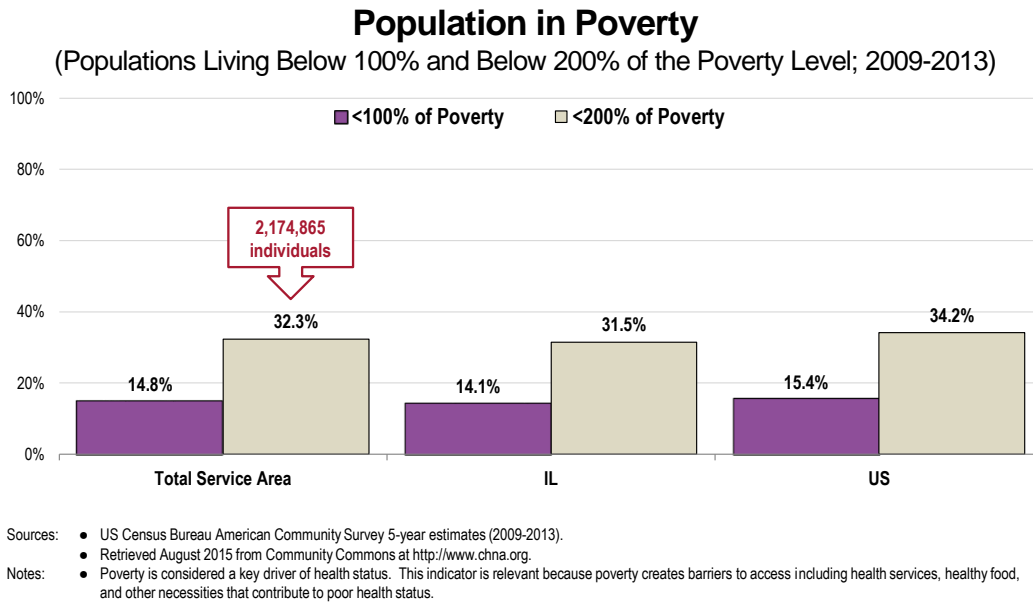
Health starts in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. We know that taking care of ourselves by eating well and staying active, not smoking, getting the recommended immunizations and screening tests, and seeing a doctor when we are sick all influence our health. Our health is also determined in part by access to social and economic opportunities; the resources and supports available in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities; the quality of our schooling; the safety of our workplaces; the cleanliness of our water, food, and air; and the nature of our social interactions and relationships. The conditions in which we live explain in part why some Americans are healthier than others and why Americans more generally are not as healthy as they could be.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

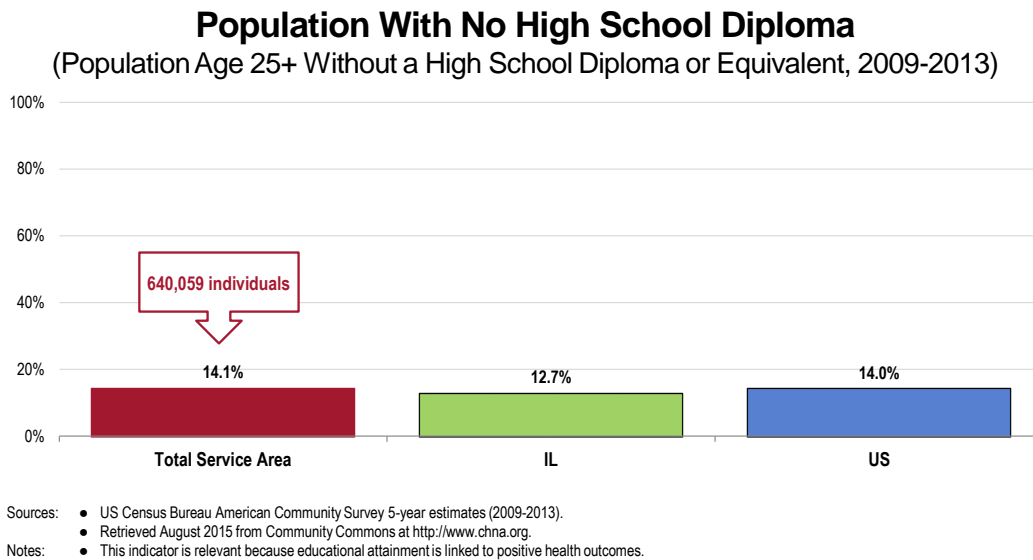
Social Determinants	PSA vs. SSA		ABHS vs. Benchmarks				
	PSA	SSA	ABHS	vs. IL	vs. US	vs. HP2020	TREND
Linguistically Isolated Population (Percent)			7.6	5.1	4.8		
Population in Poverty (Percent)			14.8	14.1	15.4		
Population Below 200% FPL (Percent)			32.3	31.5	34.2		
Children Below 200% FPL (Percent)			42.6	40.8	43.8		
No High School Diploma (Age 25+, Percent)			14.1	12.7	14.0		
Unemployment Rate (Age 16+, Percent)			5.9	5.6	5.3		6.3
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The following chart outlines the proportion of our population below the federal poverty threshold, as well as below 200% of the federal poverty level, in comparison to state and national proportions.



Education levels are reflected in the proportion of our population without a high school diploma.



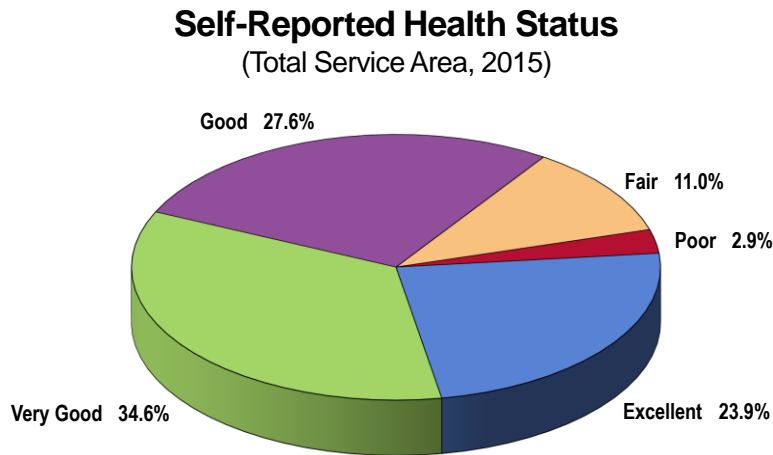
## General Health Status

### Overall Health Status

#### Self-Reported Health Status

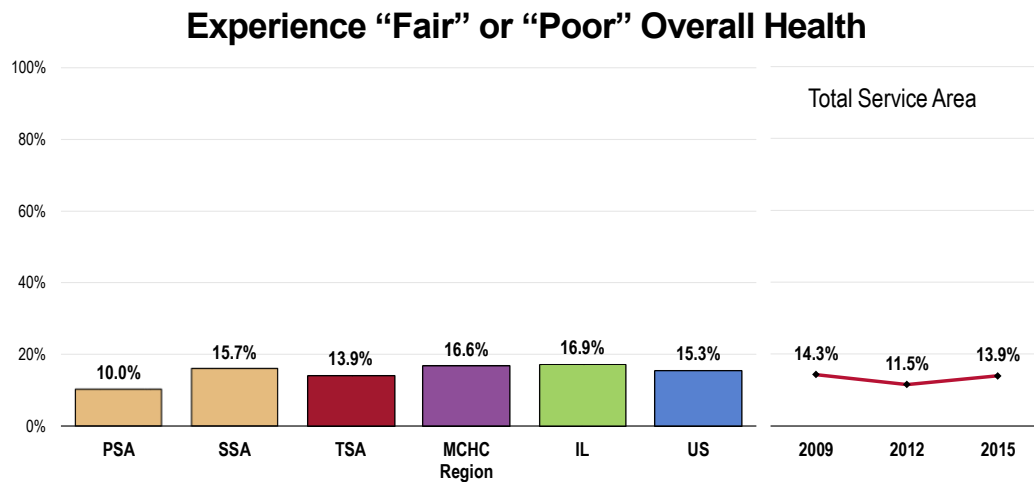
The initial inquiry of the PRC Community Health Survey asked respondents the following:

**“Would you say that in general your health is: excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?”**



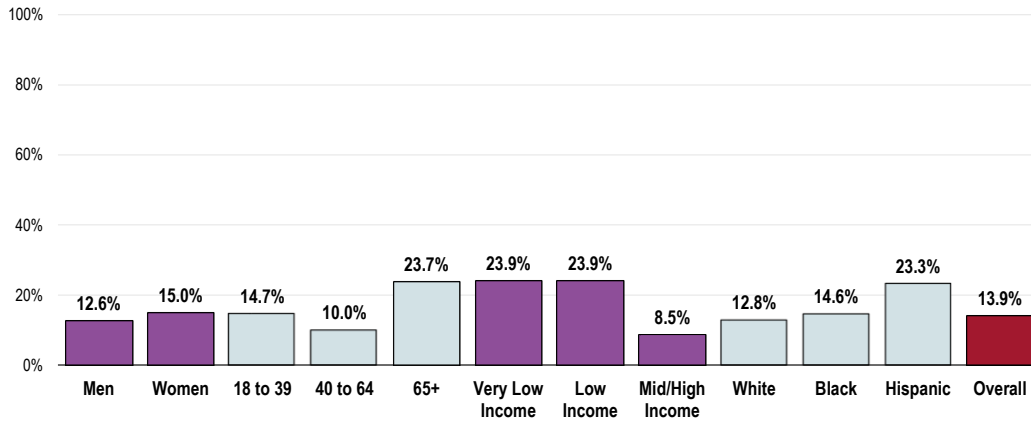
Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 5]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

The following charts further detail “fair/poor” overall health responses in the Total Service Area in comparison to benchmark data, as well as by basic demographic characteristics (namely by gender, age groupings, income [based on poverty status], and race/ethnicity).



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 5]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Experience “Fair” or “Poor” Overall Health (Total Service Area, 2015)



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Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

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## Activity Limitations

### About Disability & Health

An individual can get a disabling impairment or chronic condition at any point in life. Compared with people without disabilities, people with disabilities are more likely to:

- Experience difficulties or delays in getting the health care they need.
- Not have had an annual dental visit.
- Not have had a mammogram in past 2 years.
- Not have had a Pap test within the past 3 years.
- Not engage in fitness activities.
- Use tobacco.
- Be overweight or obese.
- Have high blood pressure.
- Experience symptoms of psychological distress.
- Receive less social-emotional support.
- Have lower employment rates.

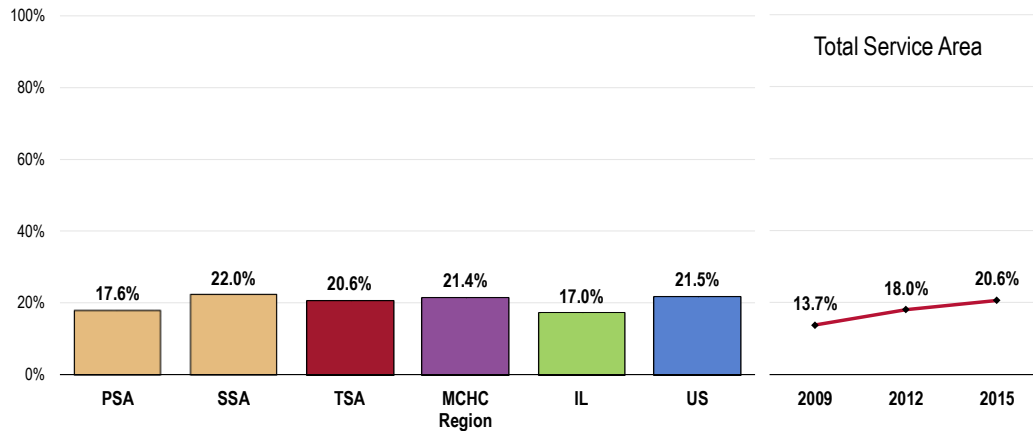
There are many social and physical factors that influence the health of people with disabilities. The following three areas for public health action have been identified, using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) and the three World Health Organization (WHO) principles of action for addressing health determinants.

- **Improve the conditions of daily life** by: encouraging communities to be accessible so all can live in, move through, and interact with their environment; encouraging community living; and removing barriers in the environment using both physical universal design concepts and operational policy shifts.
- **Address the inequitable distribution of resources among people with disabilities and those without disabilities** by increasing: appropriate health care for people with disabilities; education and work opportunities; social participation; and access to needed technologies and assistive supports.
- **Expand the knowledge base and raise awareness about determinants of health for people with disabilities** by increasing: the inclusion of people with disabilities in public health data collection efforts across the lifespan; the inclusion of people with disabilities in health promotion activities; and the expansion of disability and health training opportunities for public health and health care professionals.

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**“Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental or emotional problems?”**

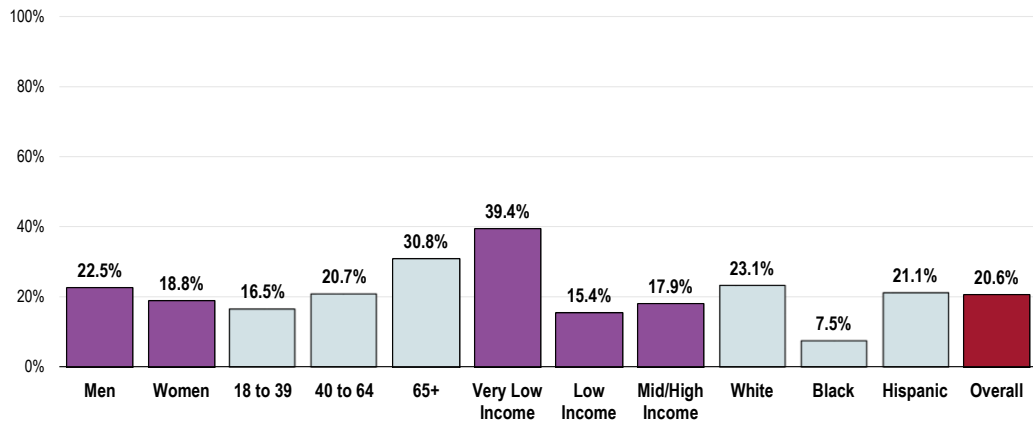
### Limited in Activities in Some Way Due to a Physical, Mental or Emotional Problem



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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Limited in Activities in Some Way Due to a Physical, Mental or Emotional Problem (Total Service Area, 2015)



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## Mental Health

### About Mental Health & Mental Disorders

Mental health is a state of successful performance of mental function, resulting in productive activities, fulfilling relationships with other people, and the ability to adapt to change and to cope with challenges. Mental health is essential to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and the ability to contribute to community or society. Mental disorders are health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, and/or behavior that are associated with distress and/or impaired functioning. Mental disorders contribute to a host of problems that may include disability, pain, or death. Mental illness is the term that refers collectively to all diagnosable mental disorders. Mental disorders are among the most common causes of disability. The resulting disease burden of mental illness is among the highest of all diseases.

Mental health and physical health are closely connected. Mental health plays a major role in people's ability to maintain good physical health. Mental illnesses, such as depression and anxiety, affect people's ability to participate in health-promoting behaviors. In turn, problems with physical health, such as chronic diseases, can have a serious impact on mental health and decrease a person's ability to participate in treatment and recovery.

The existing model for understanding mental health and mental disorders emphasizes the interaction of social, environmental, and genetic factors throughout the lifespan. In behavioral health, researchers identify: **risk factors**, which predispose individuals to mental illness; and **protective factors**, which protect them from developing mental disorders. Researchers now know that the prevention of mental, emotional, and behavioral (MEB) disorders is inherently interdisciplinary and draws on a variety of different strategies. Over the past 20 years, research on the prevention of mental disorders has progressed. The major areas of progress include evidence that:

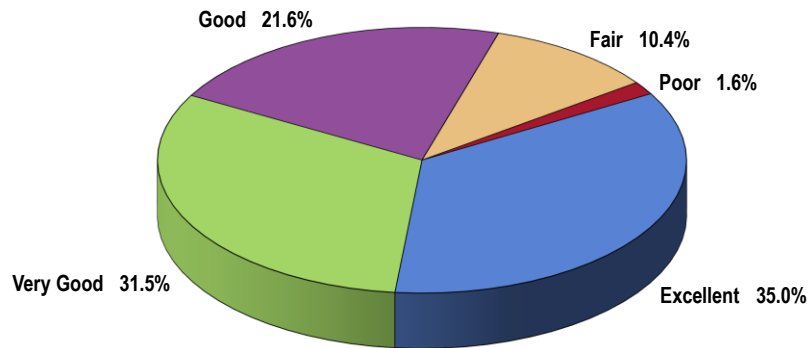
- MEB disorders are common and begin early in life.
- The greatest opportunity for prevention is among young people.
- There are multiyear effects of multiple preventive interventions on reducing substance abuse, conduct disorder, antisocial behavior, aggression, and child maltreatment.
- The incidence of depression among pregnant women and adolescents can be reduced.
- School-based violence prevention can reduce the base rate of aggressive problems in an average school by 25 to 33%.
- There are potential indicated preventive interventions for schizophrenia.
- Improving family functioning and positive parenting can have positive outcomes on mental health and can reduce poverty-related risk.
- School-based preventive interventions aimed at improving social and emotional outcomes can also improve academic outcomes.
- Interventions targeting families dealing with adversities, such as parental depression or divorce, can be effective in reducing risk for depression in children and increasing effective parenting.
- Some preventive interventions have benefits that exceed costs, with the available evidence strongest for early childhood interventions.
- Implementation is complex, it is important that interventions be relevant to the target audiences.
- In addition to advancements in the prevention of mental disorders, there continues to be steady progress in treating mental disorders as new drugs and stronger evidence-based outcomes become available.

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### Self-Reported Mental Health Status

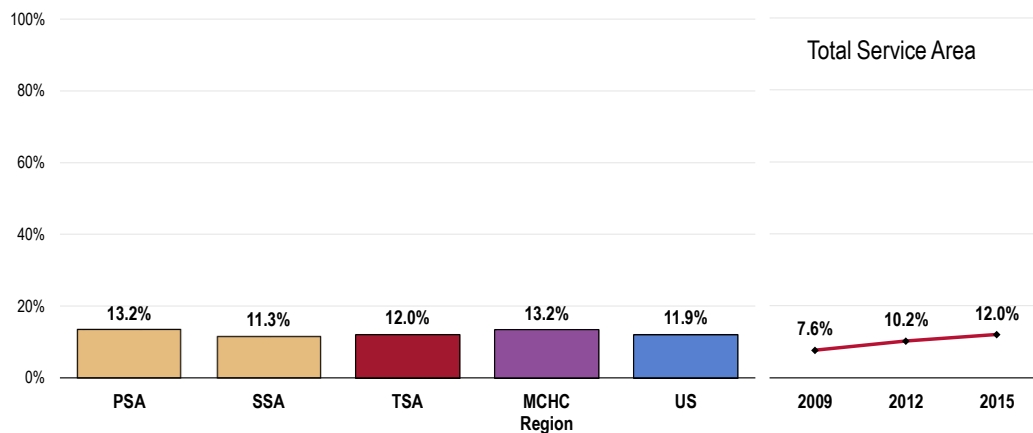
*“Now thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression and problems with emotions, would you say that, in general, your mental health is: excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?”*

**Self-Reported Mental Health Status**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)



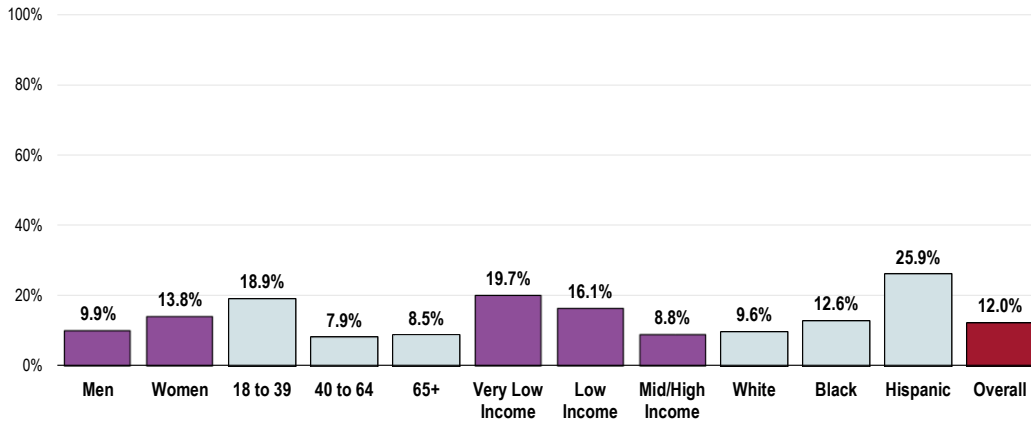
Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 100]  
Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Experience “Fair” or “Poor” Mental Health



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Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Experience “Fair” or “Poor” Mental Health (Total Service Area, 2015)



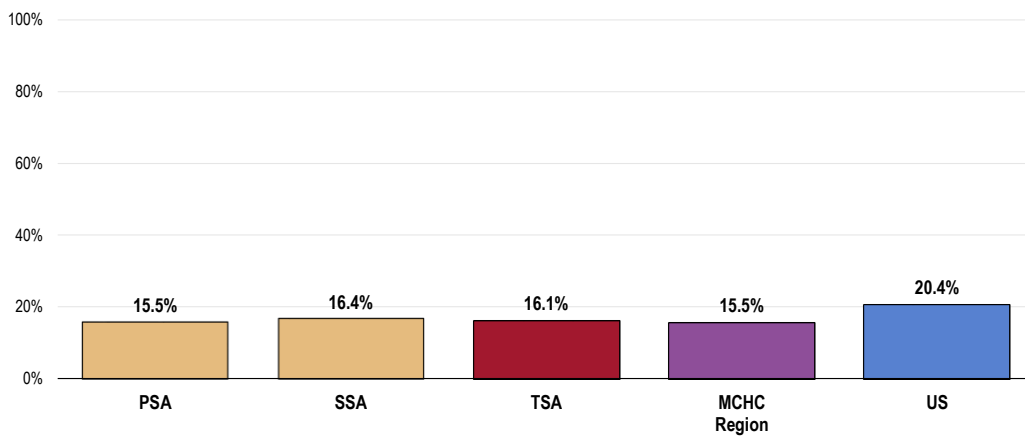
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### Depression

**Diagnosed Depression:** “Has a doctor or other healthcare provider ever told you that you have a depressive disorder, including depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression?”

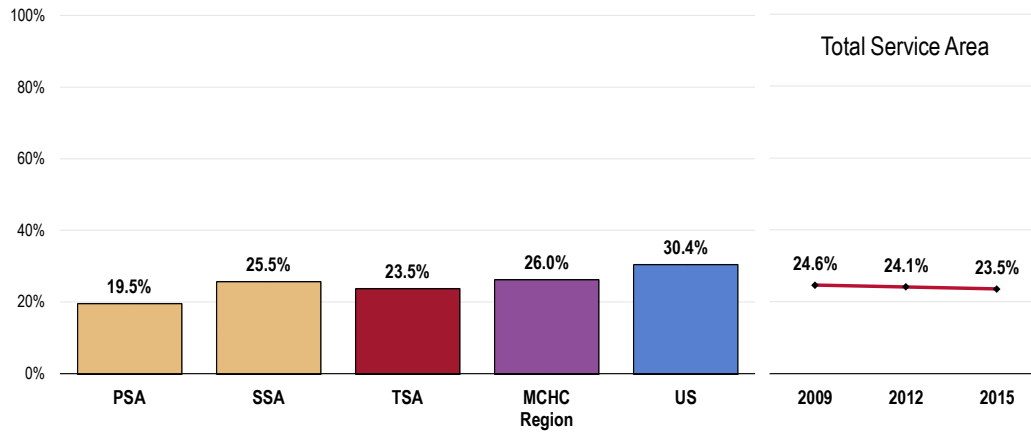
**Symptoms of Chronic Depression:** “Have you had two years or more in your life when you felt depressed or sad most days, even if you felt okay sometimes?”

### Have Been Diagnosed With a Depressive Disorder



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 103]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Depressive disorders include depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression.

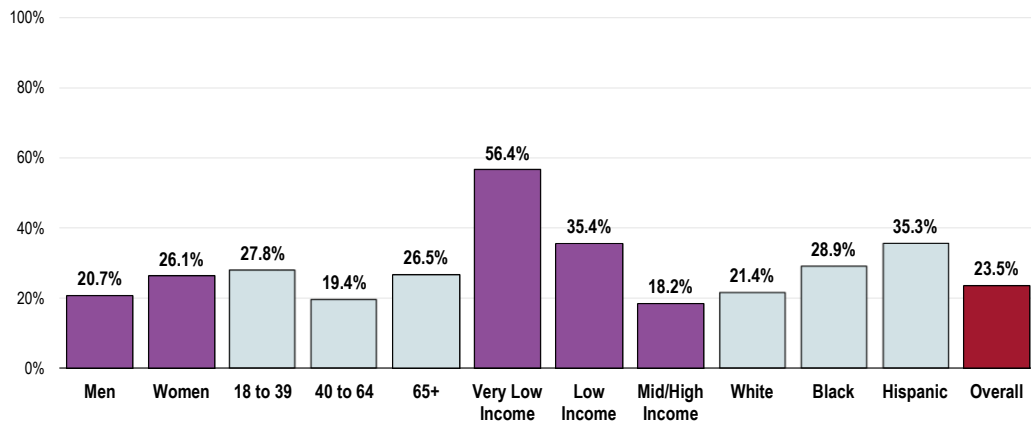
## Have Experienced Symptoms of Chronic Depression



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 101]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Chronic depression includes periods of two or more years during which the respondent felt depressed or sad on most days, even if (s)he felt okay sometimes.

## Have Experienced Symptoms of Chronic Depression (Total Service Area, 2015)



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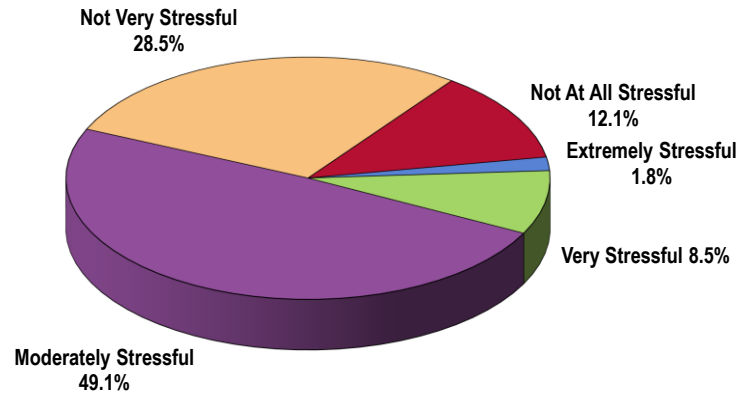
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**Stress**

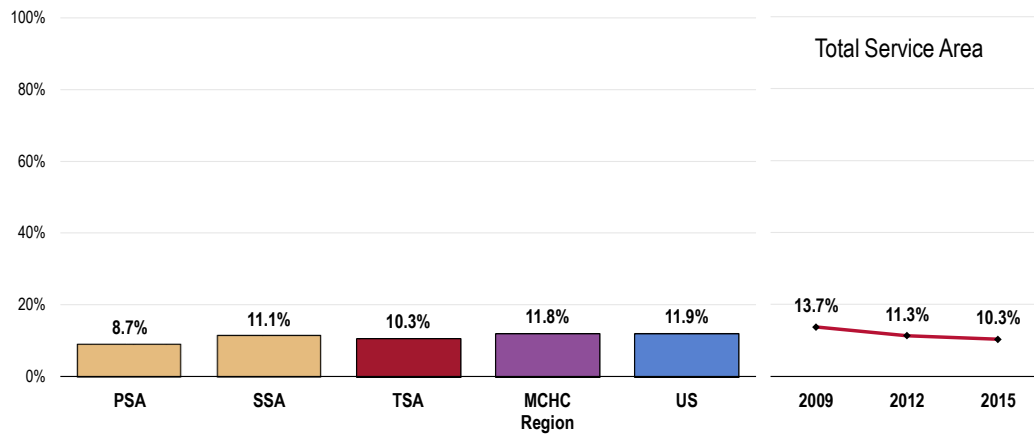
*“Thinking about the amount of stress in your life, would you say that most days are: extremely stressful, very stressful, moderately stressful, not very stressful or not at all stressful?”*

**Perceived Level of Stress On a Typical Day**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 102]  
Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

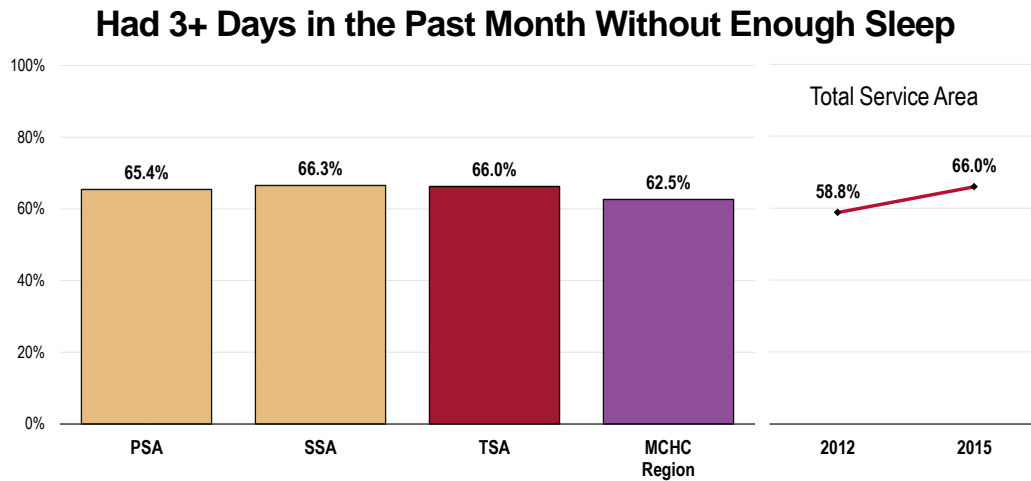
**Perceive Most Days As “Extremely” or “Very” Stressful**



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 102]  
• 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Sleep

**“During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt you did NOT get enough rest or sleep?”**



Sources: ● PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 179]  
 Notes: ● Asked of all respondents.

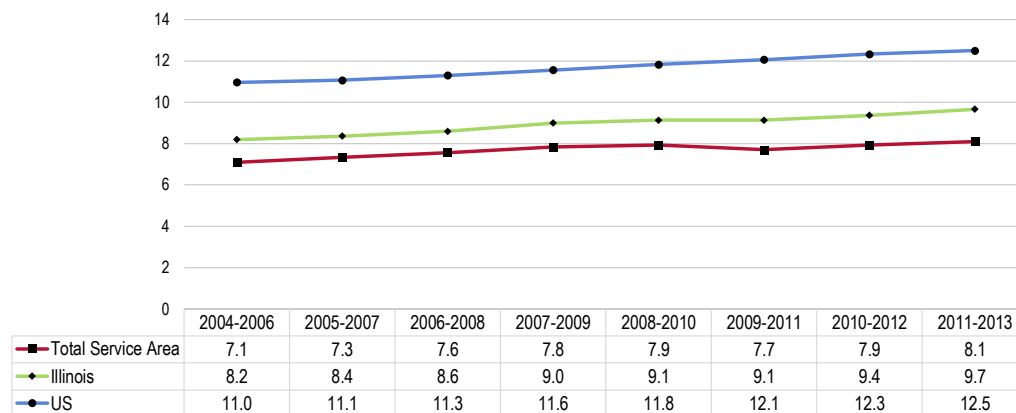
## Suicide

The following chart outlines the most current age-adjusted mortality rates attributed to suicide in our population. (Refer to “Leading Causes of Death” for an explanation of the use of age-adjusting for these rates.)

### Suicide: Age-Adjusted Mortality Trends

(Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 10.2 or Lower



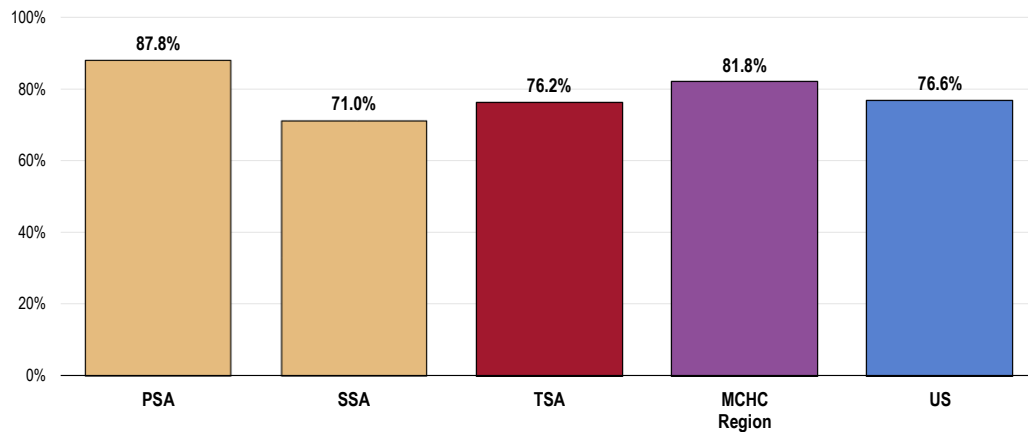
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 ● US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective MHMD-1]  
 Notes: ● Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
 ● Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

## Mental Health Treatment

### Treatment for Self

**“Have you ever sought help from a professional for a mental or emotional problem?”** (Among those with a “diagnosed depressive disorder,” which includes respondents reporting a past diagnosis of a depressive disorder by a physician [such as depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression]).

**Adults With Diagnosed Depression Who Have Ever Sought Professional Help for a Mental or Emotional Problem**  
(Among Adults With Diagnosed Depressive Disorder)

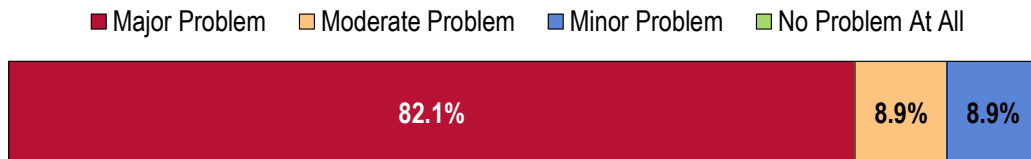


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 123]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Reflects those respondents with a depressive disorder diagnosed by a physician (such as depression, major depression, dysthymia, or minor depression).  
 • \*Use caution when interpreting these survey results, as the sample size falls below 50.

## Key Informant Input: Mental Health

The following chart outlines key informants’ perceptions of the severity of *Mental Health* as a problem in the community:

**Perceptions of Mental Health as a Problem in the Community**  
(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” the following represent what key informants see as the main challenges for persons with mental illness:

#### Access to Care

*Lack of access to psychiatry services and counseling. – Physician*

*Access to affordable, evidence-based mental illness services that also treat the co-occurring substance addiction and can provide resources to address the other co-morbidities of homelessness and unemployment. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of access to counseling, psychiatrists and other mental health resources. – Public Health Expert*

*Recognizing the need for help, accessing appropriate treatment, and follow-up care. – Community/Business Leader*

*Huge gap in mental health services for people who are low income. There aren't resources to refer people to as a community based organization and the few that exist are in financial crises and/or have very long waiting times before someone can be seen. Without comprehensive mental health care people remain in crises and their other life problems are exasperated. – Social Service Representative*

*Access to care. – Community/Business Leader*

*Lack of services for underinsured. Long wait times for services. Unable to obtain needed medications. – Other Health Provider*

*Access to mental health professionals in a timely fashion and limited inpatient capacity for those who need it. Also, delays in treatment due to overburdening the mechanisms in place to evaluate patients in a crisis setting. – Physician*

*The access to healthcare is very challenging, the people that struggle with mental health and need the most support do not have access to care. There's a stigma, lack of education, and this is another population that costs the community a lot of money when it was not treated. – Social Service Representative*

*Availability to get to mental health services, affordability of mental health services, treating co-morbidities. – Public Health Expert*

*Lack of access to outpatient treatment/care. – Public Health Expert*

*Poorly coordinated mental health system. – Public Health Expert*

*Access to medications and services that are needed to manage one's illness. Stigma surrounding mental health persists. – Social Service Representative*

*Access to care and treatment. Too many individuals with mental illness languish in our jails who are ill equipped to address their real problem. – Other Health Provider*

#### Lack of Resources

*Lack of resourcing for mental health treatment, lack of psychiatry, lack of resources for chronically mentally ill. – Public Health Expert*

*There are scarce resources for those who are severely mentally ill. – Public Health Expert*

*For individuals with severe mental illness (SMI), there are both gaps in psychiatry and medical care. The gap in psychiatry is significant and recruitment efforts are challenging. – Public Health Expert*

*Since the decommissioning of services and hospitals an increasing number of the mentally unwell*

are also the unhoused and unemployed. Few major providers exist for low income folks who have mental health challenges. Barriers exist for those of moderate and upper level income. Schools still cannot meet the need of students and local practitioners are not well versed at screening or referrals for support. – Social Service Representative

People who are underinsured or uninsured have a very hard time accessing mental health treatment. – Social Service Representative

The demand for services far exceeds the capacity of providers, especially for psychiatric care. The "system" of care needs better coordination of effort and focus on prevention to avoid escalation of disease. – Community/Business Leader

Ongoing care and support are a big challenge, especially for those who have limited or no insurance. Even if a client can get their medications, which are very cost prohibitive, getting ongoing therapy with a qualified bilingual (Spanish) Psychologist is very difficult, especially for the young adult. – Other Health Provider

Difficult to treat and find resources that are affordable. – Social Service Representative

Very little support or resources for ongoing care. – Public Health Expert

### Lack of Providers

Lack of providers, lack of transportation to providers, underinsured, and the stigma. – Community/Business Leader

There are too few mental health providers. Psychiatrists are in short supply. Insurance companies make it very difficult to access counseling services and create many barriers to adequate and timely payment for services. There is need for more acute, inpatient services. These needs are especially pressing for those with Medicaid or without insurance. There continues to be an unnatural and detrimental bifurcation between "mental" and "physical" health when, in truth, one affects the other significantly in all of us. – Public Health Expert

There are no mental health service providers for adults or children in this community. – Community/Business Leader

Low number of behavior health providers, particularly for underinsured individuals. – Public Health Expert

Needed on campus to service this population, access to Psychiatrists and Psychotherapists for outpatient services on campus, adult MH PHP/IOP not yet on campus, training and education of general medical staff to care for patients with mental health problems. – Other Health Provider

### Co-occurrences

Anxiety and related disorders, including substance abuse. Ours is a high-achieving, data-driven community demanding excellence of all. Adults set the tone. Most are well-educated striving for success in their careers. These parents also measure their own success by how their children perform. Students feel tremendous pressure to "exceed expectations" academically and athletically. Many adults have experienced the added stress of job loss since the economic crisis in 2008 and many have struggled with economic insecurity since. This has created stress and challenged coping skills. It has forced both parents to work to maintain prior standards of living. As costs outpace income, people worry tremendously about how to keep up and get ahead. Children feel all of this. Regardless of circumstances, they are also still expected to compete and perform, to display the right labels on their shoes, bags and phones. Denial and stigma are the biggest mental health challenges. – Community/Business Leader

The biggest challenge is facing up to the issues in our lives that lead to such results as alcohol and drug abuse, domestic abuse and a whole raft of co-dependent behaviors. – Community/Business Leader

Violence and homelessness. – Community/Business Leader

*Living with low incomes can lead to high levels of stress. – Other Health Provider*

### **Stigma**

*Culturally, mental illness is taboo and seldom diagnosed or treated. – Social Service Representative*

*Stigma surrounding mental health persists. – Social Service Representative*

*Understanding that it is a common need, dealing with the stigma. Being able to navigate the health care system and the health care financing systems to access the right care at the right time. Lack of medical provider capacity/comfort in dealing with some of the more routine/less acute mental health concerns in a primary care setting. – Public Health Expert*

*Stigma is a barrier to seeking out services and there is a lack of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. – Public Health Expert*

*The stigma of being diagnosed with a behavior health condition. Inadequate inpatient beds or intensive outpatient assistance. Inadequate resources to identify and treat post-traumatic stress disorders, inadequate suicide/crisis prevention resources. Inadequate resources to support addiction recovery. – Other Health Provider*

### **Affordable Care**

*Access to affordable care options, stigma associated with having such an illness. – Social Service Representative*

*Services are not covered under many plans. Long waiting lists at the Community Mental Health Centers. – Social Service Representative*

*Our biggest challenge is affordable substance abuse treatment for persons ages 21 and up in the suburbs. While services exist for minors or for persons with good health insurance, those that lack coverage for whatever reason are left in the dark or must move to Chicago for services. – Other Health Provider*

### **Continuity of Care**

*Outpatient follow-up medication compliance. – Other Health Provider*

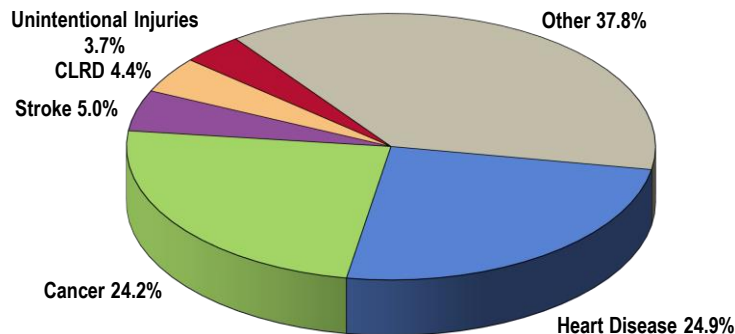
## Death, Disease & Chronic Conditions

### Leading Causes of Death

#### Distribution of Deaths by Cause

Cancers and cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) are leading causes of death in the community.

**Leading Causes of Death**  
(Total Service Area, 2013)



- Sources:
- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
- Notes:
- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - CLRD is chronic lower respiratory disease.

#### Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Selected Causes

In order to compare mortality in the service area with other localities (in this case, the state and the United States), it is necessary to look at *rates* of death — these are figures which represent the number of deaths in relation to the population size (such as deaths per 100,000 population, as is used here).

Furthermore, in order to compare localities without undue bias toward younger or older populations, the common convention is to adjust the data to some common baseline age distribution. Use of these “age-adjusted” rates provides the most valuable means of gauging mortality against benchmark data, as well as *Healthy People 2020* targets.

The following chart outlines annual average age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 population for selected causes of death in the service area. (For infant mortality data, see *Birth Outcomes & Risks* in the **Births** section of this report.)

## Age-Adjusted Death Rates for Selected Causes (2011-2013 Deaths per 100,000 Population)

	TSA	Illinois	US	HP2020
Diseases of the Heart	172.0	173.9	171.3	156.9*
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancers)	169.2	174.2	166.2	161.4
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	35.4	37.7	37.0	34.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease (CLRD)	31.0	39.3	42.0	n/a
Unintentional Injuries	25.7	32.9	39.2	36.4
Diabetes Mellitus	19.3	19.4	21.3	20.5*
Pneumonia/Influenza	16.6	16.8	15.3	n/a
Alzheimer's Disease	16.4	20.0	24.0	n/a
Kidney Diseases	16.2	17.1	13.2	n/a
Drug-Induced	11.1	12.1	14.1	11.3
Firearm-Related	9.6	8.8	10.4	9.3
Homicide/Legal Intervention	8.6	6.3	5.3	5.5
Cirrhosis/Liver Disease	8.3	8.5	9.9	8.2
Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	8.1	9.7	12.5	10.2
Motor Vehicle Deaths	5.4	7.9	10.7	12.4
HIV/AIDS	2.2	1.6	2.2	3.3

Sources: • CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.

• US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov>.

Note: • Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population and coded using ICD-10 codes.

• \*The Healthy People 2020 Heart Disease target is adjusted to account for all diseases of the heart; the Diabetes target is adjusted to reflect only diabetes mellitus-coded deaths.



## Cardiovascular Disease

### About Heart Disease & Stroke

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, with stroke following as the third leading cause. Together, heart disease and stroke are among the most widespread and costly health problems facing the nation today, accounting for more than \$500 billion in healthcare expenditures and related expenses in 2010 alone. Fortunately, they are also among the most preventable.

The leading modifiable (controllable) risk factors for heart disease and stroke are:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Cigarette smoking
- Diabetes
- Poor diet and physical inactivity
- Overweight and obesity

The risk of Americans developing and dying from cardiovascular disease would be substantially reduced if major improvements were made across the US population in diet and physical activity, control of high blood pressure and cholesterol, smoking cessation, and appropriate aspirin use.

The burden of cardiovascular disease is disproportionately distributed across the population. There are significant disparities in the following based on gender, age, race/ethnicity, geographic area, and socioeconomic status:

- Prevalence of risk factors
- Access to treatment
- Appropriate and timely treatment
- Treatment outcomes
- Mortality

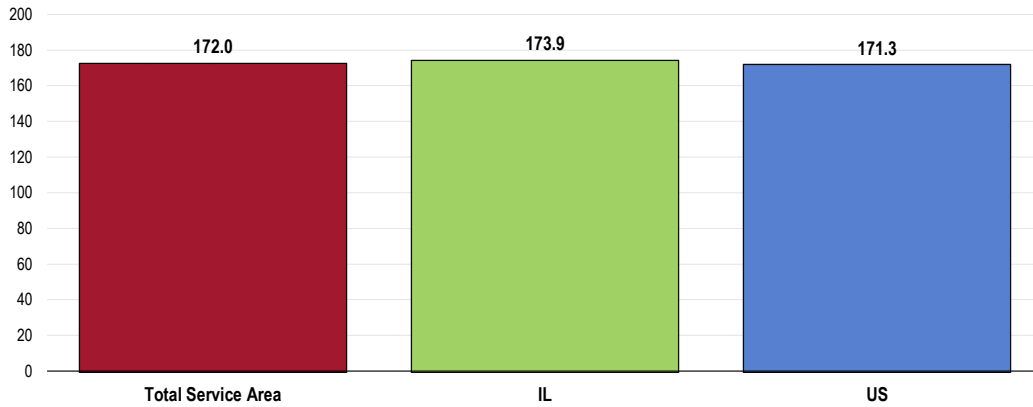
Disease does not occur in isolation, and cardiovascular disease is no exception. Cardiovascular health is significantly influenced by the physical, social, and political environment, including: maternal and child health; access to educational opportunities; availability of healthy foods, physical education, and extracurricular activities in schools; opportunities for physical activity, including access to safe and walkable communities; access to healthy foods; quality of working conditions and worksite health; availability of community support and resources; and access to affordable, quality healthcare.

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## Age-Adjusted Heart Disease & Stroke Deaths

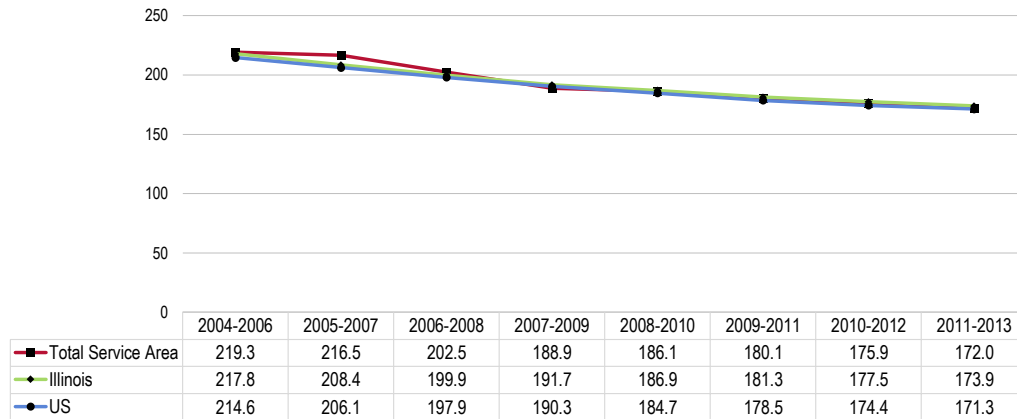
The greatest share of cardiovascular deaths is attributed to heart disease.

