

2022 Taney County Community Health Assessment (CHA)

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Introduction

Every three to five years, Taney County completes a Community Health Assessment (CHA). The goal of the CHA is to learn how healthy Taney County residents are and find ways to improve their health. Taney County uses a plan called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) to complete the CHA. This plan has six steps. These steps, the 2022 CHA timeline, and completion method are shown in **Figure 1 (1)**.

Figure 1 - MAPP Steps and 2022 CHA Timeline

Step	Timeline	Completion Method
1: Partnership Development and Planning	March, 2022	Community Partner Planning Meeting ¹
2: Visioning	March, 2022	Partner Survey and Group Discussion ²
3: Four Assessments	August 2021 – September 2022	Community Health Survey, Partner Surveys, Partner Interviews, Group Discussions, Pre-Existing Data Analysis ³
4: Health Prioritization	May, 2022	Community Partner Ranked Choice Voting
5: Action Planning	October 2022 – December 2022	Community Partner Planning Meetings
6: Action Cycle	January 2023 – January 2026	Community Health Improvement Plan Meetings

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Health Priorities

A vital part of the CHA is choosing health priorities. The information gathered from the CHA process revealed seven themes. These themes are substance use, obtainable housing, mental health, childhood abuse and neglect, local workforce, unity and collaboration, and diverging health experiences.

TCHD showed information from each theme to community partners. The partners discussed the themes as a group. Then, partners ranked their top four priorities using ranked choice voting. The top three chosen health priorities, in order, were Obtainable Housing, Substance Use, and Mental Health (2).

Figure 2 shows priority rankings.

¹ TCHD invited community partners from eight sectors, including local hospitals, medical clinics, behavioral health clinics, local government, non-profits that help underprivileged people, business owners, K-12 schools, and colleges.

² This led to the following vision statement, “Creating a community where *all people* can access healthy opportunities.”

³ Additional information on methods can be found under “Appendix A – Data Collection”.

Figure 2 - CHA Ranked Health Priorities, 2022

Priority	Number of Votes	Average Score
Obtainable Housing	22	6.1
Substance Use	20	5.9
Mental Health	20	5.8
Child Abuse and Neglect	19	4.5
Unity and Collaboration	4	5.0
Local Workforce	2	4.0
Diverging Health Experiences	1	4.0

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Key Findings

The CHA process resulted in key findings which are reviewed and grouped by topic in the next section.

Taney County Overview

Taney County is in Southwest Missouri next to the Arkansas border. It is in the Ozark Mountains and has three major lakes (3). More than ten million people visited the area in 2022. This is due in part to its natural beauty, golf courses, live entertainment, and shopping options (4).

Taney County is home to more than 56,000 residents (5). This population increased at four times the rate of Missouri’s population increase between 2000 and 2020 (6; 5). **Figures 3 through 6** show race, ethnicity, and languages spoken in Taney County.

Taney County has several unique trends worth noting. The first is that Taney County citizens are, on average,⁴ 4.5 years older than the state (7). **Figure 7** shows an overview of age. Taney County also has a higher number of veterans for its size than Missouri, with 1 in 10 residents (10.1%) identifying as a veteran compared to 1 in 12 (8.3%) in Missouri (8). Further, among civilian non-institutionalized⁵ people, 17.2% of the population are living with a disability compared to 14.4% of the Missouri population (9). The total population is split between more than half living in rural areas and slightly less than half living in urban clusters like Branson (10).

Figure 3 - 1 in 7 Taney County Residents Identifies as a Race Other Than White

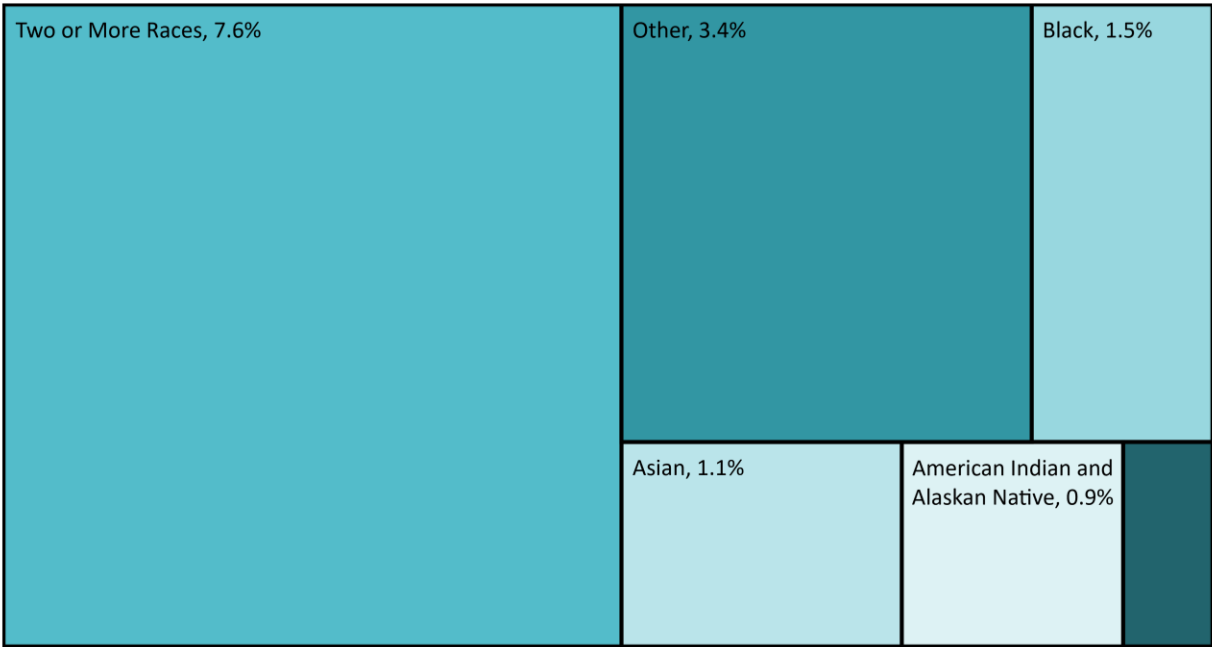


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Figure 4 - “Two or More Races” Most Common Race Other Than White

⁴ Median was used to calculate this average.

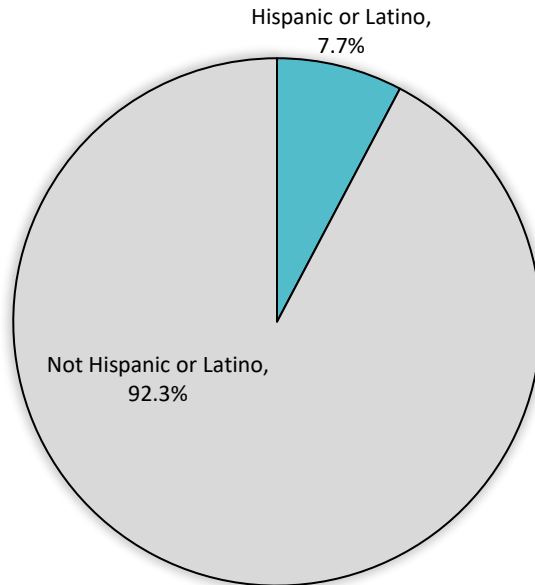
⁵ The Civilian noninstitutionalized population includes “all U.S. civilians not residing in institutional group quarters facilities such as correctional institutions, juvenile facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and other long-term care living arrangements” (94).



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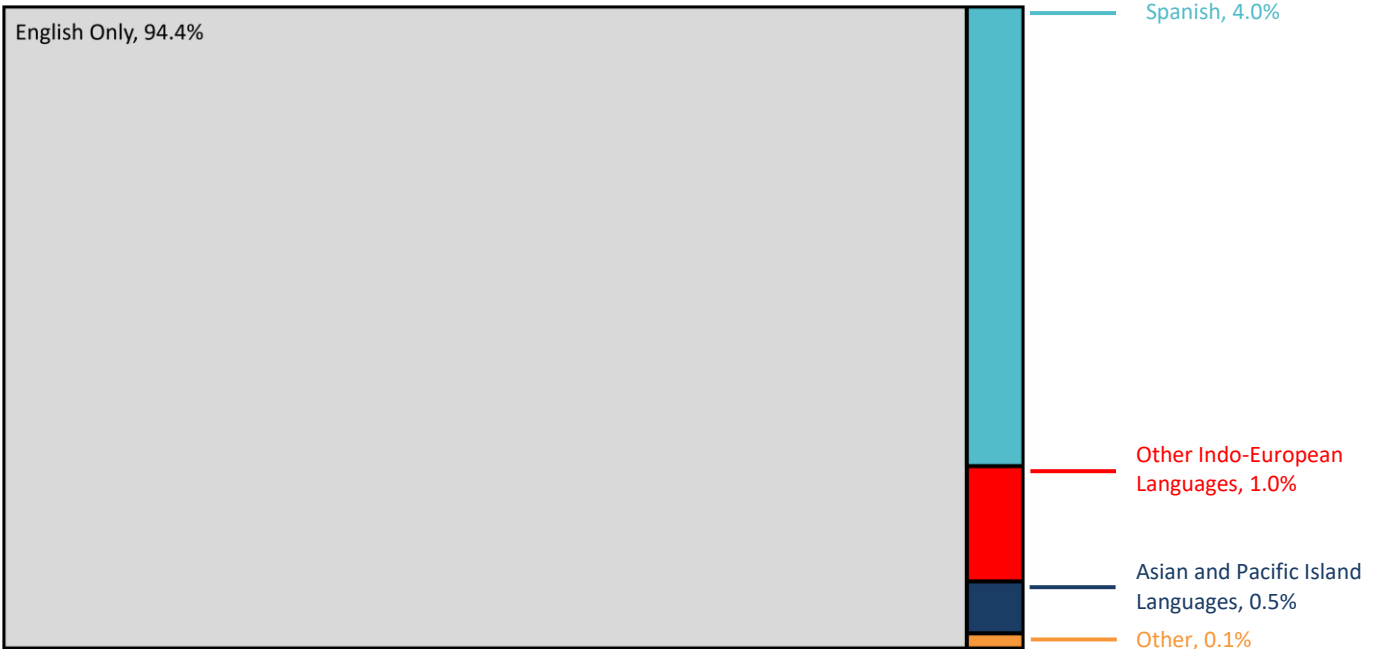
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, 0.4%

Figure 5 - 1 in 13 Residents Identifies as Hispanic or Latino



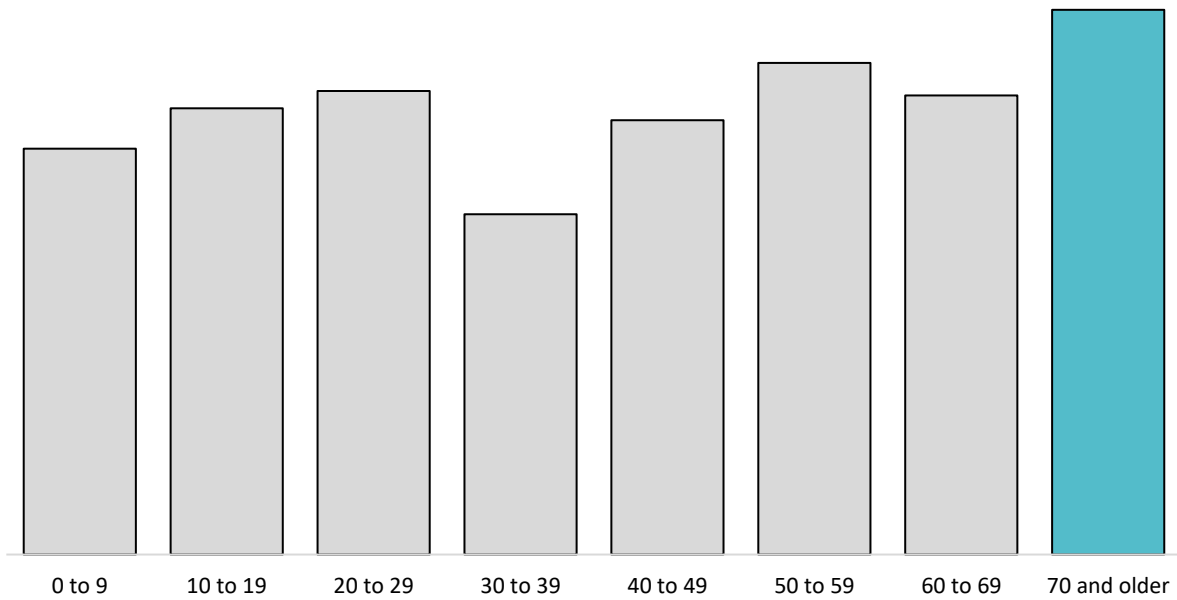
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Figure 6 - 1 in 20 Taney County Residents Speaks a Language Other than English



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Figure 7 - More than 1 in 7 Residents are 70 Years or Older



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Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) are how the world around people affects their health. As shown in **Figure 8**, SDoH are grouped into five categories (15). SDoH are important because they can impact up to

50% of health outcomes (16). The affect these influences have on health, especially between the Eastern and Western sides of Taney County, are explored in further detail under the “Behavioral Risk Factors” and “Death, Illness, and Injury” sections of this report.

Figure 8 - Social Determinants of Health



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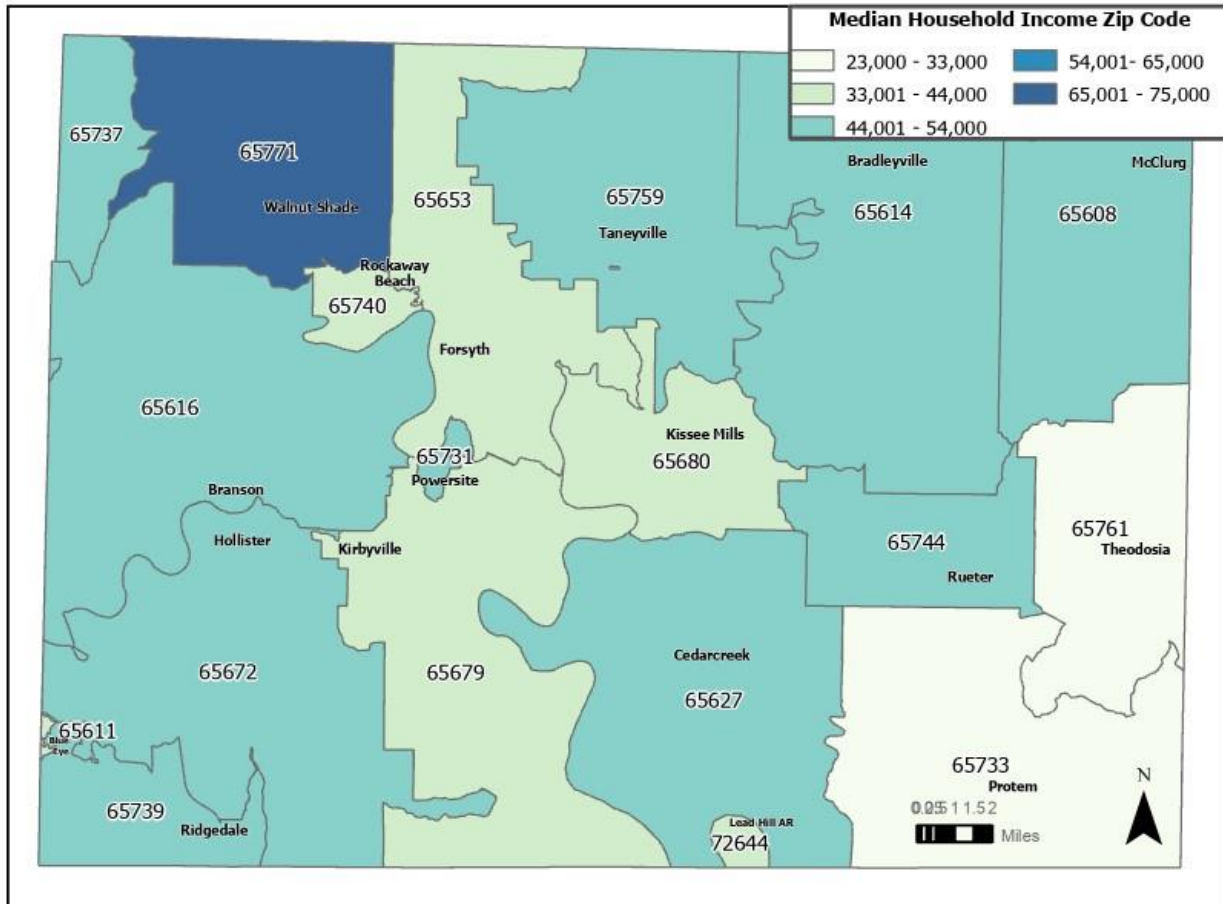
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Economic Stability

A stable and steady income affects the way that people eat, what kind of homes they live in, and whether they can get healthcare when they need it (17). For many in Taney County, income is seasonal (see **Figure 10** for employment by month). This means lower yearly wages. As shown in **Figure 11**, nearly

1 in 4 households have an income of less than \$25,000 per year⁶ (18). This is part of why, when survey respondents were asked what they wanted to change about the community, 1 in 12 said they wanted things like higher wages, better benefits, and year-round work (19). Further, while the median income is \$47,860, this number varies between ZIP codes. **Figure 9** shows median income by ZIP code. Overall, median income is higher in Western portions of Taney County. (18).

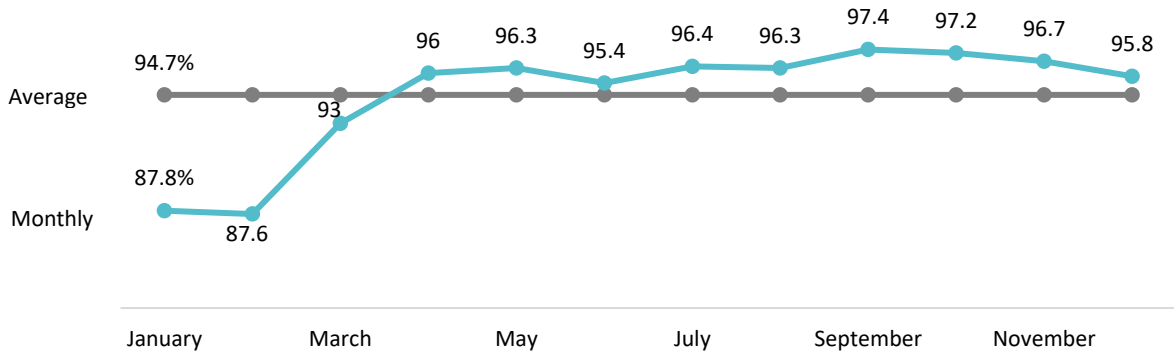
Figure 9 - Median Income by Taney County ZIP Code, 2020



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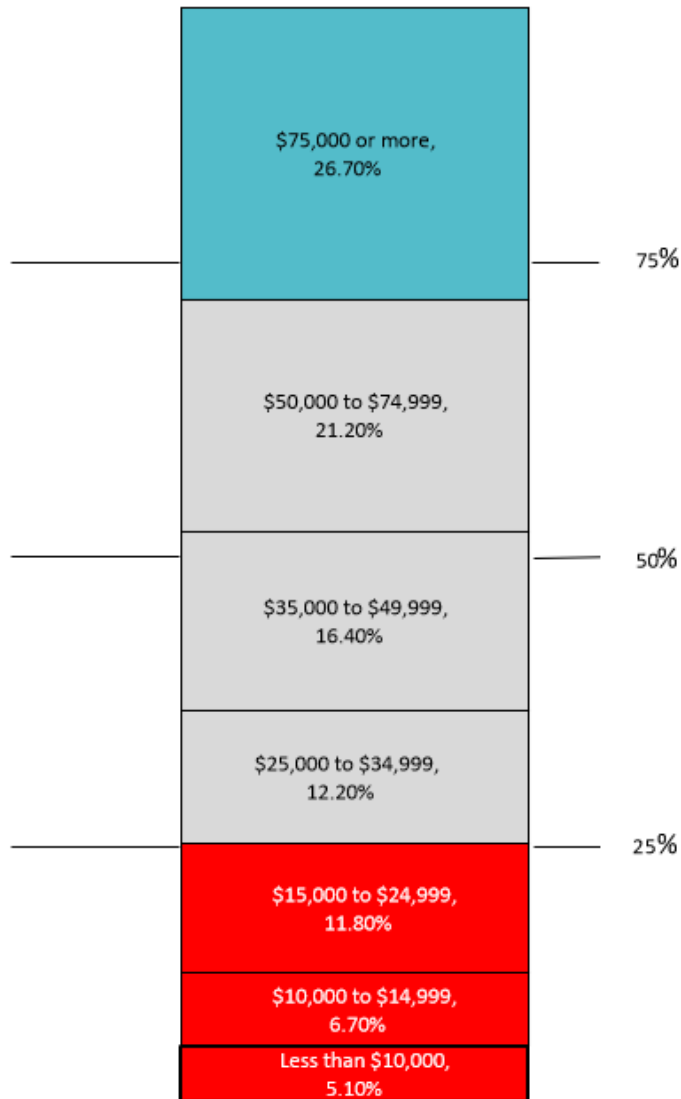
⁶ The average household size for Taney County in 2021 was estimated to be 2.55 people.

