

CHI Franciscan St. Clare Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment 2019



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Executive Summary



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CHI Franciscan in collaboration with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (Health Department) and MultiCare Health System (MultiCare) conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to identify key health issues based on current data. This CHNA includes the results of a comprehensive review of key health indicator data and collection of community input to understand and address the needs of the CHI Franciscan St. Clare Hospital service area.

Within this report, the term “community” refers to residents who live, learn, work or play in this hospital’s predefined service area.

This CHNA fulfills Section 9007 of the Affordable Care Act, as well as Washington state CHNA requirements, and presents data on:

- **Demographics of the community**
- **Life expectancy and leading causes of death**
- **Chronic illness, including behavioral health**
- **Injury and violence**

Additionally, the CHNA process included multiple community engagement activities, including asking community members about:

- **The health of their community**
- **What they need in their neighborhoods to be healthy**
- **What they think could be improved**

These community engagement activities included ten community workshops with residents, ten interviews with local stakeholders and an online community survey. CHI Franciscan, MultiCare and the Health Department engaged community stakeholders throughout the CHNA process not simply as sources of input but as equal partners with shared accountability and investment in addressing health concerns.

COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EQUITY

The CHNA process followed a social determinants of health framework, which focused on the root causes of poor health. Neighborhood and community conditions, income, education, housing and transportation can create opportunities or barriers to health. Health should not be determined by zip code, income, race or any other social, economic or environmental factor. Healthy choices should be easy choices for everyone in the St. Clare Hospital community.

Executive Summary

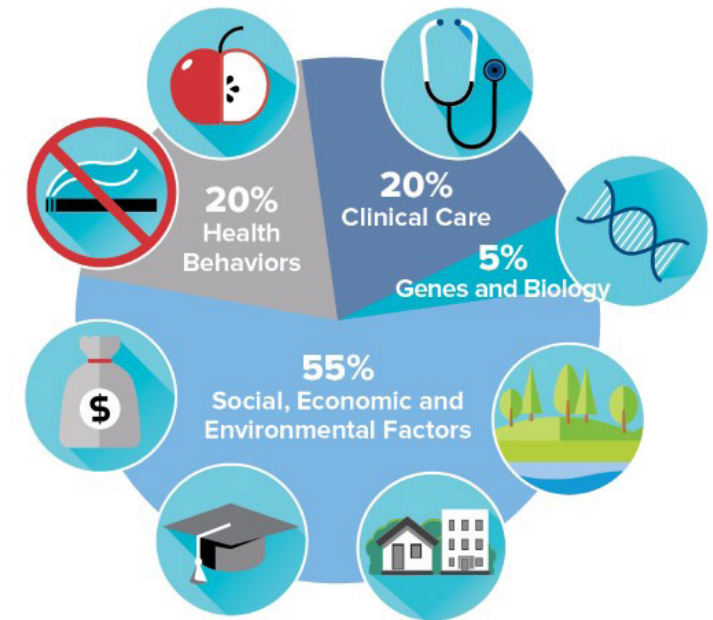
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PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

Based on results from this CHNA, priority health needs within the St. Clare Hospital community emerged. These priorities resulted from applying a prioritization process and criteria to the health indicator data and community engagement themes included in this report.¹

- **Mental health (suicide and adult depression)**
- **Birth outcomes (prenatal care and low birth weight)**
- **Access to health care (unmet health care needs, usual health care provider and youth dental exams)**
- **Obesity (adult obesity and sugar-sweetened beverages among youth)**

What Makes Us Healthy?



Adapted from <http://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/FAQ.html>

¹ For more information about the prioritization process and selection criteria, please see the Supplement.

Introduction



CHI Franciscan and MultiCare contracted with the Health Department to conduct a comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The process included quantitative data analysis, an online community survey, interviews with community stakeholders and workshops (focus groups) with community residents of Pierce County. The workshops represented diverse population groups, including low-income residents, people of color and others affected by health disparities.

ABOUT CHI FRANCISCAN

CHI Franciscan is a Catholic nonprofit health system based in Tacoma, Washington. With \$2.45 billion in total revenue and a team of more than 12,000 physicians, providers, nurses and staff, CHI Franciscan provides expert, compassionate medical care at 11 acute care hospitals and more than 200 primary and specialty care clinics throughout the greater Puget Sound. Started in 1891 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, today CHI Franciscan is one of the largest health systems in Washington state. CHI Franciscan’s mission is to create healthier communities, including caring for the poor

and underserved. In fiscal year 2018, the organization provided \$190 million in community benefit—free, subsidized and reduced cost health care and programs.

CHI Franciscan has four hospitals in Pierce County, including St. Clare Hospital, and operates Wellfound Behavioral Hospital as a unique joint venture with Multicare. This is the third CHNA developed for St. Clare Hospital to describe health issues, what impacts those issues have on the community and how these concerns may be addressed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to share the emerging health needs of the community served by St. Clare Hospital, including:

- What residents have to say about health
- Health behaviors and health outcomes of residents
- Assets and resources

This report contains information that can be used to respond to new health challenges in an evolving community.

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METHODS

To develop this report, an array of data sources was analyzed to describe the health of the St. Clare Hospital community. These include:

- Selected health indicators collected through surveys, vital statistics records, hospital data sets and health registries
- Main themes emerging from community workshops attended by Pierce County residents, including those from the St. Clare Hospital service area
- Results from the 2018 Pierce County Community Survey (online)
- Transcripts from interviews with stakeholders from different sectors

CHNA partners intentionally engaged residents to have an active role in community engagement activities. For example, residents reviewed questions used for workshops and the online community survey. To ensure accuracy of the data, they also reviewed the summary of results from the interviews and workshops they participated in. Some residents were trained to conduct workshops in their own communities.

This report summarizes:

- 1. Community characteristics**
- 2. Life expectancy**
- 3. Leading causes of death**
- 4. Leading causes of hospitalizations**
- 5. Levels of chronic illness**
- 6. Access to health care, use of preventive services and oral health**
- 7. Maternal and child health**
- 8. Injury and violence prevention**
- 9. Behavioral health**

Assets and resources available to the community are at the end of each section, as applicable.

More details about data sources and methods used to develop this report are in the Supplement.

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the community workshops was to hear directly from residents. Ten community workshops were held throughout Pierce County and facilitated by trained community residents and Health Department staff.

Community residents were trained to facilitate workshops using a curriculum developed by Health Department staff in collaboration with Community Science (funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health). The training curriculum was tested with members of the East Tacoma Collaborative in 2017. Members of Pierce County Accountable Community of Health's Community Advisory Council and the Pierce County Community Health Worker Collaborative participated in the training and facilitated community workshops.

Health Department staff selected workshop locations from geographic areas with poorer health outcomes and readiness to work collectively to improve these outcomes. In addition, specific populations were invited to participate in the workshops based on their

geographic location and/or health outcomes. Those populations included:

- Residents who are housing insecure or who have lower household incomes
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual residents
- Black residents
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander residents

Analysts considered literature on stakeholder selection produced by the Health Research and Educational Trust, in partnership with Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence. The Health Department recruited participants and, in some cases, participants invited others to attend (i.e., snowball sampling method). Those who attended workshops were promised confidentiality and consented to participate by attending the workshop.

Data analysis of workshop notes was performed simultaneously by the workshop group facilitator and an analyst using coding to identify emergent themes. Analyses were then compared, and themes were mutually identified.

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KEY STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Ten interviews were conducted with 12 Pierce County organizational leaders across seven sectors (see selection criteria below). Interviews were approximately 60 minutes in length and conducted in person. Two interviews included multiple participants, though each interview was considered one unit of measurable data. When available, interviews were audio recorded with consent.

CHI Franciscan and MultiCare provided the Health Department with more than 30 names of suggested local leaders. Ten participants were selected based on the following criteria:

1. Represented key sectors of business, non-profit, education, transportation, health and human services, local government and law enforcement/first responders
2. Not interviewed for the last CHNA in 2015 (to avoid redundancy in data and to promote diversity)
3. Availability within the project timeline

Health Department staff then analyzed data using open and axial coding² to discover patterns and recurring themes across all interviews. NVivo qualitative data analysis software was used to organize data. If three or more interviews ($\geq 30\%$) contributed the same data point, the data point was considered an emerging theme.

2018 PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY

The CHNA partners drafted, distributed and promoted the online 2018 Pierce County Community Survey via Survey Monkey[®]. The survey was available in English, Spanish and Korean.

Professional translation services were used to provide survey drafts in Korean and Spanish. The drafts were then shared with community members who speak Korean and Spanish natively to confirm contextual accuracy.

Survey links were distributed to multiple organizations throughout Pierce County. Participants completed the survey between March and August 2018.

²Open coding – usually performed first to generate categories or main themes in data and their properties; Axial coding – used to systematically develop categories and link them with subcategories.

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LIMITATIONS

For this report, community engagement data come from focus groups, interviews and surveys. While some survey results can be weighted to improve generalizability, focus group and interview results are not entirely generalizable, and limitations to the strength of the conclusions exist. For example, we were not able to conduct a community workshop with Native American/Alaska Native residents, even though we know they often have worse health outcomes; this population was also underrepresented in the online survey.

In addition, survey data often have issues arising from how, where and from whom the data were collected. For example, stratifying estimates by race sometimes cannot be done due to small sample sizes.

Health indicator data also come from a variety of sources, each with its own set of limitations. A description of the limitations for each data set can be found in the Supplement.

Due to space limitations, the list of assets in this report is not comprehensive. For a more thorough and continuously updated statewide database of health and human services and referrals, please refer to <https://resourcehouse.info/win211/index>.

Community Engagement Results



Three methods of community engagement were used to hear from Pierce County residents, including those in the St. Clare Hospital service area: ten community workshops with residents, ten key stakeholder interviews and an online survey available in English, Spanish and Korean languages. Top findings across the three community engagement activities included several issues.³

Residents identified three community characteristics as vital to their health:

- Equitable access to community resources (information, services, activities, parks)
- Celebration of diversity
- People working together

Residents need the following for their neighborhood or community to be healthy:

- Affordable housing
- Access to healthy food
- Transportation
- Access to health care (emphasizing behavioral health services)

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Community workshop participants shared their thoughts on what makes their community healthy, what they need in their neighborhoods to be healthier and what they think could be improved. Main findings for each question asked at the community workshops are shown below.

³Note: The results from community engagement activities reflect all of Pierce County and are not specific to this hospital service area.

What do you think makes an “ideal” community or neighborhood?

■ **Opportunities to give and receive social support.**

Workshop participants talked about a community where people know and care for each other. Participants also valued communities where members care about and are engaged in neighborhood issues and where people often volunteer to help the neighborhood.

■ **Diversity is valued.**

Community members talked about all people being accepted in an ideal neighborhood. Everyone is respected based on the value they bring to the community. Community members also valued celebration of ethnic and cultural diversity and sharing of cultural knowledge and traditions.

■ **Community resources.**

Workshop participants sought reliable sources of community information. They also valued parks, other opportunities for physical activity and access to behavioral health services and support.

■ **Organizations and groups willing to partner.**

Workshop participants mentioned groups, coalitions and others who provide active leadership within their communities. They wanted regular feedback to help build consensus and questions answered in layman’s terms.

**Social Support
Diversity is Valued
Community Resources
Willingness to Partner**

“At least one person at your door in five minutes.”

“It’s not necessary to leave the community to celebrate my ethnic background.”

“Easy access to resources that promote an active lifestyle – parks, trails and local gyms.”

“Everyone is encouraged to be involved, power isn’t isolated to the very few. . . no one is excluded.”

What needs to change about your community or neighborhood?

■ **Safe sidewalks and trails.**

Trails for biking and walking, ADA compliant sidewalks and trails and connections to schools and services were identified by workshop participants as needed infrastructure.

■ **Buses that meet people where they live, learn, work and shop.**

Community members wanted more public transportation, free bus passes for those who need it and more frequent bus stops.

■ **Access to healthy food.**

Grocery stores, education on healthy eating, cooking classes and farmers markets were desired assets for neighborhoods.

■ **Opportunities for physical and social activities.**

Community members identified a need for more parks, sharing of cultural knowledge, teen-friendly places and opportunities for music, dance and drama.



Sidewalks/Trails
Buses/Bus Stops
Healthy Food
Activities

“Safe walking paths and sidewalks from schools to neighborhoods.”

“Late bus for after-school activities.”

“Affordable food is sometimes too far away, and stores offer inconsistent quality.”

“Unless we have people to fellowship with, nothing else matters.”

Community Engagement Results

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KEY STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Main findings for each question asked during the ten interviews are listed below.

What are some noteworthy people, places and activities that you feel make your community healthy, safe and equitable?

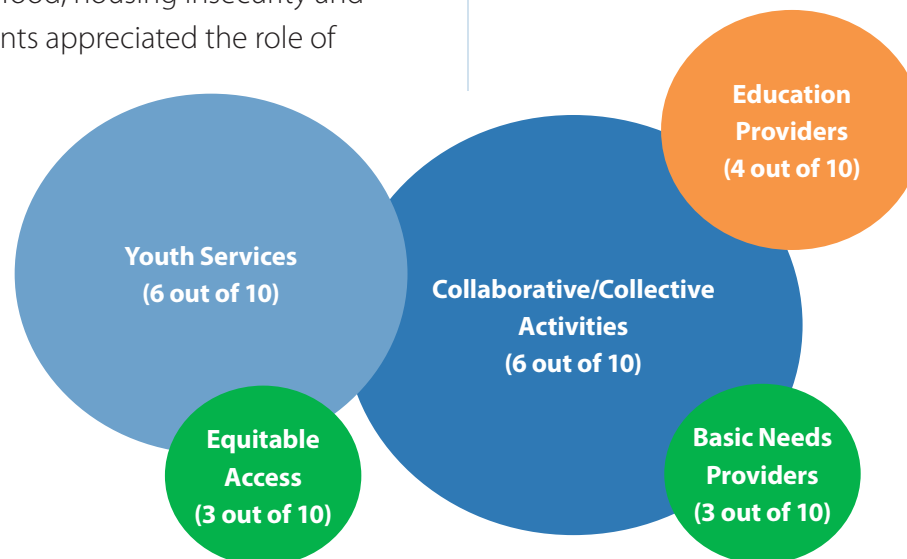
Participants cited the importance of people working together collaboratively to get things done, with an emphasis placed on activities started and run by community members.

Participants also mentioned activities that support youth and students. Specifically discussed were services addressing food, housing insecurity and education. Participants appreciated the role of

schools being on the “front lines” to help people feel healthy, safe and equitable. Examples included higher education institutions and high school programs that help make college more approachable to students, as well as public school districts that provide additional resources to improve civic engagement, health, safety and food access for their students.

Lastly, participants mentioned Pierce County organizations that use an equity approach to help make communities healthy. For example, some organizations are intentional about addressing accessibility, so that their services meet the needs of all they serve.

Note: Text in parentheses indicates the number of interviews during which each theme was mentioned.



Community Engagement Results

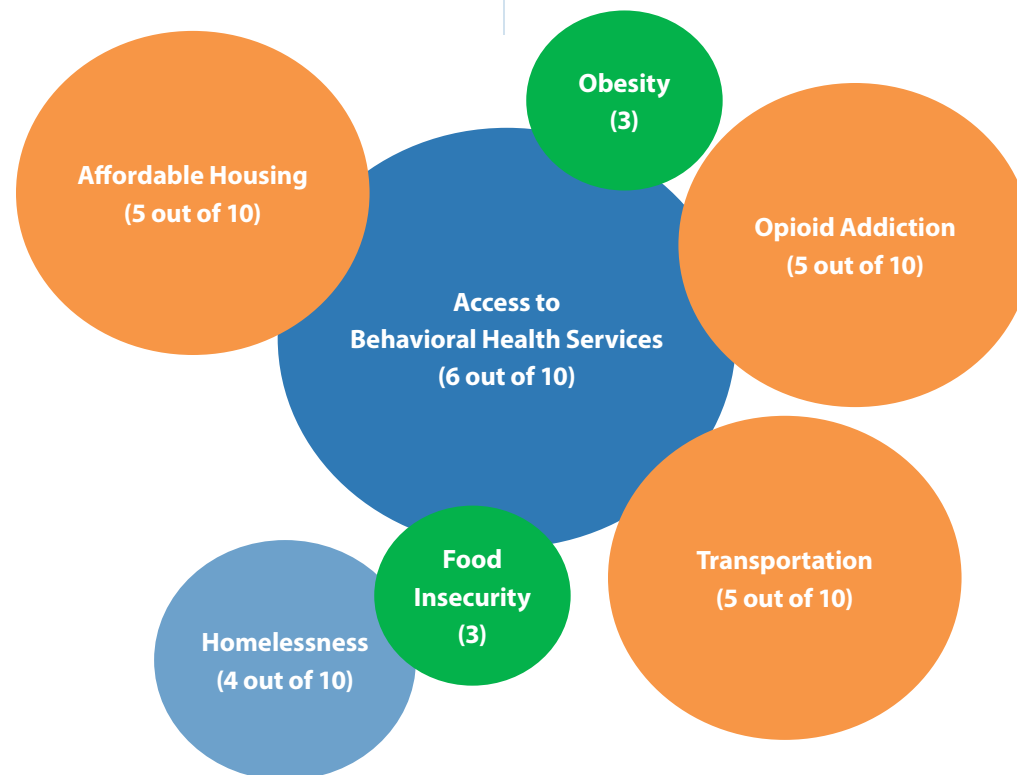
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What are some concerns you or your organization has/have about the conditions that impact the health of Pierce County residents right now?

Stakeholders named both social determinants of health (root causes of health, such as income and housing) and results of these poor conditions as the

issues they are most concerned about. Examples include the need for expanded access to medication assisted treatment for those experiencing opioid use disorder, availability of affordable housing and the impacts of gentrification and food insecurity faced by children and youth.

Note: Text in parentheses indicates the number of interviews during which each theme was mentioned.



In your opinion, how can health care systems partner in addressing the issues you have identified?

Note: Text in parentheses indicates the number of interviews during which each theme was mentioned.

1. Mobile/Satellite Clinics (5 out of 10) – Participants emphasized medical outreach, such as more satellite clinics where low-income people live and gather, as well as the need for more providers. One participant suggested offering onsite nutrition counseling and health screening at local colleges.

2. Creative Partnerships (4 out of 10) – Participants suggested hospitals build creative service partnerships to reach more people. For example:

- Pop-up blood pressure stations or vaccine services at the park or pool (in partnership with local parks and recreation departments)
- Food relief at bus stops, transit centers, or health care workers on buses (in partnership with Pierce Transit)
- Health services at local homeless encampments (in partnership with local government)
- Social services embedded in hospitals for discharge solutions, home care and case management (in partnership with Pierce County)

“Our free clinic needs doctors... I’m afraid we’re going to lose the one medical center we have due to a doctor retiring.”

