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# **Executive Summary**

Pitt County Health Department and Vidant Medical Center are pleased to present this Community Health Needs Assessment. This report provides an overview of the methods and process used to identify and prioritize significant health needs in Pitt County.

### **Service Area**

The service area for this report is defined as the geographical boundary of Pitt County, North Carolina. Pitt County is located inland from the coastal area of the state and has an area of 655 square miles, of which 652 is land and 2.9 square miles is water.

# **Methods for Identifying Community Health Needs**

### **Secondary Data**

Secondary data used for this assessment were collected and analyzed from Conduent HCl's community indicator database. The database, maintained by researchers and analysts at Conduent HCl, includes over 100 community indicators from various state and national data sources such as the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Community Survey. See Appendix B for a full list of data sources used.

Indicator values for Pitt County were compared to North Carolina counties and U.S. counties to identify relative need. Other considerations in weighing relative areas of need included comparisons to North Carolina state values, comparisons to national values, trends over time, Healthy People 2020 targets and Healthy North Carolina 2020 targets. Based on these seven different comparisons, indicators were systematically ranked from high to low need. For a detailed methodology of the analytic methods used to rank secondary data indicators see Appendix B.

### **Primary Data**

The primary data used in this assessment consisted of (1) a community survey distributed through online and paper submissions and (2) focus group discussions. Over 1,000 Pitt County residents contributed their input on the community's health and health-related needs, barriers, and opportunities, with special focus on the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations.

See Appendix C for all primary data collection tools used in this assessment.

# **Summary of Findings**

The CHNA findings are drawn from an analysis of an extensive set of secondary data (over 100 indicators from national and state data sources) and in-depth primary data from community leaders, health and non-health professionals who serve the community at large, vulnerable populations, and populations with unmet health needs. Through a synthesis of the primary and secondary data the significant health needs were determined for Pitt County and are displayed in Table 1.

### **Table 1. Significant Health Needs**

Access to Health Services
Economy
Occupational and Environmental
Health
Exercise, Nutrition & Weight
Immunizations & Infectious Diseases
Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health
Other Chronic Diseases
Social Environment
Substance Abuse

# **Selected Priority Areas**

### Pitt County Board of Health Selected Priority Areas:

- Chronic Disease Control
- Infant Mortality Prevention
- Risk Factor Reduction Including Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco and Substance Abuse
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases

# Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees / Vidant Health Foundation / Pitt Partners for Health Selected Priority Areas:

- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Access to Care / Social Determinants of Health
- Mental Health

### Conclusion

This report describes the process and findings of a comprehensive health needs assessment for the residents of Pitt County, North Carolina. The prioritization of the identified significant health needs will guide community health improvement efforts of Pitt County. Following this process, Pitt County will outline how they plan to address the prioritized health needs in their implementation plan.

## Introduction

Pitt County Health Department and Vidant Medical Center are pleased to present this Community Health Needs Assessment, which provides an overview of the significant community health needs identified in Pitt County, North Carolina which will be addressed from 2019-2022. This document serves as both the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA), as required by local North Carolina health departments and the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), as required by local not for profit hospitals.

The goal of this report is to offer a meaningful understanding of the most pressing health needs across Pitt County, as well as to guide planning efforts to address those needs. Special attention has been given to the needs of vulnerable populations, unmet health needs or gaps in services, and input gathered from the community.

Findings from this report will be used to identify, develop and target initiatives to provide and connect community members with resources to improve the health challenges in their communities.

The Pitt County Community Health Needs Assessment was developed through a partnership between the Pitt County Health Department, Vidant Medical Center, Pitt Partners for Health, Health ENC and Conduent Healthy Communities Institute, with Vidant Health serving as the fiscal sponsor.

### About Health ENC

Initiated in 2015 by the Office of Health Access at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Health ENC grew out of conversations with health care leaders about improving the community health needs assessment (CHNA) process in eastern North Carolina. Health ENC, now a program of the Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation (FHLI), coordinates a regional CHNA in 33 counties of eastern North Carolina. In addition, the Health ENC Program Manager works to build coalitions and partnerships that will address health issues identified through the regional CHNA process.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, not for profit and government hospitals are required to conduct CHNAs every three years. Similarly, local health departments in North Carolina are required by the Division of Public Health (DPH) in the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to conduct periodic community health assessments as well. Local health departments have been required to submit their community health needs assessments once every four years. The particular year CHNA submissions are made by hospitals within a three-year cycle or by local health departments within a four-year cycle is not uniform across the state or region.

Additionally, although local health departments and hospitals have guidance from their respective oversight authorities on how to conduct and report the results of their CHNAs, that guidance allows for wide variations in the execution of these reports. The methodologies, specific data items gathered, the interpretation of the data as well as the general approach and scope of one CHNA may have little resemblance to a CHNA in another jurisdiction or conducted by another organization.

For these reasons, health care leaders across eastern North Carolina have partnered to standardize the CHNA process for health departments and hospitals in the region. This effort will also sync all participant organizations on to the same assessment cycle. Combining efforts of local health departments and hospitals in a regional CHNA will ultimately lead to an improvement in the quality and utility of

population health data, the ability to compare and contrast information and interventions across geographic boundaries, and the reduction of costs for everyone involved, while maintaining local control and decision-making with regard to the selection of health priorities and interventions chosen to address those priorities. Simultaneously, it will create opportunities for new and better ways to collaborate and partner with one another.

Upon receipt of generous funding support provided by The Duke Endowment, the Office of Health Access at ECU's Brody School of Medicine transferred administrative and operational responsibility for Health ENC to the Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation in 2018. The project continues to be guided by a steering committee representing local health departments, hospitals and other stakeholders committed to improving the health of the people of eastern North Carolina.

### **Member Organizations**

Health ENC is comprised of more than 40 organizations. Twenty-two hospitals, twenty-one health departments and two health districts participated in the regional CHNA.

### **Partner Organizations**

- Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation
- ECU Brody School of Medicine
- The Duke Endowment

### Hospitals and Health Systems

- Cape Fear Valley Health (Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Hoke Hospital and Bladen County Hospital)
- Carteret Health Care
- Halifax Regional Medical Center
- Johnston Health
- UNC Lenoir Health Care
- Nash Health Care System
- Onslow Memorial Hospital
- The Outer Banks Hospital
- Pender Memorial Hospital
- Sampson Regional Medical Center
- Sentara Albemarle Medical Center
- Vidant Beaufort Hospital
- Vidant Bertie Hospital
- Vidant Chowan Hospital
- Vidant Duplin Hospital
- Vidant Edgecombe Hospital
- Vidant Medical Center
- Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital
- Wayne UNC Health Care
- Wilson Medical Center

### Health Departments and Health Districts

Albemarle Regional Health Services

- Beaufort County Health Department
- Bladen County Health Department
- Carteret County Health Department
- Cumberland County Health Department
- Dare County Department of Health and Human Services
- Duplin County Health Department
- Edgecombe County Health Department
- Franklin County Health Department
- Greene County Department of Public Health
- Halifax County Public Health System
- Hoke County Health Department
- Hyde County Health Department
- Johnston County Public Health Department
- Lenoir County Health Department
- Martin-Tyrrell-Washington District Health Department
- Nash County Health Department
- Onslow County Health Department
- Pamlico County Health Department
- Pitt County Health Department
- Sampson County Health Department
- Wayne County Health Department
- Wilson County Health Department

### **Steering Committee**

Health ENC is advised by a Steering Committee whose membership is comprised of health department and hospital representatives participating in the regional CHNA, as well as other health care stakeholders from eastern North Carolina. The program manager oversees daily operations of the regional community health needs assessment and Health ENC.

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### HealthENC.org

The <u>Health ENC</u> web platform, shown in Figure 1, is a resource for the community health needs assessment process in eastern North Carolina. The website serves as a "living" data platform, providing public access to indicator data that is continuously updated, easy to understand and includes comparisons for context. Much of the data used in this assessment is available on <u>HealthENC.org</u> and can be downloaded in multiple formats. Results of the 2018 Eastern North Carolina Community Health Survey can be downloaded by county or the entire Health ENC Region.

In addition to indicator data, the website serves as a repository for local county reports, funding opportunities, 2-1-1 resources and more. Health departments, hospital leaders and community health stakeholders in the 33-county region are invited to use the website as a tool for community assessment, strategic planning, identifying best practices for improvement, collaboration and advocacy.

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The Health ENC web platform is a resource for the community health needs assessment (CHNA) process in eastern North Carolina and is a program of the Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation (FHLI). Health departments and hospital leaders in the 33 county region are invited to use the site as a tool for community assessment, strategic planning, identifying best practices for improvement, collaboration and advocacy.

Figure 1. Health ENC Online Data Platform

### **Consultants**

Health ENC commissioned Conduent Healthy Communities Institute (HCI) to assist with its Community Health Needs Assessment.

Conduent Healthy Communities Institute is a multi-disciplinary team of public health experts, including healthcare information technology veterans, academicians and former senior government officials, all committed to help health-influencing organizations be successful with their projects. Conduent HCI uses collaborative approaches to improve community health and provides web-based information systems to public health, hospital and community development sectors, to help them assess population health.

Conduent HCI works with clients across 38 states to drive improved community health outcomes by assessing needs, developing focused strategies, identifying appropriate intervention programs, establishing progress monitoring systems, and implementing performance evaluation processes. Working with diverse clients nationwide has contributed to Conduent HCI's national knowledge base of population health solutions. In addition, by engaging directly with clients and communities through the primary data collection process and final workshops, Conduent HCI works on behalf of our clients to build trust between and among organizations and their communities.

To learn more about Conduent HCI, please visit <a href="https://www.conduent.com/community-population-health/">https://www.conduent.com/community-population-health/</a>.

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### **Community Health Needs Assessment Team Structure**

Pitt County's Community Health Needs Assessment was completed by Pitt County Health Department's Health Education Team, Vidant Medical Center Community Health Programs staff and members of the Pitt Partners for Health Steering Committee.