### Heart Disease: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population) Healthy People 2020 Target = 156.9 or Lower (Adjusted)



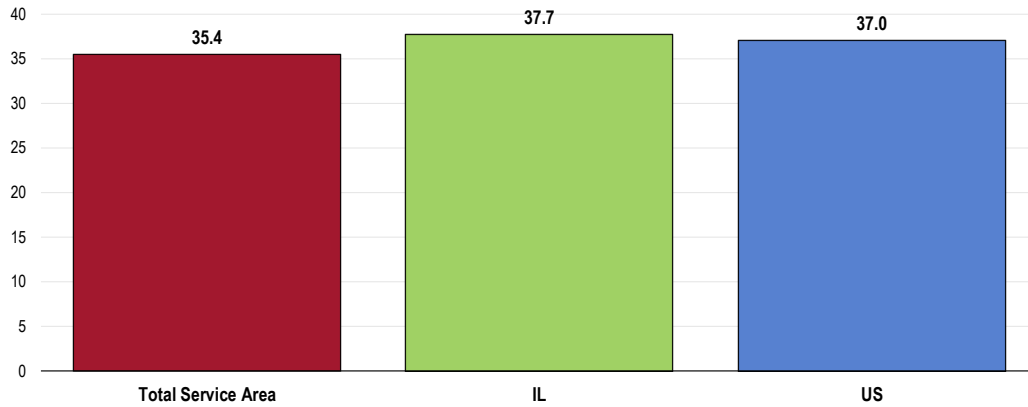
- Sources:
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- Notes:
- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.
  - The Healthy People 2020 Heart Disease target is adjusted to account for all diseases of the heart.

### Heart Disease: Age-Adjusted Mortality Trends (Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population) Healthy People 2020 Target = 156.9 or Lower (Adjusted)



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- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-2]
- Notes:
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  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.
  - The Healthy People 2020 Heart Disease target is adjusted to account for all diseases of the heart.

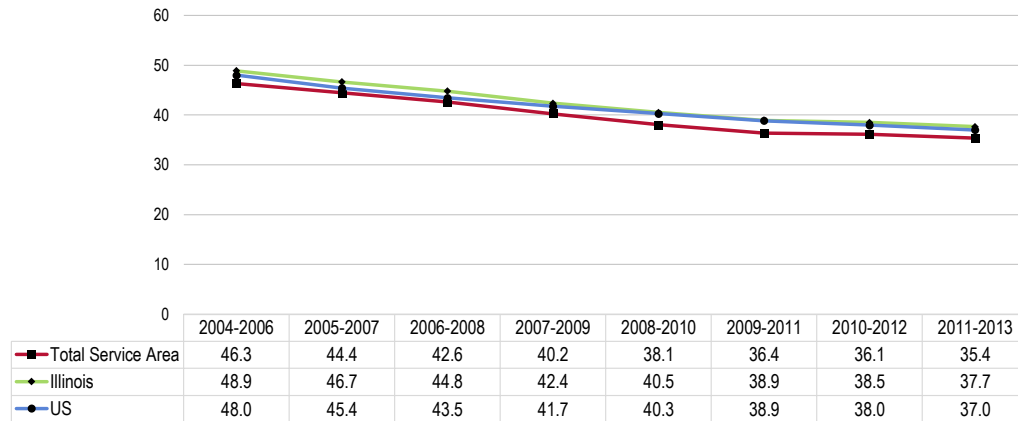
### Stroke: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population) Healthy People 2020 Target = 34.8 or Lower



Sources: ● CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.  
● US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-3]

Notes: ● Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
● Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

### Stroke: Age-Adjusted Mortality Trends (Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population) Healthy People 2020 Target = 34.8 or Lower



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● US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-3]

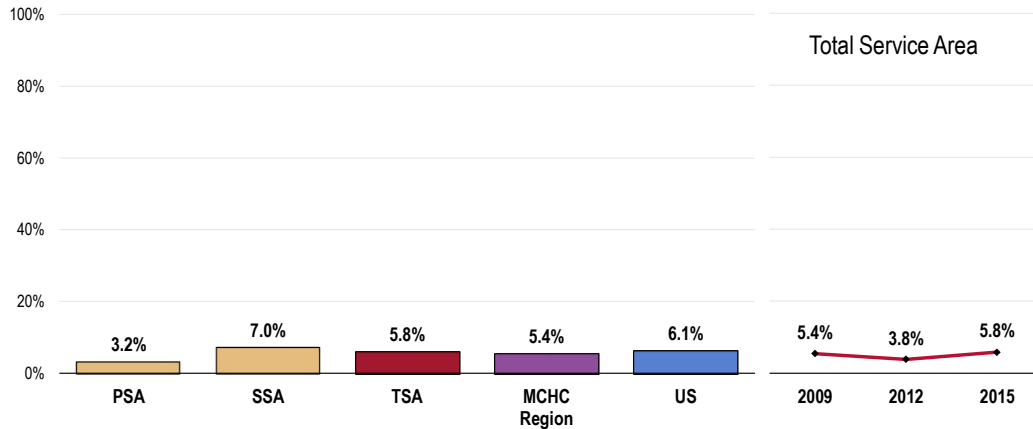
Notes: ● Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
● Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.  
● Local, state and national data are simple three-year averages.

### Prevalence of Heart Disease & Stroke

**“Has a doctor, nurse or other health professional ever told you that you had: a heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction; or angina or coronary heart disease?”** (Heart disease prevalence below is a calculated prevalence that includes those responding affirmatively to either.)

**“Has a doctor, nurse or other health professional ever told you that you had a stroke?”**

#### Prevalence of Heart Disease



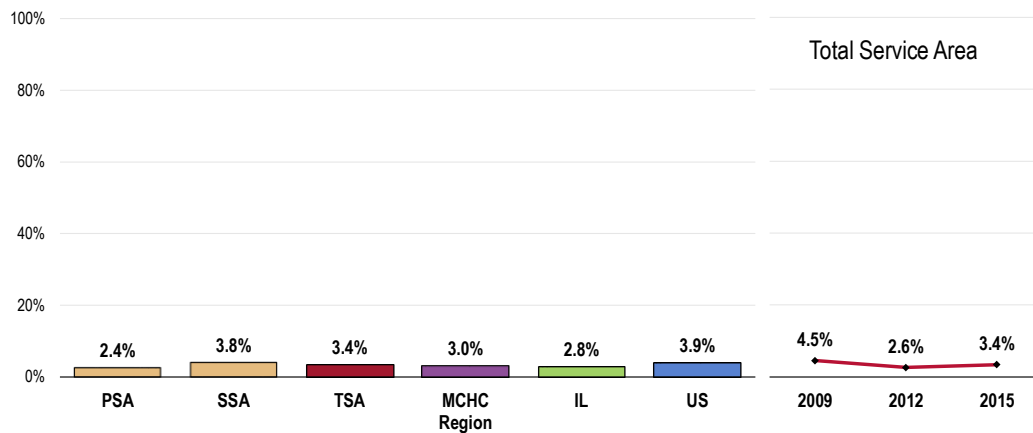
Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 124]

• 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

• Includes diagnoses of heart attack, angina or coronary heart disease.

#### Prevalence of Stroke



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 36]

• 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

• Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Cardiovascular Risk Factors

### About Cardiovascular Risk

Controlling risk factors for heart disease and stroke remains a challenge. High blood pressure and cholesterol are still major contributors to the national epidemic of cardiovascular disease. High blood pressure affects approximately 1 in 3 adults in the United States, and more than half of Americans with high blood pressure do not have it under control. High sodium intake is a known risk factor for high blood pressure and heart disease, yet about 90% of American adults exceed their recommendation for sodium intake.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

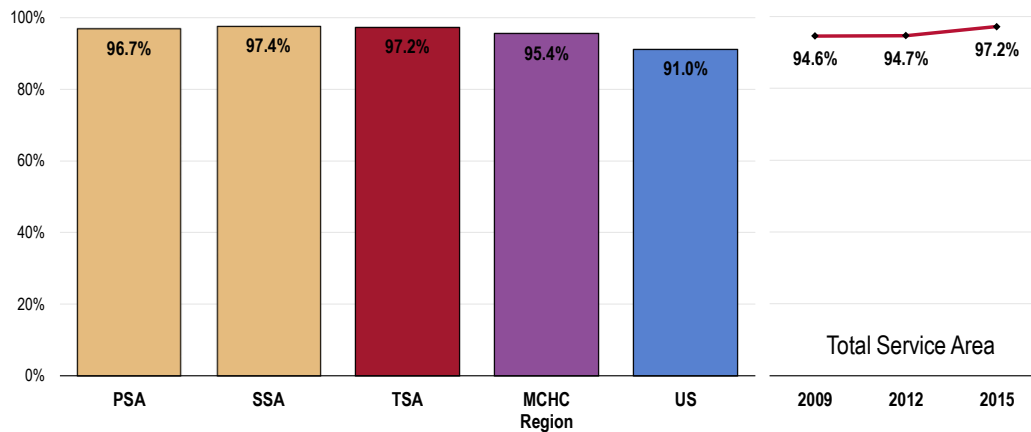
### High Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Testing

**“About how long has it been since you last had your blood pressure taken by a doctor, nurse or other health professional?”** (Chart below reflects responses indicating testing within the past 2 years.)

**“About how long has it been since you last had your blood cholesterol checked?”** (The following chart reflects responses indicating testing within the past 5 years.)

### Have Had Blood Pressure Checked in the Past Two Years

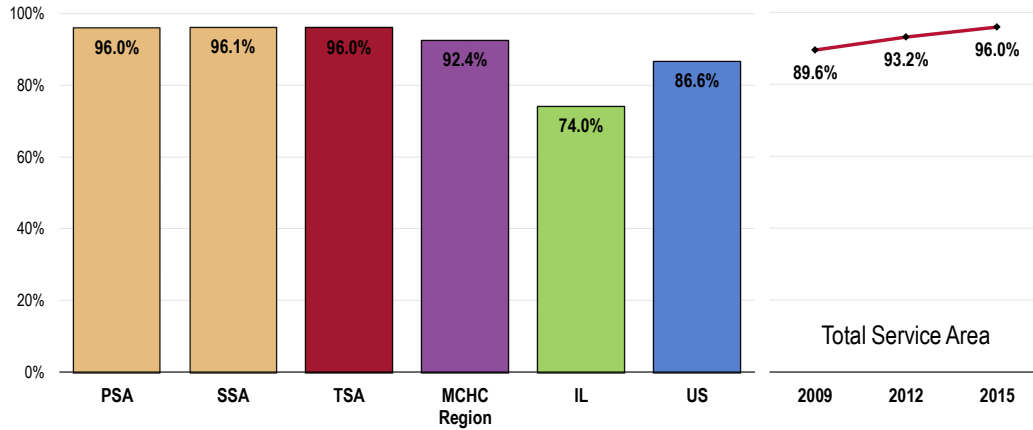
Healthy People 2020 Target = 92.6% or Higher



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 45]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-4]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.

## Have Had Blood Cholesterol Levels Checked in the Past Five Years

Healthy People 2020 Target = 82.1% or Higher



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 48]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-6]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

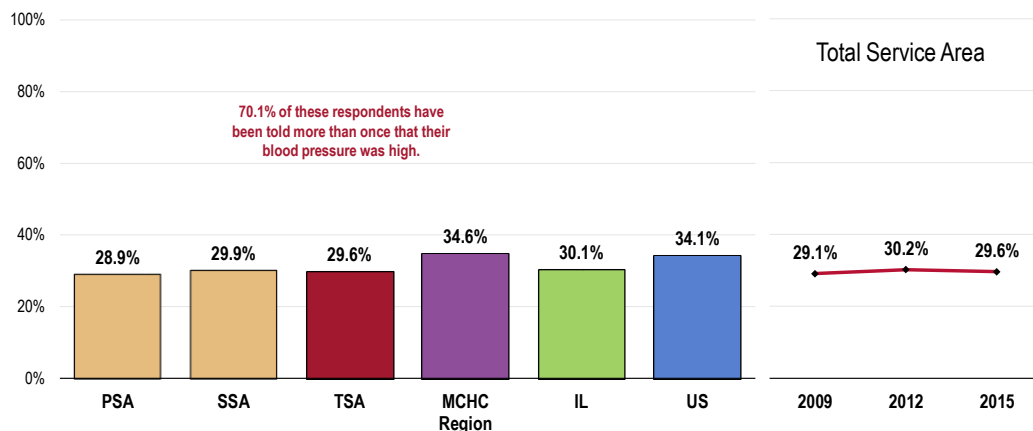
### High Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Prevalence

**“Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health care professional that you had high blood pressure?”**

- “Are you currently taking any action to help control your high blood pressure, such as taking medication, changing your diet, or exercising?”

## Prevalence of High Blood Pressure

Healthy People 2020 Target = 26.9% or Lower

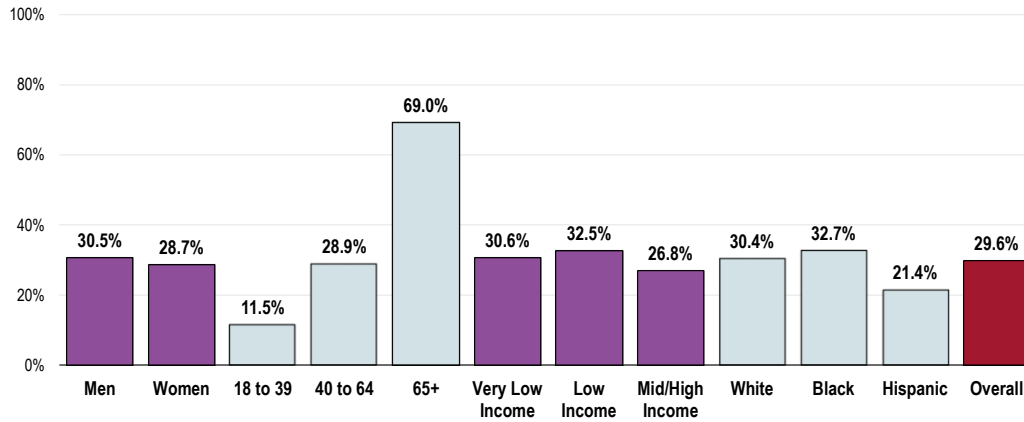


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 43, 125]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-5.1]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

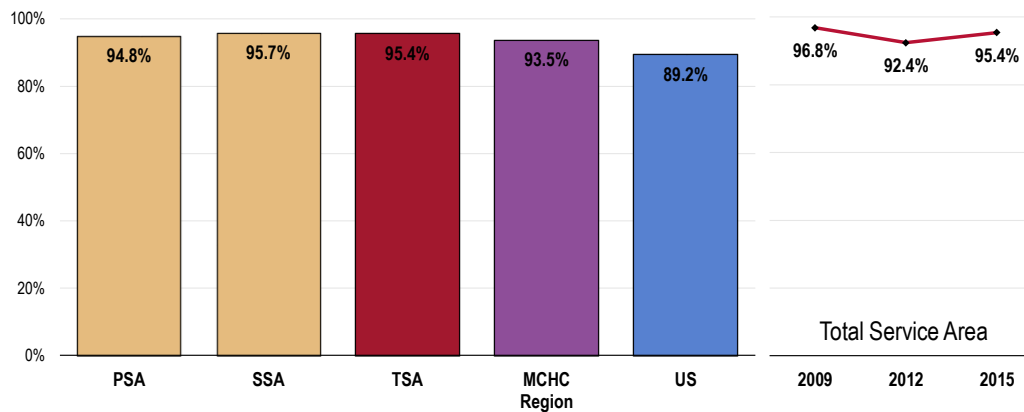
## Prevalence of High Blood Pressure (Total Service Area, 2015)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 26.9% or Lower



- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 125]
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-5.1]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., "White" reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).
  - Income categories reflect respondent's household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. "Very Low Income" includes households living with defined poverty status; "Low Income" includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; "Mid/High Income" includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.

## Taking Action to Control Hypertension (Among Adults With High Blood Pressure)



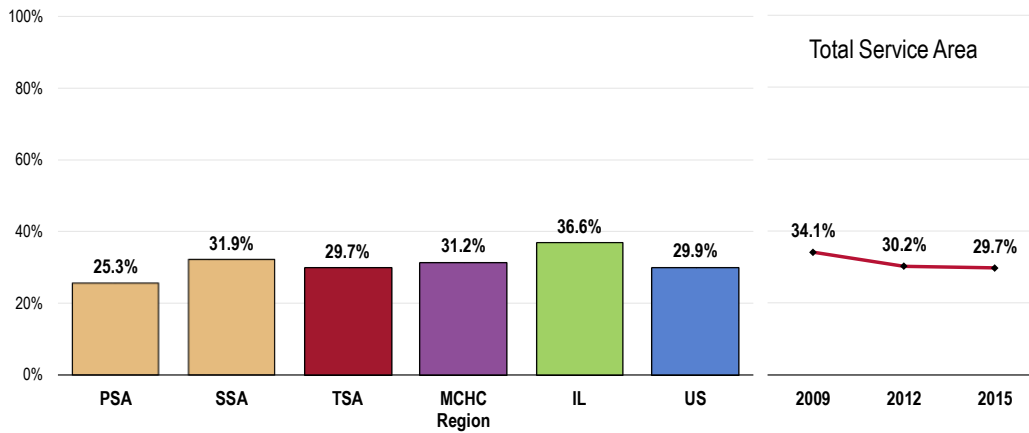
- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 44]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure.
  - In this case, the term "action" refers to medication, change in diet, and/or exercise.

**“Blood cholesterol is a fatty substance found in the blood. Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional that your blood cholesterol is high?”**

- “Are you currently taking any action to help control your high cholesterol, such as taking medication, changing your diet, or exercising?”

### Prevalence of High Blood Cholesterol

Healthy People 2020 Target = 13.5% or Lower

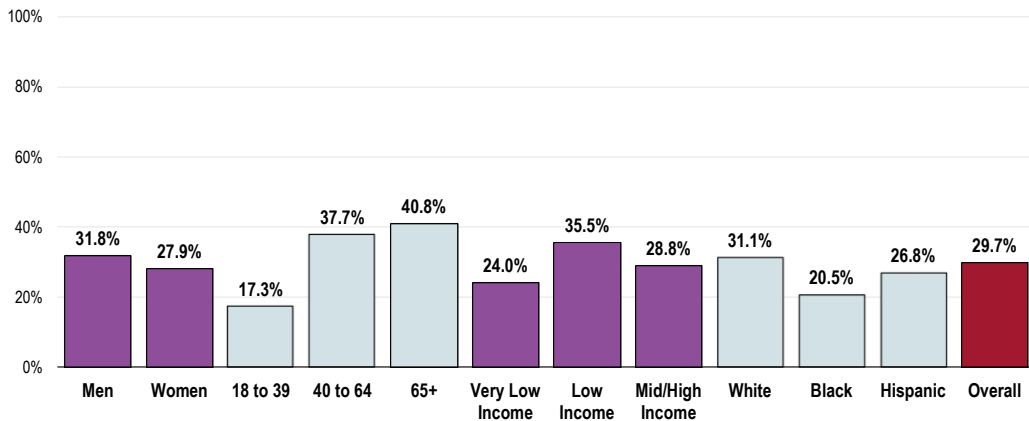


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  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-7]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - \*The Illinois data reflects those adults who have been tested for high cholesterol and who have been diagnosed with it.

### Prevalence of High Blood Cholesterol

(Total Service Area, 2015)

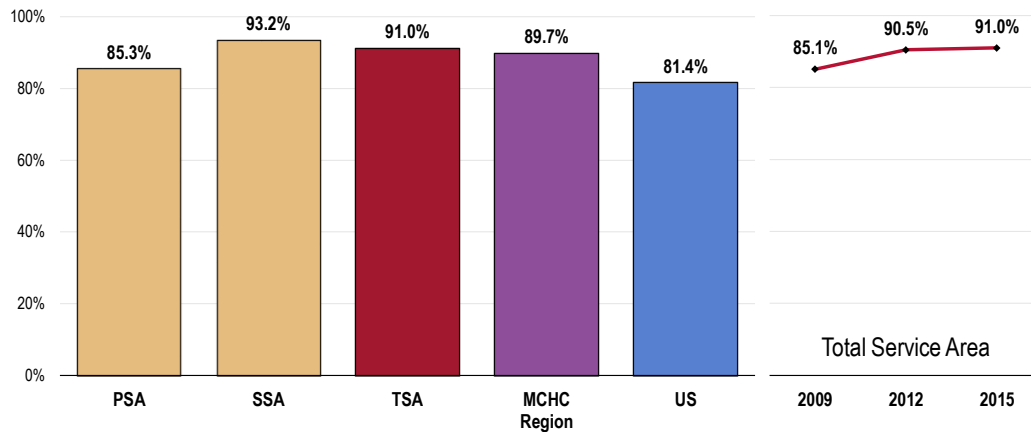
Healthy People 2020 Target = 13.5% or Lower



- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 126]
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HDS-7]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).
  - Income categories reflect respondent’s household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. “Very Low Income” includes households living with defined poverty status; “Low Income” includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; “Mid/High Income” includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.



## Taking Action to Control High Blood Cholesterol Levels (Among Adults With High Cholesterol)



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 47]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents who have been diagnosed with high blood cholesterol levels.
  - In this case, the term "action" refers to medication, change in diet, and/or exercise.

### About Cardiovascular Risk

Individual level risk factors which put people at increased risk for cardiovascular diseases include:

- High Blood Pressure
- High Blood Cholesterol
- Tobacco Use
- Physical Inactivity
- Poor Nutrition
- Overweight/Obesity
- Diabetes

- National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Three health-related behaviors contribute markedly to cardiovascular disease:

**Poor nutrition.** People who are overweight have a higher risk for cardiovascular disease. Almost 60% of adults are overweight or obese. To maintain a proper body weight, experts recommend a well-balanced diet which is low in fat and high in fiber, accompanied by regular exercise.

**Lack of physical activity.** People who are not physically active have twice the risk for heart disease of those who are active. More than half of adults do not achieve recommended levels of physical activity.

**Tobacco use.** Smokers have twice the risk for heart attack of nonsmokers. Nearly one-fifth of all deaths from cardiovascular disease, or about 190,000 deaths a year nationally, are smoking-related. Every day, more than 3,000 young people become daily smokers in the US

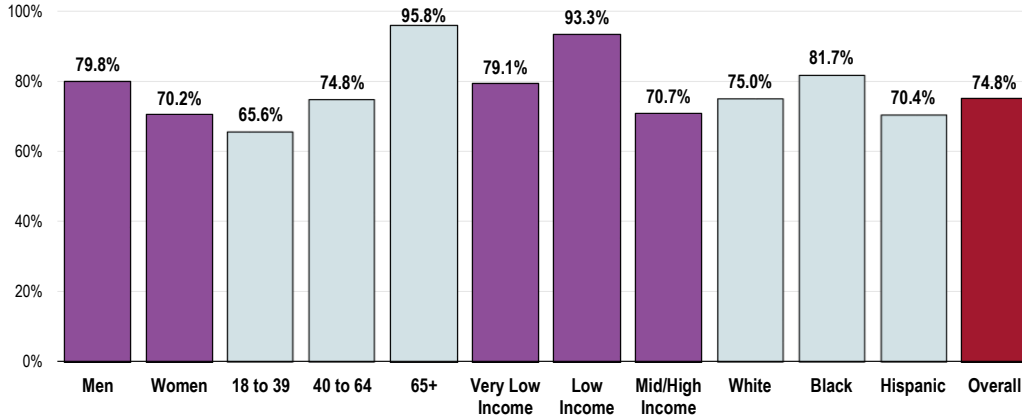
Modifying these behaviors is critical both for preventing and for controlling cardiovascular disease. Other steps that adults who have cardiovascular disease should take to reduce their risk of death and disability include adhering to treatment for high blood pressure and cholesterol, using aspirin as appropriate, and learning the symptoms of heart attack and stroke.

- National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Total Cardiovascular Risk**

The following chart reflects the percentage of adults in the Total Service area who report one or more of the following: being overweight; smoking cigarettes; being physically inactive; or having high blood pressure or cholesterol. See also *Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight* and *Tobacco Use* in the Modifiable Health Risk section of this report.

**Present One or More Cardiovascular Risks or Behaviors**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)

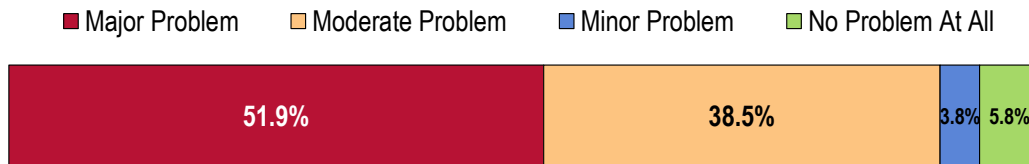


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 127]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Cardiovascular risk is defined as exhibiting one or more of the following: 1) no leisure-time physical activity; 2) regular/occasional cigarette smoking; 3) hypertension; 4) high blood cholesterol; and/or 5) being overweight/obese.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., "White" reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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**Key Informant Input: Heart Disease & Stroke**

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Heart Disease & Stroke* as a problem in the community:

**Perceptions of Heart Disease and Stroke as a Problem in the Community**  
(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

## Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

### Prevalence/Incidence

*Growing rates of disease prevalence, as well as continued concerns regarding risk behaviors contributing to disease development (except for smoking) in population. – Public Health Expert*

*High incidence. – Social Service Representative*

*We've reached a point demographically where the baby boomers are creating the largest senior population in US history. The elderly population will more than double by the year 2050, with most of that growth occurring between 2010 and 2030. It only stands to reason that health problems, such as heart disease and stroke, will increase. – Community/Business Leader*

*Many of my siblings, relatives and neighbors have experienced heart disease and stroke. My father died as the result of this disease. – Social Service Representative*

*Heart disease and stroke both can cause disability. – Public Health Expert*

*Large numbers of patients in our service area have HTN, high cholesterol and/or lipids, and positive risk factors for coronary artery and peripheral vascular diseases resulting in acute coronary syndromes, heart failure (acute and chronic) and strokes. They are either insufficiently managed long-term or are noncompliant with treatment regimen as those with heart failure are at high risk for readmission within 30 days of hospital discharge. Many patients with stroke do not seek care early enough after symptom onset to be good candidates for TPA and there are inadequate resources for affordable physical, speech, and occupational therapy in locations of easy access to many patients. – Other Health Provider*

*Number two because of hospital admissions. – Public Health Expert*

*There has been an increase in the incidence of both heart disease and stroke. People need continued education and encouragement to live healthy lifestyles and to be alert for symptoms should they occur. – Community/Business Leader*

*More young people. – Social Service Representative*

*High rates of disease, especially among racial and ethnic minorities. – Public Health Expert*

### Leading Cause of Death

*Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is largely amenable through prevention. Financial and cultural barriers to screening, behavior change, and medication adherence all contribute to high rates of avoidable morbidity, particularly among socioeconomic groups more likely to live in urban areas. – Public Health Expert*

*Heart disease and stroke is the leading cause of death in the US and in Lake County. Many of these issues are preventable with improved health habits. – Public Health Expert*

*It is the largest cause of death and the greatest contributor to early loss of life. Additionally, it is a highly preventable cause of death with proper prevention and management. The contributors to heart disease and stroke are similar to those that cause other chronic diseases. – Public Health Expert*

*There is a high rate of mortality due to heart disease and stroke. – Public Health Expert*

*Heart disease and stroke are the number one and four causes of death in Illinois and locally. More people will die from the two than any other causes of death. – Other Health Provider*

### Contributing Factors

*As the ads say, this is a hidden killer. Excess weight is a major contributor. Increased activity outdoors can be a huge help. – Community/Business Leader*

*Impact of unhealthy lifestyles. – Public Health Expert*

*Stress affects likelihood of adopting health lifestyles. Sedentary personal habits and work environments. – Other Health Provider*

*It is one of a handful of prevalent health conditions that affect low-income communities. It can be expensive to treat if not managed early and well. – Community/Business Leader*

*High levels of hypertension and diabetes leading to increased risk of heart attack and stroke. – Public Health Expert*

#### **Lack of Education**

*There needs to be an increase in knowledge of risk factors. – Social Service Representative*

*People don't come in as soon as they have symptoms and then don't get maximum care. – Physician*

#### **Lack of Resources**

*Again, prevention programs that aid in lifestyle changes and education are limited and only touch the surface. Large events are great, but the one on one and smaller group support that help an individual actually improve their health before heart disease and stroke worsen are not available. – Other Health Provider*

#### **Disease Management**

*Noncompliance with medications. – Other Health Provider*

## Cancer

### About Cancer

Continued advances in cancer research, detection, and treatment have resulted in a decline in both incidence and death rates for all cancers. Among people who develop cancer, more than half will be alive in five years. Yet, cancer remains a leading cause of death in the United States, second only to heart disease.

Many cancers are preventable by reducing risk factors such as: use of tobacco products; physical inactivity and poor nutrition; obesity; and ultraviolet light exposure. Other cancers can be prevented by getting vaccinated against human papillomavirus and hepatitis B virus. In the past decade, overweight and obesity have emerged as new risk factors for developing certain cancers, including colorectal, breast, uterine corpus (endometrial), and kidney cancers. The impact of the current weight trends on cancer incidence will not be fully known for several decades. Continued focus on preventing weight gain will lead to lower rates of cancer and many chronic diseases.

Screening is effective in identifying some types of cancers (see US Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF] recommendations), including:

- Breast cancer (using mammography)
- Cervical cancer (using Pap tests)
- Colorectal cancer (using fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy)

• Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Age-Adjusted Cancer Deaths

Among the leading causes of cancer deaths are lung cancer, breast cancer among women, prostate cancer among men, and colorectal cancer (both genders).

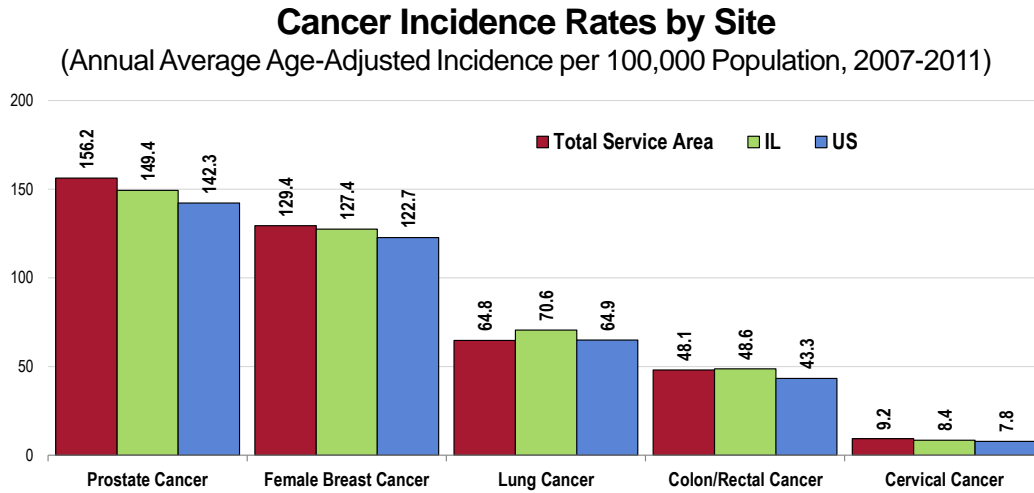
**Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rates by Site**  
(2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)

	TSA	IL	US	HP2020
<b>Lung Cancer</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>45.5</b>
<b>Female Breast Cancer</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<b>Prostate Cancer</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>
<b>Colorectal Cancer</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.5</b>

Sources: • CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.  
• US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov>

### Cancer Incidence

Incidence rates (or case rates) reflect the number of newly diagnosed cases in a given population in a given year, regardless of outcome. They are usually expressed as cases per 100,000 population per year. Here, these rates are also age-adjusted.



- Sources:
- State Cancer Profiles: 2007-11.
  - Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.
- Notes:
- This indicator reports the age adjusted incidence rate (cases per 100,000 population per year) of cancers, adjusted to 2000 US standard population age groups (under age 1, 1-4, 5-9, ..., 80-84, 85 and older). This indicator is relevant because cancer is a leading cause of death and it is important to identify cancers separately to better target interventions.

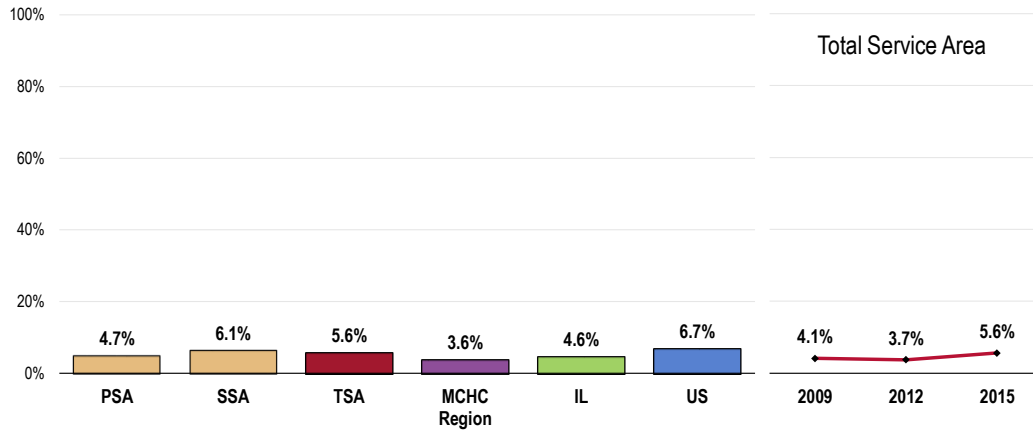
## Prevalence of Cancer

### Skin Cancer

**“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with skin cancer?”**

**“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with cancer, not counting skin cancer?”**

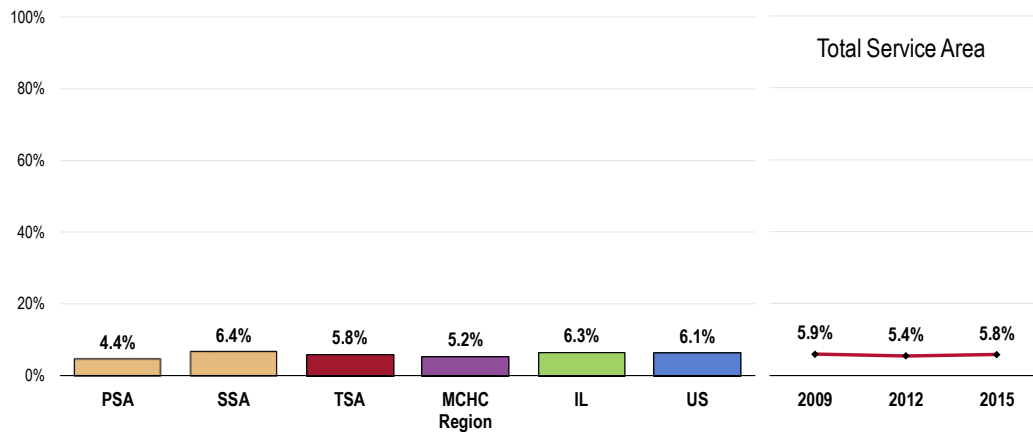
### Prevalence of Skin Cancer



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 31]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Prevalence of Cancer (Other Than Skin Cancer)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 30]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Cancer Risk

### About Cancer Risk

Reducing the nation's cancer burden requires reducing the prevalence of behavioral and environmental factors that increase cancer risk.

- All cancers caused by cigarette smoking could be prevented. At least one-third of cancer deaths that occur in the United States are due to cigarette smoking.
- According to the American Cancer Society, about one-third of cancer deaths that occur in the United States each year are due to nutrition and physical activity factors, including obesity.
- National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Cancer Screenings

The American Cancer Society recommends that both men and women get a cancer-related checkup during a regular doctor's checkup. It should include examination for cancers of the thyroid, testicles, ovaries, lymph nodes, oral cavity, and skin, as well as health counseling about tobacco, sun exposure, diet and nutrition, risk factors, sexual practices, and environmental and occupational exposures.

Screening levels in the community were measured in the PRC Community Health Survey relative to: prostate cancer (PSA and/or digital rectal examination); female breast cancer (mammography); cervical cancer (Pap smear testing); and colorectal cancer (sigmoidoscopy and fecal occult blood testing).

### *Female Breast Cancer Screening*

#### About Screening for Breast Cancer

The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening mammography, with or without clinical breast examination (CBE), every 1-2 years for women age 40 and older.

Rationale: The USPSTF found fair evidence that mammography screening every 12-33 months significantly reduces mortality from breast cancer. Evidence is strongest for women age 50-69, the age group generally included in screening trials. For women age 40-49, the evidence that screening mammography reduces mortality from breast cancer is weaker, and the absolute benefit of mammography is smaller, than it is for older women. Most, but not all, studies indicate a mortality benefit for women undergoing mammography at ages 40-49, but the delay in observed benefit in women younger than 50 makes it difficult to determine the incremental benefit of beginning screening at age 40 rather than at age 50.

The absolute benefit is smaller because the incidence of breast cancer is lower among women in their 40s than it is among older women. The USPSTF concluded that the evidence is also generalizable to women age 70 and older (who face a higher absolute risk for breast cancer) if their life expectancy is not compromised by comorbid disease. The absolute probability of benefits of regular mammography increase along a continuum with age, whereas the likelihood of harms from screening (false-positive results and unnecessary anxiety, biopsies, and cost) diminish from ages 40-70. The balance of benefits and potential harms, therefore, grows more favorable as women age. The precise age at which the potential benefits of mammography justify the possible harms is a subjective choice. The USPSTF did not find sufficient evidence to specify the optimal screening interval for women age 40-49.

- US Preventive Services Task Force, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, US Department of Health & Human Services

Note that other organizations (e.g., American Cancer Society, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, National Cancer Institute) may have slightly different screening guidelines.



## Cervical Cancer Screenings

### About Screening for Cervical Cancer

The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) strongly recommends screening for cervical cancer in women who have been sexually active and have a cervix.

Rationale: The USPSTF found good evidence from multiple observational studies that screening with cervical cytology (Pap smears) reduces incidence of and mortality from cervical cancer. Direct evidence to determine the optimal starting and stopping age and interval for screening is limited. Indirect evidence suggests most of the benefit can be obtained by beginning screening within 3 years of onset of sexual activity or age 21 (whichever comes first) and screening at least every 3 years. The USPSTF concludes that the benefits of screening substantially outweigh potential harms.

The USPSTF recommends against routinely screening women older than age 65 for cervical cancer if they have had adequate recent screening with normal Pap smears and are not otherwise at high risk for cervical cancer.

Rationale: The USPSTF found limited evidence to determine the benefits of continued screening in women older than 65. The yield of screening is low in previously screened women older than 65 due to the declining incidence of high-grade cervical lesions after middle age. There is fair evidence that screening women older than 65 is associated with an increased risk for potential harms, including false-positive results and invasive procedures. The USPSTF concludes that the potential harms of screening are likely to exceed benefits among older women who have had normal results previously and who are not otherwise at high risk for cervical cancer.

The USPSTF recommends against routine Pap smear screening in women who have had a total hysterectomy for benign disease.

Rationale: The USPSTF found fair evidence that the yield of cytologic screening is very low in women after hysterectomy and poor evidence that screening to detect vaginal cancer improves health outcomes. The USPSTF concludes that potential harms of continued screening after hysterectomy are likely to exceed benefits.

- US Preventive Services Task Force, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, US Department of Health & Human Services

Note that other organizations (e.g., American Cancer Society, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, National Cancer Institute) may have slightly different screening guidelines.

## Colorectal Cancer Screenings

### About Screening for Colorectal Cancer

The USPSTF recommends screening for colorectal cancer using fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy in adults, beginning at age 50 years and continuing until age 75 years.

The evidence is convincing that screening for colorectal cancer with fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy detects early-stage cancer and adenomatous polyps. There is convincing evidence that screening with any of the three recommended tests (FOBT, sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy) reduces colorectal cancer mortality in adults age 50 to 75 years. Follow-up of positive screening test results requires colonoscopy regardless of the screening test used.

- US Preventive Services Task Force, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, US Department of Health & Human Services

Note that other organizations (e.g., American Cancer Society, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, National Cancer Institute) may have slightly different screening guidelines.

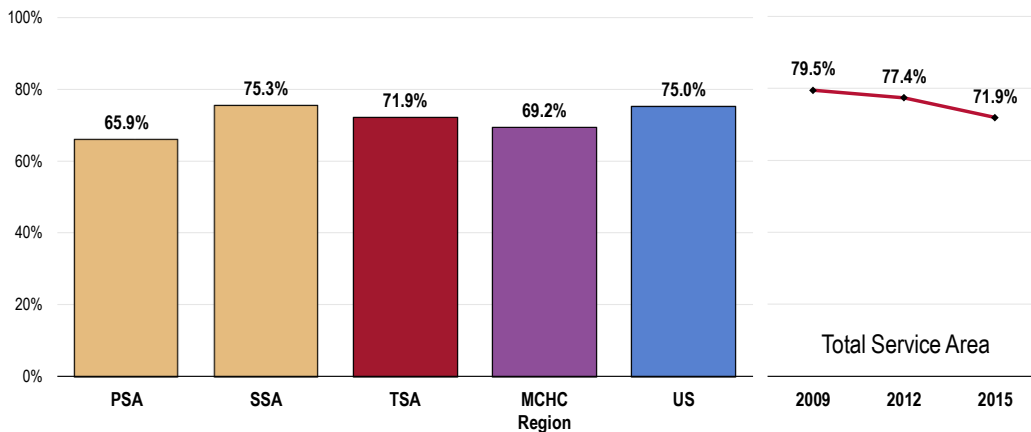
**Prostate Screening:** *“A prostate-specific antigen test, also called a PSA test, is a blood test used to check men for prostate cancer. How long has it been since you had your last PSA test?” and “A digital rectal exam is when a doctor, nurse or other health professional places a gloved finger in the rectum to feel the size, hardness and shape of the prostate gland. How long has it been since your last digital rectal exam?”* (Calculated below among men age 50 and older indicating either test within the past 2 years.)

**Breast Cancer Screening:** *“A mammogram is an x-ray of each breast to look for cancer. How long has it been since you had your last mammogram?”* (Calculated in the following chart among women age 50 to 74 indicating screening within the past 2 years.)

**Cervical Cancer Screening:** *“A Pap test is a test for cancer of the cervix. How long has it been since you had your last Pap test?”* (Calculated in the following chart among women age 21 to 65 indicating screening within the past 3 years.)

**Colorectal Cancer Screening:** *“Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted in the rectum to view the colon for signs of cancer or other health problems. How long has it been since your last sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy?” and “A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. How long has it been since you had your last blood stool test?”* (Calculated in the following chart among both genders age 50 to 75 indicating fecal occult blood testing within the past year and/or sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy [lower endoscopy] within the past 10 years.)

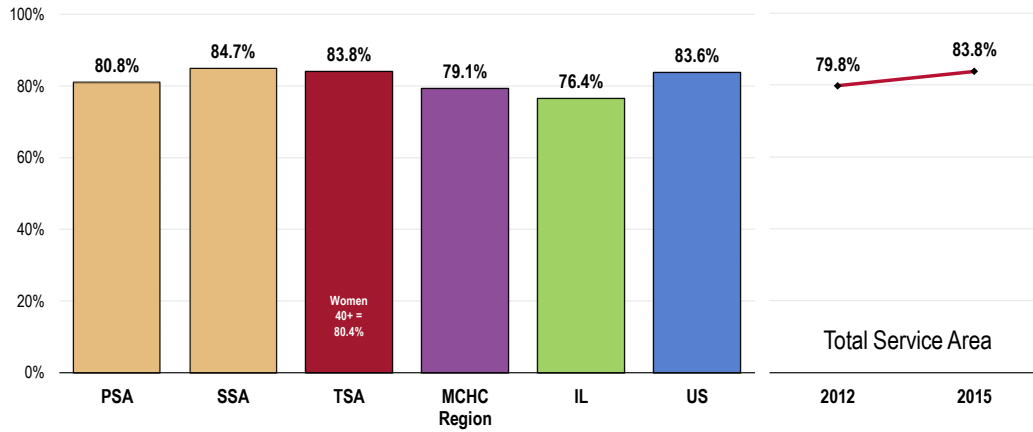
### Have Had a Prostate Screening in the Past Two Years (Among Men 50+)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 178]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Reflects male respondents 50+.

## Have Had a Mammogram in the Past Two Years (Among Women Age 50-74)

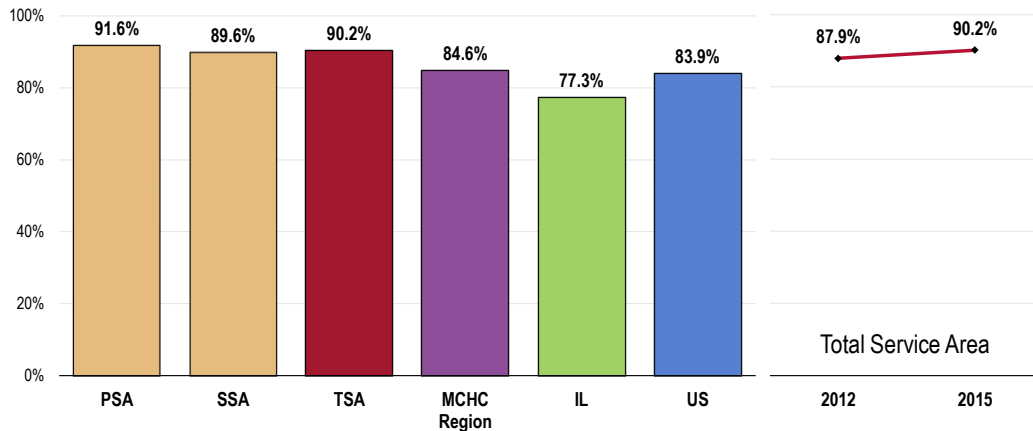
Healthy People 2020 Target = 81.1% or Higher



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 128-129]
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2012 Illinois data.
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective C-17]
- Notes:
- Reflects female respondents 50-74.
  - \*Note that state data reflects all women 50 and older (vs. women 50-74 in local, US and Healthy People data).

## Have Had a Pap Smear in the Past Three Years (Among Women Age 21-65)

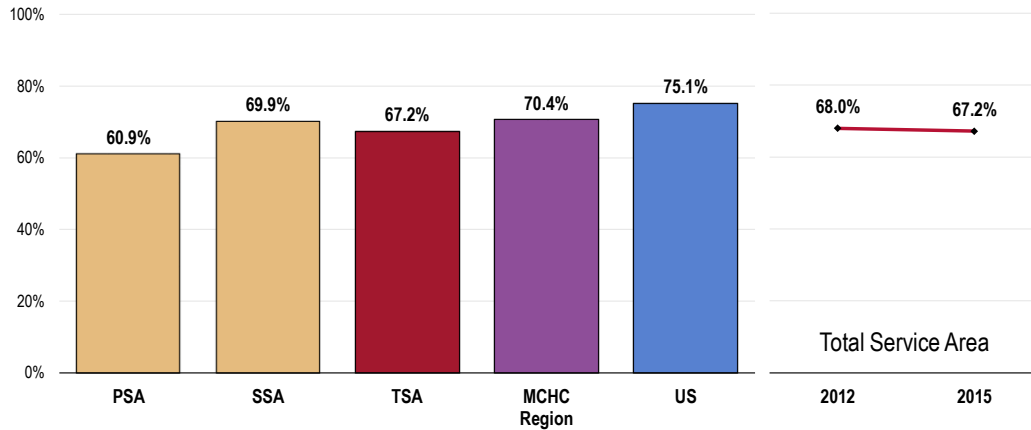
Healthy People 2020 Target = 93.0% or Higher



- Sources:
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  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2012 Illinois data.
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective C-15]
- Notes:
- Reflects female respondents age 21 to 65.
  - \*Note that the Illinois percentage represents all women age 18 and older.

## Have Had a Colorectal Cancer Screening (Among Adults Age 50-75)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 70.5% or Higher

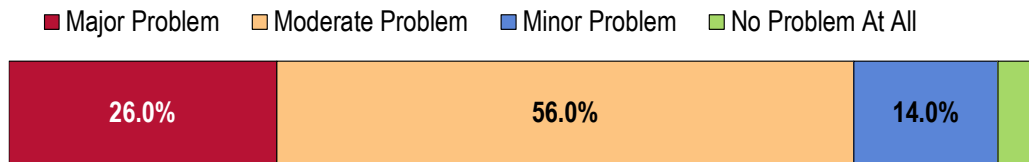


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 133]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective C-16]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents age 50 through 75.  
 • In this case, the term "colorectal screening" refers to adults age 50-75 receiving a FOBT (fecal occult blood test) in the past year and/or a lower endoscopy (sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy) in the past 10 years.