Figure 10 – Taney County Employment Lowest in January and February



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Figure 11 – 1 in 4 Households Make Less Than \$25,000 Per Year



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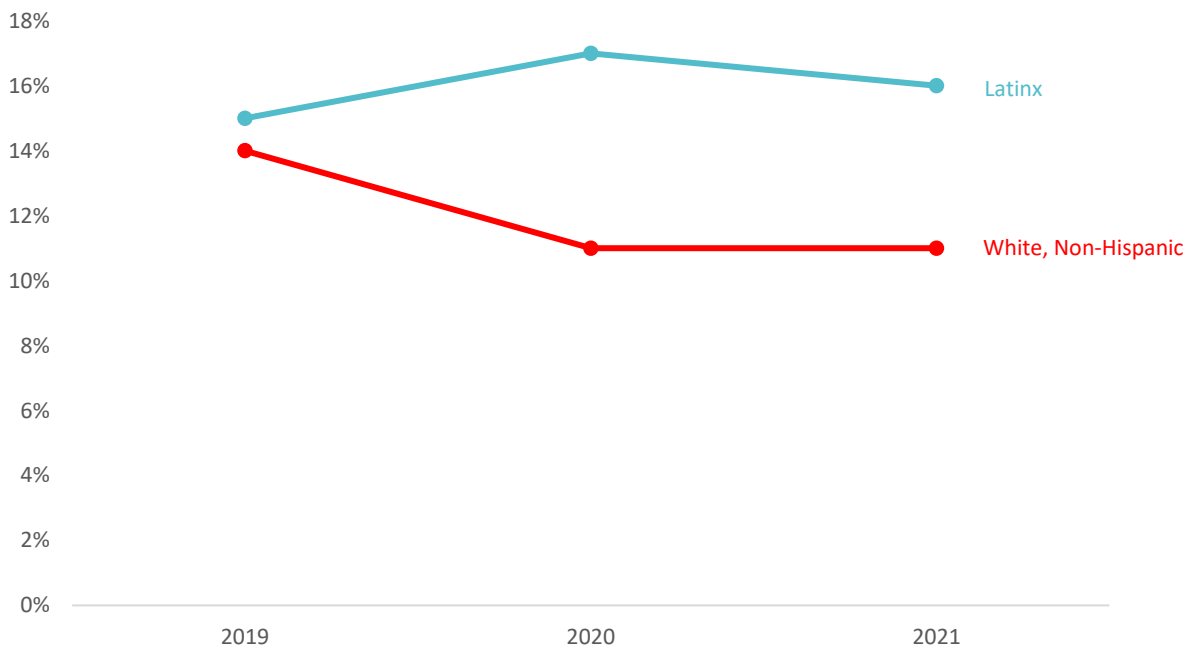
Food Insecurity

People who are food insecure do not always have enough food to eat (21). This can cause health problems like being overweight, having poor mental health, and issues with physical and mental growth (22). In Taney County, nearly 1 out of every 6 people (17.8%) is food insecure (23). Children are at higher risk than the general population, with nearly 1 in 4 children (24%) being food insecure (24). Of the 9,910 people who are food insecure in Taney County, only half (52%) can get Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits⁷ (23).

As **Figure 12** shows, people who identify as Latinx experience more food insecurity than their white, non-Hispanic counterparts⁸. This difference was magnified in 2020 and continued through 2021 (25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30).

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) gathered food insecurity data to supplement the data described above. The Taney County Community Health Survey found that 1 out of 8 (12.9%) respondents said they were unable to pay for food in the month prior to taking the survey. When survey respondents were asked which, if any, reasons they have trouble getting enough food to eat, 1 in 5 (19.7%) said they are unable to afford food. Barriers to food access are shown in **Figure 14**. When asked, nearly half (49.6%) of survey respondents cited having trouble eating healthy. **Figure 15** outlines reasons why respondents have trouble eating healthy (19).

Figure 12 - Difference in Food Insecurity Between Ethnicities Increased Significantly in 2020

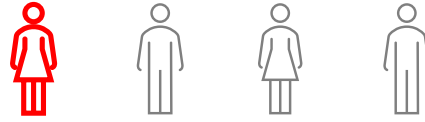


(25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30).

⁷ SNAP benefits, also called Food Stamps, are federal government benefits to some low-income families to help them buy food.

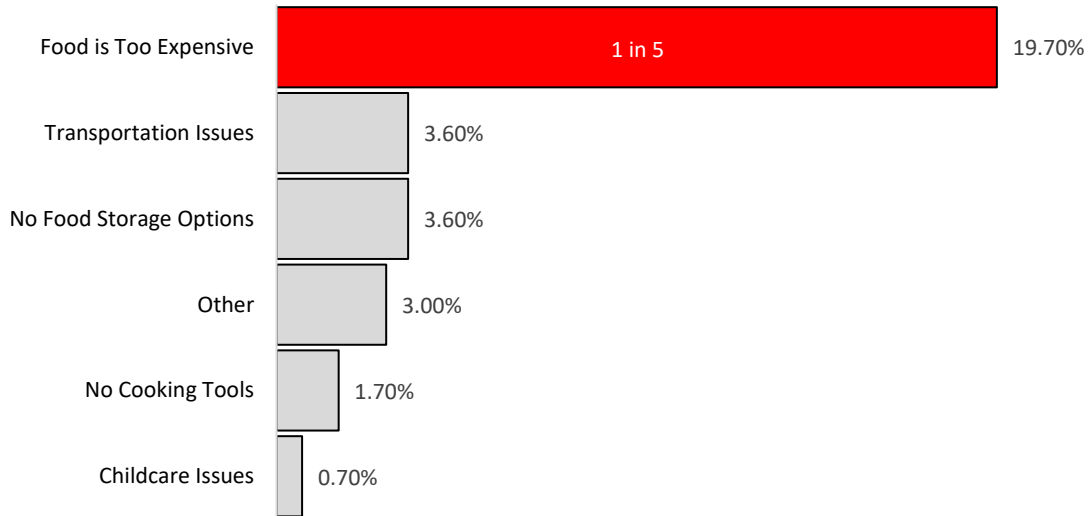
⁸ Food insecurity rates in Taney County were unavailable for people who identified as Black, Asian, Native American or Alaskan Native, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or for people identifying as multiple races.

Figure 13 - 1 in 4 Taney County Children Faces Food Insecurity



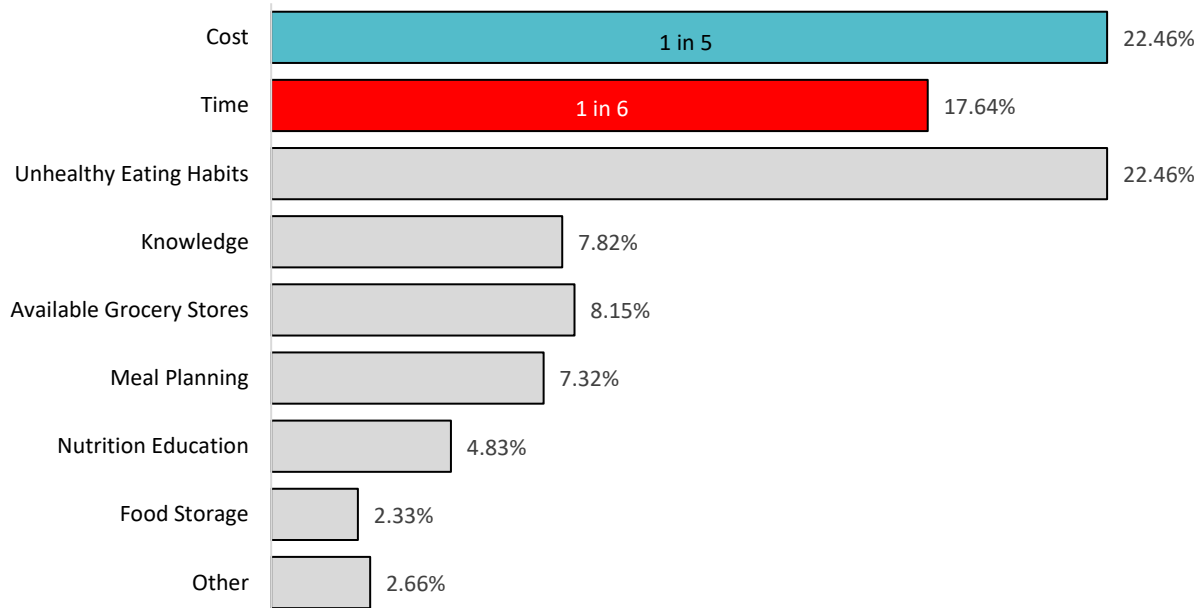
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Figure 14 - 1 in 5 Survey Respondents Cannot Afford Food



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Figure 15 - Cost of Healthy Food and Time to Prepare It Make It Hard to Eat Healthy

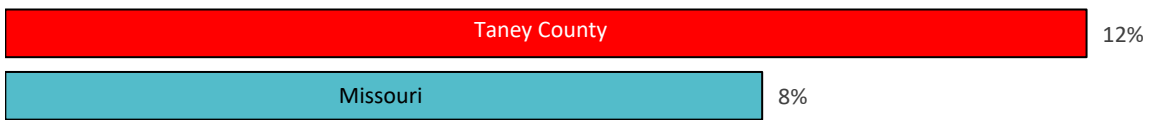


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Educational Attainment

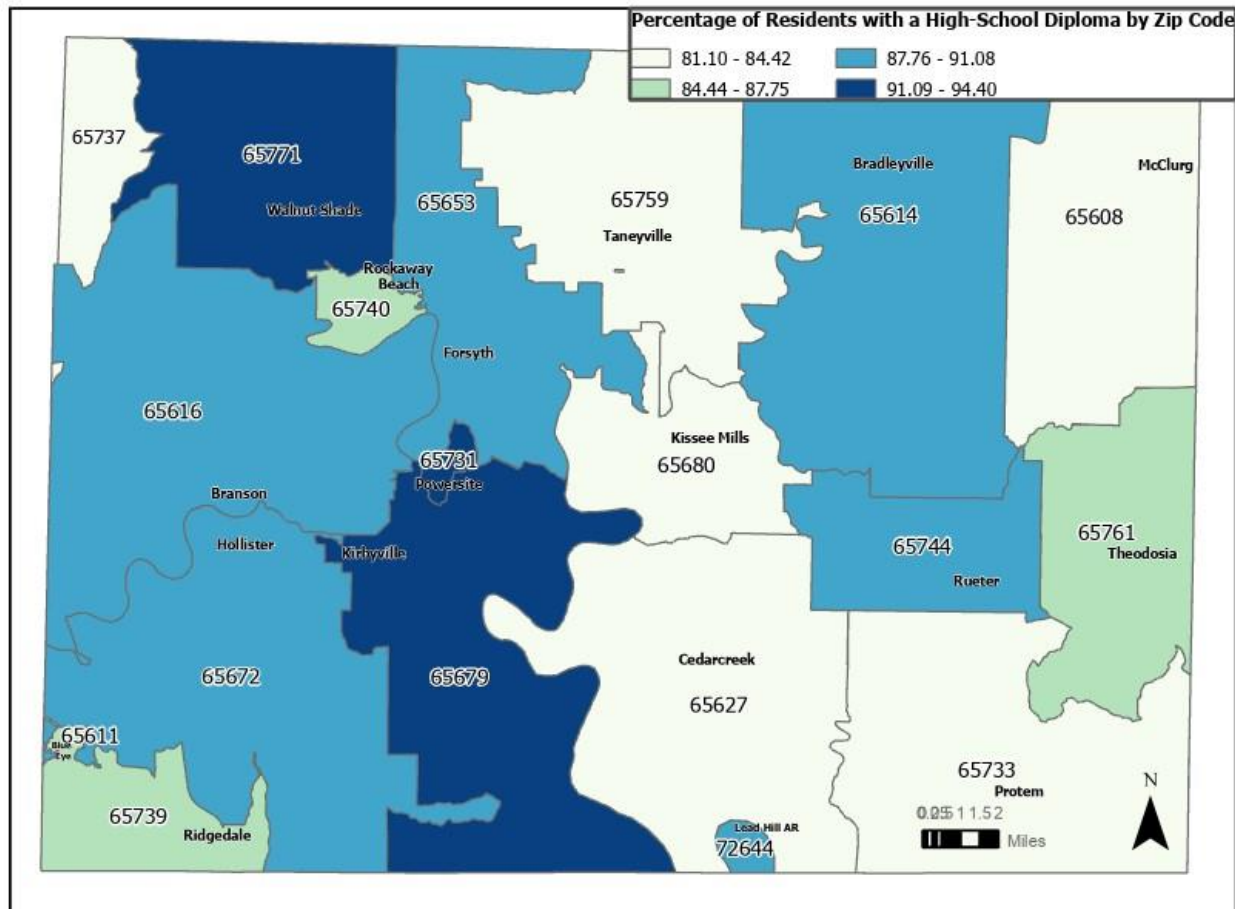
People’s education levels impact their health. This is because higher education levels can mean safer jobs, better benefits, and increased pay. This can impact health concerns such as injuries, heart disease, diabetes, and depression. Completing high school can be affected by many things, including local culture, and having the resources to focus on school (31). **Figure 16** shows education levels in Taney County and Missouri. Overall, those in Taney County are less likely to complete high school than Missouri (32). This differs by ZIP code in Taney County. **Figure 17** shows the percentage of people in each ZIP code with at least a high school diploma. Overall, education level is higher in the Western portion of Taney County.

Figure 16 - Taney County Has a Higher Percentage of People Without a High School Diploma Than Missouri



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Figure 17 - Residents With a High School Diploma by Taney County ZIP code, 2018

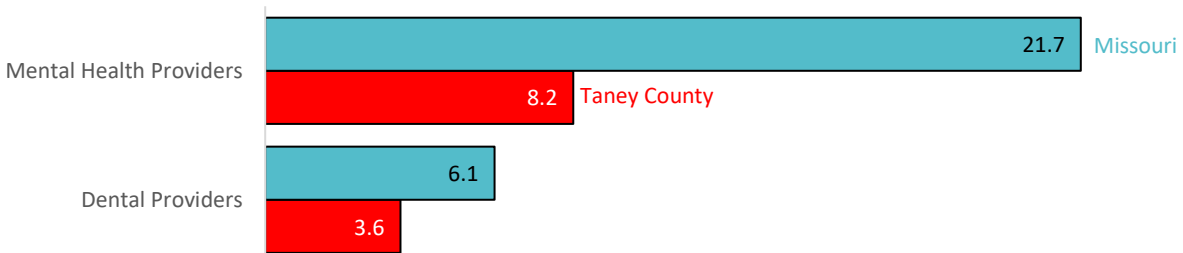


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Healthcare Resources

As **Figure 18** shows, Taney County does not have nearly as many dentists or mental health providers as Missouri (34; 35; 36; 37). People need to be able to see their doctors to stay healthy. Having enough doctors in a community makes it easier to schedule an appointment and get needed care.

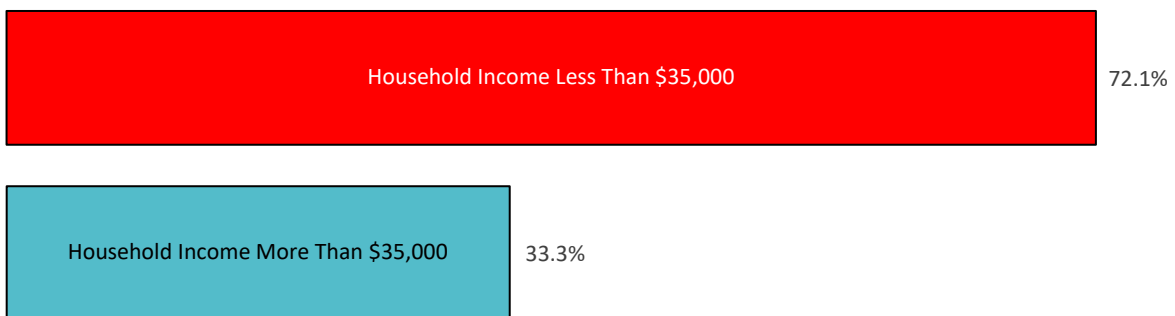
Figure 18 – Taney County Has Fewer Mental Health and Dental Providers Per 10,000 Than Missouri



(34; 35; 36; 37).

There are other factors that can make it harder for people to see their doctors. **Figure 19** shows that Community Health Survey respondents with lower incomes are more likely to say they have trouble accessing at least one type of healthcare (19). Barriers to healthcare access may be due to the cost of visits or inability to miss work, inflexible job schedules, and the unavailability of health insurance benefits. In 2019, nearly 1 in 5 (18%) Taney County residents under the age of 65 was uninsured (38).

Figure 19 - Households with an Income Below \$35,000 are Twice as Likely to Have Trouble Accessing Care



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Figure 20 - 1 in 5 Taney County Residents Under the Age of 65 Is Uninsured, 2019



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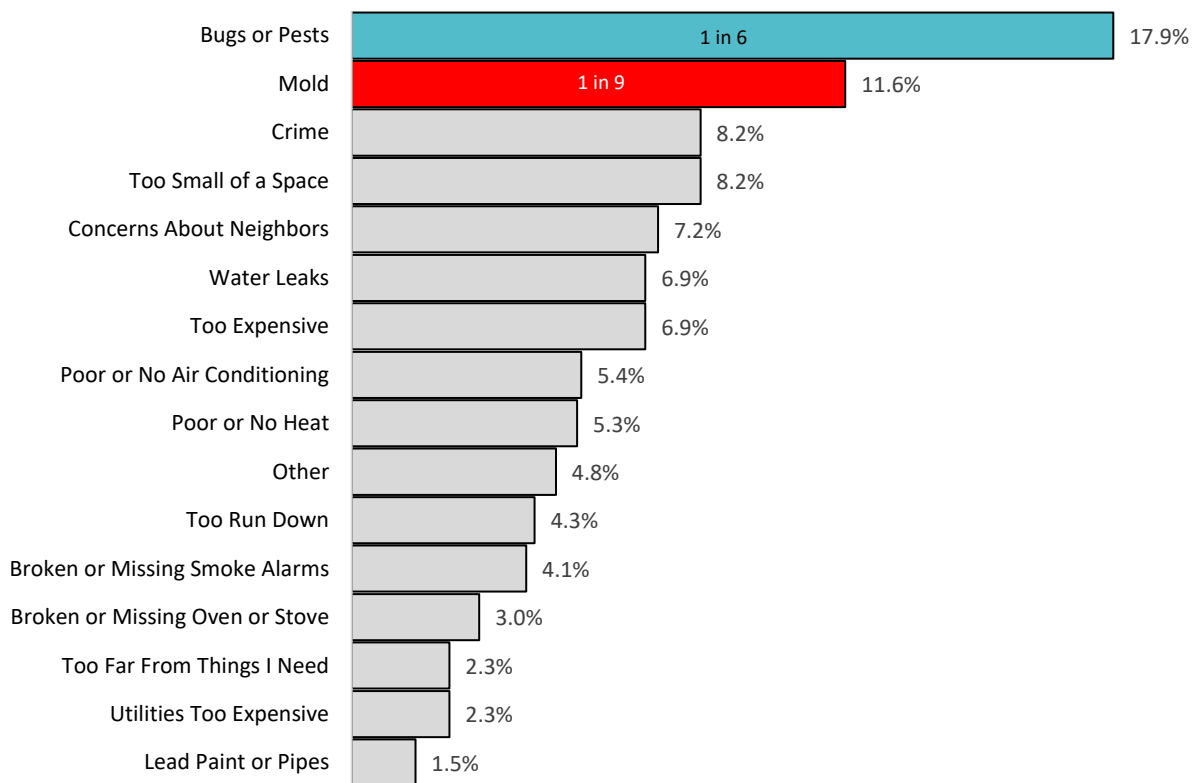
Neighborhood and Built Environment

Where people live affect their health. Housing, transportation, and climate can impact physical, mental, and social health. These living conditions play a factor when residents need access to the resources in their communities.

Housing

Several sources showed housing is an issue in Taney County (39; 40; 41; 2; 19; 42). Safety and affordability of housing are two things that can impact physical and mental health. **Figure 21** shows that 1 in 6 Taney County residents is concerned about bugs or pests in their home. Further, 1 in 9 is worried about mold (19).

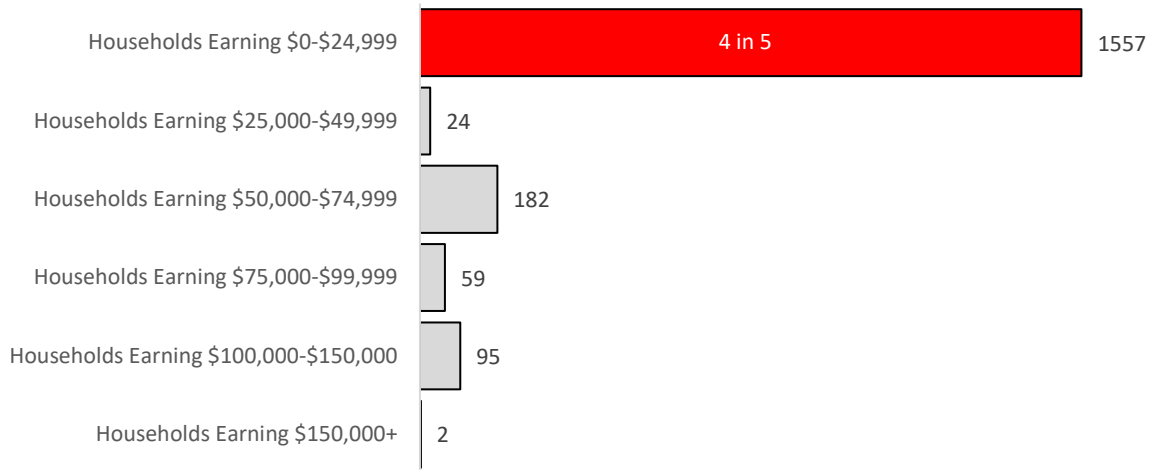
Figure 21 - Bugs/Pests and Mold Are the Most Common Home Concerns for Survey Respondents



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A Taney County housing study in 2019 explored the number of affordable housing units, both rental and owned, present in local cities. **Figure 22** shows that Taney County lacks housing units for all income ranges. Most notably, this housing is lacking for households earning less than \$25,000 per year. This means that many households must live in housing beyond their price range (39).