Pitt County Health Department and Vidant Medical Center have a long history of working collaboratively to conduct community health needs assessments and implement interventions known to improve population health. Although each of these entities select specific health priorities to improve over a three-year period, staff of both entities work together to ensure all of the selected health priorities are addressed. This work is achieved by staff serving interchangeably on coalitions, advisory councils, and/or action teams administered by both the Pitt County Health Department and Vidant Medical Center.

The Pitt County Health Department Health Education Team, Vidant Medical Center staff and members of the Pitt Partners for Health community health coalition Steering Committee comprise the leadership team for the Community Health Needs Assessment. For nearly 24 years, Vidant Medical Center has served as the administrative agency for Pitt Partners for Health (local "Healthy Carolinians" task force). This Partnership is comprised of over 200 members representing individuals from a variety of organizations such as government, healthcare, the faith community, civic organizations and members of the general public. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in diverse, community focused locations throughout the County. The Partnership is led by an 18-member Steering Committee representing the community, hospital (Vidant Medical Center), Pitt County Health Department, business community and faith community. Members work collaboratively to respond to the compelling health needs of Pitt County residents through assessment, resource identification and development, advocacy, comprehensive planning and coordination of health intervention and prevention strategies.

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A special thank you is extended to the 870 community members who completed a community survey and to the 182 individuals who participated in seventeen focus group sessions all from which rich feedback was generated, helping to identify health issues among the Pitt County community. More information will be provided regarding the community survey and the focus groups later in this report.

### Distribution

An electronic copy of this report is available on <a href="HealthEnc.org">HealthEnc.org</a> and can also be viewed and downloaded from the Pitt County Health Department's website at <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/229/Public-Health">https://www.pittcountync.gov/229/Public-Health</a> (click on Health Statistics and then Community Health Needs Assessment). In addition, the report is available on the Vidant Medical Center website at <a href="https://www.vidanthealth.com/About-Vidant-v

Health/Community-Health-Needs-Assessments#. Paper copies of the Community Health Needs Assessment can be viewed at Pitt County's local public libraries as follows: Sheppard Memorial Library, Main Branch, 530 Evans Street, Greenville; Carver Branch Library, 618 W. 14th Avenue, Greenville; East Branch Library, 2000 Cedar Lane, Greenville; Blount Branch Library, 201 Ives Street, Bethel; and the Winterville Public Library, 2613 Railroad Street, Winterville. The report can also be viewed at the Pitt Community College Library and the East Carolina University Libraries (Joyner Library and the William E. Laupus Health Services Library). A paper copy can also be obtained at Vidant Medical Center. For more information about access to this report or to request a presentation for an organization or community group, please contact Amy Hattem, Health Education Director, Pitt County Health Department at <a href="mailto:amy.hattem@pittcountync.gov">amy.hattem@pittcountync.gov</a> or 252-902-2426 or contact Catherine Nelson, Senior Administrator of Community Health Programs, Vidant Medical Center at <a href="mailto:cnelson@vidanthealth.com">cnelson@vidanthealth.com</a> 252-847-6077.

# **Evaluation of Progress Since Prior CHNA**

# **Community Feedback on Prior CHNA**

The community health improvement process should be viewed as an iterative cycle. An important piece of that cycle is revisiting the progress made on health priority categories set forth in the previous community health needs assessment. By reviewing the actions taken to address priority health issues and evaluating the impact those actions have made in the community, it is possible to better target resources and efforts during the next round of the CHNA cycle.

A partnership between Vidant Medical Center; Pitt Partners for Health; and East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine generated the 2015 Pitt County CHNA. In 2016, Vidant Medical Center provided an update to the 2015 document. This update was completed to align the Vidant Health hospitals and their associated CHNAs in preparation for an eastern NC Regional CHNA initiative in 2019. The 2016 Pitt County CHNA included primary data collected from community members in 2015. A decision was made not to request additional input from community members as their feedback had been received within the last year. The secondary data included in the CHNA was updated to include the most current data available, as of March 2016.

Upon reviewing the primary and updated secondary data, the decision was made that Vidant Medical Center would continue to focus on the following priorities for 2016-2019: 1) Access to Care, 2) Chronic Disease Prevention, and 3) Physical Activity and Nutrition. Committees continued to implement the action plans developed for these priorities within the revised three-year time period. The additional health priorities (Maternal and Child Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases), selected in 2015 by the Pitt County Board of Health on behalf of the Pitt County Health Department, also remained the same.

The IRS requirements state that charitable hospitals must evaluate the impact of the actions taken to address the significant health needs from the previous CHNA report. As part of the 2016 CHNA, access to care, nutrition and physical activity, and chronic disease prevention were selected as health priority categories. A detailed table describing outcomes and progress to date from the 2016 CHNA Implementation Strategy for each health priority category can be found in Appendix A.

In addition, a summary of progress related to additional health priority areas selected by the Pitt County Board of Health in 2015 on behalf of the Pitt County Health Department, can also be located <u>following</u> Vidant Medical Center Implementation Strategy in Appendix A.

Both the 2015 CHNA and the revised 2016 CHNA, updated by Vidant Medical Center, was made available to the public via televised meetings of the Pitt County Board of Health, joint community presentations, meetings of Pitt Partners for Health, and posting of the CHNA on Vidant Medical Center's website or other distribution methods. The 2016 updated CHNA can be found on Vidant Medical Center's website via the following link:

https://www.vidanthealth.com/VidantHealth/media/Documents/Health%20Needs%20and%20Assessment%20PDF's/VMC-CHNA-2016.pdf. The 2016 CHNA was also promoted through the Pitt County Health Department's annual State of the County Health (SOTCH) reports. The link to Vidant Medical Center's online report was included in both the 2016 and 2017 SOTCH reports and each SOTCH Report contained a statement informing readers of the updated 2016 CHNA. In addition, the 2016 and 2017 SOTCH reports were mailed to all local public libraries, along with a cover letter containing Vidant Medical Center's website link, informing readers of the updated 2016 CHNA and how to access the revised report.

When the CHNA was shared with the community through various distribution methods, community members were invited to submit feedback through an online contact form designed for public comments of any nature through Pitt County Government's website at:

https://www.pittcountync.gov/FormCenter/Contact-Forms-8/Email-Contact-the-Departments-50. No comments had been received on the previous CHNA at the time this report was written; however, a report provided by the Pitt County Government Office of Public Information, reflected that the health statistics section of the Pitt County Health Department's website, which contains the Community Heath Needs Assessment as well as the annual SOTCH Reports, was visited over 5,000 times between June of 2016 and March of 2019. Numerous phone calls and emails from organizations, students and community members requesting health data contained within the CHNA have also been received by

# Methodology

### **Overview**

Two types of data are analyzed for this Community Health Needs Assessment: secondary data and primary data. Secondary data is data that has been collected from other sources while primary data has been collected directly as a part of this report. Each type of data is analyzed using a unique methodology, and findings are organized by health topic areas. These findings are then synthesized for a comprehensive overview of the health needs in Pitt County.

# **Secondary Data Sources & Analysis**

both Pitt County Health Department and Vidant Medical Center.

The main source of the secondary data used for this assessment is <a href="HealthENC.org">HealthENC.org</a>1, a web-based community health platform developed by Conduent Healthy Communities Institute. The Health ENC dashboard brings non-biased data, local resources, and a wealth of information in one accessible, user-friendly location. The secondary data analysis was conducted using Conduent HCl's data scoring tool, and the results are based on the 155 health and quality of life indicators that were queried on the Health ENC dashboard on July 18, 2018. The data are primarily derived from state and national public data sources. For each indicator on the platform, there exist several comparisons to assess Pitt County's

status, including how Pitt County compares to other communities, whether health targets have been met, and the trend of the indicator value over time.

Conduent HCl's data scoring tool systematically summarizes multiple comparisons to rank indicators based on highest need (Figure 2). For each indicator, the Pitt County value is compared to a distribution of North Carolina and U.S. counties, state and national values, Healthy People 2020 targets, Healthy North Carolina 2020 targets, and the trend over the four most recent time periods of measure. Each indicator is then given a score based on the available comparisons. The scores range from 0 to 3, where 0 indicates the best outcome and 3 indicates the worst outcome. Availability of each type of comparison varies by indicator and is dependent upon the

North Carolina Counties

U.S. Counties

North Carolina State Value

U.S. Value

HP 2020

Healthy NC 2020

Indicator Score

Topic Score

Figure 2. Secondary Data Scoring

data source, comparability with data collected from other communities, and changes in methodology over time. The indicators are grouped into topic areas for a higher-level ranking of community health needs.

Please see Appendix B for further details on the secondary data scoring methodology.

# **Health and Quality of Life Topic Areas**

Table 2 shows the health and quality of life topic areas into which indicators are categorized. These topic areas are broadly based on the Healthy People 2020 framework, with each topic area containing multiple indicators. The five topic areas exhibiting the most significant need as evidenced by the secondary data analysis are included for in-depth exploration in the data findings. Four topic areas specific to population subgroups, including Children's Health, Men's Health, Women's Health, and Older Adults & Aging, include indicators spanning a variety of topics. If a particular subgroup receives a high topic score, it is not highlighted independently as one of the top 5 findings, but is discussed within the narrative as it relates to highly impacted populations. Three additional categories (County Health Rankings, Mortality Data, and Wellness & Lifestyle) are not considered for in-depth exploration, since all three are general categories that include indicators spanning a wide variety of topics. Topic areas with fewer than three indicators are considered to have data gaps and do not receive topic scores. These topics are indicated by an asterisk in Table 2.

programs, funding opportunities and other resources aimed at improving community health. The platform is publicly available and can be accessed at <a href="http://www.healthenc.org/">http://www.healthenc.org/</a>.