### Key Informant Input: Cancer

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Cancer* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Cancer as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a "major problem," reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Prevalence/Incidence

*Number of cancer patients continues to rise, requiring new options for inpatient and outpatient care. – Other Health Provider*

*The frequency, emotional impact and cost of diagnosis and treatment on the patient and family. – Community/Business Leader*

*Number one because of hospital admissions. – Public Health Expert*

*It is the second leading cause of death in the US and Lake County. There is a great deal that can still be done to prevent many of these deaths, improved diet, more physical activity, elimination of tobacco use, etc. – Public Health Expert*

*A lot of people are affected. – Social Service Representative*

*Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Illinois and its costs in terms of treatment/care and impact on families is significant. – Other Health Provider*

*More cases of young and middle-age adults. – Social Service Representative*

*I'm not saying we don't have the resources to treat people with cancer, thankfully we do, but I do feel that the number of cases is on the rise, due to numerous environmental and personal health issues. – Community/Business Leader*

*We are a breast cancer hot spot and have high incidence of several other cancers. – Social Service Representative*

#### **Late Detection**

*Cancer is a major problem because our communities, most of which rely on Medicaid for care, are not screened or tested in a timely fashion and are being diagnosed in late stages. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of early detection. Environmental issues in low income neighborhoods. – Other Health Provider*

## Respiratory Disease

### About Asthma & COPD

Asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are significant public health burdens. Specific methods of detection, intervention, and treatment exist that may reduce this burden and promote health.

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways characterized by episodes of reversible breathing problems due to airway narrowing and obstruction. These episodes can range in severity from mild to life threatening. Symptoms of asthma include wheezing, coughing, chest tightness, and shortness of breath. Daily preventive treatment can prevent symptoms and attacks and enable individuals who have asthma to lead active lives.

COPD is a preventable and treatable disease characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually progressive and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lung to noxious particles or gases (typically from exposure to cigarette smoke). Treatment can lessen symptoms and improve quality of life for those with COPD.

The burden of respiratory diseases affects individuals and their families, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, cities, and states. Because of the cost to the healthcare system, the burden of respiratory diseases also falls on society; it is paid for with higher health insurance rates, lost productivity, and tax dollars. Annual healthcare expenditures for asthma alone are estimated at \$20.7 billion.

**Asthma.** The prevalence of asthma has increased since 1980. However, deaths from asthma have decreased since the mid-1990s. The causes of asthma are an active area of research and involve both genetic and environmental factors.

Risk factors for asthma currently being investigated include:

- Having a parent with asthma
- Sensitization to irritants and allergens
- Respiratory infections in childhood
- Overweight

Asthma affects people of every race, sex, and age. However, significant disparities in asthma morbidity and mortality exist, in particular for low-income and minority populations. Populations with higher rates of asthma include: children; women (among adults) and boys (among children); African Americans; Puerto Ricans; people living in the Northeast United States; people living below the Federal poverty level; and employees with certain exposures in the workplace.

While there is not a cure for asthma yet, there are diagnoses and treatment guidelines that are aimed at ensuring that all people with asthma live full and active lives.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

[NOTE: COPD was changed to chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD) with the introduction of ICD-10 codes. CLRD is used in vital statistics reporting, but COPD is still widely used and commonly found in surveillance reports.]

### Age-Adjusted Respiratory Disease Deaths

Chronic lower respiratory diseases (CLRD) are diseases affecting the lungs; the most deadly of these is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

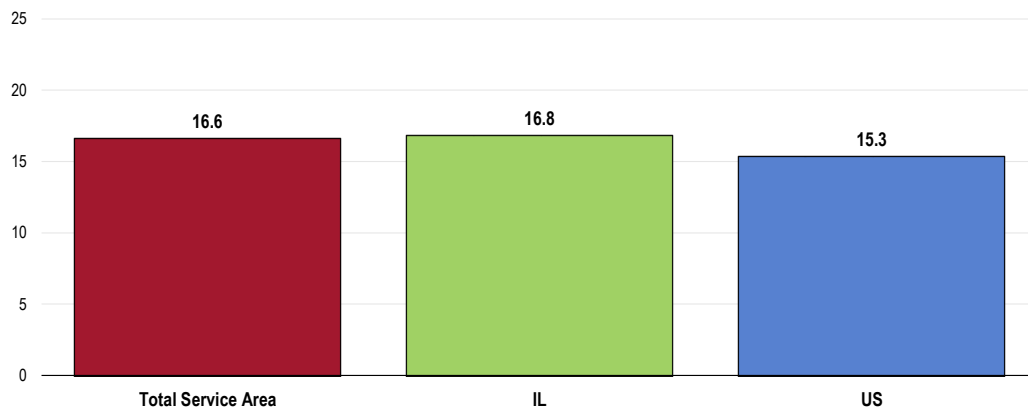
Pneumonia and influenza mortality is also illustrated in the following chart. For prevalence of vaccinations against pneumonia and influenza, see also *Immunization & Infectious Disease*.

### CLRD: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)



- Sources:
  - CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
- Notes:
  - Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.
  - CLRD is chronic lower respiratory disease.

### Pneumonia/Influenza: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)

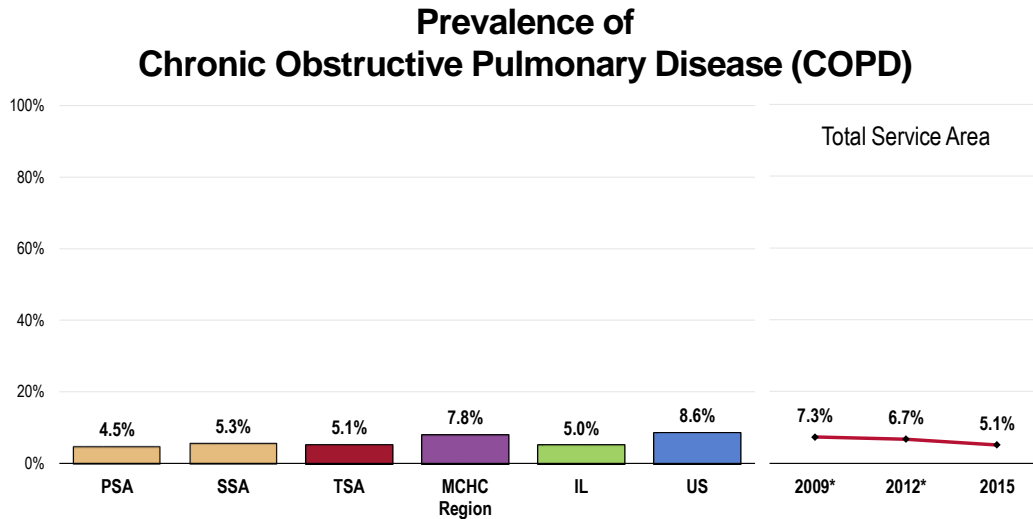


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  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

## Prevalence of Respiratory Diseases

### COPD

**“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with COPD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including bronchitis or emphysema?”**



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 25]
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); 2013 Illinois data.
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Includes those having ever suffered from or been diagnosed with COPD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including bronchitis or emphysema.
  - \*In prior data, the term “chronic lung disease” was used, which also included bronchitis or emphysema.

### Asthma

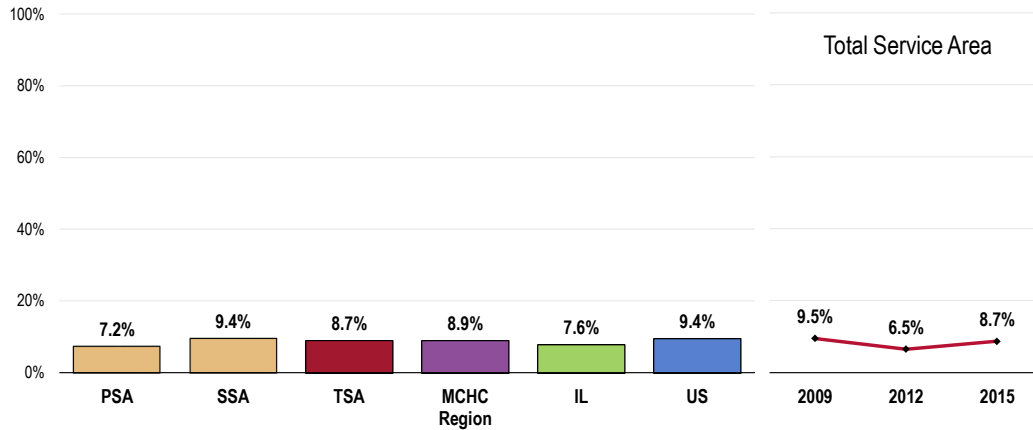
**Adults:** **“Have you ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that you had asthma?”** and **“Do you still have asthma?”** (Calculated in the following chart as a prevalence of all adults who have ever been diagnosed with asthma and who still have asthma [“current asthma”]).

Among asthmatic adults: **“During the past 12 months, have you had an episode of asthma or an asthma attack?”**

**Children:** **“Has a doctor or other health professional ever told you that this child had asthma?”** and **“Does this child still have asthma?”** (Calculated in the following chart as a prevalence of all children who have ever been diagnosed with asthma and who still have asthma [“current asthma”]).



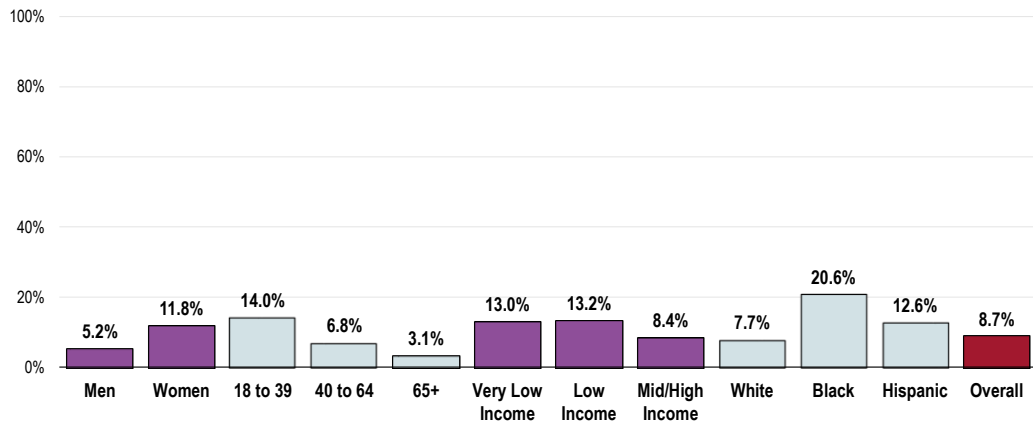
### Adult Asthma: Current Prevalence



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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Includes those who have ever been diagnosed with asthma, and who report that they still have asthma.

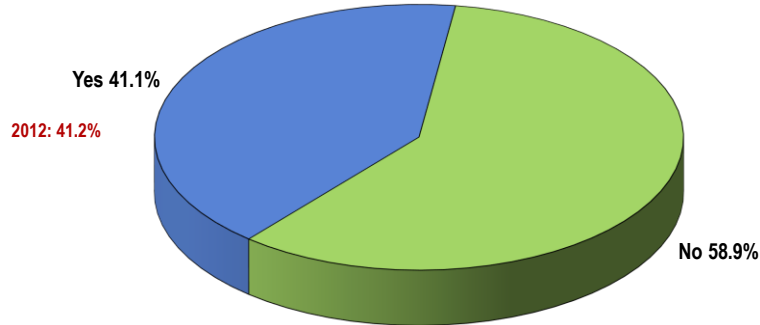
### Currently Have Asthma (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 134]

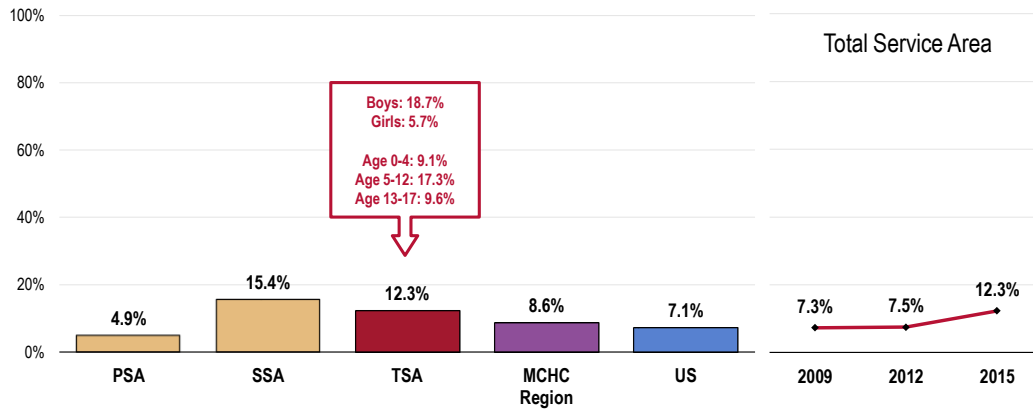
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### Had an Episode of Asthma or an Asthma Attack in the Past Year (Total Service Area Adults w/Asthma, 2015)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 303]  
 Notes: • Includes those who have ever been diagnosed with asthma, and who report that they still have asthma.

### Childhood Asthma: Current Prevalence (Among Parents of Children Age 0-17)



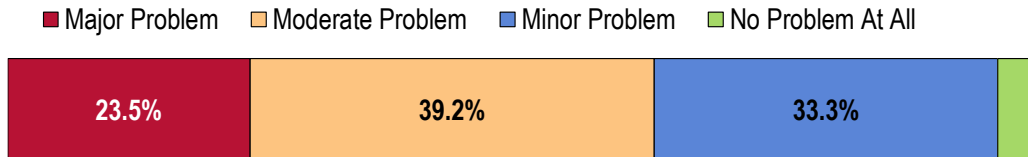
Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 135]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children 0 to 17 in the household.  
 • Includes children who have ever been diagnosed with asthma, and whom are reported to still have asthma.

## Key Informant Input: Respiratory Disease

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Respiratory Disease* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Respiratory Diseases as a Problem in the Community

(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Prevalence/Incidence

*COPD, asthma, and emphysema are all prevalent in communities of greatest need and treatment and prevention opportunities are not as available. – Social Service Representative*

*COPD is the third leading cause of death in the US and 50 percent of adults with low pulmonary function are not aware that they have COPD. – Other Health Provider*

*Routine absences from work and school due to untreated or poorly-treated asthma. – Community/Business Leader*

*Large COPD population. – Public Health Expert*

*High genetic prevalence, poor follow-up of patients, overcrowded housing, lack of understanding of triggers and medication miss-use. – Physician*

*Our service area has a large number of patients with COPD and asthma. Failure to manage them effectively long-term results in exacerbations that require acute care management by EMS and emergency departments and repeat hospital admissions. This is a costly way to address the foundational issues of prevention and better ongoing care compliance. – Other Health Provider*

*Incidents of asthma and bronchitis seems to be growing among the youth I service. – Social Service Representative*

#### Environment

*Poor housing and pollution. – Social Service Representative*

*The Chicagoland area is notorious for air pollution. To this add the Midwest mold and pollen problem coupled with multiple families living in the one small apartment. Allergies, asthma and lack of education for prevention and intervention is great in the immigrant Latino population we care for. While private doctors will care for patients, there is a lack of care management and education on this topic among parents. – Other Health Provider*

*Environmental pollutants are a huge underlying cause of many conditions, from COPD to hyper-allergic conditions to autism, which is skyrocketing. – Community/Business Leader*

| *Smoking, pollution. – Other Health Provider*

**Co-occurrences**

| *Those who are oxygen-dependent have challenges with travel and during power outages. – Public Health Expert*

**Treatment Cost**

| *Over-cost of medications. – Other Health Provider*

## Injury & Violence

### About Injury & Violence

Injuries and violence are widespread in society. Both unintentional injuries and those caused by acts of violence are among the top 15 killers for Americans of all ages. Many people accept them as “accidents,” “acts of fate,” or as “part of life.” However, most events resulting in injury, disability, or death are predictable and preventable.

Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44, and a leading cause of disability for all ages, regardless of sex, race/ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. More than 180,000 people die from injuries each year, and approximately 1 in 10 sustains a nonfatal injury serious enough to be treated in a hospital emergency department.

Beyond their immediate health consequences, injuries and violence have a significant impact on the well-being of Americans by contributing to:

- Premature death
- Disability
- Poor mental health
- High medical costs
- Lost productivity

The effects of injuries and violence extend beyond the injured person or victim of violence to family members, friends, coworkers, employers, and communities.

Numerous factors can affect the risk of unintentional injury and violence, including individual behaviors, physical environment, access to health services (ranging from pre-hospital and acute care to rehabilitation), and social environment (from parental monitoring and supervision of youth to peer group associations, neighborhoods, and communities).

Interventions addressing these social and physical factors have the potential to prevent unintentional injuries and violence.

Efforts to prevent unintentional injury may focus on:

- Modifications of the environment
- Improvements in product safety
- Legislation and enforcement
- Education and behavior change
- Technology and engineering

Efforts to prevent violence may focus on:

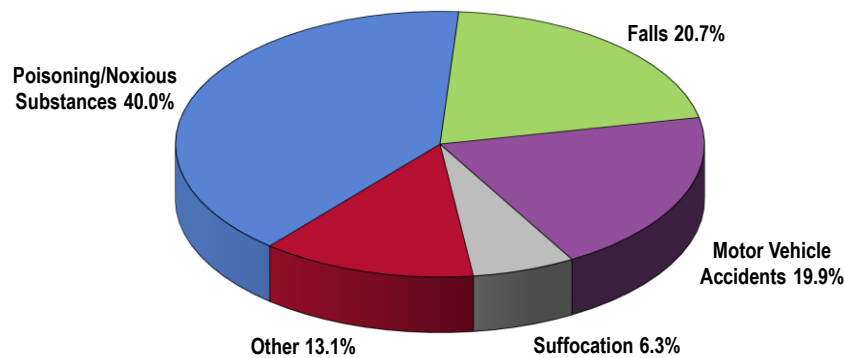
- Changing social norms about the acceptability of violence
- Improving problem-solving skills (for example, parenting, conflict resolution, coping)
- Changing policies to address the social and economic conditions that often give rise to violence

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Leading Causes of Accidental Death

Leading causes of accidental death in the service area include the following:

**Leading Causes of Accidental Death**  
(Total Service Area, 2013)



Sources: • CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.  
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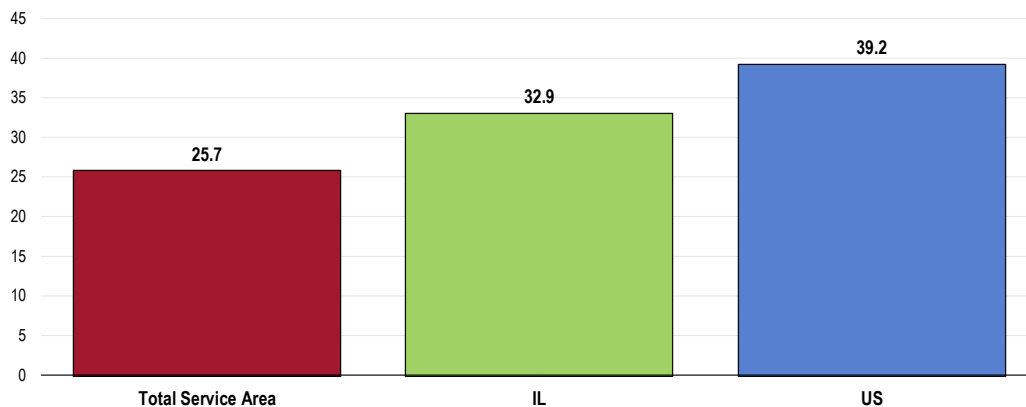
### Unintentional Injury

#### Age-Adjusted Unintentional Injury Deaths

The following chart outlines age-adjusted mortality rates for unintentional injury in the service area, including age-adjusted mortality rates attributed specifically to motor vehicle crashes.

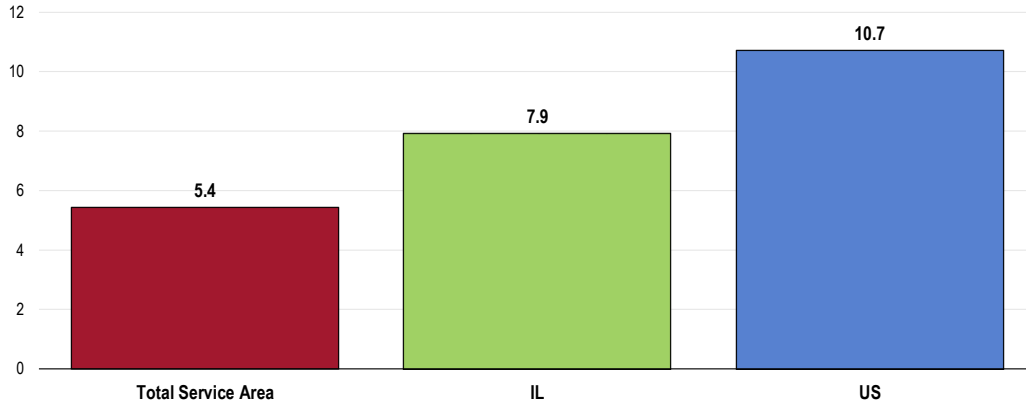
- Note the Healthy People 2020 targets.

**Unintentional Injuries: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
(2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
**Healthy People 2020 Target = 36.4 or Lower**



Sources: • CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.  
• US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IVP-11]  
Notes: • Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
• Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

### Motor Vehicle Crashes: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population) Healthy People 2020 Target = 12.4 or Lower



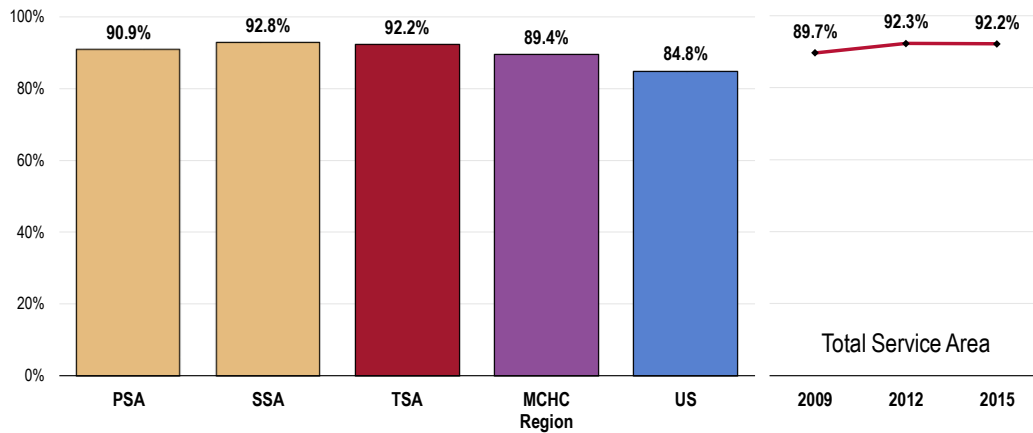
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 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IVP-13.1]  
 Notes: • Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
 • Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

#### Seat Belt/Car Seat Usage

**Adults:** “How often do you use seat belts when you drive or ride in a car? Would you say: always, nearly always, sometimes, seldom, or never?”

**Children:** “How often does this child wear a child restraint or seat belt when riding in a car? Would you say: always, nearly always, sometimes, seldom, or never?”

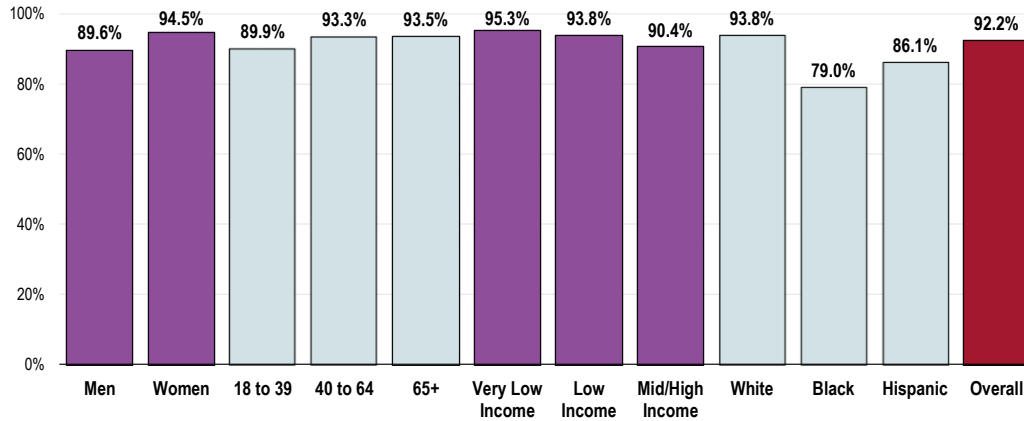
### “Always” Wear a Seat Belt When Driving or Riding in a Vehicle Healthy People 2020 Target = 92.0% or Higher



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 49]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IVP-15]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### “Always” Wear a Seat Belt When Driving or Riding in a Vehicle (Total Service Area, 2015)

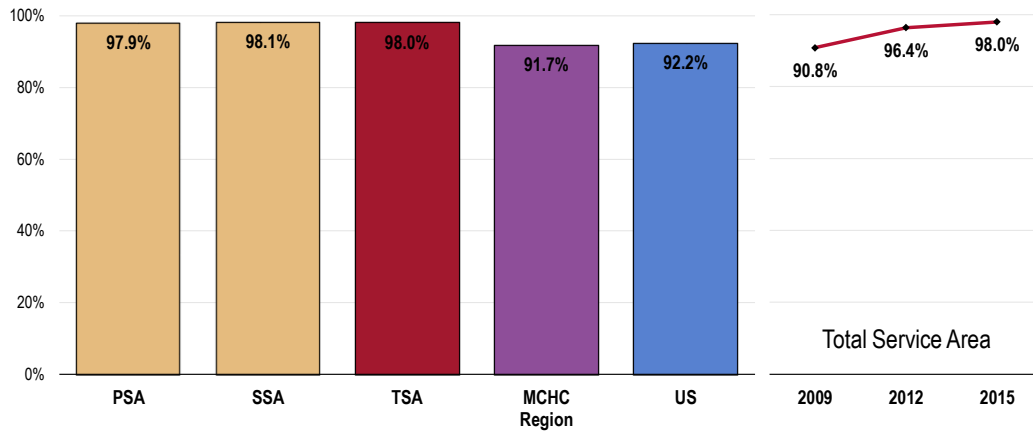
Healthy People 2020 Target = 92.0% or Higher



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 49]  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IVP-15]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
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### Child “Always” Wears a Seat Belt or Appropriate Restraint When Riding in a Vehicle (Among Parents of Children Age 0-17)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 122]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

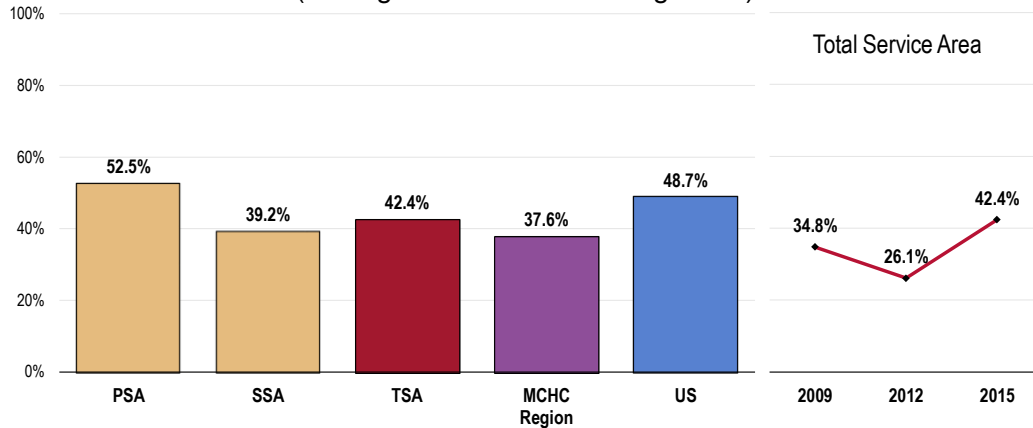
Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children 0 to 17 in the household.



**Bicycle Safety**

**Children Age 5-17:** “In the past year, how often has this child worn a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle? Would you say: always, nearly always, sometimes, seldom, or never?”

**Child “Always” Wears a Helmet When Riding a Bicycle**  
(Among Parents of Children Age 5-17)



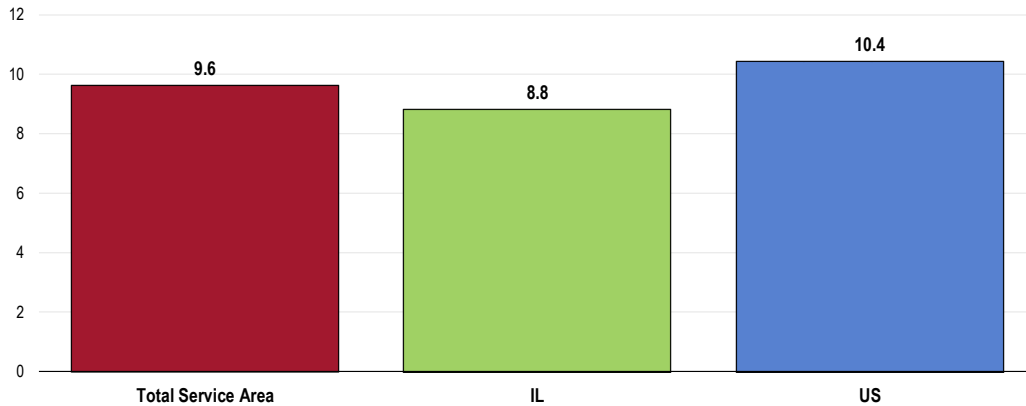
Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 121]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children age 5 to 17 at home.

**Firearms**

**Age-Adjusted Firearm-Related Deaths**

The following chart outlines the age-adjusted mortality rate in the Total Service Area attributed to firearms (including both accidental and intentional discharge), compared to state and national rates.

**Firearms-Related Deaths: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
(2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
**Healthy People 2020 Target = 9.3 or Lower**



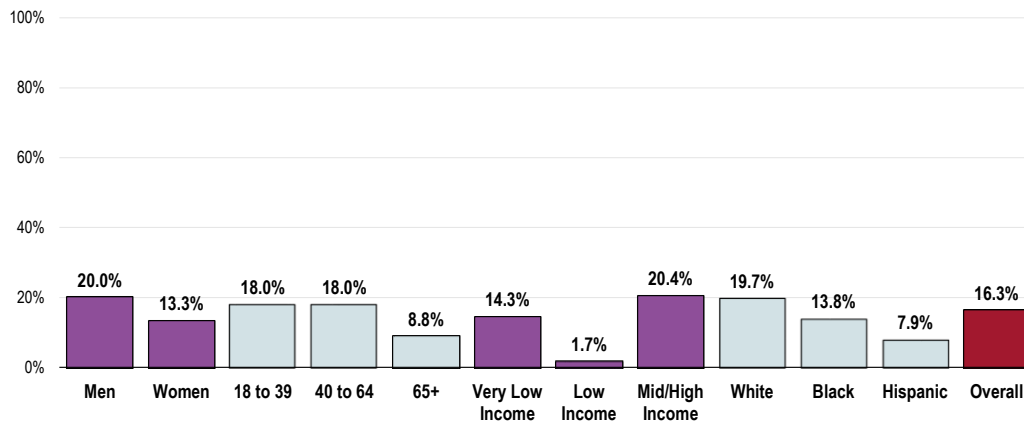
Sources: • CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IVP-30]  
 Notes: • Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
 • Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

**Presence of Firearms in Homes**

**“Are there any firearms now kept in or around your home, including those kept in a garage, outdoor storage area, truck, or car? For the purposes of this inquiry, ‘firearms’ include pistols, shotguns, rifles, and other types of guns, but do NOT include starter pistols, BB guns, or guns that cannot fire.”**

**“An unlocked firearm is one that does NOT need a key or combination to get to the gun or fire it. The safety is NOT counted as a lock. Are any of these firearms unlocked?” and “Are any of these unlocked firearms now loaded?”** (Calculated below as the percentage of respondents who have firearms at home and who keep at least one firearm unlocked and loaded.)

**Have a Firearm Kept in or Around the House**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)

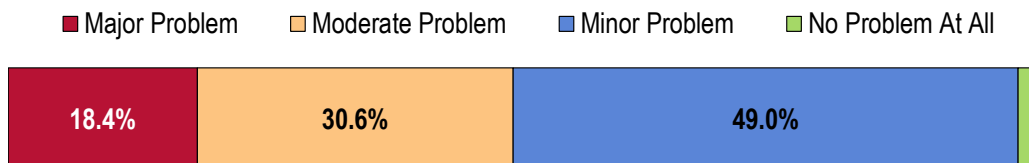


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 52]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • In this case, firearms include pistols, shotguns, rifles, and other types of guns; this does not include starter pistols, BB guns, or guns that cannot fire.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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**Key Informant Input: Unintentional Injury**

The following chart outlines key informants’ perceptions of the severity of *Unintentional Injury* as a problem in the community:

**Perceptions of Unintentional Injury as a Problem in the Community**  
(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### **Top Concerns**

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### **Prevalence/Incidence**

*Unintentional injuries remain the cause of a high proportion of morbidity and mortality in Chicago.*

*– Public Health Expert*

*This exists in every community, seat belt use, distracted driving (texting/emailing), biking without helmets, motorcycles without helmets, unsafe housing conditions. – Social Service Representative*

*A leading cause of premature death in Lake County. Especially from accidental poisonings, which are considered unintentional injury. – Public Health Expert*

*I lumped this in with community violence, there are unintended victims in many acts of violence. Social Service Representative*

#### **Firearms**

*There are cases of people accidentally shooting themselves because they have unauthorized firearms. – Community/Business Leader*

*Too many guns. – Physician*

#### **Job Safety**

*Workers, especially the undocumented, are at risk for injuries in jobs that others do not want.*

*When they're injured, they have few if any medical resources to help them through to full recovery.*

*– Community/Business Leader*

#### **Criminal Justice System**

*There's no systematic approach to holding perpetrators accountable and ensuring the safety of victims. – Social Service Representative*

#### **Falls**

*Falls at home. – Public Health Expert*

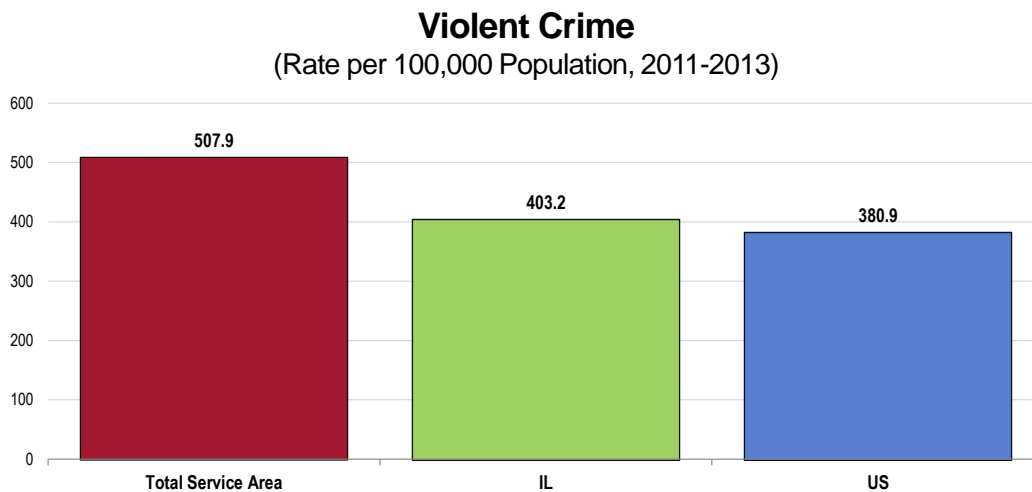
#### **Stress**

*Stress. – Public Health Expert*

## Intentional Injury (Violence)

### Violent Crime

Violent crime is composed of four offenses (FBI Index offenses): murder and non-negligent manslaughter; forcible rape; robbery; and aggravated assault. Note that the quality of crime data can vary widely from location to location, depending on the consistency and completeness of reporting among various jurisdictions.



Sources: 

- Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI Uniform Crime Reports: 2011-2013.

- Illinois State Police.

Notes: 

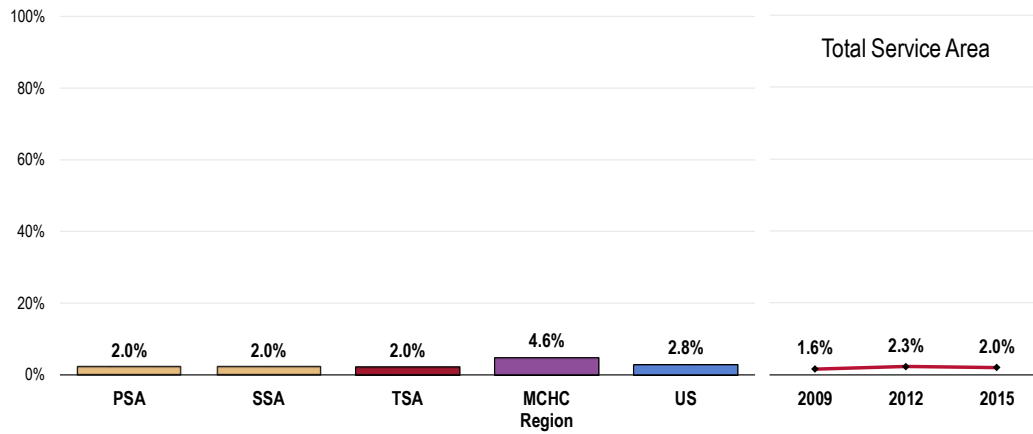
- This indicator reports the rate of violent crime offenses reported by the sheriff's office or county police department per 100,000 residents. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. This indicator is relevant because it assesses community safety.

- Participation by law enforcement agencies in the UCR program is voluntary. Sub-state data do not necessarily represent an exhaustive list of crimes due to gaps in reporting. Also, some institutions of higher education have their own police departments, which handle offenses occurring within campus grounds; these offenses are not included in the violent crime statistics, but can be obtained from the Uniform Crime Reports Universities and Colleges data tables.

**Violent Crime Experience:** *“Have you been the victim of a violent crime in your area in the past 5 years?”*

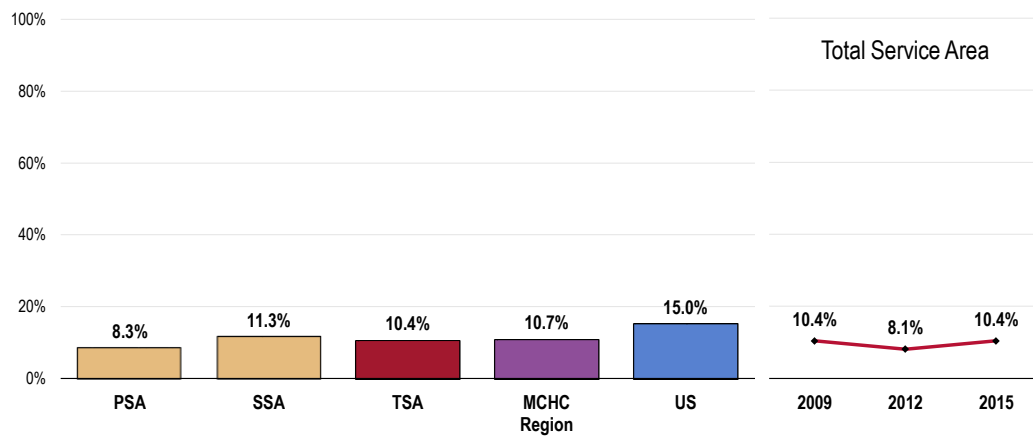
**Intimate Partner Violence:** *“The next questions are about different types of violence in relationships with an intimate partner. By an intimate partner, I mean any current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend. Someone you were dating, or romantically or sexually intimate with, would also be considered an intimate partner. Has an intimate partner ever hit, slapped, pushed, kicked, or hurt you in any way?”*

### Victim of a Violent Crime in the Past Five Years



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 50]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Have Ever Been Hit, Slapped, Pushed, Kicked, or Hurt in Any Way by an Intimate Partner

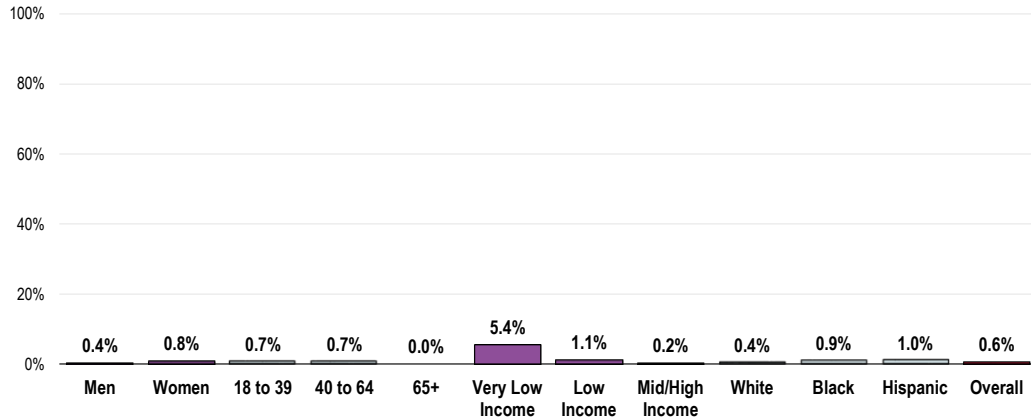


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 51]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

**Neighborhood Safety**

**“Now I would like to ask, how safe from crime do you consider your neighborhood to be?”**

**Perceive Neighborhood to be “Not At All Safe” from Crime**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)

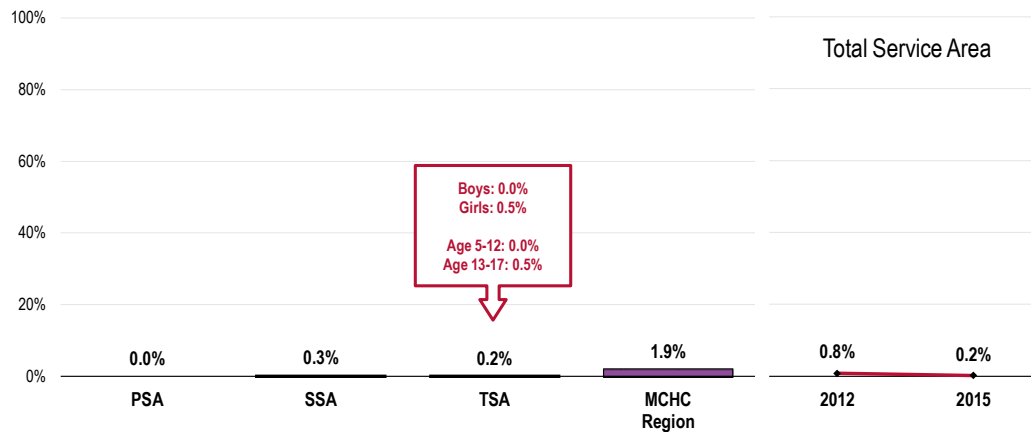


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 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
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**School Safety**

[Among parents of school-age children:] **“During the past year, how many days did this child not go to school because (he/she) felt unsafe at school or on the way to or from school?”**

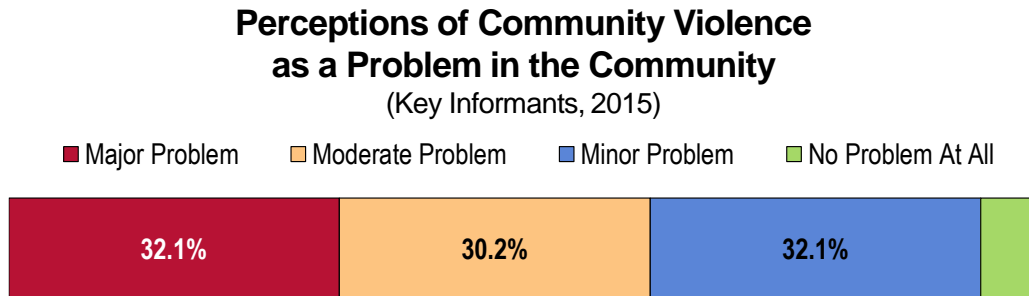
**Child Missed School at Least Once Last Month Due to Feeling Unsafe**  
(Total Service Area School-Aged Children)



- Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 313]  
 Notes: • Asked of those parents with school-age children.

## Key Informant Input: Community Violence

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Community Violence* as a problem in the community:



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Prevalence/Incidence

*There are so many shootings that happen in this community. People fight on the street and even shoot in the daylight. – Community/Business Leader*

*Too many guns. – Physician*

*High rates per capita compared to national peers. – Public Health Expert*

*Austin consistently ranks among the highest rates of violence of city neighborhoods. The media is full of reports of violence and city data confirms this fact. – Social Service Representative*

*If you live in Chicago and if you don't, you know this is an issue that disproportionately affects communities of color. – Social Service Representative*

#### Contributing Factors

*Poverty, lack of access to resources and education, police violence, budget cuts to social services. – Public Health Expert*

*Disinvestment in communities of color has led to lack of opportunity, high unemployment and low educational achievement and the institutionalization of poverty. – Other Health Provider*

*Lack of high school diploma. Need to educate offenders about expungement. Need more jobs for youth. – Community/Business Leader*

*Lack of resources and lack of exposure to positive non-violent behaviors since early childhood. – Other Health Provider*

#### Gang Violence

*Our area is plagued by gang violence. Our local high schools indicate a need for gang prevention programs. Rolling Meadows High School is plagued by gangs and violence along with Palatine High School and the local apartments in their respective areas. Our local newspapers describe gang violence weekly. – Other Health Provider (Northwest Cook County)*

*Guns, gangs, dead children. – Community/Business Leader*

*Gang activity and violence in downtown bars. – Social Service Representative (Northwest Cook County)*

**Effects of Trauma**

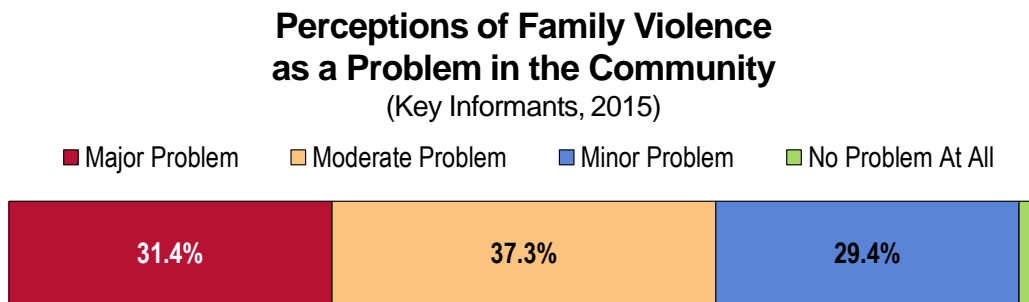
*Safety is a fundamental need in order to be successful. The trauma, first hand or vicarious, from community violence impacts kids and families and keeps people in survival mode rather than have the ability to grow in a healthy way. It's a fundamental issue if we want to help people be healthy and be lifted out of poverty. – Social Service Representative*

**Impact on Health**

*Community violence has direct and indirect impact on the health of the community. – Public Health Expert*

**Key Informant Input: Family Violence**

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Family Violence* as a problem in the community:



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

**Top Concerns**

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

**Culture**

*Working among the Latino, predominantly Mexican population, violence is seen almost as normal in marriage. Children and women are subjected to daily abuse, either verbal, physical or other. There is a large need for family violence services among children. – Other Health Provider*

*There is still considerable acceptance of the idea that what happens in a family, stays in a family. Additionally, violence against women and children can be met with variable responses and protections depending on the community. The trauma of experiencing, witnessing and/or experiencing violence can have short and long term detrimental effects on children and adults. The rate of violence, physical, emotional and sexual, in many communities remains high, with only some of the worst cases receiving attention. Prevention efforts are not sufficient, nor is the knowledge and skill level of law enforcement agencies. There are too few places of safety that individuals and families can go to for shelter and assistance. – Public Health Expert*

*Children of abusive parents grow up to believe it is acceptable, and the cycle continues. – Community/Business Leader*

*Generational violence passed down because of poverty, lack of access to parenting resources,*



*cultural norms about gender roles, lack of access to economic and educational resources for women. – Public Health Expert*

*Many children suffer. – Social Service Representative (Northwest Cook County)*

*The violence in our community permeates all the other problems. When people aren't safe they can't be healthy. Trauma from violence impacts our kids and families and exacerbates other problems, making it hard to succeed. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of self-esteem and learned aggressive behaviors. – Other Health Provider (Downtown/ West Cook County)*

### **Poverty**

*The family structure is broken. There are many single family homes and women are angry that have been left to raise children alone and in turn they mistreat children and if the father is still in the picture, he may be abusive. – Community/Business Leader*

*With poverty and mental illness and stress, family violence is sure to follow. These issues affect many Chicagoans. – Social Service Representative*

*Too many guns, lack of appropriate employment opportunities. – Physician*

### **Criminal Justice System**

*It often goes unreported until the injury is severe or a death occurs. Police need additional education and the tools to deal with an abusive situation. The court system needs to react appropriately. There needs to be more emergency shelters and follow-up services to provide counseling, career planning, financial education, job training, etc. to insure the abused spouse has the tools to never return to the abusive partner. Domestic violence is never acceptable. – Community/Business Leader*

### **Youth**

*Violence is prevalent in the community, particularly among teens and young adults. I have witnessed countless acts of violence among family members and neighbors. – Social Service Representative*

### **Domestic Violence**

*Domestic violence still occurring and shelters to house someone immediately are always full. – Social Service Representative*

## Diabetes

### About Diabetes

Diabetes mellitus occurs when the body cannot produce or respond appropriately to insulin. Insulin is a hormone that the body needs to absorb and use glucose (sugar) as fuel for the body's cells. Without a properly functioning insulin signaling system, blood glucose levels become elevated and other metabolic abnormalities occur, leading to the development of serious, disabling complications. Many forms of diabetes exist; the three common types are Type 1, Type 2, and gestational diabetes. Effective therapy can prevent or delay diabetic complications.

