



**Healthcare Access Program  
Low-Income Health Assessment Survey  
Allen County, Indiana**

**Overview:**

This survey was initiated as a project of the Healthcare Access Program (HAP) and funded by HAP Members: the Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Department of Health, Parkview Hospital Community Benefit Program, The Lutheran Foundation and the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation. The mission of HAP is to convene local low-cost, no-cost healthcare providers to serve as a Center of Excellence in organizing and administering programs that increase the quality and efficiency, and reduce the cost of healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Allen County, Indiana.

The purpose of this survey is to identify the health status, health behaviors, and access (utilization and barriers) to health care services of Allen County residents with household incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level. This information should be used to identify strengths, gaps, and opportunities for improved health care delivery for low income residents of Allen County to improve the health status of our community.

Interviews were randomly conducted with 454 low-income residents age 18 and over in the following zip codes in Allen County, Indiana: 46802, 46803, 46805, 46806, 46807, 46808, and 46816. The survey results represent a maximum error rate of plus or minus 4.6% at the 95 percent level of confidence. A minimum of 100 surveys were completed for both African-American and for Hispanic respondents.

**Areas Covered by the Survey**

**Health Status**

- Physical Health Status
- Mental Health Status
- Chronic Depression
- Stress
- Mental Health Treatment

**Death & Disability**

- High Blood Pressure
- High Cholesterol
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Prostrate Cancer Screenings
- Breast Cancer Screenings
- Cervical Cancer Screenings
- Asthma (adults & children)
- Injuries: Seat Belt Usage
- Injuries: Bicycle Helmet Usage
- Violent Crime
- Neighborhood Safety
- Family Violence
- Diabetes
- Lead Exposure

- Activity Limitations

**Infectious Disease**

- Pneumonia Vaccination
- HIV Testing
- Sexuality
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases

**Modifiable Health Risks**

- Nutrition (adults & children)
- Body Weight
- Overweight Status
- Weight Control
- Physical Activity Levels
- Fitness/Nutrition Programs
- Physical Activity & Children
- Alcohol Use
- Illicit Drug Use
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Cigarette Smoking
- Smoking Cessation Attempts
- Environmental Tobacco Smoke

**Access to Healthcare Services**

- Healthcare Coverage
- Lack of Health Insurance
- Impact of Poor Access
- Uninsured Rates
- Barriers to Healthcare Access
- Sources of Healthcare
- Utilization of Healthcare
- Prescriptions
- Emergency Room Services
- Dental Care
- Dental Insurance Coverage
- Vision Care

**Health Education & Outreach**

- Healthcare Information Sources
- Community Based Programs

**Identified Areas for Significant Opportunity to Impact:**

While data gathered will be helpful to many programs in the community, the following “areas of opportunity” represent recommended areas of intervention, based on the information gathered through this *Low-Income Health Assessment* and the guidelines set forth in *Healthy People 2010*.

- Cancer Screenings
- Lead Poisoning Risk
- Child Overweight
- Tobacco Use
- Affordable Prescriptions
- Specific Source for Medical Care

If you would like to participate in any ongoing conversations and/or research in the above area, please contact the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation at 969-2001 ext. 201 or any of HAP Partners.

***On-line Access to Database, Reports and the Findings***

The study was conducted by Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC), a nationally recognized healthcare marketing research firm. PRC hosts the data and reporting for community-wide access through its data portal, [www.PRCeasyView.com](http://www.PRCeasyView.com). Through this site, you will be able to:

- View the results of the 2006 Allen County Low-Income Community Health Survey
- Segment survey findings by demographics (e.g., age, gender, race), response characteristics (e.g., overweight adults, smokers, adults with asthma, etc.) or combinations thereof.
- View, download and/or print the full report generated for this study in Adobe Acrobat.
- View, download and/or print the PowerPoint presentation file.
- **Log on to [www.PRCeasyView.com](http://www.PRCeasyView.com)** using the following Username and Password:  
**Username = Allen County Password = low-income**

If you have any difficulty accessing this site, please send an e-mail to PRC through its corporate website at [www.PRConline.com](http://www.PRConline.com), or call PRC at (800) 647-3322 for assistance. You may also contact Meg Distler, Executive Director of St. Joseph Community Health Foundation at 260-969-2001, Ext. 201 or Teresa Tracey, Parkview Hospital’s Community Benefit Manager, at 260-373-7973.

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