“It’s about convenience and how do we provide good access... that’s the key.” (to bringing services to those on the streets)

Community Engagement Results

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3. Policy and Advocacy (5 out of 10) – Participants discussed the value of hospital systems acting to advocate for healthy policies and raising awareness of those issues. One participant suggested health care partners could use their authority to increase knowledge about firearm injury prevention. Another participant suggested hospitals lobby to see insurance premiums reduced and look into current laws around interest being charged upon hospital arrival (contributing to medical debt).

4. Community Outreach (5 out of 10) – Participants appreciated continued community engagement and investments. One participant suggested hospitals could best help communities by supporting and constructing housing. Another participant suggested focusing on improving social determinants of health—such as education and housing—to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations.

5. Improve Access to Care (5 out of 10) – Participants expressed the need to improve clinical care programs and provide additional resources to patients.

6. Education (3 out of 10) – Participants suggested continued and enhanced focus on youth and student development with health sciences education and job training.

“[Health care partners] could raise awareness of particular issues, like how ACES [Adverse Childhood Experiences] lead to health care expenditures.”

“The community gave tax dollars to build the new (behavioral health) hospital. It’s important that communities see that the hospital is helping them, and the money is being returned in the form of mental health care and continued community engagement.”

“Train ER staff to improve stigmatized treatment of substance abuse population.”

“Invest in health sciences education to create a more diverse population of providers to improve access to care.”

Community Engagement Results

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

More than 1600 Pierce County residents responded to the community survey.⁴ Nearly two-thirds of those who participated selected safe neighborhoods and affordable housing as their most important community needs. Almost one-third of participants said access to health care services was one of the most important community needs. When asked about resources available to meet these needs, 62.9 percent of residents identified parks and outdoor spaces, 55.2 percent identified easily accessible grocery stores and markets, and 34.3 percent said safety resources such as street lighting and police presence.

Survey participants were also asked what is lacking to meet identified needs. From a list of what might be lacking, residents selected policies that address local needs (40.8%), accessible public transit (40.6%) and community resources that contribute to safety such as street lighting, police presence and neighborhood watches (37.8%). Residents also indicated that policies to protect air and water quality are needed.

Residents reported that the top issues facing children and youth include exposure to crime and violence (67.2% of participants), poverty (49.3% of participants) and lack of positive relationships (40.5% of participants).

Most Important Community Needs

Question	Responses	Percent
What are the three most important needs in your community?	1. Safe neighborhoods	61.1%
	2. Affordable housing	59.6%
	3. Access to health care services	30.8%
What resources are currently available in your community to help meet these needs?	1. Parks and places to enjoy the outdoors	62.9%
	2. Grocery stores and markets nearby	55.2%
	3. Resources that make neighborhoods safe (street lights, neighborhood watch, police presence, etc.)	34.3%
What is not available in your community to address these needs?	1. Local policies that address the needs of the community	40.8%
	2. Accessible public transit (buses, trains, light rail, etc.)	40.6%
	3. Resources that make neighborhoods safe (street lights, neighborhood watch, police presence, etc.)	37.8%
What are the top three issues facing children and youth in your community?	1. Exposure to crime or violence (including bullying)	67.2%
	2. Poverty	49.3%
	3. Lack of positive relationships	40.5%

⁴Community Survey respondents by language: English-1565, Korean-41, Spanish-14

Community Engagement Results

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Most survey respondents said their community was healthy or somewhat healthy (78.9%) and were very or somewhat satisfied with their community (74.8%). Another 19.1% of respondents said their community was somewhat or very unhealthy, while 13.4% were very or somewhat unsatisfied with their community.

Social connections—that is, the number of support systems a person has in the community—contributes

to healthy people and places, so the survey also asked how connected people felt to their community. Most respondents (68.1%) said they felt very or somewhat connected to their community, while about one in six respondents said they either were neutral in their response (16.0%) or felt very or somewhat unconnected (15.9%).

Community Perceptions

Question	Responses				
How would you rate your community's overall health?	Very healthy 2.7%	Healthy 27.0%	Somewhat healthy 51.9%	Somewhat unhealthy 17.1%	Very unhealthy 2.0%

Question	Responses				
How satisfied are you with your community?	Very satisfied 28.8%	Somewhat satisfied 46.0%	Neutral 11.8%	Somewhat unsatisfied 10.4%	Very unsatisfied 3.0%

Question	Responses				
How connected do you feel to your community?	Very connected 22.5%	Somewhat connected 45.6%	Neutral 16.0%	Somewhat unconnected 10.5%	Very unconnected 5.4%

Community Engagement Results

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The most common zip codes of survey participants included:

- 98405 and 98406 (Central & North Tacoma) each representing 6% of all respondents
- 98391 (Lake Tapps, Bonney Lake) representing 5% of all respondents
- 98404 (East Tacoma) representing 5% of all respondents
- 98407 (North Tacoma, Ruston) representing 5% of all respondents

While efforts were made to distribute the survey to a representative sample of Pierce County residents, survey participants were disproportionately white, female and between 30-60 years of age. Asian and Hispanic residents were underrepresented.

Demographics of Survey Respondents (n=1620)

	Percent
Gender	
Male	14.4%
Female	81.7%
Transgender male	0.2%
Transgender female	0.1%
Genderqueer – not exclusively male or female	0.6%
Choose not to answer	3.1%
Other	0.2%

Age	
18-29	8.5%
30-44	34.2%
45-59	34.5%
60+	22.8%

Hispanic/Latino	
Yes	6.0%
No	94.0%

Race	
American Indian or Alaska Native (AIAN)	1.3%
Asian	3.8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHOPi)	1.6%
Black or African American	5.3%
White	75.3%
Multiracial	5.3%
Choose not to answer	6.7%
Other	3.3%

Description of the Community



This section describes the St. Clare Hospital community through demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of residents within this hospital service area. This community included 428,897 residents, mostly White, Hispanic, Black and Asian with an increasing number of adults age 55-74 years old. Immigrants in the area originated from Asia, Latin America (Mexico, Central America and South America) and Europe predominantly.

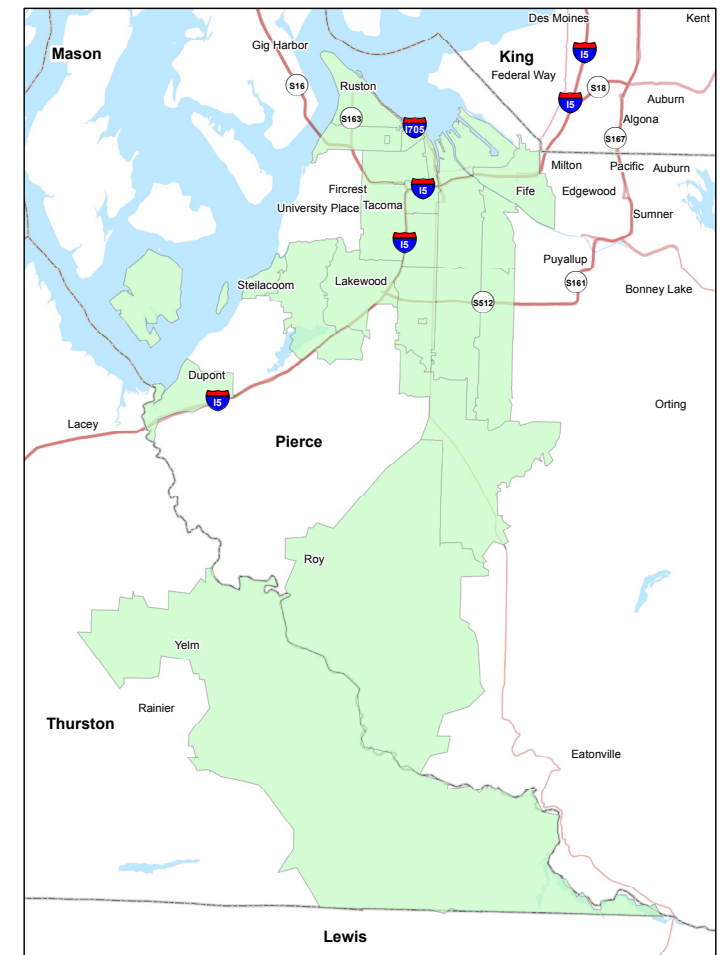
The poverty rate (17%) was higher than the Pierce County average (12.7%) and state average (13%). Poverty was most common among residents who are American Indian/Alaska Native (26%), Hispanic (28%) and residents who selected “other” as their race (28%). These groups had a poverty rate that was two times higher than White residents. Almost half (47.4%) of students last year were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. This was higher than Pierce County and state averages.

The percent of people living with a disability (15%) was higher than the state (13%).

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The characteristics of a community inform what health behaviors and outcomes may be future concerns. They also help us further understand existing populations health issues.

St. Clare Hospital Service Area



Description of the Community

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Race and Ethnicity

The St. Clare Hospital community has changed since 2005. Since 2005, the White population in this community has decreased by 6.6%, and the Hispanic population in this community has increased by 3.6%.

Age and Sex

In 2006, adults over 55 years of age were a smaller proportion. By 2016, the number of residents 55-64 years of age and 65-74 years of age each increased by 3%. This suggests a need for planning to care for our aging communities. There were slightly more females (51%) than males (49%).

Demographics (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2005-2016

	Count	Percent
Race and Ethnicity		
White	251891	59%
Black	41483	10%
AIAN	5701	1%
Asian	33796	8%
NHOPI	8959	2%
Multiracial	31741	7%
Hispanic	55326	13%
All	428897	100%

Sex		
Male	210447	49%
Female	218451	51%

Age (years)		
Under 1	6472	2%
1-4	25151	6%
5-14	55538	13%
15-24	57159	13%
25-34	64150	15%
35-44	53579	12%
45-54	55540	13%
55-64	53292	12%
65-74	34636	8%
75-84	15973	4%
85+	7408	2%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division

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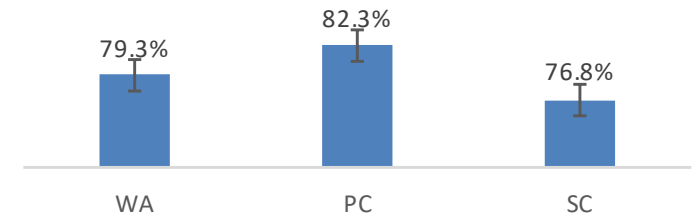
SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The social and economic characteristics of a community help public health stakeholders understand available resources and improve community health. Poverty, homelessness and the cost of housing are some examples of important socioeconomic characteristics.

On-Time Graduation

The graduation rate helps describe the educational well-being of a community. A higher educational level helps people take advantage of employment opportunities and earn higher incomes, which helps to diminish the burden of poverty on a community. The 2017 four-year graduation rate in Pierce County (82.3%) is higher than the state of Washington (79.3%). Graduation rates in the St. Clare Hospital community (76.8%) were about the same as the state average.

On-Time Graduation Rate



Source: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) 2016-2017

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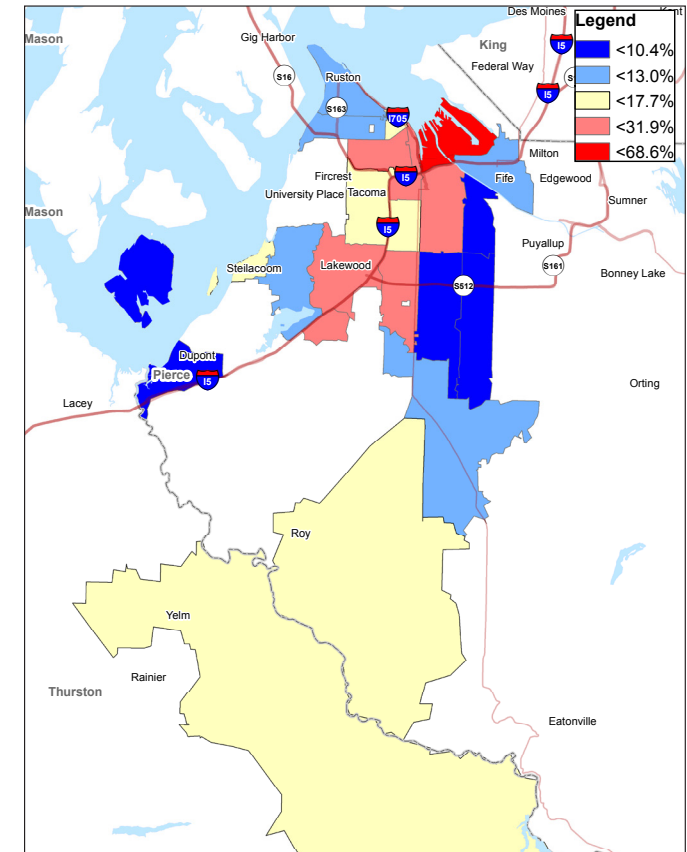
Poverty and Near Poverty

Poverty (household income less than 100% of the federal poverty limit) and near poverty (household income less than 200% of federal poverty limit) is a significant burden on households and communities, hindering access to resources promoting good health.

- In the St. Clare Hospital community, 16.7% of residents lived in poverty, compared to 12.7% in Pierce County and 12.7% statewide.
- American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic residents and residents who selected “other” as their race had higher rates of poverty compared to other groups.

Poverty

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, S1701

Description of the Community

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High Housing Costs

Seattle was one of the fastest growing U.S. cities in 2018, driving up housing prices and displacing lower-income residents throughout the area, including Tacoma⁵ and Pierce County. A housing cost greater than 30% of household income can be a hardship on individuals and families, especially as persistent poverty continues amidst rising property costs. Housing costs are typically more burdensome among renters.

Poverty and Housing Costs (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016

	Count	Percent
Poverty (<100% FPL) & Near Poverty (<200% FPL)		
Poverty	69624	16.7%
Near Poverty	147048	35.4%

Poverty – Racial Breakdown		
AIAN	1588	26.3%
Asian	5466	18.0%
Black	7713	19.4%
Hispanic	14769	27.8%
Multiracial	6778	19.4%
NHOPI	1639	18.5%
Other	4668	27.9%
White	41772	15.0%

Population with burdensome housing costs		
Renters	37301	53.3%
Owners w/ mortgage	22488	36.4%
Owners w/o mortgage	3319	14.3%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey (ACS)
5-year estimates, S1701 & DP04

⁵<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2018/estimates-cities.html>

Description of the Community

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Homelessness

In 2017 the City of Tacoma declared a public health emergency relating to homelessness. Tacoma joined other west coast cities in this emergency declaration, including Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles. The Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act requires each county in the state to conduct an annual Point in Time count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness.

- Overall in Pierce County, 1,628 homeless persons were counted in 2017.
- The top three zip codes where homeless people were found included 98405 (n=200, 28%), 98402 (n=151, 21%) and 98372 (n=58, 8%). This is primarily north of I-5 in the Central Tacoma and Hilltop areas and Puyallup/Sumner/Bonney Lake.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch

The free and reduced-price meal program is a federal program for students whose household income is less than or equal to 130% of the federal poverty limit (free) or between 130% and 185% of the federal poverty limit (reduced-price). This program helps to ensure that children have access to food with adequate nutritional value.

- In the St. Clare Hospital community, 47.4% of students in the 2016-2017 school year were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.
- The rate of free and reduced-price lunch in the St. Clare Hospital community was higher than Pierce County (43.3%) and the state (42.3%).

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Foster Care

Foster care placement and support services are both provided to children who need short term or temporary protection because they are abused, neglected or involved in family conflict. Foster care placement services are served exclusively out of home, while support services may be in the child's own home or outside of the home.

- 1,009 children from Pierce County of the 6,200 Washington State children entered out-of-home care in 2017. Pierce County has the highest number of children entering care in Washington State.
- Pierce County had a 35% higher rate of kids who entered foster care (7.4 per 1,000) compared to the state (5.5 per 1,000).⁶

Immigrants (Foreign-Born)

Immigrants are a sizable proportion of Washington's population, contributing to diverse community demographics. Estimates of the number of immigrants currently in the United States vary widely depending on their immigration status. Data collected as part of the U.S. Census helps estimate this number.

- More than 50,000 foreign-born residents lived in the St. Clare Hospital community.

⁶Partners for our children. http://pocdata.org/content-data/data/county-reports/county_report_Pierce.pdf. Accessed Dec. 28, 2018.

Foreign-born Residents (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area 2012-2016

Region of Birth	Count	Estimate	95% CI
Asia	22262	43.0%	(41%-45%)
Latin America [^]	15684	30.0%	(28%-33%)
Europe	9713	19.0%	(17%-21%)
Africa	1484	3.0%	(2%-4%)
Oceania ^{^^}	1371	3.0%	(2%-3%)
North America	1271	2.0%	(2%-3%)
Total *	51785	12.0%	NA

* Percent of Total Population in Hospital Service Area

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, DP02 (foreign-born population excluding those born at sea)

[^] Latin America includes Mexico, Central America and South America.

^{^^} Oceania is the southeast section of the Asia-Pacific region and includes 14 countries, the largest of which are Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

Languages Spoken

English continues to be the most common language spoken by community members (n=316,267, 81%), followed by Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese.

Top Languages Spoken (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area 2012-2016

Language	Estimate	95% CI
English	81%	(80%-82%)
Spanish	8%	(7%-8%)
Korean	2%	(1%-2%)
Vietnamese	1%	(1%-2%)

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, B16001

Description of the Community

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Limited English Proficiency

While many individuals are multilingual (speak a language in addition to English), some report that they either do not speak English or speak English “less than very well.”

- In the St. Clare Hospital community, 6.8% of residents speak English “less than very well.”
- In comparison, 5.6% in Pierce County and 7.6% statewide report speaking English “less than very well.”
- Arabic, Vietnamese and Korean-speaking residents have the largest percent of people who speak English “less than very well.”

Speaks English “Less Than Very Well” by Primary Language Spoken (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area 2012-2016

Language	Estimate	95% CI
Arabic	76%	(18%-100%)
Vietnamese	69%	(58%-79%)
Korean	64%	(55%-73%)
Thai	61%	(9%-100%)
Other Slavic	47%	(30%-65%)
Other Indic	46%	(4%-87%)

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, B16001
Other Indic - Tamil, Punjabi, Telugu, and Bengali

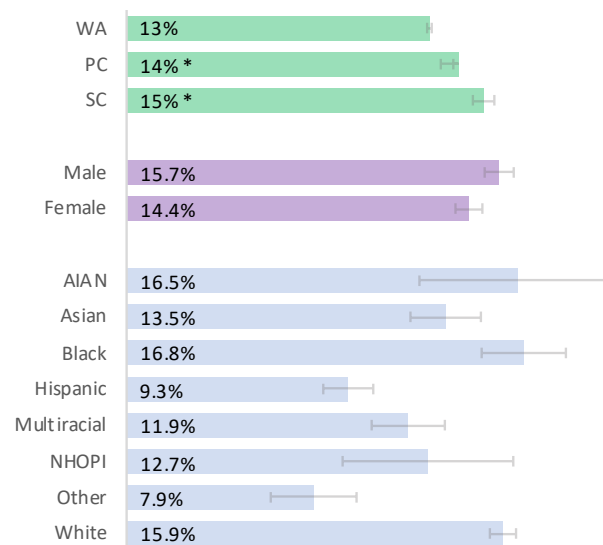
Disability

Disabilities can involve or relate to any of five functions: hearing, vision, cognition, ambulatory self-care and independence.