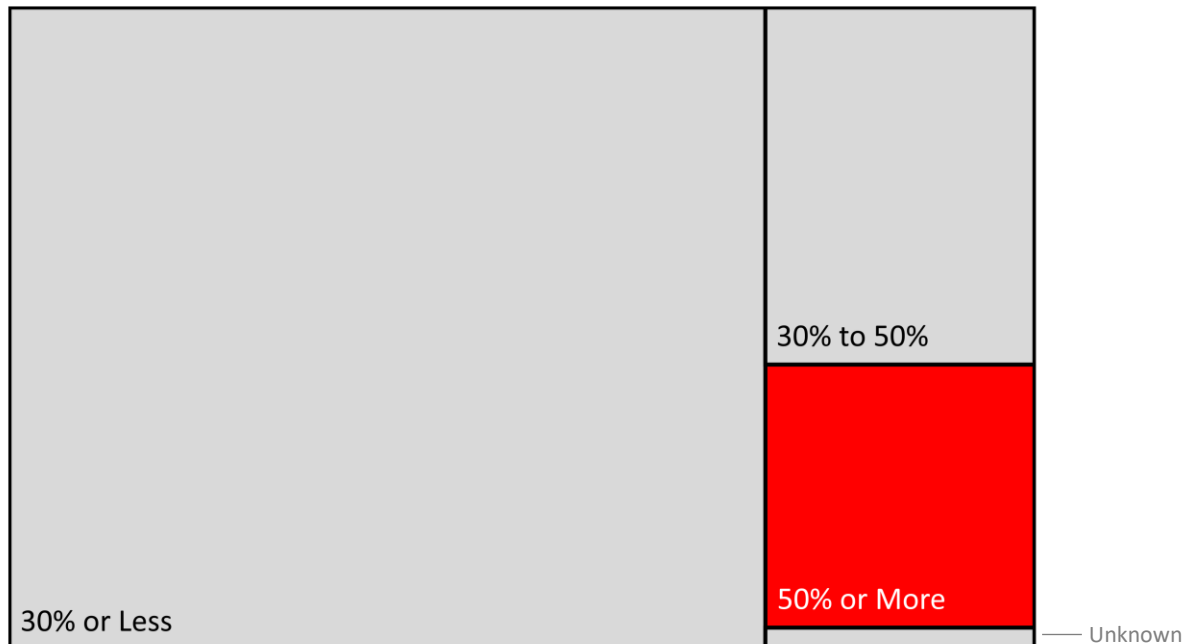
Figure 22 - 1,919 Housing Units Needed to Meet Taney County Demand
Four Out of Five of These Needed Units Are for Households Earning Less Than \$24,999



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Figure 23 shows the percentage of household income paid to housing and utility costs⁹. More than 1 in 10 households spend at least half their income on housing and utilities. Another 1.5 in 10 spend more than 30% of their income on housing and utilities.

Figure 23 - 1 in 10 Households Spend More than 50% of Income on Housing and Utility Costs



⁹ When housing and utility costs are 30% to 50% of household income, it is defined as a housing problem. When housing and utility costs are 50% or more of household income, it is defined as a severe housing problem (27).

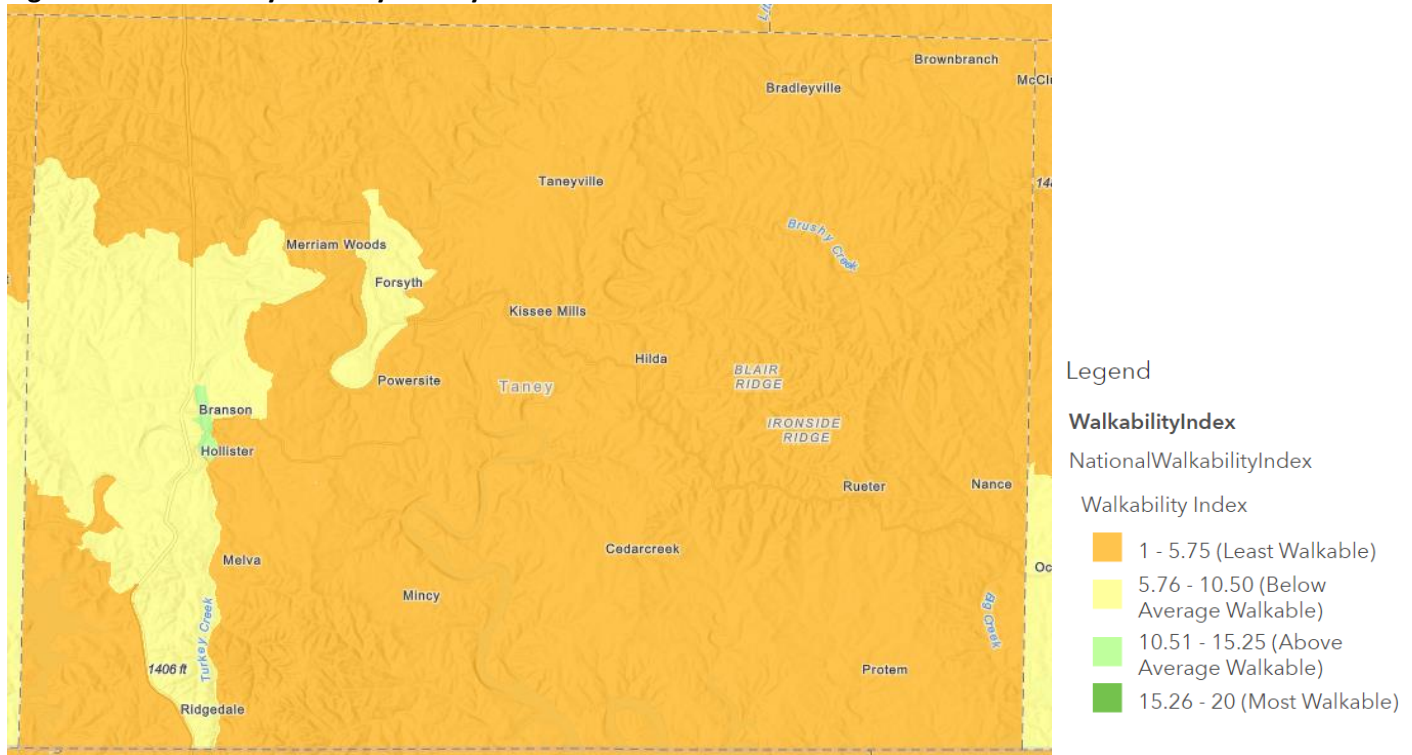
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Transportation

Transportation is important to health because it affects peoples' ability to access healthy food and necessities. Taney County's road systems are unique. Although Taney County has a small population, its roads must serve millions of visitors each year. However, public transportation is limited to the Operating Above the Standard (OATS) transit bus and a trolley that services a small business section of Branson.

Taney County residents often need a car to travel. For those without cars, walking may be the only option. Unfortunately, due in part to limited sidewalks and hilly terrain, Taney County is mostly considered "least walkable" to "below average walkable" by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Walkability Index. This is more common on the Eastern side of Taney County (44). **Figure 24** shows a map of walkability scores. Walkability is higher in the more populated areas of Branson and Hollister.

Figure 24 - Walkability in Taney County

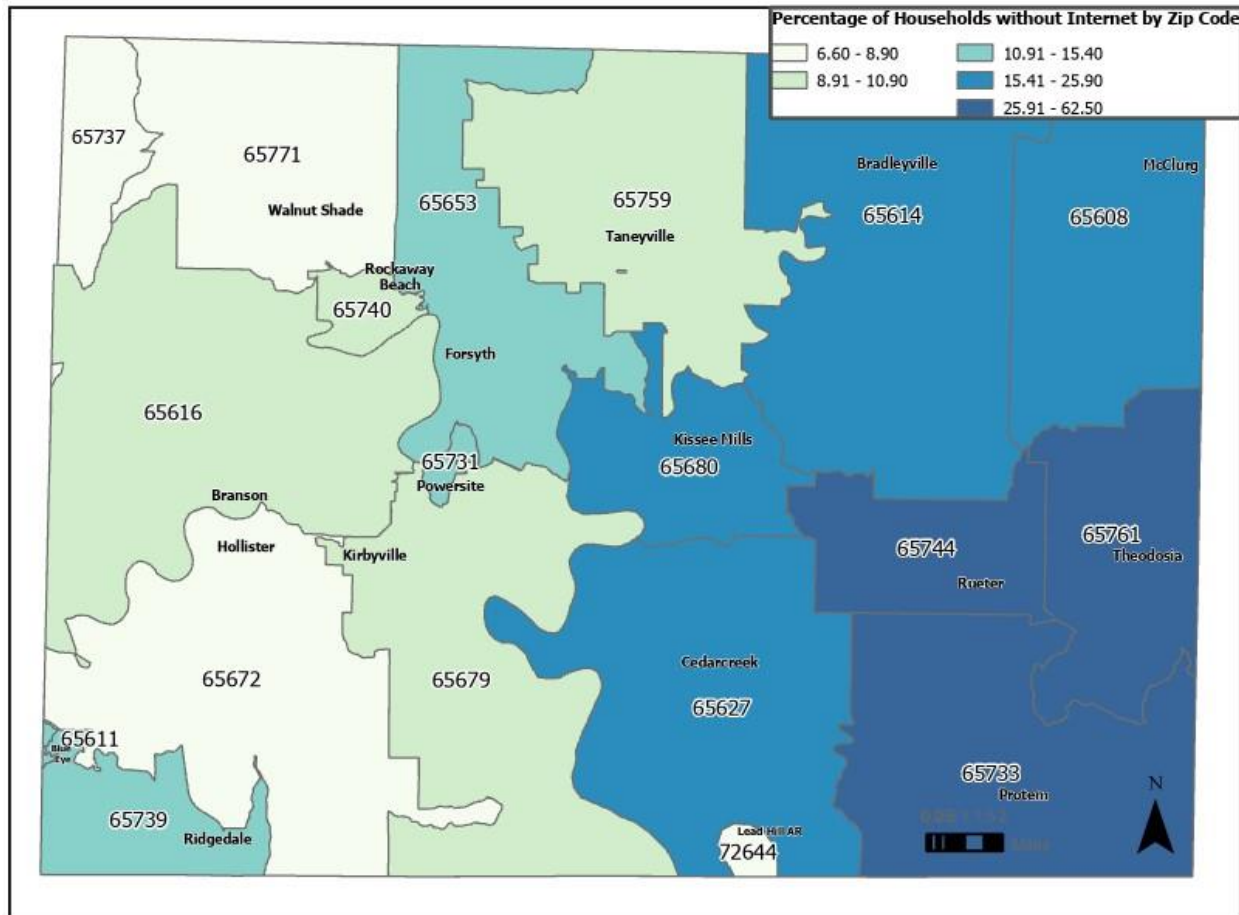


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Internet

Most Americans utilize the internet as a tool to help them schedule doctor visits, check lab results, and attend online appointments. Internet access is essential for tasks that support health, such as applying for jobs, working from home, and taking online classes (45). The Eastern side of the county has less internet access than the Western side. **Figure 25** outlines the percentage of households in each ZIP code without internet access (46).

Figure 25 - Percentage of Taney County Households Without Internet Access by ZIP Code, 2021



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Environmental Health

Environmental factors such as air quality, weather, radon levels, and lead impact health. Health and social factors, such as rates of chronic conditions and poverty, affect how much the environmental factors impact people in the community. The Environmental Index (EJI) ranks communities on a scale from 0.0 to 1.0, with higher scores representing a worse ranking¹⁰ (47). In Taney County, EJI scores range from 0.4 to 0.8 (48). **Figure 26** shows EJI rankings of census tracts¹¹. The causes of these scores differ by census tract, but common reasons for poor scoring include the presence of poor walkability; the number of people who are uninsured, disabled, or over the age of 65; and the high presence of asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, and poor mental health concerns in the tract.

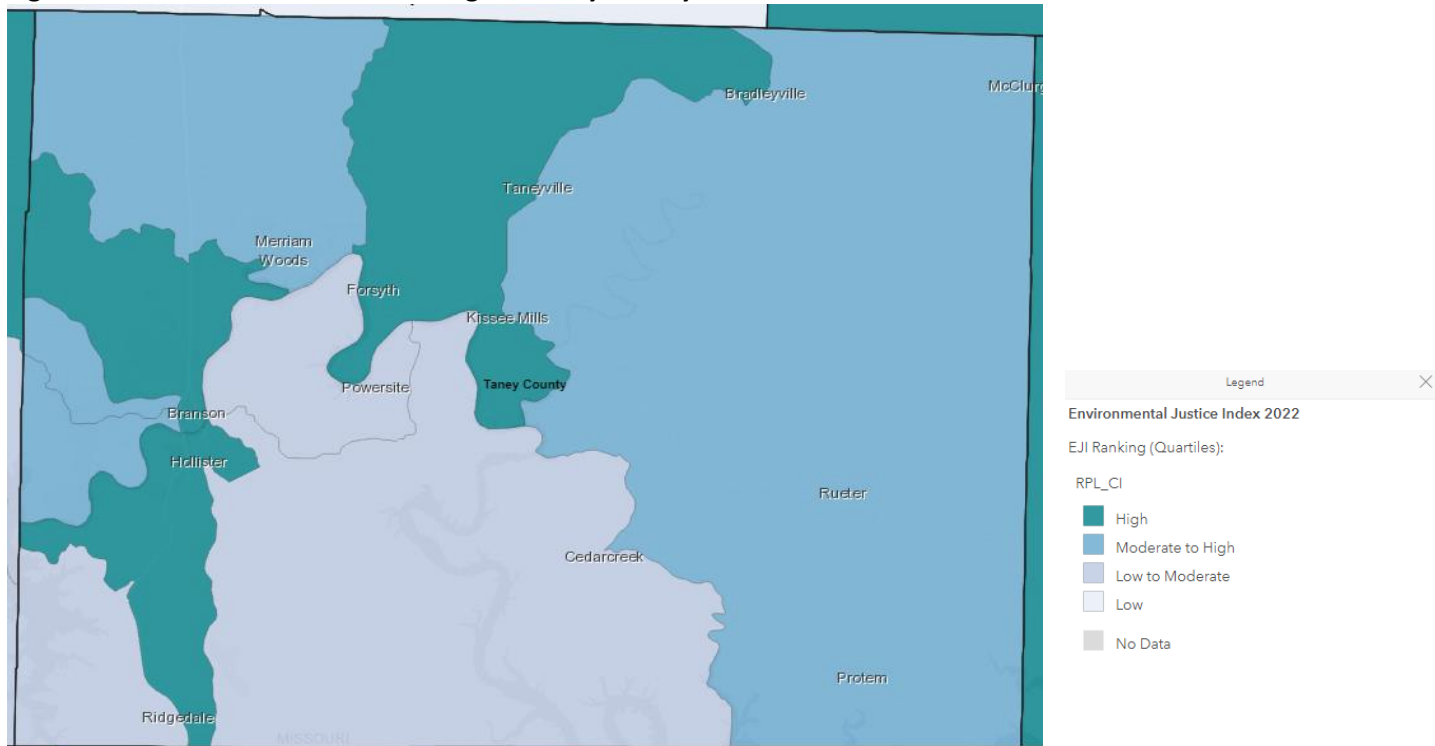
Taney County has good air quality. The most recent information available from 2016 showed that Taney County had no “unhealthy” days for people with asthma/lung disease, people with heart disease, active

¹⁰ EJI combines 36 environmental, social, and health factors to measure the total combined environmental injustice harm to human health. Indicators include measurements of air pollution, potentially hazardous and toxic sites, household characteristics, and disease prevalence (47).

¹¹ Census tracts are sub-divisions of a county defined by the Census to show differences between parts of a community.

people, children and older Americans¹². In the same year, there were 6 days of extreme precipitation¹³ and 68 days of extreme heat¹⁴. Radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer, was found to be elevated in 33.3% of tested homes between 2008 and 2018 (49).

Figure 26 - Environmental Index Ratings in Taney County



(48).

Figure 27 - 1 in 3 Tested Homes Has Elevated Radon



Lead in the environment can negatively affect a child’s development. The rate of children with elevated blood-lead levels remains low, although this may be impacted by low testing rates. Missouri’s testing rate for blood lead levels in children under the age of six is 2.1 times more frequent than Taney County (50).

¹² Unhealthy days for sensitive populations are those days that have an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 100 or more. The AQI is calculated based on the presence of five major air pollutants, including ground-level ozone, particle pollution, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide (95).

¹³ Extreme precipitation is defined as the “number of days with one or more inches of precipitation” (49).

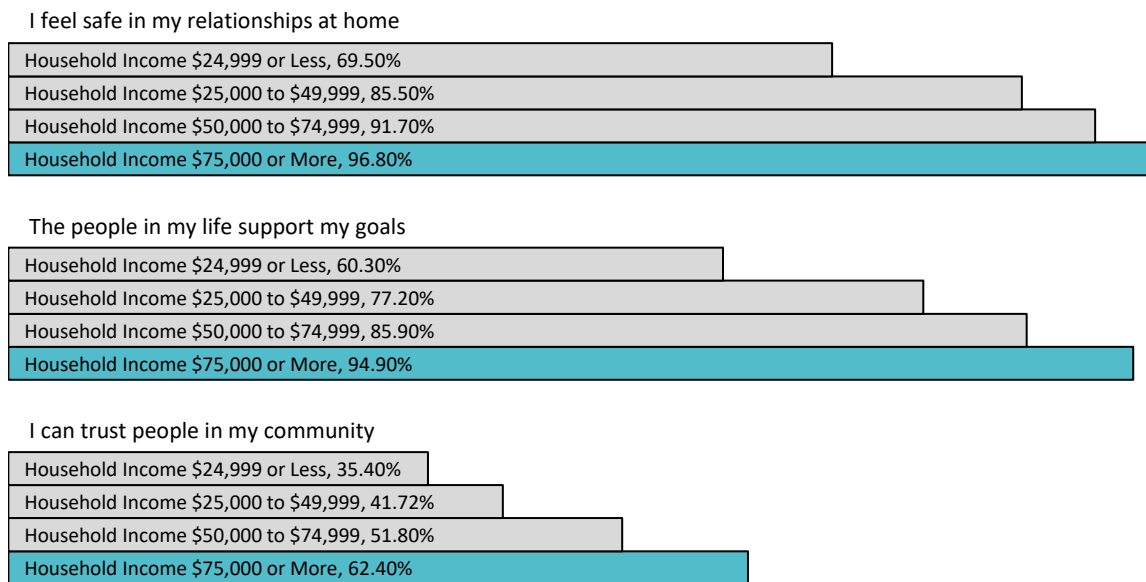
¹⁴ Extreme heat is defined as the “Number of days with a high temperature at or above 90°F” (49).

Social and Community Context

Relationships with friends, family, and neighbors impact a person’s health. Life can be hard for reasons that a person cannot control. Good relationships help a person manage during challenging times (51).

The CHA survey and interviews showed that “people” are an asset in Taney County (19; 42). This is shown in detail in the “Community Assets” part of this report. **Figure 28** helps show how people in the community view their relationships. Those with higher income were more likely to rate their relationships well.

Figure 28 -Those with Higher Household Income More Likely to Rate Their Relationships Well¹⁵



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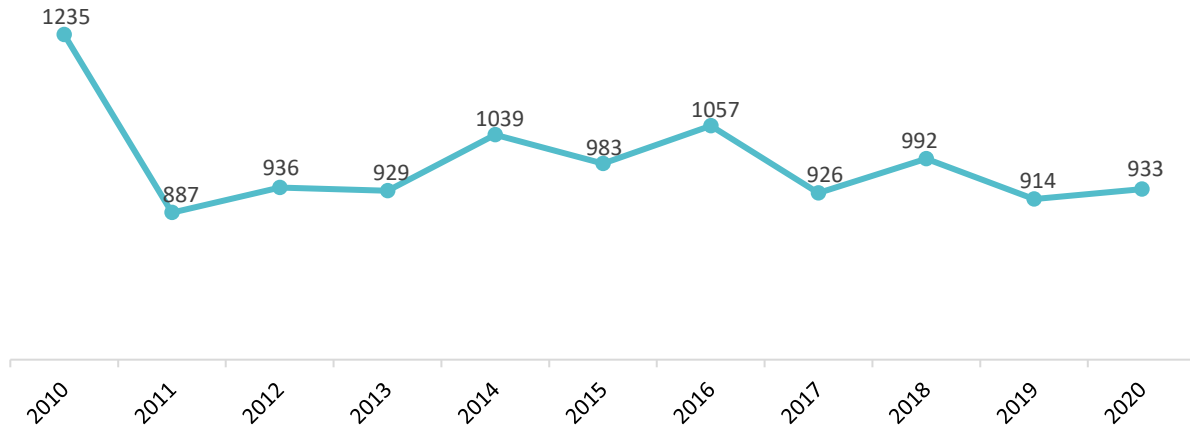
How socially healthy or unhealthy a community can be shown through several factors. Rates of domestic violence show a socially unhealthy side of Taney County. **Figure 29** shows domestic violence incidents per 100,000 people over time. Incidents have stayed steady since 2011 (52). These incidents can cause many different health problems, including injuries, chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD), and depression (53).

Child abuse and neglect rates also help to measure social health problems in a community. Child abuse and neglect can cause physical, mental, behavioral, and societal problems (54). **Figure 30** shows child

¹⁵ Based on number of Taney County Community Health Survey Respondents who answered “agree” or “strongly agree” to the selected questions.

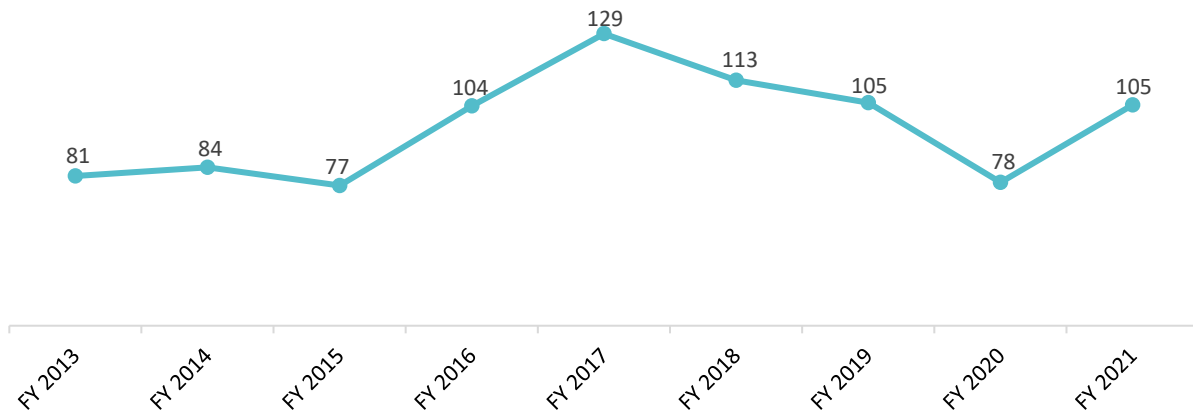
abuse and neglect incidents over time¹⁶. These rates ranked Taney County 24th of 115 Missouri counties for the highest number of child abuse cases per one thousand in the same year (55).