Health ENC is an online platform that provides access to health, economic and quality of life data, evidence-based

Table 2. Health and Quality of Life Topic Areas

Access to Health Services	Family Planning*	Prevention & Safety
Cancer	Food Safety*	Public Safety
Children's Health	Heart Disease & Stroke	Respiratory Diseases
County Health Rankings	Immunizations & Infectious Diseases	Social Environment
Diabetes	Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health	Substance Abuse
Disabilities*	Men's Health	Teen & Adolescent Health*
Economy	Mental Health & Mental Disorders	Transportation
Education	Mortality Data	Vision*
Environment	Older Adults & Aging	Wellness & Lifestyle
Environmental & Occupational Health	Other Chronic Diseases	Women's Health
Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight	Oral Health*	

<sup>\*</sup>Topic area has fewer than 3 indicators and is considered a data gap. No topic score is provided.

# **Health ENC Region Comparison**

When available, county-level data are compared to the state of North Carolina, as well as Health ENC Counties. The Health ENC region consists of 33 counties in eastern North Carolina participating in the regional CHNA: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne and Wilson. Values for the Health ENC region were calculated by aggregating data from these 33 counties.

# **Primary Data Collection & Analysis**

To expand upon the information gathered from the secondary data, Health ENC Counties collected community input. Primary data used in this assessment consists of focus groups and both an English-language and Spanish-language community survey. All community input tools are available in <a href="AppendixC">Appendix C</a>.

### **Community Survey**

Community input was collected via a 57-question online and paper survey available in both English and Spanish. Survey Monkey was the tool used to distribute and collect responses for the community survey. Completed paper surveys were entered into the Survey Monkey tool. The community survey was distributed across Health ENC's entire survey area from April 18, 2018 – June 30, 2018.

#### Survey Distribution

Pitt County's Community Survey was widely distributed and advertised throughout the County. The survey was posted on the following websites: Pitt County Health Department, Pitt County Government, Vidant Medical Center, Pitt County Schools, Pitt County Council on Aging, and Pitt County Chamber of Commerce. The survey was also promoted on Pitt County Health Department's Facebook Page, Pitt County Government's Stay Connected Page of the *Daily Reflector Newspaper*, and through a local talk show on *Awesome Radio 106.9*. Community members, without internet access, were instructed to call

either the Health Department or the Hospital for a paper copy of the survey. The Pitt County Council on Aging provided paper copies of the survey upon request to senior citizens and also helped them to complete the survey online. All individuals, who completed the survey, did so on a voluntary basis. No incentives were provided to survey respondents.

Table 3 summarizes the number of survey respondents. A total of 18,917 responses were collected across all 33 counties, with a survey completion rate of 86.5%, resulting in 16,358 complete responses across the entire survey area. A total of 1088 responses were collected from Pitt County residents, with a survey completion rate of 80.1%, resulting in 872 complete responses from Pitt County. The survey analysis included in this CHNA report is based on complete responses.

**Table 3. Survey Respondents** 

	Number of Respondents*		
Service Area	English Survey	Spanish Survey	Total
All Health ENC Counties	15,917	441	16,358
Pitt County	870	2	872

<sup>\*</sup>Based on complete responses

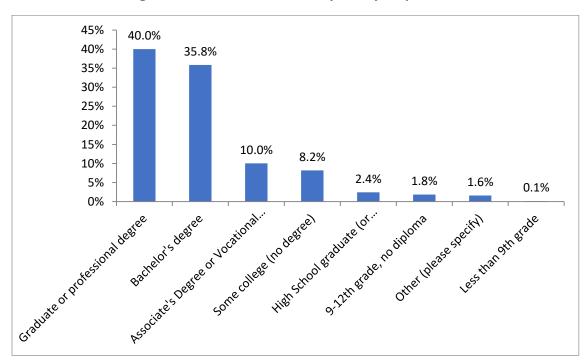
Survey participants were asked a range of questions related - but not limited - to: what populations are most negatively affected by poor health outcomes in Pitt County, what their personal health challenges are, and what the most critical health needs are for Pitt County. The survey instrument is available in Appendix C.

### Demographics of Survey Respondents

The following charts and graphs illustrate Pitt County demographics of the community survey respondents.

Among Pitt County survey participants, 59% of respondents were between the ages of 35 and 59, with the highest concentration of respondents (12.3%) grouped into the 45-49 age group. The majority of respondents were female (81.2%), White (73.3%), spoke English at home (98.8 %), and Not Hispanic (96.1%).

Survey respondents were well-educated, with the highest share of respondents (40%) having a graduate or professional degree and the next highest share of respondents (35.8 %) having a bachelor's degree (Figure 3).



**Figure 3. Education of Community Survey Respondents** 

As shown in Figure 4, over half of the respondents were employed full-time (76.4%) and the highest share of respondents (32.2%) had household annual incomes that totaled over \$100,000 before taxes. The average household size was 2.8 individuals.

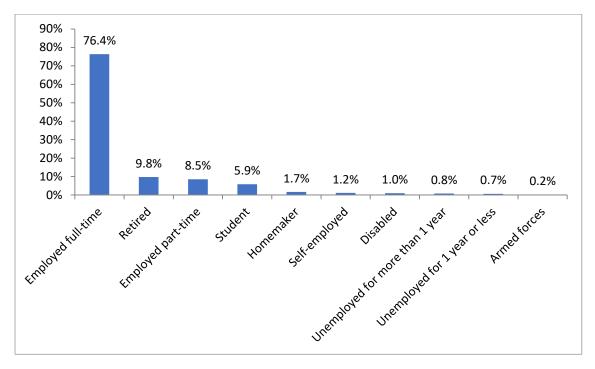


Figure 4. Employment Status of Community Survey Respondents

Figure 5 shows the health insurance coverage of community survey respondents. Almost three quarters of survey respondents have health insurance provided by their employer (74.2%), while 8% have Medicare and 2.0% have no health insurance of any kind.

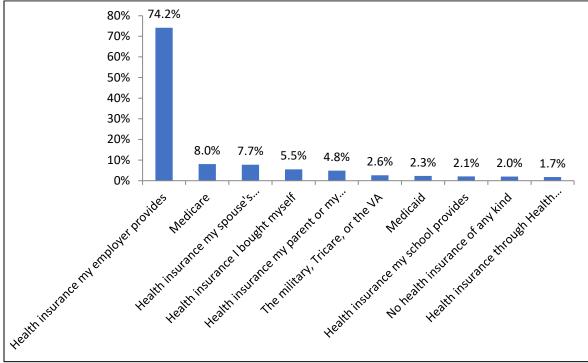


Figure 5. Health Care Coverage of Community Survey Respondents

Overall, the community survey participant population consisted of white, well-educated women. The survey was a convenience sample survey, and thus the results are not representative of the community population as a whole.

Key findings from select questions on the community survey are integrated into this report by theme or topic area, with an emphasis on the most significant needs as evidenced by both primary and secondary data. This approach is intended to offer a meaningful understanding of health needs. A summary of full survey results (all 57 questions) is available on <a href="HealthENC.org">HealthENC.org</a>. Full results can be downloaded by county or for the entire Health ENC Region.

### **Focus Group Discussions**

Another form of community input was collected through focus groups. Focus groups are carefully constructed dialogues that invite diverse groups of people to discuss important and pressing issues. Focus groups provide community members an opportunity to engage in productive learning and sharing sessions. Focus group discussions focused on community strengths, opportunities for improvement, existing resources, health needs, and possible solutions for improving the health of Pitt County. A list of questions asked at the focus groups is available in Appendix C.

The purpose of the focus groups for Health ENC's 2019 CHNA/CHA was to engage with a broad cross-section of individuals from each county, such as migrant worker groups, healthcare workers, or county employees, to name a few.

Conduent HCl consultants developed a Focus Group Guide and led training webinars for Health ENC members. Topics included facilitation techniques, moderator and note taker roles, as well as tips and expectations for documenting focus group discussions. The list of focus group questions was reviewed and a transcript was provided for documentation purposes.

Seventeen focus group discussions were completed within Pitt County between May 31, 2018 – July 19, 2018 with a total of 182 individuals participating. Participants included community health workers, health providers, community organization professionals and community members of various ages. The focus groups conducted within Pitt County were strategically planned to ensure an accurate representation of the overall community with an emphasis on the most vulnerable populations. Twelve, of the seventeen selected groups, were highly concentrated with professionals representing the healthcare, human service and education professional arena. These individuals regularly interact with the community and could readily identify health issues that are most prevalent among the people they serve. Five of the focus groups were comprised of lay community members of various cultures and ages. The feedback from all of these groups enhanced the responses received through the Community Survey and are more representative of the overall community. The focus groups were conducted at various locations within the community making attendance convenient for participants. Focus group participants were not provided any form of compensation or incentives in exchange for the information they provided. Table 4 shows the date, location, population type, and number of participants for each focus group.

**Table 4. List of Focus Group Discussions** 

Date Conducted	Focus Group Location	Population Type	Number of Participants
5/31/2018	Community Health, Medical Drive, Greenville	School Nurses	18
6/12/2018	The Gold Post, Greenville	Community Members/ Leaders	9
6/13/2018	Council on Aging, Greenville	Aging Specialists and Social Workers	9
6/18/2018	Third Street Academy, Greenville	Community Members/ Advocates	4
6/28/2018	Hope Lodge, Greenville	Senior Citizens	7
6/29/2018	Fire Department, Greenville	Fire/Rescue Personnel	11
7/12/2018	Access East	Case Managers	15
6/1/2018	Sadie Saulter School	Social Workers	16
6/4/2018	Pitt County Health Department	Social Workers, Outreach Workers, Home Visit Nurses	20
6/5/2018	Ayden United Methodist Church	Community Agency Representatives	8
6/5/2018	United Way	Lay Health Advisors African American Churches	11

6/6/2018	Pitt County Health Department	Health Care Providers from multiple agencies	11
6/13/2018	Pitt County Emergency Management	EMTs and Paramedic Supervisors	5
6/14/2018	East Carolina Student Wellness Center	High School Students	8
7/10/2018	Fountain Fire and Rescue	EMTs and Paramedics from fire/rescue departments	14
7/13/2018	James Bernstein Community Health Center	Hispanic Community Members	8
7/19/2018	Martin Pitt Partnership for Children	Parents as Teachers and QUEST Staff and Board Members	9

Focus group transcripts were coded and analyzed by common theme. The frequency with which a topic area was discussed in the context of needs and concerns or barriers and challenges to achieving health was used to assess the relative importance of the need in the community. Key themes that emerged from the focus group discussions are integrated into this report by topic area, with an emphasis on the most significant needs as evidenced by both primary and secondary data. A deeper analysis of focus group findings is available on HealthENC.org.