- The percent of people with disabilities was higher in the St. Clare Hospital community when compared to the state.
- Males were more likely to be disabled than females. American Indian/Alaska Native, Black and White people had the highest disability rates.

Disabled (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area 2012-2016



(*) value different from WA state
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, S1810: Disability Characteristics

Leading Causes of Death



The leading causes of death in our community are important in planning future public health solutions. Life expectancy is another important indicator for the health of a community.

Chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and lower respiratory disease are the leading causes of death in the St. Clare Hospital community. The leading causes of hospitalization are due to diseases of the digestive system, respiratory system and circulatory system, such as stroke and heart disease.

Community members had a lower life expectancy (78 years) than Washington state residents (80 years). Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders had the lowest life expectancy (70 years), followed by American Indian/Alaska Native (72 years) and Black residents (75 years).

Diabetes in the St. Clare Hospital community was higher among Black residents compared to White residents.

Lung cancer incidence was higher in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state. White residents had higher lung cancer rates compared to Asian, Black and Hispanic residents.

The rate of people with newly diagnosed prostate cancer (incidence) was more common among Black residents in the St. Clare Hospital community. Black and White females had higher rates of breast cancer compared to Asian women. Urinary system cancer was more common among White residents and males.

Leading Causes of Death

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LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life expectancy - the average number of years a person at birth can expect to live, given current death rates - is a widely used measure of the overall health of a population. Variation in life expectancy can be explained by differences in socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity, along with behavioral and other health risk factors (e.g., those that raise the risk for heart disease, diabetes and stroke).⁷

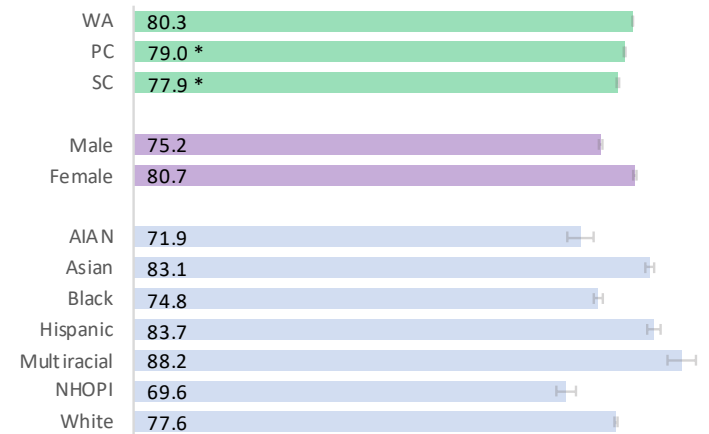
For the St. Clare Hospital community, the life expectancy for a resident born between 2012 and 2016 was almost 78 years. This was lower than the Washington state average. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander residents had the lowest life expectancy (69.6 years), followed by American Indian/ Alaska Native (71.9 years) and Black (74.8 years) residents. All three race groups were worse compared to other race/ethnicity groups.

Life expectancy ranged from a high of 83.4 years (range of 81.9 to 84.9) in Steilacoom to a low of 69.9 years (range of 65.0 to 74.9) in Lakewood's Woodbrook neighborhood.

⁷Dwyer-Lindgren L, Bertozzi-Villa A, Stubbs RW, et al. Inequalities in Life Expectancy Among US Counties, 1980 to 2014 Temporal Trends and Key Drivers. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2017;177(7):1003–1011.

Life Expectancy (years)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



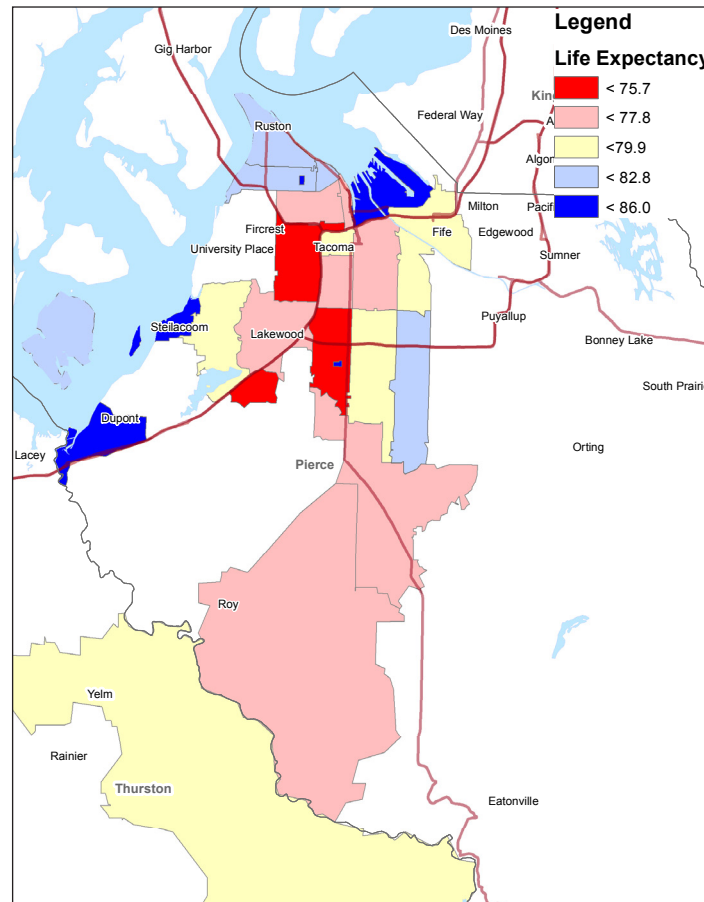
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Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data, 1990-2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), October 2017.

Leading Causes of Death

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Life Expectancy St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data, 1990-2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), October 2017.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

As people continue to live longer due to improvements on all fronts in health care, the leading causes of death are increasingly chronic (heart disease, cancer and lower respiratory disease).

Top 10 Leading Causes of Death St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016

OVERALL	Rate*
Cancer	175.0
Heart Disease	164.5
Chronic lower respiratory disease (i.e., asthma, emphysema, COPD)	52.2
Alzheimer's disease	43.7
Stroke	43.6
Unintentional injuries	41.6
Diabetes	27.3
Suicide	19.5
Infectious and parasitic disease	19.2
Chronic liver disease	13.1

*Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 people

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data, 1990-2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), October 2017.

Leading Causes of Death

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For both males and females, the top three causes of death were heart disease, cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease. For males, the fourth leading cause of death was unintentional injuries. For females, it was Alzheimer's disease.

Top 10 Causes of Death (by gender)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016

MALE	Rate*
Heart disease	224.0
Cancer	208.8
Chronic lower respiratory disease (i.e., asthma, emphysema, COPD)	55.0
Unintentional injuries	54.5
Stroke	45.7
Alzheimer's disease	38.5
Diabetes	34.0
Suicide	29.1
Infectious and parasitic disease	21.7
Chronic liver disease	18.8

FEMALE	Rate*
Cancer	150.5
Heart disease	118.5
Chronic lower respiratory disease (i.e., asthma, emphysema, COPD)	50.3
Alzheimer's disease	46.38
Stroke	40.99
Unintentional injuries	29.45
Diabetes	21.83
Infectious and parasitic disease	16.84
Suicide	10.48
Influenza and pneumonia	10.14

*Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 people

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Death Certificate Data, 1990-2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), October 2017.

Leading Causes of Death

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LEADING CAUSES OF HOSPITALIZATIONS

Hospitalizations occur due to a wide array of health concerns. In the St. Clare Hospital community, males were more likely than females to be hospitalized due to circulatory system diseases, such as stroke and heart disease, and infectious and parasitic diseases. Excluding pregnancy-related hospitalizations, females were more likely than males to be hospitalized due to diseases of urinary and reproductive systems and cancer.

Top 10 Leading Causes of Hospitalization St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015

MALE	Rate*
Diseases of circulatory system	1544.6
Diseases of digestive system	906.3
Injuries	851.0
Diseases of respiratory system	830.1
Infectious and parasitic diseases	663.1
Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	556.8
Mental disorders	404.0
Diseases of urinary and reproductive systems	364.8
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	340.0
Cancer	296.7

FEMALE	Rate*
Diseases of circulatory system	1290.0
Diseases of digestive system	984.6
Diseases of respiratory system	882.6
Injuries	806.1
Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	647.2
Infectious and parasitic diseases	553.1
Diseases of urinary and reproductive systems	530.8
Mental disorders	530.3
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	402.6
Cancer	402.3

*Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people

Source: Washington Hospital Discharge Data, Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System (CHARS)

Leading Causes of Death

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CHRONIC DISEASE

Chronic diseases and conditions - such as diabetes, cancer and heart disease - encompass many of the most common, costly and preventable health concerns in this community.

Diabetes – Adults

Diabetes diagnoses among adults is self-reported as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

The rate of diabetes among adult residents in the St. Clare Hospital community increased with age and was about the same as the state. Black residents in this community had higher diabetes rates than White residents.

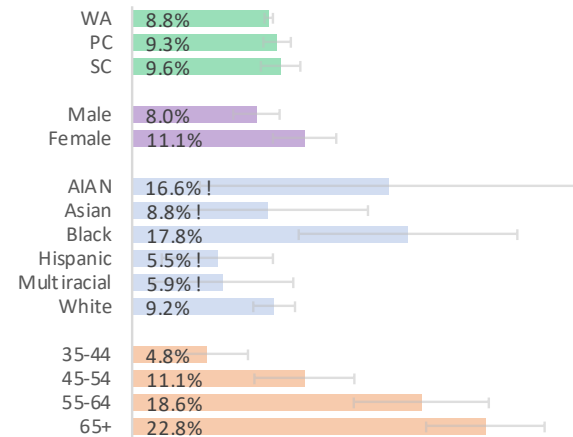
Lung Cancer

The number of new cases (incidence) of lung cancer is available through the state cancer registry.

Lung cancer incidence was higher in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state. Males were also more likely than females to get lung cancer. White residents had higher lung cancer rates compared to Asian, Black and Hispanic residents.

Adults Who Have Diabetes (%)

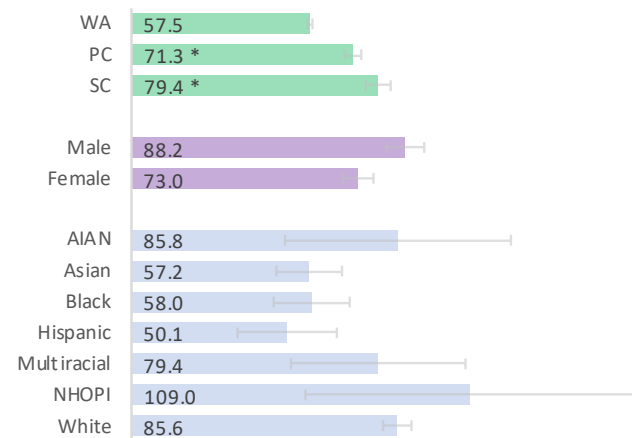
St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



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 18-34 years excluded due to sample size limitations
 NHOPI excluded due to sample size limitations
 Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Lung Cancer Incidence

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015



(*) value different from WA state
 Rate: New cancer cases per 100,000 residents
 Source: Washington State Cancer Registry

Leading Causes of Death

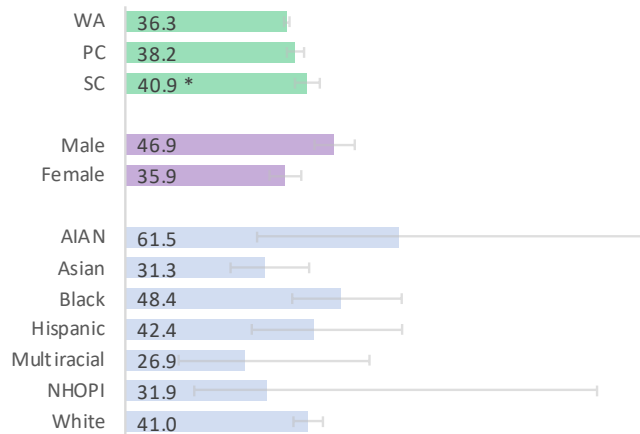
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Colorectal Cancer

Cancer of the colon or rectum is a common cancer that, when detected early, can often be treated successfully.

Colorectal cancer incidence was higher in this community than the state average. Males had higher colorectal cancer rates than females. The rate was about the same among race groups.

Colorectal Cancer Incidence St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015



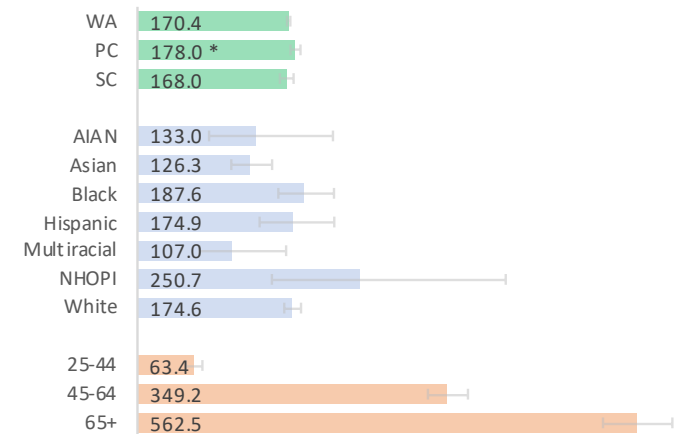
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Rate: New cancer cases per 100,000 residents
Source: Washington State Cancer Registry

Breast Cancer

This cancer is common among females. Regular screening can detect breast cancer early and increase the chance of successful treatment.

The incidence of breast cancer among women in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state average. Breast cancer rates increased with age. Black and White women had higher breast cancer rates compared to Asian women.

Breast Cancer Incidence St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015



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Rate: New cancer cases per 100,000 residents
Source: Washington State Cancer Registry

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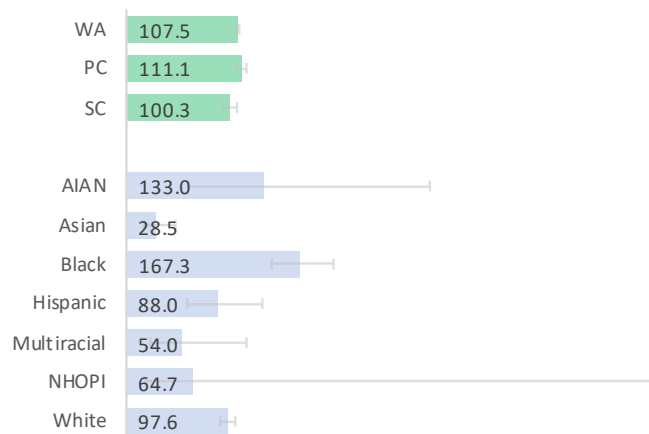
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Prostate Cancer

This cancer is common among males. Regular screening can help detect prostate cancer early and increase the chances of successful treatment. The incidence of prostate cancer in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state average. Black males had higher rates of prostate cancer compared to Asian, Hispanic, Multiracial and White males.

Prostate Cancer Incidence

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015



Rate: New cancer cases per 100,000 residents
Source: Washington State Cancer Registry

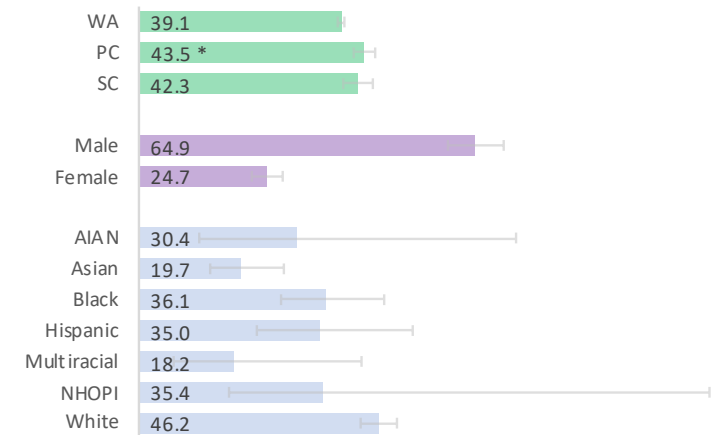
Urinary System Cancer

Urinary cancer, including the bladder and kidneys, are common and difficult to detect early, which makes treatment more challenging.

The incidence of urinary system cancer in the community served by St. Clare Hospital was about the same as the state. Urinary system cancer was more common among males than females. White residents had higher rates of urinary system cancer than Asian residents.

Urinary System Cancer Incidence

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015



(*) value different from WA state
Rate: New cancer cases per 100,000 residents
Source: Washington State Cancer Registry

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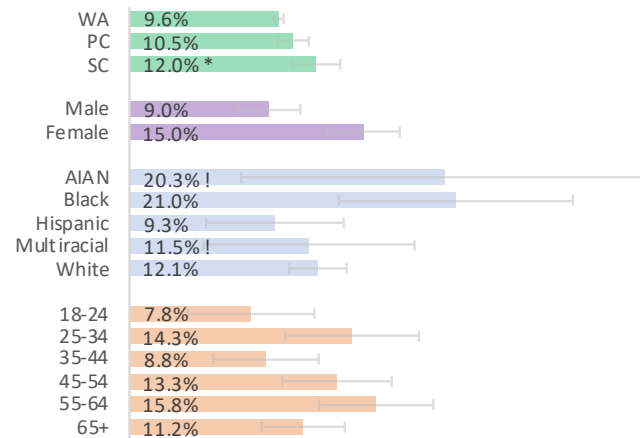
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Asthma – Adults

Adults who report having ever been diagnosed with asthma by a health care provider are counted in the adult asthma rate.

The percent of adults with asthma in this community was higher compared to the state average. Females had higher rates of asthma than males. Black adults had higher rates of asthma than White adults.

Adults Who Currently Have Asthma (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



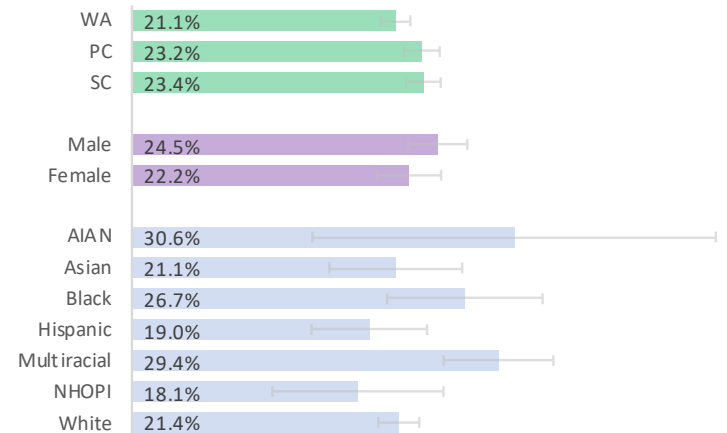
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NHOPI excluded due to sample size limitations
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Asthma – Youth

Asthma affects people of all ages but most often starts in childhood. Asthma among children in Washington state is estimated using the Healthy Youth Survey. Students report if a doctor has ever told them they had asthma.