Diabetes mellitus:

- Lowers life expectancy by up to 15 years.
- Increases the risk of heart disease by 2 to 4 times.
- Is the leading cause of kidney failure, lower limb amputations, and adult-onset blindness.

The rate of diabetes mellitus continues to increase both in the United States and throughout the world. Due to the steady rise in the number of persons with diabetes mellitus, and possibly earlier onset of type 2 diabetes mellitus, there is growing concern about the possibility that the increase in the number of persons with diabetes mellitus and the complexity of their care might overwhelm existing healthcare systems.

People from minority populations are more frequently affected by type 2 diabetes. Minority groups constitute 25% of all adult patients with diabetes in the US and represent the majority of children and adolescents with type 2 diabetes.

Lifestyle change has been proven effective in preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes in high-risk individuals.

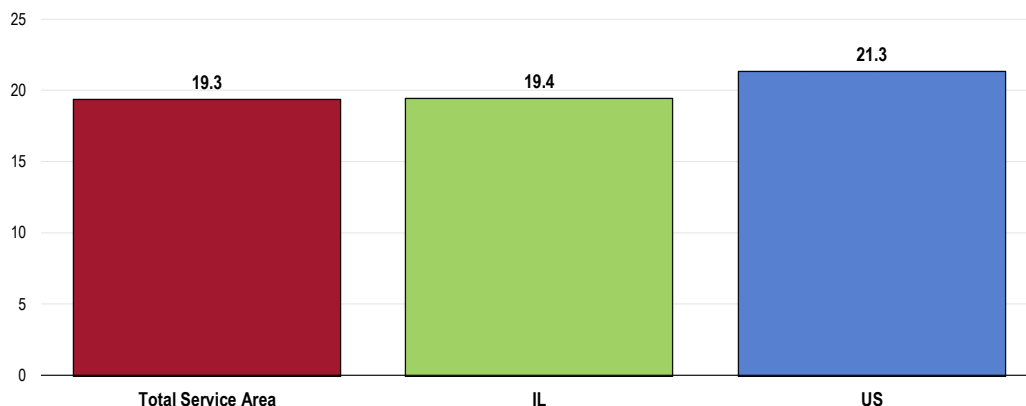
- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Age-Adjusted Diabetes Deaths

Age-adjusted diabetes mortality for the area is shown in the following chart.

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target (as adjusted to account for diabetes mellitus-coded deaths).

**Diabetes: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
(2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
**Healthy People 2020 Target = 20.5 or Lower (Adjusted)**

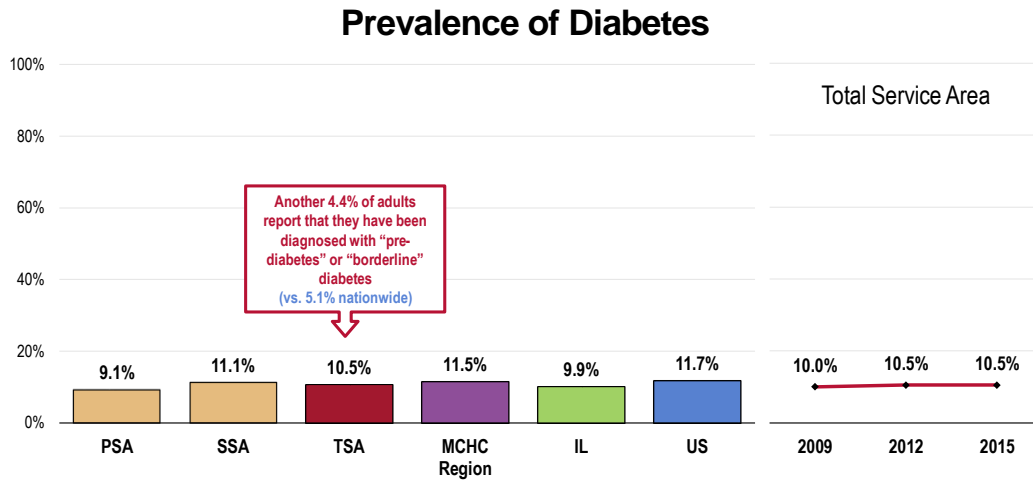


- Sources:
- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective D-3]
- Notes:
- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.
  - The Healthy People 2020 target for Diabetes is adjusted to account for only diabetes mellitus coded deaths.

### Prevalence of Diabetes

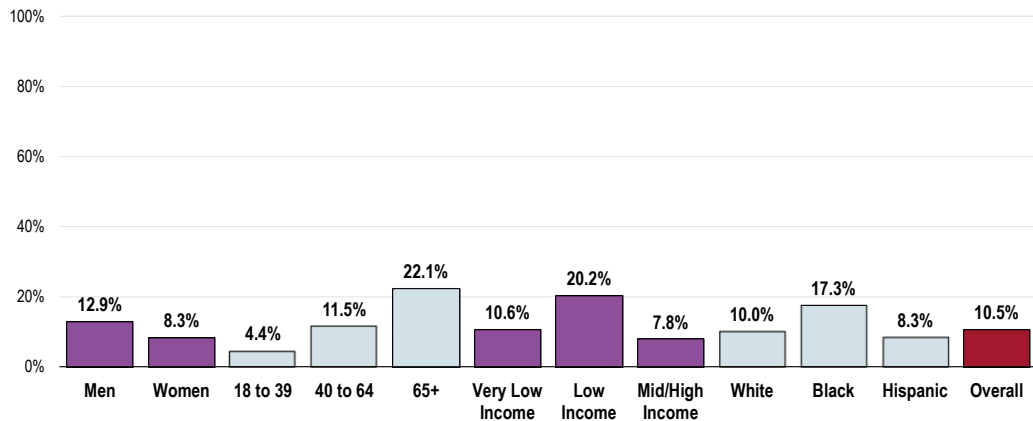
**“Have you ever been told by a doctor that you have diabetes? (If female, add: Not counting diabetes only occurring during pregnancy?)”**

**“(If female, add: Other than during pregnancy,) Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you have pre-diabetes or borderline diabetes?”**



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 136]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Local and national data exclude gestation diabetes (occurring only during pregnancy).

### Prevalence of Diabetes (Total Service Area, 2015)

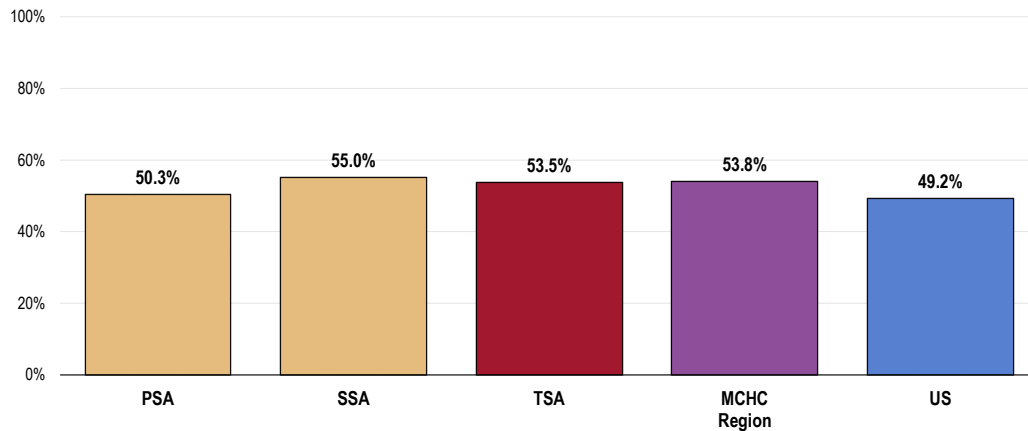


- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 136]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
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  - Excludes gestation diabetes (occurring only during pregnancy).

**Diabetes Testing**

**“Have you had a test for high blood sugar or diabetes within the past three years?”**

**Have Had Blood Sugar Tested in the Past Three Years  
(Among Non-Diabetics)**

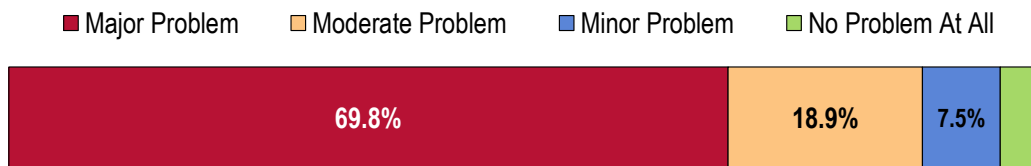


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 40]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of respondents who have not been diagnosed with diabetes.

**Key Informant Input: Diabetes**

The following chart outlines key informants’ perceptions of the severity of *Diabetes* as a problem in the community:

**Perceptions of Diabetes  
as a Problem in the Community  
(Key Informants, 2015)**



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

**Challenges**

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” the biggest challenges for people with diabetes are seen as:

**Lack of Education**

*The convenience of healthy foods and the lack of knowledge of what and how to eat proper meals.*  
 – Community/Business Leader

*Adjusting lifestyle prior to the development of the disease, understanding the risk factors and the preventable steps that can positively and significantly influence the development of the disease. Once diagnosed, understanding the chronic nature of both the disease and the treatment of the disease. – Public Health Expert*

*They need education on preventive care. They need education on eating healthy and regular assessable physical activity. – Community/Business Leader*

*Counseling about diet and exercise. – Community/Business Leader*

*Understanding that activity outdoors can be a huge help to combating diabetes. – Community/Business Leader*

*Education. – Public Health Expert*

*Lack of education, lack of access to primary care providers. – Community/Business Leader*

*Disease management skills, limited access to specialists, access to fruits and vegetables. – Community/Business Leader*

*I see a lot of people unaware of nutritional information. – Social Service Representative*

*The biggest challenge for people with diabetes in our community is education and lifestyle changes. Due to our ethnically diverse population, addressing this issue in a multi-platform manner is essential, i.e. need for case management in multiple languages. – Other Health Provider*

*Nutrition education and access to medications. – Other Health Provider*

*Nutrition information. Access to healthy foods in food deserts. – Social Service Representative*

### **Lifestyle Factors**

*The biggest challenge for people with diabetes is access to proper diet (food and nutrition) and the availability of safe places to exercise. Without effective diet and exercise management tools, people with diabetes in the community are left with few options. As a result, the disease progresses and the individual must cope with expensive and more invasive interventions (oral medications, injectable medications, specialty care, surgery, and amputations). – Social Service Representative*

*Compliance, affording medications, nutrition, vision care. – Social Service Representative*

*Increasing rates of disease due to lifestyle. – Public Health Expert*

*Morbid obesity, lack of movement and this contributes to chronic diseases beyond diabetes. – Community/Business Leader*

*Poor healthcare decisions. – Social Service Representative*

*As the rate of obesity continues to rise, so do the numbers of patients with type 2 diabetes. These patients tend to have high non-compliance with their treatment plans and thus experience high numbers of complications relative to heart and kidney disease, strokes, vision complications, dental and wound complications, neuropathies, mobility challenges, etc. – Other Health Provider*

*Stress is a barrier to adopting healthy lifestyles and also is a physiological contributor. Lack of access to fresh foods and support for changing eating habits. Lack of access to safe physical activities. – Other Health Provider*

### **Prevalence/Incidence**

*It is a commonly known problem among black and Latino populations. – Social Service Representative*

*Very prevalent in our community, costing our community a lot of money. Struggling with getting those populations to become compliant, this health concern leads to a lot of other chronic*

*diseases that are hard to manage. – Social Service Representative*

#### **Access to Care**

*Accessing management services for those diagnosed and preventing diabetes in the first place. There are insurance and transportation barriers as well as knowledge gaps in proper disease maintenance. There are also financial barriers to having testing supplies. – Public Health Expert*

*Accessing high quality care, including monitoring, medications, and education needed to effectively manage. – Public Health Expert*

*Access to ongoing preventative care and support, choices are limited and within those choices the support to manage and maintain this disease is inconsistent and limited. – Other Health Provider*

#### **Disease Management**

*Clients often have the information needed to manage their diabetes but simply do not have the means. Policy, systems, and environmental changes are necessary to encourage and allow clients to make lifestyle changes. Just knowing what to do is not the same as knowing how. – Social Service Representative*

*Controlling their disease with medication and proper food choices. – Community/Business Leader*

*Patients not understanding how to effectively manage diabetes. – Public Health Expert*

*Affordability of medication for type 2 diabetics and dealing with issues that long-time diabetics face, from problems with their feet to problems controlling their weight to blindness. – Community/Business Leader*

#### **Access to Food**

*There are not many healthy food options. There are two grocery stores but the produce is sometimes questionable. – Community/Business Leader*

*Affordable healthy food, safe places to be physically active, limited access to primary care providers and education related to diabetes management. – Public Health Expert*

*Access to affordable health foods. – Physician*

#### **Lack of Resources**

*There are many disparities in our county which increase diabetes risk for individuals that are black, Latino, or individuals with severe mental illness. These groups are at higher risk for diabetes and resources are limited. In addition, access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables can be a challenge in some of our communities. – Public Health Expert*

#### **Leading Cause of Death**

*Diabetes is the ninth leading cause of death in Illinois and ranks even higher (four or five) in large urban metropolitan areas like Cook County. Diabetes rates have been on the rise due to higher levels of obesity in children. – Other Health Provider*

## Alzheimer's Disease

### About Dementia

Dementia is the loss of cognitive functioning—thinking, remembering, and reasoning—to such an extent that it interferes with a person's daily life. Dementia is not a disease itself, but rather a set of symptoms. Memory loss is a common symptom of dementia, although memory loss by itself does not mean a person has dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for the majority of all diagnosed cases.

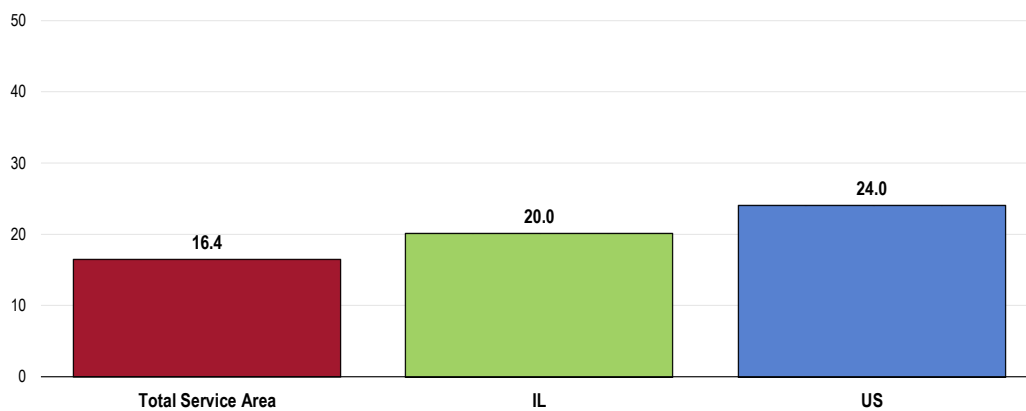
Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death among adults age 18 years and older. Estimates vary, but experts suggest that up to 5.1 million Americans age 65 years and older have Alzheimer's disease. These numbers are predicted to more than double by 2050 unless more effective ways to treat and prevent Alzheimer's disease are found.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Age-Adjusted Alzheimer's Disease Deaths

Age-adjusted Alzheimer's disease mortality rates for the service area, state and nation are outlined below.

#### Alzheimer's Disease: Age-Adjusted Mortality (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)



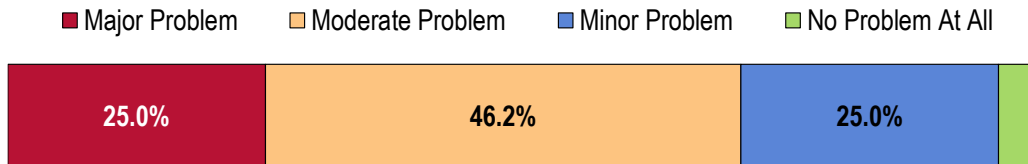
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Notes: • Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).  
• Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

## Key Informant Input: Dementias, Including Alzheimer's Disease

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Dementias, Including Alzheimer's Disease* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Aging Population

*As the population ages, the number of patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease will continue to rise with insufficient resources to house and care for them all safely and with dignity in a cost-effective manner. – Other Health Provider*

*Community members are living longer and the chances of onset increase with age. The issues of care present a real challenge to family members, especially if funds are limited and outside assistance is too costly. The next twenty years will show a marked increase in patients needing care. – Community/Business Leader*

*Increasing aging population has increased the prevalence of age-related diseases such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease, many of who are complex cases due to multiple specialty comorbidity. – Other Health Provider*

*Aging of the baby boomers will present major issues when they become demented. – Social Service Representative*

*We've reached a point demographically where the baby boomers are creating the largest senior population in US history. The elderly population will more than double by the year 2050, with most of that growth occurring between 2010 and 2030. It only stands to reason that health problems, such as Alzheimer's and dementia, will increase. – Community/Business Leader*

*Elderly patient population, recurring problem for patients presenting to ED for many problems that are often tied to dementia. – Physician*

#### Prevalence/Incidence

*There are increasing numbers of African Americans affected by this disease. Limited access to quality medical services hinders prevention and early detection. – Social Service Representative*

*Affecting many people at earlier ages. – Social Service Representative*

*The numbers of people in our community with this illness keep increasing, it affects the whole family and the access to care that is affordable is limited. – Social Service Representative*



*With the aging of the baby boom generation we have a growing at-risk population for dementia/Alzheimer's disease. There is little understanding and more importantly recognition of the signs and symptoms. – Other Health Provider*

**Activity Limitations**

*Many homebound clients served are afflicted with dementia or some memory loss. – Public Health Expert*

**Lack of Resources**

*Lack of services for the patient and caregivers. – Other Health Provider*

## Kidney Disease

### About Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease are significant public health problems in the United States and a major source of suffering and poor quality of life for those afflicted. They are responsible for premature death and exact a high economic price from both the private and public sectors. Nearly 25% of the Medicare budget is used to treat people with chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease.

Genetic determinants have a large influence on the development and progression of chronic kidney disease. It is not possible to alter a person's biology and genetic determinants; however, environmental influences and individual behaviors also have a significant influence on the development and progression of chronic kidney disease. As a result, some populations are disproportionately affected. Successful behavior modification is expected to have a positive influence on the disease.

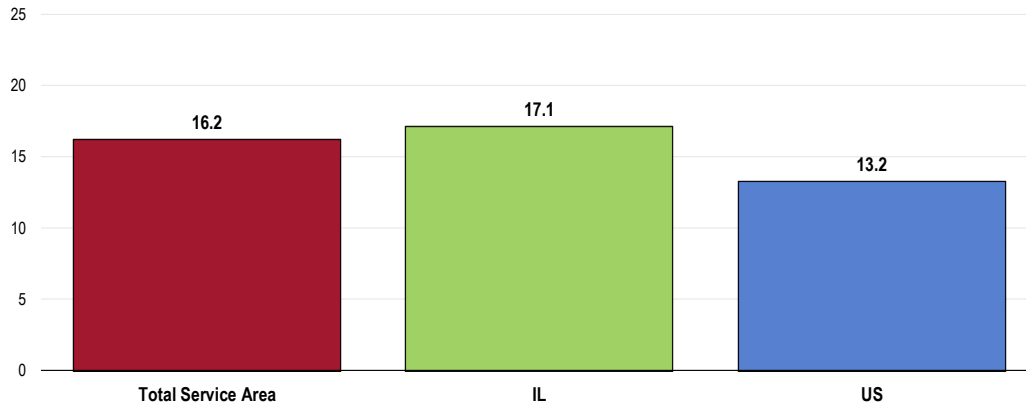
Diabetes is the most common cause of kidney failure. The results of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) funded by the national Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) show that moderate exercise, a healthier diet, and weight reduction can prevent development of type 2 diabetes in persons at risk.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Age-Adjusted Kidney Disease Deaths

Age-adjusted kidney disease mortality for the service area, state and nation is described in the following chart.

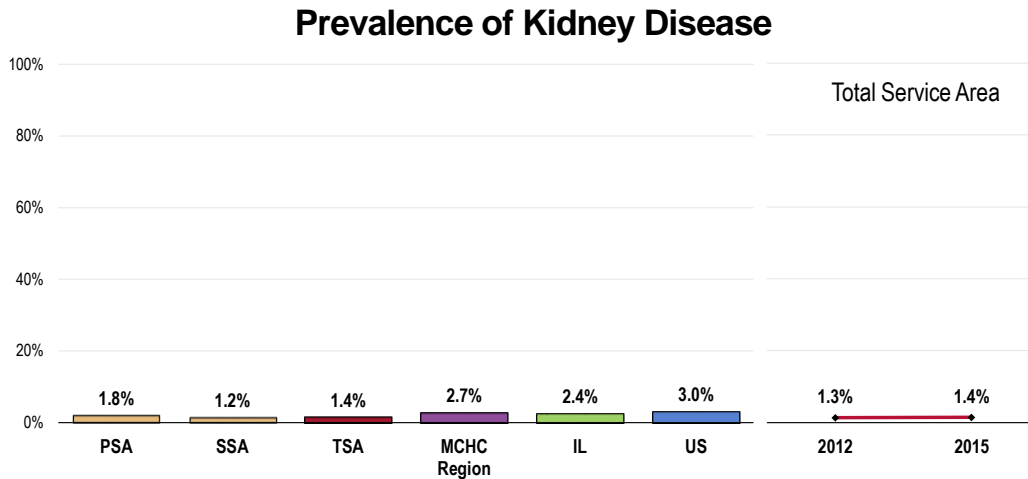
**Kidney Disease: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
(2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)



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- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
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### Prevalence of Kidney Disease

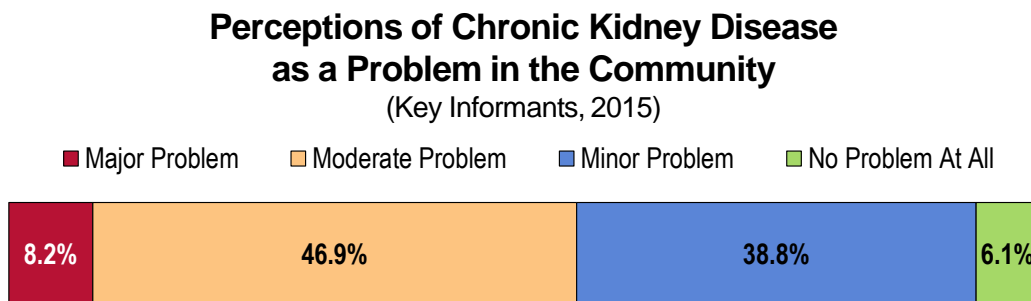
“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with kidney disease?”



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 33]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Key Informant Input: Chronic Kidney Disease

The following chart outlines key informants’ perceptions of the severity of *Chronic Kidney Disease* as a problem in the community:



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### ***Top Concerns***

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### **Co-occurrences**

*The primary causes of kidney disease are uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension. Given the increase in obesity levels we've seen a concomitant increase in chronic kidney disease. – Other Health Provider*

#### **Cost of Care**

*It costs our community a lot of money and managing these patients. There are a lot of patients struggling. – Social Service Representative*

#### **Transportation**

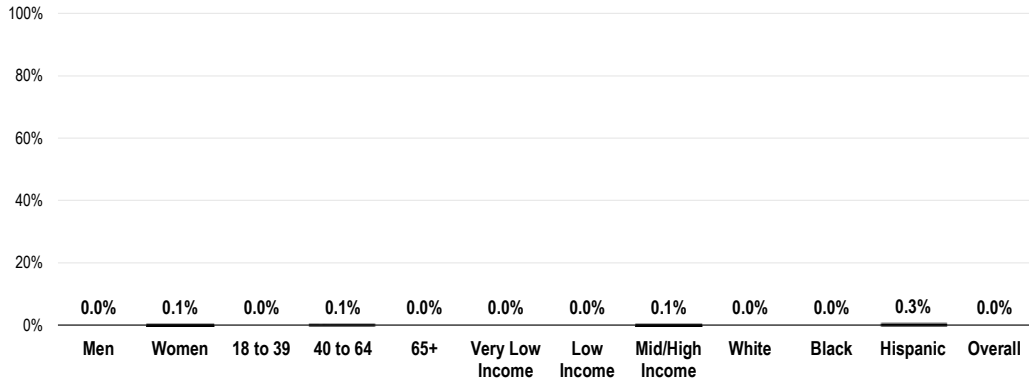
*Transportation. – Public Health Expert*

## Sickle-Cell Anemia

### Prevalence of Sickle-Cell Anemia

*“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with sickle-cell anemia?”*

### Prevalence of Sickle-Cell Anemia (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 302]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

• Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).

• Income categories reflect respondent’s household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. “Very Low Income” includes households living with defined poverty status; “Low Income” includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; “Mid/High Income” includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.

## Potentially Disabling Conditions

### About Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Chronic Back Conditions

There are more than 100 types of arthritis. Arthritis commonly occurs with other chronic conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. Interventions to treat the pain and reduce the functional limitations from arthritis are important, and may also enable people with these other chronic conditions to be more physically active. Arthritis affects 1 in 5 adults and continues to be the most common cause of disability. It costs more than \$128 billion per year. All of the human and economic costs are projected to increase over time as the population ages. There are interventions that can reduce arthritis pain and functional limitations, but they remain underused. These include: increased physical activity; self-management education; and weight loss among overweight/obese adults.

Osteoporosis is a disease marked by reduced bone strength leading to an increased risk of fractures (broken bones). In the United States, an estimated 5.3 million people age 50 years and older have osteoporosis. Most of these people are women, but about 0.8 million are men. Just over 34 million more people, including 12 million men, have low bone mass, which puts them at increased risk for developing osteoporosis. Half of all women and as many as 1 in 4 men age 50 years and older will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime.

Chronic back pain is common, costly, and potentially disabling. About 80% of Americans experience low back pain in their lifetime. It is estimated that each year:

- 15%-20% of the population develop protracted back pain.
- 2-8% have chronic back pain (pain that lasts more than 3 months).
- 3-4% of the population is temporarily disabled due to back pain.
- 1% of the working-age population is disabled completely and permanently as a result of low back pain.

Americans spend at least \$50 billion each year on low back pain. Low back pain is the:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of lost work time (after the common cold).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> most common reason to undergo a surgical procedure.
- 5<sup>th</sup> most frequent cause of hospitalization.

Arthritis, osteoporosis, and chronic back conditions all have major effects on quality of life, the ability to work, and basic activities of daily living.

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### Arthritis, Osteoporosis, & Chronic Back Conditions

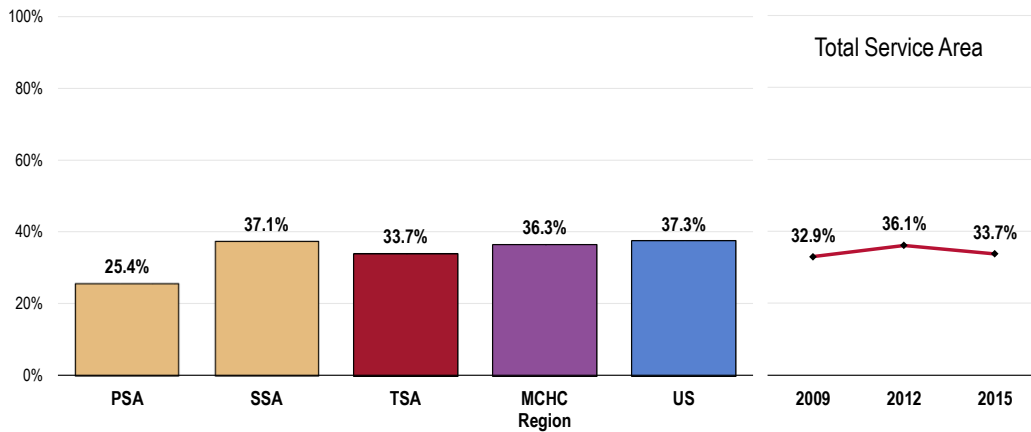
***“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with arthritis or rheumatism?”*** (Reported in the following chart among only those age 50+.)

***“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with osteoporosis?”***  
(Reported in the following chart among only those age 50+.)

***“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with sciatica or chronic back pain?”*** (Reported in the following chart among all adults age 18+.)

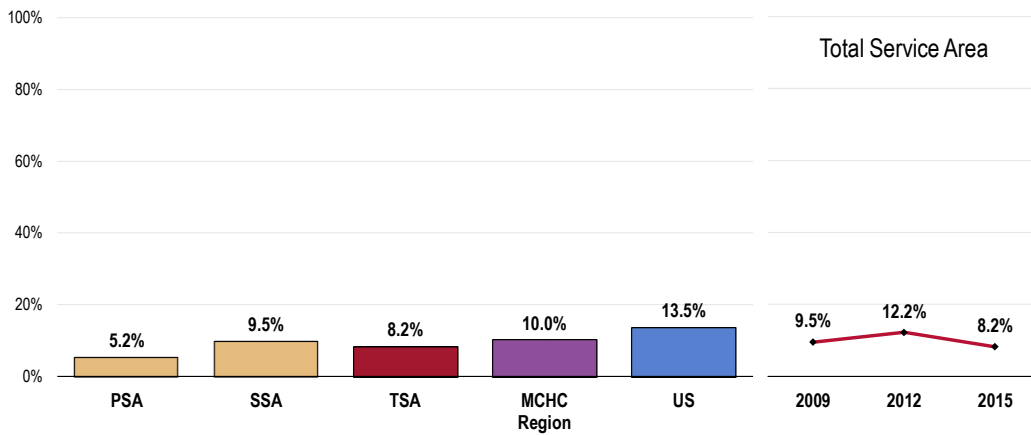
See also *Activity Limitations* in the General Health Status section of this report.

### Prevalence of Arthritis/Rheumatism (Among Adults Age 50 and Older)



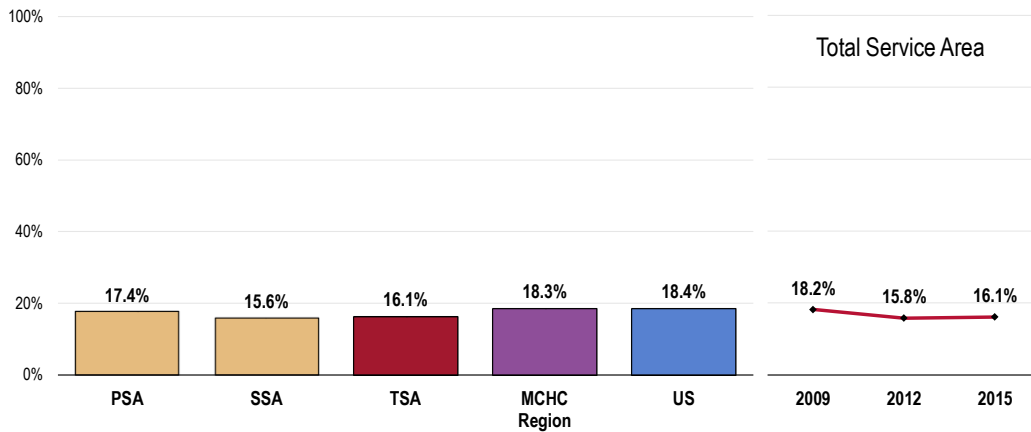
Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 139]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents age 50 and older.

### Prevalence of Osteoporosis (Among Adults Age 50 and Older) Healthy People 2020 Target = 5.3% or Lower



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 140]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective AOCBC-10]  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents age 50 and older.

### Prevalence of Sciatica/Chronic Back Pain

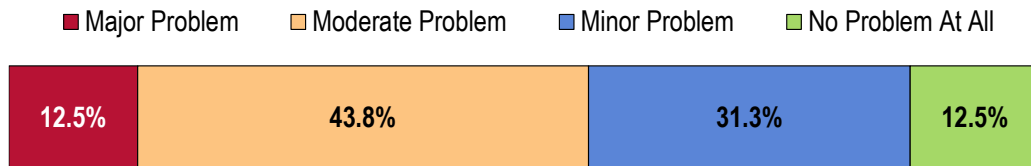


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 29]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Key Informant Input: Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Chronic Back Conditions

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Chronic Back Conditions* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Arthritis/Osteoporosis/Back Conditions as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

#### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Lack of Specialists

*The reason why this is a major problem in our community is because of the lack of specialists in this area in the northwest suburbs of Illinois. In addition, we see many patients with back conditions that have spiraled out of control due to mismanagement, lack of care and education. As a result, these people become home bound. – Other Health Provider*



**Musculoskeletal Issues**

*Back pain/joint pain/soft tissue pain seems common, as it is nationwide. Perhaps increased by physically demanding jobs, lack of access to healthcare resources to manage. – Public Health Expert*

**Homebound**

*As a community health nurse, I provide many home visits to the homebound residents of our community. Most are homebound due to arthritis pain and disability. – Public Health Expert*

**Aging Population**

*The aging population in our community. – Community/Business Leader*

**Vision & Hearing Impairment***Vision Trouble***About Vision**

Vision is an essential part of everyday life, influencing how Americans of all ages learn, communicate, work, play, and interact with the world. Yet millions of Americans live with visual impairment, and many more remain at risk for eye disease and preventable eye injury.

The eyes are an important, but often overlooked, part of overall health. Despite the preventable nature of some vision impairments, many people do not receive recommended screenings and exams. A visit to an eye care professional for a comprehensive dilated eye exam can help to detect common vision problems and eye diseases, including diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, cataract, and age-related macular degeneration.

These common vision problems often have no early warning signs. If a problem is detected, an eye care professional can prescribe corrective eyewear, medicine, or surgery to minimize vision loss and help a person see his or her best.

Healthy vision can help to ensure a healthy and active lifestyle well into a person's later years. Educating and engaging families, communities, and the nation is critical to ensuring that people have the information, resources, and tools needed for good eye health.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

## Hearing Trouble

### About Hearing & Other Sensory or Communication Disorders

An impaired ability to communicate with others or maintain good balance can lead many people to feel socially isolated, have unmet health needs, have limited success in school or on the job. Communication and other sensory processes contribute to our overall health and well-being. Protecting these processes is critical, particularly for people whose age, race, ethnicity, gender, occupation, genetic background, or health status places them at increased risk.

Many factors influence the numbers of Americans who are diagnosed and treated for hearing and other sensory or communication disorders, such as social determinants (social and economic standings, age of diagnosis, cost and stigma of wearing a hearing aid, and unhealthy lifestyle choices). In addition, biological causes of hearing loss and other sensory or communication disorders include: genetics; viral or bacterial infections; sensitivity to certain drugs or medications; injury; and aging.

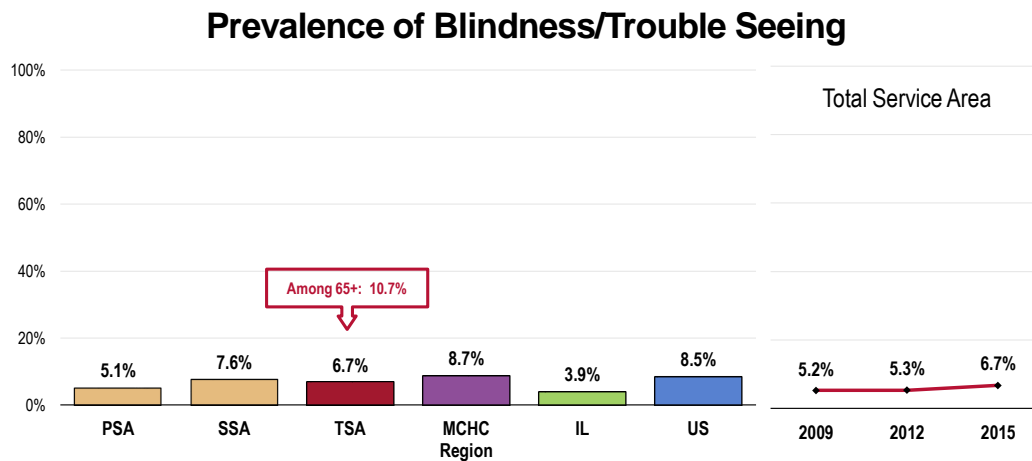
As the nation's population ages and survival rates for medically fragile infants and for people with severe injuries and acquired diseases improve, the prevalence of sensory and communication disorders is expected to rise.

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***“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with blindness or trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses?”***

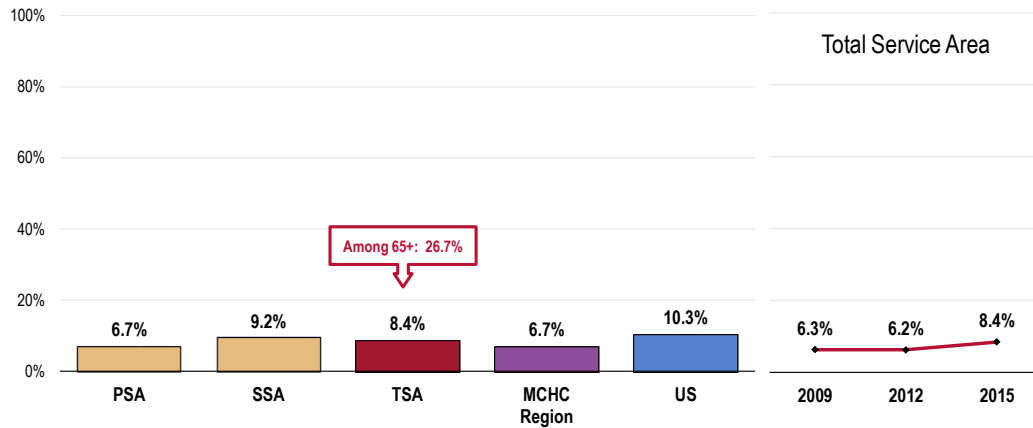
***“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with deafness or trouble hearing?”***

- Note the higher prevalence among older adults (age 65+).



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 26]
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.

### Prevalence of Deafness/Trouble Hearing

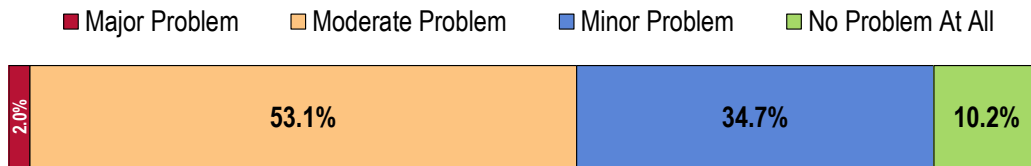


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 27]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Key Informant Input: Vision & Hearing

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Vision & Hearing* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Hearing and Vision as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Lack of Coverage

*There is virtually no coverage for hearing aids and little for glasses. The costs are too high for low-income residents to absorb. – Social Service Representative*

## Infectious Disease

### About Immunization & Infectious Diseases

The increase in life expectancy during the 20<sup>th</sup> century is largely due to improvements in child survival; this increase is associated with reductions in infectious disease mortality, due largely to immunization. However, infectious diseases remain a major cause of illness, disability, and death. Immunization recommendations in the United States currently target 17 vaccine-preventable diseases across the lifespan.

People in the US continue to get diseases that are vaccine-preventable. Viral hepatitis, influenza, and tuberculosis (TB) remain among the leading causes of illness and death across the nation and account for substantial spending on the related consequences of infection.

The infectious disease public health infrastructure, which carries out disease surveillance at the national, state, and local levels, is an essential tool in the fight against newly emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. Other important defenses against infectious diseases include:

- Proper use of vaccines
- Antibiotics
- Screening and testing guidelines
- Scientific improvements in the diagnosis of infectious disease-related health concerns

Vaccines are among the most cost-effective clinical preventive services and are a core component of any preventive services package. Childhood immunization programs provide a very high return on investment. For example, for each birth cohort vaccinated with the routine immunization schedule, society:

- Saves 33,000 lives.
- Prevents 14 million cases of disease.
- Reduces direct healthcare costs by \$9.9 billion.
- Saves \$33.4 billion in indirect costs.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

## Influenza & Pneumonia Vaccination

### About Influenza & Pneumonia

Acute respiratory infections, including pneumonia and influenza, are the 8th leading cause of death in the nation, accounting for 56,000 deaths annually. Pneumonia mortality in children fell by 97% in the last century, but respiratory infectious diseases continue to be leading causes of pediatric hospitalization and outpatient visits in the US. On average, influenza leads to more than 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths each year. The 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic caused an estimated 270,000 hospitalizations and 12,270 deaths (1,270 of which were of people younger than age 18) between April 2009 and March 2010.

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### Flu Vaccinations

***“There are two ways to get the seasonal flu vaccine, one is a shot in the arm and the other is a spray, mist, or drop in the nose called FluMist®. During the past 12 months, have you had either a seasonal flu shot or a seasonal flu vaccine that was sprayed in your nose?”***

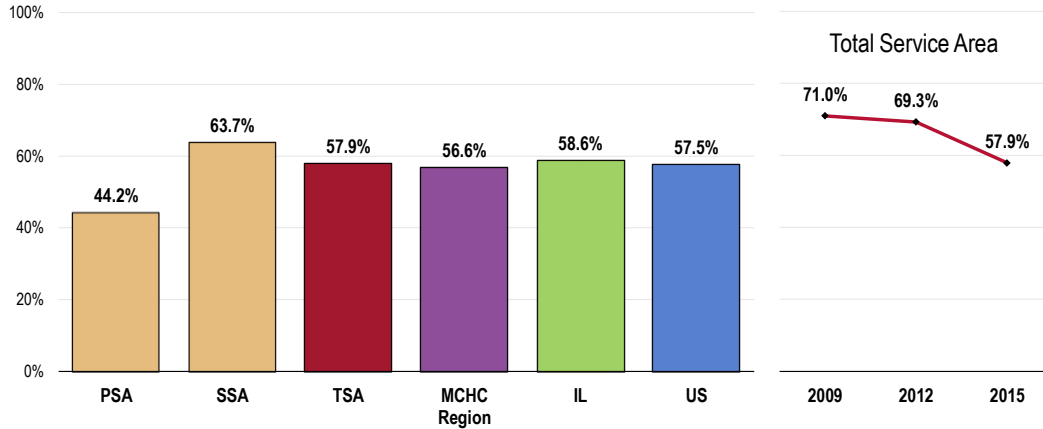
***“A pneumonia shot or pneumococcal vaccine is usually given only once or twice in a person's lifetime and is different from the seasonal flu shot. Have you ever had a pneumonia shot?”***

The following chart columns show these findings among those age 65+. Percentages for “high-risk” adults age 18-64 in the Total Service Area are also shown; here, “high-risk” includes adults who report having been diagnosed with heart disease, diabetes or respiratory disease.)

- Note also the Healthy People 2020 targets.

### Older Adults: Have Had a Flu Vaccination in the Past Year (Among Adults Age 65+)

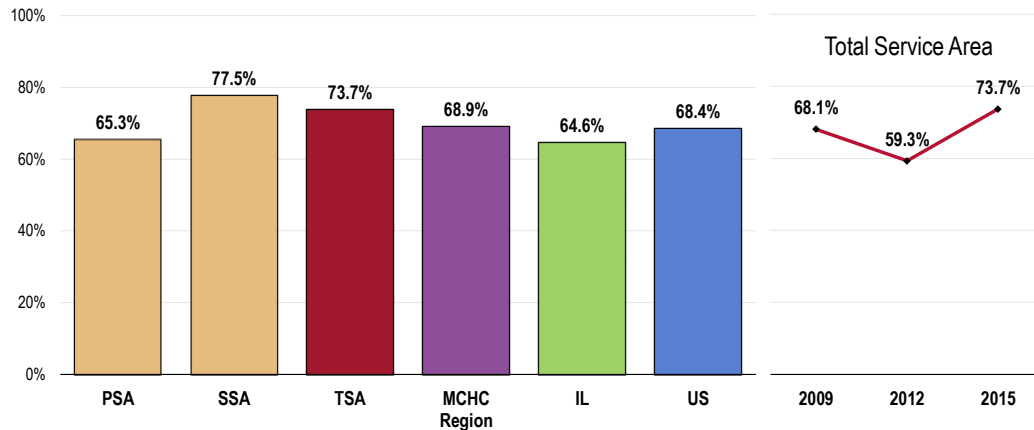
Healthy People 2020 Target = 70.0% or Higher



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 141]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IID-12.12]  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents 65 and older.  
 • Includes FluMist as a form of vaccination.

### Older Adults: Have Ever Had a Pneumonia Vaccine (Among Adults Age 65+)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 90.0% or Higher



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 143]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective IID-13.1]  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents 65 and older.

# HIV

## About HIV

The HIV epidemic in the United States continues to be a major public health crisis. An estimated 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV, and 1 in 5 people with HIV do not know they have it. HIV continues to spread, leading to about 56,000 new HIV infections each year.

HIV is a preventable disease, and effective HIV prevention interventions have been proven to reduce HIV transmission. People who get tested for HIV and learn that they are infected can make significant behavior changes to improve their health and reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to their sex or drug-using partners. More than 50% of new HIV infections occur as a result of the 21% of people who have HIV but do not know it.

In the era of increasingly effective treatments for HIV, people with HIV are living longer, healthier, and more productive lives. Deaths from HIV infection have greatly declined in the United States since the 1990s. As the number of people living with HIV grows, it will be more important than ever to increase national HIV prevention and healthcare programs.

There are gender, race, and ethnicity disparities in new HIV infections:

- Nearly 75% of new HIV infections occur in men.
- More than half occur in gay and bisexual men, regardless of race or ethnicity.
- 45% of new HIV infections occur in African Americans, 35% in whites, and 17% in Hispanics.

Improving access to quality healthcare for populations disproportionately affected by HIV, such as persons of color and gay and bisexual men, is a fundamental public health strategy for HIV prevention. People getting care for HIV can receive:

- Antiretroviral therapy
- Screening and treatment for other diseases (such as sexually transmitted infections)
- HIV prevention interventions
- Mental health services
- Other health services

As the number of people living with HIV increases and more people become aware of their HIV status, prevention strategies that are targeted specifically for HIV-infected people are becoming more important. Prevention work with people living with HIV focuses on:

- Linking to and staying in treatment.
- Increasing the availability of ongoing HIV prevention interventions.
- Providing prevention services for their partners.

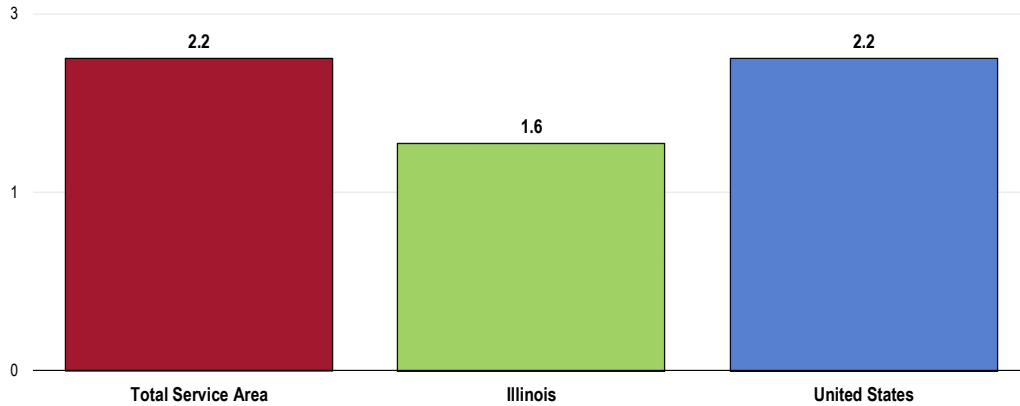
Public perception in the US about the seriousness of the HIV epidemic has declined in recent years. There is evidence that risky behaviors may be increasing among uninfected people, especially gay and bisexual men. Ongoing media and social campaigns for the general public and HIV prevention interventions for uninfected persons who engage in risky behaviors are critical.