Figure 29 – Rate of Domestic Violence Incidents Per 100,000 Remains Steady Since 2011



(52; 56; 57).

Figure 30 - Child Abuse and Neglect Rates¹⁷ Have Increased Since 2015



(54; 55; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 57; 65)

Mental Health and Substance Use

People in Taney County are worried about mental health and substance use. Community health survey data showed:

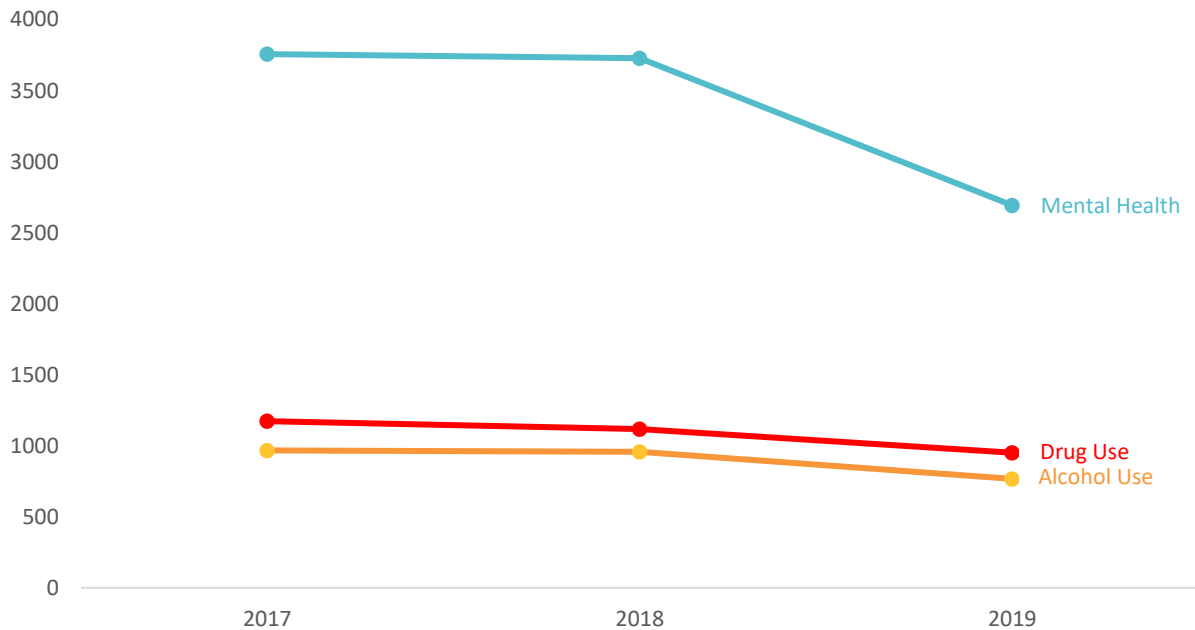
¹⁶ Substantiated child abuse and neglect rate dipped during fiscal year 2020. This may be due to fewer reports while children attended school from home. These incidents returned to pre-pandemic levels in fiscal year 2021.

¹⁷ Substantiated child abuse and neglect incidents per 100,000 in Taney County.

- 1 in 5 (21.7%) respondents think mental health is a top health problem¹⁸
- 3 in 5 (57.9%) respondents think addiction is a top health problem¹⁹
- 85.3% of respondents think alcohol and drug use are common risky behaviors²⁰
- More than 1 in 9 respondents wished they could change substance use problems (19)²¹

Hospital and death information show that thousands of people visit the hospital, and several people die each year for mental health, drug use, and alcohol use reasons (58). This might be due in part to the 1 in 5 survey respondents who say it is hard to get mental healthcare (19).

Figure 31 – Thousands of People Visit the Hospital Each Year in Taney County for Mental Health, Drug Use, and Alcohol Use Reasons



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Figure 33 - 1 in 5 Survey Respondents Say It Is Hard to Get Mental Healthcare



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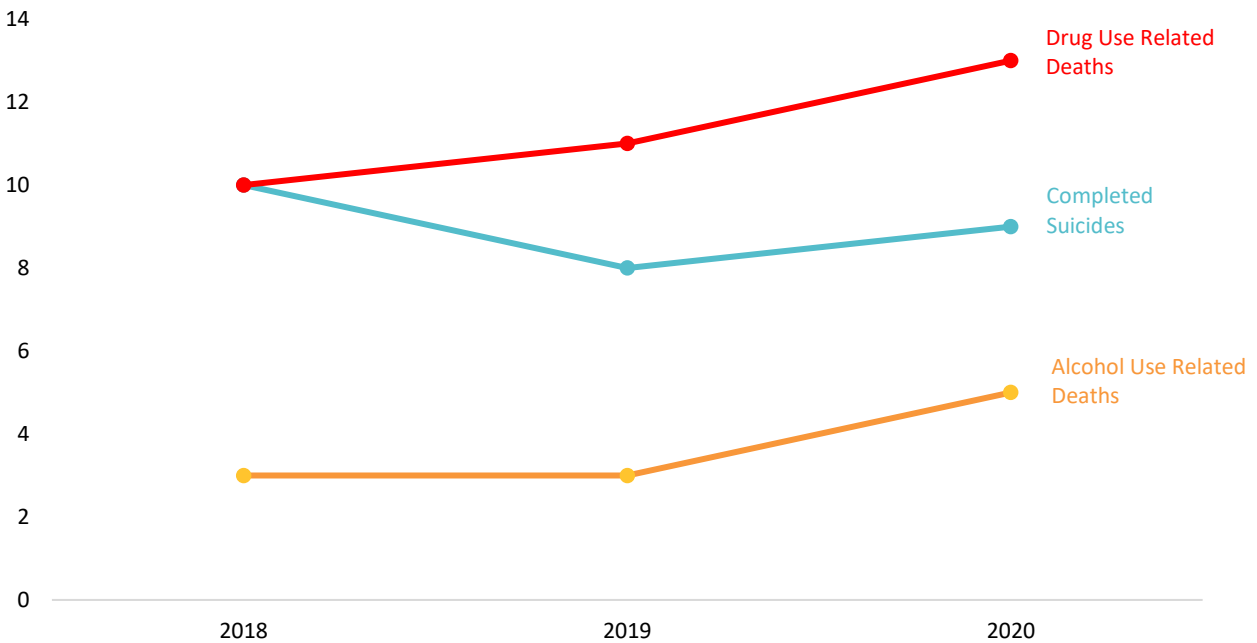
¹⁸ When asked to choose the three most important problems to address in the community, 21.7% of community health survey respondents chose mental health.

¹⁹ When asked to select the top three most important health problems to address in the community, 57.9% of survey respondents selected “addiction”.

²⁰ When asked to select the top three most common risky behaviors in the community, 85.3% of survey respondents selected “alcohol or drug use.”

²¹ When asked the open-ended question “what do you wish we could change about our community?” more than 1 in 9 survey respondents wrote about addiction, recovery options, and substance use.

Figure 32 – Each Year Several People Die by Suicide, Drug Use, and Alcohol Use



(58).

Rates of substance use are hard to track, but there are numbers that can help demonstrate rates of substance use in a community. In 2020, Taney County recorded 121 people successfully treated at a hospital for opioid²² overdose. This made the county third highest in documented non-fatal opioid overdoses by population in Missouri²³ (59). In 2021, the community recorded that 27 people died from an opioid overdose. This ranks it 14th out of 115 counties in Missouri for most opioid overdose deaths per population (60).

Maternal, Infant, and Child Health

Maternal, infant, and child health is an important consideration for public health. Well-being during pregnancy and early stages of life can affect health throughout the lifetime and affect the community health for the next generation. There are many indicators of maternal, infant, and child health. **Figure 34** explores these indicators and compares them to Missouri levels. Taney County has higher rates of prenatal participation in Medicaid and WIC. It also has a higher rate of mothers gaining more than forty-five pounds during pregnancy and smoking during pregnancy. **Figure 35** shows the rate of mothers smoking during pregnancy over time²⁴. This rate has decreased slightly in more recent years but has remained consistently higher than Missouri overall.

²² Opioids are a type of drug that includes heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and others.

²³ St. Louis City and Jasper County were, respectively, the first and second highest counties in documented non-fatal opioid overdoses per capita.

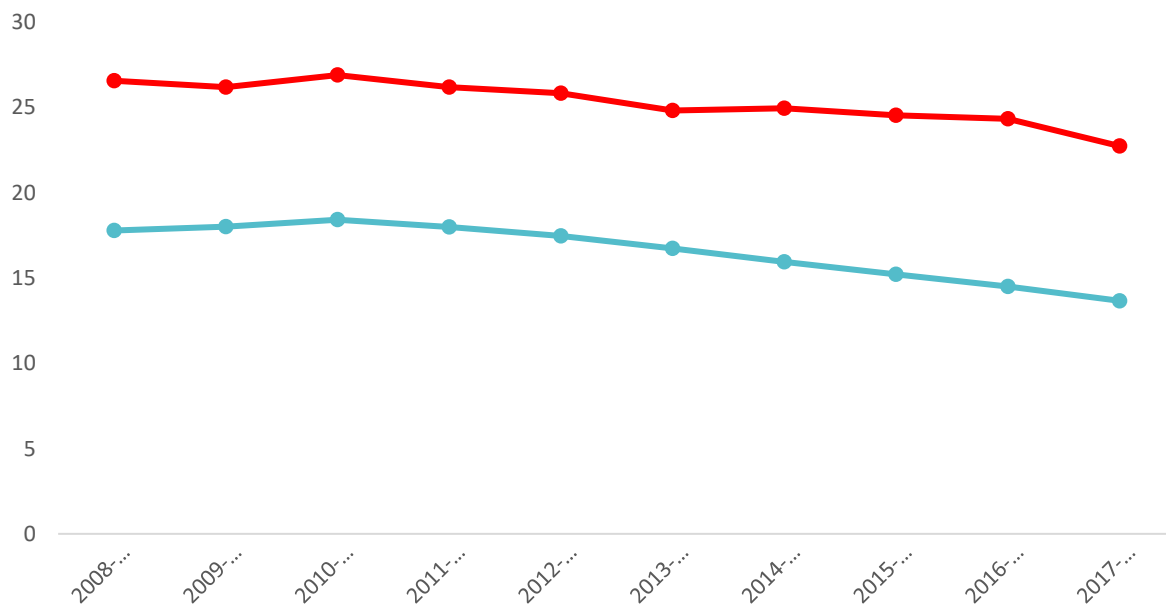
²⁴ Rate is per 100 live births for whom the smoking status was known.

Figure 34 – Taney County Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Indicators

Indicator	Data Year	Taney County Count	Taney County Rate	Missouri Rate	Significant Difference
Care Began First Trimester	2019	434	70.0	71.2	No
Late Care (2 nd /3 rd Trimester)	2019	175	28.2	26.4	No
No Prenatal Care	2019	11	1.8	2.4	No
Inadequate Prenatal Care – Missouri Index	2019	125	20.3	21.1	No
Inadequate Prenatal Care – Kotelchuck Index	2019	107	17.5	17.9	No
Prenatal Medicaid Participants	2019	393	62.8	38.6	Yes, High
Prenatal WIC Participants	2019	342	55.3	33.9	Yes, High
Prenatal Food Stamps Participants	2019	172	28.3	24.6	No
Weight Gain Less than 15 Pounds – Term Singleton	2015-2019	321	11.4	13.4	Yes, Low
Weight Gain Greater Than or Equal To 45 Pounds = Term Singleton	2015-2019	676	24.1	20.8	Yes, High
Gestational Diabetes	2019	44	7.0	7.4	No
Pre-Pregnancy Diabetes	2019	3	0.5	1.1	No
Mother Smoked During Pregnancy	2019	128	20.5	12.8	Yes, High

(61).

Figure 35 - Taney County Has Higher Smoking Rates During Pregnancy Than Missouri



(62).

Behavioral Risk Factors

Behavioral risk factors are behaviors that increase the likelihood of experiencing sickness or early death. It encompasses a range of behaviors from smoking and physical inactivity to getting insufficient sleep. **Figure 36** shows behavioral risk factor rates among adults in Taney County and Missouri. This figure shows that Taney County experiences higher rates of several behavioral risk factors than the state (63; 64; 65). **Figure 37** shows behavioral risk factor rates among Taney County Middle and High School Students. The most commonly used substances of Taney County students are electronic cigarettes and alcohol. **Figures 38** through **41** show behavioral risk factors in Taney County by census tract²⁵. Taney County shows higher rates of adult binge drinking in the South-Central portion of the County but higher rates of smoking and lower rates of physical activity and sleep for adults on the Eastern side of the County (66). Risky health behaviors can have an impact on chronic disease and life expectancy rates, which are explored further under the “Death, Illness, and Injury” portion of this report.

Figure 36 - Behavioral Risk Factors in Missouri and Taney County, 2019

Risk Factor	Taney County	Missouri
Adult Smoking ²⁶	23%	20%
Physical Inactivity ²⁷	34%	30%
Excessive Drinking ²⁸	17%	19%

(63; 64; 65).

Figure 37 - Percentage of Students Who Used Substances in the past 30 Days, 2022

	Taney County Students	Missouri Students
Used Tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	3.0%	3.2%
Used Electronic Cigarettes	10.8%	11.0%
Used Hookahs or Water Pipes	2.0%	1.1%
Used Alcohol	8.5%	14.9%
Used Marijuana	6.8%	7.5%
Used Inhalants	0.7%	0.8%
Used Prescriptions Not Prescribed by Student’s Doctor	1.4%	0.9%
Used “OTC” to get high	1.0%	0.7%
Used Synthetic Drugs	0.7%	1.0%

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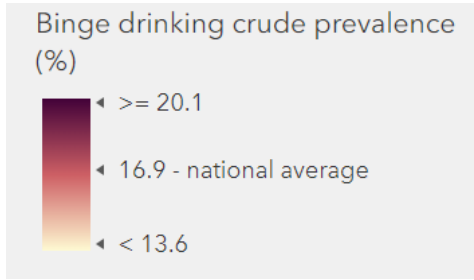
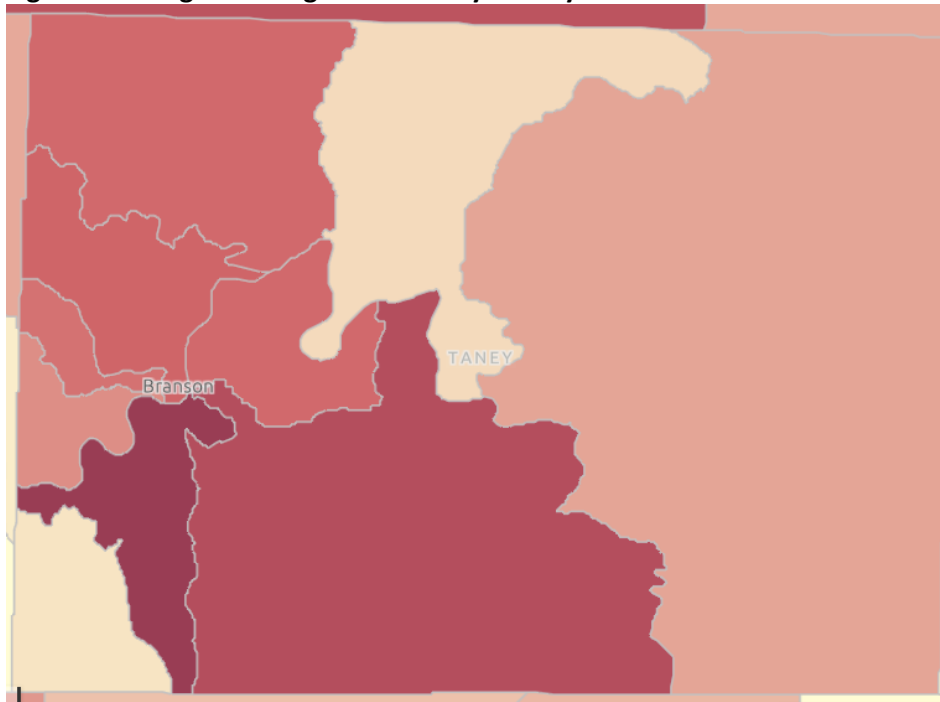
²⁵ Census tracts are sub-divisions of a county defined by the Census to show differences in data between parts of a community.

²⁶ Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).

²⁷ Percentage of adults age 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity (age-adjusted).

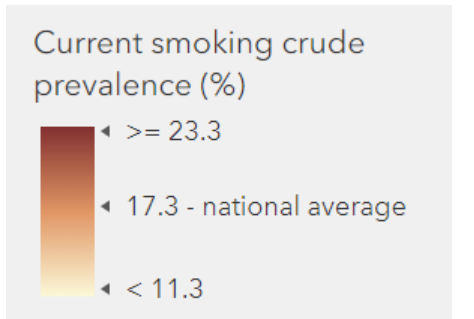
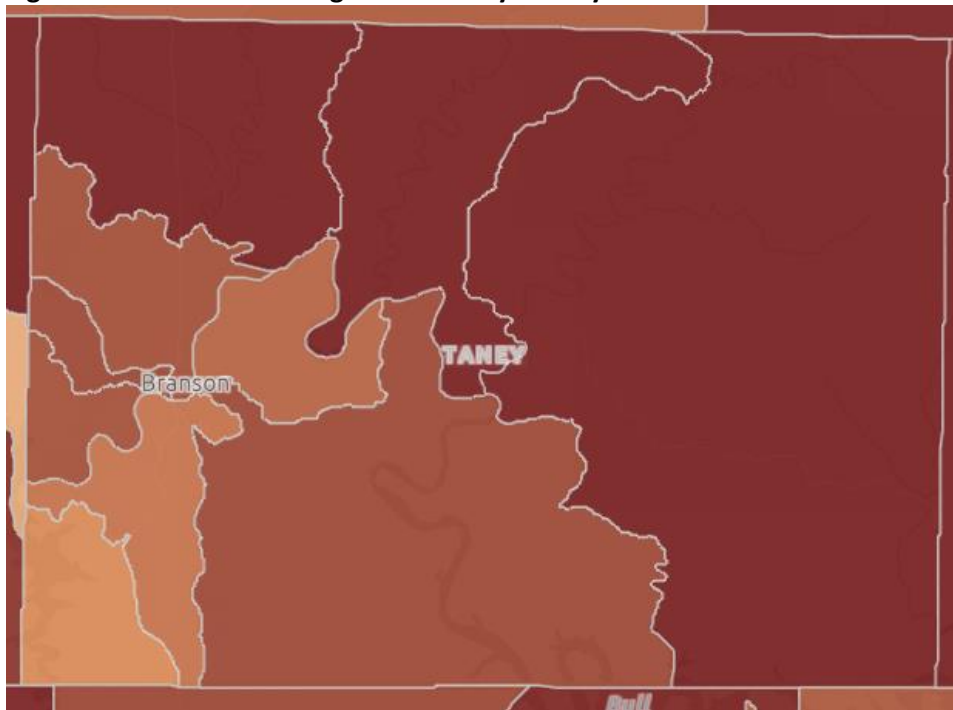
²⁸ Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking (age-adjusted).