The rate of youth asthma in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state. Multiracial youth had a higher rate of asthma than Hispanic and White youth.

Youth Who Currently Have Asthma (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Leading Causes of Death

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

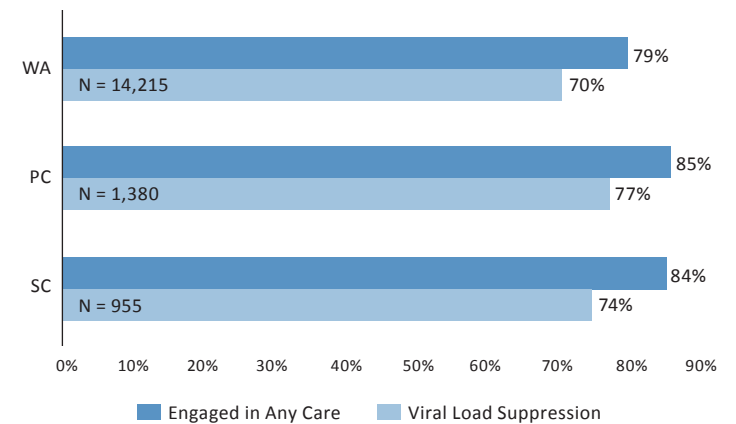
HIV has been a major public health concern for decades. The HIV continuum of care helps describe how well our health care system serves people living with HIV. Viral type load suppression is the result of effective treatment and helps improve patient health and reduce HIV transmission.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, 955 residents are living with HIV.

- 84.4% of these residents are engaged in any type of care, and 74.0% of these residents are living in viral suppression.
- This is higher than the state rates of 79.0% engaged in care and 69.8% living in viral suppression.

HIV Treatment Outcomes

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2017



Source: Washington State Department of Health, Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System

Health Behaviors



A healthy and active lifestyle has a profound impact on reducing the burden of chronic illness described in the previous section. A healthy diet and regular physical activity are protective factors promoting health and well-being, while tobacco and alcohol use can lead to negative health outcomes.

In this community, obesity among adults (31.7%) was higher compared to the state average (27.3%). Obesity rates were higher among Black adults compared to White adults. Among youth, the rate of obesity among Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander residents was more than twice the rate of their White peers.

Daily vegetable and fruit intake in the community was about the same as state and county averages. Black youth had the highest rate of drinking sugar-sweetened beverages, while Asian youth had the lowest rate.

The percent of adults currently smoking was higher in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state. The percent of adults who smoke cigarettes was higher among American Indian/Alaska Native residents compared to several other race/ethnicity groups. American Indian/Alaska Native youth reported the highest cigarette and e-cigarette use in this community.

OBESITY, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION

Many common chronic diseases share the same root causes, such as high-calorie diets with low nutritional value and a lack of physical activity. Negative behaviors (risk factors) balanced with the positive behaviors (protective factors) over the life course of an individual have a profound role in the development of chronic disease.

Health Behaviors

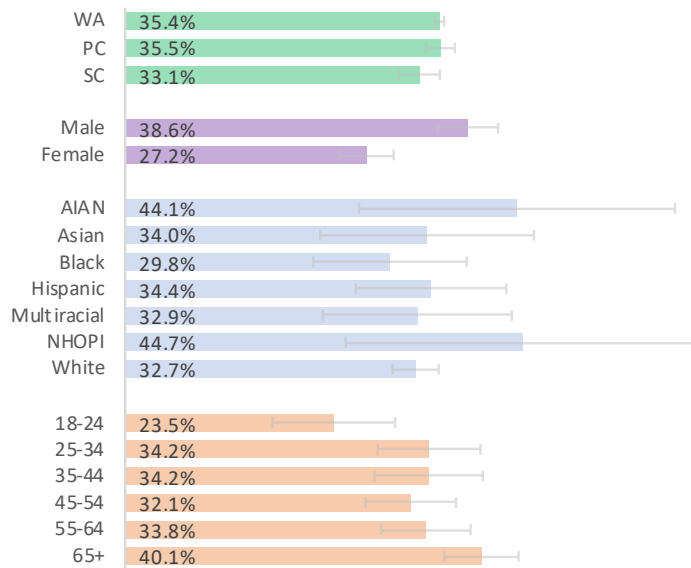
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Overweight – Adults

Body Mass Index (BMI) is a measure of body fat based on height and weight. A high BMI is associated with a wide array of poor health outcomes. Adults are overweight if their BMI is greater than or equal to 25 but less than 30.

The percent of overweight adults in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state average.

Overweight Adults (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



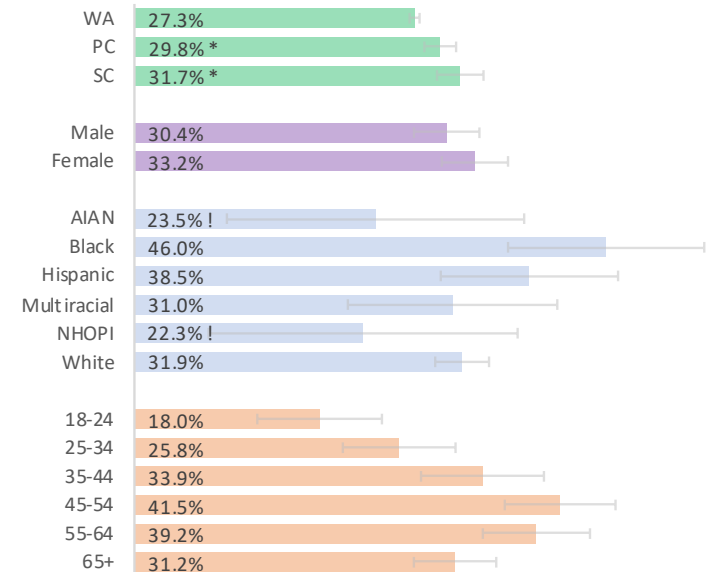
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Obese – Adults

Adults are classified as obese when their BMI is greater than or equal to 30. People with this category of BMI are at a significantly greater risk for heart disease and other chronic diseases.

Adult obesity in the St. Clare Hospital community was higher than the state average. Obesity among Black adults was higher compared to White adults.

Adult Obesity (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



(*) value different from WA state

(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Health Behaviors

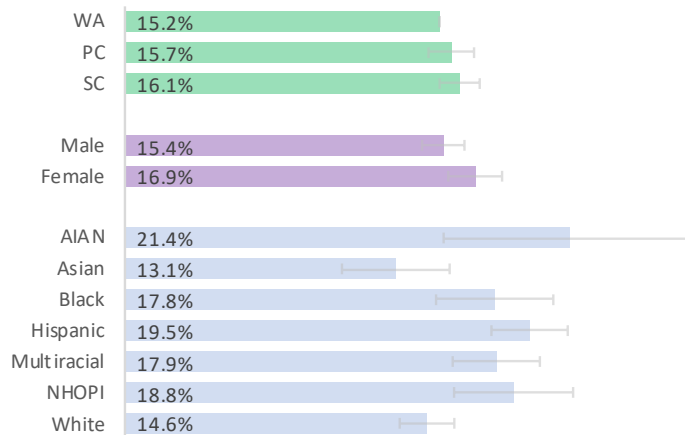
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Overweight – Youth

Youth BMI groups are determined using Healthy Youth Survey responses from public school students. “Overweight” includes students who are in the top 15% for BMI by age and gender and lower than the top 5%, based on growth charts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The percent of overweight youth in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state average, and there was no difference by gender. White and Asian youth had lower overweight rates than other race/ethnicity groups.

Overweight Youth (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



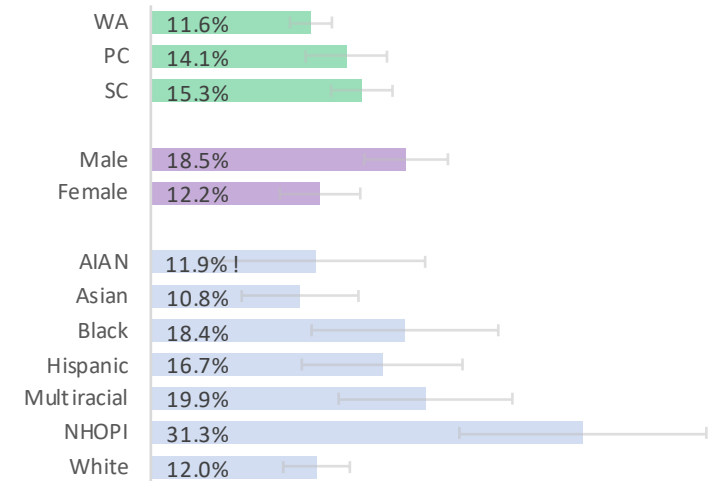
Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Obese – Youth

Youth are classified as obese when they are in the top 5% for BMI by age- and gender-based growth charts developed by the CDC.

Youth in the St. Clare Hospital community had similar obesity rates as the state average. Males in this community had higher obesity rates than females. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander youth had higher obesity rates than White and Asian youth.

Youth Obesity (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



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Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Health Behaviors

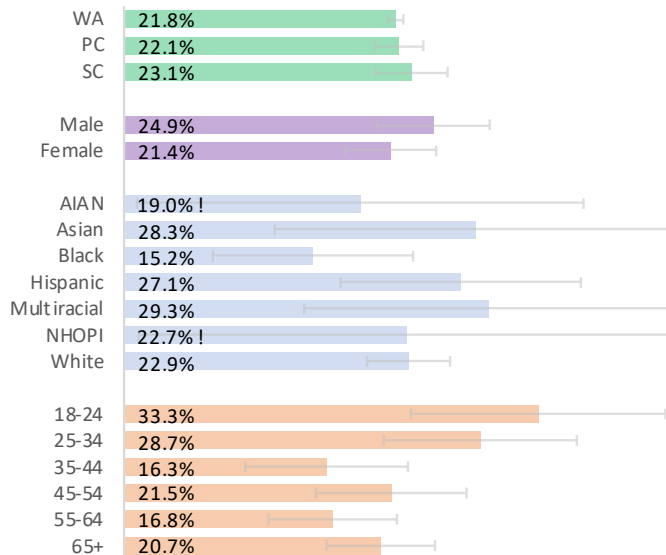
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Physical Activity – Adults

Meeting recommended physical activity (PA) guidelines for aerobic exercise and strength conditioning helps reduce the burden of chronic disease.

The percent of adults who met PA recommendations in this community was about the same as the state average. Young adults (18-24 years) had higher rates of PA than older adults.

Met PA Recommendations (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015 (odd years)



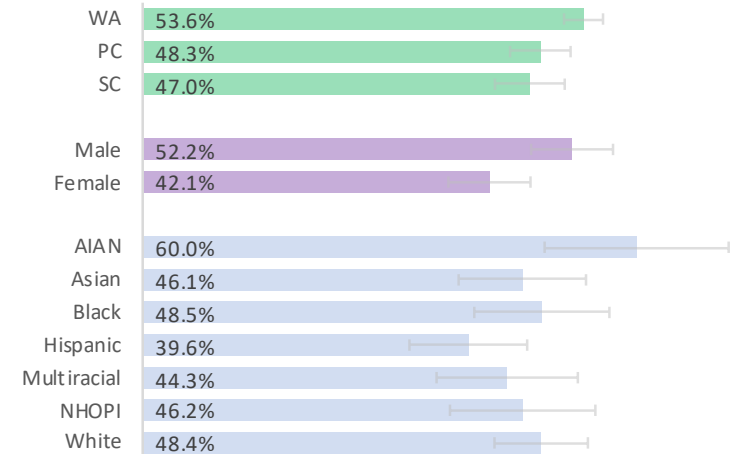
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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Physical Activity – Youth

Youth who engage in regular physical activity are more likely to develop a healthy life style as an adult.

Youth in this community reported physical activity levels about the same as the state. Females had lower activity rates than males in this community. Hispanic youth had lower rates compared to American Indian/Alaska Native youth.

One Hour of Activity Five Days/Week (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Health Behaviors

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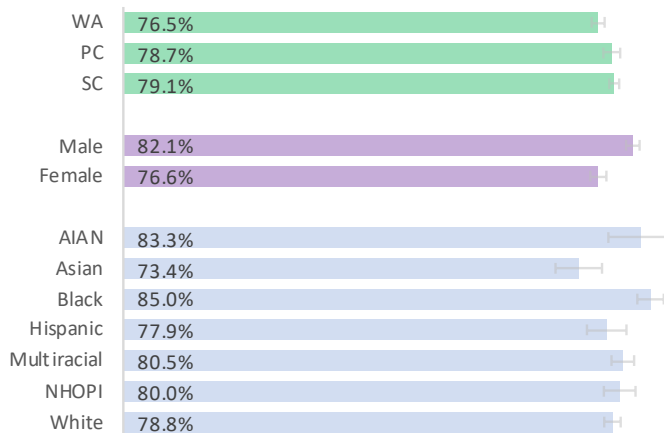
Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

The availability and consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) by youth can lead to the development of unhealthy behaviors and chronic disease later in life.⁸

The percent of youth who consume SSB was about the same in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state. Males and Black youth had higher SSB consumption compared to females and other race/ethnicity groups.

SSB Consumption (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

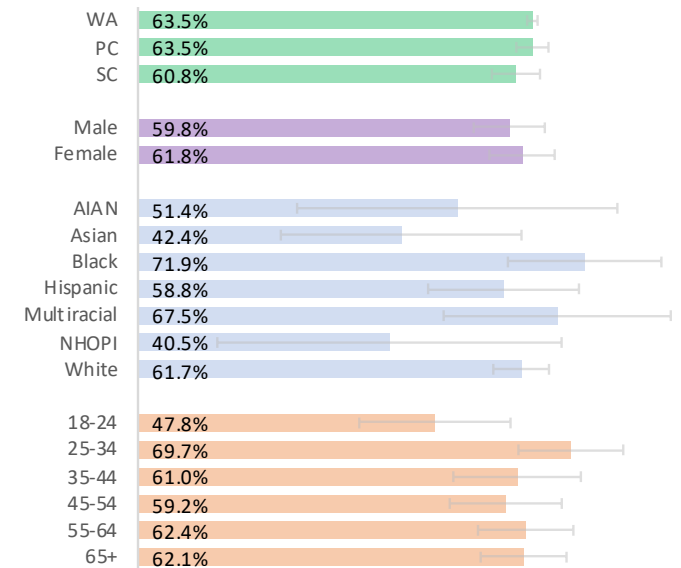
⁸Scharf, R. and DeBoer, M. Sugar-sweetened beverages and children's health. Annual Rev. Public Health 2016. 37:273-93.

Fruit Consumption – Adults

Consuming at least one serving of fruit per day is self-reported as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Daily fruit consumption in this community was not different than the state. There were no differences by gender or race/ethnicity group.

At Least One Daily Fruit Serving (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015 (odd years)



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Health Behaviors

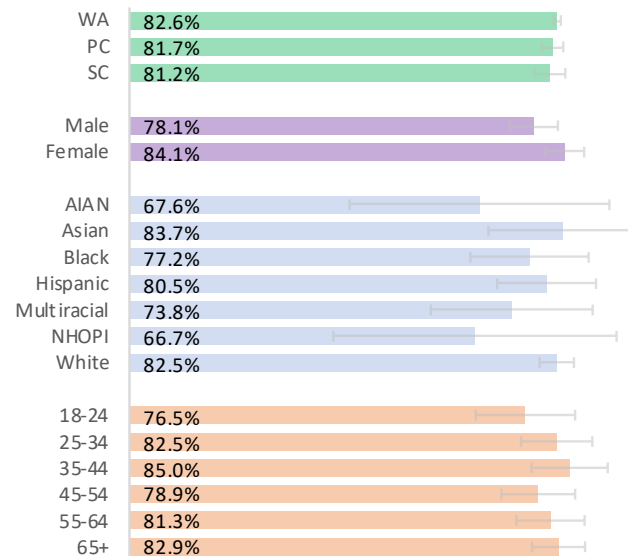
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Vegetable Consumption – Adults

Consuming at least one serving of vegetables per day is self-reported as part of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Daily vegetable consumption among adults in this community was about the same as the state average. There was no difference by age, gender or race.

At Least One Daily Vegetable Serving (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2011-2015 (odd years)



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Health Behaviors

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Tobacco

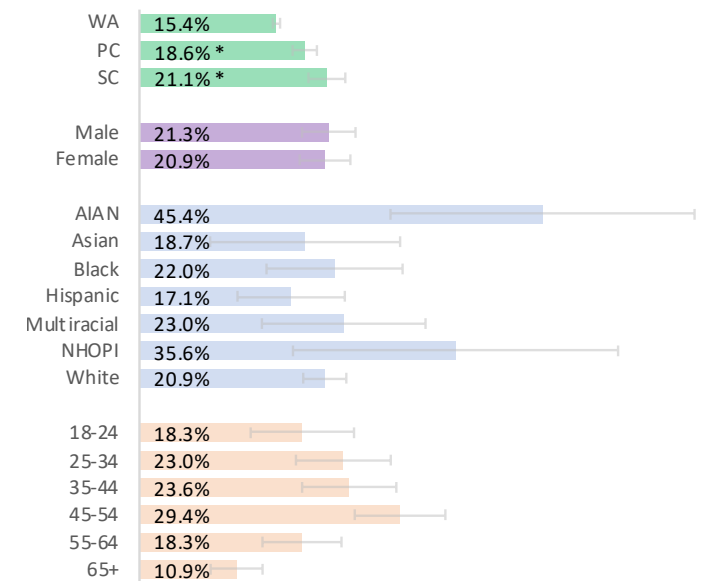
Tobacco use remains one of the most common risky behaviors in communities across the United States, despite a robust body of evidence that tobacco use increases the risk of heart disease, cancer and many other negative health outcomes. Despite a general trend of decreasing tobacco use nationwide, an increase in electronic cigarette availability, attempts to replace traditional cigarettes with electronic cigarettes and vaping product popularity among youth continue to be a concern.

Current Cigarette Use – Adult

Current cigarette use among adults is estimated using responses from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

The percent of adults in the St. Clare Hospital community who smoke was higher than the state average. Cigarette smoking rates were higher among American Indian/Alaska Native residents compared to Hispanic and White residents.