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### HIV/AIDS Deaths

The following chart outlines age-adjusted mortality rates for the service area in comparison with state and national rates.

**HIV/AIDS: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
 (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
 Healthy People 2020 Target = 3.3 or Lower



Sources: 

- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective HIV-12]

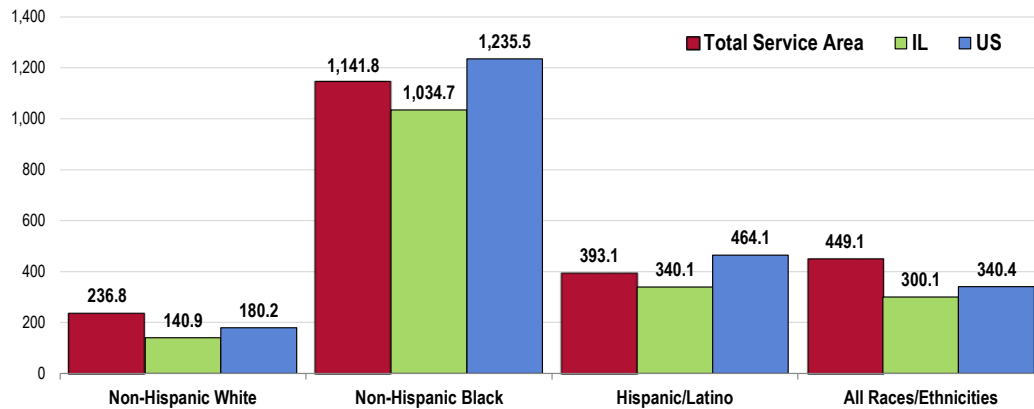
Notes: 

- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
- Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

### HIV Prevalence

The following chart outlines prevalence (current cases, regardless of when they were diagnosed) of HIV per 100,000 population in the service area, Illinois and the US.

**HIV Prevalence Rate by Race/Ethnicity**  
 (Prevalence Rate of HIV per 100,000 Population, 2010)



Sources: 

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention: 2010.
- Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.

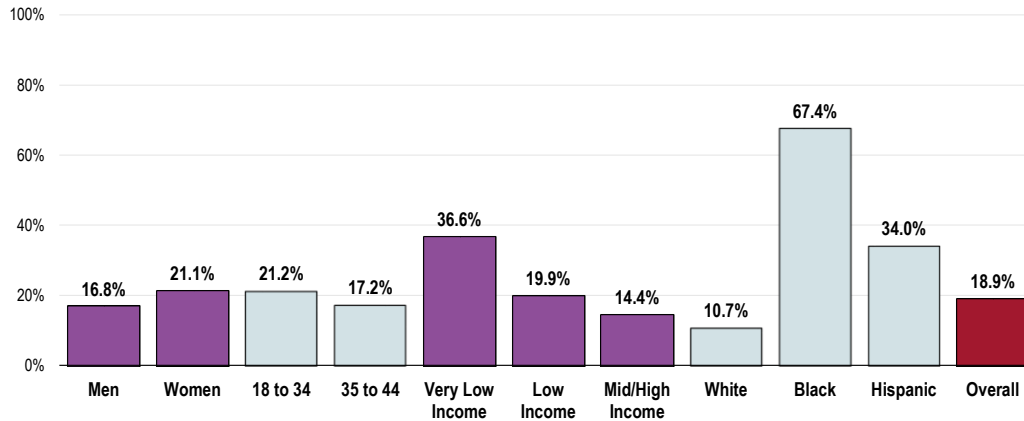
Notes: 

- This indicator is relevant because HIV is a life-threatening communicable disease that disproportionately affects minority populations and may also indicate the prevalence of unsafe sex practices.

### HIV Testing

**“Not counting tests you may have had when donating or giving blood, when was the last time you were tested for HIV?”** (Reported below only among adults age 18 to 44.)

**Tested for HIV in the Past Year**  
(Among Adults Age 18-44)

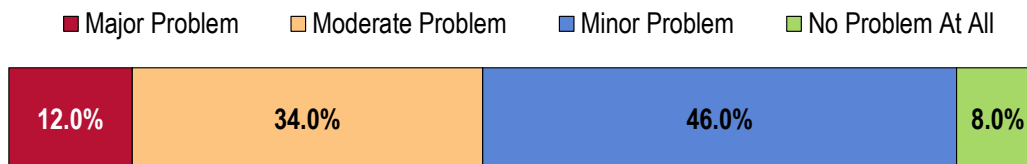


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 145]  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents age 18 to 44.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
 • Income categories reflect respondent’s household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. “Very Low Income” includes households living with defined poverty status; “Low Income” includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; “Mid/High Income” includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.

### Key Informant Input: HIV/AIDS

The following chart outlines key informants’ perceptions of the severity of *HIV/AIDS* as a problem in the community:

**Perceptions of HIV/AIDS as a Problem in the Community**  
(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.



### **Top Concerns**

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### **Contributing Factors**

*Early life experiences and resources may lead to poor choices than for people with adequate resources and positive life experiences. – Other Health Provider*

*HIV/AIDS is a major problem in the community because of the co-occurrence of substance addiction disorders and the high rate of injectable drug users. There are also confounding issues around poor safe sex practices and forced prostitution. – Social Service Representative*

#### **African American Population**

*African Americans have the highest population with the HIV and highest rate of new infections. – Social Service Representative*

*High rates of disease among black MSM. – Public Health Expert*

#### **Population Living with HIV/AIDS**

*While fewer people are dying from AIDS, the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS is still high. These individuals face the same burden of chronic disease and conditions as the rest of the population. – Other Health Provider*

#### **Stigma**

*There is still a lot of stigma associated with it. Many are still uneducated about how it is spread. – Social Service Representative*

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

### About Sexually Transmitted Diseases

STDs refer to more than 25 infectious organisms that are transmitted primarily through sexual activity. Despite their burdens, costs, and complications, and the fact that they are largely preventable, STDs remain a significant public health problem in the United States. This problem is largely unrecognized by the public, policymakers, and health care professionals. STDs cause many harmful, often irreversible, and costly clinical complications, such as: reproductive health problems; fetal and perinatal health problems; cancer; and facilitation of the sexual transmission of HIV infection.

Because many cases of STDs go undiagnosed—and some common viral infections, such as human papillomavirus (HPV) and genital herpes, are not reported to CDC at all—the reported cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis represent only a fraction of the true burden of STDs in the US. Untreated STDs can lead to serious long-term health consequences, especially for adolescent girls and young women. Several factors contribute to the spread of STDs.

**Biological Factors.** STDs are acquired during unprotected sex with an infected partner. Biological factors that affect the spread of STDs include:

- **Asymptomatic nature of STDs.** The majority of STDs either do not produce any symptoms or signs, or they produce symptoms so mild that they are unnoticed; consequently, many infected persons do not know that they need medical care.
- **Gender disparities.** Women suffer more frequent and more serious STD complications than men do. Among the most serious STD complications are pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside of the uterus), infertility, and chronic pelvic pain.
- **Age disparities.** Compared to older adults, sexually active adolescents ages 15 to 19 and young adults ages 20 to 24 are at higher risk for getting STDs.
- **Lag time between infection and complications.** Often, a long interval, sometimes years, occurs between acquiring an STD and recognizing a clinically significant health problem.

**Social, Economic and Behavioral Factors.** The spread of STDs is directly affected by social, economic, and behavioral factors. Such factors may cause serious obstacles to STD prevention due to their influence on social and sexual networks, access to and provision of care, willingness to seek care, and social norms regarding sex and sexuality. Among certain vulnerable populations, historical experience with segregation and discrimination exacerbates these factors. Social, economic, and behavioral factors that affect the spread of STDs include: racial and ethnic disparities; poverty and marginalization; access to healthcare; substance abuse; sexuality and secrecy (stigma and discomfort discussing sex); and sexual networks (persons “linked” by sequential or concurrent sexual partners).

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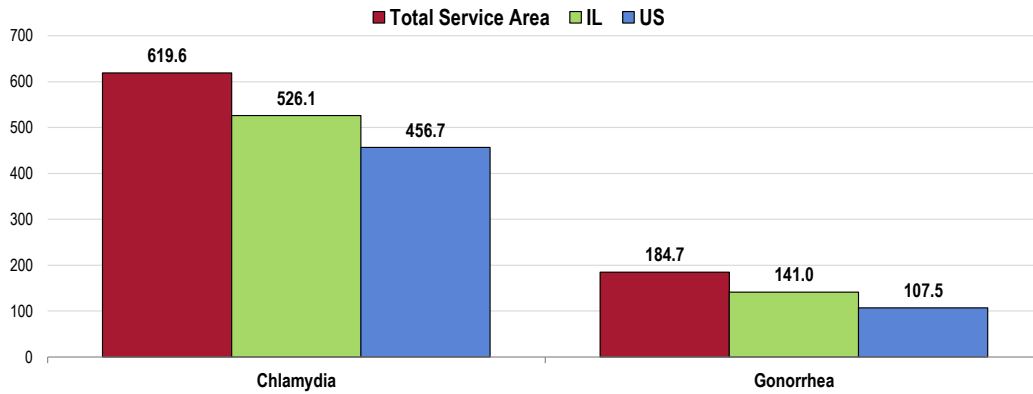
### Chlamydia & Gonorrhea

**Chlamydia.** Chlamydia is the most commonly reported STD in the United States; most people who have chlamydia don’t know it since the disease often has no symptoms.

**Gonorrhea.** Anyone who is sexually active can get gonorrhea. Gonorrhea can be cured with the right medication; left untreated, however, gonorrhea can cause serious health problems in both women and men.

The following charts outline local incidence for these STDs.

### Chlamydia & Gonorrhea Incidence (Incidence Rate per 100,000 Population, 2012)

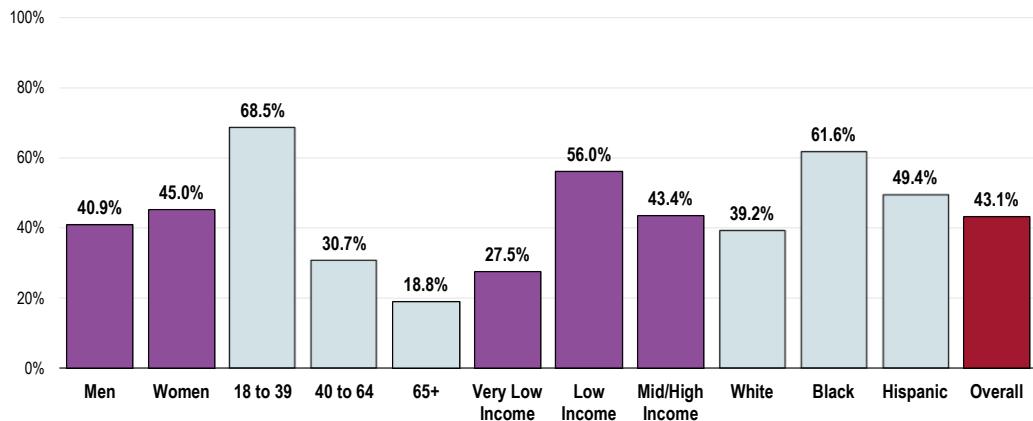


Sources: • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention: 2012.  
 • Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.  
 Notes: • This indicator is relevant because it is a measure of poor health status and indicates the prevalence of unsafe sex practices.

### Hepatitis B Vaccination

*“To be vaccinated against hepatitis B, a series of three shots must be administered, usually at least one month between shots. Have you completed a hepatitis B vaccination series?”*

### Have Completed the Hepatitis B Vaccination Series (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 70]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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## Safe Sexual Practices

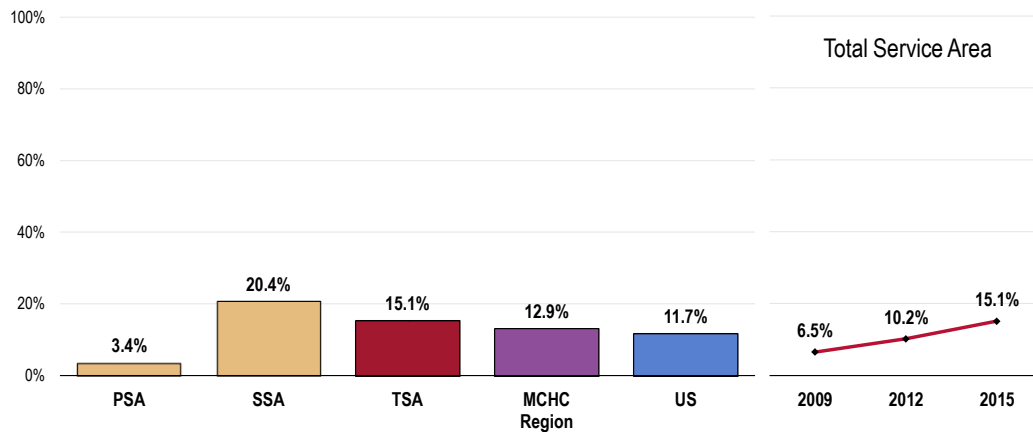
### Sexual Partners

**“During the past 12 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?”**

**“Was a condom used the last time you had sexual intercourse?”**

Each of these is reported below only among adults who are unmarried and between the ages of 18 and 64.

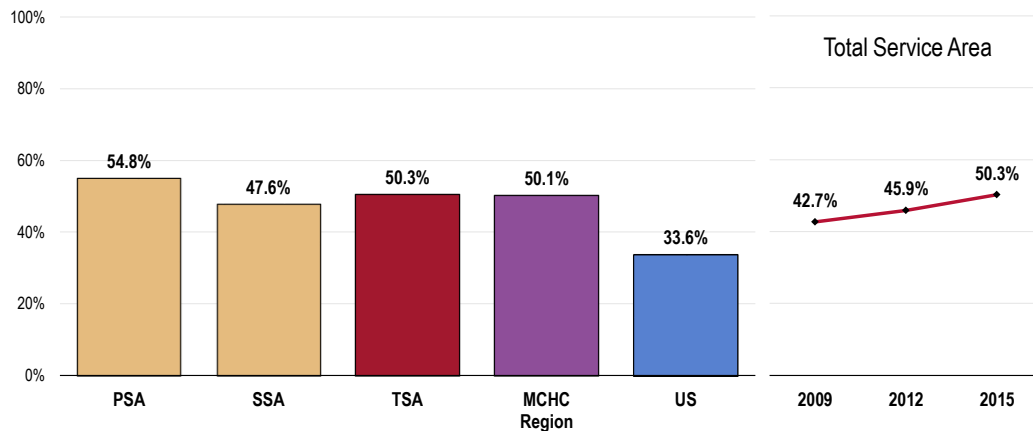
### Had Three or More Sexual Partners in the Past Year (Among Unmarried Adults Age 18-64)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 86]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all unmarried respondents under the age of 65.

### Condom Was Used During Last Sexual Intercourse (Among Unmarried Adults Age 18-64)

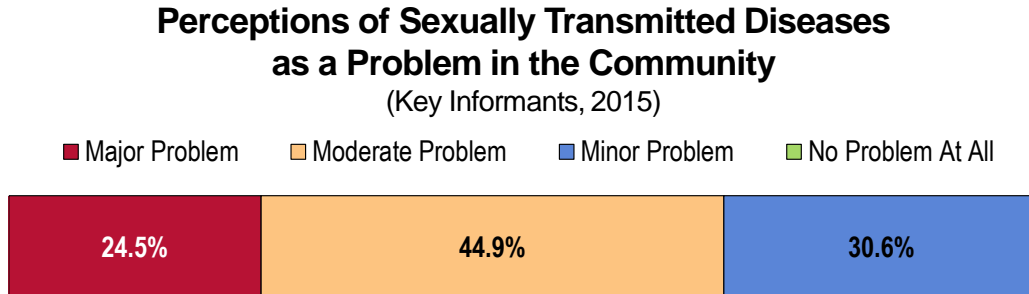


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 87]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all unmarried respondents under the age of 65.

## Key Informant Input: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* as a problem in the community:



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Safe Sex Practices

*Given the increase in pregnancy and birthrates in this community, one can assume that safe sex is not a common practice, therefore STDs are a problem. – Community/Business Leader*

*For many of the same reasons as teen pregnancy, there are not widespread accessible resources for young (and old) people to learn about STDs and how to prevent them. We can do a better job of normalizing safe sex. – Social Service Representative*

*Sexually transmitted disease is a problem because people engage in unprotected sex and there is no such thing as protected sex. A condom may prevent pregnancy, but it doesn't prevent sexually transmitted diseases. – Community/Business Leader*

*Forced prostitution and poor safe sex practices. – Social Service Representative*

#### Lack of Education

*Lack of education about STD's. – Social Service Representative*

*Unprotected sex with multiple partners. High volume of STDs seen in Emergency Room. – Other Health Provider*

*Based on the previous need of family planning and HIV infections, there is a lack of understanding about STD's. – Social Service Representative*

#### Prevalence of STDs

*STD rates are higher compared to the state rates, especially in impoverished zip codes. Gonorrhea rates are on the rise. – Public Health Expert*

*There is an increase in gonorrheal infections. – Public Health Expert*

*Chlamydia rates have increased over the last 10 years and if untreated can lead to significant reproductive issues, including fallopian tube scarring and infertility in females and urethritis and epididymitis in males. – Other Health Provider*

### Timely Diagnosis

*Often infected individuals are not properly diagnosed, treated and educated. This puts them at risk for reinfection. – Community/Business Leader*

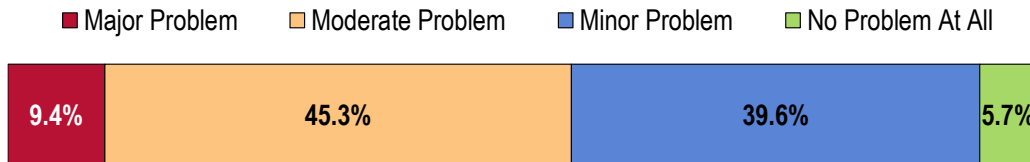
## Immunization & Infectious Diseases

### Key Informant Input: Immunization & Infectious Diseases

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Immunization & Infectious Diseases* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Immunization and Infectious Diseases as a Problem in the Community

(Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Comorbidities

*While I do not believe that immunizations are a problem in the community, infectious diseases like pneumonia are a problem because of comorbid issues like high rate of pollution and poor housing. – Social Service Representative*

#### Access to Care

*This is an assumption based on the lack of medical providers in the area. – Community/ Business Leader*

#### Incomplete Immunizations

*Incomplete immunizations, families deciding not to immunize children. – Social Service Representative*

## Births

### Prenatal Care

#### About Infant & Child Health

Improving the well-being of mothers, infants, and children is an important public health goal for the US. Their well-being determines the health of the next generation and can help predict future public health challenges for families, communities, and the healthcare system. The risk of maternal and infant mortality and pregnancy-related complications can be reduced by increasing access to quality preconception (before pregnancy) and inter-conception (between pregnancies) care. Moreover, healthy birth outcomes and early identification and treatment of health conditions among infants can prevent death or disability and enable children to reach their full potential. Many factors can affect pregnancy and childbirth, including pre-conception health status, age, access to appropriate healthcare, and poverty.

Infant and child health are similarly influenced by socio-demographic factors, such as family income, but are also linked to the physical and mental health of parents and caregivers. There are racial and ethnic disparities in mortality and morbidity for mothers and children, particularly for African Americans. These differences are likely the result of many factors, including social determinants (such as racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality; family income; educational attainment among household members; and health insurance coverage) and physical determinants (i.e., the health, nutrition, and behaviors of the mother during pregnancy and early childhood).

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

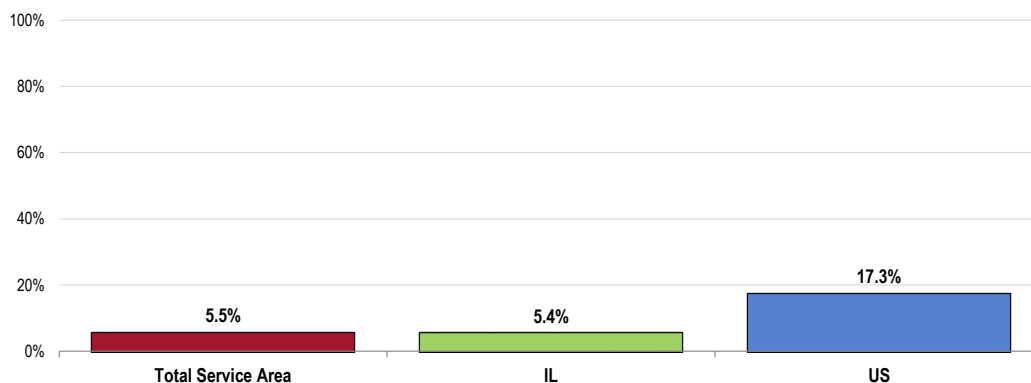
Early and continuous prenatal care is the best assurance of infant health. Receipt of timely prenatal care (care initiated during the first trimester of pregnancy) in the service area, state and nation are outlined in the following chart.

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target.

#### Lack of Prenatal Care in the First Trimester

(Percentage of Live Births, 2007-2010)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 22.1% or Lower



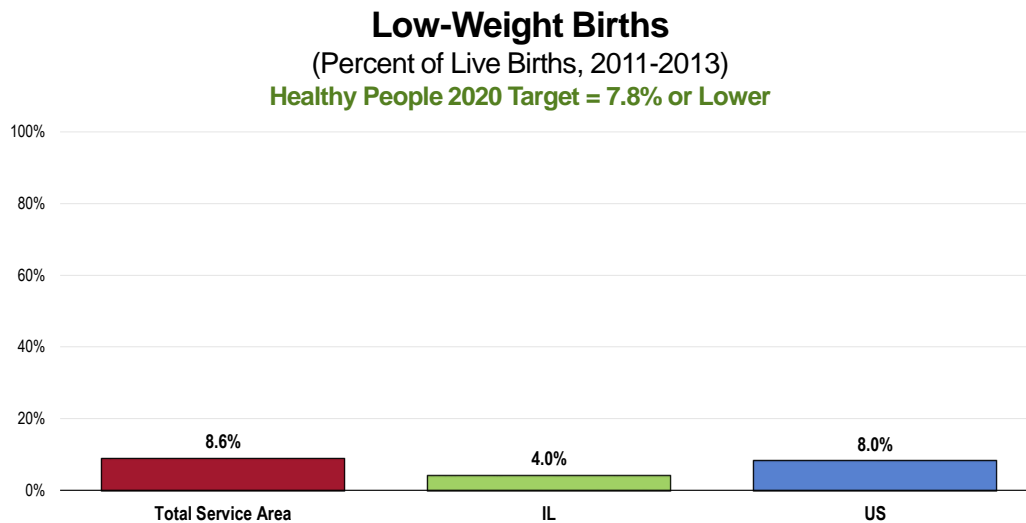
- Sources:
- Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective MICH-10.1]
- Note:
- This indicator reports the percentage of women who do not obtain prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy. This indicator is relevant because engaging in prenatal care decreases the likelihood of maternal and infant health risks. This indicator can also highlight a lack of access to preventive care, a lack of health, knowledge insufficient provider outreach, and/or social barriers preventing utilization of services.

## Birth Outcomes & Risks

### Low-Weight Births

Low birthweight babies, those who weigh less than 2,500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) at birth, are much more prone to illness and neonatal death than are babies of normal birthweight. Largely a result of receiving poor or inadequate prenatal care, many low-weight births and the consequent health problems are preventable. Births of low-weight infants are described below.

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target.



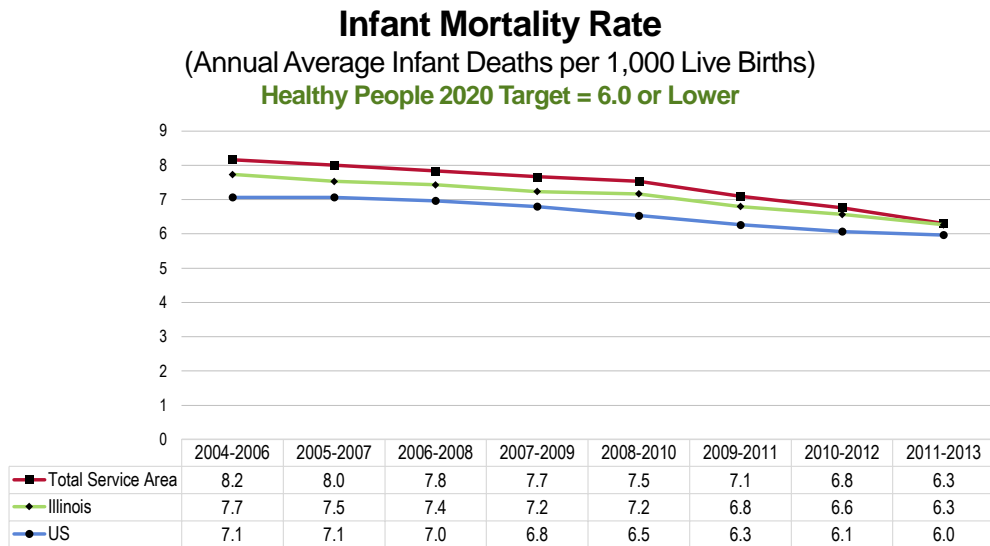
- Sources:
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System: 2006-12. Accessed using CDC WONDER.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective MICH-8.1]
- Note:
- This indicator reports the percentage of total births that are low birth weight (Under 2500g). This indicator is relevant because low birth weight infants are at high risk for health problems. This indicator can also highlight the existence of health disparities.



### Infant Mortality

Infant mortality rates reflect deaths of children less than one year old per 1,000 live births. These rates are outlined in the following chart.

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target.



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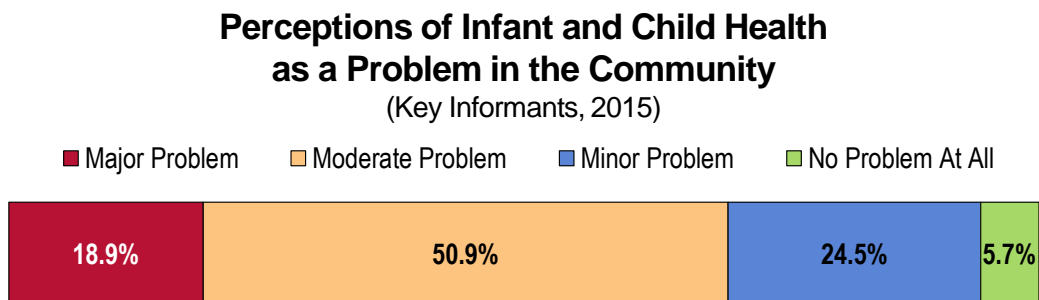
- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective MICH-1.3]

Notes: 

- Rates are three-year averages of deaths of children under 1 year old per 1,000 live births.

### Key Informant Input: Infant & Child Health

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Infant & Child Health* as a problem in the community:



Sources: 

- 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

**Top Concerns**

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

**Behavioral Health**

*There are disparities for infant and child health and there has been a steady increase in the number of children and adolescents that need emergency SASS behavioral health assessments. – Public Health Expert*

*Infant and child health is a major problem because of poor access to prenatal care and the prevalence of comorbid maternal illness like poor mental health and substance addiction. – Social Service Representative*

**Nutrition**

*Children have poor eating habits and some are underweight and some are overweight. – Community/Business Leader*

*Many children are unhealthy in school. – Social Service Representative*

**Infant Mortality**

*High rates of infant mortality persist among racial and ethnic minorities. – Public Health Expert*

*Infant mortality rates remain unacceptably high. – Other Health Provider*

**Racial Disparities**

*The disparities and inequities of birth outcomes between races is distinct. Those with a lower socioeconomic status generally have worse birth outcomes in Lake County. – Public Health Expert*

**Education**

*Lack of education about infant and child health. Lack of early childhood funding to support programs to help communities where these gaps exist. – Social Service Representative*

## Family Planning

### Births to Teen Mothers

#### About Teen Births

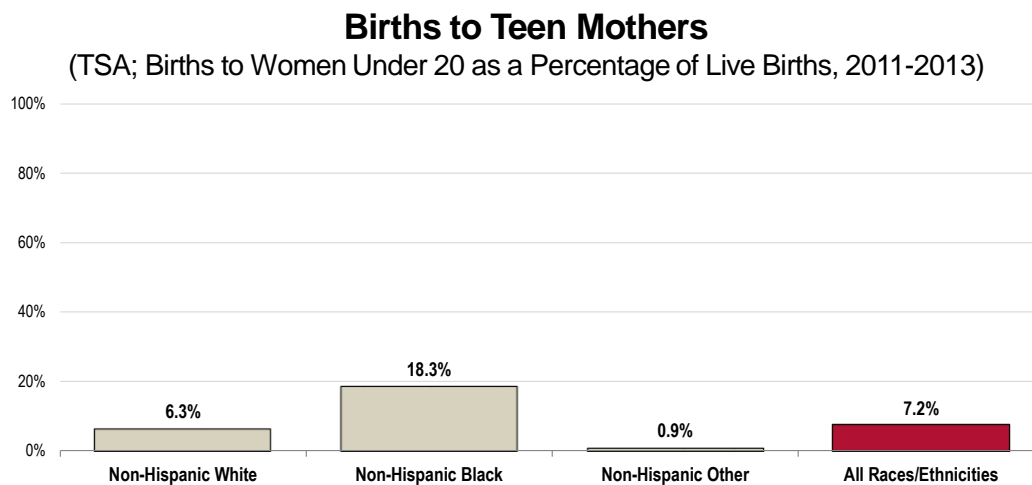
The negative outcomes associated with unintended pregnancies are compounded for adolescents. Teen mothers:

- Are less likely to graduate from high school or attain a GED by the time they reach age 30.
- Earn an average of approximately \$3,500 less per year, when compared with those who delay childbearing.
- Receive nearly twice as much Federal aid for nearly twice as long.

Similarly, early fatherhood is associated with lower educational attainment and lower income. Children of teen parents are more likely to have lower cognitive attainment and exhibit more behavior problems. Sons of teen mothers are more likely to be incarcerated, and daughters are more likely to become adolescent mothers.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

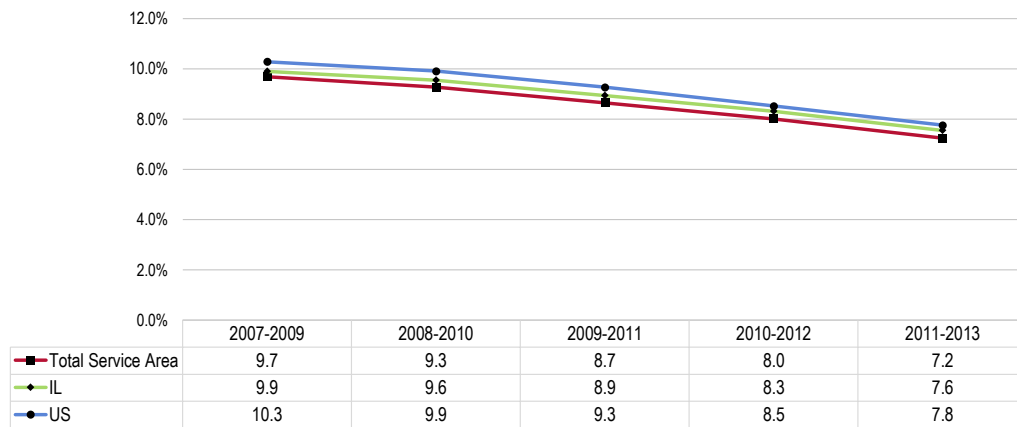
The following charts describe local teen births.



Sources: • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System: 2011-20123 Accessed using CDC WONDER.  
Note: • Numbers are a percentage of all live births within each population.

### Teen Birth Trends

(Births to Women Under Age 20 as a Percentage of Life Births)

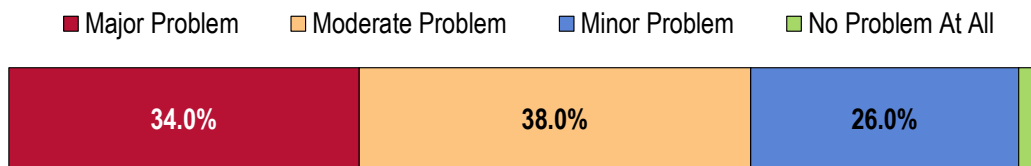


Sources: • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System: 2006-2012. Accessed using CDC WONDER.  
 Notes: • This indicator reports the rate of total births to women under the age of 20 per 1,000 female population under 20. This indicator is relevant because in many cases, teen parents have unique social, economic, and health support services. Additionally, high rates of teen pregnancy may indicate the prevalence of unsafe sex practices.

### Key Informant Input: Family Planning

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Family Planning* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Family Planning as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Teen Pregnancy Prevalence

*There are too many young adults and teens that are becoming pregnant. If there was more education and family planning resources available, perhaps pregnancy rates would not be so high.*  
 – Community/Business Leader

*Chicago maintains a higher than acceptable teen pregnancy rate as well as pregnancies that are not spaced. Teens and families need to feel empowered and able to talk about sensitive issues such as sexual activity. There is little support and resources for families beyond sex education.*

*For uninsured women, there are few options for free birth control. – Social Service Representative*

*There is a large percentage of teenagers and youth engaged in risky sexual behaviors with many becoming parents. – Social Service Representative*

*Youth need mentors to address the importance of not getting pregnant. – Community/Business Leader*

*Young having babies and Latino families having too many. – Social Service Representative*

*Teen pregnancy seems to continue to grow in our community. Young girls are at a high risk when they get pregnant so young. The problems are not just physical, emotionally they are at a high risk for depression and potentially addictive and risky behavior, especially if forced to have an abortion and even give the child up for adoption. However, usually they either choose (or their parent chooses) to keep the baby or have an abortion. Many teens don't want to use birth control because they want to get pregnant! The issue we need to look at is emotional/psychological, not just a matter of handing out birth control, most know how to use it. But, most are not emotionally mature to understand the impact of their decision! - Other Health Provider*

*Our local high school is well known for the large number of pregnant teens. Latino mothers in our community lack a voice and a choice when it comes to pregnancy in their marriage. – Other Health Provider*

*A lot of young kids having children and not using protection. – Other Health Provider*

*High teen pregnancy rates. – Public Health Expert*

#### **Access to Care**

*Lack of access to resources and positive life experiences throughout life affect available choices that may be different than those chosen when resources are available. – Other Health Provider*

*It is difficult for teens to obtain without parental permission. – Social Service Representative*

*Greater need for comprehensive reproductive health and sexual health education, limited access to affordable family planning options, including non-hormonal forms, limited access to abortion. – Public Health Expert*

*There is a lack of full choice and affordable services. District by district the schools teach a restricted agenda on full choice and sexual health information. In short, we don't equip our teens, young adults or adults with enough access and choices. – Social Service Representative*

*It's become more difficult for people to access if they are not adequately insured. – Social Service Representative*

*Access to medical care and huge gap in education about family planning. – Social Service Representative*

#### **Family Planning**

*We've come a long way in this area but still have certain populations that are struggling with family planning. – Social Service Representative*

## Modifiable Health Risks

### Actual Causes Of Death

#### About Contributors to Mortality

A 1999 study (an update to a landmark 1993 study), estimated that as many as 40% of premature deaths in the United States are attributed to behavioral factors. This study found that behavior patterns represent the single-most prominent domain of influence over health prospects in the United States. The daily choices we make with respect to diet, physical activity, and sex; the substance abuse and addictions to which we fall prey; our approach to safety; and our coping strategies in confronting stress are all important determinants of health.

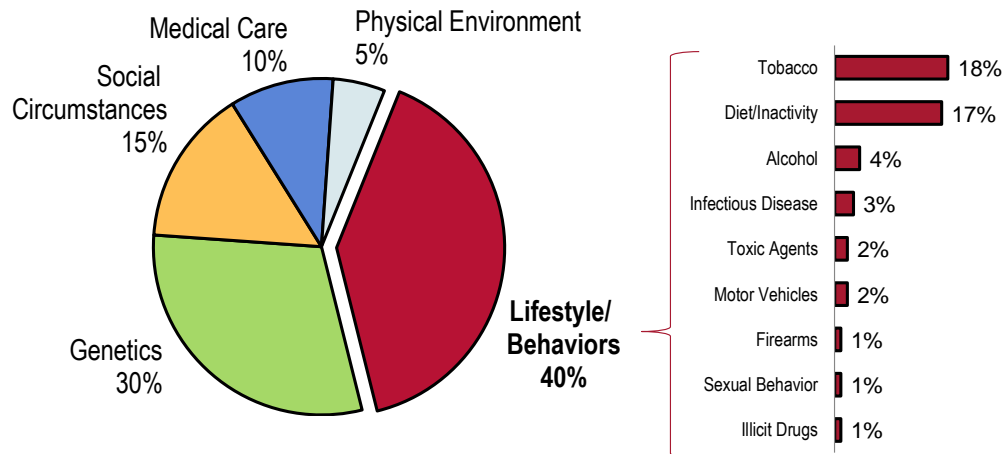
The most prominent contributors to mortality in the United States in 2000 were **tobacco** (an estimated 435,000 deaths), **diet and activity** patterns (400,000), **alcohol** (85,000), **microbial agents** (75,000), **toxic agents** (55,000), **motor vehicles** (43,000), **firearms** (29,000), **sexual behavior** (20,000), and **illicit use of drugs** (17,000). Socioeconomic status and access to medical care are also important contributors, but difficult to quantify independent of the other factors cited. Because the studies reviewed used different approaches to derive estimates, the stated numbers should be viewed as first approximations.

These analyses show that smoking remains the leading cause of mortality. However, poor diet and physical inactivity may soon overtake tobacco as the leading cause of death. These findings, along with escalating healthcare costs and aging population, argue persuasively that the need to establish a more preventive orientation in the US healthcare and public health systems has become more urgent.

- Ali H. Mokdad, PhD; James S. Marks, MD, MPH; Donna F. Stroup, PhD, MSc; Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH. "Actual Causes of Death in the United States." JAMA, 291(2004):1238-1245.

While causes of death are typically described as the diseases or injuries immediately precipitating the end of life, a few important studies have shown that the actual causes of premature death (reflecting underlying risk factors) are often preventable.

#### Factors Contributing to Premature Deaths in the United States



Sources: • "The Case For More Active Policy Attention to Health Promotion"; (McGinnis, Williams-Russo, Knickman) Health Affairs. Vol. 32. No. 2. March/April 2002.  
 "Actual Causes of Death in the United States"; (Ali H. Mokdad, PhD; James S. Marks, MD, MPH; Donna F. Stroup, PhD, MSc; Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH.) JAMA. 291 (2000) 1238-1245.

Leading Causes of Death	Underlying Risk Factors (Actual Causes of Death)	
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	Tobacco use Elevated serum cholesterol High blood pressure	Obesity Diabetes Sedentary lifestyle
<b>Cancer</b>	Tobacco use Improper diet	Alcohol Occupational/environmental exposures
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>	High blood pressure Tobacco use	Elevated serum cholesterol
<b>Accidental Injuries</b>	Safety belt noncompliance Alcohol/substance abuse Reckless driving	Occupational hazards Stress/fatigue
<b>Chronic Lung Disease</b>	Tobacco use	Occupational/environmental exposures

Source: National Center for Health Statistics/US Department of Health & Human Services, Health United States: 1987. DHHS Pub. No. (PHS) 88-1232.

## Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight

### Nutrition

#### About Healthful Diet & Healthy Weight

Strong science exists supporting the health benefits of eating a healthful diet and maintaining a healthy body weight. Efforts to change diet and weight should address individual behaviors, as well as the policies and environments that support these behaviors in settings such as schools, worksites, healthcare organizations, and communities.

The goal of promoting healthful diets and healthy weight encompasses increasing household food security and eliminating hunger.

Americans with a healthful diet:

- Consume a variety of nutrient-dense foods within and across the food groups, especially whole grains, fruits, vegetables, low-fat or fat-free milk or milk products, and lean meats and other protein sources.
- Limit the intake of saturated and trans fats, cholesterol, added sugars, sodium (salt), and alcohol.
- Limit caloric intake to meet caloric needs.

Diet and body weight are related to health status. Good nutrition is important to the growth and development of children. A healthful diet also helps Americans reduce their risks for many health conditions, including: overweight and obesity; malnutrition; iron-deficiency anemia; heart disease; high blood pressure; dyslipidemia (poor lipid profiles); type 2 diabetes; osteoporosis; oral disease; constipation; diverticular disease; and some cancers.

Diet reflects the variety of foods and beverages consumed over time and in settings such as worksites, schools, restaurants, and the home. Interventions to support a healthier diet can help ensure that:

- Individuals have the knowledge and skills to make healthier choices.
- Healthier options are available and affordable.

**Social Determinants of Diet.** Demographic characteristics of those with a more healthful diet vary with the nutrient or food studied. However, most Americans need to improve some aspect of their diet.

Social factors thought to influence diet include:

- Knowledge and attitudes
- Skills
- Social support
- Societal and cultural norms
- Food and agricultural policies
- Food assistance programs
- Economic price systems

**Physical Determinants of Diet.** Access to and availability of healthier foods can help people follow healthful diets. For example, better access to retail venues that sell healthier options may have a positive impact on a person's diet; these venues may be less available in low-income or rural neighborhoods.

The places where people eat appear to influence their diet. For example, foods eaten away from home often have more calories and are of lower nutritional quality than foods prepared at home.

Marketing also influences people's—particularly children's—food choices.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))



**Daily Recommendation of Fruits/Vegetables**

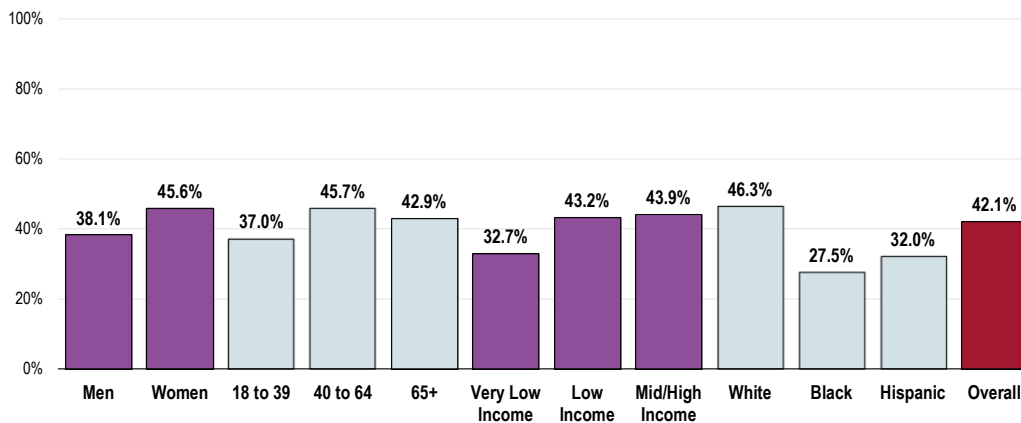
To measure fruit and vegetable consumption, survey respondents were asked multiple questions, specifically about the foods and drinks they consumed on the day prior to the interview.

**“Now I would like you to think about the foods you ate or drank yesterday. Include all the foods you ate, both at home and away from home. How many servings of fruit or fruit juices did you have yesterday?”**

**“How many servings of vegetables did you have yesterday?”**

The questions above are used to calculate daily fruit/vegetable consumption for adults at the respondent level. The proportion reporting having 5 or more servings per day is shown below.

**Consume Five or More Servings of Fruits/Vegetables Per Day**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)

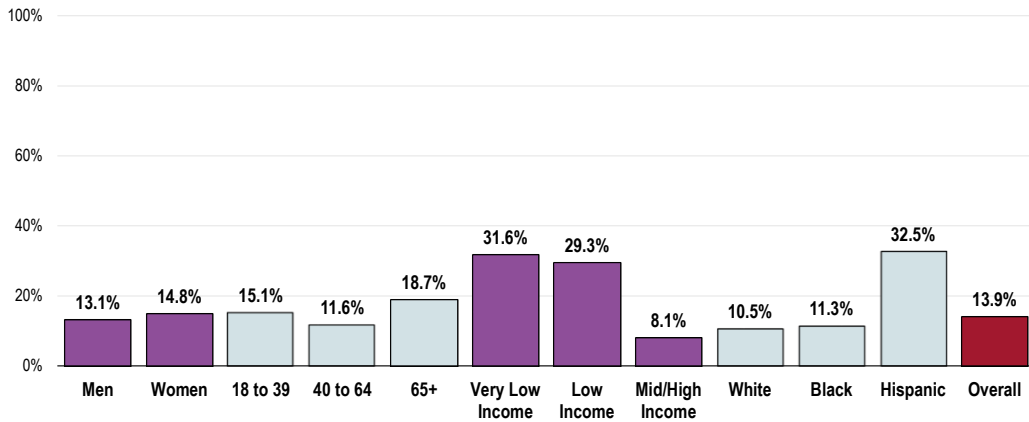


- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 146]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents; respondents were asked to recall their food intake on the previous day.
  - Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).
  - Income categories reflect respondent’s household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. “Very Low Income” includes households living with defined poverty status; “Low Income” includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; “Mid/High Income” includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.

**Access to Fresh Produce**

**“How difficult is it for you to buy fresh produce like fruits and vegetables at a price you can afford — would you say: very difficult, somewhat difficult, not too difficult, or not at all difficult?”**

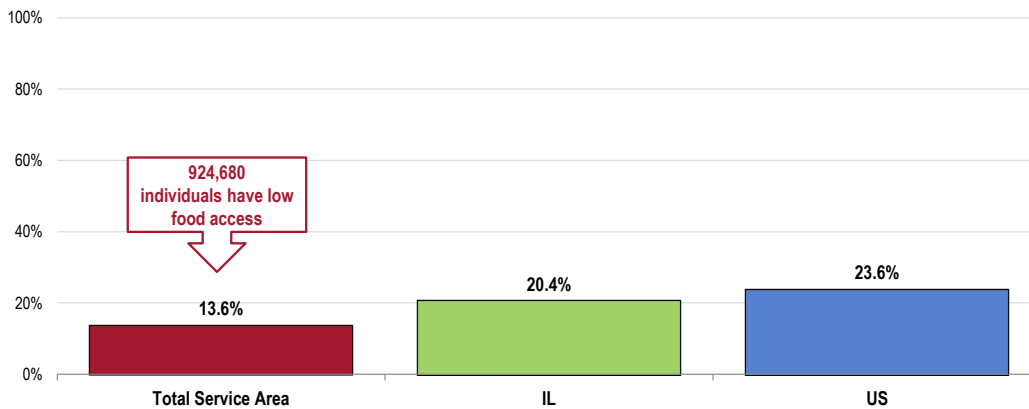
**Find It “Very” or “Somewhat”  
Difficult to Buy Affordable Fresh Produce  
(Total Service Area, 2015)**



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 91]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
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A food desert is defined as a low-income area where a significant number or share of residents is far from a supermarket, where “far” is more than 1 mile in urban areas and more than 10 miles in rural areas. The chart for this indicator below is based on US Department of Agriculture data.

**Population With Low Food Access  
(Percent of Population That Is Far From a Supermarket or Large Grocery Store, 2010)**



Sources: • US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA - Food Access Research Atlas (FARA): 2010.  
 • Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.  
 Notes: • This indicator reports the percentage of the population living in census tracts designated as food deserts. A food desert is defined as low-income areas where a significant number or share of residents is far from a supermarket, where “far” is more than 1 mile in urban areas and more than 10 miles in rural areas. This indicator is relevant because it highlights populations and geographies facing food insecurity.

## Physical Activity

### About Physical Activity

Regular physical activity can improve the health and quality of life of Americans of all ages, regardless of the presence of a chronic disease or disability. Among adults and older adults, physical activity can lower the risk of: early death; coronary heart disease; stroke; high blood pressure; type 2 diabetes; breast and colon cancer; falls; and depression. Among children and adolescents, physical activity can: improve bone health; improve cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness; decrease levels of body fat; and reduce symptoms of depression. For people who are inactive, even small increases in physical activity are associated with health benefits.