Results of the focus group dialogues compliment the results from other forms of primary data collected (the community survey) and supports the findings from the secondary data scoring. By synthesizing the discussions that took place at the focus groups with the responses from the community survey, the primary data collection process for Pitt County is rich with involvement by a cross section of the community.

### **Data Considerations**

Several limitations of the data should be considered when reviewing the findings presented in this report. Although the topics by which data are organized cover a wide range of health and health-related areas, within each topic there is a varying scope and depth of data availability. In some topics there is a robust set of secondary data indicators, but in others there may be a limited number of indicators for which data is collected, or limited subpopulations covered by the indicators.

Data scores represent the relative community health need according to the secondary data that is available for each topic and should not be considered to be a comprehensive result on their own. In addition, these scores reflect what was found in the secondary data for the population as a whole, and do not factor in the health or socioeconomic need that is much greater for some subpopulations. In addition, many of the secondary data indicators included in the findings are collected by survey, and though methods are used to best represent the population at large, these measures are subject to instability—especially among smaller populations. The infant mortality rate indicator was corrected after the development of the content for this report. The values have been updated here and the impact was determined to be minimal to the analysis overall.

The disparities analysis, used to analyze the secondary data, is also limited by data availability. In some instances, data sources do not provide subpopulation data for some indicators, and for other indicators,

values are only available for a select number of race/ethnic groups. Due to these limitations, it is not possible to draw conclusions about subpopulation disparities for all indicators.

The breadth of primary data findings is dependent on several factors. Focus group discussion findings were limited by which community members were invited to and able to attend focus group discussions, as well as language barriers during discussion for individuals whose native language is not English. Because the survey was a convenience sample survey, results are vulnerable to selection bias, making findings less generalizable for the population as whole.

### **Prioritization**

#### **Process of Selecting and Identifying Final Health Priorities**

**Pitt Partners for Health:** Key findings from the secondary and primary data collected were categorized to align with the "Healthy NC 2020: A Better State of Health" objectives and formally presented on January 17, 2019 at a Pitt Partners for Health monthly meeting. This meeting was widely promoted to the community by Pitt Partners for Health members via multiple methods. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Pitt Partners for Health Facebook Page and was shared numerous times by members. Emails, inviting additional community partners to attend, were also sent. In addition to Pitt Partners for Health members, community members and key leaders were encouraged to attend this meeting to become involved in the prioritization process. These methods of promotion resulted in an attendance of over 75 individuals.

Immediately following this presentation, attendees were given the opportunity to discuss the information provided and to select health categories they felt should be addressed over the next three years. Participants were asked to consider the primary and secondary data presented and to also consider the following three criteria when confirming their selection:

- 1) Magnitude of the Problem defined as the number of people affected by the problem,
- **2)** Seriousness of the Problem defined as the degree of disability or premature death that occurs because of the problem as well as the potential economic and social burdens the problem poses to the community, and
- **3)** Feasibility of a Successful Intervention defined as a scientifically feasible intervention and one that is acceptable to the community, is preventable, and contains resources that can address the problem.

Voting ballots, containing the Key Findings presented and aligned with the "Healthy NC 2020: A Better State of Health" objectives categories, were distributed to attendees. Individuals were asked to vote for no more than three categories where they could commit to work over the next three years. The results were tallied at the meeting and it was determined that the Pitt Partners for Health Action Teams will be realigned to focus on the following three health categories from 2019-2022:

- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Access to Care / Social Determinants of Health Chronic Disease Prevention
- Mental Health

**Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees:** Key findings from the CHNA were presented to the Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees at their January 22, 2019 Board meeting. This Board adopted the CHNA report, including the health priority categories recommended to them by Pitt Partners for Health.

**Vidant Health Foundation:** The Vidant Health Foundation's Community Benefit and Health Initiatives Committee also aligned their focus with the same health priorities recommended by Pitt Partners for Health.

Pitt County Board of Health: Key Findings from the CHNA were presented to the Pitt County Board of Health during their televised monthly meeting held on February 12, 2019. Board members were asked to consider the primary and secondary data presented in preparation for health priority selection at a subsequent meeting. Community members, who viewed the televised meeting, were provided with contact information for both the Health Department and the Hospital in order to share any feedback or concerns related to the information presented. On February 16, 2019, a strategic planning session was held for the Pitt County Board of Health and the Pitt County Health Department Management Team to discuss the CHNA data in greater detail and to determine health priority areas of focus. Board members decided not to duplicate all of the categories selected by Pitt Partners for Health and Vidant Medical Center, but instead, ensure that other areas of need will also be addressed. The Pitt County Board of Health voted to focus on the following four health categories from 2019-2022:

- Chronic Disease Control
- Maternal and Child Health (Infant Mortality Prevention)
- Risk Factor Reduction Including Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco and Substance Abuse
- Sexually Transmitted Disease

Action Plans for each of the health priorities selected by the Board of Health will be developed by September 2019. These plans will be comprised using evidence based interventions that have demonstrated success in improving health outcomes.

# **Overview of Pitt County**

### **About Pitt County**

Incorporated in 1760, Pitt County encompasses an area of 655 square miles (652 miles of land and 2.9 miles of water). Pitt County is located in the heart of eastern North Carolina, approximately 78 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, and approximately 90 miles from the State Capital, located in Raleigh, NC. The Tar River runs through the Center of the County.<sup>2</sup>

Pitt County has a relatively mild climate and experiences all four seasons each year. The temperature ranges from an average daily high of 72 degrees and an average daily low of 50 degrees. The average annual precipitation is 49.0 inches. The growing season lasts approximately 220 days between late Mach to early November. Tobacco, corn, soybeans, wheat, peanuts, and vegetables are the primary crops grown in the County. Other agricultural products include eggs, livestock and poultry.<sup>3</sup>

The Greenville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which encompasses all of Pitt County, is one of the fastest growing urban centers in North Carolina. Pitt County is the number one retail trade center in the central and north areas of eastern NC. Major employers include: East Carolina University (education), Vidant Medical Center (health care), Thermo Fisher Scientific (pharmaceutical manufacturing), DSM Dyneema (chemical manufacturing), Hyster-Yale (lift trucks), Grady-White (boats), ASMO (electric motors), Attends Healthcare Products (paper products), Mestek (steam unit heaters), and The Roberts Company, Inc. (metal fabrication).<sup>4</sup>

Pitt County's population has continued to grow since the 2010 Census reported the County's population as 168,148. According to the US Census Bureau's population estimates, Pitt County had an estimated population of 177,220 in 2016 and 178,617 in 2017 and 179,914 in 2018.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, http://locateincarolina.com/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> US Census Bureau, https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community facts.xhtml

# **Demographic Profile**

The demographics of a community significantly impact its health profile. Population growth has an influence on the county's current and future needs. Specific population subgroups, including veterans and different age, gender, race and ethnic groups, may have unique needs and require varied approaches to health improvement efforts. The following section explores the demographic profile of Pitt County, North Carolina.

### **Population**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2016 population estimates, Pitt County has a population of 177,220 (Figure 6). The population of Pitt County has increased from 2013 to 2016.

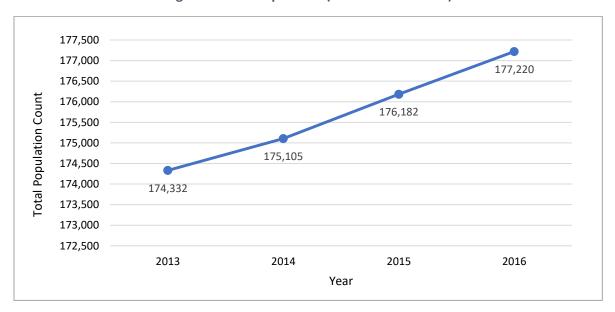


Figure 6. Total Population (U.S. Census Bureau)

Figure 7 shows the population density of Pitt County compared to other counties in the Health ENC region. Pitt County has a population density of 257.9 persons per square mile and is more densely populated than all but one other county in the Health ENC region.

Norfolk Virginia Beach n-Salem Greensboro Durham Raleigh Greenville NORTH CAROLINA ay ettevi le Jackson ville Wilmington Pitt County 257.9 persons per square mile 9.5 - 41.5 41.5 - 89.9 89.9 - 148.5 148.5 - 179.2 179.2 - 489.7 N/A persons per square mile

Figure 7. Population Density of Health ENC Counties (U.S. Census Bureau, 2010)

### **Age and Gender**

Overall, Pitt County residents are younger than residents of North Carolina and the Health ENC region. Figure 8 shows the Pitt County population by age group. The 25-34 age group contains the highest percent of the population at 13.8%, while the 20-24 age group contains the next highest percent of the population at 13.2%.

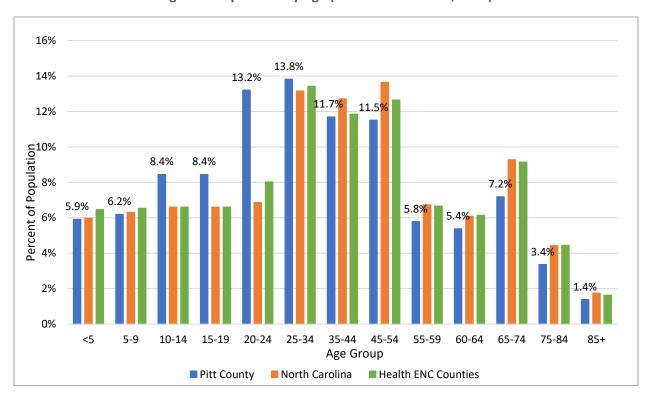


Figure 8. Population by Age (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

People 65 years and older comprise 11.9% of the Pitt County population, compared to 15.5% in North Carolina and 15.2% in the Health ENC counties (Figure 9).