Current Cigarette Use – Adults (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



(*) value different from WA state

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Health Behaviors

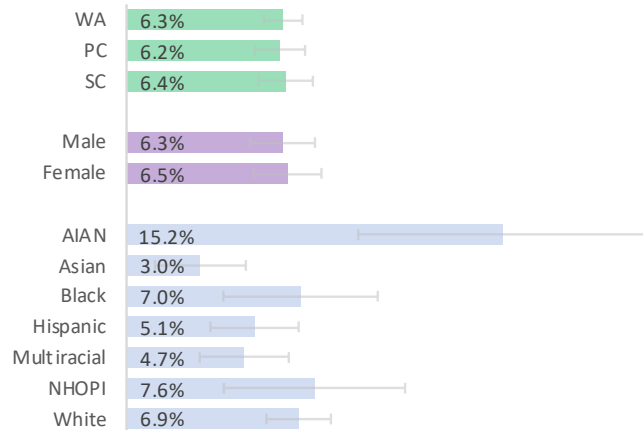
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Current Cigarette Use – Youth

While the rate of tobacco use initiation has been declining nationwide, the issues of tobacco use among youth remains a concern. Preventing youth from forming a smoking habit reduces the risk of that individual smoking into adulthood.

Youth in this community were smoking cigarettes at comparable rates to the state average. There was no difference by gender. American Indian/Alaska Native youth had a higher rate of smoking compared to many other race/ethnicity groups.

Cigarette Use, Past 30 Days (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



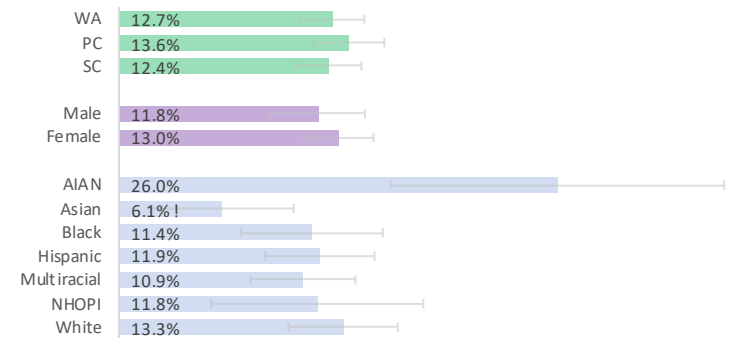
Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Current E-Cigarette Use – Youth

Although cigarette use has declined nationwide, a new public health concern is the increasing use of e-cigarettes among youth.

Youth e-cigarette use in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state. American Indian/Alaska Native youth had the highest use. There was no difference by gender.

E-Cigarette Use, Past 30 Days (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)
(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Health Behaviors

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

CHI Franciscan Support Groups: Addiction and Recovery is a resource that offers multiple classes to address substance use, including Freedom from Tobacco support groups.

Washington State Tobacco Cessation Quitline offers free resources to help smokers quit smoking.

Metro Parks Tacoma and the City of Lakewood manages local parks, community centers and public places for physical activities. Some locations offer programs such as single-gender swim times and scholarships for children.

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) mission is to enhance the quality of life on the Gig Harbor Peninsula by providing park and recreational opportunities for all citizens.

Gig Harbor Parks improves physical and psychological health, strengthening communities, and make their cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work.

Key Pen Parks is dedicated to serving their community and its citizens. They are deeply committed to the enhancement and preservation of their community's quality of life.

SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education) is a federal grant program also referred to as Basic Foods or Food Stamps.

Food banks, Farmer's Markets and other feeding programs sponsored by faith-based organizations are working to provide healthier food options to their customers.

CHI Franciscan Outpatient Nutrition Education Center offer diabetes education and support groups at varying times and locations.

Ready Set Go! 5210 is a community-based initiative implemented by multiple organizations in Pierce County to promote healthy lifestyle choices for children, youth and families. "5210" refers to guidelines for fruit and vegetable consumption, screen time, physical activity and SSBs.

CHI Franciscan Talks offer activities intended to care for the mind, body and spirit.

Health Behaviors

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties:

- Diabetes Prevention Program provides a supportive environment where participants work together in small groups to learn about healthier eating and physical activity to reduce the risk for developing diabetes.
- ACT! Actively Changing Together is for children with a high BMI. Parents or caregivers participate with their child(ren) weekly, playing games and activities, learning how to make healthy meals and snacks as a family and receiving group support to make lifestyle changes at home.

Social Connections



One-third of the U.S. population reports they have two or fewer people they can count on in times of need.⁹ People with more and stronger social relationships live longer than those with fewer and weaker social relationships.¹⁰

Social connections help people receive more support and resources, stay independent and healthy and positively influence their mental health. Neighborhoods reporting stronger belonging and trust have lower obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes rates.¹¹

Residents in the St. Clare Hospital community reported having people they could count on and connectedness with their community members at similar rates as the rest of the county and state.

⁹Perissinotto CM, Stijacic Cenzer I, Covinsky KE. Loneliness in older persons: a predictor of functional decline and death. *Arch Intern Med.* 2012;172(14):1078–1083.

¹⁰Holt-Lunstad J, Smith TB, Layton JB. Social relationships and mortality risk: a meta-analytic review. *PLoS Med.* 2010;7(7):

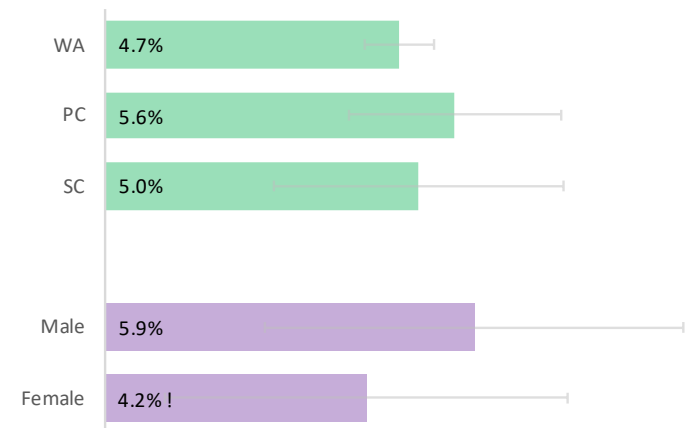
¹¹Xia, N., & Li, H. (2018). Loneliness, Social Isolation, and Cardiovascular Health. *Antioxidants & redox signaling*, 28(9), 837-851.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Adults were asked about how many people they could count on if they asked for practical help, such as grocery shopping or caring for a family member.

There were no differences in this hospital community compared to the state or county.

No Social Support (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Social Connections

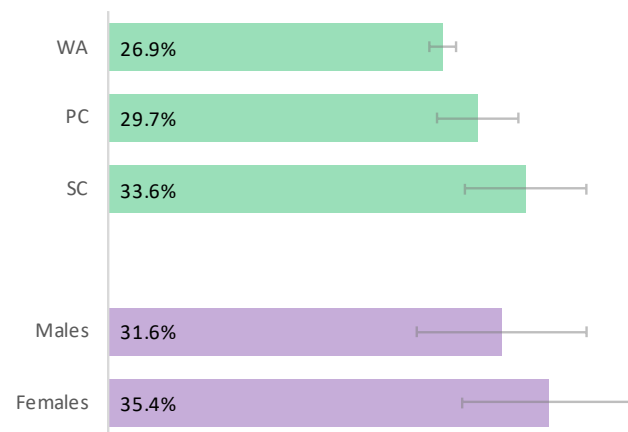
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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Adults were asked how often people in their community do favors for each other, such as helping shop, garden or watch their property. This connectedness can serve as a protective factor by promoting the resilience of individuals in that community.

For this community resiliency factor, there were no differences in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state.

Help from Community Members (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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Access to comprehensive, high-quality health care services is vital for building healthier communities. Factors limiting access to health care make it more difficult for people to reach full health and well-being potential. These barriers include inadequate insurance coverage, high costs of care and gaps in service availability. Addressing these barriers increases the likelihood of healthy and vibrant communities.

This section includes information about access to care, such as the percent of residents who have medical insurance or a usual primary care physician. The section also includes data on oral health care and preventable care services, such as vaccinations and cancer screening.

The community served by St. Clare Hospital had health insurance coverage comparable to state and county rates. Community members 25-34 years old had the lowest insurance rates. Hispanic residents in this area were insured at a lower rate than White residents. The percent of people who did not see a doctor due to cost was higher in this community (16.7%) than the state (13.3%), with higher rates among Hispanic (25.1%) residents compared to white residents (14.5%).

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and Hispanic 3rd graders had higher rates of childhood cavities than White 3rd graders. White and Asian youth were more likely to have a dental checkup in the past year compared to Black and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander youth.

Vaccination rates for children in this community, including HPV vaccinations, were lower than the state average.

Two-thirds of adults age 50-75 years met USPSTF¹² colorectal cancer screening guidelines, with Hispanic residents having a lower rate (40.5%) compared to White residents (66.0%).

The St. Clare Hospital community had higher rates of potentially preventable hospitalizations compared to the state average. This was true for overall, composite and several specific health conditions.

¹²United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for colorectal cancer (several different methods available) starting at age 50 and continuing until age 75.

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ACCESS TO CARE

Not having health insurance is a barrier to receiving important medical care. Insurance coverage also allows individuals to engage the health care system before conditions develop and reduce the cost of neglected health. Unfortunately, segments of this community continue to be uninsured and have difficulty accessing care.

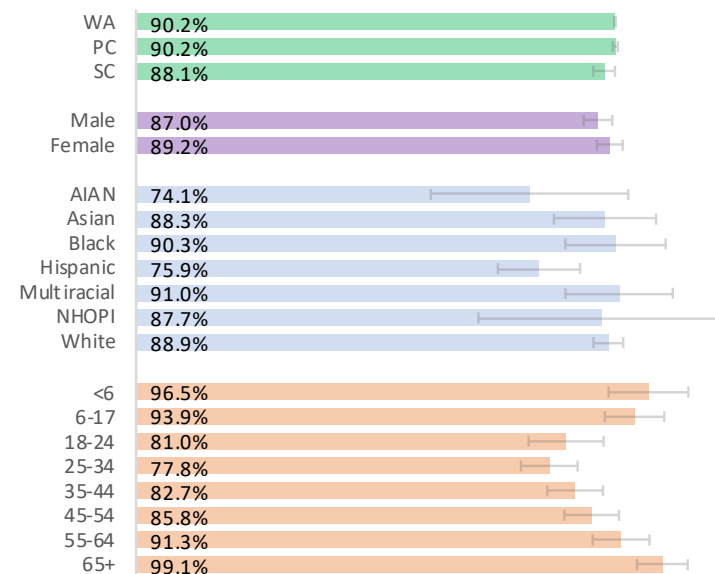
INSURANCE COVERAGE

The lack of health care access can be particularly burdensome for individuals who don't have adequate health insurance. Following the implementation of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act, the proportion of residents reporting no insurance decreased. Still, insurance coverage gaps exist.

The percent of people with health insurance in this community was comparable to the state. There was no difference by gender. Hispanic adults were less likely to have insurance coverage compared to White adults. Adults ages 25-34 years had the lowest rate of insurance coverage compared to other age groups.

Insurance Coverage (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Source: U.S. Census, 2012-2016, 5-year estimates, American Community Survey, S2701

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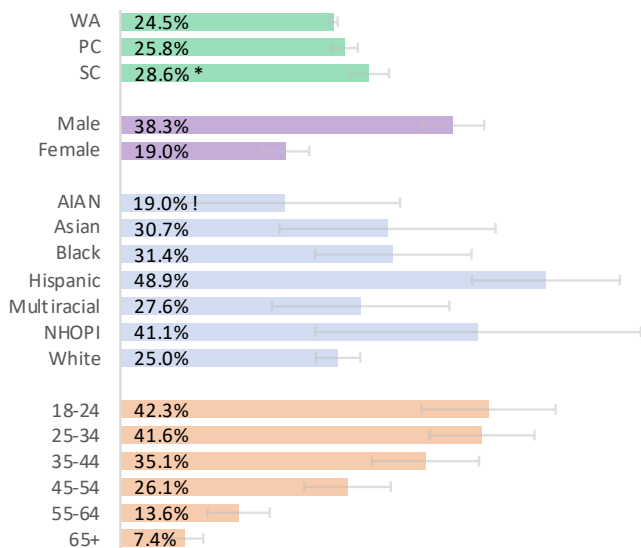
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MEDICAL HOME - ADULTS

A medical home is defined in this report as having a primary care provider. The rate of individuals with a medical home is estimated as the percent of people with a usual primary care source.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, the percent of adults without a usual primary care provider was higher compared to the state average. Males had a rate of no usual primary care provider twice as high as females. Hispanic adults had a higher rate of no usual primary care provider compared to many other race/ethnicity groups.

No Usual Primary Care Provider – Adults (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



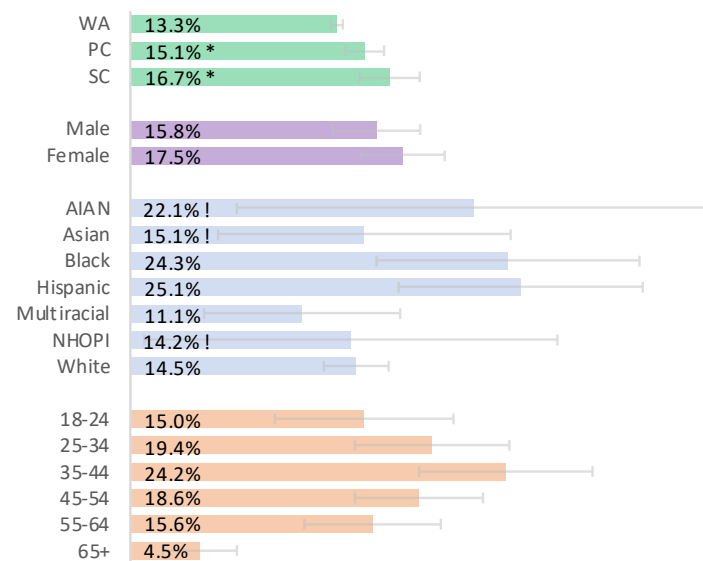
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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

COST & HEALTH CARE ACCESS

When an individual needs health care, cost can often be a factor for whether they obtain care.

The percent of adults who did not obtain care due to cost in the past year was higher in this community than the state. Hispanic residents have higher rates compared to white residents.

Did Not See a Doctor Due to Cost (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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ORAL HEALTH

Regular dental checkups have a crucial role in preventing childhood cavities, as well as reducing the risk of chronic diseases.

Childhood Cavities – The percent of childhood cavities, untreated and treated, helps us understand the burden of oral health conditions on the community.

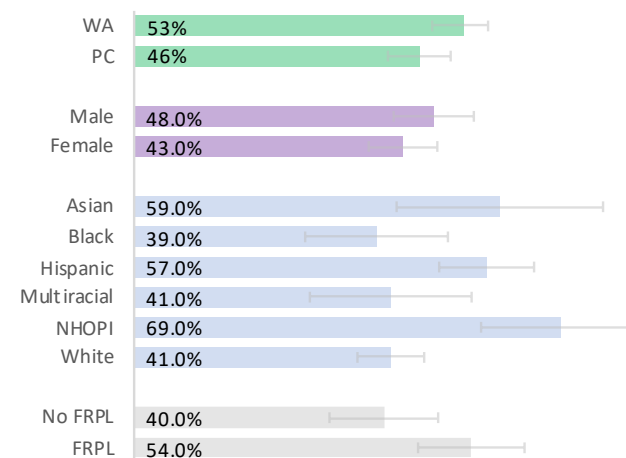
Dental Checkups – Regular dental checkups for youth help to promote proper oral hygiene practices and address acute and chronic oral health conditions.

TOTAL CHILDHOOD CAVITIES

One of the most important indicators families can use to inform the quality of their diet and dental health care is the number of total childhood cavities. In Pierce County, 46% of 3rd graders had a history of cavities.

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and Hispanic 3rd graders had higher rates of childhood cavities than White 3rd graders.

Total Childhood Cavities[^] (%) Pierce County, 2016



Source: SMILE Oral Health Survey (3rd grade)

[^] Data not available for the community served by St. Clare Hospital.

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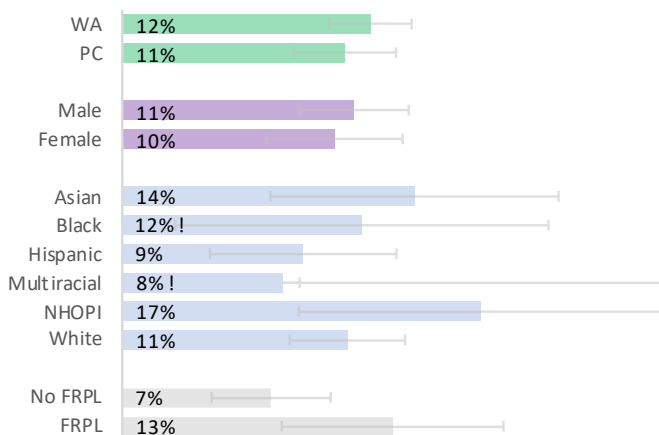
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UNTREATED CHILDHOOD CAVITIES

Although childhood cavities are a warning sign for oral health concerns that may continue into adulthood, obtaining good dental care can help minimize the continued damage of poor oral health. In Pierce County, 11% of 3rd graders had untreated cavities.

There were no differences by race/ethnicity, gender, or free and reduced-price lunch.

Untreated Childhood Cavities[^] (%) Pierce County, 2016



(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Source: SMILE Oral Health Survey (3rd grade)

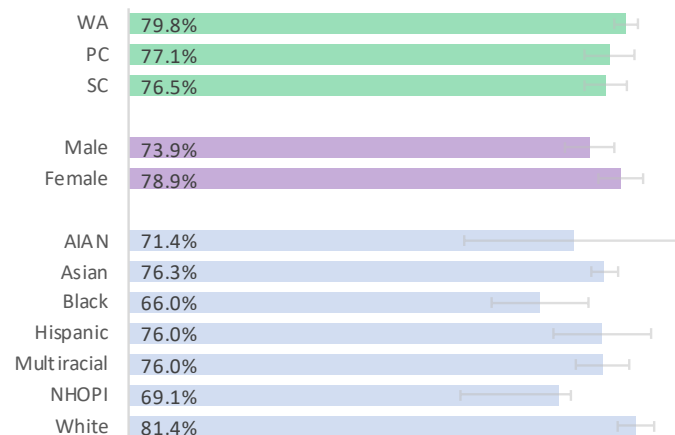
[^] Data not available for the community served by St. Clare Hospital.

ROUTINE DENTAL CHECKUP – YOUTH

To prevent cavities and promote healthy dental hygiene practices, it is important to be routinely screened by a dental professional.

In the community served by St. Clare Hospital, the percent of youth who had a routine dental checkup in the past year was about the same as the state average. White and Asian youth were more likely to have a dental checkup in the past year compared to Black and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander youth.