Figure 38 - Binge Drinking Across Taney County Census Tracts



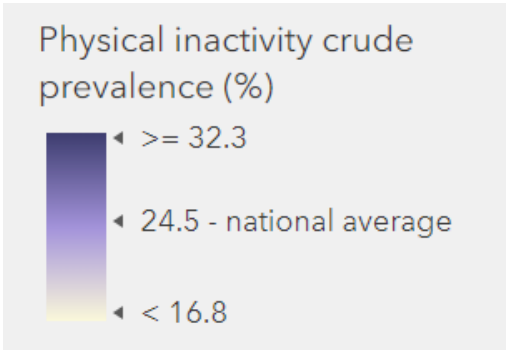
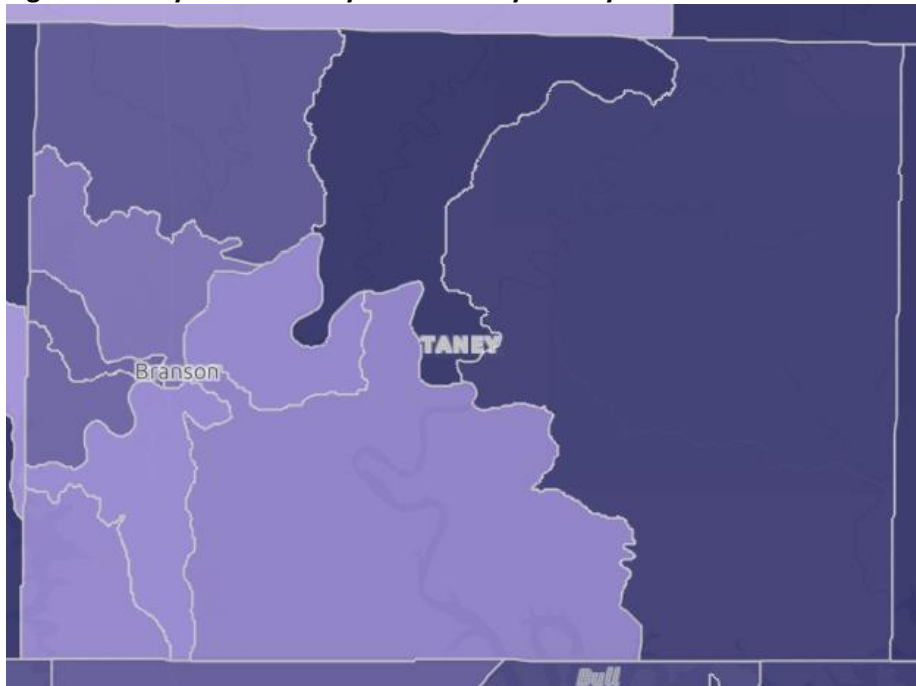
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Figure 39 - Current Smoking Across Taney County Census Tracts



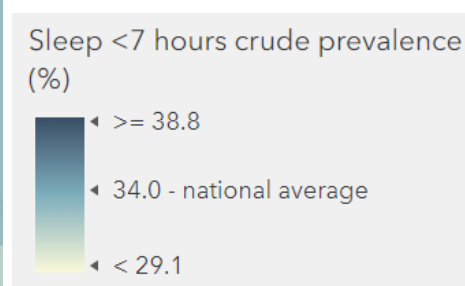
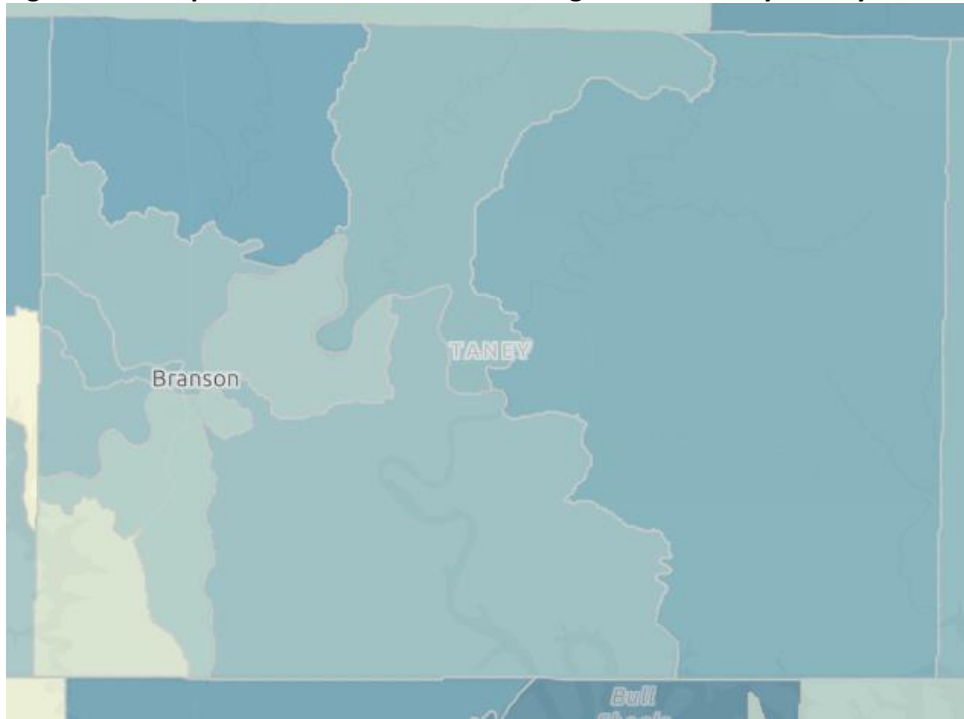
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Figure 40 - Physical Inactivity Across Taney County Census Tracts



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Figure 41 - Sleep Less Than Seven Hours Per Night Across Taney County Census Tracts



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Quality of Life

In public health, quality of life information explores the extent to which people in a community feel healthy. One way to measure this is through the number of poor physical and mental health days people in a community report. An additional way to show the quality of life in a community is to see the percentage of adults who report “frequent distress,” which is defined as 14 or more days of poor health per month. **Figure 42** shows Taney County residents’ average number of poor health days in a 30-day period compared to Missouri residents in 2019. **Figure 43** shows the percentage of poor health days and percentage of respondents who cited poor or fair health in 2019.

Figure 42 - Number of Poor Health Days in the Last 30 Days, 2019

	Taney County	Missouri
Poor Physical Health Days	4.6	4.0
Poor Mental Health Days	5.1	4.9

(68; 69).

Figure 43 - Quality of Life Measures by Percentage of Population, 2019

	Taney County	Missouri
Poor or Fair Health	21%	18%
Frequent Physical Distress	15%	12%
Frequent Mental Distress	17%	16%

(70; 71; 72).

Diverging Health Experiences

The measures above help show how the average quality of life is for those in Taney County. This is useful information, but it is important to consider that there are diverse health experiences among different groups. When community partners were asked about quality of life, seven out of eight mentioned this contrast between populations. Partners explained the county offers access to a wide variety of amenities for its size. Alternatively, there are many under-resourced people who face housing insecurity, food insecurity, job insecurity, transportation concerns, and issues with healthcare access. As one community partner stated, “there’s a stark contrast between the people having the time of their lives on the Ferris wheel and the people living in the woods behind it.” Partners went on to mention that everyone deserves to be seen among the bright lights of Branson, but some go unseen and unheard (42).

Communicable Disease

Unlike chronic diseases such as diabetes, communicable diseases are illnesses that can be spread from one living being to another. Per Missouri state law, certain communicable diseases must be reported to a health agency when they are diagnosed. These reports may not include all cases because people with milder symptoms may recover without seeking medical treatment. **Figure 44** outlines 2021 communicable disease counts, excluding Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and COVID-19 cases.

Figure 44 - Communicable Disease Counts for Taney County, 2021

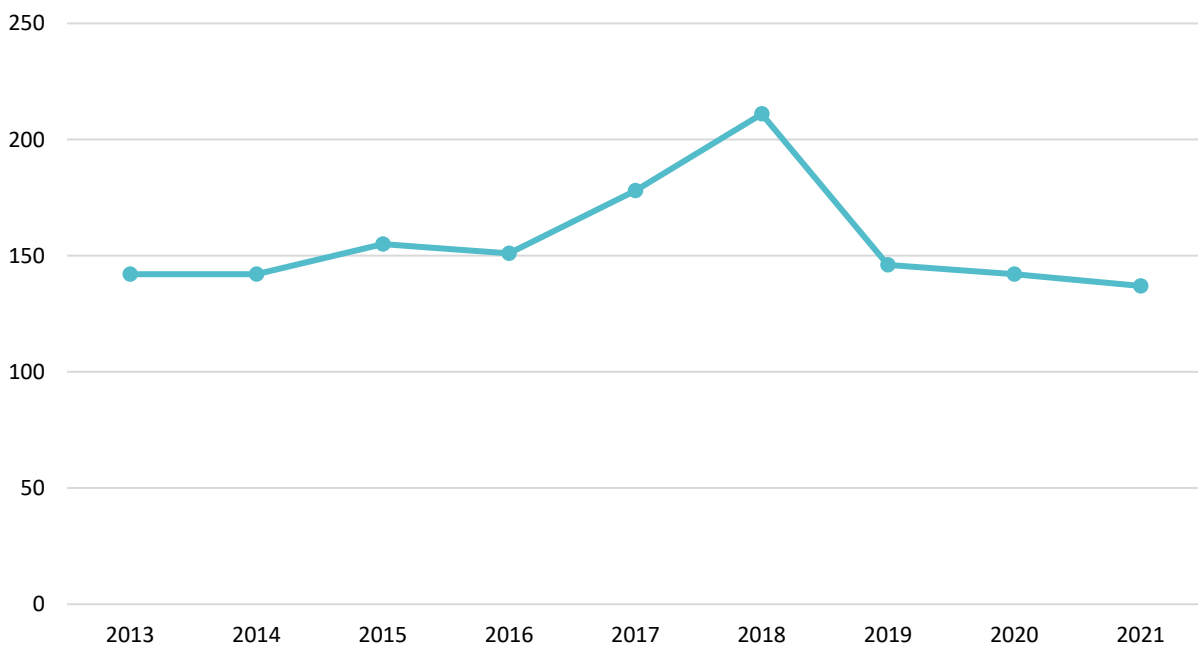
Condition Name	Confirmed	Probable
Animal Bites	104	0
Campylobacteriosis	0	4
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	2	0
Giardiasis	1	0
Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive	2	0
Hepatitis A Acute	4	0
Hepatitis B Acute	1	0
Hepatitis C Chronic Infection	65	0
Mott	2	0
Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis	13	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	1
Salmonellosis	6	0
Strep Pneumoniae Invasive	1	0
Tularemia	2	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>5</i>

(73).

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

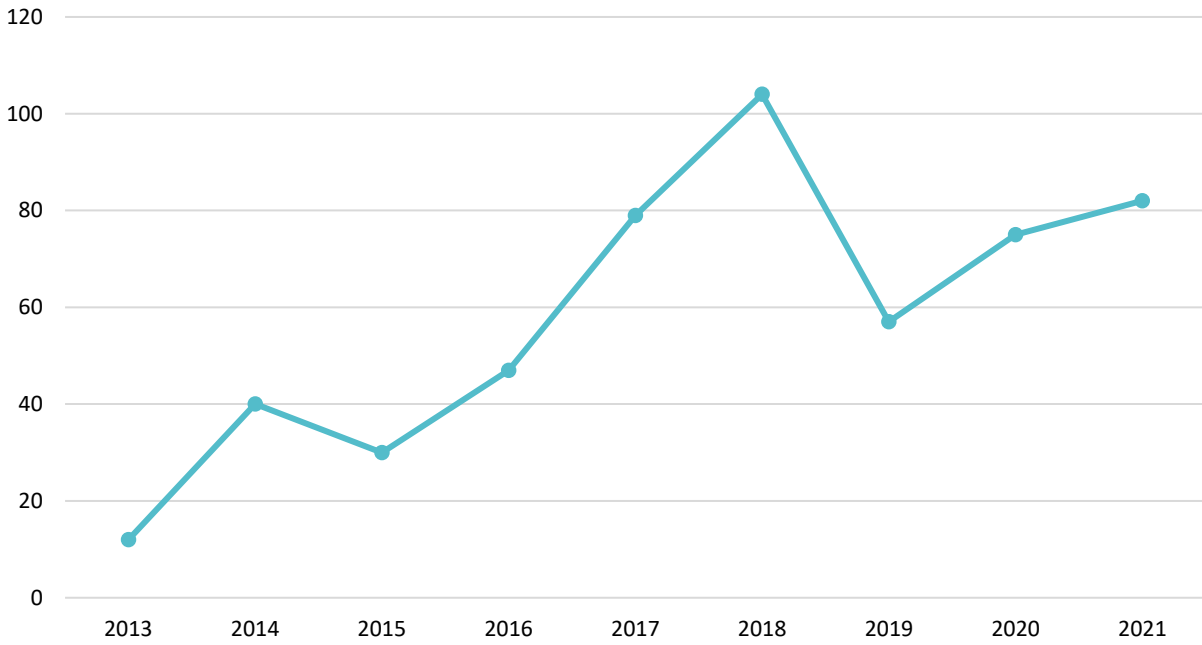
Figures 45, 46, and 47 show trends in chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Rates of new cases in 2020 and 2021 are likely impacted by decreased testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this trend, new syphilis cases have continued to rise sharply since 2019 (74; 75; 73).

Figure 45 - New Chlamydia Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time



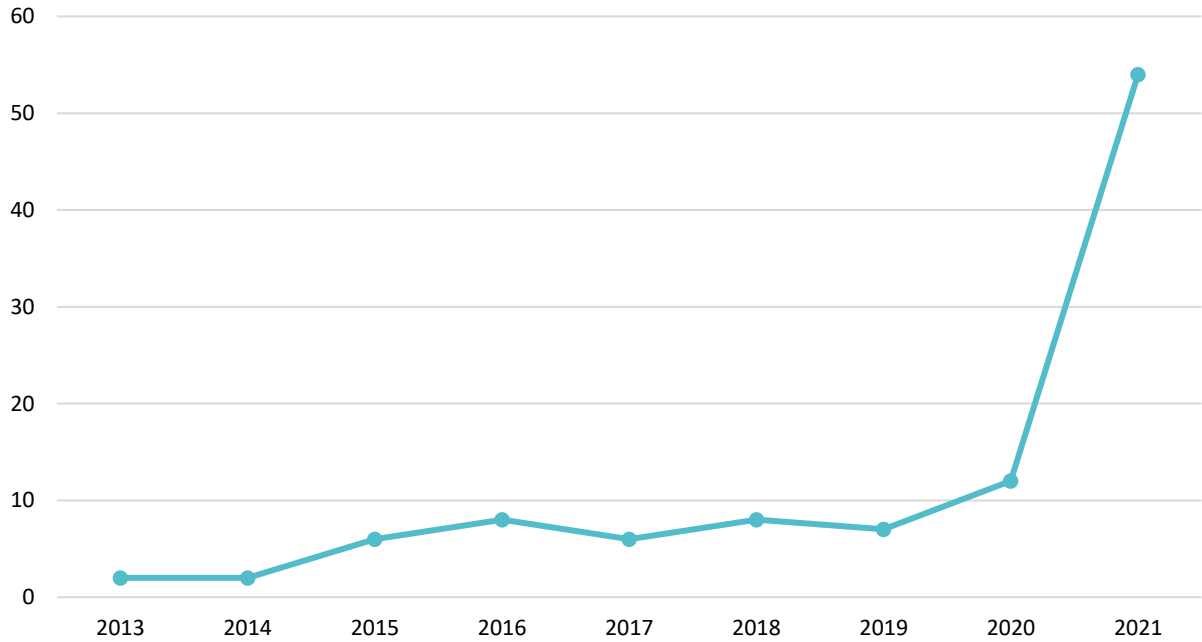
(74; 75; 73).

Figure 46 - New Gonorrhea Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time



(74; 75; 73).

Figure 47 - New Syphilis Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time



(74; 75; 73).

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on health globally, nationally, and locally. **Figure 48** shows COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases from 2020 and 2021. **Figure 49** shows COVID-19 confirmed deaths during the same time period. **Figure 50** shows the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases per month.

Figure 48 - COVID-19 Cases in Taney County

Year	2020	2021
Confirmed and Probable Cases	4,705	4,989

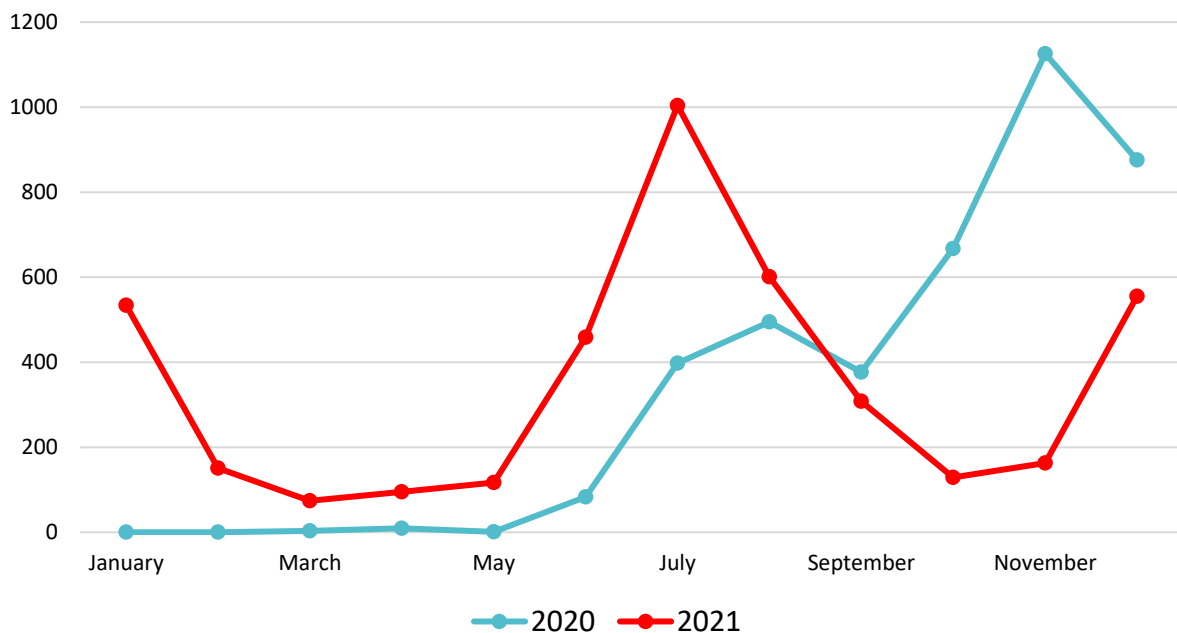
(75; 73).

Figure 49 - COVID-19 Deaths in Taney County

Year	2020	2021
Confirmed Deaths	75	94

(75; 73).

Figure 50 - COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



(75; 73).

Death, Illness, and Injury

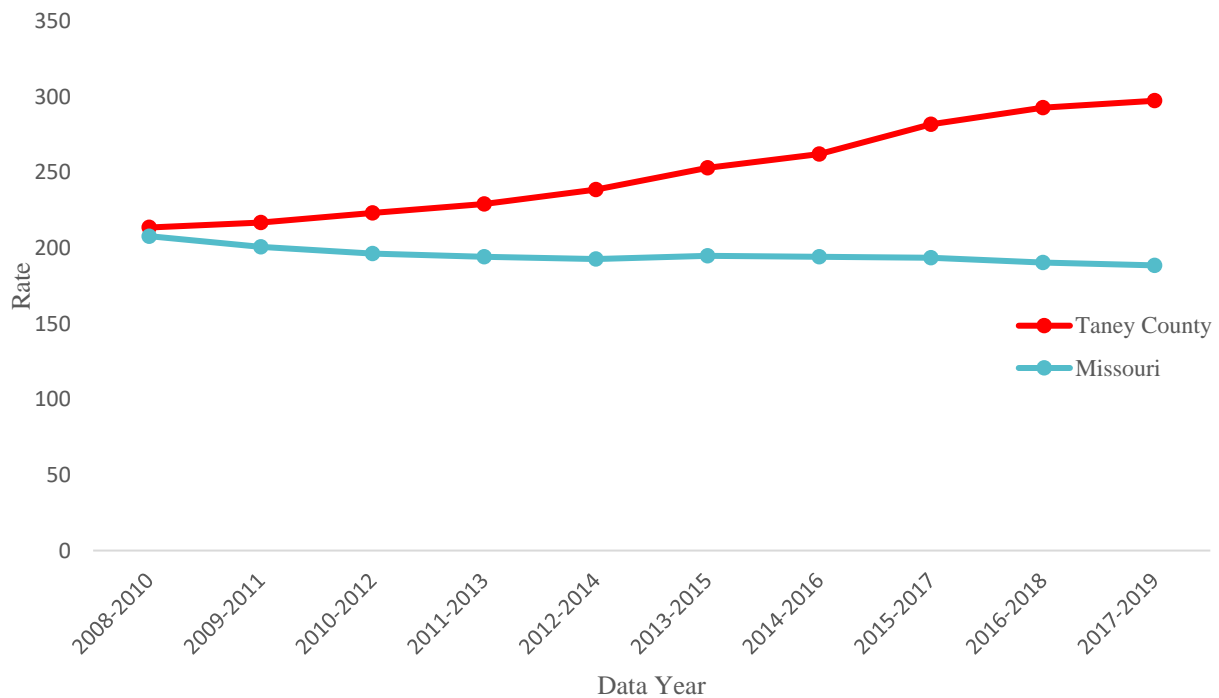
The leading causes of death are shown in **Figure 51**. Ten of the 12 leading causes of death are occurring at statistically lower or statistically similar rates to the state of Missouri. The rates of heart disease and liver disease are both statistically significantly higher in Taney County than in the state of Missouri (76). Taney County has higher heart disease rates than 100 of Missouri's 115 counties. **Figure 52** shows this in further detail. Heart disease rates in Taney County are rising while Missouri's rates stay nearly the same. (77).

Figure 51 - Leading Causes of Death in Taney County, 2009-2019

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Significantly Different from Missouri Rate
Heart Disease	2,023	Higher
Cancer	1,332	Lower
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	357	Lower
Unintentional Injuries	276	Lower
Stroke/Other Cerebrovascular Disease	282	Lower
Alzheimer's Disease	195	Lower
Kidney Disease	120	Lower
Pneumonia and Influenza	117	Not significantly different
Suicide	104	Not significantly different
Septicemia	98	Not significantly different
Diabetes Mellitus	86	Lower
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	85	Higher

(76).