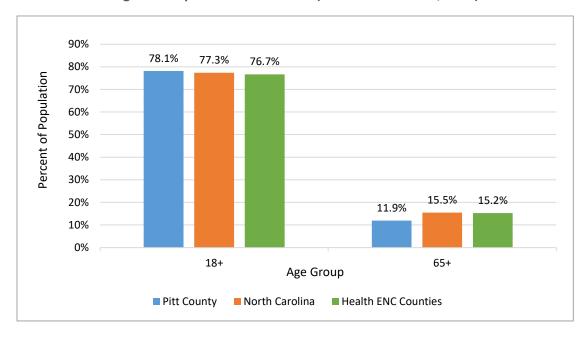


Figure 9. Population 18+ and 65+ (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

Males comprise 47.1% of the population, whereas females comprise 52.9% of the population (Table 5). The median age for males is 30.8 years, whereas the median age for females is 33.2 years. Both are lower than the North Carolina median age (37.2 years for males and 40.1 years for females).

Table 5. Population by Gender and Age (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

	Percent of Total Population		Percent of Male Population		Percent of Female Population		Median Age (Years)	
	Male	Female	18+	65+	18+	65+	Male	Female
Pitt County	47.1%	52.9%	76.1%	10.9%	79.9%	12.9%	30.8	33.2
North Carolina	48.6%	51.4%	76.3%	13.9%	78.4%	17.0%	37.2	40.1
Health ENC Counties	49.2%	50.8%	75.8%	13.5%	77.5%	16.9%	N/A	N/A

### **Birth Rate**

Birth rates are important measures of population health. The birth rate is usually the dominant factor in determining the rate of population growth; however, population growth is also driven by the age structure of the population (e.g., deaths), immigration and emigration. Figure 10 illustrates that the birth rate in Pitt County (11.5 live births per 1,000 population in 2016) is similar to the birth rate in North Carolina (12.0) and slightly lower than the birth rate in Health ENC counties (13.1).

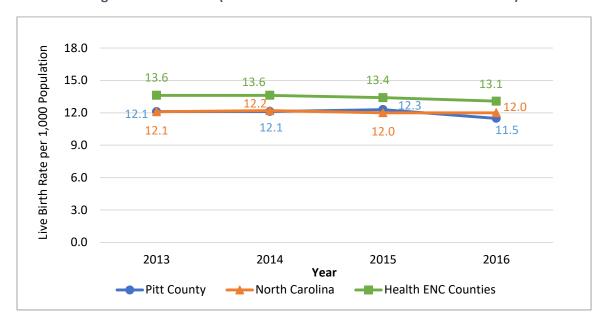


Figure 10. Birth Rate (North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics)

### Race/Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity composition of a population is important in planning for future community needs, particularly for schools, businesses, community centers, health care and child care. Race and ethnicity data are also useful for identifying and understanding disparities in housing, employment, income and poverty.

Figure 11 shows the racial and ethnic distribution of Pitt County compared to North Carolina and Health ENC counties. The first six categories (White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander and Multiracial) are racial groups and may include persons that identify as Hispanic or Latino. The seventh category (Hispanic or Latino) is an ethnic group and may include individuals that identify as any race.

The proportion of residents that identify as White is smaller in Pitt County (59.8%) as compared to North Carolina (71.0%) and Health ENC counties (63.8%). Pitt County has a larger share of residents that identify as Black or African American (35.3%) when compared to North Carolina (22.2%) and Health ENC counties (30.7%). The Hispanic or Latino population comprises 6.2% of Pitt County, which is a smaller proportion than the Hispanic or Latino population in North Carolina (9.2%) and Health ENC counties (9.6%).

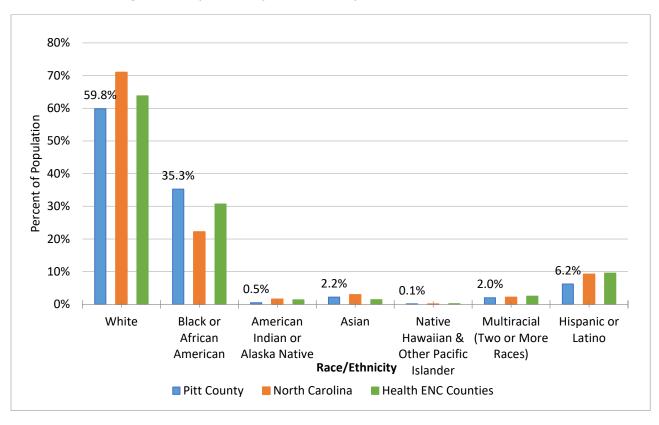


Figure 11. Population by Race/Ethnicity (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)

### **Tribal Distribution of Population**

The U.S. Census Bureau collects population estimates for various American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribes. While population estimates of tribal data are not available at the county level, Table 6 shows the population estimates of eight tribal areas throughout the state of North Carolina.

Table 6. Named Tribes in North Carolina (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

State Designated Tribal Statistical Area (SDTSA)	Total Population	
Coharie SDTSA	62,160	
Eastern Cherokee Reservation	9,613	
Haliwa-Saponi SDTSA	8,700	
Lumbee SDTSA	502,113	
Meherrin SDTSA	7,782	
Occaneechi-Saponi SDTSA	8,938	
Sappony SDTSA	2,614	
Waccamaw Siouan SDTSA	2,283	

### **Military Population**

Figure 12 shows the percent of the population 16 years of age and older in the military (armed forces). In 2012-2016, Pitt County has a smaller share of residents in the military (0.2%) compared to North Carolina (1.0%) and counties in the Health ENC region (4.0%). Figure 12 also shows the trend analysis of the military population over the 4 most recent measurement periods. Across four time periods, the percent of the population in the military for Pitt County is relatively stable and is lower than in North Carolina and the Health ENC region.

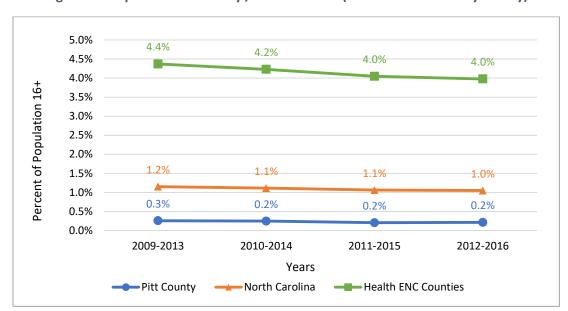


Figure 12. Population in Military / Armed Forces (American Community Survey)

## **Veteran Population**

The veteran population is given as a percent of the civilian population aged 18 years and older and this data is used for policy analyses, to develop programs, and to create budgets for veteran programs and facilities. Pitt County has a veteran population of 7.1% in 2012-2016, compared to 9.0% for North Carolina and 12.4% for Health ENC counties (Figure 13). Across four time periods, the military population in Pitt County is relatively stable and is lower than in North Carolina and the Health ENC region.

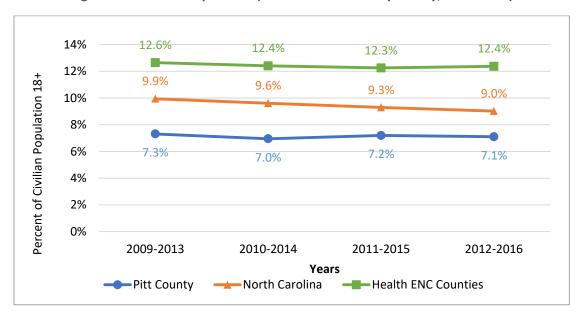


Figure 13. Veteran Population (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

# **Socioeconomic Profile**

Social and economic factors are well known to be strong determinants of health outcomes – those with a low socioeconomic status are more likely to suffer from chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity and cancer. Community health improvement efforts must determine which subpopulations are most in need in order to effectively focus services and interventions.

# **NC Department of Commerce Tier Designation**

The North Carolina Department of Commerce annually ranks the state's 100 counties based on economic well-being and assigns each a Tier designation. The 40 most distressed counties are designated as Tier 1, the next 40 as Tier 2 and the 20 least distressed as Tier 3. Pitt County has been assigned a Tier 2 designation for 2018.

#### Income

Median household income reflects the relative affluence and prosperity of an area. Areas with higher median household incomes are likely to have a greater share of educated residents and lower unemployment rates. Figure 14 shows the median household income in Pitt County (\$42,308), which is lower than the median household income in North Carolina (\$48,256).

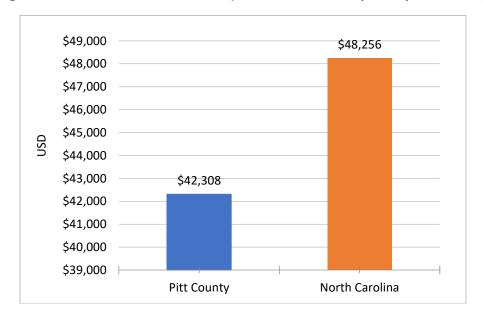


Figure 14. Median Household Income (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

The median household income in Pitt County is similar to other counties in the Health ENC region (Figure 15).