Routine Dental Checkup, Past Year (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

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CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Clinical services for disease prevention and detection reduce the burden of disease. One of the greatest public health successes of clinical preventive services - immunizations - reduced many infectious diseases worldwide and continues to do so. Understanding clinical preventive services in the community is key to maintaining a healthy community.

Vaccinations – The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) provides advice and guidance on effective control of vaccine-preventable diseases in the U.S. civilian population. In this report, vaccination rates are estimated using data from the Washington State Immunization Information System (WSIIS) for children 19-35 months and 15-17 years.

Colorectal Cancer Screening – The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends colorectal cancer screening guidelines for adults age 50 to 75 years. This report shows the estimated percent of adults meeting these recommendations.

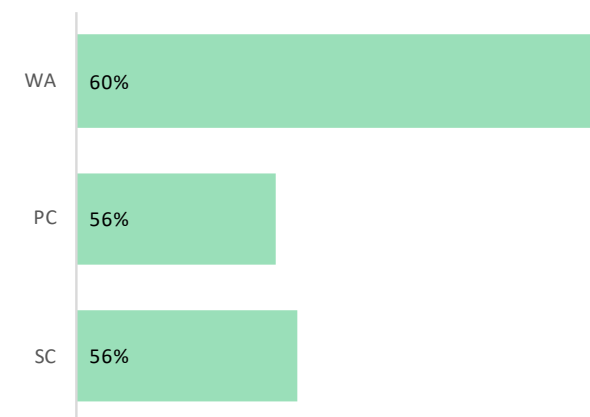
VACCINATIONS (19-35 MONTHS)

Obtaining the recommended vaccinations early in childhood has been successful in reducing the burden of infectious disease among youth.

The vaccination rate for children between 19 and 35 months old in the St. Clare Hospital community was lower than the state average.

Recommended Vaccination Series Completed (%)

19-35 months, 4313314 HEDIS series



Source: Washington State Immunization Information System, December 2017

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VACCINATIONS (15-17 YEARS)

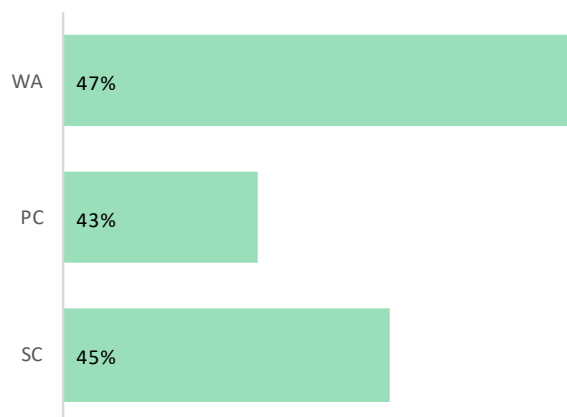
Adolescents aged 15-17 years are recommended to have the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Adolescent HPV vaccination rates in this community were lower than the state and higher than Pierce County.

Females have higher HPV vaccination rates (47.2%) compared to males (42.7%).

HPV Vaccines Completed (%)

Adolescents, 15-17 years



Source: Washington State Immunization Information System, December 2017

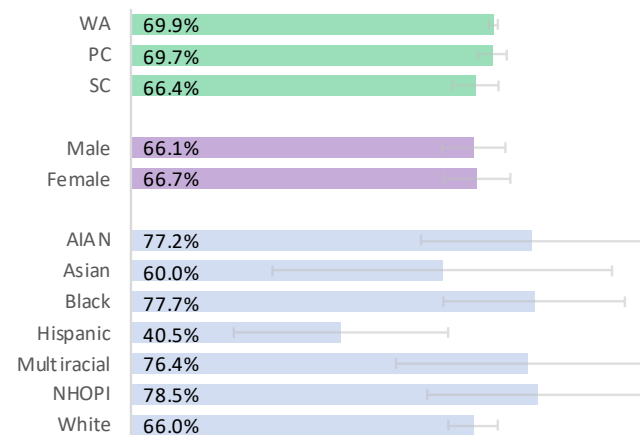
COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Regular screening for colorectal cancer helps with early detection and successful treatment. Adults ages 50 to 75 should begin regular screening at age 50 and continue until age 75. Adults over 75 should consult with their doctor on continued screening.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, the percent of adults meeting USPSTF¹³ colorectal cancer screening guidelines is about the same as the state. Hispanic residents had a lower rate of colorectal cancer screening compared to White residents.

Adults (50-75 yrs) Meeting Colorectal Cancer Screening Guidelines (%)

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



NHOPI excluded due to sample size limitations
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

¹³United States Preventive Services Task Force

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PREVENTABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS

A preventable hospital stay is one that might have been avoided with better medical care outside of the hospital. For example, hospital stays for high blood pressure could be avoided with good medication management and monitoring by a primary care physician.

PREVENTION QUALITY INDICATORS (PQI)

The Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI) are a set of measures from hospital discharge data that describe quality of care and highlight preventable hospitalizations. Early inpatient and good outpatient care can potentially prevent health complications and the need for unnecessary hospitalizations. The indicators give insight into the community health care system or services outside the hospital setting and can be used to help flag potential health care quality problems.

Lower scores compared to the state average suggest better prevention of these issues in a community. Higher scores highlight chronic medical conditions that may not be managed well, barriers to access to health care services or opportunities to improve prevention among residents of the St. Clare Hospital community.

The four composite measures of PQI – Overall, Acute, Chronic and Diabetes – group individual PQI measures. Composite measures are used to understand the “big

picture” of some preventable hospitalizations, while individual measures highlight important specific indicators.

The St. Clare Hospital community had higher composite rates of potentially preventable hospitalizations in all categories compared to Washington state.

Composite and Individual PQI Scores

Composite	SC	PC	WA
Overall	1254.7	1117.9	873.3
Acute	362.9	348.8	312.4
Chronic	897.4	769.2	556.1
Diabetes	183.3	148.8	122.8

Individual	SC	PC	WA
Diabetes Short-Term Complications C,D	71.1	59.0	46.2
Diabetes Long-term Complications C,D	60.7	52.0	47.2
COPD or Asthma in Older Adults C	363.7	289.8	197.8
High Blood Pressure C	50.6	38.6	16.3
Heart Failure C	430.3	394.0	279.2
Dehydration A	102.4	99.3	82.5
Bacterial Pneumonia A	162.1	158.5	150.4
Urinary Tract Infections A	98.4	91.0	84.3
Uncontrolled Diabetes C,D	39.2	28.6	20.9
Asthma in Younger Adults C	32.10	26.60	22.3
Lower-extremity amputations among diabetics C,D	17.80	14.70	15.7

A: Included in “Acute” composite measure

C: Included in “Chronic” composite measure

D: Included in “Diabetes” composite measure

Source: Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System, 2016

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

Bates Dental Clinic provides low-cost preventive care and accepts Apple Health insurance for adults.

Carol Milgard Breast Center – a partnership of MultiCare and CHI Franciscan – provides comprehensive breast health services to all women in the community, regardless of financial circumstances.

Pierce College Dental Hygiene Clinic provides low-cost preventive care for low-income and uninsured families and seniors.

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority provides medical and dental care to Puyallup tribe members and Pierce County residents who are enrolled members of other tribes.

Trinity Clinic serves Tacoma residents without insurance at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Project Access collaborates with Pierce County providers to deliver medical and dental care for uninsured and low-income individuals. Project Access also offers premium assistance for individuals on the health exchange.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) offer primary, preventive and supportive health services without regard to economic or insurance status.

Community Health Care (CHC) is a private, nonprofit FQHC that operates clinics throughout Pierce County that provide primary medical and dental care services to uninsured and low-income individuals.

Sea Mar Community Health Center, another FQHC with locations in Pierce County, specializes in primary care medicine, including preventive health exams, urgent care visits, minor procedures, health education, follow-up care from hospital visits and referrals for other medical services.

Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children provides accessible, compassionate and effective dental care to children in need at local clinics, schools and dental outreach events.

Medical Teams International offers free or low-cost urgent dental care services through its Mobile Dental Program.

Neighborhood Clinic provides free urgent medical care to patients who cannot afford or access health care.

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Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Family Support Centers assist families in finding resources and applying for DSHS benefits, including SNAP (food stamps), medical and dental benefits. In addition, the Family Support Centers connect families to low-cost and/or free resources in the community, including pregnancy, parenting and maternity support; infant case management; services for children with special needs; and services for behavioral health care needs.

Cancer community navigators are available for local communities who are at high-risk for breast cancer and may not have access to screenings and care.

Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations Initiative is a pilot program in the St. Clare Hospital community led by a coalition of health service providers, including CHI Franciscan. Clinics in a six-zip code area are working to increase the number of residents who receive pneumonia and flu shots and who are screened for alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and for depression.

Maternal and Child Health



Improving the well-being of mothers, infants and children is the starting point of healthy families in a community. This includes protecting and promoting the health of our future generations through positive behaviors, such as early and adequate prenatal care and breastfeeding.

In this community, the infant mortality rate was higher than that of Washington state and Pierce County.

Overall, 7.1% of newborns had a low birth weight (less than 2500 grams). In the St. Clare Hospital community, Black babies had a low birth weight (12.5%) at more than twice the rate of White babies (6.0%).

The percent of women with inadequate prenatal care was higher in this community (37.4%) than the state average (29.2%). American Indian/Alaska Native (48.3%) and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (55.3%) women had the highest rates of inadequate prenatal care compared to all other race and ethnicity groups.

These data suggest an urgent need to address racial disparities in maternal and child health in this community.

PREGNANCY

Pregnancy is a complex and life-changing experience that lays the foundation for a community's future. Many factors impact the likelihood of poor pregnancy outcomes. Early and adequate prenatal care may prevent pregnancy-related complications, help mothers as they navigate a high-risk pregnancy or assist them in connecting to tobacco cessation resources.

PRENATAL CARE

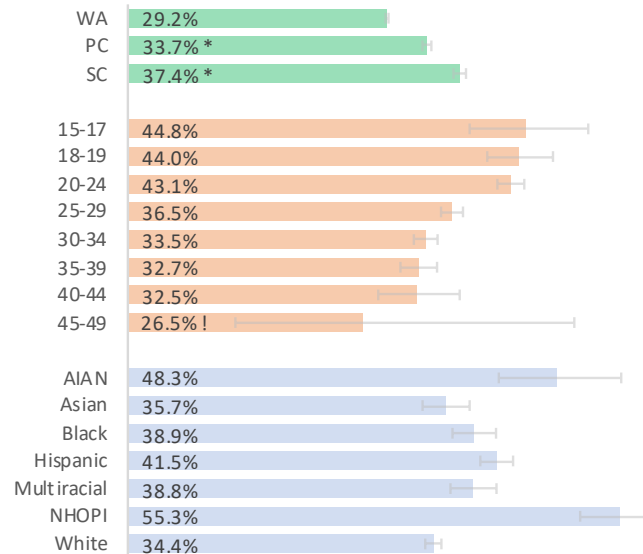
The adequacy of prenatal care is measured using Kotelchuck's Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization (APCU) index. Prenatal care is considered adequate based on when care is initiated (the earlier the better) and how many of the expected visits are completed.

In this community, the percent of women with inadequate prenatal care was higher than the state average. Inadequate prenatal care decreased as age increased. American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander mothers had the highest rates of inadequate prenatal care.

Maternal and Child Health

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Inadequate Prenatal Care (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



(*) value different from WA state
(!) relative standard error greater than 30%
Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Birth Certificate Data, 1990–2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

INFANCY

The first year of life, or infancy, is an important time in child development.

Infant Mortality – The number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births is generated using birth certificate data and represents the infant mortality rate.

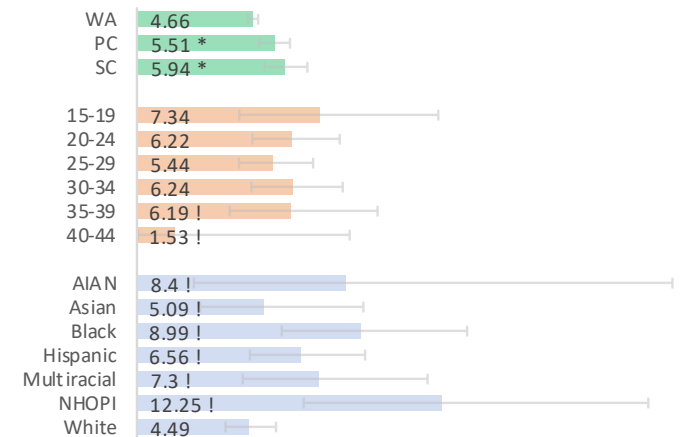
Low Birth Weight – A birth weight under 2500 grams is low birth weight, while very low birth weight is under 1500 grams.

INFANT MORTALITY

Infant mortality refers to a baby's death less than 365 days after birth. As prenatal care has improved, infant mortality has become less common, but racial disparities continue to exist.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, the infant mortality rate was higher than the state. There was no difference by age. Because the margin of error is so great, it is not possible to make comparisons among race/ethnicity groups.

Infant Mortality Rate St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



IMR: Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
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Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Birth Certificate Data, 1990–2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

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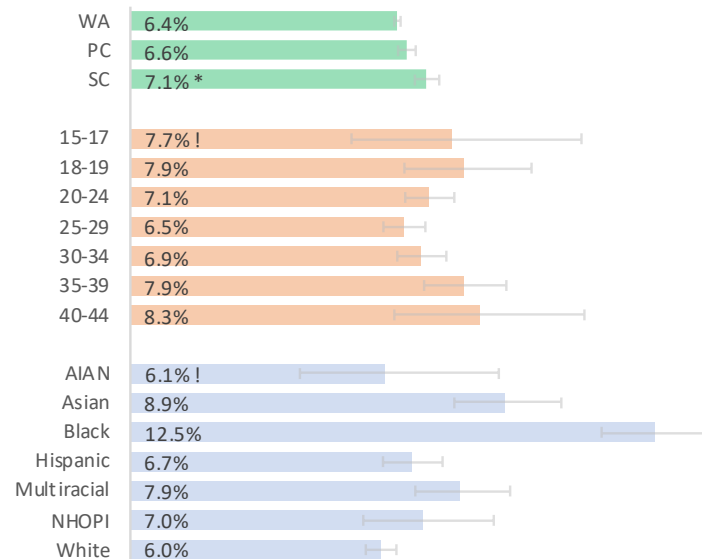
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LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

The proportion of births with a low birth weight (less than 2500 grams) is an important risk factor for the well-being of newborns.

In this community, more infants were born with a low birth weight compared to the state average. Black mothers had higher rates of low birth weight babies compared to all other race/ethnicity groups.

Low Birth Weight, ≤ 2500 grams (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



(*) value different from WA state

(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Birth Certificate Data, 1990–2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

Maternal and Child Health

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

Nurse-Family Partnership is a home visiting program available to support first-time moms through pregnancy and a child's second birthday.

Black Infant Health educates pregnant black women and their families about pregnancy and infant health through a partnership with local African American churches, community groups and the Health Department.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center at St. Vincent de Paul (Lakewood) offers free of charge car seats, diapers, formula and clothing for babies and young children.

Pregnancy Aid is a Tacoma social service agency that provides immediate help to any woman and her family, including food, clothes, baby supplies and help with rent and utilities.

Postpartum Support International has two active support groups in Pierce County.

Native American Women's Dialogue on Infant Mortality (NAWDIM) is a Native-led collective whose members are concerned about high rates of infant mortality in their communities.

Period of PURPLE Crying is a curriculum that helps parents understand this time in their baby's life and is a promising strategy for reducing the risk of child abuse.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well, learn about nutrition and stay healthy.

Perinatal Collaborative of Pierce County (PCPC) is a local non-profit dedicated to improving the health of Pierce County mothers and infants. PCPC provides opportunities to learn about best practices in caring for mothers and infants in our community.

Maternity Support Services (MSS) includes preventive health and education services for Medicaid enrolled pregnant women and their infants.

Injury and Violence Prevention



Injuries and violence adversely affect everyone, regardless of background. Although they are preventable, injuries and violence are leading causes of death for many age and race groups. Those who survive these traumatic experiences may face life-long mental and physical problems.

In this section, information is included for intentional and unintentional injuries that occurred in the community. Suicide and homicide rates were higher in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to Washington state. Suicides among males were about three times higher than among females.

Unintentional injury deaths and hospitalizations were higher among males and people over 65 years old (most likely due to falls). Hospitalizations caused by both intentional (suicide attempts and assaults) and unintentional injuries (motor vehicle collisions, falls and poisonings) were also higher in this community than the state.

INTENTIONAL INJURIES

Injuries that are intentional, both fatal and non-fatal, are common in the communities that St. Clare Hospital serves. Intentional injuries are described as self-inflicted, assault and other. Hospitalizations and deaths for both suicide and homicide are often preventable.

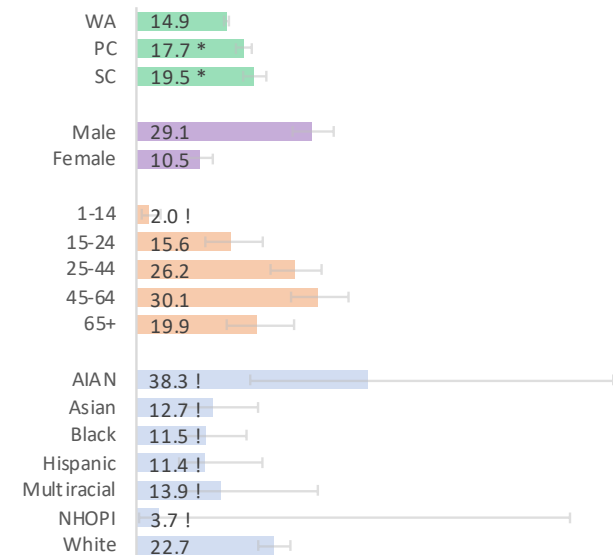
SUICIDE

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death. The rate of suicide is the number of deaths due to intentional self-harm per 100,000 people.

The St. Clare Hospital community had a higher rate of suicide than the state average. Males had almost three times the suicide rate as females.

Suicides

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 people

(*) value different from WA state

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Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Death Certificate Data, 1990–2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

Injury and Violence Prevention

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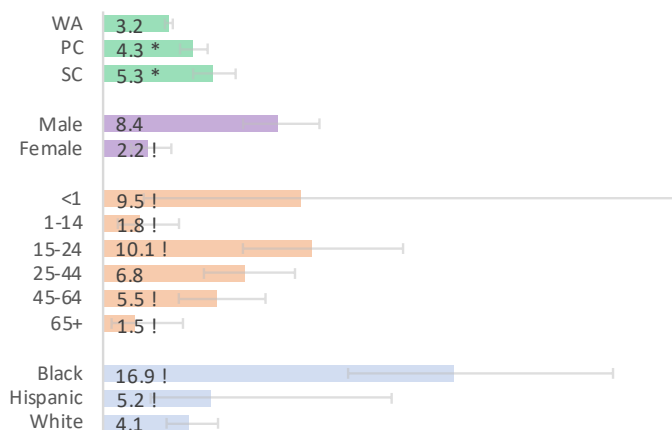
HOMICIDE

The rate of homicide is the number of deaths due to intentional harm by another person per 100,000 people.

