

Community Health Assessment

2022 Summary Report

Population: 135,966

By Age: Persons 18 to 64 make up **61%**

Veteran Status **11.5%**

Income & Poverty
Persons in poverty **13.3 %**

Median household income
\$59,676 (2017-2021)

Survey respondents:

There is good healthcare in Harnett County (72%)

Harnett County is a good place to raise children (88%)

Harnett County is a good place to grow old (84%)

Harnett County is a safe place to live (89%)

Leading Causes of Death

1. Cancer
2. Heart Disease
3. Chronic lower respiratory disease
4. Other Unintentional injuries
5. Cerebrovascular disease
6. Diabetes Mellitus
7. Alzheimer's disease
8. Unintentional Motor Vehicle Injuries
9. COVID-19
10. Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, & nephrosis

Every three years local public health agencies throughout North Carolina conduct a comprehensive Community Health Assessments. The Harnett County Health Department along with community partners released the **2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA)**. Core members of the Community Health Assessment Team included representatives from Harnett Health, Cape Fear Valley Health Systems, Campbell University Department of Public Health and Healthy Harnett. The team outlined a series of activities for collecting secondary and primary data throughout 2022.

The 2022 CHA reflects an investment by several organizations to understand community needs from the perspective and experiences of residents. The vision for the community health assessment process is “synthesizing health data with the voices in our community to chart a course toward a healthy community for all in Harnett County.”

Community members have rated these concerns as significant with regard to the urgency, severity, and feasibility of improvement efforts.

- Harnett County’s health priorities are 1. **Behavioral Health** (including substance use disorder and overdose prevention), 2. **Chronic Disease** and 3. **Motor Vehicle Injuries**.

To view the full 2022 report visit the Health Department’s web site www.harnett.org/health. The results from the 2022 CHA will be used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan to address the priority issues identified.

Next Steps: As this report is now completed, several next steps are needed to move the CHA from assessment to action:

1. Results from the 2022 Community Health Assessment will be disseminated to the community via online access, community organizations, media, and promotion through partnerships.
2. Action plans outlining evidence-based strategies to address the county’s health priorities will be developed and submitted to the state.
3. An annual State of the County’s Health (SOTCH) Report will be compiled and released to provide timely updates on health indicators related to our community and the work surrounding our health priorities. For more information please call the Harnett County Health Department 910-893-7550 and ask for the Health Education Division.