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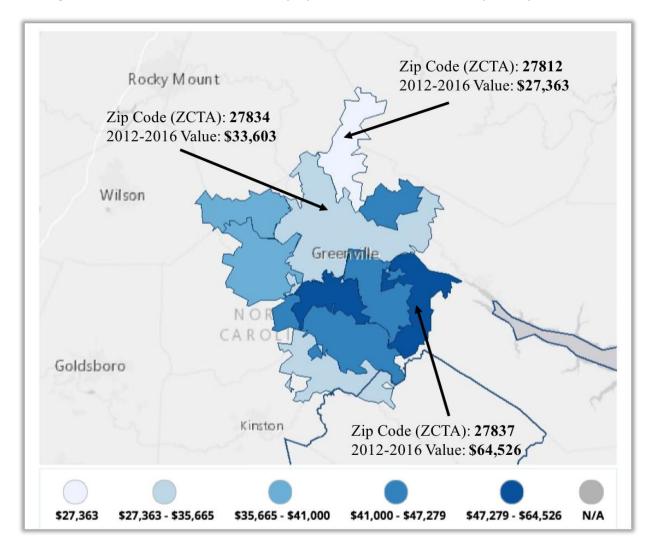
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Figure 15. Median Household Income of Health ENC Counties (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

Within Pitt County, zip code 27812 has the lowest median household income (\$27,363) while zip code 27837 has the highest median household income (\$64,526) (Figure 16).

Figure 16. Median Household Income by Zip Code (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)



## **Poverty**

Federal poverty thresholds are set every year by the Census Bureau and vary by size of family and ages of family members. A high poverty rate is both a cause and a consequence of poor economic conditions. Children in poverty are more likely to have physical health problems, behavioral problems and emotional problems. Seniors who live in poverty are an especially vulnerable group due to increased physical limitations, medical needs, and social isolation. Persons with a disability are more likely to live in poverty compared to the rest of the population. Without adequate income, individuals with disabilities may not be able to afford necessary expenses, such as rent or mortgage, utility bills, medical and dental care, and food.

As seen in Figure 17, 24.5% percent of the population in Pitt County lives below the poverty level, which is higher than the rate for North Carolina (16.8% of the population) and the Health ENC region (19.2%).

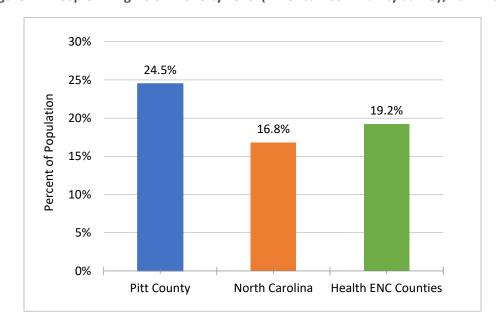


Figure 17. People Living Below Poverty Level (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

As shown in Figure 18, the rate of children living below the poverty level is also higher for Pitt County (28.2%) when compared to North Carolina (23.9%) and Health ENC counties (27.6%).

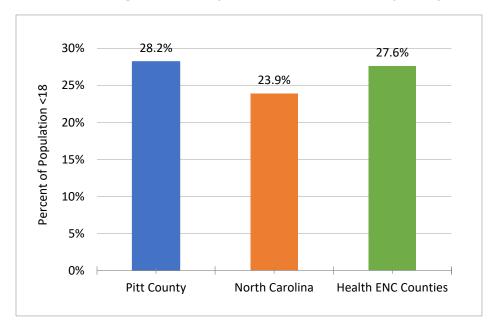


Figure 18. Children Living Below Poverty Level (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

As shown in Figure 19, the rate of older adults living below the poverty level is higher in Pitt County (11.1%) than in North Carolina (9.7%), but slightly lower than in the Health ENC region (11.5%).

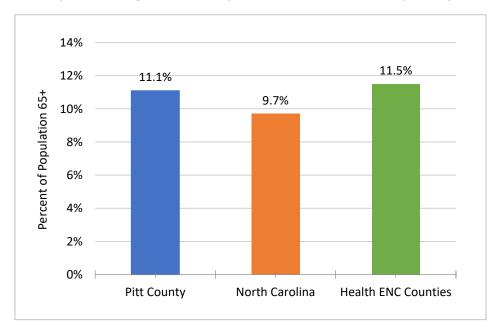
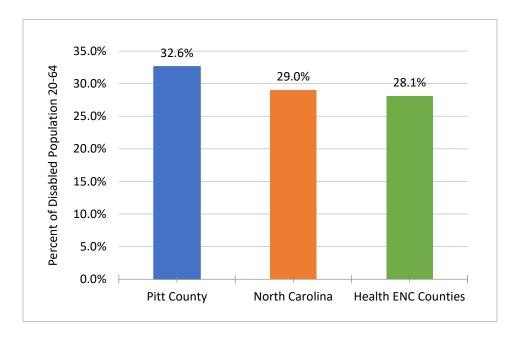


Figure 19. People 65+ Living Below Poverty Level (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

As shown in Figure 20, the percent of disabled people living in poverty in Pitt County (32.6%) is higher than the rate in North Carolina (29.0%) and Health ENC counties (28.1%).



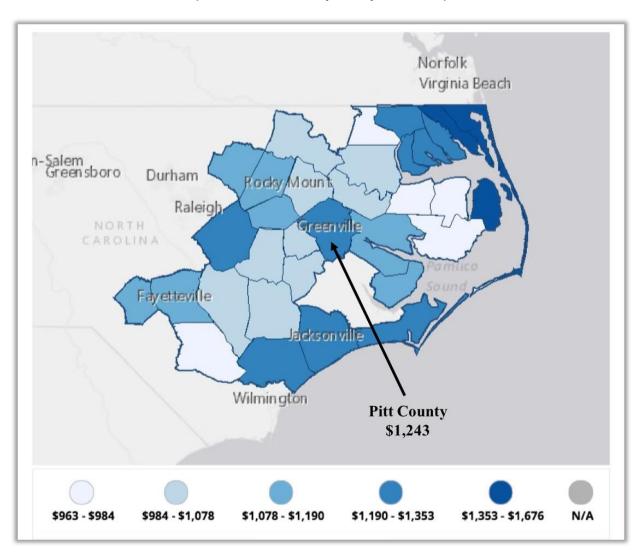


## Housing

The average household size in Pitt County is 2.5 people per household, which is the same as the average household size in North Carolina.

High costs of homeownership with a mortgage can strain both homeowners and the local housing market. Figure 21 shows mortgaged owners median monthly household costs in the Health ENC region. In Pitt County, the median housing costs for homeowners with a mortgage is \$1,243, which is slightly higher than most counties in the Health ENC region.

Figure 21. Mortgaged Owners Median Monthly Household Costs, Health ENC Counties (American Community Survey 2012-2016)



Safe and affordable housing is an essential component of healthy communities, and the effects of housing problems are widespread. Figure 22 shows the percent of households with at least one of the following problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen, or lack of plumbing facilities. Countywide, 21.8% of households have severe housing problems, compared to 16.6% in North Carolina and 17.7% in Health ENC counties.

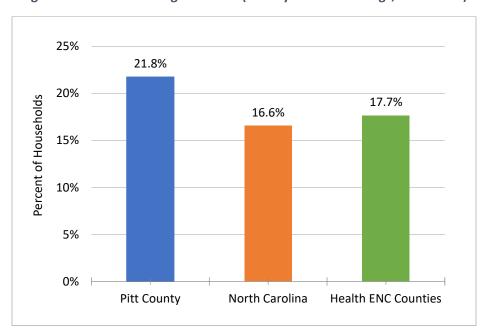


Figure 22. Severe Housing Problems (County Health Rankings, 2010-2014)

## **Food Insecurity**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal assistance program that provides low-income families with electronic benefit transfers (EBTs) that can be used to purchase food. The goal of the program is to increase food security and reduce hunger by increasing access to nutritious food.

Figure 23 shows the percent of households with children that participate in SNAP. The rate for Pitt County, 56.2%, is higher than the state value of 52.6% and the Health ENC region value of 51.5%.

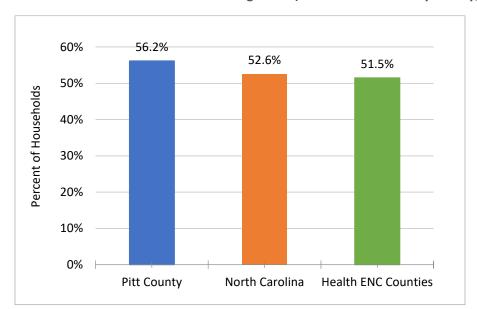


Figure 23. Households With at Least 1 Child Receiving SNAP (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

**More Notable SNAP Statistics:** According to the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, the percentage of Pitt County children under age 18 who received SNAP between 2012-2016 is 23.8%. 6

## Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program

As of March 2019, an average of 4,125 Pitt County women and children received services annually (March 2018-March 2019) from the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program administered by the Pitt County Health Department. WIC is a federal program aimed at providing nutrition education and counseling, supplemental nutritious foods and breastfeeding education and support for qualified women and children from birth to age 5 years. In addition to having an identified health need, the WIC Program requires participants to meet income eligibility requirements. <sup>7</sup>

## **Children Enrolled in Health Choice**

As of March 2019, there were 1,878 Pitt County children enrolled in the NC Health Choice Program. The NC Health Choice program is a free or reduced cost health care program for children who do not qualify

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Email correspondence with North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Pitt County Health Department WIC Reports

for Medicaid but meet other income eligibility criteria. This program helps to reduce the number of uninsured children in NC. There were 39,828 Pitt County individuals enrolled in all Medicaid services. 8

## **Pitt County Child Care Subsidy Recipients**

Parents who meet eligibility criteria may also receive assistance from Subsidized Child Care Programs to help pay a portion of their child care bill. During the 2017-2018 State fiscal year, there were 8,732 children who were potentially eligible for subsidized child care assistance. Children under age 0-5, whose parents were working and had a family income at or below the 200% of the federal poverty level, and children age 6-11, whose family income was at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, qualified for this program. During the 2017-2018 State fiscal year, 1,534 children received subsidized child care assistance representing 17.57% of all potentially eligible children.<sup>9</sup>