Personal, social, economic, and environmental factors all play a role in physical activity levels among youth, adults, and older adults. Understanding the barriers to and facilitators of physical activity is important to ensure the effectiveness of interventions and other actions to improve levels of physical activity.

Factors **positively** associated with adult physical activity include: postsecondary education; higher income; enjoyment of exercise; expectation of benefits; belief in ability to exercise (self-efficacy); history of activity in adulthood; social support from peers, family, or spouse; access to and satisfaction with facilities; enjoyable scenery; and safe neighborhoods.

Factors **negatively** associated with adult physical activity include: advancing age; low income; lack of time; low motivation; rural residency; perception of great effort needed for exercise; overweight or obesity; perception of poor health; and being disabled. Older adults may have additional factors that keep them from being physically active, including lack of social support, lack of transportation to facilities, fear of injury, and cost of programs.

Among children ages 4 to 12, the following factors have a positive association with physical activity: gender (boys); belief in ability to be active (self-efficacy); and parental support.

Among adolescents ages 13 to 18, the following factors have a positive association with physical activity: parental education; gender (boys); personal goals; physical education/school sports; belief in ability to be active (self-efficacy); and support of friends and family.

Environmental influences positively associated with physical activity among children and adolescents include:

- Presence of sidewalks
- Having a destination/walking to a particular place
- Access to public transportation
- Low traffic density
- Access to neighborhood or school play area and/or recreational equipment

People with disabilities may be less likely to participate in physical activity due to physical, emotional, and psychological barriers. Barriers may include the inaccessibility of facilities and the lack of staff trained in working with people with disabilities.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Recommended Levels of Physical Activity

Adults (age 18–64) should do 2 hours and 30 minutes a week of moderate-intensity, or 1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, preferably spread throughout the week.

Additional health benefits are provided by increasing to 5 hours (300 minutes) a week of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity, or 2 hours and 30 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity physical activity, or an equivalent combination of both.

Older adults (age 65 and older) should follow the adult guidelines. If this is not possible due to limiting chronic conditions, older adults should be as physically active as their abilities allow. They should avoid inactivity. Older adults should do exercises that maintain or improve balance if they are at risk of falling.

For all individuals, some activity is better than none. Physical activity is safe for almost everyone, and the health benefits of physical activity far outweigh the risks.

- 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [www.health.gov/PAGuidelines](http://www.health.gov/PAGuidelines)

### Physical Activity Levels

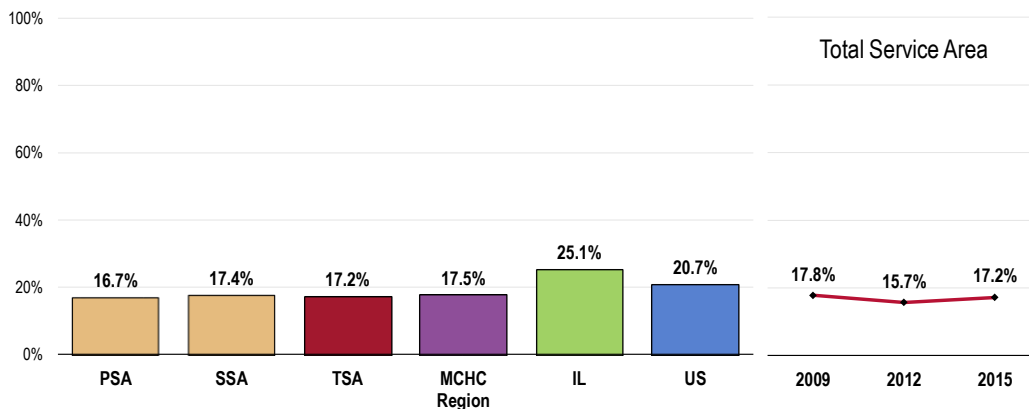
**Leisure-Time Physical Activity.** Leisure-time physical activity includes any physical activities or exercises (such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, walking, etc.) which take place outside of one’s line of work.

**“During the past month, other than your regular job, did you participate in any physical activities or exercises, such as running, calisthenics, golf, gardening, or walking for exercise?”**

- Note the corresponding Healthy People 2020 target in the chart below.

### No Leisure-Time Physical Activity in the Past Month

Healthy People 2020 Target = 32.6% or Lower

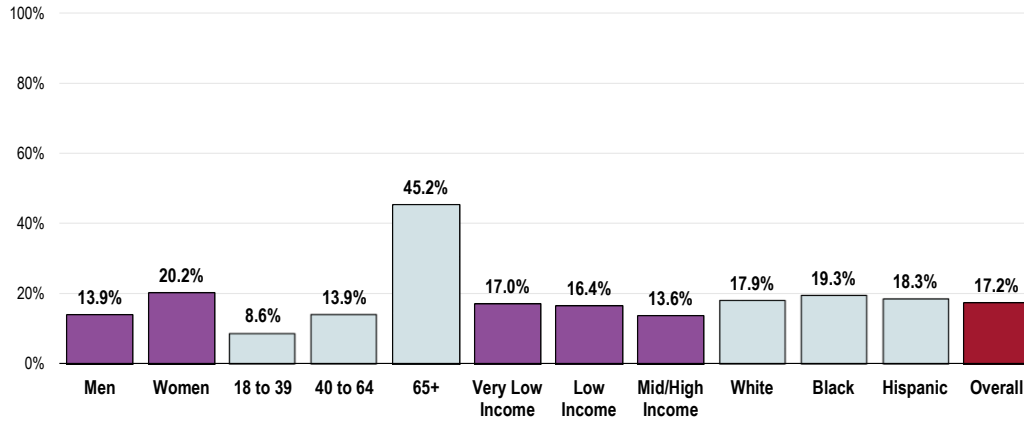


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 92]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective PA-1]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## No Leisure-Time Physical Activity in the Past Month (Total Service Area, 2015)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 32.6% or Lower



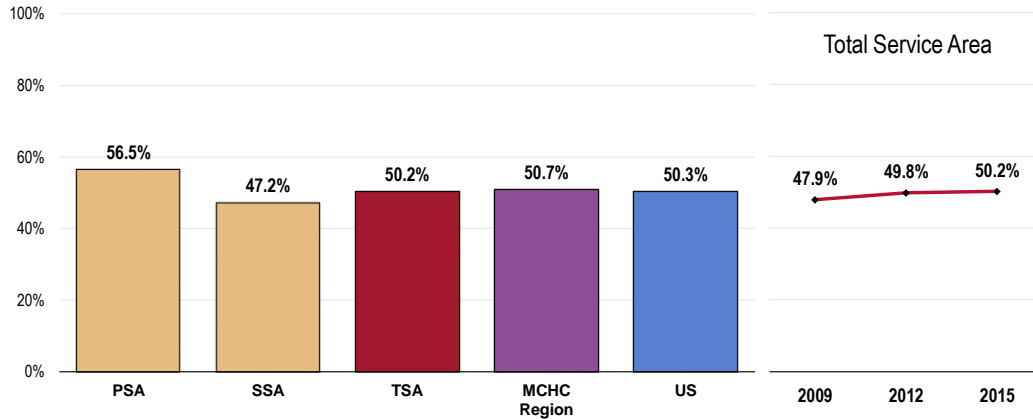
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**Meeting Physical Activity Recommendations.** Meeting physical activity requirements means satisfying a minimum threshold of minutes per week with a combination of vigorous- and/or moderate-intensity physical activity (as determined from the questions below). These thresholds are described in the orange box above.

***“Vigorous activities cause large increases in breathing or heart rate, while moderate activities cause small increases in breathing or heart rate. Now, thinking about when you are not working, how many days per week or per month do you do vigorous activities for at least 20 minutes at a time, such as running, aerobics, heavy yard work, or anything else that causes large increases in breathing and heart rate?”***

***“And on how many days per week or per month do you do moderate activities for at least 30 minutes at a time, such as brisk walking, bicycling, vacuuming, gardening, or anything else that causes some increase in breathing or heart rate?”***

### Meets Physical Activity Recommendations

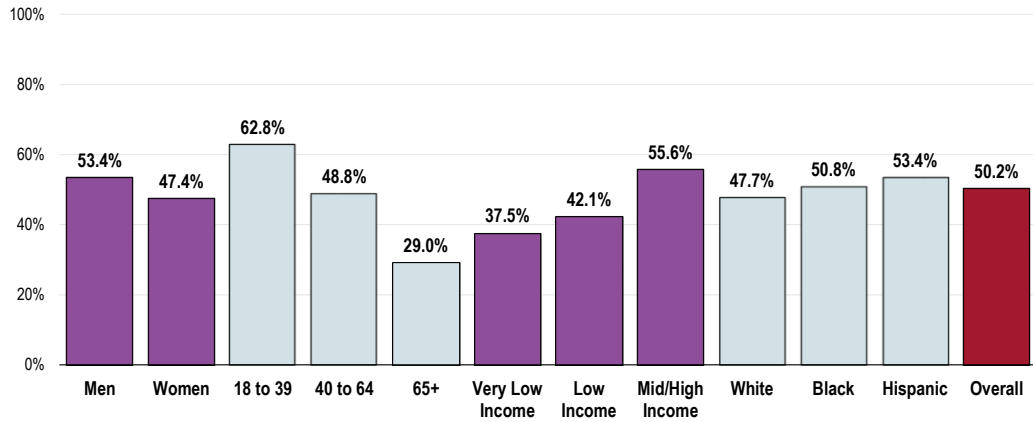


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 147]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

• In this case the term "meets physical activity recommendations" refers to participation in moderate physical activity (exercise that produces only light sweating or a slight to moderate increase in breathing or heart rate) at least 5 times a week for 30 minutes at a time, and/or vigorous physical activity (activities that cause heavy sweating or large increases in breathing or heart rate) at least 3 times a week for 20 minutes at a time.

### Meets Physical Activity Recommendations (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 147]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

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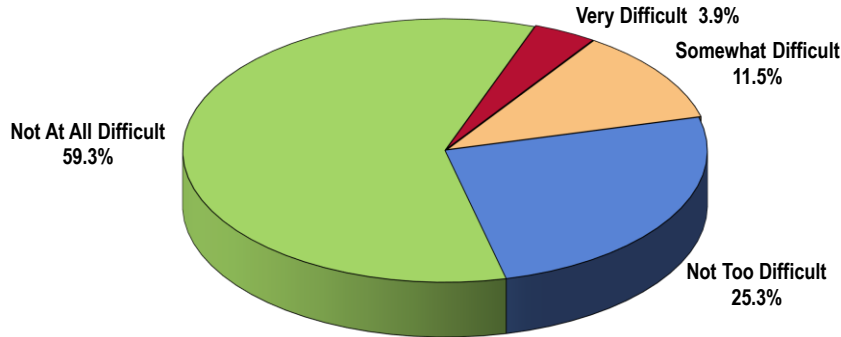
• Income categories reflect respondent's household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. "Very Low Income" includes households living with defined poverty status; "Low Income" includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; "Mid/High Income" includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.

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**Access to Physical Activity**

**“How difficult is it for you to access safe and affordable places to get physical activity or exercise, such as at a park, gym, YMCA, or recreation center?”**

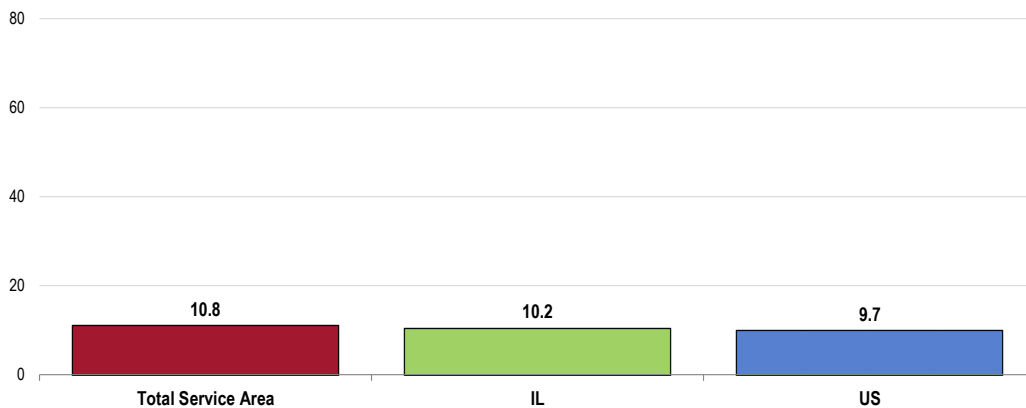
**Level of Difficulty in Accessing Safe and Affordable Places for Exercise**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 308]  
Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

**Recreation & Fitness Facility Access.** Here, recreation/fitness facilities include establishments engaged in operating facilities which offer “exercise and other active physical fitness conditioning or recreational sports activities.” Examples include athletic clubs, gymnasiums, dance centers, tennis clubs, and swimming pools.

**Population With Recreation & Fitness Facility Access**  
(Number of Recreation & Fitness Facilities per 100,000 Population, 2008-2012)

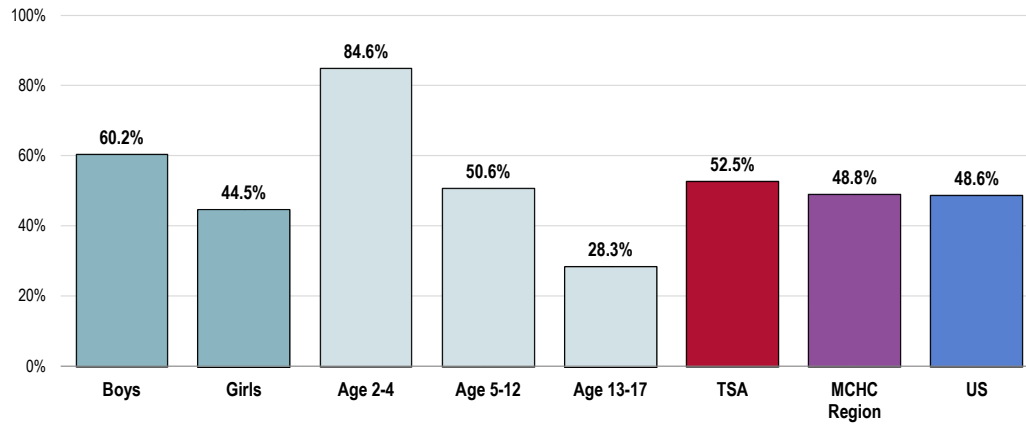


Sources: • US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns: 2011. Additional data analysis by CARES.  
• Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.  
Notes: • Recreation and fitness facilities are defined by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 713940, which include *Establishments engaged in operating facilities which offer “exercise and other active physical fitness conditioning or recreational sports activities”*. Examples include *athletic clubs, gymnasiums, dance centers, tennis clubs, and swimming pools*. This indicator is relevant because access to recreation and fitness facilities encourages physical activity and other healthy behaviors.

**Children's Physical Activity**

**"During the past 7 days, on how many days was this child physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day?"**

### Child Is Physically Active for One or More Hours per Day (Among Children Age 2-17)



- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 117]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents with children age 2-17 at home.
  - Includes children reported to have one or more hours of physical activity on each of the seven days preceding the survey.



## Weight Status

### About Overweight & Obesity

Because weight is influenced by energy (calories) consumed and expended, interventions to improve weight can support changes in diet or physical activity. They can help change individuals' knowledge and skills, reduce exposure to foods low in nutritional value and high in calories, or increase opportunities for physical activity. Interventions can help prevent unhealthy weight gain or facilitate weight loss among obese people. They can be delivered in multiple settings, including healthcare settings, worksites, or schools.

The social and physical factors affecting diet and physical activity (see Physical Activity topic area) may also have an impact on weight. Obesity is a problem throughout the population. However, among adults, the prevalence is highest for middle-aged people and for non-Hispanic black and Mexican American women. Among children and adolescents, the prevalence of obesity is highest among older and Mexican American children and non-Hispanic black girls. The association of income with obesity varies by age, gender, and race/ethnicity.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

Body Mass Index (BMI), which describes relative weight for height, is significantly correlated with total body fat content. The BMI should be used to assess overweight and obesity and to monitor changes in body weight. In addition, measurements of body weight alone can be used to determine efficacy of weight loss therapy. BMI is calculated as weight (kg)/height squared (m<sup>2</sup>). To estimate BMI using pounds and inches, use: [weight (pounds)/height squared (inches<sup>2</sup>)] x 703.

In this report, overweight is defined as a BMI of 25.0 to 29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and obesity as a BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The rationale behind these definitions is based on epidemiological data that show increases in mortality with BMIs above 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The increase in mortality, however, tends to be modest until a BMI of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> is reached. For persons with a BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, mortality rates from all causes, and especially from cardiovascular disease, are generally increased by 50 to 100 percent above that of persons with BMIs in the range of 20 to 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

- Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults: The Evidence Report. National Institutes of Health. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Cooperation With The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. September 1998.

Classification of Overweight and Obesity by BMI	BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
Underweight	<18.5
Healthy Weight	18.5 – 24.9
Overweight, not Obese	25.0 – 29.9
Obese	≥30.0

Source: Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults: The Evidence Report. National Institutes of Health. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Cooperation With The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. September 1998.

### Adult Weight Status

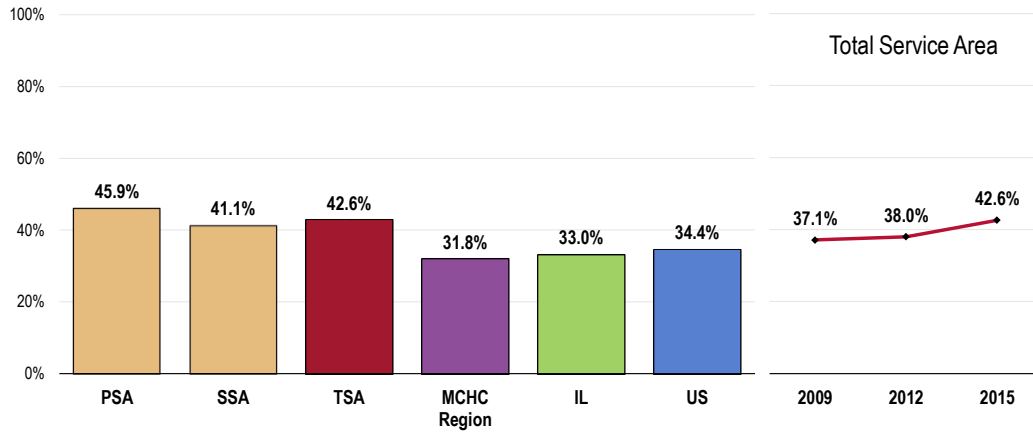
**“About how much do you weigh without shoes?”**

**“About how tall are you without shoes?”**

The survey questions above were used to calculate a Body Mass Index or BMI value (described above) for each respondent. This calculation allows us to examine the proportion of the population who is at a healthy weight, or who is overweight or obese (see table above).

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target for obesity.

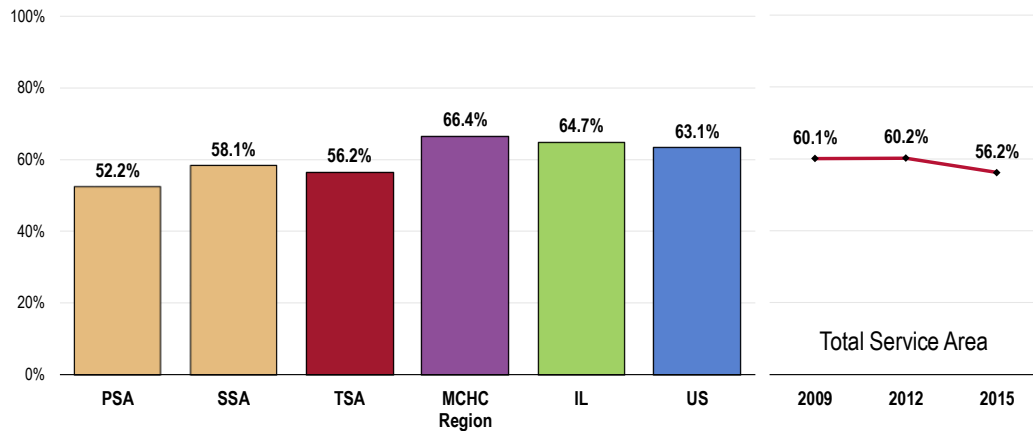
## Healthy Weight (Percent of Adults With a Body Mass Index Between 18.5 and 24.9) Healthy People 2020 Target = 33.9% or Higher



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 151]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective NWS-8]

Notes: • Based on reported heights and weights, asked of all respondents.  
 • The definition of healthy weight is having a body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight to height (kilograms divided by meters squared), between 18.5 and 24.9.

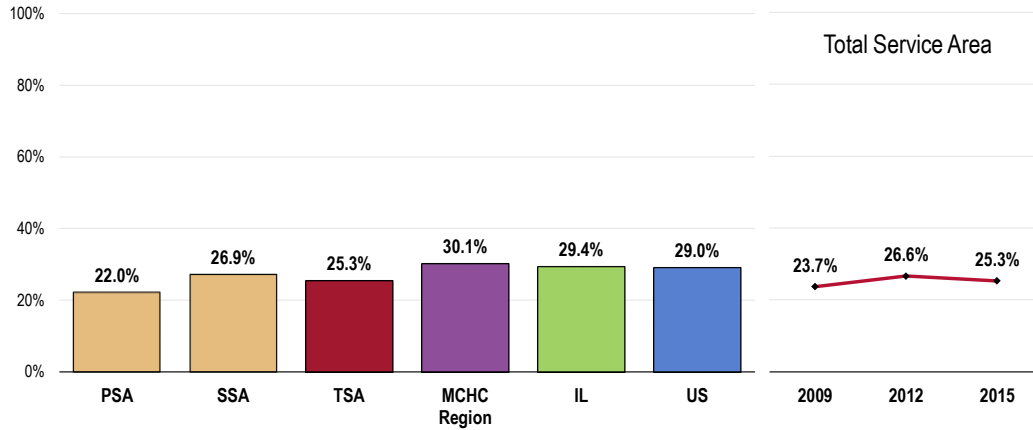
## Prevalence of Total Overweight (Percent of Adults With a Body Mass Index of 25.0 or Higher)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 151]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.

Notes: • Based on reported heights and weights, asked of all respondents.  
 • The definition of overweight is having a body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight to height (kilograms divided by meters squared), greater than or equal to 25.0, regardless of gender. The definition for obesity is a BMI greater than or equal to 30.0.

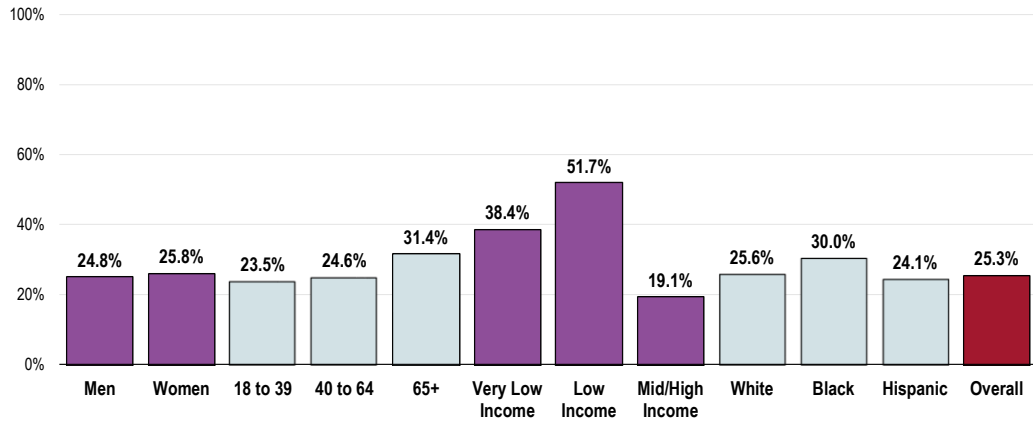
### Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of Adults With a Body Mass Index of 30.0 or Higher) Healthy People 2020 Target = 30.5% or Lower



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 151]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective NWS-9]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.

Notes: • Based on reported heights and weights, asked of all respondents.  
 • The definition of obesity is having a body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight to height (kilograms divided by meters squared), greater than or equal to 30.0, regardless of gender.

### Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of Adults With a BMI of 30.0 or Higher; Total Service Area, 2015) Healthy People 2020 Target = 30.5% or Lower

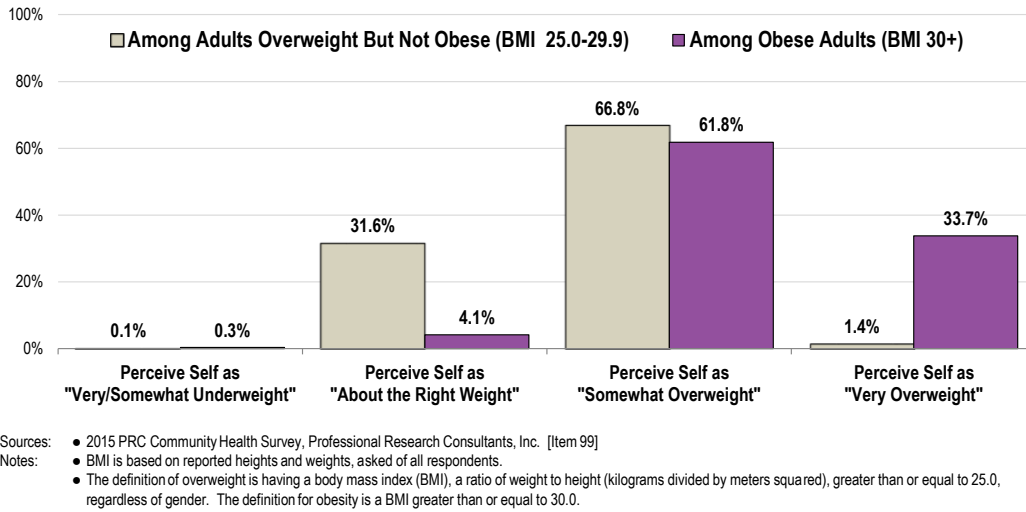


Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 151]  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective NWS-9]

Notes: • Based on reported heights and weights, asked of all respondents.  
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 • Income categories reflect respondent's household income as a ratio to the federal poverty level (FPL) for their household size. "Very Low Income" includes households living with defined poverty status; "Low Income" includes households with incomes just above the FPL, earning up to twice the poverty threshold; "Mid/High Income" includes households with incomes at 200% or more of the federal poverty level.  
 • The definition of obesity is having a body mass index (BMI), a ratio of weight to height (kilograms divided by meters squared), greater than or equal to 30.0, regardless of gender.

**“How would you describe your own personal weight?”**

**Actual vs. Perceived Weight Status**  
(Among Overweight/Obese Adults Based on BMI; Total Service Area, 2015)



## Weight Control

### About Maintaining a Healthy Weight

Individuals who are at a healthy weight are less likely to:

- Develop chronic disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure and dyslipidemia.
- Develop chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, osteoarthritis, and some cancers.
- Experience complications during pregnancy.
- Die at an earlier age.

All Americans should avoid unhealthy weight gain, and those whose weight is too high may also need to lose weight.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

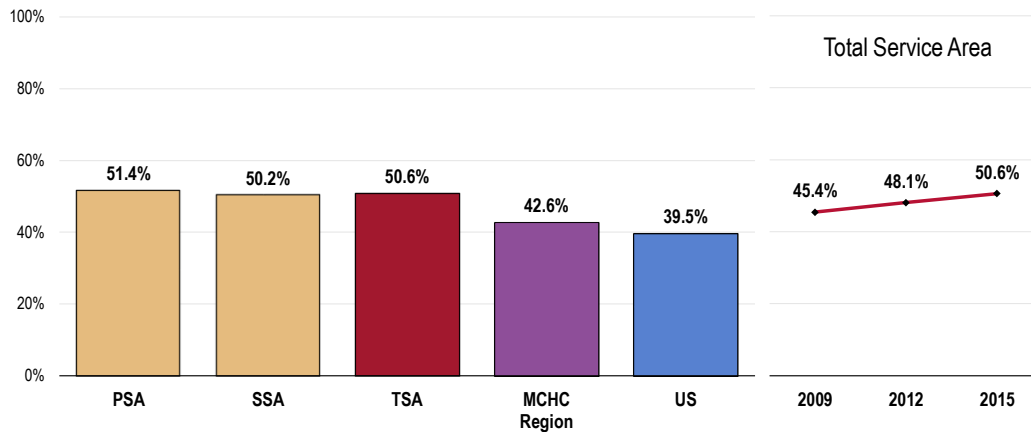
**Weight Management.** The following three questions were used to calculate the proportion of adults who are overweight or obese and who are using a combination of both diet and exercise in order to try to lose weight.

**“Are you now trying to lose weight?”**

**“Are you eating either fewer calories or less fat to lose weight?”**

**“Are you using physical activity or exercise to lose weight?”**

## Trying to Lose Weight by Both Modifying Diet and Increasing Physical Activity (Among Overweight or Obese Respondents)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 152]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Reflects respondents who are overweight or obese based on reported heights and weights.

### Childhood Overweight & Obesity

#### About Weight Status in Children & Teens

In children and teens, body mass index (BMI) is used to assess weight status – underweight, healthy weight, overweight, or obese. After BMI is calculated for children and teens, the BMI number is plotted on the CDC BMI-for-age growth charts (for either girls or boys) to obtain a percentile ranking. Percentiles are the most commonly used indicator to assess the size and growth patterns of individual children in the United States. The percentile indicates the relative position of the child's BMI number among children of the same sex and age.

BMI-for-age weight status categories and the corresponding percentiles are shown below:

- Underweight <5<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Healthy Weight ≥5<sup>th</sup> and <85<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Overweight ≥85<sup>th</sup> and <95<sup>th</sup> percentile
- Obese ≥95<sup>th</sup> percentile

• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

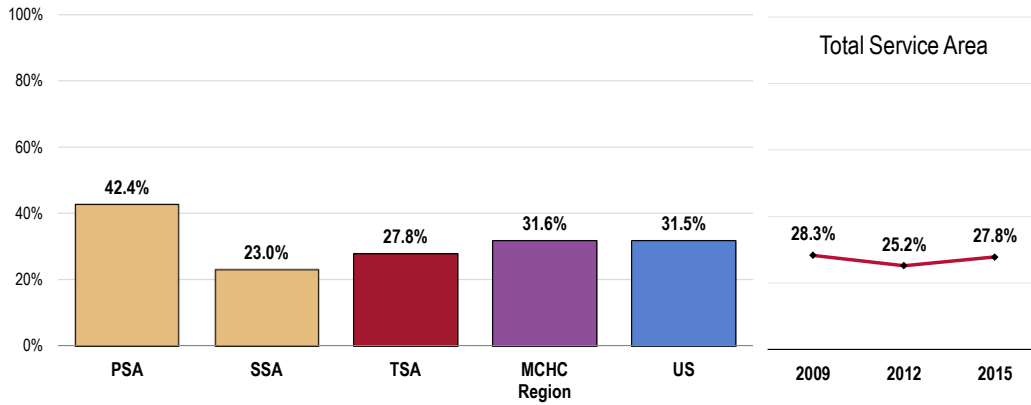
The following questions were used to calculate a BMI value (and weight classification as noted above) for each child represented in the survey:

**“How much does this child weigh without shoes?”**

**“About how tall is this child?”**

### Child Total Overweight Prevalence

(Children Age 5-17 Who Are Overweight/Obese; BMI in the 85th Percentile or Higher)

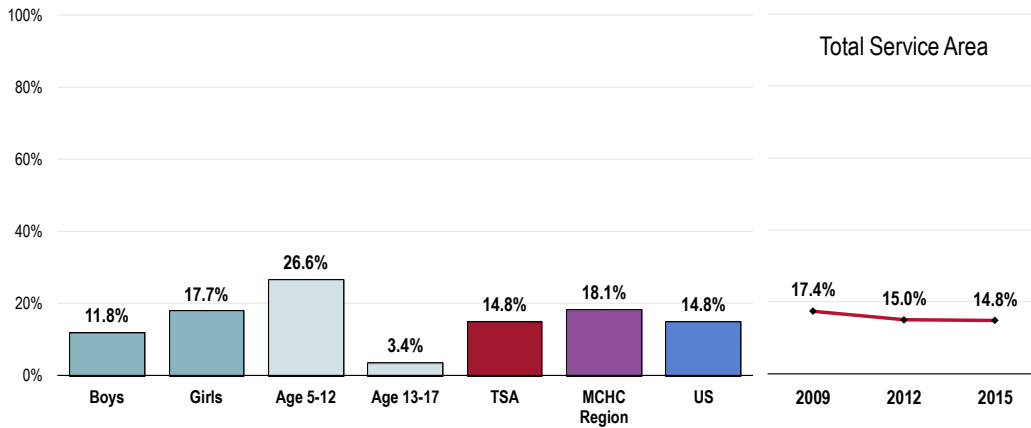


- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 155]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents with children age 5-17 at home.
  - Overweight among children is determined by children's Body Mass Index status at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of US growth charts by gender and age.

### Child Obesity Prevalence

(Children Age 5-17 Who Are Obese; BMI in the 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile or Higher)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 14.5% or Lower



- Sources:
- PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 155]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective NWS-10.4]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents with children age 5-17 at home.
  - Obesity among children is determined by children's Body Mass Index status equal to or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of US growth charts by gender and age.

### Health Advice About Physical Activity & Exercise

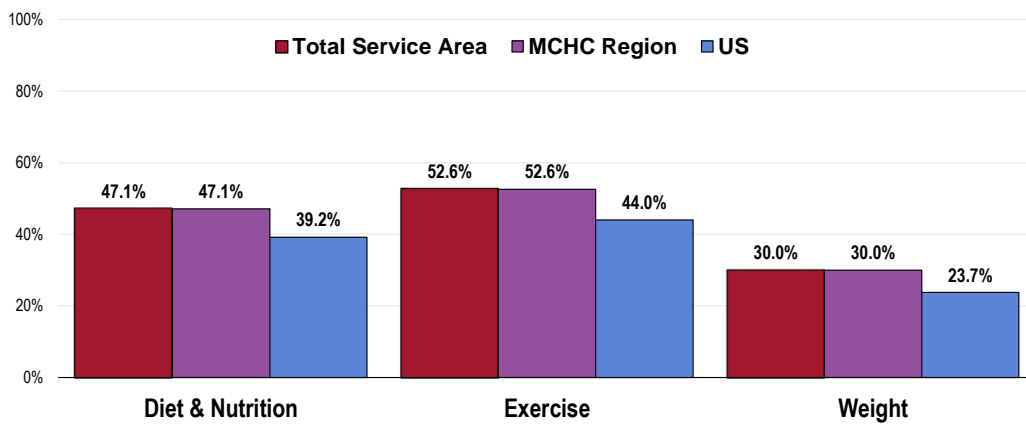
*“During the past 12 months, has a doctor asked you about or given you advice regarding diet and nutrition?”*

*“During the past 12 months, has a doctor asked you about or given you advice regarding physical activity or exercise?”*

*“In the past 12 months, has a doctor, nurse or other health professional given you advice about your weight?”*

The chart below details responses to these questions among the total sample of respondents, as well as responses segmented by weight classification based on calculated BMI.

**Have Received Advice About \_\_\_\_\_ in the Past Year From a Physician, Nurse, or Other Health Professional**  
(By Weight Classification)



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 18, 19, 98]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Key Informant Input: Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight as a Problem in the Community

(Key Informants, 2015)

■ Major Problem   ■ Moderate Problem   ■ Minor Problem   ■ No Problem At All



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

#### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Infrastructure

*Lack of parks and safe spaces in the West side communities to be outdoors. Lack of funding for programs that help to teach about nutrition and promote physical activity. Food deserts make this hard to improve. – Social Service Representative*

*Safe and inviting outdoor space. – Social Service Representative*

*People don't feel safe walking or exercising outside in Chicago due to gun violence. – Physician*

*Affordable case management for nutrition and exercise programs. Most folks we care for cannot afford the luxuries of meeting with a regular trainer or nutritionist to help with weight issues. – Other Health Provider*

*Access to information, affordable food, safe neighborhoods. – Public Health Expert*

*Inadequate resources is a barrier to adopting healthy lifestyles. Lack of access to nutritious food and safe places for physical activity. – Other Health Provider*

*Access to opportunities for education and fitness training. – Community/Business Leader*

*Lifestyle changes are needed to improve nutrition and physical activity. To do this, ongoing investment has to occur in communities at greatest risk. – Public Health Expert*

*Limited physical and all season spaces for activity. – Public Health Expert*

#### Contributing Factors

*Lots of very overweight people. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of exercise, poor eating habits, limited education on health and nutrition, poor follow-up with primary care providers and lack of follow-through from providers to incentivize patients to lose weight and live a healthier lifestyle. – Physician*

*Obesity. – Other Health Provider*

*Stress of time management leads to poor choices of food, lack of exercise as priority. – Social Service Representative*

*The pressure and stress of jobs, families, commuting, etc. make it difficult for individuals and*



families to have sufficient time to attend to physical activity. We live in a culture that values "working hard" but not "playing hard." The imbalance is significant. Additionally, Lake County is car dependent, with a limited amount of safe walking and biking areas, making exercise outdoors challenging. Confusion continues to abound healthy eating and physical activity despite the mass of information available. That may actually be the problem, too many voices, not a unified message. – Public Health Expert

Our eating habits continue to drive this issue. The quality of our food is also an issue, although more and more people and companies are climbing on the organic and non-GMO band wagon. Digital addictions plague our youth, who would rather play video games than play outside. Accessibility to indoor space where seniors can walk in safety for free is another important component. – Community/Business Leader

Restaurant menus are lots of fried food and huge portions. People work more than one job and have no time for exercise. Lack of education about healthy lifestyles. Low income and prices of healthy foods. – Community/Business Leader

Current western lifestyles create environments that favor reduced physical activity and consumption of calorie rich, nutrient poor foods. – Other Health Provider

Policy, system and environmental changes are needed to influence lifestyle changes and behaviors. While health-focused after-school programming is great, it does not change the reality of the home life of the child, nor does it change the obesogenic environment in which they live. – Social Service Representative

## Education

Children are becoming more and more aware of healthy options. Unfortunately, their parents are not as quick at making the changes, so the cycle continues. It is very difficult to break the bad habit cycles that families need to do in order to make life-long changes. It is very frustrating when physicians are not properly trained and more aware of the proper nutrition choices for their patients. It is not sufficient to say you need to lose weight! In addition, nutrition programs that offer ongoing support and counseling are very expensive. Another issue that does not get addressed very often is the connection of mental health and nutrition and how it affects our success or lack thereof. – Other Health Provider

Lack of knowledge of what is healthy, nutritional food and allowing children to play indoors way too much and not encouraging them to play outdoors. With working parents, meals are what is quick and easy and carryout rather than quick, easy and healthy. – Community/Business Leader

Need for nutritionally dense, active lifestyles in order to promote healthy weight for all residents. In addition, there is significant disparity within the county borders related to socioeconomic status. – Public Health Expert

More education free to the public is needed to address this. Could benefit those with chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Difficult to choose healthy foods when on limited grocery budget. – Social Service Representative

## Prevalence/Incidence

The incidence of overweight is frequent although people are becoming more aware of healthy options for their diets. This is a complex issue which has been a challenge for our entire country, let alone this region. Education has improved but we have a long way to go with respect to prepared and processed food. Michelle Obama is right in that it has to start with the children. – Community/Business Leader

Dramatic disparities between communities. Obesity rates are up to three times higher in disadvantaged zip codes. Your ZIP code is more important than your genetic code. – Public Health Expert

Our nation is headed in the wrong direction with regards to fitness, activity and nutrition. Look at

*any local parade, the kids are heavier than 15 years ago. Look at any local epidemiological measure, kids and adults are heavier. We live in an area that was built on a suburban model that discourages walking. Nutritional choices are weighted against people in general, more so for those with low income as fresh and healthy foods are more expensive than processed. – Social Service Representative*

### **Obesity**

*Obesity is an epidemic in the US. – Social Service Representative*

*Obesity seems to be a growing issue in this community. – Community/Business Leader*

*Obesity is a national issue, but due to the lack of access to healthy foods and prevalence of violence, African-Americans are disproportionately impacted. – Social Service Representative*

*Morbid obesity. – Community/Business Leader*

### **Lack of Education**

*There needs to be an increase in knowledge and schools need to be leaders. – Social Service Representative*

*Public awareness/belief of effects poor nutrition, lack of physical activity and overweight/obesity has on one's health. Cultural norms are faulty and strong. – Public Health Expert*

## Substance Abuse

### About Substance Abuse

Substance abuse has a major impact on individuals, families, and communities. The effects of substance abuse are cumulative, significantly contributing to costly social, physical, mental, and public health problems. These problems include:

- Teenage pregnancy
- Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)
- Other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Domestic violence
- Child abuse
- Motor vehicle crashes
- Physical fights
- Crime
- Homicide
- Suicide

Substance abuse refers to a set of related conditions associated with the consumption of mind- and behavior-altering substances that have negative behavioral and health outcomes. Social attitudes and political and legal responses to the consumption of alcohol and illicit drugs make substance abuse one of the most complex public health issues. In addition to the considerable health implications, substance abuse has been a flash-point in the criminal justice system and a major focal point in discussions about social values: people argue over whether substance abuse is a disease with genetic and biological foundations or a matter of personal choice.

Advances in research have led to the development of evidence-based strategies to effectively address substance abuse. Improvements in brain-imaging technologies and the development of medications that assist in treatment have gradually shifted the research community's perspective on substance abuse. There is now a deeper understanding of substance abuse as a disorder that develops in adolescence and, for some individuals, will develop into a chronic illness that will require lifelong monitoring and care.

Improved evaluation of community-level prevention has enhanced researchers' understanding of environmental and social factors that contribute to the initiation and abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs, leading to a more sophisticated understanding of how to implement evidence-based strategies in specific social and cultural settings.

A stronger emphasis on evaluation has expanded evidence-based practices for drug and alcohol treatment. Improvements have focused on the development of better clinical interventions through research and increasing the skills and qualifications of treatment providers.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

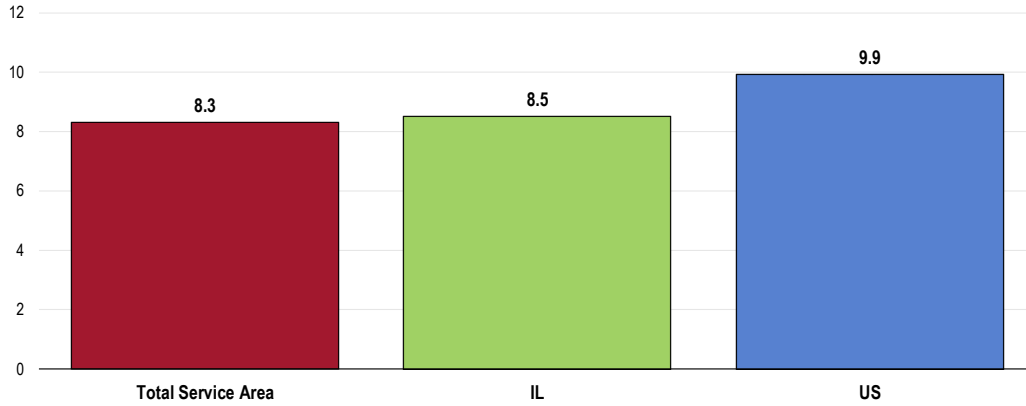
### Related Age-Adjusted Mortality

**Cirrhosis/Liver Disease.** Heavy alcohol use contributes to a significant share of liver disease, including cirrhosis. The following chart outlines age-adjusted mortality for cirrhosis/liver disease in the area.

**Drug-Induced Deaths.** Drug-induced deaths include all deaths for which drugs are the underlying cause, including those attributable to acute poisoning by drugs (drug overdoses) and deaths from medical conditions resulting from chronic drug use (e.g., drug-induced Cushing's syndrome). A "drug" includes illicit or street drugs (e.g., heroin and cocaine), as well as legal prescription and over-the-counter drugs; alcohol is not included. These deaths may also be either intentional (e.g., suicide) or unintentional (accidental). The following chart outlines local age-adjusted mortality for drug-induced deaths.

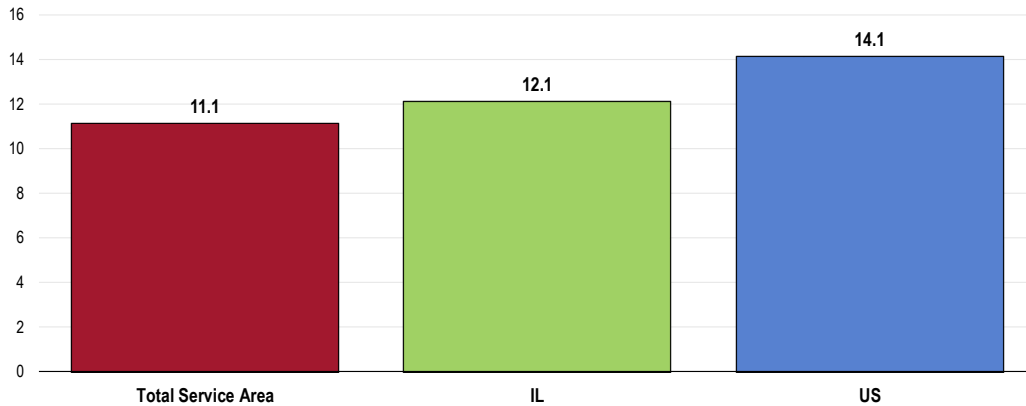
- Note the corresponding Healthy People 2020 targets.

**Cirrhosis/Liver Disease: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
 (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
 Healthy People 2020 Target = 8.2 or Lower



- Sources:
- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective SA-11]
- Notes:
- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

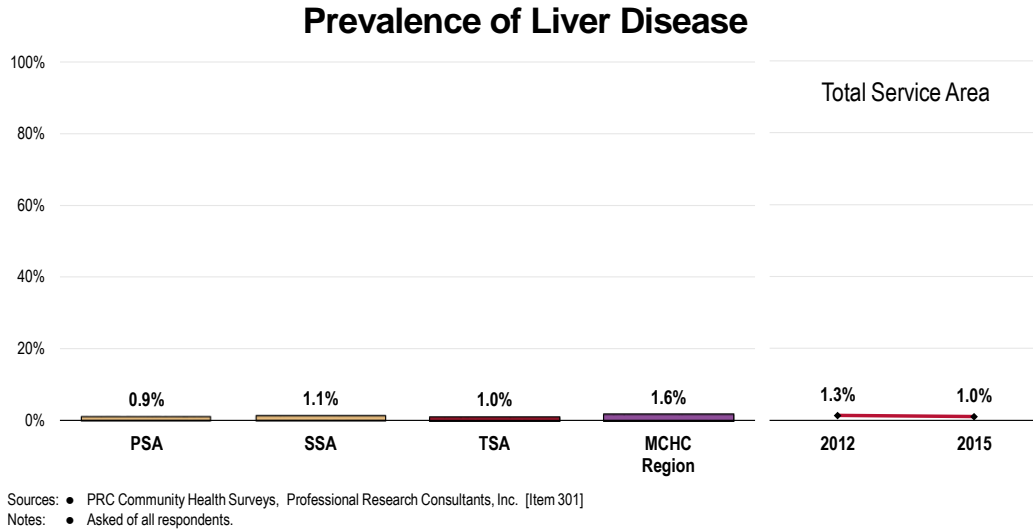
**Drug-Induced Deaths: Age-Adjusted Mortality**  
 (2011-2013 Annual Average Deaths per 100,000 Population)  
 Healthy People 2020 Target = 11.3 or Lower



- Sources:
- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted August 2015.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective SA-12]
- Notes:
- Deaths are coded using the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10).
  - Rates are per 100,000 population, age-adjusted to the 2000 US Standard Population.

### Prevalence of Liver Disease

*“Would you please tell me if you have ever suffered from or been diagnosed with liver disease?”*



### Alcohol Use

**Current Drinkers.** “Current drinkers” include survey respondents who had at least one drink of alcohol in the month preceding the interview. For the purposes of this study, a “drink” is considered one can or bottle of beer, one glass of wine, one can or bottle of wine cooler, one cocktail, or one shot of liquor.