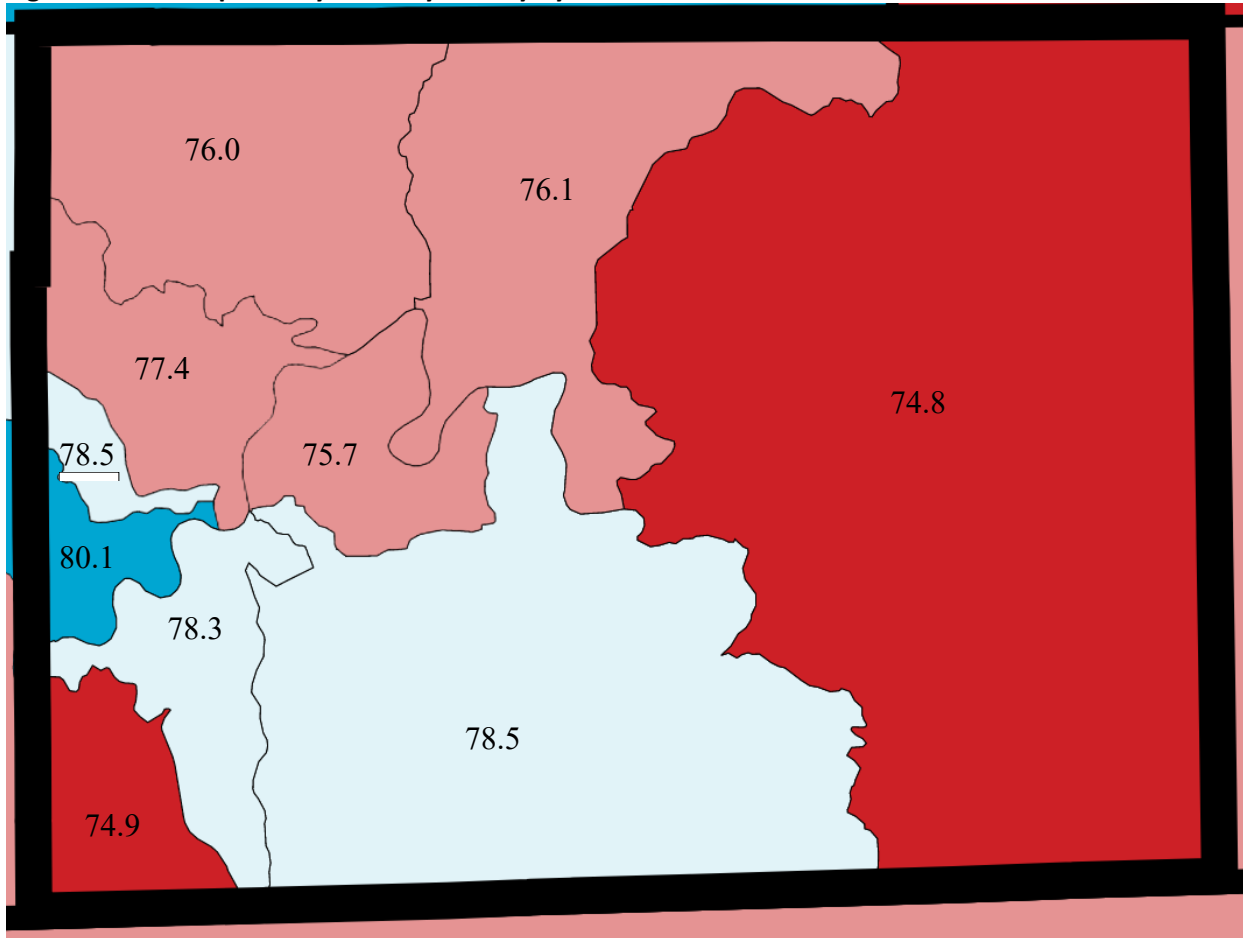
Figure 52 - Three Year Moving Average Rates of Heart Disease Deaths



(77).

Taney County's overall life expectancy is 77.3 years. This is slightly above the United States' average of 76.4 years and above Missouri's average of 76.6 years (78). Unfortunately, this life expectancy differs across the county. **Figure 53** shows life expectancy by census tract²⁹. As shown, life expectancy varies by as much as five years depending on the census tract (79).

Figure 53 - Life Expectancy in Taney County by Census Tract



(79).

Chronic diseases are conditions which last longer than one year and either limit daily life activities or require ongoing medical attention. Chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States (80). **Figure 54** shows rates of emergency room visits by chronic condition. As this figure shows, heart disease is the most common cause of chronic disease emergency room visits (81).

Separating Taney County by census tract displays that there are more chronic conditions on the Eastern side of Taney County. This mirrors the maps shown in **Figures 38 through 41**, which show that negative health behaviors are more frequent and life expectancy is lower on the Eastern side of the county. These

²⁹ Census tracts are sub-divisions of a county defined by the Census to show differences between parts of a community.

differences can be explained, in part, by aspects highlighted in the “Social Determinants of Health” section of this report. **Figures 55 through 58** show chronic condition prevalence by census tract.

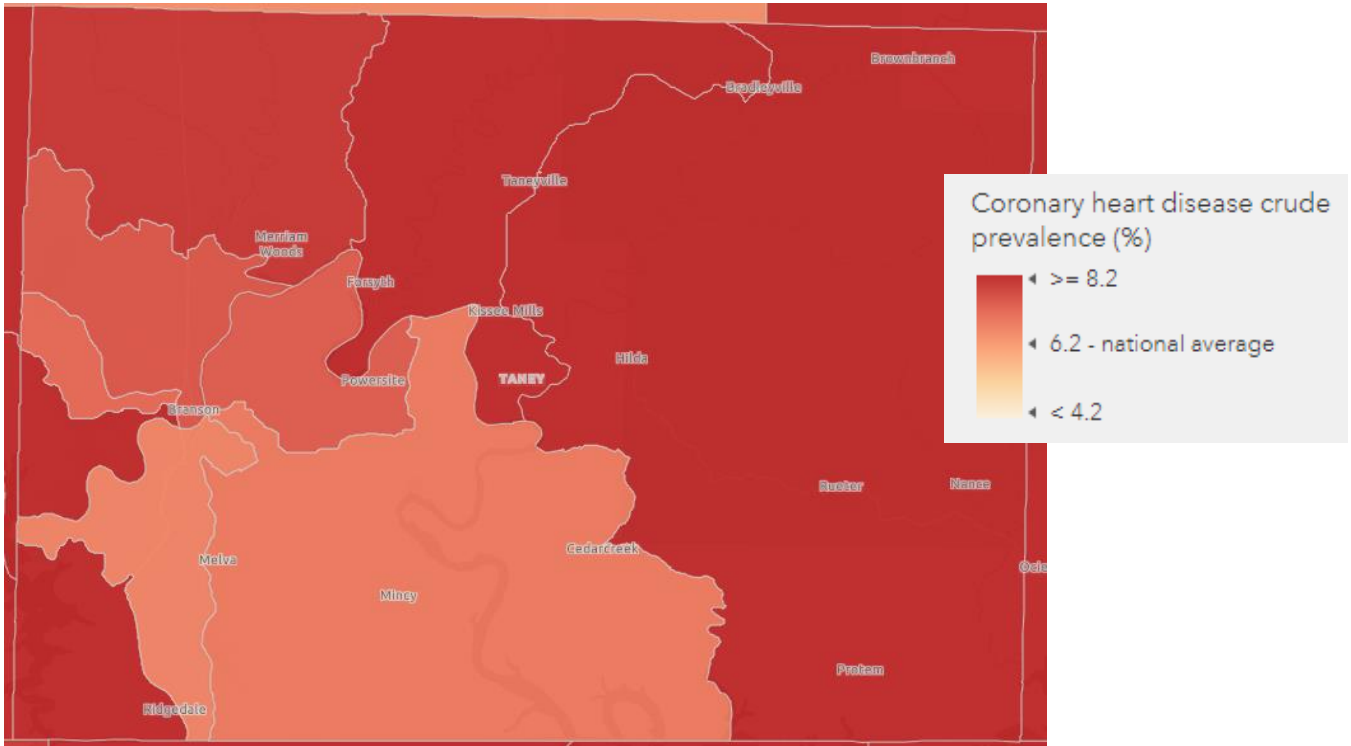
Figure 54 - Rate Per 100,000 Chronic Disease Emergency Room Visits in Taney County, 2005-2015

Chronic Diagnosis	Rate
Alcohol and substance-related mental disorders	6.2
Asthma	3.0
Atherosclerosis	0.1
Cerebrovascular disease	x ³⁰
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis	9.7
Chronic renal failure	0.0
Diabetes	2.0
Diseases of the heart	17.8
Epilepsy- convulsions	4.0
Hypertension	2.3
Liver disease	0.3
Neoplasms – malignant (cancer)	X
Non-traumatic joint disorders	6.4
Other cardiovascular/circulatory conditions	2.2
Sickle cell anemia	X
Total for selection	55.2

(81).

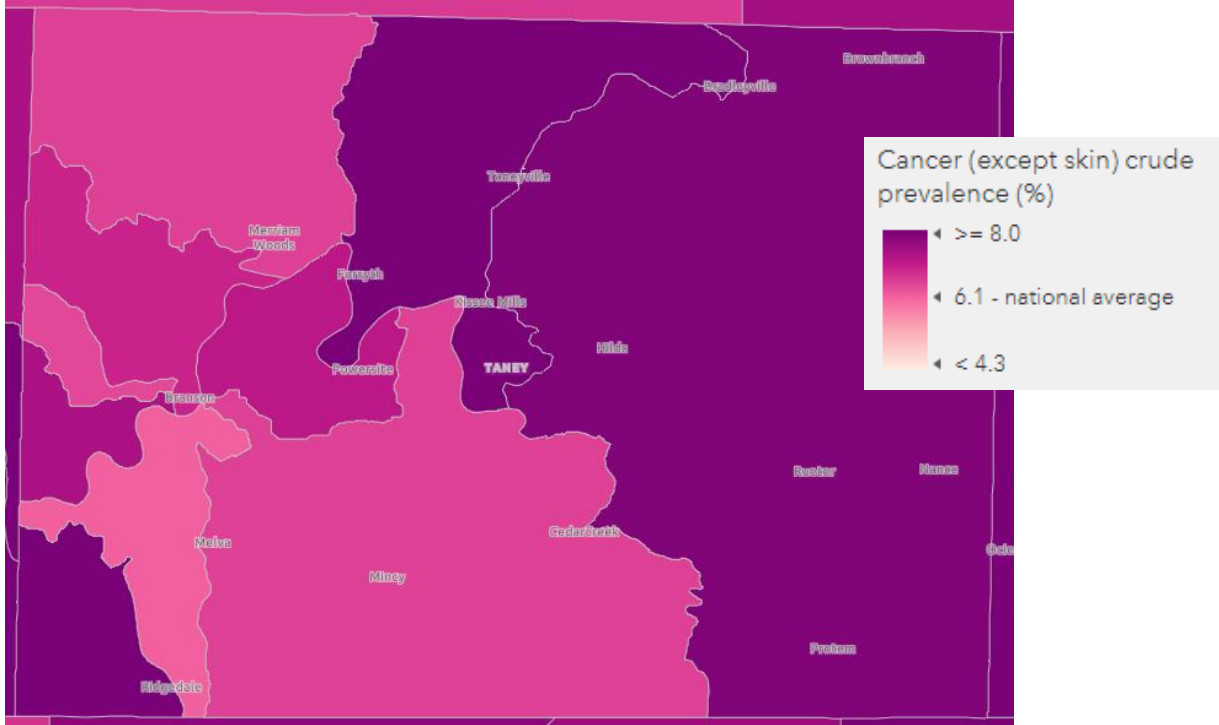
³⁰ An “x” indicates that this number cannot be revealed due to a confidentiality rule.

Figure 55 - Heart Disease by Taney County Census Tract



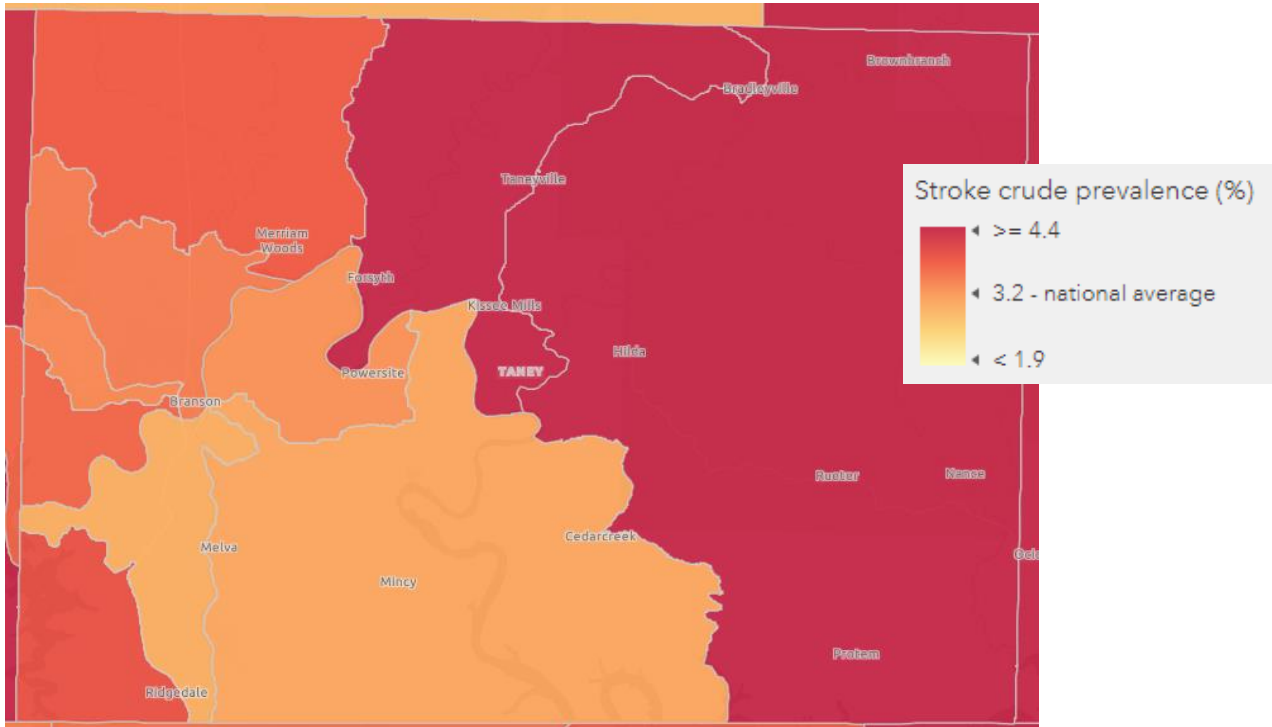
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Figure 56 - Cancer by Taney County Census Tract



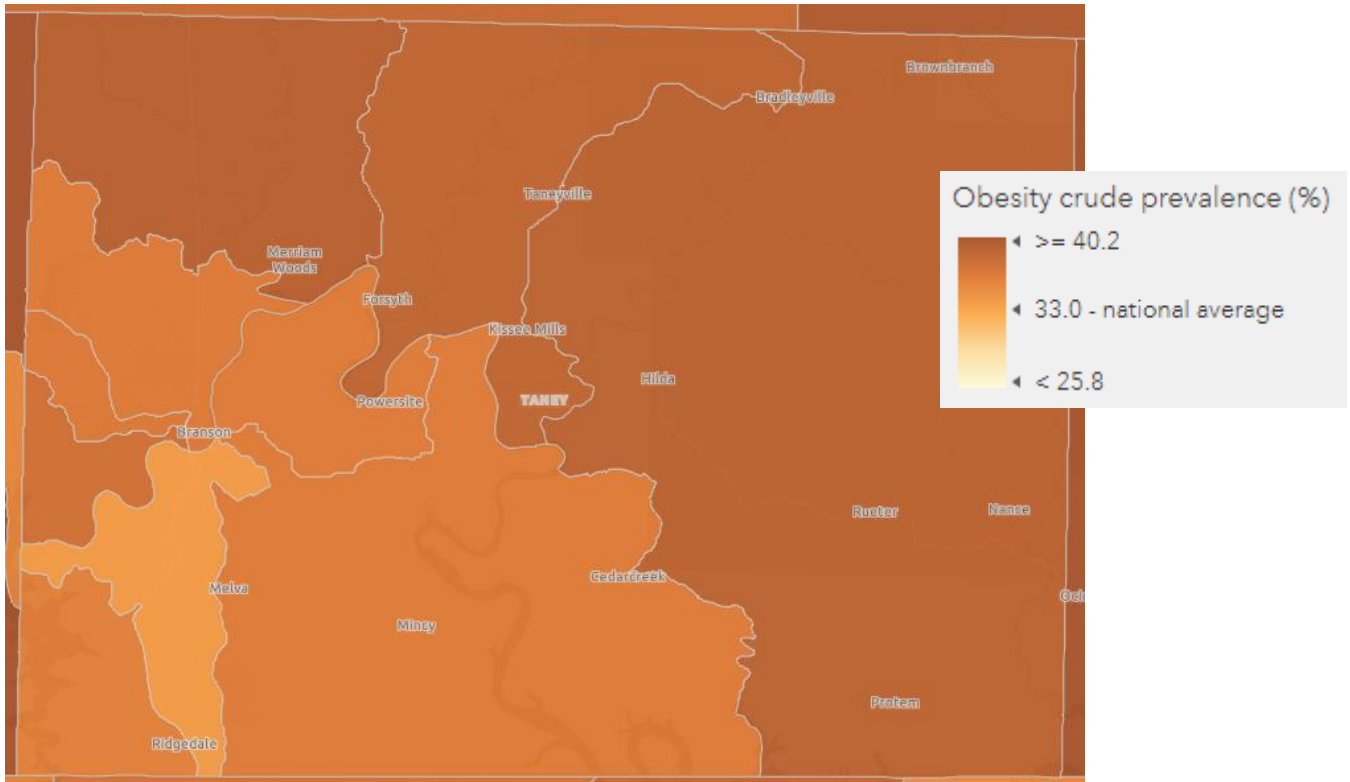
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Figure 57 - Strokes by Taney County Census Tracts



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Figure 58 - Obesity by Taney County Census Tract



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Injuries can result in lifelong impacts for the people who experience them. They can result in mental health concerns, lost productivity, and costs to the healthcare system (82). In Taney County, the most common causes of injury are falls and jumps, being struck by or against something, and motor vehicle and traffic incidents (83). **Figure 59** shows the rates of injuries from 2005-2015.

Figure 59 - Rate Per 100,000 of Injuries in Taney County, 2005-2015

Mechanism of Injury	Rate
Abuse/Neglect/Rape	x ³¹
All Other	1,692.7
Cut/Pierce	720.8
Drowning	5.5
Drugs/Alch/Poison	0.0
Fall/Jump	3,168.1
Fire/Burn	203.7
Firearm	15.7
Foreign Body	0.0
Hot Object/Substance	0.0
Machinery	x
Medical Misadventure	0.0
Motor Vehicle – Non-Traffic	259.3
Motor Vehicle Traffic	1,224.3
Natural / Environmental	0.0
Other Land Transport	0.0
Other Transport	20.0
Over Exertion	1,065.5
Poison/Overdose	398.4
Struck By/Against	1,592.4
Suffocate/Hang	x
Unknown	75.9
Weather/Wildlife	550.7
Total for selection	11,054.6

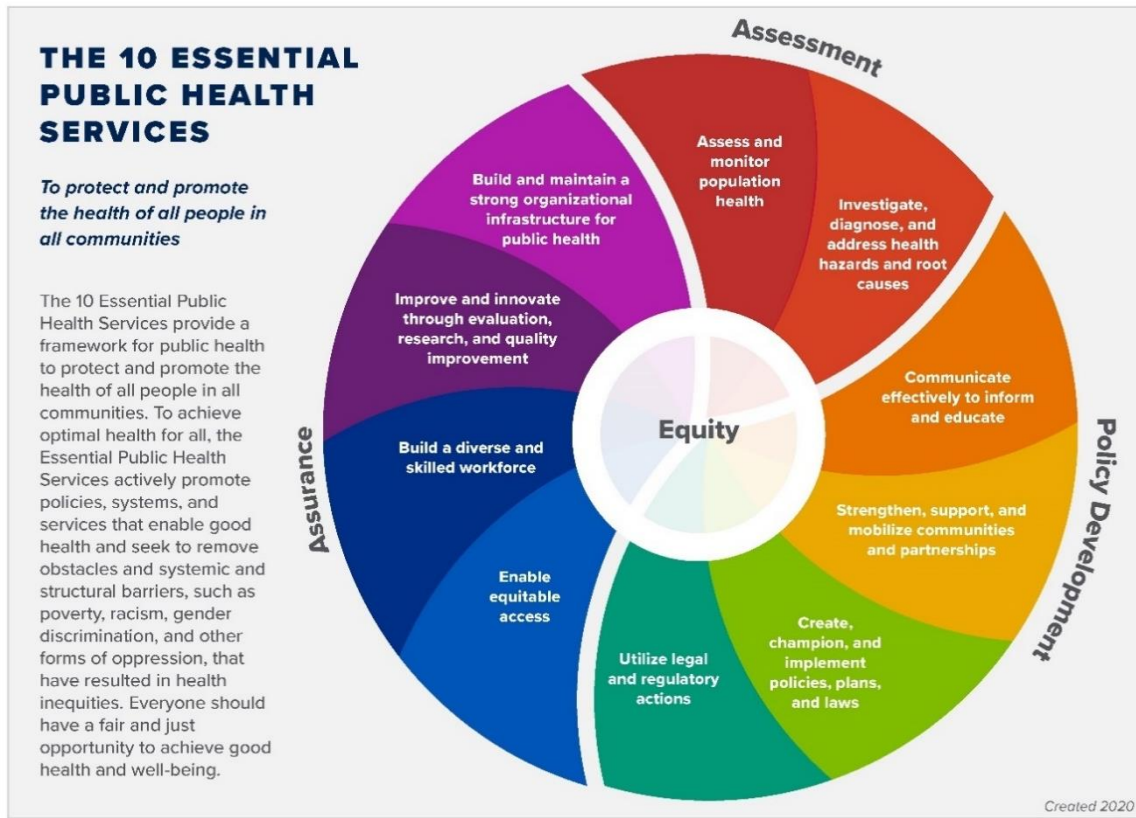
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Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA)

The 10 Essential Public Health Services is a model created to describe the actions a public health system should undertake. Ideally, a public health system provides all ten of these essential services well. These services are described in further detail in **Figure 60** below.

³¹ An “x” indicates that this number cannot be revealed due to a confidentiality rule.

Figure 60 - The 10 Essential Public Health Services



(84).

The Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) measures community performance on each essential public health service. It does this by asking dozens of questions about public health services in the community. The LPHSA is conducted in two phases. The first phase asks community partners how well the local public health system is working. The second phase asks Taney County Health Department employees how well the system is working. Answers include “no activity,” “minimal activity,” “moderate activity,” “significant activity,” and “optimal activity.” These answers are associated with scores of 0, 25, 50, 75, and 100, respectively. Below are the average ratings provided by community partners and TCHD in 2022. Community partners rated essential service 3, Educate and Empower the highest and rated essential service 9, Evaluate Services the lowest, indicating a need to better evaluate services throughout the community. TCHD employees rated essential service 7, Link to Health Services, highest and essential service 6, Enforce Laws, the lowest.