# **Pitt County Employment Profile**

Pitt County has a labor force of 95,646 people, with an unemployment rate of 4.4%. The top jobs by occupation are: Office and Administrative support (14.75%), Sales (11.5%), Education, Training/Library (7.89%), Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners (7.83%), Executive, Managers, and Administrators (7.7%). Thirty-five percent (35%) of Pitt County's workforce are Blue Collar and sixty-four percent (64%) are white collar. <sup>10</sup>

Pitt County has a total of 6,989 businesses. In 2018, the leading industries in Pitt County were Health Care and Social Services, Retail, Education, and Accommodation and Food Services. Major employers include: East Carolina University (education), Vidant Medical Center (health care), Thermo Fisher Scientific (pharmaceutical manufacturing), DSM Dyneema (chemical manufacturing), Hyster-Yale (lift trucks), Grady-White (boats), ASMO (electric motors), Attends Healthcare Products (paper products), Mestek (steam unit heaters), and The Roberts Company, Inc. (metal fabrication).<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> NC DMA: Medicaid and Health Choice Enrollment Reports, <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/enrollment-reports">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/enrollment-reports</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> NC DHHS, Division of Child Development and Early Education, Subsidized Child Care Assistance Makes a Difference for Children and Communities, Pitt County, SFY 2017-2018 <a href="https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/S/subsidy county fact sheets 17 18.pdf?ver=2019-01-02-145541-140">https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/S/subsidy county fact sheets 17 18.pdf?ver=2019-01-02-145541-140</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, http://locateincarolina.com/overview/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/overview/">http://locateincarolina.com/overview/</a>

#### SocioNeeds Index

Conduent Healthy Communities Institute developed the SocioNeeds Index® to easily compare multiple socioeconomic factors across geographies. This index incorporates estimates for six different social and economic determinants of health – income, poverty, unemployment, occupation, educational attainment, and linguistic barriers – that are associated with poor health outcomes including preventable hospitalizations and premature death.

Zip codes within Pitt County are assigned an index value from 0 (low need) to 100 (high need), based on how those zip codes compare to others in the U.S. Within Pitt County, the zip codes are then ranked from 1 (low need) to 5 (high need) to identify the relative level of need. Zip codes with populations under 300 persons are excluded. Zip codes 27812 and 27834, with index values of 92.9 and 91.1, have the highest level of socioeconomic need within Pitt County. This is illustrated in Figure 24. Index values and the relative ranking of each zip code within Pitt County are provided in Table 7.

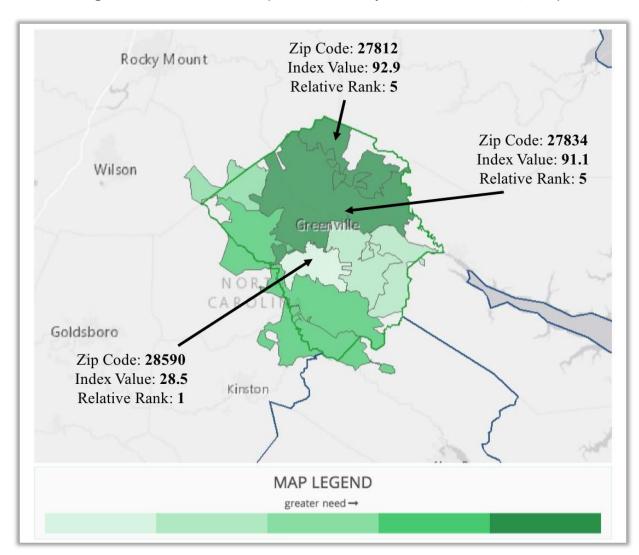


Figure 24. SocioNeeds Index® (Conduent Healthy Communities Institute, 2018)

Table 7. SocioNeeds Index® (Conduent Healthy Communities Institute, 2018)

Zip Code	Index Value	Relative Rank
27812	92.9	5
27834	91.1	5
27884	90.0	5
28513	85.4	4
28530	83.7	4
27828	79.8	4
27829	70.9	3
27837	51.0	2
27858	48.7	2
28590	28.5	1

Source: http://www.healthenc.org/socioneeds

Understanding where there are communities with high socioeconomic need is critical to forming prevention and outreach activities.

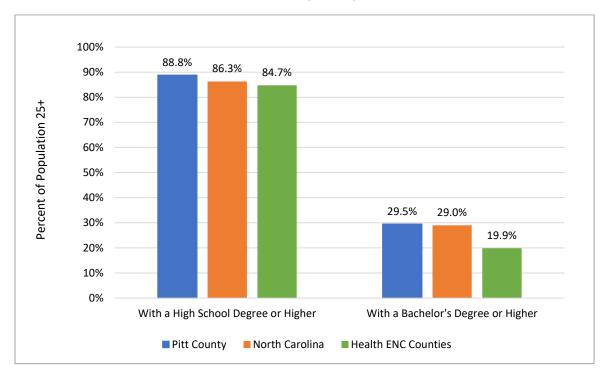
# **Educational Profile**

## **Educational Attainment**

Graduating from high school is an important personal achievement and is essential for an individual's social and economic advancement. Graduation rates can also be an important indicator of the performance of an educational system. Having a bachelor's degree opens up career opportunities in a variety of fields and is often a prerequisite for higher-paying jobs.

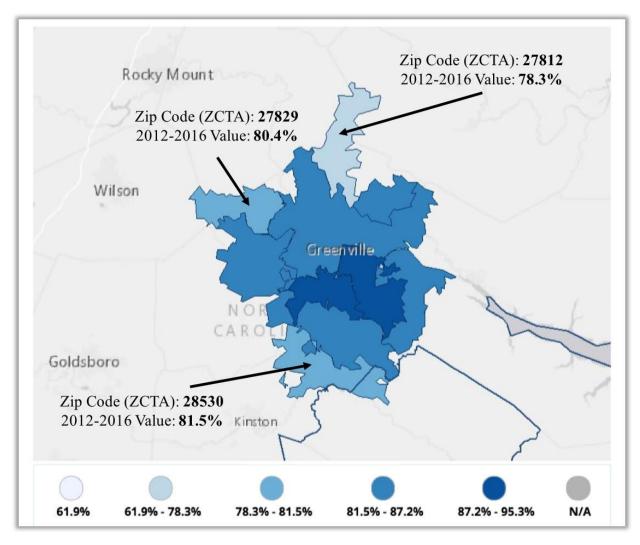
Countywide, the percent of residents 25 or older with a high school degree or higher (88.8%) is higher than the state value (86.3%) and the Health ENC region (84.7%) (Figure 25). Higher educational attainment in Pitt County is similar to the state value and higher than the Health ENC region. In Pitt County, 29.5% of residents 25 and older have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 29.0% in North Carolina and 19.9% in the Health ENC region (Figure 25).

Figure 25. People 25+ with a High School Degree or Higher and Bachelor's Degree or Higher (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)



Within Pitt County, the high school degree attainment rate varies. Zip code 27812, for example, which has a high poverty rate and high socioeconomic need (SocioNeeds Index®), the high school degree attainment rate is 78.3% (Figure 26).

Figure 26. People 25+ with a High School Degree or Higher by Zip Code (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)



# **High School Dropouts**

High school dropouts earn less income than high school and college graduates, and are more likely to be unemployed. High school dropouts are generally less healthy and require more medical care. Further, high school dropout rates are linked with heightened criminal activity and incarceration rates, influencing a community's economic, social, and civic health.

Pitt County's high school dropout rate, given as a percent of high school students in Figure 27, is 2.1% in 2016-2017, which is lower than the rate in North Carolina (2.3%) and the Health ENC region (2.4%).

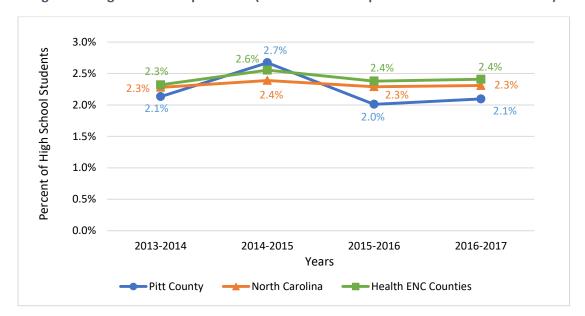


Figure 27. High School Dropout Rate (North Carolina Department of Public Instruction)

# **High School Suspension Rate**

High school suspension is a form of discipline in which a student is temporarily removed from a classroom and/or school due to a violation of school conduct or code. Higher rates of suspension can be related to high rates of antisocial or delinquent behaviors, which may further contribute to potential future involvement in the juvenile justice system. Additionally, schools with higher suspension rates have higher rates of law or board of education violations and generally spend more money per student.

Pitt County's rate of high school suspension (41.3 suspensions per 100 students) is higher than North Carolina's rate (18.2) and the rate of Health ENC counties (25.5) in 2016-2017. As shown in Figure 28, the suspension rate in Pitt County increased from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016, but decreased from 59.6 in 2015-2016 to 41.3 in 2016-2017.