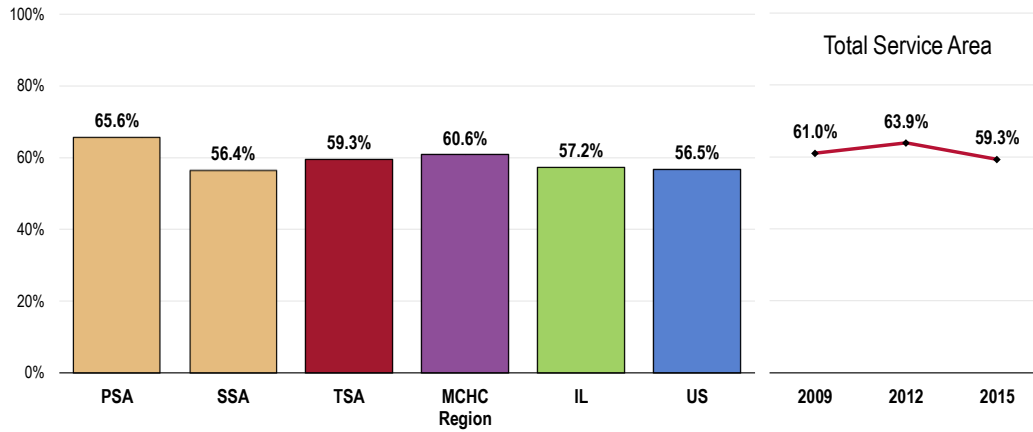
*“During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverage such as beer, wine, a malt beverage, or liquor?”*

**Binge Drinkers.** Binge drinking reflects the number of persons aged 18 years and over who drank 5 or more drinks during a single occasion (for men) or 4 or more drinks during a single occasion (for women) during the past 30 days.

*“On the day(s) when you drank, about how many drinks did you have on the average?”*

*“Considering all types of alcoholic beverages, how many times during the past 30 days did you have 5 (if male)/4 (if female) or more drinks on an occasion?”*

### Current Drinkers

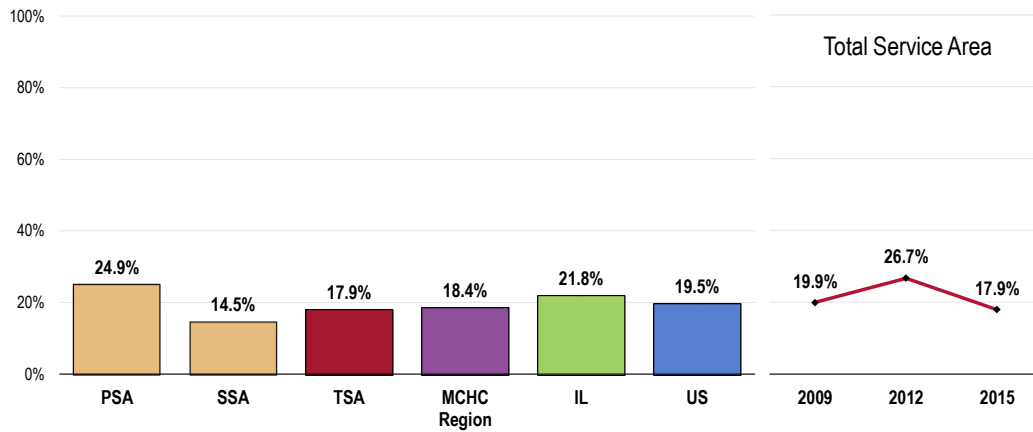


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Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Current drinkers had at least one alcoholic drink in the past month.

### Binge Drinkers

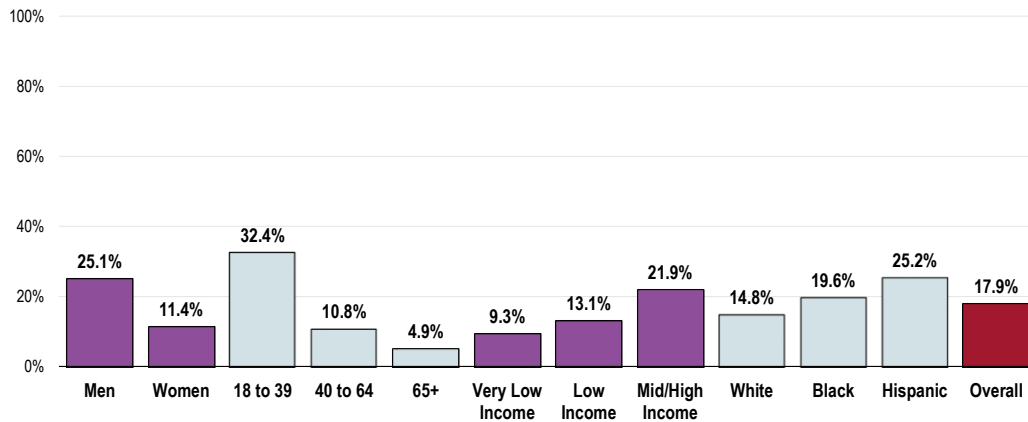
Healthy People 2020 Target = 24.4% or Lower



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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective SA-14.3]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Binge drinkers are defined as men having 5+ alcoholic drinks on any one occasion or women consuming 4+ drinks on any one occasion.

### Binge Drinkers (Total Service Area, 2015) Healthy People 2020 Target = 24.4% or Lower

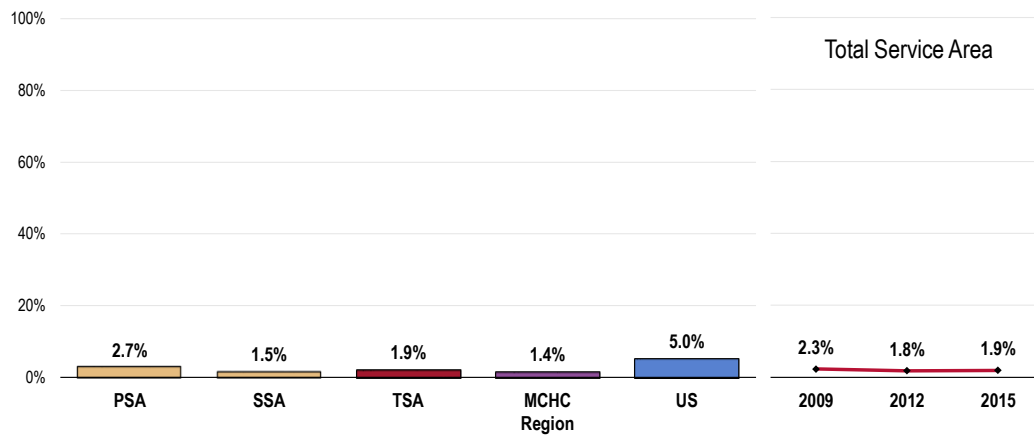


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- Notes:
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  - Binge drinkers are defined as men having 5+ alcoholic drinks on any one occasion or women consuming 4+ drinks on any one occasion

**Drinking & Driving.** As a self-reported measure – and because this indicator reflects potentially illegal behavior – it is reasonable to expect that it might be underreported, and that the actual incidence of drinking and driving in the community is likely higher.

*“During the past 30 days, how many times have you driven when you’ve had perhaps too much to drink?”*

### Have Driven in the Past Month After Perhaps Having Too Much to Drink

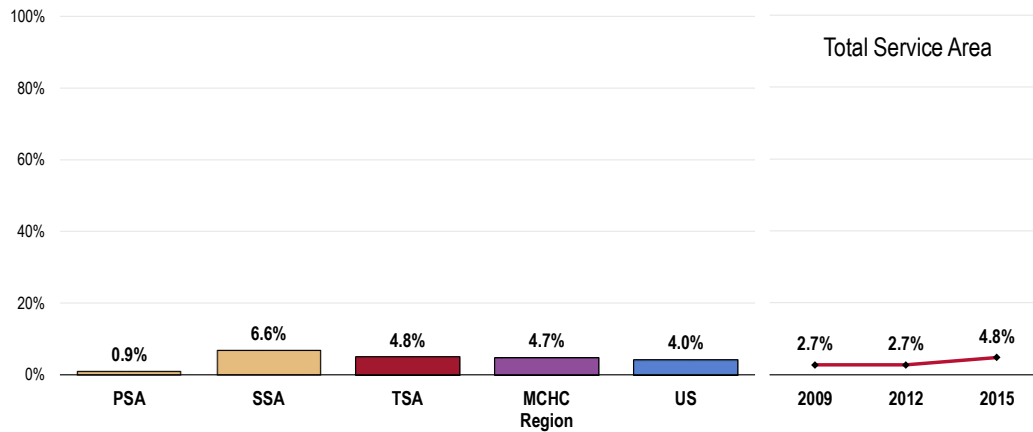


- Sources:
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  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.

### Illicit Drug Use

**“During the past 30 days, have you used an illegal drug or taken a prescription drug that was not prescribed to you?”**

#### Illicit Drug Use in the Past Month Healthy People 2020 Target = 7.1% or Lower

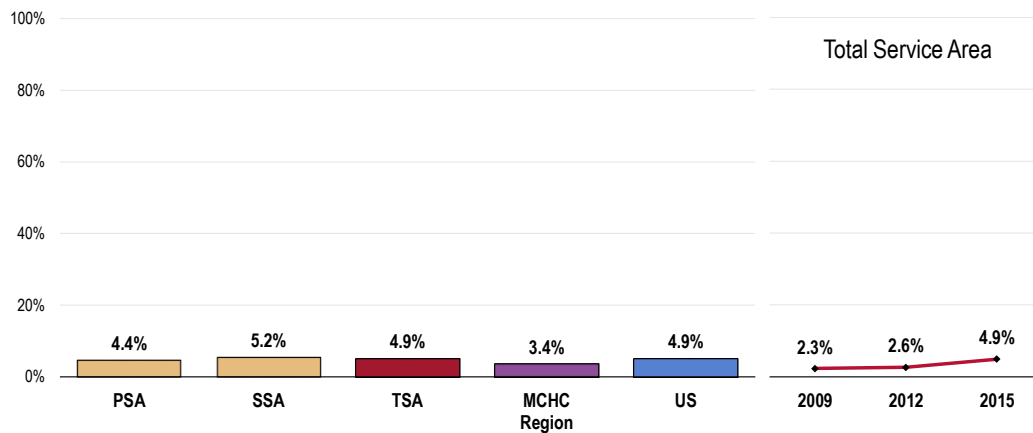


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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective SA-13.3]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Alcohol & Drug Treatment

**“Have you ever sought professional help for an alcohol or drug-related problem?”**

#### Have Ever Sought Professional Help for an Alcohol/Drug-Related Problem



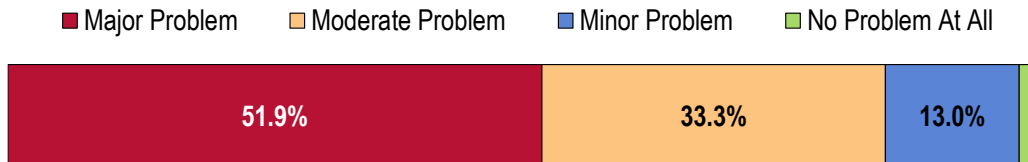
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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.



## Key Informant Input: Substance Abuse

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Substance Abuse* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Substance Abuse as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

#### Barriers to Treatment

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” the greatest barriers to accessing substance abuse treatment are viewed as:

#### Contributing Factors

*Shame, the cost (lack of insurance) and the strength of the addiction itself. – Community/Business Leader*

*The greatest barriers that prevent people from accessing needed substance abuse treatment start with realizing that they are abusing alcohol and drugs. Many use socially and others self-medicate to mask stress/anxiety. It is difficult to admit a problem and even more difficult to ask for help. – Community/Business Leader*

*Lack of desire to quit, limited availability of space in the local programs, easy availability of drugs in the community. – Physician*

*Lack of economic and other social resources from early childhood on. – Other Health Provider*

#### Access to Care

*Access similar to mental health services remains a problem as oftentimes substance abuse and mental health services are offered in tandem. They are difficult to locate, difficult to get an appointment, and are not always covered by Medicaid. – Social Service Representative*

*Access to care, the nature of the disorder, denial. – Social Service Representative*

*Insurance and availability of beds in programs. – Other Health Provider*

*Lack of access to affordable and effective treatment programs, stigma, denial, lack of social/family support, and poor management by health care providers. – Public Health Expert*

*Lack of services, especially for persons who are dually diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse issues. – Community/Business Leader*

*Knowing where to go, knowing/accepting the fact that they need help, cost issues, transportation issues. – Public Health Expert*

*Access to outpatient facilities and emotionally not ready. – Public Health Expert*

*Substance abuse treatment is very hard to access in our community. The level of care that the*

*patient needs is not available and patients do not know how to access the treatments. We don't have the infrastructure to treat the number of people that are struggling with this. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of resources to provide treatment. Gap in education about treatment so it's hard to get people convinced to go and then hard to get them in if they want to go. – Social Service Representative*

### **Lack of Resources**

*Lack of funding for treatment in spite of health insurance status, but particularly for Medicaid/uninsured individuals. – Public Health Expert*

*Few resources for the uninsured, especially when inpatient services needed for detox. – Social Service Representative*

*The greatest barriers I see day to day in accessing substance abuse treatment are lack of substance abuse treatment centers in the northwest suburbs, lack of transportation and lack of funds or insurance coverage to pay for said treatment. – Other Health Provider*

*Not sure where to go. – Social Service Representative*

### **Denial**

*The barriers are self-imposed, they are there and available but family denial is the barrier. Family members need to pay close attention to one another and if a problem seems to develop address it. – Community/Business Leader*

*Denial that they have a problem, worries that they will be ineligible for certain jobs if it is known that they have a substance abuse history. Peer pressure to continue abusing, lack of knowledge of available resources or where they can go for help, lack of sufficient insurance to cover care. – Other Health Provider*

*Identification of this problem in the population that interfaces with medical care. – Other Health Provider*

### **Easy Access to Drugs**

*Easy access to cheap illegal drugs, heroin in particular. – Community/Business Leader*

*Anyone can see drug sales being made at any time of day on any given corner. – Community/Business Leader*

### **Statistics**

*This is not my area of expertise but what I know is illicit drug use is higher among white teenagers than African Americans or Latinos. Minority teenagers are more often arrested and charged with drug crimes, 95 percent of the youths before both juvenile and adult criminal court judges in Cook County in 1998 were African American or Latino. – Other Health Provider*

### **Addiction**

*They don't recognize they have a problem and it is difficult to move beyond an addiction. The ripple effect is devastating. – Community/Business Leader*

### **Prevalence/Incidence**

*Increasing rates of opioid use/abuse in Chicago. – Public Health Expert*

**Most Problematic Substances**

Key informants (who rated this as a “major problem”) were further asked to identify what they view as the most problematic substances abused in the community.

**Most Problematic Substances Abused in the Community**  
(Among Key Informants Rating Substance Abuse as a "Major Problem," 2015)

	Most Problematic	Second-Most Problematic	Third-Most Problematic	Total Mentions
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>60.9%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Heroin or Other Opioids</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Cocaine or Crack</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Prescription Medications</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Over-the-Counter Medications</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Club Drugs (e.g. MDMA, GHB, Ecstasy, Molly)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Hallucinogens or Dissociative Drugs (e.g. Ketamine, PCP, LSD, DXM)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Methamphetamines or Other Amphetamines</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Steroids</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Synthetic Drugs (e.g. Bath Salts, K2/Spice)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1</b>

## Tobacco Use

### About Tobacco Use

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Scientific knowledge about the health effects of tobacco use has increased greatly since the first Surgeon General's report on tobacco was released in 1964.

Tobacco use causes:

- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Lung diseases (including emphysema, bronchitis, and chronic airway obstruction)
- Premature birth, low birth weight, stillbirth, and infant death

There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke causes heart disease and lung cancer in adults and a number of health problems in infants and children, including: severe asthma attacks; respiratory infections; ear infections; and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

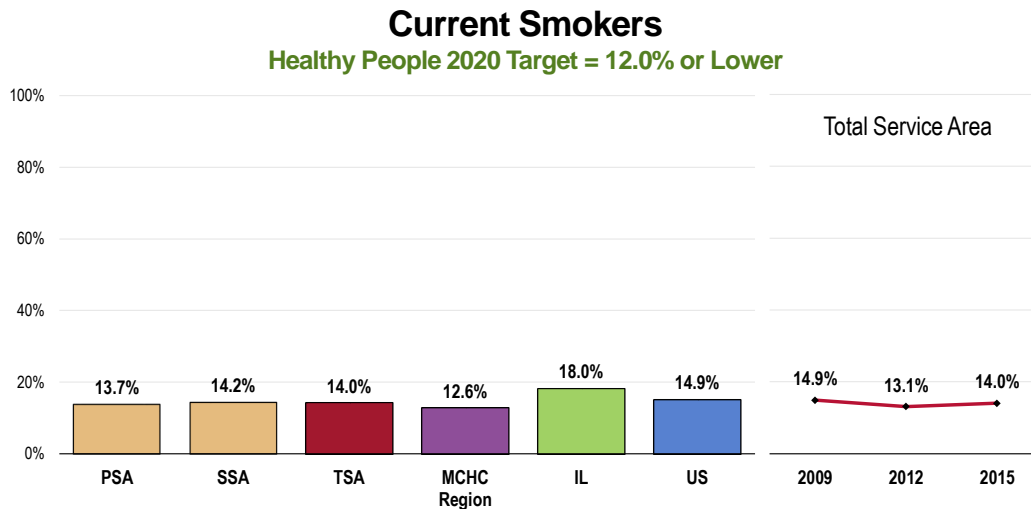
Smokeless tobacco causes a number of serious oral health problems, including cancer of the mouth and gums, periodontitis, and tooth loss. Cigar use causes cancer of the larynx, mouth, esophagus, and lung.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

## Cigarette Smoking

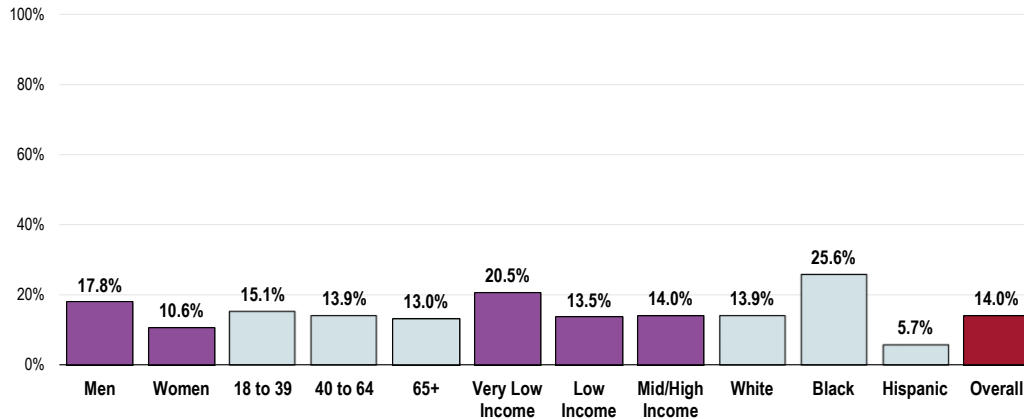
**“Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?”**

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target.



- Sources:
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  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective TU-1.1]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Includes regular and occasional smokers (those who smoke cigarettes everyday or on some days).

**Current Smokers**  
 (Total Service Area, 2015)  
 Healthy People 2020 Target = 12.0% or Lower



- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 156]
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective TU-1.1]
- Notes:
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  - Includes regular and occasion smokers (everyday and some days).

## Smoking Cessation

### About Reducing Tobacco Use

Preventing tobacco use and helping tobacco users quit can improve the health and quality of life for Americans of all ages. People who stop smoking greatly reduce their risk of disease and premature death. Benefits are greater for people who stop at earlier ages, but quitting tobacco use is beneficial at any age.

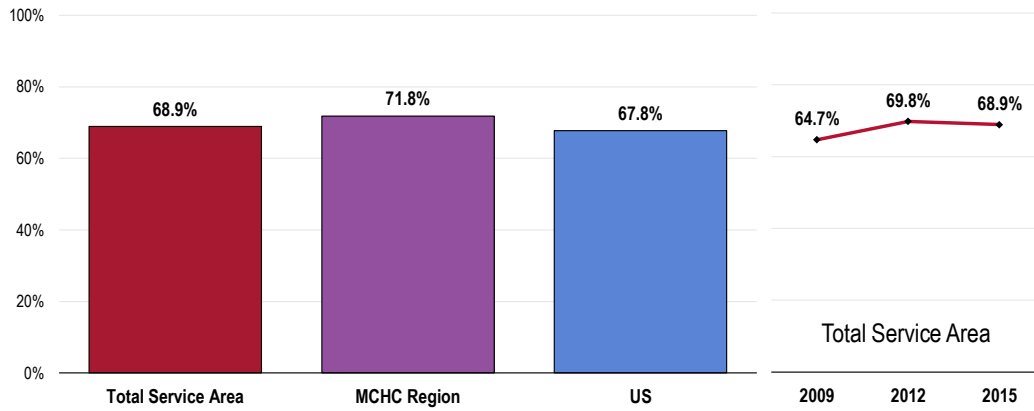
Many factors influence tobacco use, disease, and mortality. Risk factors include race/ethnicity, age, education, and socioeconomic status. Significant disparities in tobacco use exist geographically; such disparities typically result from differences among states in smoke-free protections, tobacco prices, and program funding for tobacco prevention.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

***"In the past 12 months, has a doctor, nurse or other health professional advised you to quit smoking?"***  
 (Asked of respondents who smoke every day or on some days.)

***"During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for one day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?"*** (Asked of respondents who smoke every day.)

### Advised by a Healthcare Professional in the Past Year to Quit Smoking (Among Current Smokers)

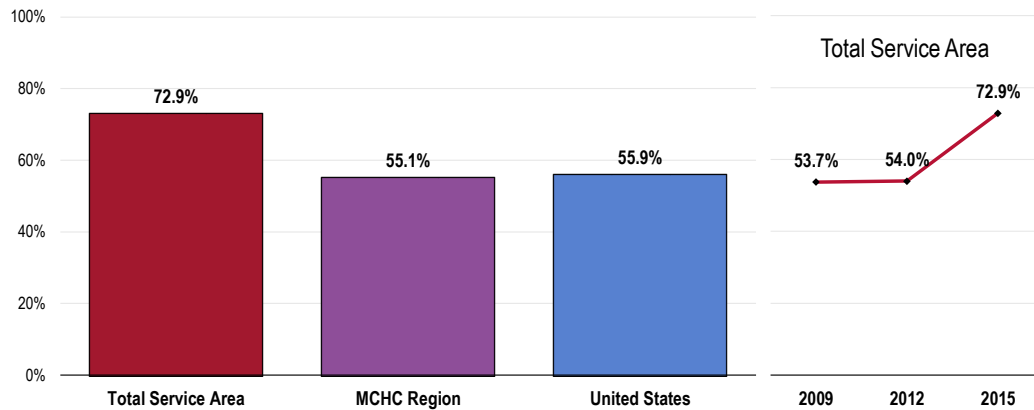


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 58]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all current smokers.

### Have Stopped Smoking for One Day or Longer in the Past Year in an Attempt to Quit Smoking (Among Everyday Smokers)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 80.0% or Higher



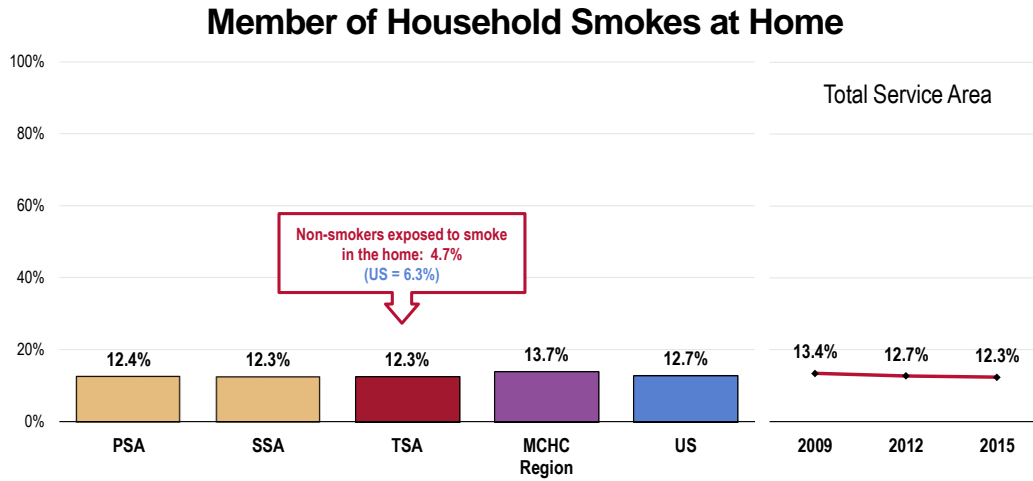
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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective TU-4.1]

Notes: • Asked of respondents who smoke cigarettes every day.

## Secondhand Smoke

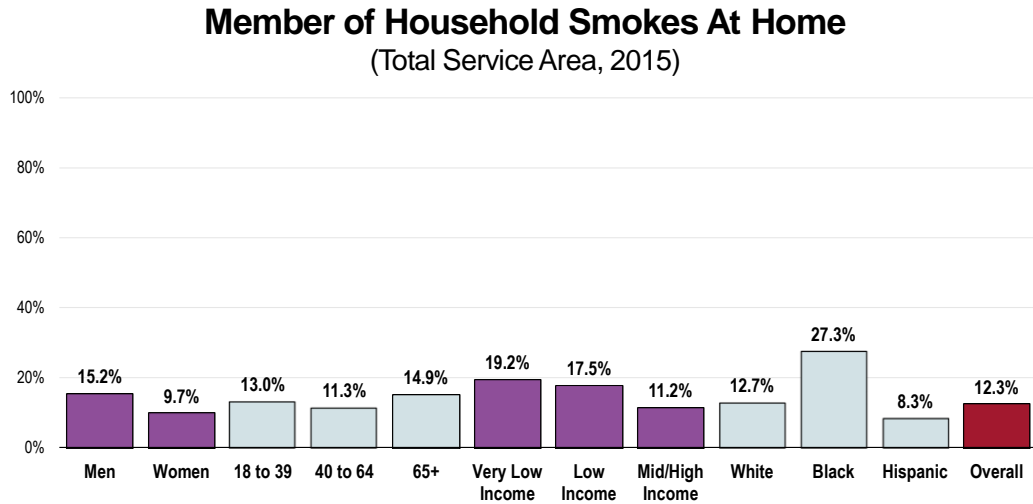
***“In the past 30 days, has anyone, including yourself, smoked cigarettes, cigars or pipes anywhere in your home on an average of four or more days per week?”***

The following chart details these responses among the total sample of respondents, as well as among only non-smokers.



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 59, 158]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • “Smokes at home” refers to someone smoking cigarettes, cigars, or a pipe in the home an average of four or more times per week in the past month.



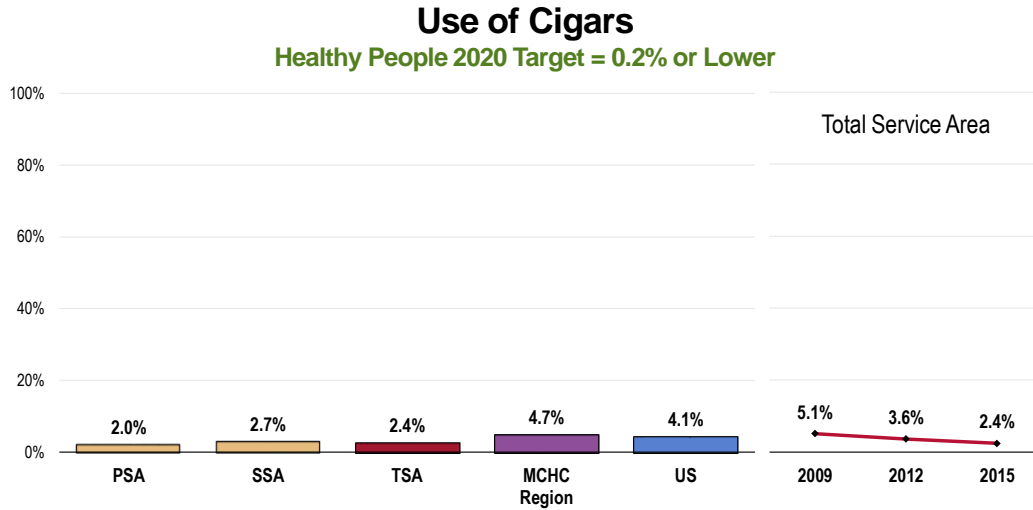
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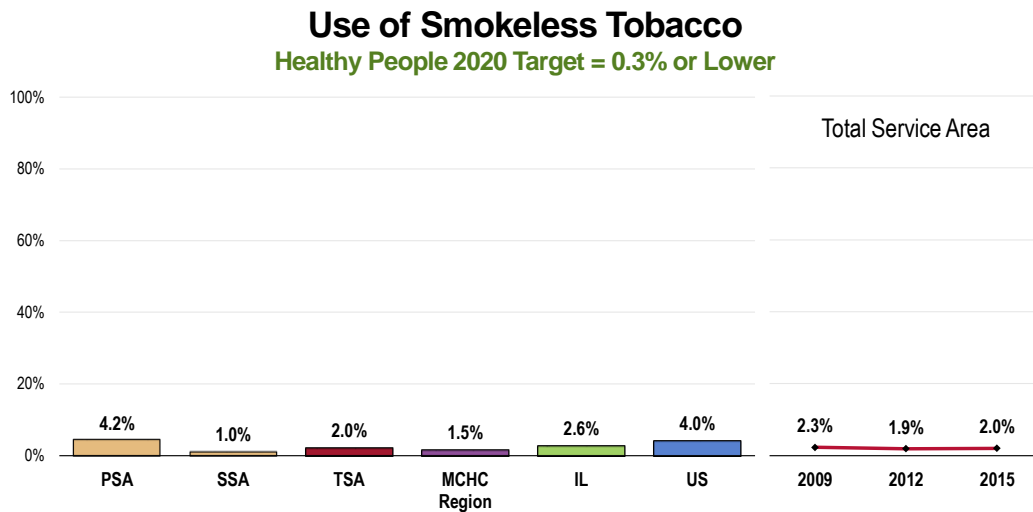
**Other Tobacco Use**

*“Do you currently use chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus every day, some days, or not at all?”*

*“Do you now smoke cigars every day, some days, or not at all?”*



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 61]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective TU-1.3]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.



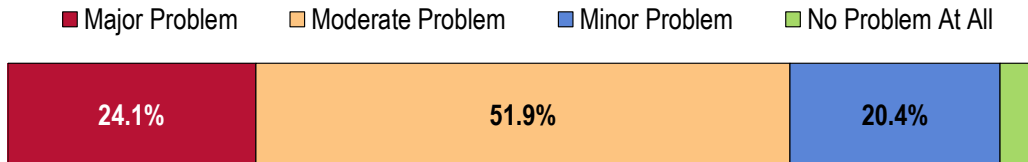
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 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective TU-1.2]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Smokeless tobacco includes chewing tobacco or snuff.



## Key Informant Input: Tobacco Use

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Tobacco Use* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Tobacco Use as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Tobacco Use

*Majority of populations seen are smokers. – Other Health Provider*

*Consistently higher than national rates of tobacco use among Chicagoans, youth included. – Public Health Expert*

*Although tobacco use is down, too many teens start smoking each year. – Social Service Representative*

*There has always been underage smoking, but the proliferation of e-cigarettes and vapor smoking has made tobacco seem less dangerous, although the addiction factor is just as strong, if not stronger. – Community/Business Leader*

*When I work with youth and ask them what percentage of adults they think use tobacco, I often hear 95 percent or 100 percent. – Social Service Representative*

*Lots of smokers in Antioch along with alcohol use. – Community/Business Leader*

*Too many young people smoking again. Chewing tobacco. – Social Service Representative*

*Almost all of the patients are either smokers, live with a smoker or were smokers. Many mental health patients are given “the patch” while in inpatient at our mental health unit. However, once they leave, these patients lack support in stopping use. – Other Health Provider*

*Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, accounting for more than one of every five deaths. – Other Health Provider*

*I see people of all ages, even under 18, smoking cigarettes. They are available in the corner stores, liquor store and even the Family Dollar. – Community/Business Leader*

#### Co-occurrences

*Substance addiction. – Social Service Representative*

#### Lifestyle

*Living with low income can cause high levels of stress, which is a barrier to adopting healthy lifestyles. – Other Health Provider*

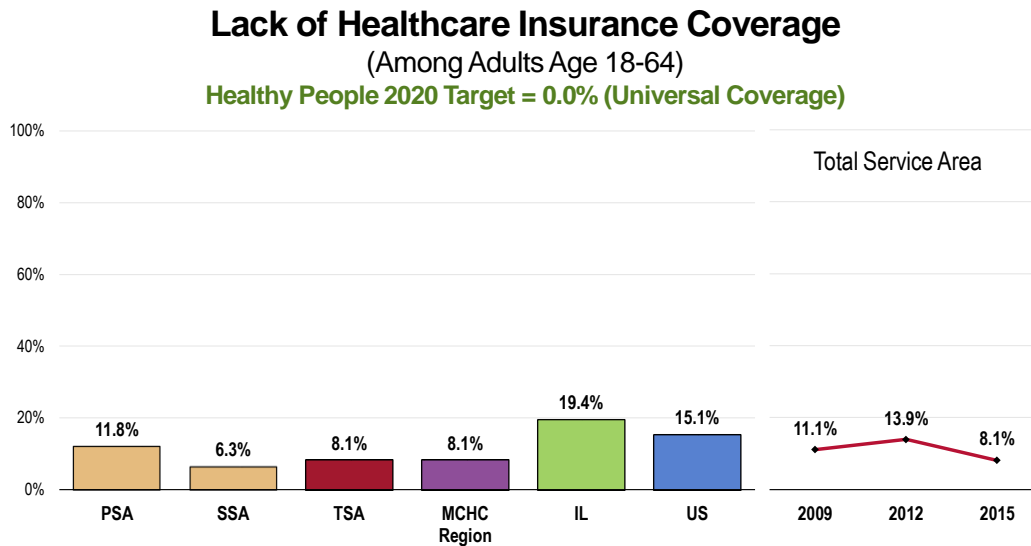
## Access to Health Services

### Lack of Health Insurance Coverage (Age 18 to 64)

Survey respondents were asked a series of questions to determine their healthcare insurance coverage, if any, from either private or government-sponsored sources. Here, lack of health insurance coverage reflects respondents age 18 to 64 (thus excluding the Medicare population) who have no type of insurance coverage for healthcare services – neither private insurance nor government-sponsored plans (e.g., Medicaid).

**“Do you have any government-assisted healthcare coverage, such as Medicare, Medicaid (or another state-sponsored program), or VA/military benefits?”**

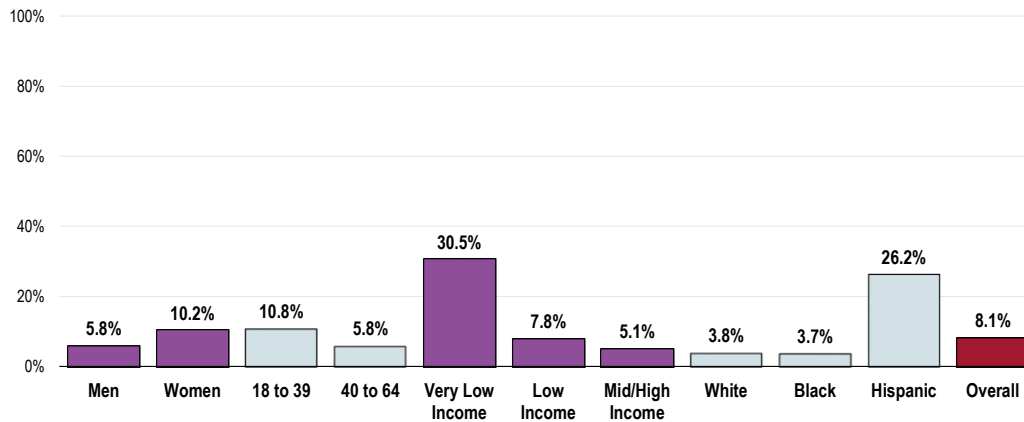
**“Do you currently have: health insurance you get through your own or someone else's employer or union; health insurance you purchase yourself; or, you do not have health insurance and pay for health care entirely on your own?”**



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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective AHS-1]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents under the age of 65.

### Lack of Healthcare Insurance Coverage (Among Adults Age 18-64; Total Service Area, 2015) Healthy People 2020 Target = 0.0% (Universal Coverage)

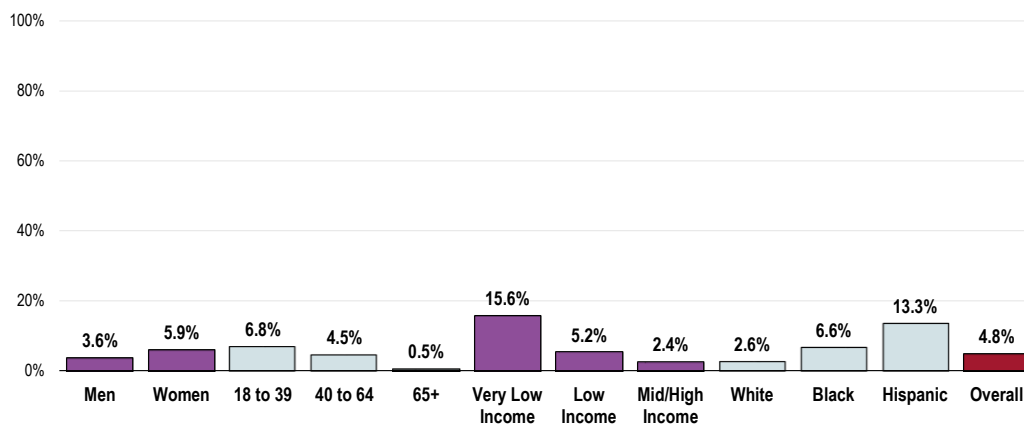


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Notes: • Asked of all respondents under the age of 65.  
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Among insured respondents only: ***"During the past 12 months, did you have health insurance coverage ALL of the time, or was there a time in the year when you did NOT have any health coverage?"***

### Went Without Healthcare Insurance Coverage At Some Point in the Past Year (Among Insured Adults; Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 79]

Notes: • Asked of all insured respondents.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., "White" reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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## Difficulties Accessing Healthcare

### About Access to Healthcare

Access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for the achievement of health equity and for increasing the quality of a healthy life for everyone. It impacts: overall physical, social, and mental health status; prevention of disease and disability; detection and treatment of health conditions; quality of life; preventable death; and life expectancy.

Access to health services means the timely use of personal health services to achieve the best health outcomes. It requires three distinct steps: 1) Gaining entry into the health care system; 2) Accessing a health care location where needed services are provided; and 3) Finding a health care provider with whom the patient can communicate and trust.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Barriers to Healthcare Access

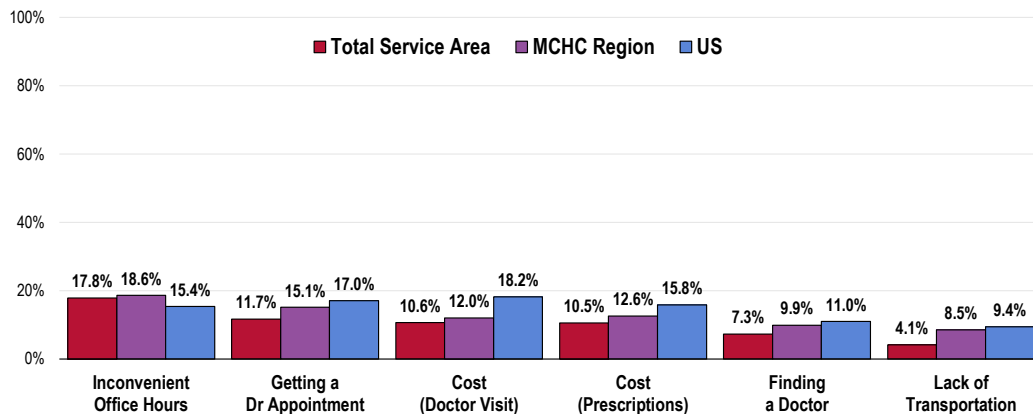
To better understand healthcare access barriers, survey participants were asked whether any of the following barriers to access prevented them from seeing a physician or obtaining a needed prescription in the past year.

**“Was there a time in the past 12 months when...**

- ... you needed medical care, but had **difficulty finding a doctor?**”
- ... you had **difficulty getting an appointment to see a doctor?**”
- ... you needed to see a **doctor, but could not because of the cost?**”
- ... a **lack of transportation** made it difficult or prevented you from seeing a doctor or making a medical appointment?”
- ... you were not able to see a doctor because the **office hours were not convenient?**”
- ... you needed a **prescription medicine, but did not get it because you could not afford it?**”

The percentages shown in the following chart reflect the total population, regardless of whether medical care was needed or sought.

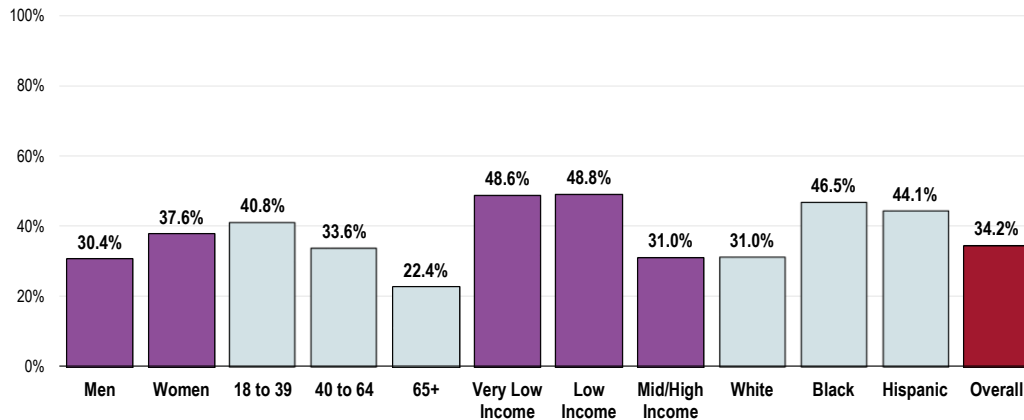
### Barriers to Access Have Prevented Medical Care in the Past Year



- Sources:
- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 7-12]
  - 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.

The following chart reflects the composite percentage of the total population experiencing problems accessing healthcare in the past year (indicating one or more of the aforementioned barriers or any other problem not specifically asked), again regardless of whether they needed or sought care.

### Experienced Difficulties or Delays of Some Kind in Receiving Needed Healthcare in the Past Year (Total Service Area, 2015)

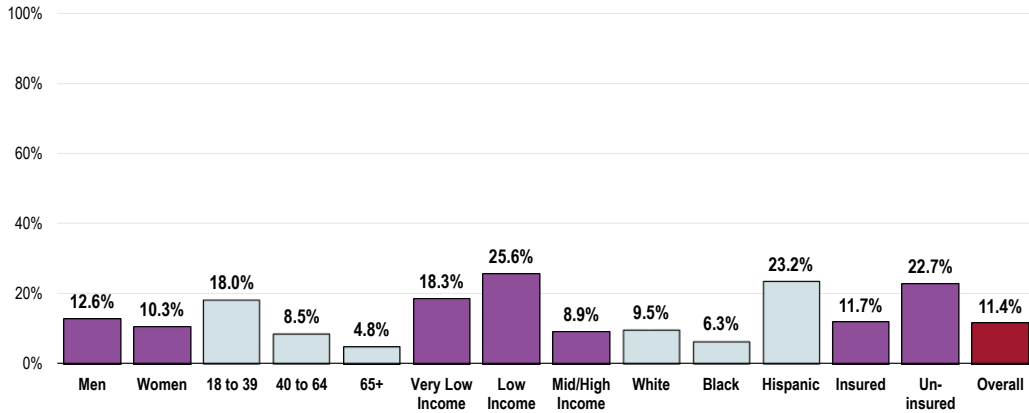


- Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 169]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Represents the percentage of respondents experiencing one or more barriers to accessing healthcare in the past 12 months.  
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### Prescriptions

***“Was there a time in the past 12 months when you skipped doses or took smaller doses in order to make your prescriptions last longer and save costs?”***

### Skipped or Reduced Prescription Doses in Order to Stretch Prescriptions and Save Money (Total Service Area, 2015)



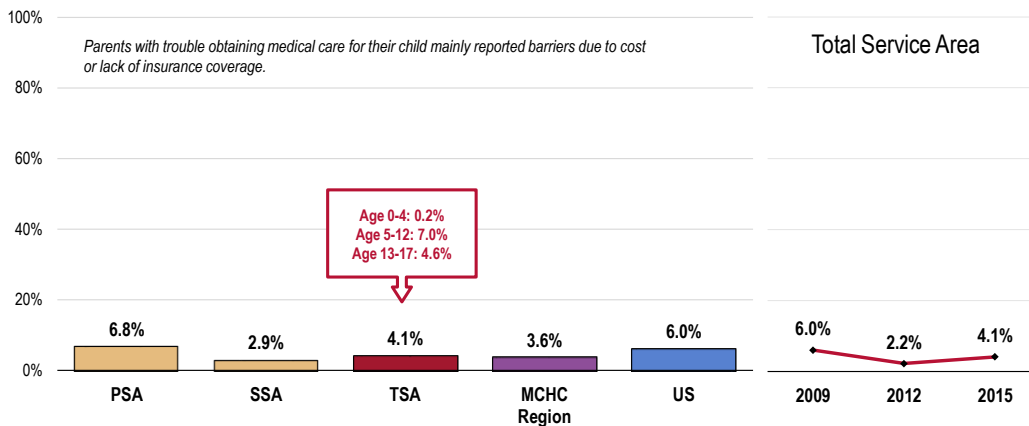
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 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., "White" reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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### Accessing Healthcare for Children

Surveyed parents were also asked if, within the past year, they experienced any trouble receiving medical care for a randomly-selected child in their household.

***"Was there a time in the past 12 months when you needed medical care for this child, but could not get it?"***

### Had Trouble Obtaining Medical Care for Child in the Past Year (Among Parents of Children 0-17)

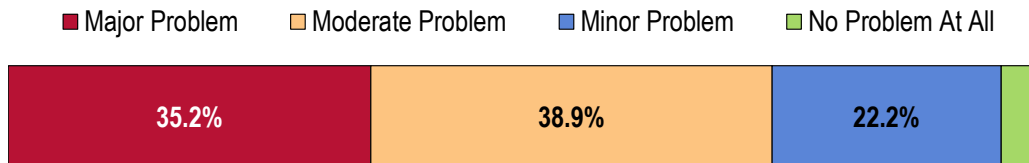


Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 111-112]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children 0 to 17 in the household.

### Key Informant Input: Access to Healthcare Services

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Access to Healthcare Services* as a problem in the community:

#### Perceptions of Access to Healthcare Services as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

#### Top Concerns

Among those rating access to healthcare as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

##### Affordable Care

*For the uninsured, especially undocumented individuals, lack of affordable health care. Hours of operation of health care providers not convenient for population served. Health literacy and patients not having access to providers who speak their language. – Public Health Expert*

*Affordability of preventative care. – Social Service Representative*

*There are not many walk-in/outpatient clinics that accept public aid or are low cost. While we try to keep people out of the Emergency Room, many people who cannot afford the out of pocket expense will go to the ER because many community clinics do not accept public aid. – Other Health Provider*

*Not so much a health issue, but healthcare for the self-pay and/or undocumented patients that are very ill and placement after the hospitalization. – Social Service Representative*

*Affordability of services. Undocumented and recent residents are excluded from ACA. Many people with ACA or other insurance have high deductible and expensive plans, effectively preventing them from using them. Exorbitant health care fees and lack of transparency in how health care costs are determined. Poverty. Racism. Transphobia. – Public Health Expert*

*The biggest challenge is finding a doctor who accepts Medicaid. The new DHS system for managed care was supposed to help with this issue, but according to the feedback we receive from residents, it has not. – Social Service Representative*

*No appointments for patients that are self-pay or have Medicaid. – Social Service Representative*

*Copays and deductibles can be a burden for low income people, even if insured. Undocumented residents to not have access to ACA benefits. – Other Health Provider*

##### Lack of Resources

*I am not sure if the community is aware of their medical options and also there are not many FQHC's in the area. There exist mostly store front clinics who offer questionable care. – Community/Business Leader*

*Few providers willing to serve uninsured and Medicaid patients, limited access to a variety of*

*specialists, including mental health, limited transportation options, limited language and cultural competencies. – Community/Business Leader*

*Physician shortage, no viable insurance options available for new or less than five year immigrants, care that is expensive and thus unattainable, transportation issues related to doctor visits or follow up appointments. – Social Service Representative*

*As a provider of both mental health care and substance addiction counseling and treatment, the biggest challenge related to access is the acknowledgement of illness and the support of the individual in the community. Our participants are limited by transportation and that has been addressed through the distribution of bus passes (although this remains a challenge in terms of cost, since the expense is not reimbursed). Our participants are also denied access through the multifactorial domains of homelessness and unemployment. Again, these issues are addressed (but not solved) through strategic partnerships with other community-based organizations and our own service provision of residential treatment and transitional housing. And so, the stigmata of mental illness and the co-occurrence of substance use disorders remains a restriction on access to care. – Social Service Representative*

### **Access to Care**

*People who are ineligible for ACA care (undocumented) need services. Access to DuPage is a critical lifeline for them. People who are in Medicaid managed care are often confused about how to use their benefits. People on high deductible ACA plans really can't afford to get care and are 'functionally uninsured.' – Social Service Representative*

*The services might be there, but people do not know how to access them. People are unaware of where they can receive healthcare, reduced cost prescriptions and specialists. – Social Service Representative*

*Understanding the transition of Medicaid to managed care plans, high deductible marketplace plans requiring a significant investment of out of pocket costs, and access to specialty health services, vision, dental, hearing, mental health/substance abuse for safety net (Medicaid, uninsured and underinsured populations). – Public Health Expert*

### **Nonclinical Factors**

*There is a growing awareness of the nonclinical factors that influence (positively or negatively) health status and health needs, housing, education/literacy levels, employment status, etc. We are working to address those through our work with IMPACT DuPage. – Public Health Expert*

### **Preventive Care**

*The vast amount of our health dollars go to illness, not health. There is little interest in the healthcare community to create a culture of health (RWJF). To do so would be the greatest contribution to the health of all the residents in Lake County by healthcare providers and institutions. – Public Health Expert*

### **Type of Care Most Difficult to Access**

Key informants (who rated this as a “major problem”) were further asked to identify they type of care they perceive as the most difficult to access in the community.



