

OVERVIEW

Every three years, the health system members conduct a collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The shared CHNA serves as the foundation from which hospitals and local health departments develop their respective community health improvement strategies. The findings are also intended to inform a broader audience about the top health issues facing their communities.

The 2021 CHNA was supported by a consultant, Conduent Healthy Communities Institute (Conduent HCI), and local partner, The Center for Urban Population Health (CUPH).

The CHNA relies on three **main data inputs**:

- Community health online survey (primary data)
- Stakeholder interviews and focus groups representing 90+ organizations (primary data)
- Data indicators from Health Compass Milwaukee (secondary data)

All of the data for this assessment were collected by Conduent HCI and analyzed for areas of overlap, frequency, and health impact. The CHNA work team and Conduent HCI analysts conducted several reviews of key findings and themes to yield the health issues, priority populations, and social determinants that comprise the 2021 Milwaukee County Community Health Needs Assessment.

HEALTH EQUITY

This CHNA is grounded in a broad and comprehensive understanding of population health – taking into consideration that health care accounts for roughly 20% of what contributes to overall health. In reviewing and analyzing the health outcome and health factor data around key determinants, a racial and health equity lens was utilized to reveal and call attention to health disparities and inequities.

Health equity and health disparities are complex and closely connected, as are their root causes. Our new approach this year addressed racism and discrimination head-on to understand its historical and current connection to health – especially for communities of color.



PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

Since 2012, the health system members of the MHCP have facilitated a triennial, shared CHNA for Milwaukee County.

- Aurora Health Care
- Ascension Wisconsin
- Children's Wisconsin
- Froedtert Health

CHNA survey and secondary data is provided to all local health departments in Milwaukee County.

OUTCOMES

TOP HEALTH ISSUES

- Mental Health
- Violence
- Drug Use / Overdose
- Alcohol
- Access to Health Care

ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Maternal, Fetal and Infant Health
Particularly Infant Mortality
- Infectious Disease
COVID, HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Chronic Disease
Diabetes, Heart Disease, Asthma, etc.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Black / African American	Blacks face twice the 'number of years of life lost,' compared to Whites.
Hispanic / Latino	70% of Latinos have health insurance, compared to a 95% coverage rate for Whites.
Children & Youth < 18 years old	Nearly 1 in 4 children live in poverty, a rate 3x more likely for Latinos and 4x more likely for Blacks, compared to Whites.
Older Adult / Elderly > 65 years old	Older adults face increased social isolation, more than 1 in 3 live alone.

GOALS

- Identify and elevate top health issues and needs through quantitative and qualitative data
- Use data to describe health inequities by presenting disaggregated findings for identified priority populations
- Frame upstream key determinants of health, including racism and discrimination and intersection of housing and health through the concepts of place, space, and economics