Figure 61 - Local Public Health System Assessment Scores

Service	Scores Provided by Community Partners	Scores Provided by TCHD Employees
1 Monitor Health Status	62.3	73.5
2 Diagnose and Investigate	70.6	77.8
3 Educate and Empower	72.2	75.7
4 Mobilize Partnerships	65.3	75.3
5 Develop Policies and Plans	68.5	69.8
6 Enforce Laws	70.6	63.2

7 Link to Health Services	64.1	80.5
8 Assure Workforce	66.9	71.1
9 Evaluate Services	59.6	71.8
10 Research and Innovations	68.9	65.3
Average	66.9	72.4

(85)

Community Assets

During the CHA, data were collected about the assets available in Taney County. This helps to pair existing resources with identified problems. Substantial amounts of information were collected. This included hundreds of open-ended answers to the Taney County Community Health Survey, interviews with partners, and group discussions. A deeper analysis was completed for assets pertaining to the three health priorities—mental health, substance use, and obtainable housing. The findings from general asset mapping and priority-specific asset mapping are explored here (40; 41; 86; 2; 87; 19; 42; 85).

Most of the assets identified fell into four groups – Taney County’s people, Taney County’s culture and values, Taney County’s environment, and Taney County organizations. **Figure 62** is a word cloud which shows the most commonly used words in response to questions for community members.

Community health survey respondents were asked “what makes you proud of our community?” The most common answer was “people.” More than one-quarter of community health survey respondents identified Taney County people as caring, compassionate, friendly, generous, helpful, full of heart, kind, loving, nice, selfless, supportive, or welcoming. One survey respondent stated that “there are people here that spend every ounce of their being to try to make life better for people that no one else cares about” (19). Respondents noted a sense that residents look out for each other and volunteer to improve the community (19). Similarly, partner interviews described the vast potential among the people to help the community. Partners cited the regionally noted skill-level of several community members, the generosity of local community members, a willingness to band together during times of trouble, the importance of relationships within the community, a significant number of people who are willing to volunteer, the large proportion of retired community members, and the generosity and kind nature of those in the community (19; 42).

Figure 62 - Community Health Survey Response Word Cloud to “What makes you proud of our community?”



(19).

Culture and values were also common themes when asked, “what makes you proud of our community?” Around 30% of survey respondents chose at least one of thirteen values. These values paint the picture of a community which is proud of its religious faith; its patriotism and respect of veterans; its family-friendly and family-oriented atmosphere; its relationships, connections, teamwork, integrity, and its ability to rally during crisis; its strength, resiliency, and adaptability; and its ability to accomplish local work through a small government. The community responses also showed a cultural desire to work hard to make the community the best it can be (19). Community partners also noted the importance of the community’s aims at collaboration and the desire to make the community a better place to live (42). Group discussions revealed that the culture is community-minded, scrappy, and willing to fight to improve its current situation (40). The Substance Use Community Health Improvement Plan group described a changing culture within employers to support those in active recovery (87).

As a smaller community that serves many tourists, Taney County has many of the positive aspects of both a small and large community. Community members and partners alike mentioned the scale of local schools, emergency services, healthcare resources, and lighter traffic conditions available for the population. Community members and partners mentioned the beautiful natural resources and local amenities including fun activities, healthy food, and shopping availability. Community members and partners also appreciated the areas of the community that are kept clean, that the community is often quiet and peaceful, and a feeling of safety (19; 42; 40; 85). Another common theme was pride in the community’s tourism, local growth, and the economy. As one respondent stated, “I’m proud that when people need a break from life and need a fun vacation, our community gets to help make that happen” (19). **Figure 62** shows environmental assets that are valued in the community among respondents. (19; 42; 40; 85).

Figure 62 - Environmental Assets Identified by Information Collection Method

	Partner Interviews	Partner Survey	Kickoff Group Discussion	Community Health Survey
Small Town Feel with Larger Town Amenities	X		X	X
Schools	X	X	X	X
Emergency Services	X			X
Healthcare	X	X	X	X
Fun Activities				X
Natural Resources			X	X
Food				X
Shopping				X
Cleanliness				X
Quiet, Peaceful, or Scenic			X	X
Safety		X		X
Tourism			X	X
Traffic Conditions			X	X
Economy			X	X
Growth			X	X

(19; 42; 40; 85).

Finally, both community members and community partners admired the number of organizations which provide services to people in need (19; 42). Taney County has 338 registered tax-exempt organizations (88). Of the community respondents who answered the question, “What makes you proud of our community?” 13.2% mentioned either specific organizations or the large number of organizations in the area (19). Organizations were also frequently identified during all three Community Health Improvement Plan Meetings, partner interviews, partner surveys, and group discussions (19; 42; 40; 85; 41; 86; 2; 87). The types of organizations commonly identified include:

- healthcare facilities
- substance use treatment organizations
- religious organizations
- food pantries
- organizations that help housing unstable individuals
- organizations which support older Americans
- local businesses
- transportation services
- resource-sharing entities
- translation services
- collaborative organizations
- coalitions
- support groups
- youth serving organizations

Conclusion

The Community Health Assessment process is one that is undertaken by the whole community. The 2022 Community Health Assessment was completed with the help of numerous partners and community members who provided discussion, feedback, and direction for the process. After completing the four MAPP assessments, community organizations chose three priorities for community improvement – Housing, Substance Use, and Mental Health. Community workgroups in each priority area are working on the Community Health Improvement Plan – a document that establishes goals and objectives for each of the identified priorities. The goal of these action plans is to provide direction to the community and the Taney County Health Department on improving health in the three identified areas. In three years, a subsequent Community Health Assessment will be conducted, with the hopes that measurable progress is made in the community.

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Appendix A – Data Collection

TCHD utilized five data collection methods throughout the MAPP process: a community health survey, partner surveys, partner interviews, multiple group discussions with community organizations, and secondary analysis of existing data. This section provides additional details on data collection methods.

The community health survey consisted of 31 questions which were chosen based on TCHD’s historical use of questions, suggested health surveys from NACCHO, and surveys which ask patients about SDoH. Surveys were available online and on paper in both English and Spanish. Spanish and English advertisements provided a QR code for the survey, a link for the survey, and a phone number for the Community Development Specialist. Advertisements included a month-long billboard run; flyers in laundromats, activity centers, coffee shops, government offices, and local non-profits; a social media campaign lead by TCHD and shared by community organizations; presentations to local groups; advertisements in local listservs, including all three community chambers; advertisements in local employment newsletters; the distribution of informational cards to those receiving meals from Elevate Branson; and partners handing out paper surveys at the Boys and Girls Clubs, Elevate Branson, Christian Action Ministries, and House of Hope. There were 769 total responses to this survey.

Partner interviews consisted of eight open-ended questions which were chosen based on MAPP handbook guidance. TCHD interviewed eight partners from various non-profit organizations representing underprivileged groups, healthcare organizations, government organizations, and a school. These data were analyzed across the questions for themes.

Two partner surveys were conducted. The first consisted of eight open-ended questions for partners who were unable to join the 2022 Taney County CHA Kickoff. Three community organizations completed this survey. These data were analyzed in conjunction with group discussion data. The second partner survey consisted of 108 multiple-choice questions about the performance of the Local Public Health System. This survey was answered by nine community organizations and 5 TCHD employees, resulting in the LPHSA section of this report.

TCHD led group discussions at multiple meetings throughout the CHA process, five of which are included in this report. At the 2022 CHA Kickoff meeting, attendees were asked three open-ended questions, were given time to write their responses, and then asked to share their thoughts with the group. This spurred conversation on multiple topics. Answers to these questions were collected and analyzed alongside notes of the group discussion. At the 2022 Health Prioritization meeting, TCHD asked a series of prompting questions to begin group discussion. Attendees were then asked to write down their top four choices for health priorities in order of preference. Discussion notes and votes were analyzed from this meeting. One group discussion meeting was held for each of three priorities selected by the group. Attendees were asked to conduct a gaps analysis through describing what assets already existed in the community, what assets would be useful to have in the future, and how to obtain them. Discussion notes from this meeting were analyzed.

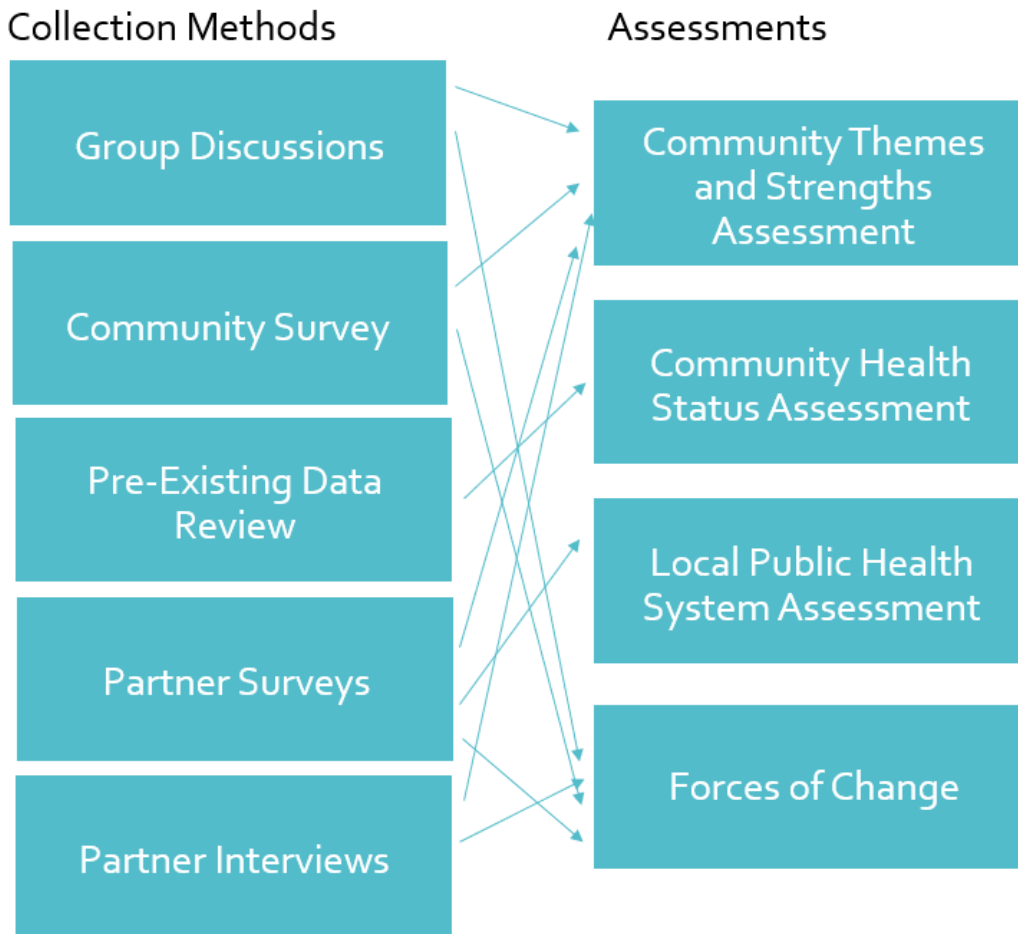
Pre-existing data were collected under the twelve categories of data outlined by the MAPP handbook (1). These categories include demographic characteristics; socioeconomic characteristics; social determinants of health inequity; health resource availability; quality of life; behavioral risk factors; environmental health indicators; social and mental health; maternal and child health; death, illness, and injury; infectious disease; and sentinel events.

Figure 64 - The Four MAPP Assessments

Assessment Name	Questions Answered
Community Health Status Assessment	What health conditions exist in the community?
Community Themes and Strengths Assessment	Why do health conditions exist?
	What assets are available in the community?
	What is the quality of life in the community?
Local Public Health System Assessment	What system weaknesses must be improved?
	What system strengths can be used?
	What short-term or long-term system performance opportunities are there?
Forces of Change Assessment	What forces affect how to take action?

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Figure 65 - Five Collection Methods Feed into Four Assessments



Appendix B – Data

Taney County and Missouri Population Data Over Time

Geography	2000	2020
Taney County	39,703	56,066
Missouri	5,595,211	6,154,913

(6; 5).

Race in Taney County, 2020

Race	Population
Total:	56,066
Population of one race:	51,800
White alone	47,719
Black or African American alone	851
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	487
Asian alone	617
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	197
Some Other Race alone	1,929
Population of two or more races:	4,266
Population of two races:	4,057
White; Black or African American	328
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	1,773
White; Asian	269
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	44
White; Some Other Race	1,489
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	17
Black or African American; Asian	34
Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	7
Black or African American; Some Other Race	42
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	2
American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	35
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10
Asian; Some Other Race	7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Population of three races:	201
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	48
White; Black or African American; Asian	16
White; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1
White; Black or African American; Some Other Race	8
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	27
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	17
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	56
White; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	26

White; Asian; Some Other Race	2
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
Black or African American; Asian; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some Other Race	0
American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Population of four races:	8
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	1
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	2
White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
White; Black or African American; Asian; Some Other Race	0
White; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some Other Race	0
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
White; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Population of five races:	0
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0

White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some Other Race	0
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0
Population of six races:	0
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0

(12)

Ethnicity in Taney County, 2020

Ethnicity	Missouri Population	Taney County Population
Total:	6,154,913	56,066
Hispanic or Latino	303,068	4,329
Not Hispanic or Latino	5,851,845	51,737

(13)

Languages Spoken in Taney County, 2021

Language	Population Estimate
Population 5 years and over	52,789
Speak only English	49,857
Speak a language other than English	2,932
Spanish	2,099
5 to 17 years old	437
18 to 64 years old	1,471
65 years old and over	191
Other Indo-European languages	526
5 to 17 years old	10
18 to 64 years old	456
65 years old and over	60
Asian and Pacific Island languages	238
5 to 17 years old	28
18 to 64 years old	168
65 years old and over	42
Other languages	69
5 to 17 years old	36
18 to 64 years old	33
65 years old and over	0

(14)

Median Age in Taney County and Missouri, 2020

Geography	Median Age
Missouri	38.7
Taney County	43.2

(7)

Veteran Status in Taney County, 2020

Veteran Status	Estimate
Total:	43,837
Veteran	4,444
Nonveteran	39,393

(8)

Disability Status of Non-Institutionalized Population, 2020

Age, Sex, Disability Status	Missouri Estimate	Taney County Estimate
Total:	6,011,968	55,108
Male:	2,929,547	26,197
Under 5 years:	190,173	1,479
With a disability	1,179	24
No disability	188,994	1,455
5 to 17 years:	513,030	4,367
With a disability	38,494	495
No disability	474,536	3,872
18 to 34 years:	670,686	5,592
With a disability	53,538	739
No disability	617,148	4,853
35 to 64 years:	1,113,030	9,374
With a disability	166,780	1,700
No disability	946,250	7,674
65 to 74 years:	272,602	3,160
With a disability	80,107	976
No disability	192,495	2,184
75 years and over:	170,026	2,225
With a disability	82,523	1,204
No disability	87,503	1,021
Female:	3,082,421	28,911
Under 5 years:	180,854	1,546
With a disability	995	0
No disability	179,859	1,546
5 to 17 years:	490,746	4,300
With a disability	23,561	224
No disability	467,185	4,076
18 to 34 years:	680,364	5,827
With a disability	45,779	415
No disability	634,585	5,412
35 to 64 years:	1,176,787	10,806
With a disability	179,842	1,717
No disability	996,945	9,089
65 to 74 years:	313,898	3,828
With a disability	78,473	873
No disability	235,425	2,955
75 years and over:	239,772	2,604
With a disability	113,768	1,099
No disability	126,004	1,505

(9)

Taney County Residents Living in Rural and Urban Areas, 2010

Urban or Rural	Taney County, Missouri
Total:	51,675
Urban:	29,010
Inside urbanized areas	0
Inside urban clusters	29,010
Rural	22,665

(10)

Age in Taney County, 2020

Age	Estimate
Total population	55,563
Under 5 years	3,025
5 to 9 years	3,264
10 to 14 years	3,391
15 to 19 years	3,524
20 to 24 years	3,646
25 to 29 years	3,537
30 to 34 years	2,796
35 to 39 years	2,477
40 to 44 years	3,395
45 to 49 years	3,335
50 to 54 years	3,597
55 to 59 years	4,021
60 to 64 years	3,482
65 to 69 years	3,632
70 to 74 years	3,419
75 to 79 years	2,187
80 to 84 years	1,498
85 years and over	1,337

(7)

Income in Taney County, 2020

Income	Estimate
Total	22,390
Less than \$10,000	5.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.7%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11.8%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	12.2%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16.4%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1.8%
\$200,000 or more	2.8%

(18)

Median Income by Taney County ZIP Code, 2020

ZIP Code	Median Income
65608	\$44,892
65611	\$43,618
65614	\$50,938
65616	\$50,259
65627	\$49,750
65653	\$37,757
65672	\$51,429
65679	\$42,583
65680	\$36,475
65726	N/A
65731	\$48,942
65733	\$28,684
65737	\$51,250
65739	\$53,611
65740	\$38,528
65744	\$53,125
65759	\$44,583
65761	\$22,917
65771	\$75,018
72644	\$36,268
<i>Taney County Overall</i>	\$47,860
<i>Missouri Overall</i>	\$57,290

(18).

Unemployment Rate in Taney County, 2019

Month	Unemployment Rate
December 2019	4.2%
November 2019	3.3%
October 2019	2.8%
September 2019	2.6%
August 2019	3.7%
July 2019	3.6%
June 2019	4.6%
May 2019	3.7%
April 2019	4%
March 2019	7%
February 2019	12.4%
January 2019	12.2%

(20)

Community Health Survey, “In the past month, were you NOT able to pay for any of the following? (Choose all that are true).” N = 588

Answer Choices	Number of Respondents
I was able to pay for all of these	402
Medicine, medical expenses, or copays	86
Food	76
Basic household or personal items such as cleaning supplies, shampoo and conditioner, or diapers	70
Rent or mortgage	48
Utilities such as water, sewer, trash	48
Transportation	36
Internet	36
Phone or phone service	34
Other	33
Childcare or daycare	10

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Which, if any, are reasons you have trouble getting enough food to eat? (Choose all that are true).” N = 605

Answer Choices	Number of Respondents
I have enough food to eat	471
Unable to afford food	119
Unreliable transportation	22
Lack of safe storage options	22
Other	18
Do not have the tools to cook (such as stove, microwave, or kitchen utensils)	10
Lack of childcare	4

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Which, if any, are reasons you have trouble eating healthy? (Choose all that are true).” N = 601

Answer Choices	Number of Respondents
I do not have trouble eating healthy	303
I am unable to pay for healthy food	135
Unhealthy eating habits (including emotional eating, portion size, peer pressure)	134
Time to make healthy meals	106
Lack of stores or markets within reasonable distance that sell healthy and affordable food	49
I do not know how to cook healthy meals on a budget	47
I need help planning a healthy meal	44
I need nutritional education	29
Other	16
Lack of safe storage options	14

(19)

Educational Attainment in Taney County and Missouri, 2021

Educational Attainment	Missouri Estimate	Taney County Estimate
Total:	4,226,634	39,211
Less than 9th grade	107,977	1,944
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	247,408	2,755
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,303,894	11,605
Some college, no degree	875,875	10,219
Associate degree	350,837	2,430
Bachelor's degree	823,215	7,894
Graduate or professional degree	517,428	2,364

(32)

Residents Without a High School Diploma by Taney County ZIP code, 2018

ZIP Code	ZIP Code Population	Number Without High School Diploma
65608	6,439	1,214
65611	1,648	177
65614	398	40
65616	18,823	1,955
65627	324	60
65653	4,604	558
65672	5,927	659
65679	1,692	131
65680	970	177
65731	432	24
65733	687	121
65737	6,582	1,148
65739	800	113
65740	2,138	330
65744	67	6
65759	926	150
65761	900	133
65771	992	56
72644	1,925	192
<i>Taney County</i>	37,622	4,252
<i>Missouri</i>	4,124,838	430,529

(33)

Healthcare Provider to Population Ratios

Indicator	Taney County	Missouri
Primary Care Physicians, 2019	1:1,330	1:1,400
Other Primary Care Providers, 2021	1:900	1:890
Mental Health Providers, 2021	1:1,220	1:460
Dental Providers, 2020	1:2,810	1:1,650

(34; 35; 36; 37)

Community Health Survey, Number of Respondents Who Have Trouble Accessing Care by Income, 2022 N = 571

Income Per Year	Percentage of Respondents who have trouble accessing...							
	Dental Care	Medical Care	Eye Care	Mental Healthcare	Medications	Substance Use Treatment	Other	We Do Not Struggle to Get Care
Less than \$10,000	18	12	13	11	10	3	5	10
Between \$10,000 and \$14,999	31	20	18	15	23	2	3	17
Between \$15,000 and \$24,999	48	19	28	15	21	5	4	18
Between \$25,000 and \$34,999	40	25	26	15	21	3	7	24
Between \$35,000 and \$49,999	20	10	9	13	7	2	2	47
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	19	17	6	18	4	2	4	52
\$75,000 or More	18	15	10	24	8	3	13	117

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Are you worried about losing your housing in the next 6 months?” N = 618

Answer	Number of Responses
Yes	58
No	560

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Think about the place where you live. Do you have any problems with the following? (Choose all that are true).” N = 610

Answer Choices	Number of Respondents
I do not have problems with the place I live	382
Bugs or pests	109
Mold	71
Concerns about crime	50
Too small of a space	50
Concerns about neighbors	44
Water leaks	42
Too expensive	42
Poor or no air conditioning	33
Poor or no heating	32
Other	29
Too run down	26
Broken or missing smoke alarms	25
Broken or missing oven or stove	18
Too far from things I need	14
Unable to access or pay for utilities such as water, sewer, or trash	14
Lead paint or pipes	9

(19)

Housing Affordability, Branson

Income Range	Number of Households	Affordable Range for Owner Units	Number of Owner Units	Affordable Range for Renter Units	Number of Renter Units	Total Affordable Units	Balance
\$0-\$25,000	1,710	\$0-50,000	166	\$0-400	357	523	-1,187
\$25,000-49,999	1,773	\$50,000-99,999	337	\$400-800	2,414	2,751	978
\$50,000-74,999	804	\$100,000-149,999	376	\$800-1250	326	702	-102
\$75,000-99,999	404	\$150,000-199,999	418	\$1,250-1,500	80	498	94
\$100,000-150,000	313	\$200,000-300,000	345	\$1,500-2,000	0	345	32
\$150,000+	156	\$300,000+	285	\$2,000+	56	341	185
Total	5,160		1,927		3,233	5,160	0
Median	\$38,880	\$157,800		\$625			