	Most Difficult to Access	Second-Most Difficult to Access	Third-Most Difficult to Access	Total Mentions
<b>Mental Health Care</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Specialty Care</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Substance Abuse Treatment</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Dental Care</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Chronic Disease Care</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Urgent Care</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Prenatal Care</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Primary Care</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>

## Primary Care Services

### About Primary Care

Improving health care services depends in part on ensuring that people have a usual and ongoing source of care. People with a usual source of care have better health outcomes and fewer disparities and costs. Having a primary care provider (PCP) as the usual source of care is especially important. PCPs can develop meaningful and sustained relationships with patients and provide integrated services while practicing in the context of family and community. Having a usual PCP is associated with:

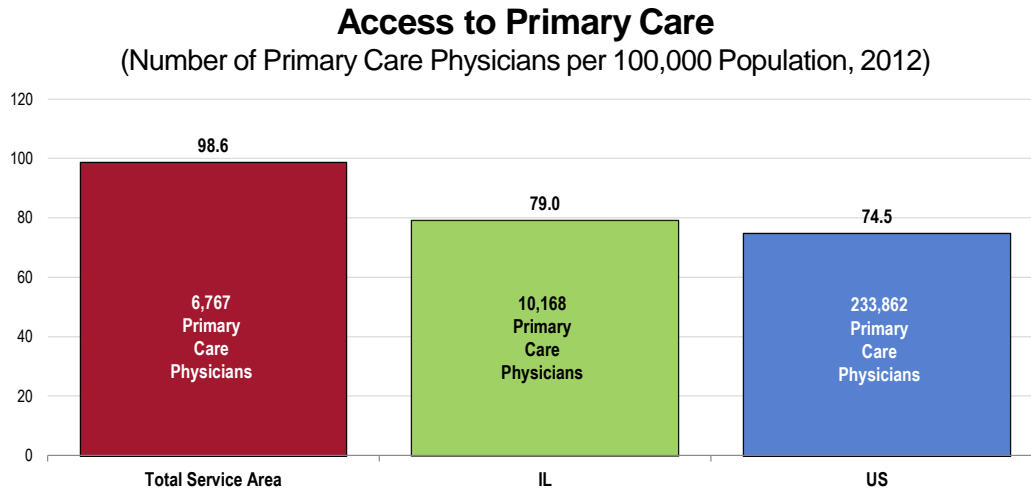
- Greater patient trust in the provider
- Good patient-provider communication
- Increased likelihood that patients will receive appropriate care

Improving health care services includes increasing access to and use of evidence-based preventive services. Clinical preventive services are services that: **prevent** illness by detecting early warning signs or symptoms before they develop into a disease (primary prevention); or **detect** a disease at an earlier, and often more treatable, stage (secondary prevention).

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Access to Primary Care

This indicator is relevant because a shortage of health professionals contributes to access and health status issues.



Sources:
 

- US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Area Health Resource File: 2012.
- Retrieved August 2015 from Community Commons at <http://www.chna.org>.

Notes:
 

- This indicator is relevant because a shortage of health professionals contributes to access and health status issues.

### Specific Source of Ongoing Care

Having a specific source of ongoing care includes having a doctor’s office, clinic, urgent care center, walk-in clinic, health center facility, hospital outpatient clinic, HMO or prepaid group, military/VA clinic, or some other kind of place to go if one is sick or needs advice about his or her health. This resource is crucial to the concept of “patient-centered medical homes” (PCMH).

***“Is there a particular place that you usually go to if you are sick or need advice about your health?”***

***“What kind of place is it: a medical clinic, an urgent care center/walk-in clinic, a doctor’s office, a hospital emergency room, military or other VA healthcare, or some other place?”***

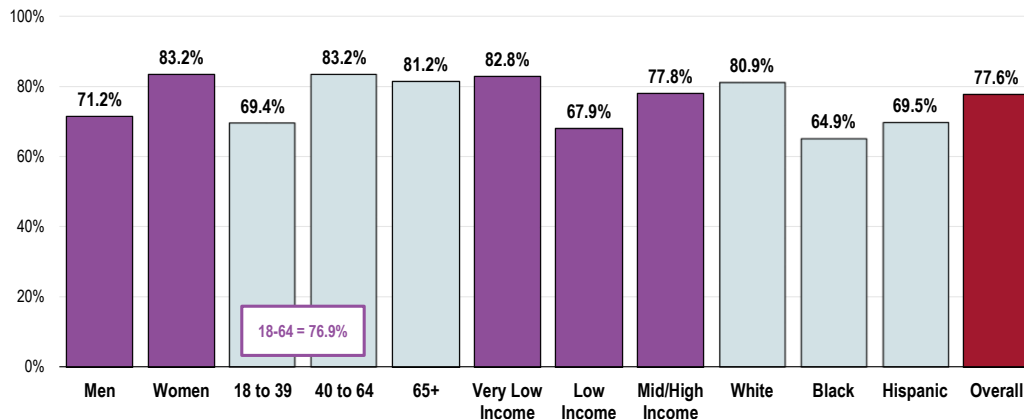
The following chart illustrates the proportion of the Total Service Area population with a specific source of ongoing medical care. Note that a hospital emergency room is not considered a specific source of ongoing care in this instance.

- Note the Healthy People 2020 objectives.

### Have a Specific Source of Ongoing Medical Care

(Total Service Area, 2015)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 95.0% or Higher [All Ages]; ≥89.4% [18-64]; 100% [65+]



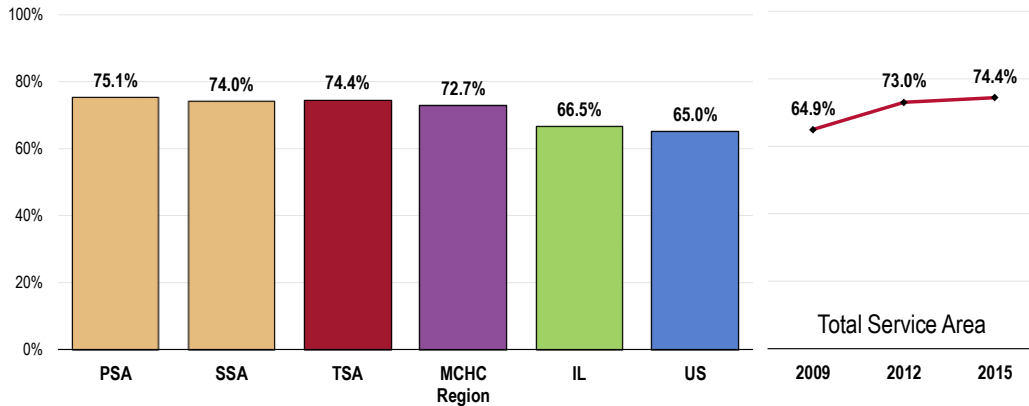
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- 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 166-168]
  - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objectives AHS-5.1, 5.3, 5.4]
- Notes:
- Asked of all respondents.
  - Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).
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### Utilization of Primary Care Services

**Adults:** “A routine checkup is a general physical exam, not an exam for a specific injury, illness or condition. About how long has it been since you last visited a doctor for a routine checkup?”

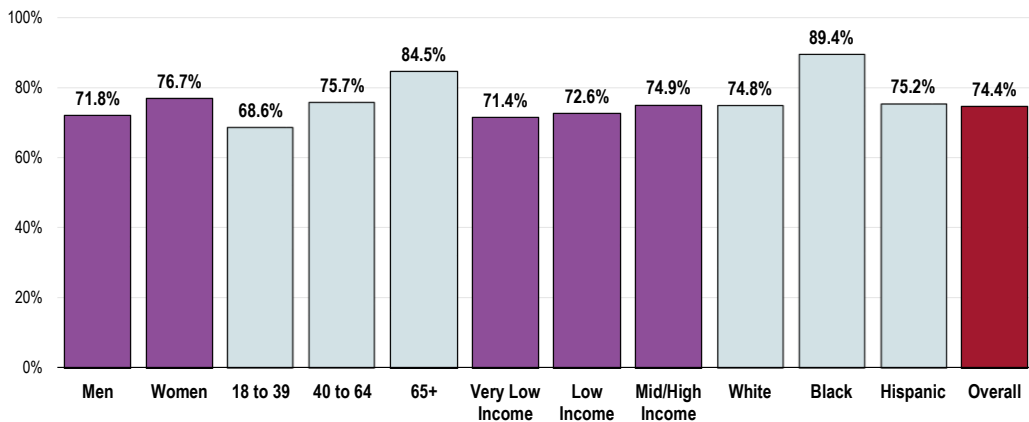
**Children:** “About how long has it been since this child visited a doctor for a routine checkup or general physical exam, not counting visits for a specific injury, illness, or condition?”

#### Have Visited a Physician for a Checkup in the Past Year



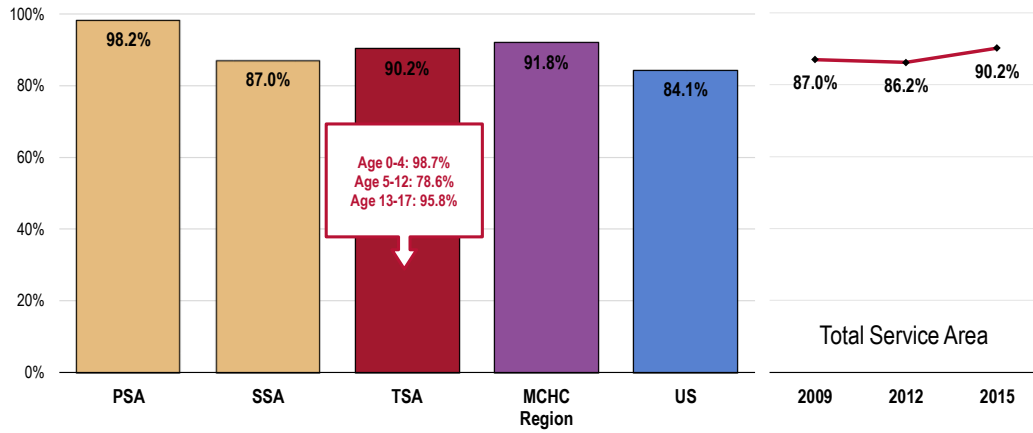
Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 17]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): 2013 Illinois data.  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

#### Have Visited a Physician for a Checkup in the Past Year (Total Service Area, 2015)



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### Child Has Visited a Physician for a Routine Checkup in the Past Year (Among Parents of Children 0-17)



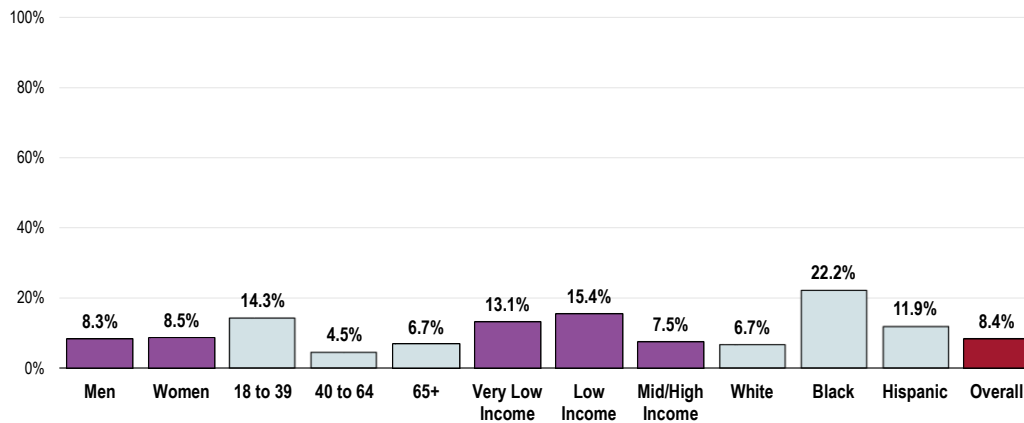
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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children 0 to 17 in the household.

## Emergency Room Utilization

***“In the past 12 months, how many times have you gone to a hospital emergency room about your own health? This includes ER visits that resulted in a hospital admission.”*** (Responses below reflect the percentage with two or more visits in the past year.)

### Have Used a Hospital Emergency Room More Than Once in the Past Year

(Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 23]

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## Oral Health

### About Oral Health

Oral health is essential to overall health. Good oral health improves a person's ability to speak, smile, smell, taste, touch, chew, swallow, and make facial expressions to show feelings and emotions. However, oral diseases, from cavities to oral cancer, cause pain and disability for many Americans. Good self-care, such as brushing with fluoride toothpaste, daily flossing, and professional treatment, is key to good oral health. Health behaviors that can lead to poor oral health include: **tobacco use**; **excessive alcohol use**; and **poor dietary choices**.

The significant improvement in the oral health of Americans over the past 50 years is a public health success story. Most of the gains are a result of effective prevention and treatment efforts. One major success is community water fluoridation, which now benefits about 7 out of 10 Americans who get water through public water systems. However, some Americans do not have access to preventive programs. People who have the least access to preventive services and dental treatment have greater rates of oral diseases. A person's ability to access oral healthcare is associated with factors such as education level, income, race, and ethnicity.

Barriers that can limit a person's use of preventive interventions and treatments include: limited access to and availability of dental services; lack of awareness of the need for care; cost; and fear of dental procedures.

There are also social determinants that affect oral health. In general, people with lower levels of education and income, and people from specific racial/ethnic groups, have higher rates of disease. People with disabilities and other health conditions, like diabetes, are more likely to have poor oral health.

Potential strategies to address these issues include:

- Implementing and evaluating activities that have an impact on health behavior.
- Promoting interventions to reduce tooth decay, such as dental sealants and fluoride use.
- Evaluating and improving methods of monitoring oral diseases and conditions.
- Increasing the capacity of State dental health programs to provide preventive oral health services.
- Increasing the number of community health centers with an oral health component.

- Healthy People 2020 ([www.healthypeople.gov](http://www.healthypeople.gov))

### Dental Care

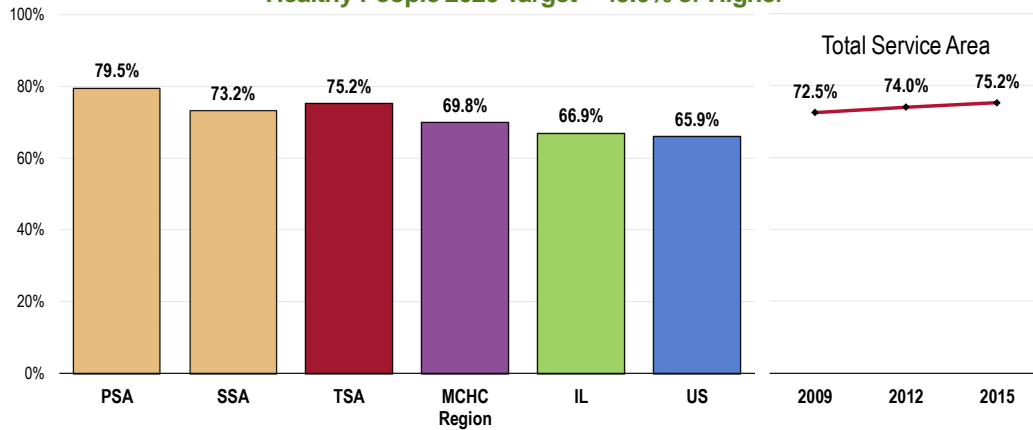
**Adults:** *“About how long has it been since you last visited a dentist or a dental clinic for any reason?”*

**Children Age 2-17:** *“About how long has it been since this child visited a dentist or dental clinic?”*

- Note the Healthy People 2020 target.

### Have Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic Within the Past Year

Healthy People 2020 Target = 49.0% or Higher

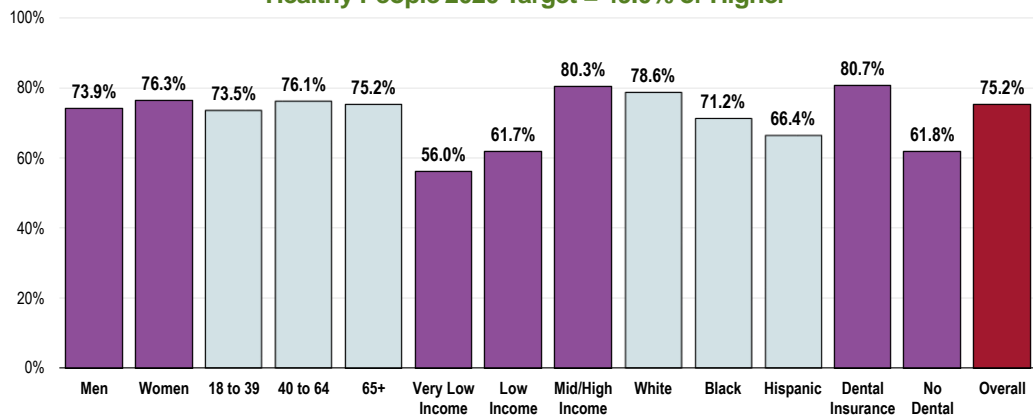


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 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective OH-7]  
 • Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Illinois. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); 2012 Illinois data.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Have Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic Within the Past Year (Total Service Area, 2015)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 49.0% or Higher



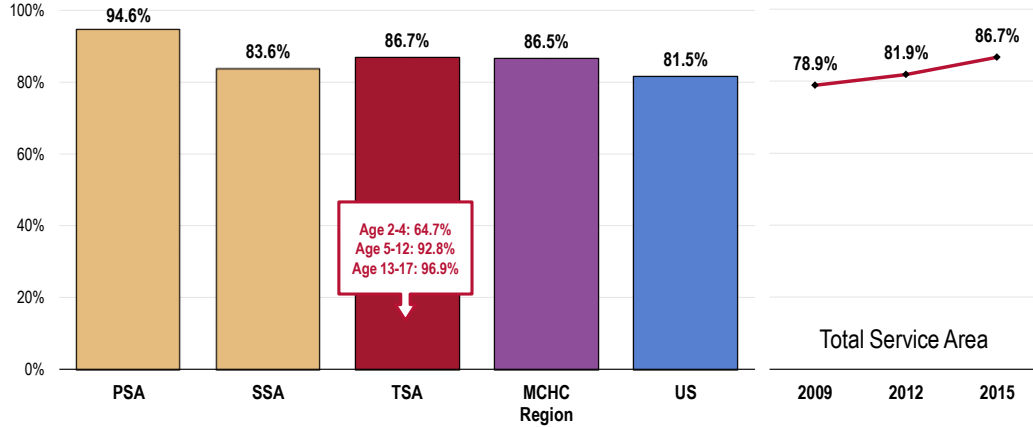
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### Child Has Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic Within the Past Year (Among Parents of Children Age 2-17)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 49.0% or Higher

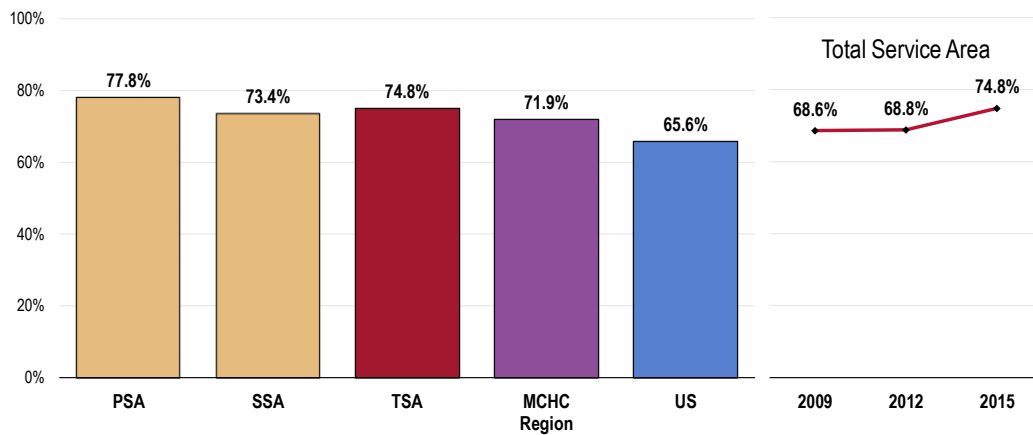


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 • US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov> [Objective OH-7]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents with children age 2 through 17.

### Dental Insurance

“Do you currently have any health insurance coverage that pays for at least part of your dental care?”

### Have Insurance Coverage That Pays All or Part of Dental Care Costs

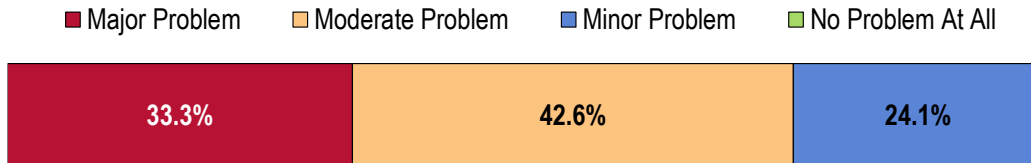


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 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Key Informant Input: Oral Health

The following chart outlines key informants' perceptions of the severity of *Oral Health* as a problem in the community:

### Perceptions of Oral Health as a Problem in the Community (Key Informants, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Online Key Informant Survey.

### Top Concerns

Among those rating this issue as a “major problem,” reasons frequently related to the following:

#### Access to Care

*Access to affordable care. – Social Service Representative*

*It's too expensive! Low priority until pain erupts. – Social Service Representative*

*Inadequate access to dental care for people with Medicaid. – Physician*

*Expensive. – Social Service Representative*

*Dental care is expensive and not usually covered by insurance plans. Medicaid coverage is very limited. – Social Service Representative*

*Access to dental care, especially in areas of poverty and lack of access to affordable care. – Other Health Provider*

*Oral care in most newly arrived Latino immigrants is lacking greatly. Oral care is seen as a luxury. Education is lacking and/or costly for patients. This is especially true for the adults. While children can afford to see a dentist given Illinois' Medicaid coverage, adults are not covered most of the time. – Other Health Provider*

*Few to no services available that are affordable for people paying out of pocket. Usually excluded from health insurance plans. – Public Health Expert*

*Great number of underserved without access to care. – Community/Business Leader*

*Oral disease remains pervasive among families with lower incomes or less education, the frail elderly, those with disabilities. – Other Health Provider*

*Lack of access to health professionals providing affordable care and lack of public insurance coverage. – Other Health Provider*

*Access to care. – Social Service Representative*

*Limited coverage under Medicaid for adult dental concerns and very few providers. For those with high deductibles, lack of access/care for adults/children. – Public Health Expert*

*Lack of access for those with limited financial means and/or those without insurance. – Social Service Representative*

*Lack of access to oral care. – Public Health Expert*

**Lack of Providers**

*Very few providers in the area. – Community/Business Leader*

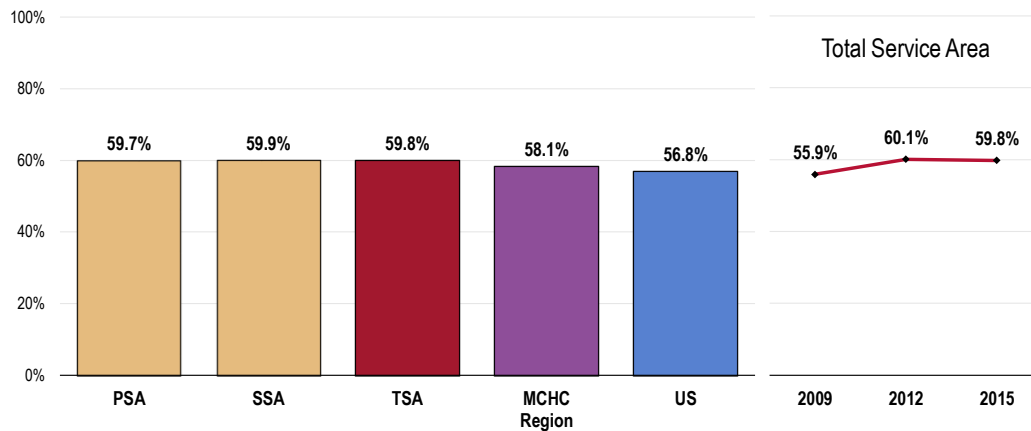
*There is no dental provider in this area. – Community/Business Leader*

## Vision Care

**“When was the last time you had an eye exam in which the pupils were dilated? This would have made you temporarily sensitive to bright light.”** (Responses in the following chart represent those with an eye exam within the past 2 years.)

See also *Vision & Hearing* in the Death, Disease & Chronic Conditions section of this report.

### Had an Eye Exam in the Past Two Years During Which the Pupils Were Dilated



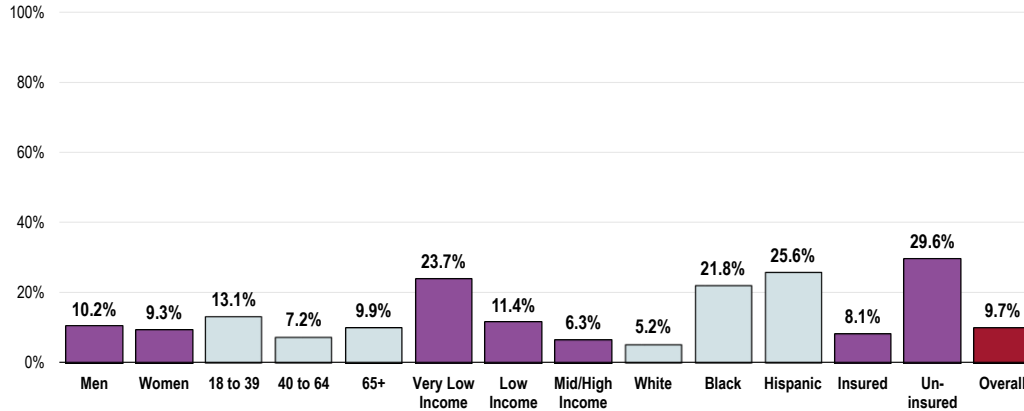
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 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Local Healthcare

### Perceptions of Local Healthcare Services

*“How would you rate the overall health care services available to you? Would you say: excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?”* (Combined “fair/poor” responses are outlined in the following chart.)

**Perceive Local Healthcare Services as “Fair/Poor”**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 6]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

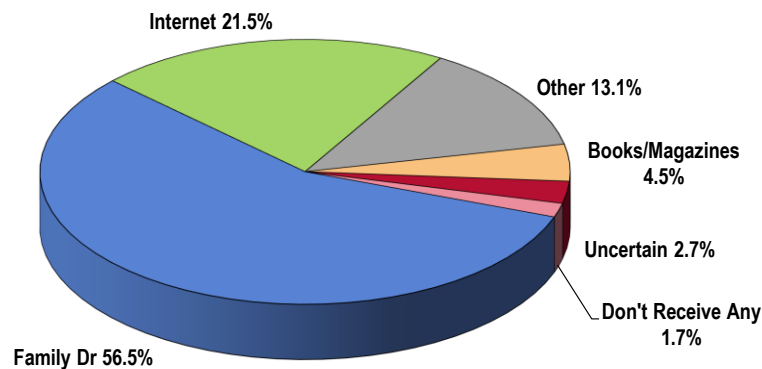
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### Healthcare Information Sources

*“Where do you get most of your healthcare information?”*

**Primary Source of Healthcare Information**  
(Total Service Area, 2015)



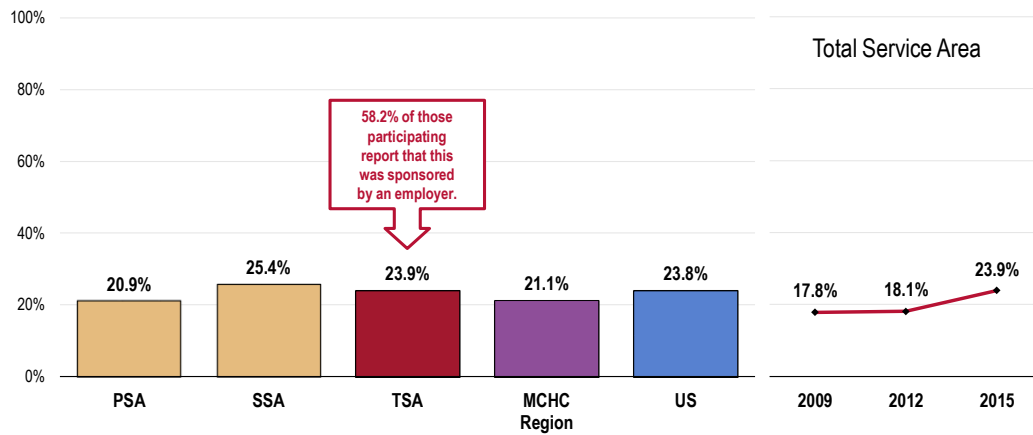
Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 310]

Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

## Attendance at Health Promotion Events

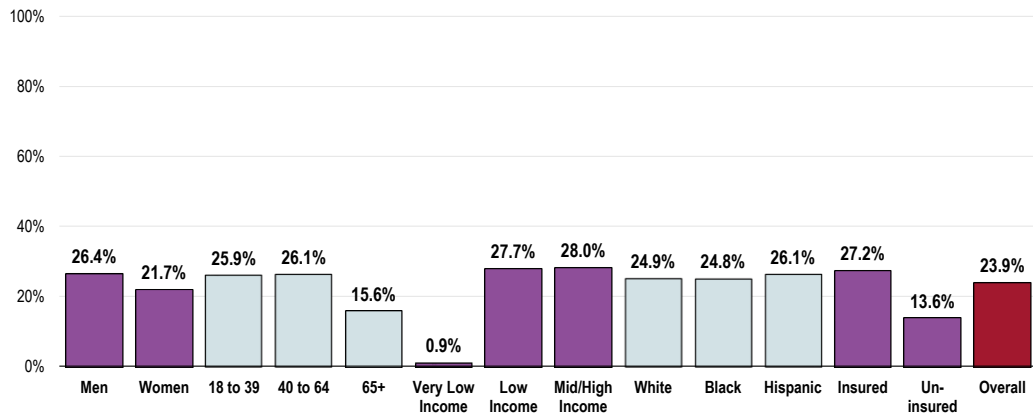
*“In the past 12 months, have you participated in any organized health promotion activities, such as health fairs, health screenings, or seminars, either through your work, hospital, or community organizations?”*

### Participated in a Health Promotion Activity in the Past Year



Sources: • PRC Community Health Surveys, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 311-312]  
 • 2013 PRC National Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

### Participated in a Health Promotion Activity in the Past Year (Total Service Area, 2015)



Sources: • 2015 PRC Community Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 311]  
 Notes: • Asked of all respondents.  
 • Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., “White” reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).  
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## Resources Available to Address the Significant Health Needs

The following represent potential measures and resources (such as programs, organizations, and facilities in the community) available to address the significant health needs identified in this report. This list is not exhaustive but rather outlines those resources identified in the course of conducting this Community Health Needs Assessment.

### Access to Healthcare Services

Access Community Health Network  
 ADAPT  
 Brighton Park Neighborhood Council  
 Centro de Salud Esperanza  
 Chicago Commons/Nia Family Center  
 Churches  
 CRC Health and Wellness  
 DuPage County Health Department  
 DuPage Health Coalition – Access DuPage  
 Engage DuPage  
 Erie Family Health Center  
 Esperanza Health Centers  
 Fantus  
 Federally Qualified Health Centers  
 Genesis  
 Health Department  
 Healthcare Alternative System  
 Heartland Health Center  
 Illinois Coalition of Free and Charitable Clinics  
 Jorge Prieto Clinic, Cook County Health System  
 La Casa Norte  
 Lake County Health Department  
 Logan Square Neighborhood Association  
 Loretta Hospital  
 Mile Square Health Center  
 Near North Health Service Corporation  
 Nicasa  
 PCC Wellness

Rosalind Franklin University  
 Safety Net Mental Health Services  
 Saint Anthony Hospital Community Wellness Program  
 Streamwood Clinic  
 TASC  
 Vista Health Center of Cook County  
 West Humboldt Park Development Council  
 West Suburban Hospital  
 Westside Health Authority  
 Zion Benton Children's Service

### Arthritis, Osteoporosis & Chronic Back Conditions

Primary Care Providers

### Cancer

Academic Medical Centers  
 Access Community Health  
 Affordable Care Act  
 AIDS Foundation  
 Alexian Brothers  
 American Cancer Society  
 Cancer Support Centers  
 Cancer Treatment Centers of America – Zion  
 CDH Cancer Center  
 DCHD Breast and Cervical Cancer Programs  
 Edward–Elmhurst Healthcare  
 Erie Family Health  
 Esperanza Health Center

Health Department  
 Home Health  
 Hospice Care  
 Hospitals  
 Internet Support  
 John H. Stroger Hospital  
 Lake County Health Department Tobacco Cessation  
 Largest Medical Districts in the World  
 North FQHCs  
 Northwest Community Healthcare  
 Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital  
 OB/GYN  
 Outpatient Infusion Clinics  
 Palliative Care  
 PCC Community Wellness Center  
 Rush University Medical Center  
 Skin Care  
 University of Chicago Medical Center  
 Volunteer Health Associations

Emergency Room  
 Friendship Village  
 Geriatric Care  
 Group Homes  
 Home Health  
 Hospital  
 Local Care Giving Agency  
 Metropolitan Family Services  
 Nursing Homes  
 Primary Care Providers  
 Respite  
 Senior Services through DuPage County  
 Silverado Naperville  
 Skilled Nursing Facilities  
 Social Services  
 Spring Meadows Naperville  
 Sunrise of Naperville  
 The Greater Illinois Chapter of Alzheimer's Association  
 West Suburban Hospital

#### **Chronic Kidney Disease**

Affordable Care Act  
 American Kidney Foundation  
 Individual Dialysis Clinic  
 Local Health Departments  
 Major Academic Medical Centers  
 National Kidney Fund of Illinois  
 Pace Bus  
 Taxi

#### **Dementias, Including Alzheimer's Disease**

Alden Courts of Waterford  
 Alexian Brothers Senior Assisted Living  
 Alzheimer's Center  
 Catholic Charities  
 Cook County Health Systems  
 Department of Aging

#### **Diabetes**

Access Community Health Network  
 Addison Park District Centennial Fitness Center  
 Affordable Care Act Extending Coverage  
 Alexian Brothers Hospital  
 American Cancer Society  
 Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance  
 Arlington Senior Center  
 Aunt Martha's  
 Be Well  
 Chicago Food Depository  
 Chicago Park District  
 CLOCC  
 Community Care Connection  
 Community Health Worker Program



*CRC Health and Wellness*  
*CVS Minute Clinics*  
*Diabetes Care Services*  
*Diabetes Educators*  
*Doctor's Office*  
*DuPage County Health Department*  
*DuPage PADS*  
*Education Explaining the Health Benefits of Nature*  
*Edward–Elmhurst Hospital*  
*Elmhurst Memorial Hospital*  
*Erie Family Health*  
*Erie Health Reach Waukegan Health Center*  
*Esperanza Health Center*  
*FQHCs*  
*Growing Movement in Community Gardening*  
*Gyms*  
*Health Fairs*  
*Home Care*  
*Hospital-based Classes*  
*Lake County Health Department*  
*Local Health Department*  
*Loyola Center for Health*  
*Major Academic Medical Centers*  
*Mano a Mano Diabetes Program*  
*Mercy Hospital*  
*Miles Square Health Center*  
*Mount Sinai Hospital*  
*NCH Community Health Workers*  
*NCH Community Nursing*  
*NCH Diabetes Services and Education*  
*NCH Emerald Circle Program*  
*NCH Promotores de Salud Program*  
*NCH Wellness Center*  
*Northwestern Memorial Hospital*  
*Norwegian American Hospital*

*Pilot Produce Stands*  
*Programs through Cook County*  
*Primary Care Providers*  
*Rosalind Franklin Care Van*  
*Rush University Medical Center*  
*Saint Anthony Hospital*  
*University of Chicago Medical Center*  
*Vista*  
*Walgreens*  
*Walking Paths in Forest Preserves*  
*Wound Clinics*

### **Family Planning**

*Affirming Sex Education Providers*  
*Alivio Medical Center*  
*Anchor Health Services*  
*CDPH*  
*CRC*  
*DHS Office*  
*Doctor's Office*  
*Family Planning Curriculum Taught in Churches*  
*FQHCs*  
*General Practitioners*  
*Midwest Access Project*  
*Monticello Medical Clinic*  
*Near North Health Service*  
*New Moms*  
*PHD*  
*Planned Parenthood*  
*Primary Care Providers*  
*Regional Office of Education*  
*Teen Parent Connection*  
*Vista*  
*Westside Health Authority*  
*WIC*

**Hearing & Vision**

*Illinois College of Optometry*

**Heart Disease & Stroke**

*Advocate Condell Medical Center*

*American Heart Association*

*Area FQHCs*

*CLOCC*

*Community Health Screenings*

*Competent Cardiologists*

*Edward–Elmhurst Hospital*

*Erie Health Center*

*Exercise and Rehab Facilities*

*Health Fairs*

*Healthy Chicago Healthy Hearts Campaign*

*Heart Failure Programs to Prevent Remission*

*Hospitals*

*Keep Your Heart Healthy*

*Lake County Health Department*

*Local Health Departments*

*Loyola Center for Health*

*Major Academic Medical Centers*

*Northwestern/Lake Forest Hospital*

*Nutrition Education Programs*

*Parks and Other Facilities for Exercise*

*Physicians*

*Rush Medical Center*

*School-based Nutrition Programs*

*Specialists*

*Spend Time Outdoors*

*STEMI and Stroke Centers*

*Tobacco Cessation Program at Lake County Health Department*

*Trained EMS*

*University of Chicago Medical Center*

*Vista Hospital*

**HIV/AIDS**

*AFC*

*Affordable Care Act*

*Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Programs*

*Behive/HIVco*

*CDPH HIV Bureau*

*Health Department*

*Healthcare Alternative Systems*

*Heartland Alliance*

*Howard Brown*

*Norwegian American Hospital*

*Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center*

*Sinai Health System*

*The AIDS Foundation of Chicago*

*Vida/SIDA, Puerto Rican Cultural Center*

**Immunization & Infectious Diseases**

*Access Community Health Network*

*Area FQHCs*

*Chicago Monticello Medical Center*

*Erie Family Health Center*

*Health Department*

*In-store Clinics*

*Mile Square Health Center*

*Near North Health*

*Norwegian American Hospital*

*Pharmacists*

*Primary Care Physicians*

*Sinai Health System*

**Infant & Child Health**

*Access Community Health Network*

*Affordable Care Act Extending Coverage*

*CDPH MCH Program*

*CDPH/CPS Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program*

*CRC*

*Early Intervention at Lake County Health*

*Department*

*EverThrive Illinois*  
*Family Case Management at Lake County Health Dept*  
*Federally Qualified Health Centers*  
*Growing Network of Community Health Workers*  
*Healthcare Alternative Systems*  
*Lake County Health Department SASS Program*  
*Mile Square Health Center*  
*New Moms*  
*Norwegian American Hospital*  
*Nurse Family Partnerships at Lake County Health Dept*  
*Planned Parenthood*  
*Sinai Children's Hospital*  
*Vista*  
*WIC*

**Mental Health**

*360 Youth Services*  
*A Safe Haven Foundation*  
*Access Community Health Network*  
*Adolescent and Adult Mental Health Facility*  
*Adventist Institute for Behavioral Medicine*  
*Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital*  
*Alexian Center for Mental Health*  
*Antioch Community Counseling Services*  
*Arden Shore Child and Family Services*  
*Association House of Chicago*  
*Behavior Health Programs at FQHCs*  
*Behavioral Health Services at Lake County Health Dept*  
*Chicago for Homeless*  
*Church*  
*Community Counseling Centers of*

*Chicago-C4*

*Community Youth Network*  
*CRC*  
*Detox/Rehab Facilities*  
*DuPage County Health Department*  
*DuPage County Behavioral Health Treatment*  
*Edward Hospital*  
*Edward–Elmhurst Hospital*  
*Engage DuPage Program that Facilitates Linkage*  
*Eckert Center*  
*Erin Family Health Center*  
*Gateway Foundation*  
*Haymarket*  
*Healthcare Alternative Services*  
*Heartland Alliance*  
*Heartland International Health Center*  
*Hospitals*  
*Howard Brown Health Center*  
*HRDI*  
*Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation*  
*Independence Center*  
*Inpatient Adolescent Psychiatric Unit*  
*Inpatient Adult Psychiatric Unit*  
*Jail*  
*Jocelyn Center*  
*Kenneth Young Center*  
*Lake County Courts*  
*Lake County Health Department*  
*Law Enforcement*  
*Linden Oaks*  
*Low-cost Counseling Programs*  
*Lutheran Social Services*  
*Mental Health First Aid*  
*Mental Health of America – Illinois*  
*Metropolitan Family Health*  
*Mt. Sinai*

*NAMI*  
*NCH's Mental Health Navigator Program*  
*NICASA*  
*Northwest Community Hospital*  
*Omni Youth Services*  
*Outpatient Psychiatrists*  
*PHD*  
*Pilsen Wellness Center*  
*Primary Care Physicians*  
*Private Mental Health Resources*  
*Psychologists & Psychiatrists Practice Through Region*  
*Rosecrance*  
*Rosalind Franklin University*  
*Safety Net Nonprofit Providers*  
*Saint Anthony Hospital's Community Wellness Programs*  
*Salvation Army*  
*Samaritan Interfaith*  
*Sass Mental Health*  
*School Counselors*  
*School Nurses, Deans, and Social Workers*  
*Social Work Officers in Police Departments*  
*The Bridge*  
*The Circle*  
*Thresholds*  
*Turning Point*  
*Vista Health Center*  
*Vista West Psychiatric Unit*  
*Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center*

#### **Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight**

*AAHAA Walking Club*  
*Access for Divvy Bikes*  
*Access to Parks*  
*Active Transportation Alliance*  
*Addison Park District*

*Affordable and Healthy Restaurants*  
*Alexian Brothers Medical Center*  
*American Heart Association*  
*Arlington Senior Services*  
*Beaches and Playgrounds*  
*Be Well – Lake County*  
*Centennial Park Indoor Fitness Facility*  
*Center for Health and DuPage County Health Department*  
*Chicago Park District*  
*Community Hunger Network and People's Research Center*  
*Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC)*  
*CRC Health Programs*  
*Edward–Elmhurst Hospital*  
*Efforts to Strengthen Prairie Path*  
*Erie*  
*Exercise Facilities*  
*Forest Preserve*  
*FORWARD Coalition*  
*Healthcare Providers*  
*Health Department*  
*Health Fairs*  
*Hospitals and Clinics*  
*Illinois AAP*  
*Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity*  
*Kells Park*  
*Lake County Forest Preserve*  
*Let's Move Campaign*  
*Library with Programs*  
*LifeTime Fitness*  
*Local Farmers Markets*  
*Local Health Provider Organizations*  
*Logan Square Neighborhood Association*  
*Municipal Parks and Recreational Districts*  
*Municipal Strategies to Develop and Support Health*

*NCH Community Health Workers*  
*Nutrition Education Providers*  
*Nutritional Information in Restaurants*  
*Parks*  
*Parks with Walking Paths*  
*Pilot Produce Market Projects*  
*Programs at FQHCs*  
*Schools*  
*Telpochcalli Community Education Project*  
*The Chicago Park District and Cook County Forest Preserve*  
*Village Parks and Recreation Programs*  
*Vista*  
*Weight Watchers*  
*Wellness Center*  
*West Humboldt Park Development Council*  
*Workplace Wellness*  
*YMCA*

### **Oral Health**

*Access Community Health Network*  
*Affordable Care Act*  
*Aunt Martha's Health Center*  
*College of Dentistry, University of Illinois at Chicago*  
*College of Lake County Dental Hygienist Program*  
*DuPage County Health Department Clinic*  
*DuPage Dental Care Connections*  
*Erie Family Health Center*  
*Free Dental Clinic*  
*IFLOSS*  
*Lake County Health Department*  
*Local Dental Societies*  
*Midwest University Dental Clinic*  
*NCH Mobile Dental Clinic*

*PCC Community Wellness Center*  
*Preferred Dentistry Associates*  
*Private Dental Practices*  
*Ready, Set, Smile Program*  
*Smile Squad*  
*Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Zion Benton Children's Services*

### **Respiratory Diseases**

*Access Community Health Center*  
*Affordable Care Act*  
*American Lung Association*  
*Cardiopulmonary Rehab at the Hospital*  
*Chicago Stop Smoking Program*  
*Durable Medical Equipment Companies*  
*Erie Family Health Center*  
*Erie Health Reach Waukegan Health Center*  
*Health Departments*  
*Lake County Health Department*  
*Mano a Mano Family Resource Center*  
*Northwest Community Hospital*  
*Norwegian American Hospital*  
*Primary Care Physicians*  
*Pulmonary Physicians*  
*Respiratory Health Association*  
*School-based Health Center at Round Lake High School*  
*Sinai Health System/Mount Sinai Hospital*  
*Trained EMS*

### **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
*Area Hospitals*  
*Chicago Monticello Medical Center*  
*Core Center*  
*Doctors and Mental Health Professionals*  
*Erie Health Reach Waukegan Health*

Center  
 Federally Qualified Health Centers  
 Free Condoms  
 Health Department  
 Howard Brown Health Center  
 Lake County Health Department  
 Near North  
 Planned Parenthood, Oak Park  
 Primary Care Physicians  
 Robert Crown Center, Hinsdale  
 Schools  
 STI Clinic Lake County Health Department

#### Substance Abuse

901 Kirchoff Outpatient Substance Abuse Program  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 Alexian Brothers  
 Behavioral Health Services/LSSI  
 Behavioral Health Treatment Collaborative  
 Chicago Recovery Alliance  
 Community Outreach Intervention Projects  
 Edward–Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst  
 Forthcoming Adult Addictions Residential Haymarket  
 Health Department  
 Healthcare Alternative Systems  
 Hospitals  
 Illinois DASA  
 Lake County Health Department  
 Linden Oaks  
 Lutheran Social Services  
 Nicasa  
 Nonprofit Safety Net Resources  
 Omni Youth Treatment Center  
 Outpatient Substance Abuse Centers

PADS  
 Police Department  
 Private Services  
 Project Connect  
 Reach for Recovery Programs  
 Rosecrance  
 School Advisors  
 Serenity House  
 Share  
 Substance Abuse Programs at FQHCs  
 TASC  
 Teen Challenge  
 The Bridge Substance Abuse Services  
 YouthBuild Lake County

#### Tobacco Use

Affordable Care Act  
 American Lung Association  
 Chicago Stop Smoking Program  
 Edward–Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst  
 Edward–Elmhurst Hospital, Naperville  
 Lake County Health Department  
 Local Health Departments  
 Private Doctors  
 Quitline  
 Respiratory Health Association