Homicide was more common in the St. Clare Hospital community compared to the state average. Males had higher rates of homicide compared to females.

Homicides

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 people

(*) value different from WA state

(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Some groups excluded due to sample size limitations

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Death Certificate Data, 1990–2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

¹⁴“Other” is an injury category used when the intent is known but it is not unintentional, self-harm or assault.

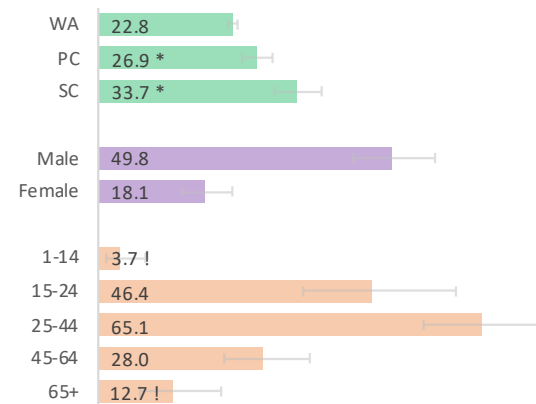
INTENTIONAL INJURY HOSPITALIZATIONS

Intentional injuries include self-inflicted, assault and anything else that is intentional.¹⁴ Hospitalization rates due to intentional injuries are generated using the same three categories.

Residents of the St. Clare Hospital community had higher rates of intentional injury hospitalizations compared to the state average. Intentional injury hospitalizations were most common among males and adults ages 25-44 years.

Intentional Injury Hospitalizations

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people

(*) value different from WA state

(!) relative standard error greater than 30%

Source: WA Hospital Discharge Data, Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) 1987-2015. Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), August 2016.

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UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES

Unintentional injuries are one of the leading causes of hospitalization and death nationwide. Typically, unintentional injuries are due to poisonings, motor vehicle crashes and falls.

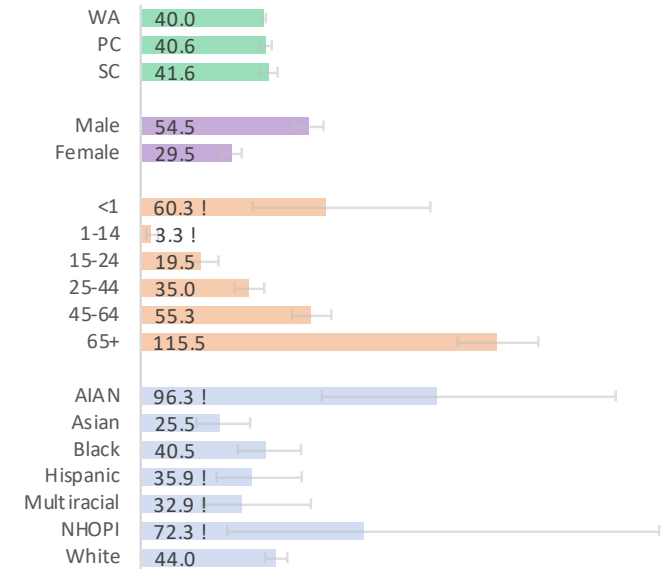
UNINTENTIONAL INJURY DEATHS

The unintentional injury death rate is the number of unintentional injury deaths per 100,000 people, which is measured using death certificate data.

Excluding infants, unintentional injury death rates increased with age. Males had higher rates than females. White residents had a higher rate of unintentional injury death compared to Asian residents.

Unintentional Injury Deaths

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 people

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Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics (CHS), Death Certificate Data, 1990-2016, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), June 2017.

Injury and Violence Prevention

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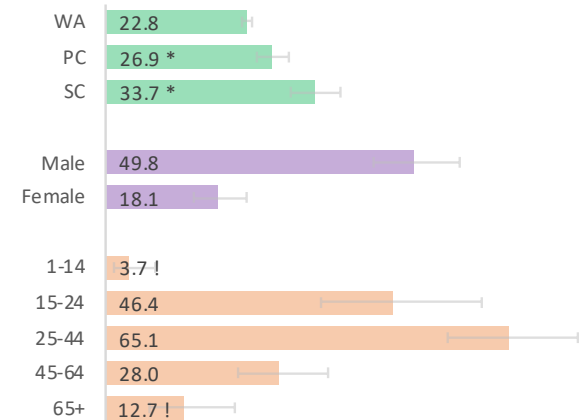
UNINTENTIONAL INJURY HOSPITALIZATIONS

Hospitalizations caused by unintentional injuries are reported as a rate per 100,000 people from hospital discharge data.

Unintentional injury hospitalizations were more common in Pierce County and the St. Clare Hospital community than Washington state.

Males had higher hospitalization rates compared to females.

Unintentional Injury Hospitalizations St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016-2017



Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people

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Source: WA Hospital Discharge Data, Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System (CHARS) 1987-2015. Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT), August 2016.

Injury and Violence Prevention

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

Drugs & Alcohol

The Target Zero Task Force works to reduce traffic crashes and traffic-related injuries to zero by the year 2030.

Child Safety

Mary Bridge Center for Childhood Safety works to prevent unintentional childhood injury through health education, community partnerships and best practice prevention strategies. Examples include infant sleep guidelines, bicycle helmet use, fall prevention, car seat inspections and life jacket loans, free of charge.

Fall Prevention

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is a strength, balance and fitness program for adults 65 and older. Community and senior centers also offer physical-activity programs, such as Silver Sneakers, included with many Medicare Advantage Plans.

THINKFIRST is a national injury prevention foundation, including concussions and falls.

Neighborhood & Community Safety

Safe Streets Neighborhood Mobilization Programs support safety and violence prevention across Pierce County through collaboration and education.

City of Tacoma gang violence prevention initiatives provide youth and their families with a network of community resources to help prevent youth from being affiliated with gangs and to provide families and youth with assistance and resources to prevent and suppress gang violence in their communities.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a violence prevention approach through the lens of more livable neighborhoods.

Behavioral Health



Mental health is essential to a person's well-being and ability to live a full and productive life. People of all ages, including children and adolescents, with untreated mental health disorders are at an elevated risk for co-occurring disorders, including substance use disorder. A health care system committed to addressing behavioral health concerns alongside physical health concerns can help improve the lives of community members.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, one in twenty adults have experienced serious mental illness.

Youth reported depression at about the same rate as Washington state. Females in this community reported depression at almost twice the rate of males.

Depression among adults in this community was higher than the state, specifically among females and people age 55-64 years.

In the St. Clare Hospital community, females had higher marijuana use rates than males. Asian youth had lower rates of marijuana use compared to all other race and ethnicity groups. American Indian/Alaska Native youth had higher rates compared to White and Multiracial youth.

MENTAL HEALTH

Depression, anxiety and substance use disorder are examples of how mental health presents itself in our communities. Like other health conditions, mental illness is treatable.

Serious Mental Illness – Serious mental illness among adults is measured by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System with the Kepler-6 psychological distress scale (determined by responses to survey questions about the frequency over the past 30 days of feeling nervous, hopeless, restless, worthless, that everything was an effort and so depressed that nothing could cheer them up).

Depression – Depression among youth is generated using the Healthy Youth Survey. Depression among adults is self-reported based on receiving a diagnosis of depression by a health care provider.

Behavioral Health

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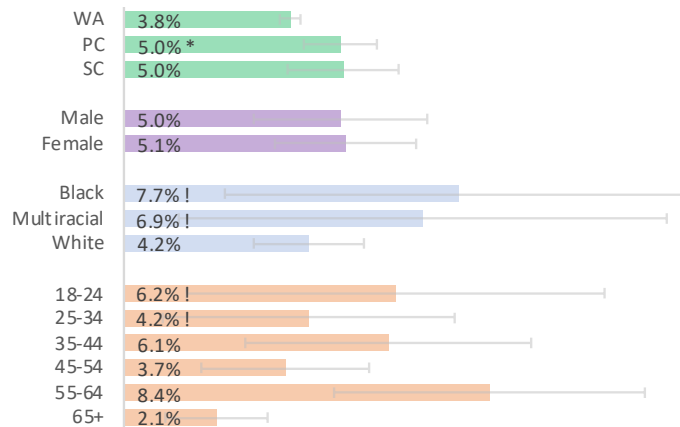
SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

The percent of adults with serious mental illness (SMI) is estimated based on a Kepler-6 (K-6) psychological distress scale score of 14 or higher.

The percent of adults with SMI in the St. Clare Hospital community was about the same as the state and county average.

There was no difference by gender or race. Adults ages 65 years and higher had the lowest rate of SMI.

Serious Mental Illness – Adults (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



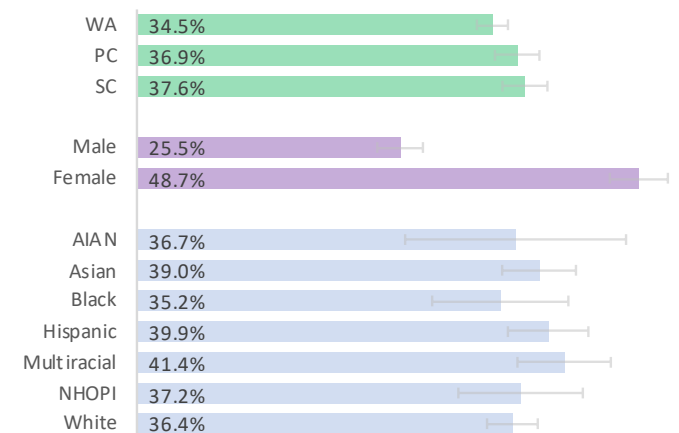
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Some groups excluded due to sample size limitations
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

DEPRESSION – YOUTH

Youth are considered to have been depressed when they reported in the past 12 months feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities.

The percent of youth reporting depression in the community served by St. Clare Hospital was similar to the state average. Females were more likely than males to report depression. There was no difference by race/ethnicity.

Self-Reported Depression – Youth (%) St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Behavioral Health

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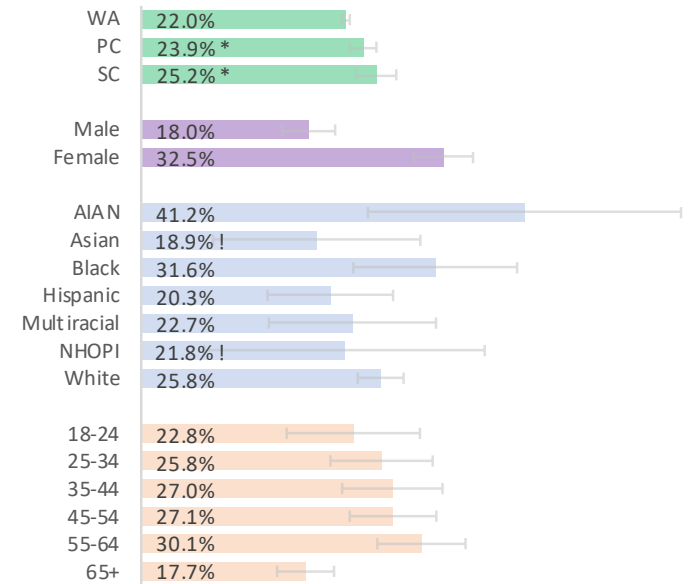
DEPRESSION – ADULTS

Depression diagnoses among adults are self-reported using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

The percent of adults with depression in the St. Clare Hospital community was higher compared to the state. Females had a higher rate of depression compared to males. There was no difference by race/ethnicity group.

Depression Among Adults

St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2012-2016



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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Behavioral Health

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

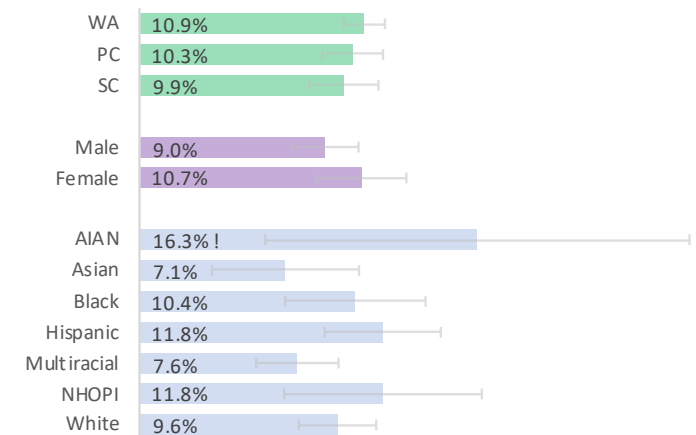
The inappropriate use of mind-altering substances, legal and illegal, presents major challenges to a community. Substances of public health concern include, but are not limited to, alcohol, marijuana and opioids. This includes alcohol and marijuana use among youth and driving under the influence of either. Ensuring a coordinated and integrated system of care with substance use disorders is essential.

BINGE DRINKING – YOUTH

Binge drinking among youth is self-reported through the Healthy Youth Survey. Youth who reported consuming five or more drinks in a row in the past two weeks were considered to have engaged in binge drinking.

The percent of youth who reported binge drinking in the St. Clare Hospital community is comparable to the state. There were no differences by gender or race/ethnicity.

Binge Drinking Among Youth St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



(!) relative standard error greater than 30%
Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Behavioral Health

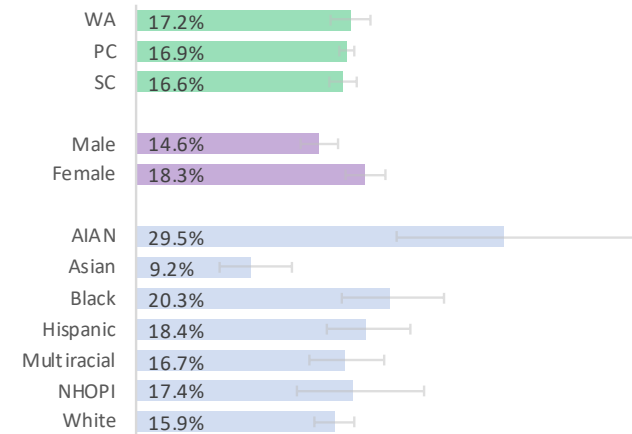
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MARIJUANA USE – YOUTH

In Washington state marijuana use is legal for people 21 years and older. Marijuana use puts youth at greater risk for addiction and failing in school. Most teens who enter drug treatment programs report marijuana is the main drug they use.

Youth living in the St. Clare Hospital community used marijuana at about the same rate as statewide youth. Females had higher marijuana use rates than males. Asian youth had lower rates of marijuana use compared to all other race and ethnicity groups. American Indian/Alaska Native youth had higher rates compared to White and Multiracial youth.

Marijuana Use Among Youth St. Clare Hospital Service Area, 2016



Source: Healthy Youth Survey (10th graders)

Behavioral Health

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ASSETS & RESOURCES

SafeTalk and ASIST are suicide prevention programs available throughout Pierce County.

Forefront is a research organization based at the University of Washington that trains health professionals to develop and sharpen their skills in the assessment, management and treatment of suicide risk.

WA House Bill 2315 and other bills over the past several years require school staff, behavioral health care providers and other health care providers to participate in suicide prevention training as part of their licensure.

The Crisis Solutions Center offers a therapeutic option when police and medics are called to intervene in a behavioral health care crisis. The program minimizes inappropriate use of jails and hospitals and provides rapid stabilization, treatment and referrals for up to 46 individuals.

NAMI Pierce County serves individuals, families and communities in Pierce County struggling with mental health.

211 Pierce County is a resource phone line operated by United Way of Pierce County and has a dedicated mental health navigator.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Family Support Centers offer many community-based services. They are a hub to help families find the resources to achieve their goals. Not all support centers have the same services. Each center is designed to meet the needs of the community around it.

Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare provides a full range of youth and adult mental health services.

Metropolitan Development Council has a wide range of housing, health and mental health programs.

Pierce County Alliance provides human services, specializing in substance abuse and mental health services for individuals, families and the community.

Comprehensive Life Resources provides behavioral health services, including outpatient and community support services to adults, children and families, services to homeless individuals, housing services, foster care and residential/inpatient services for children and adults.

Behavioral Health

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Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) works with individuals to assess needs, including behavioral health needs. TACID supports and connects individuals with community resources, including behavioral health services.

Catholic Community Services consists of 12 family centers across Western Washington providing an array of services, including counseling, case management, information and referral, chemical dependency services, mental health services and family support services to children, adults and families in need.

Pierce County Opioid Task Force is a partnership of several community leaders and members, health services providers and social service providers who work together to improve access to treatment for people with opioid use disorder and prevent the use of opioids among youth.

The Wellfound Behavioral Health Hospital is a new 120 inpatient bed facility located in Tacoma to provide voluntary and involuntary admissions focusing on general adult psychiatric care, crisis stabilization unit and outpatient services.

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PIERCE COUNTY FACILITIES

St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Clare Hospital & St. Anthony Hospital

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CHI Franciscan worked with Tacoma Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) to prepare Community Health Needs Assessments for each of our Pierce County hospitals. TPCHD was the primary collector and reviewer of health indicator and demographic data. The Health Department, CHI Franciscan as well as MultiCare Health System, all participated in the community engagement and activities, which included nine community workshops, seven key informant interviews, and a survey of more than 700 residents and community partners, to further identify and prioritize the hospital service area's health needs.

Community Health Needs Assessments and Implementation Plan Strategies for all CHI Franciscan facilities can be found at www.chifranciscan.org/about-us/community-health-needs-assessment.html

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PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

All three CHI Franciscan Pierce County facilities had individual priority health needs addressed in their Community Health Needs Assessments.

The priority health needs identified in the CHNAs were:

St. Joseph Medical Center

- Tobacco use among adults and youth
- Barriers to access to care
- Obesity among adults

St. Clare Hospital

- Tobacco use among adults and youth
- Barriers to access to care
- Obesity among youth
- Mental health distress among adults
- Infant mortality and lack of early and frequent prenatal care

St. Anthony Hospital

- Access to early and adequate prenatal care

Significant Health Needs Addressed

All priority health needs were addressed by CHI Franciscan hospitals in Pierce County.

Pierce County CHI Franciscan Hospitals

**St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Clare Hospital
and St. Anthony Hospital**

CHNA Implementation Plan: FY 2016-2019

Priority Area #1: Barriers to Access to Care

Goal: Increase access to quality care for the uninsured and under-insured.