(39)

Housing Affordability, Forsyth

Income Range	Number of Households	Affordable Range for Owner Units	Number of Owner Units	Affordable Range for Renter Units	Number of Renter Units	Total Affordable Units	Balance
\$0-\$25,000	287	\$0-50,000	52	\$0-400	86	138	-149
\$25,000-49,999	227	\$50,000-99,999	116	\$400-800	190	306	79
\$50,000-74,999	202	\$100,000-149,999	205	\$800-1250	6	211	9
\$75,000-99,999	72	\$150,000-199,999	68	\$1,250-1,500	0	68	-4
\$100,000-150,000	49	\$200,000-300,000	84	\$1,500-2,000	23	107	58
\$150,000+	37	\$300,000+	44	\$2,000+	0	44	7
Total	874		569		305	874	0
Median	\$36,360			\$121,000		\$490	

(39)

Housing Affordability, Hollister

Income Range	Number of Households	Affordable Range for Owner Units	Number of Owner Units	Affordable Range for Renter Units	Number of Renter Units	Total Affordable Units	Balance
\$0-\$25,000	623	\$0-50,000	238	\$0-400	243	481	-142
\$25,000-49,999	863	\$50,000-99,999	178	\$400-800	661	839	-24
\$50,000-74,999	149	\$100,000-149,999	303	\$800-1250	16	319	170
\$75,000-99,999	96	\$150,000-199,999	72	\$1,250-1,500	0	72	-24
\$100,000-150,000	174	\$200,000-300,000	88	\$1,500-2,000	0	88	-86
\$150,000+	12	\$300,000+	118	\$2,000+	0	118	106
Total	1,917		997		920	1,917	0
Median	\$29,616			\$113,400		\$512	

(39)

Housing Affordability, Merriam Woods

Income Range	Number of Households	Affordable Range for Owner Units	Number of Owner Units	Affordable Range for Renter Units	Number of Renter Units	Total Affordable Units	Balance
\$0-\$25,000	293	\$0-50,000	144	\$0-400	70	214	-79
\$25,000-49,999	217	\$50,000-99,999	277	\$400-800	141	418	201
\$50,000-74,999	113	\$100,000-149,999	28	\$800-1250	5	33	-80
\$75,000-99,999	49	\$150,000-199,999	18	\$1,250-1,500	0	18	-31
\$100,000-150,000	9	\$200,000-300,000	0	\$1,500-2,000	0	0	-9
\$150,000+	4	\$300,000+	2	\$2,000+	0	2	-2
Total	685		469		216	685	0
Median	\$29,034					\$475	

(39)

Percentage of Household Income Dedicated to Housing and Utility Costs, 2015-2019

Cost Burden	Number of Owner Households	Number of Renter Households	Total Number of Households
<=30%	10,975	5,450	16,425
>30% to <=50%	1,810	1,440	3,250
>50%	915	1,480	2,395
not available	30	170	200
Total	13,740	8,530	22,270

(43)

Percentage of Taney County Households Without Internet Access by ZIP Code, 2021

ZIP Code	Total Population	Population With Internet Subscription
65608	3,201	2,231
65611	992	880
65614	193	140
65616	10,522	9,041
65627	320	267
65653	2,545	2,120
65672	3,491	3,097
65679	1,325	1,143
65680	455	358
65731	78	69
65733	274	199
65737	3,057	2,707
65739	384	329
65740	1,268	1,126
65744	24	9
65759	385	335
65761	531	370
65771	541	463
72644	1,028	960
<i>Taney County Overall</i>	21,249	18,236
<i>Missouri Overall</i>	2,433,819	2,077,498

(46)

Environmental Justice Index Ratings in Taney County, 2022

Census Tract	Total Population	EJI Rank
4801.05	7664	.67
4801.06	1780	.52
4802.01	10899	.81
4802.02	7055	.71
4803.01	5083	.42
4803.02	4370	.43
4804.01	6172	.77
4804.02	2200	.69
4805.01	1910	.37
4805.02	7981	.76

(89)

Lead Testing Among Taney County and Missouri Children, 2018

Indicator	Taney County Count	Taney County Rate	Missouri Rate
Lead Testing: Under Age 6	329	8.61	18.13
Blood Lead Elevations >=10 ug/dL: Under Age 6 Tested	0	0.00	0.11

(50).

Community Health Survey, "The People in My Life Support My Goals," 2022, N = 572

Answer Choice	Household Income \$24,999 or Less Per Year	Household Income \$25,000-\$49,999 Per Year	Household Income \$50,000-\$74,999 Per Year	Household Income Greater Than \$74,999
Strongly Disagree	4.29%	1.47%	1.18%	0.64%
Disagree	0.71%	2.21%	2.35%	0%
Slightly Disagree	5.71%	1.47%	1.18%	0.64%
Neutral	20.71%	9.56%	4.71%	0.64%
Slightly Agree	8.57%	8.09%	4.71%	3.18%
Agree	27.41%	32.35%	27.06%	22.29%
Strongly Agree	32.86%	44.85%	58.82%	72.61%

(19)

Community Health Survey, "I Feel Safe in My Relationships at Home," 2022

	Household Income \$24,999 or Less Per Year	Household Income \$25,000-\$49,999 Per Year	Household Income \$50,000-\$74,999 Per Year	Household Income Greater Than \$74,999
Strongly Disagree	2.13%	1.45%	0.00%	0.63%
Disagree	1.42%	0.72%	1.19%	0%
Slightly Disagree	0.71%	2.17%	1.19%	0.63%
Neutral	17.02%	6.52%	5.95%	1.27%
Slightly Agree	9.22%	3.62%	0.00%	0.63%
Agree	29.08%	29.71%	19.05%	15.19%
Strongly Agree	40.43%	55.80%	72.62%	81.65%

(19)

Community Health Survey, "I Can Trust People in My Community," 2022

	Household Income \$24,999 or Less Per Year	Household Income \$25,000-\$49,999 Per Year	Household Income \$50,000-\$74,999 Per Year	Household Income Greater Than \$74,999
Strongly Disagree	7.48%	4.32%	1.18%	1.91%
Disagree	6.12%	5.04%	7.06%	3.18%
Slightly Disagree	10.88%	11.51%	11.76%	6.37%
Neutral	22.45%	20.86%	16.47%	8.92%
Slightly Agree	17.69%	16.55%	11.76%	17.20%
Agree	22.45%	31.65%	42.35%	53.50%
Strongly Agree	12.93%	10.07%	9.41%	8.92%

(19)

Taney County Domestic Violence Incidents Per Year

Year	Domestic Violence Incidents	Population
2010	638	51,675
2011	467	52,652
2012	495	52,901
2013	495	53,255
2014	559	53,810
2015	533	54,216
2016	577	54,608
2017	510	55,100
2018	553	55,719
2019	511	55,928
2020	523	56,058

(52; 56; 57)

Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect Incidents in Taney County

Fiscal Year	Incidents	Population
FY 2013	43	53,255
FY 2014	45	53,810
FY 2015	42	54,216
FY 2016	57	54,608
FY 2017	71	55,100
FY 2018	63	55,719
FY 2019	59	55,928
FY 2020	44	56,058
FY 2021	59	56,334

(54; 55; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 57; 65)

Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Hospitalizations in Taney County

Year	Mental Disorder, Principal Diagnosis	Mental-Related, Secondary Diagnosis	Alcohol Disorder, Principal Diagnosis	Alcohol-Related, Secondary Diagnosis	Drug Disorder, Principal Diagnosis	Drug-Related, Secondary Diagnosis
2017	908	2849	382	585	266	907
2018	1237	2492	436	522	357	761
2019	836	1857	327	440	287	664

(58).

Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Deaths in Taney County

Year	Number of Suicides	Number of Alcohol-Induced Deaths	Number of Drug-Induced Deaths
2018	10	3	10
2019	8	3	11
2020	9	5	13

(58).

Community Health Survey, “Below we have listed different health problems. What do you think are the three (3) most important ‘health problems’ which need to be addressed in our community? Choose only three (3).” N = 614

Health Problem	Number of Respondents
Addiction	355
Housing	211
Aging Problems	146
Child Abuse/Neglect	142
Mental Health	134
Healthcare Access	112
Domestic Violence	107
Obesity	89
Dental Problems	78
Cancers	71
Diabetes	70
Transportation	70
Heart Problems	64
Food Access	53
Human Trafficking	45
Infectious Diseases	34
Disability	34
Suicide	30
Lung Disease	26
Rape/Sexual Assault	22
Other	21
Elder Abuse/Neglect	20
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	9
Teenage Pregnancy	9

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Is it hard for you or your family to get any of the following? (Choose all that are true).” N = 612

Answer Choice	Number of Respondents
We do not find it hard to get healthcare	305
Dental care	208
Medical care	125
Eye care	119
Mental healthcare	118
Medications	102
Other	40
Substance use treatment	22

(19)

Community Health Survey, “Below we have listed risky behaviors. What do you think are the three (3) most common ‘risky behaviors’ in our community? Choose only three (3)”. N = 614

Answer Choice	Number of Respondents
Alcohol or drug use	514
Criminal activity	265
Tobacco, e-cigarette, or vape use	184
Overeating or poor eating habits	145
Unhealthy relationships	130
Not managing disease (such as not following doctor’s orders or not taking medication as prescribed)	90
Not enough exercise	85
Poor stress management	83
Unsafe driving or not using a seat belt	66
Unsafe sex or sex without birth control	61
Dropping out of school	59
Not going to the doctor	53
Not sleeping enough	53
Other	37
Gambling	16
Not using child safety seats	15

(19)

Taney County Maternal, Infant, and Child Health Indicators

Indicator	Data Year	Taney County Count	Taney County Rate	Missouri Rate	Significant Difference
Care Began First Trimester	2019	434	70.0	71.2	No
Late Care (2 nd /3 rd Trimester)	2019	175	28.2	26.4	No
No Prenatal Care	2019	11	1.8	2.4	No
Inadequate Prenatal Care – Missouri Index	2019	125	20.3	21.1	No
Inadequate Prenatal Care – Kotelchuck Index	2019	107	17.5	17.9	No
Prenatal Medicaid Participants	2019	393	62.8	38.6	Yes, High
Prenatal WIC Participants	2019	342	55.3	33.9	Yes, High
Prenatal Food Stamps Participants	2019	172	28.3	24.6	No
Weight Gain Less than 15 Pounds – Term Singleton	2015-2019	321	11.4	13.4	Yes, Low
Weight Gain Greater Than or Equal To 45 Pounds = Term Singleton	2015-2019	676	24.1	20.8	Yes, High
Gestational Diabetes	2019	44	7.0	7.4	No
Pre-Pregnancy Diabetes	2019	3	0.5	1.1	No
Mother Smoked During Pregnancy	2019	128	20.5	12.8	Yes, High

(61).

Mother Smoked During Pregnancy 3 Year Averages

Year	Number of Taney County Pregnant People Who Smoked	Rate of Taney County Pregnant People Who Smoked	Rate of Missouri Pregnant People Who Smoked
2008-2010	527	26.56	17.77
2009-2011	507	26.19	18.00
2010-2012	499	26.89	18.41
2011-2013	483	26.19	17.99
2012-2014	479	25.82	17.46
2013-2015	469	24.81	16.73
2014-2016	488	24.95	15.94
2015-2017	470	24.53	15.20
2016-2018	466	24.33	14.49
2017-2019	428	22.73	13.66

(62).

Behavioral Risk Factors in Missouri and Taney County, 2019

Risk Factor	Taney County Percentage of Population	Missouri Percentage of Population
Adult Smoking ³²	23%	20%
Physical Inactivity ³³	34%	30%
Excessive Drinking ³⁴	17%	19%

(63; 65; 64)

Percentage of Students Who Used Substances in the past 30 Days, 2022

Substance Used	Taney County Students	Missouri Students
Tobacco (cigarettes or chew)	3.0%	3.2%
Electronic Cigarettes	10.8%	11.0%
Hookahs or Water Pipes	2.0%	1.1%
Alcohol	8.5%	14.9%
Marijuana	6.8%	7.5%
Inhalants	0.7%	0.8%
Prescriptions Not Prescribed by Student’s Doctor	1.4%	0.9%
“OTC” to get high	1.0%	0.7%
Synthetic Drugs	0.7%	1.0%

(67).

Binge Drinking Across Taney County Census Tracts

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	Estimated % Who Binge Drink
29213480105	4801.05	15.9
29213480106	4801.06	16.5
29213480201	4802.01	16.8
29213480202	4802.02	16.7
29213480301	4803.01	16.7
29213480302	4803.02	17.5
29213480401	4804.01	14.3
29213480402	4804.02	15.4
29213480501	4805.01	14.1
29213480502	4805.02	18.1

(66)

³² Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted).

³³ Percentage of adults age 18 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity (age-adjusted).

³⁴ Percentage of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking (age-adjusted).

Currently Smoking Rates Across Taney County Census Tracts

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	Estimated % Who Currently Smoke
29213480105	4801.05	20.7
29213480106	4801.06	21.2
29213480201	4802.01	20.8
29213480202	4802.02	24.5
29213480301	4803.01	19.7
29213480302	4803.02	21.2
29213480401	4804.01	23.8
29213480402	4804.02	24.7
29213480501	4805.01	17.6
29213480502	4805.02	18.9

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Physical Inactivity Rates Across Taney County Census Tracts

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	Estimated % of People Who are Physically Inactive
29213480105	4801.05	28.2
29213480106	4801.06	28.3
29213480201	4802.01	27.1
29213480202	4802.02	29.4
29213480301	4803.01	25.4
29213480302	4803.02	25.8
29213480401	4804.01	32.3
29213480402	4804.02	31.5
29213480501	4805.01	25.3
29213480502	4805.02	25.1

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Sleep Less Than Seven Hours Per Night Across Taney County Census Tracts

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	Estimated % of People Who Sleep Less Than 7 Hours Per Night
29213480105	4801.05	32.7
29213480106	4801.06	32.9
29213480201	4802.01	32.7
29213480202	4802.02	34.0
29213480301	4803.01	32.1
29213480302	4803.02	32.7
29213480401	4804.01	33.0
29213480402	4804.02	33.6
29213480501	4805.01	30.5
29213480502	4805.02	31.9

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Number of Poor Health Days in the Last 30 Days, 2019

Measurement	Taney County	Missouri
Poor Physical Health Days	4.6	4.0
Poor Mental Health Days	5.1	4.9

(69; 68).

Quality of Life Measures by Percentage of Population, 2019

Indicator	Taney County	Missouri
Poor or Fair Health	21%	18%
Frequent Physical Distress	15%	12%
Frequent Mental Distress	17%	16%

(70; 71; 72).

Communicable Disease Counts for Taney County, 2021

Condition Name	Confirmed	Probable
Animal Bites	104	0
Campylobacteriosis	0	4
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	2	0
Giardiasis	1	0
Haemophilus Influenzae, Invasive	2	0
Hepatitis A Acute	4	0
Hepatitis B Acute	1	0
Hepatitis C Chronic Infection	65	0
Mott	2	0
Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis	13	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	1
Salmonellosis	6	0
Strep Pneumoniae Invasive	1	0
Tularemia	2	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>5</i>

(73).

New Chlamydia Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time

Year	New Chlamydia Diagnoses
2013	142
2014	142
2015	155
2016	151
2017	178
2018	211
2019	146
2020	142
2021	137

(74; 75; 73).

New Gonorrhea Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time

Year	New Gonorrhea Diagnoses
2013	12
2014	40
2015	30
2016	47
2017	79
2018	104
2019	57
2020	75
2021	82

(74; 75; 73).

New Syphilis Diagnoses in Taney County Over Time

Year	New Syphilis Diagnoses
2013	2
2014	2
2015	6
2016	8
2017	6
2018	8
2019	7
2020	12
2021	54

(74; 75; 73).

COVID-19 Cases in Taney County

Year	2020	2021
Confirmed and Probable Cases	4,705	4,989

(75; 73).

COVID-19 Deaths in Taney County

Year	2020	2021
Confirmed Deaths	75	94

(75; 73).

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

Month	2020 Cases	2021 Cases
January	0	534
February	0	151
March	3	74
April	9	95
May	1	117
June	83	459
July	398	1004
August	495	601
September	377	308
October	667	129
November	1,126	163
December	876	555

(75; 73).

Leading Causes of Death in Taney County, 2009-2019

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Significantly Different from Missouri Rate
Heart Disease	2,023	Higher
Cancer	1,332	Lower
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	357	Lower
Unintentional Injuries	276	Lower
Stroke/Other Cerebrovascular Disease	282	Lower
Alzheimer's Disease	195	Lower
Kidney Disease	120	Lower
Pneumonia and Influenza	117	Not significantly different
Suicide	104	Not significantly different
Septicemia	98	Not significantly different
Diabetes Mellitus	86	Lower
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	85	Higher

(76).

Taney County Heart Disease Rates 3-Year Rolling Average, 2009-2019

Data Year	Count	Rate	State Rate
2008-2010	390	213.51	207.79
2009-2011	406	216.75	200.75
2010-2012	434	223.03	196.22
2011-2013	463	229.05	194.11
2012-2014	500	238.59	192.74
2013-2015	543	252.94	194.78
2014-2016	574	262.00	194.15
2015-2017	638	281.77	193.50
2016-2018	683	292.63	190.44
2017-2019	715	297.28	188.49

(90)

Life Expectancy in Taney County by Census Tract

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	Life Expectancy
29213480105	4801.05	80.1
29213480106	4801.06	78.5
29213480201	4802.01	77.4
29213480202	4802.02	76.0
29213480301	4803.01	75.7
29213480302	4803.02	78.5
29213480401	4804.01	76.1
29213480402	4804.02	74.8
29213480501	4805.01	74.9
29213480502	4805.02	78.3
Taney County Overall	Taney County Overall	77.3
Missouri Overall	Missouri Overall	76.6

(79).

Rate Per 100,000 of Chronic Disease Emergency Room Visits in Taney County, 2005-2015

Chronic Diagnosis	Rate
Alcohol and substance-related mental disorders	6.2
Asthma	3.0
Atherosclerosis	0.1
Cerebrovascular disease	x ³⁵
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis	9.7
Chronic renal failure	0.0
Diabetes	2.0
Diseases of the heart	17.8
Epilepsy- convulsions	4.0
Hypertension	2.3
Liver disease	0.3
Neoplasms – malignant (cancer)	X
Non-traumatic joint disorders	6.4
Other cardiovascular/circulatory conditions	2.2
Sickle cell anemia	X
<i>Total for selection</i>	55.2

(81).

Heart Disease by Taney County Census Tract

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	% of People Who Have Heart Disease
29213480105	4801.05	8.2
29213480106	4801.06	7.2
29213480201	4802.01	7.5
29213480202	4802.02	8.0
29213480301	4803.01	7.4
29213480302	4803.02	6.9
29213480401	4804.01	10.8
29213480402	4804.02	9.8
29213480501	4805.01	9.2
29213480502	4805.02	6.7

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³⁵ An “x” indicates that this number cannot be revealed due to a confidentiality rule.

Cancer by Taney County Census Tract

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	% Of People Who Have Cancer
29213480105	4801.05	7.4
29213480106	4801.06	6.5
29213480201	4802.01	7.0
29213480202	4802.02	6.6
29213480301	4803.01	7.2
29213480302	4803.02	6.6
29213480401	4804.01	8.8
29213480402	4804.02	7.9
29213480501	4805.01	9.1
29213480502	4805.02	6.2

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Strokes by Taney County Census Tract

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	% of People Who Have Strokes
29213480105	4801.05	3.7
29213480106	4801.06	3.4
29213480201	4802.01	3.5
29213480202	4802.02	3.8
29213480301	4803.01	3.3
29213480302	4803.02	3.1
29213480401	4804.01	5.0
29213480402	4804.02	4.5
29213480501	4805.01	3.9
29213480502	4805.02	3.0

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Obesity by Taney County Census Tract

Census Tract Code	Census Tract Name	% of People Who Are Obese
29213480105	4801.05	37.5
29213480106	4801.06	36.7
29213480201	4802.01	36.6
29213480202	4802.02	39.1
29213480301	4803.01	36.4
29213480302	4803.02	36.5
29213480401	4804.01	38.6
29213480402	4804.02	38.9
29213480501	4805.01	36.1
29213480502	4805.02	34.1

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Rate Per 100,000 of Injuries in Taney County, 2005-2015

Mechanism of Injury	Rate
Abuse/Neglect/Rape	x ³⁶
All Other	1,692.7
Cut/Pierce	720.8
Drowning	5.5
Drugs/Alch/Poison	0.0
Fall/Jump	3,168.1
Fire/Burn	203.7
Firearm	15.7
Foreign Body	0.0
Hot Object/Substance	0.0
Machinery	x
Medical Misadventure	0.0
Motor Vehicle – Non-Traffic	259.3
Motor Vehicle Traffic	1,224.3
Natural / Environmental	0.0
Other Land Transport	0.0
Other Transport	20.0
Over Exertion	1,065.5
Poison/Overdose	398.4
Struck By/Against	1,592.4
Suffocate/Hang	x
Unknown	75.9
Weather/Wildlife	550.7
<i>Total for selection</i>	<i>11,054.6</i>

(83).

Local Public Health System Assessment Scores

Service	Scores Provided by Community Partners	Scores Provided by TCHD Employees
1 Monitor Health Status	62.3	73.5
2 Diagnose and Investigate	70.6	77.8
3 Educate and Empower	72.2	75.7
4 Mobilize Partnerships	65.3	75.3
5 Develop Policies and Plans	68.5	69.8
6 Enforce Laws	70.6	63.2
7 Link to Health Services	64.1	80.5
8 Assure Workforce	66.9	71.1
9 Evaluate Services	59.6	71.8
10 Research and Innovations	68.9	65.3
<i>Average</i>	<i>66.9</i>	<i>72.4</i>

(85)

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