ACTIVITIES

All Pierce County Facilities (St. Joseph, St. Clare, and St. Anthony)

- Provided financial and donated care to Pierce County Project Access for their Coordinate Care and Premium Assistance Programs through all Pierce County facilities. Provided CHI Franciscan executive staff time to serve on the Pierce County Project Access board of directors.
- Enrolled qualified patients into Medicaid and other Supported programs at all of our Pierce County hospitals.
- Provided CHI Franciscan executive staff time to serve on the board of the Pierce County Accountability of Health. Supported ACH activities that provide better care to patients enrolled in Medicaid.
- Provided support to patients who needed to remove transportation barriers to receiving care.
- All Pierce County facilities have a clothing closet to provide clean clothes for patients on discharge.
- Provided free naloxone rescue kits for charity care eligible patients.
- Provided coordination and financial support for the Catholic Community Services Caregiver Bridge Program to help post-hospitalized, vulnerable adults to access in-home caregivers until they receive long term support.
- Provided cell phones to patients who need them to communicate with their care team and receive services.
- Provided medication to patients as needed to patients who are eligible for charity care.
- Provided financial assistance for undocumented residents to access appropriate and safe residential care service while waiting for long term support.

St. Joseph Medical Center

- Provided financial support and donated supplies to Nativity House, a program of Catholic Community Services, to better serve homeless patients.
- Partnered on a complex care clinic to serve those with chronic disease who have several barriers to receiving care at traditional clinics.
- Provided donated medications to Neighborhood Clinic.

St. Anthony Hospital

- Supported the Key Free Clinic through donated lab work and board membership.

Priority Area #1: Barriers to Access to Care Continued

Goal: Increase access to quality care for the uninsured and under-insured.

Resources

CHI Franciscan resources committed to the success of the health improvement strategy

- Financial support
- Grants through Franciscan Foundation
- Donated lab work
- Donated medication
- Staff time to serve on board of directors and project committees

Partners

- Pierce County Project Access
- Conifer
- Key Free Clinic
- Neighborhood Clinic
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Catholic Community Services
- Nativity House
- Pierce County Accountable Community of Health

Community Indicators

Baseline measures and updated metrics from most current CHNA

27.6% of adults in the St Joseph service area did not have a primary care provider.

In the 2019 CHNA, 25.5% of adults in the St Joseph service area do not have a primary care provider.

80.9% of adults in the St Joseph service area had health insurance.

In the 2019 CHNA, 89.6% of adults in the St Joseph service area have health insurance.

20.2% of adults in the St Joseph service area had unmet health care needs due to cost.

In the 2019 CHNA, 15% of adults in the St Joseph service area had unmet health care needs due to cost.

76.4% of adults in the St Clare service area had health insurance.

In the 2019 CHNA, 88.1% of adults in the St Clare service area have health insurance.

32.5% of adults in the St Clare service area did not have a primary care provider.

In the 2019 CHNA, 28.6% of adults in the St Clare service area do not have a primary care provider.

22.9% of adults in the St Clare service area had unmet health care needs due to cost.

In the 2019 CHNA, 16.7% of adults in the St Clare service area had unmet health care needs due to cost.

Priority Area #2: Mental Health Distress Among Adults

Goal: Increase access and coordination to behavioral health services.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

All Pierce County Facilities (St. Joseph, St. Clare, and St. Anthony)

- Provided staff participation to the Pierce County High Utilizer Task Force.
- Trained CHI Franciscan staff and community members to deliver Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid workshops.
- Provided WRAP (Wellness, Recover, and Action Plan) training to community members in Pierce County.
- Increased access to 2-1-1 support line for mental health services.
- Provided financial support to bring “Mental Health & High School Curriculum” to Pierce County school districts.
- Provided financial support and staff time to train community members around suicide prevention.
- Promoted NAMI supported programs through education to Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministers.
- Provided CHI Franciscan executive staff time to serve on the board of the Pierce County Accountability of Health. Supported ACH activities that provided better mental health care and support to patients enrolled in Medicaid.

St. Joseph Medical Center

- Expanded Peer Bridger services for patients discharging from the St. Joseph Inpatient Psychiatric Unit.

St. Clare Hospital

- Provided CHI Franciscan executive staff time to serve on the board of Greater Lakes Mental Health.
- Provided training and mental health screening tools to the CHI Franciscan staff at the Parkland and Lakewood WIC clinics.

St. Anthony Hospital

- Provided financial support and staff time to the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition.
- Provided in-kind space for community SafeTALK suicide prevention workshops.

Priority Area #2: Mental Health Distress Among Adults Continued

Goal: Increase access to quality care for the uninsured and under-insured.

Resources

CHI Franciscan resources committed to the success of the health improvement strategy

- Financial contributions
- CHI Franciscan staff time to sit on boards, coordinate meetings, and to deliver trainings
- Franciscan Foundation time to write and administer grants related to mental health
- Space for meetings
- In-kind printing supported

Community Indicators

Baseline measures and updated metrics from most current CHNA

17% of adults in the St. Clare service area experienced frequent mental distress.

Not measured in 2019 CHNA

32.3% of female adults in the St. Clare service area reported having depression.

In the 2019 CHNA, 32.5% of female adults in the St. Clare service area reported having depression.

40.1% of 10th graders in the St. Clare service area reported depressive feelings.

In the 2019 CHNA, 37.6% of 10th graders in the St. Clare service area reported depressive feelings.

Partners

- Greater Lakes Mental Health
- Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Living Works
- Mental Health First Aid
- School Districts
- RI International
- United Way of Pierce County
- National Alliance for Mental Illness
- Pierce County Accountable Community of Health

Priority Area #3: Infant Mortality & Lack of Early and Adequate Prenatal Care

Goal: Ensure expectant mothers and babies are ready to thrive.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

All Pierce County Facilities (St. Joseph, St. Clare, and St. Anthony)

- Provided financial support to and supported employee-giving to March of Dimes.
- Supported a community drop-off donor human milk depot program available to Pierce County residents through donated freezer space and staff support.
- Created an active partnership with and provided in-kind meeting space for Postpartum support International.
- Provided childbirth education, prenatal breastfeeding and prenatal newborn preparation education programs for Medicaid populations.
- Provided financial support and referrals to the Centering Pregnancy Program, which provides group prenatal care for vulnerable populations.
- Continued offering a volunteer doula program at St Joseph Medical Center to provide support for patients who cannot afford to hire doula. The St Joseph Family Birth Center serves as the birth center for the St Clare and St Anthony regions.
- Provided dedicated staff member to the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative for increasing breastfeeding rates and success. Received the Baby Friendly Hospital designation from Baby Friendly USA.
- Subsidized breast pumps to clients in the Women, Infants & Child program, offered to low-income families in Pierce County.
- Provided financial support to the Breastfeeding Coalition of Pierce County.
- Supported Perinatal Collaborative of Pierce County through CHI Franciscan Executive staff time on board of directors and in-kind meeting space.
- Supported Prepares parenting program from the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle.
- Provided meal vouchers for family members whose children are in the NICU.
- Convened a NICU Parent Advisory Council to better understand the needs of families.
- Provided car seats for families who might not otherwise afford them.

Priority Area #3: Infant Mortality & Lack of Early and Adequate Prenatal Care Continued

Goal: Ensure expectant mothers and babies are ready to thrive.

Resources

CHI Franciscan resources committed to the success of the health improvement strategy

- Financial support through direct donations, programs that are subsidized by CHI Franciscan Health and supported employee-giving campaigns
- Donated freezer space and in-kind meeting space
- In-kind printed materials.
- Subsidized services and supplies to Medicaid & WIC population
- Staff time to implement projects and executive time to serve on board of directors

Community Indicators

63.4% of expectant mothers in the St. Anthony service area received early and adequate prenatal care.

In the 2019 CHNA, 67.3% of expectant mothers in the St. Anthony service area receive early and adequate prenatal care.

The infant mortality rate in the St. Clare service area was 6.3 deaths per 1,000 births.

In the 2019 CHNA, the infant mortality rate in the St. Clare service area is 5.94 deaths per 1,000 births.

58.8% of expectant mothers in the St. Clare service area received early and adequate prenatal care.

In the 2019 CHNA, 62.6% of expectant mothers in the St. Clare service area receive early and adequate prenatal care.

Partners

- March of Dimes
- Northwest Milk Bank
- Port Partum International
- Centering for Pregnancy
- Washington State Vaccines for Children Program
- Baby Friendly USA
- St. Clare WIC program
- Pierce County Breastfeeding Coalition
- Perinatal Collaborative of Pierce County
- Archdiocese of Seattle
- Area Catholic parishes

Priority Area #4: Obesity

Goal: Improve the health of our communities by addressing both prevention of disease and active management of those with chronic health conditions.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

All Facilities (Highline, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth, and Regional)

- Provided healthy living classes at a subsidized rate across the service region of all Pierce County facilities.
- Develop a healthy eating presentation for use in faith communities.
- Completed a 21-month quality assurance project examining blood pressure measuring practices and provided referral in faith communities.
- Provided training to faith community nurses and health ministers on blood pressure best practices.
- Created a blood pressure self-monitoring program in communities of faith through a partnership with local health, state and/or national organizations.
- Promoted and educated health ministry programs about diabetes prevention and refer to the Diabetes Prevention Program offered at local YMCAs.
- Create an interactive stroke awareness education toolkit for youth.

St. Clare Hospital

- Provided financial and staff support to the Lakewood Farmer's Market, including support for EBT and SNAP participants to receive fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Provided financial support and donated supplies to the Summerfest Triathlon.

Priority Area #4: Obesity Continued

Goal: Improve the health of our communities by addressing both prevention of disease and active management of those with chronic health conditions.

Resources

CHI Franciscan resources committed to the success of the health improvement strategy

- Financial support of subsidized healthy living classes
- Staff time
- In-kind printing

Community Indicators

30.6% of adults in the St. Joseph service area were obese.

In the 2019 CHNA, 31.2% of adults in the St. Joseph service area are obese.

30.6% of youth in the St. Clare service area were considered overweight or obese.

In the 2019 CHNA, 31.4% of youth in the St. Clare service area are considered overweight or obese.

Partners

- Area congregations
- Faith Community Nursing/ Health Ministries Northwest
- Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
- WA Department of Health
- YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties

Priority Area #5: Tobacco Use

Goal: Provided tools and Supported to communities to remain safe and healthy.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

All Pierce County Facilities (St. Joseph, St. Clare, and St. Anthony)

- Provided free, weekly Freedom from Tobacco support groups at all Pierce County facilities that are open to anyone in the community.
- Provided tobacco cessation classes in the community or at workplaces on request.

Priority Area #5: Tobacco Use Continued

Goal: Provided tools and Supported to communities to remain safe and healthy.

Resources

CHI Franciscan resources committed to the success of the health improvement strategy

- In-kind space
- CHI Franciscan staff time

Community Indicators

Baseline measures and updated metrics from most current CHNA

20.3% of adults in the St. Joseph service area were current smokers.

In the 2019 CHNA, 18.2% of adults in the St. Joseph service area are current smokers.

23.5% of adults in the St. Clare service area were current smokers.

In the 2019 CHNA, 21.1% of adults in the St. Clare service area are current smokers.

10.3% of 10th graders in the St. Clare service area smoked.

In the 2019 CHNA, 6.4% of 10th graders in the St. Clare service area smoke.

Partners

- Local Business Community

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SIGNIFICANT HEALTH NEEDS NOT ADDRESSED

There were no significant health needs not addressed by CHI Franciscan's Pierce County hospitals.



QUANTITATIVE DATA SOURCES

The data sources included in the quantitative analysis range from those providing summary results for the community to those with raw data available for analysis where estimates were generated by the Health Department.

American Community Survey (ACS)

This mailed survey is an annual supplement to the 10-year U.S. Census. The ACS location of residence is based on census tracts, which are converted to zip code tabulation area (ZCTA) for analysis.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Prevention Quality Indicators (PQIs) are a set of measures generated using hospital discharge data (CHARS) based on guidance from the AHRQ.

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

This is the largest, continuously conducted telephone health survey in the world. The survey collects information from adults on a vast array of health conditions, health-related behaviors and risk and

protective factors. In 2011, a new data weighting approach was implemented making data before 2011 unreliable for comparison to data from 2011 and later.

Comprehensive Hospitalization Abstract Reporting System (CHARS)

This hospital discharge data set includes records on inpatient and observation patient hospital stays. Race and ethnicity data are not available for this data set.

Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT)

This data source is a web application that allows authorized users to generate estimates for different geographies depending on the data source. Data from an array of sources are used to generate estimates by zip code, county and state in this tool.

Washington State Department of Social and Human Services (DSHS)

Foster care placement services, foster care support services and Child Protective Services summary estimates at the county-level and school district-level were available using the online reporting system available through DSHS.

Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS)

This disease reporting system was developed by the CDC and is managed by the Washington State Department of Health. It collects and stores HIV/AIDS case surveillance data. Reported case counts from these data are generated for each hospital service area upon request.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) information was obtained through the HRSA Data Warehouse and Map Tool available online, including shapefiles of polygon and point data for HPSAs in mental, dental and primary care.

Healthy Youth Survey (HYS)

This school-based survey is administered in even number years statewide to grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 in public schools. School districts overlapping the hospital service area, defined by zip code, were included in the analysis. In this report 10th grader data are included.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

The Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction provides data on graduation and free or reduced-price meal data through the Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS), an online system that captures information regarding student graduation, transfers and drop-outs. The adjusted cohort method follows a single cohort of students for four years based on when they first entered 9th grade. The cohort is adjusted by adding in students who transfer into the school and subtracting students who transfer out of the school.

Point-in-Time Count (PIT)

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Act (ESSHB 2163-2005) requires each county to conduct an annual point-in-time count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons (RCW 43.185C.030) in accordance with the requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data were made available for this assessment by Pierce County; however, data for zip codes outside Pierce County were not available. Estimates were generated using data with a geographic identifier (city or zip code) within the hospital service area.

SMILE Survey

During the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, the Washington State Department of Health's Oral Health Program conducted this assessment of the oral health status and treatment needs of children throughout the state. Data collected through this assessment allow for reliable estimates at the county level.

Dental screenings were completed by licensed dental hygienists and one dentist, following the standardized protocol set by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors for conducting Basic Screening Surveys.

Birth Certificate Data

The birth certificate system contains records on all births occurring in the state and nearly all births to residents of the state. Information is gathered about the mother, father, pregnancy and child. The information is collected at hospitals and birth centers through forms completed by parents or medical staff, a review of medical charts or a combination of both. Midwives and family members who deliver the baby complete the birth certificate and collect the information from a parent or from their records. Data are compiled by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Death Certificate Data

Funeral directors collect information about the deceased person from an informant who is usually a family member or close friend of the deceased. A certifying physician, medical examiner or coroner generally provides cause of death information. Cause of death data is derived from underlying causes of death. For example, if a person dies of a complication or spread of breast cancer, breast cancer would be the underlying cause of death. Data are compiled by the Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics.

Washington State Cancer Registry (WSCR)

The Washington State Cancer Registry (WSCR) monitors the incidence of cancer in the state to better understand, control and reduce the occurrence of cancer. In 1995, WSCR received funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Program of Central Cancer Registries. This program is designed to standardize data collection and provide information for cancer prevention and control programs. Estimates based on these data were obtained through the Washington State Department of Health's Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT).

Washington State Immunization Information System (WSIIS)

The Washington State Immunization Information System (WSIIS) is a lifetime registry that keeps track of immunization records for people of all ages. Estimates for each hospital service area were acquired from WSIIS. Immunization reports included data on 19-35 month olds, 13-17 year olds and 15-17 year olds.

Washington Tracking Network (WTN)

The Washington Tracking Network is a collection of environmental public health data. Estimates available through this resource are collected from an array of data sources and serve as a single location to see various measures affecting environmental public health.

Quantitative Methods

Estimates are generated for Washington, Pierce County and the hospital service area. In most cases analysts use SAS 9.4 software. In some cases, estimates are provided from an external source. Estimates for sub-populations are also generated and maps are displayed when possible and appropriate. The following definitions help understand the contents of this report:

Rates: A rate is a standardized proportion (or ratio) expressed as the number of events (e.g., live births per year) that have occurred with respect to a standard population, within a defined time period (usually one year). Rates help compare disease risk between groups while controlling for differences in population size. The size of the standard population used can vary depending on whether the events are common or rare. For example, since HIV is a rare condition in Washington state, HIV incidence rates are expressed as new cases per 100,000. **Crude rates** are rates calculated for a total population, while **age-specific rates** are calculated for specific age groups.

Age-Adjustment: All age-adjusted mortality and disease rates in this report are adjusted to the 2000 U.S. population. The risk of death and disease is affected primarily by age. As a population ages, its collective risk of death and disease increases. As a result, a population with a higher proportion of older residents will have higher crude death and disease rates. To control for differences in the age compositions of the communities being compared, death and certain specific disease rates are age-adjusted. This aids in making comparisons across populations.

Averages: Multiple-year average estimates were used in order to increase sample sizes and to minimize widely fluctuating frequencies from year to year.

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Confidence Intervals (CI): Hospital service area comparisons to Washington state and comparisons among subpopulations were calculated using 95% confidence intervals. Confidence intervals (error bars on the graphs) indicate the margin of error for the value estimated by describing an upper and lower limit of an estimate. Using confidence intervals is an approach to determine if differences among groups are statistically significant. If the confidence interval of two different estimates do not overlap, we most often can conclude that the difference is statistically significant and not due to chance.

Standard Error (SE): Standard errors are used to determine significance between groups in the analysis. Unless noted, these are based on 95% confidence intervals, or an alpha of 0.05. Relative standard error (RSE) is used to determine what statistics are reported. If the RSE is greater than 30% and the sample size is too limited to have confidence in these estimates, then they are excluded. If the RSE is greater than 30%, but the estimates may still be reliable, then they are presented but with a “!” to draw attention to this concern.

Stratification: Where possible (i.e., the population size or counts were adequate to determine significance and protect anonymity), we analyzed the indicators by race/ethnicity and/or gender. We used the following terms to describe race/ethnicity:

- NH: Non-Hispanic
- Asian: Non-Hispanic Asian
- AIAN: Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black: Non-Hispanic Black or African-American
- Hispanic: Hispanic as a race
- Multiracial: More than one race
- NHOPI: Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White: Non-Hispanic White or Caucasian

For this report Hispanic ethnicity was treated as a race for comparison purposes. For some indicators, these stratification levels may not have a sample size adequate to draw reliable conclusions about that population and are therefore excluded from this report. Groups are typically not combined due to concerns about over-generalizations made based on those results.

Selection of Priority Health Needs

Key findings were identified as priority health needs using four criteria. A public health epidemiologist reviewed data from this CHNA and applied the following criteria:

1. When compared to Washington state, the hospital service area estimates are statistically significantly worse (1 point).
2. Existing estimates present a trend in the negative direction (1 point).
3. The measure is related to listed main themes resulting from community engagement activities (1 point).
4. Inequity exists by gender or by race (2 points).

All health indicators and themes are scored and ranked using the above criteria. Based on the results of the ranking, at least three and no more than six key findings were identified for this CHNA report.