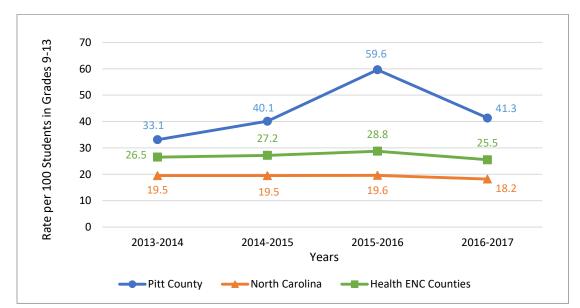


Figure 28. High School Suspension Rate (North Carolina Department of Public Instruction)

## Pitt County's Educational System

In Pitt County, there are 138 child care facilities consisting of 81 child care centers and 32 family child care homes. <sup>12</sup> There are 3,085 children (birth to 4 years of age) and 1,180 children (ages 5-12 years) enrolled in licensed Pitt County child care. There are 598 child care employees in Pitt County. <sup>13</sup>

Pitt County Schools (public school system) is comprised of 37 schools including one Pre-K Education Center. Pitt County Schools operates 16 elementary schools (K-5), six (K-8) schools, seven middle schools

http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/general/Child Care Statistical Report.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> NC Division of Child Development and Education, <a href="http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/search.asp">http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/search.asp</a> (Website Updated daily)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> NCDHHS, Child Care Statistical Report,

(6-8), six high schools (9-12) and one early college high school (9-12). The student enrollment exceeds 24,000 students. 14

Pitt County is also home to 15 private or parochial schools with an enrollment of 1,932. 15 As of July 2018, there were 1,056 home schools located in Pitt County with a total enrollment of 1,638. 16

Pitt Community College is the 6th largest among the 58 NC campus community colleges. Enrollment, including credit and noncredit programs, exceeds 23,000 students annually. Students can receive associate degrees, diplomas and certificates from more than 60 programs. Adult basic education, literacy training and occupational extension courses are also offered.<sup>17</sup>

East Carolina University is the third largest university in the State. Enrollment was 28,718 during the 2018 fall semester of which 23,010 were undergraduates. Degrees include: 84 bachelors, 71 Masters, 13 Research Doctoral, 5 Professional Doctoral, 2 Intermediate (CAS, Eds), 84 Departmental Certificates, 120 online degrees and certificate programs in health, education, technology, business and more. The highest undergraduate enrollment programs in 2018 include: Nursing, Management, Biology, Communication, Marketing, Public Health Studies, Elementary Education, Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Industrial Technology. The highest graduate enrollment programs in 2018 include: Business Administration, Nursing, Medicine, Library Science, Dental Medicine, Educational Leadership. The Brody School of Medicine at ECU offers a four - year Medical Doctor degree and six PhD programs. The School of Dental Medicine opened in the fall of 2011. 18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Pitt County Schools, https://www.pitt.k12.nc.us/domain/5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> NC Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education, <a href="https://ncadmin.nc.gov/citizens/private-">https://ncadmin.nc.gov/citizens/private-</a> <u>school-information</u>

16 NC Department of Administration, Division of Non-Public Education

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Pitt Community College, https://pittcc.edu/about-pcc/history-of-pcc/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> East Carolina University, https://facts.ecu.edu/

# **Environmental Profile**

# **Water Quality**

There are 10 water treatment systems located within Pitt County. The majority of Pitt County's drinking water is obtained from the Neuse and Tar Rivers reducing reliance on underground aquifers. Several municipalities within Pitt County purchase water from Greenville Utilities that is provided primarily by the Tar River.<sup>19</sup>

The Pitt County Health Department's Environmental Health Division maintains the quality and safety of water and water systems through inspections and permits. Since July 1, 2007, water related systems such as on-site sewage disposal, migrant camp waste water facilities, private drinking water supplies, public swimming pools and spa as well as abandoned well water systems are controlled by permits, inspections, and laboratory testing. According to Pitt County Environmental Health records, there have been no significant reports of events related to water quality in several years.<sup>20</sup>

## **Air Quality**

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality monitors ambient (outdoor) air quality throughout the State to protect the public from harmful ozone and fine particle pollutants. <sup>21</sup> Two air quality monitors are located in Pitt County at the Agricultural Center and are read weekly by staff from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Northeastern Office (located in Washington, NC).

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality Index Color Code Guide is used to inform and alert the public of air quality issues related to pollutants. Air pollution levels in the green category are satisfactory and pose little or no health effects. Air pollution levels in the yellow, orange, red, purple and maroon categories exceed the Environmental Protection Agency's standard and may pose health risks to some or all populations.<sup>22</sup> The following Air Quality Index chart provides details regarding these levels of air quality.

<sup>21</sup> NC Department of Environmental Quality, <a href="http://go.ncdenr.gov/web/guest">http://go.ncdenr.gov/web/guest</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, http://locateincarolina.com/utilities/water-systems/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Pitt County Health Department, Environmental Health Reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Environmental Protection Agency, <a href="https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-quality-index-report">https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-quality-index-report</a>

**EPA Air Quality Index**<sup>23</sup>

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's 2018 Air Quality Index Report, Pitt County's Air Quality Index was monitored 345 days in 2018. During this time, there were 306 days when Pitt County's air quality was good and 39 days when it was moderate. <sup>24</sup>

### Noise

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners adopted a Noise Ordinance on August 17, 1992, defining a Noise Disturbance as any sound that endangers the safety or health of any person, or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or endangers personal or real property. This ordinance is enforced by qualified Noise Control Officers appointed by the Sheriff of Pitt County and applies to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Air Now, Air Quality Index (AQI) Basics, <a href="https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi">https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqibasics.aqi</a>
<sup>24</sup> U.S. EPA AirData, <a href="https://www.epa.gov/air-data">https://www.epa.gov/air-data</a>

control of sound originating from sources within the limits of the County of Pitt.<sup>25</sup> The City of Greenville also has a noise ordinance that applies to all areas of the City. <sup>26</sup>

#### **Other Environmental Features**

Pitt County offers 42 parks and recreation opportunities within the County. Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation has partnered with the Pitt County Government Planning Department to keep an inventory of recreation facilities within local municipalities. A directory of local parks and facilities can be found at: <a href="https://pittcsr.com/parks/">https://pittcsr.com/parks/</a>. Pitt County is also fortunate to have a joint use agreement that allows school facilities to be used by community members when not otherwise in use. For more information regarding use of facilities, visit <a href="https://pittcsr.com/parks-facilities/use-of-facilities/">https://pittcsr.com/parks-facilities/use-of-facilities/</a>. The City of Greenville's Recreation and Parks Department also provides a variety of athletic, recreational, and arts and crafts activities for all ages and special populations and maintains more than 25 parks and recreational facilities. Additional information can be found at <a href="https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/recreation-parks">https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/recreation-parks</a>. <sup>29</sup>

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https://www.pittcountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/787/Noise-Ordinance-PDF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Pitt County Government Noise Control Ordinance,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Greenville Resident Responsibilities and City Ordinances, <a href="https://greenvillenc.gov/live/resident-responsibilities-and-city-ordinances">https://greenvillenc.gov/live/resident-responsibilities-and-city-ordinances</a>

Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation, https://pittcsr.com/parks/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation, https://pittcsr.com/parks-facilities/use-of-facilities/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> City of Greenville Recreation and Parks, at https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/recreation-parks.

# **Transportation Profile**

Public transportation offers mobility, particularly to people without cars. Transit can help bridge the spatial divide between people and jobs, services, and training opportunities. Public transportation also reduces fuel consumption, minimizes air pollution, and relieves traffic congestion. Walking to work helps protect the environment, while also providing the benefit of daily exercise.

Countywide, 2.0% of residents walk to work, compared to the state value of 1.8% and the regional value of 2.4%. Public transportation is rare in Pitt County, with an estimated 1.1% of residents commuting by public transportation (Figure 29). In Pitt County, 83.9% of workers 16 and older drive alone to work, compared to 81.1% in North Carolina and 81.4% in Health ENC counties (Figure 30).

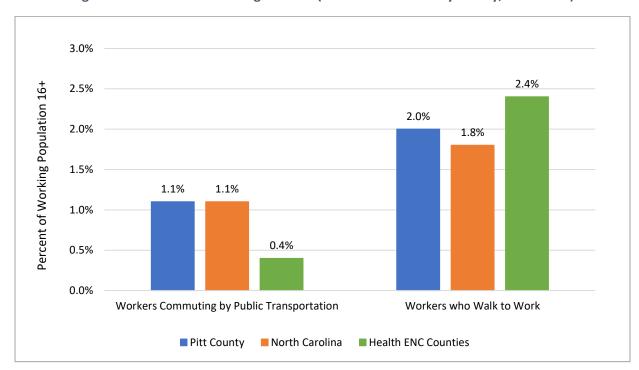


Figure 29. Mode of Commuting to Work (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

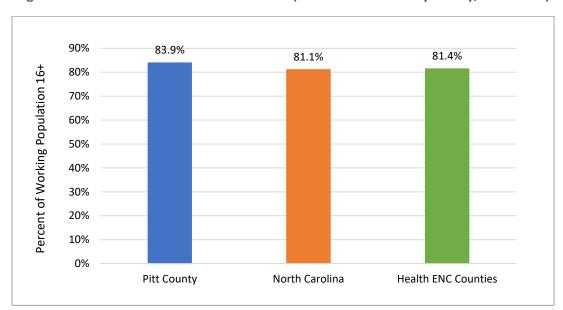


Figure 30. Workers who Drive Alone to Work (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

## **Transportation System in Pitt County**

Pitt County is centrally located within eastern North Carolina. Four lane highways (east-west highway 264 and north-south U.S. 13) connect Pitt County to all North Carolina boarders. Approximately 30 common carriers have terminals within a 40 mile radius. The Norfolk Southern Railway and the CSX Transportation Railway cross through the County. Three major deep water ports (Wilmington, Morehead City, and Norfolk, Va) are located within 120 miles of the County and are capable of handling bulk shipments. <sup>30</sup>

The Pitt-Greenville Airport is an 872-acre municipal facility, owned jointly by the County and the City of Greenville. It is located outside the city of Greenville, off Route 13 (N. Carolina 903), and easily accessible by Interstate Highways 40 & 95 and located adjacent to the Greenville Industrial Park in the northwest portion of Greenville. Scheduled commuter flights are offered daily to Charlotte's Douglas International Airport. <sup>31</sup>

The County is served by two public transit systems. The City of Greenville operates the Greenville Area Transit (GREAT Bus) within its corporate limits.<sup>32</sup> The County of Pitt operates the Pitt Area Transit System (PATS) as a department of County government with an appointed advisory board to oversee the operation of this department and general public transportation services.<sup>33</sup> An inter-city bus service is provided daily by Greyhound.<sup>34</sup> Connector services for Amtrak, located in Wilson are also available. East

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/transportation/">http://locateincarolina.com/transportation/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>Pitt Greenville Airport, <a href="https://www.ifly.com/pitt-greenville-airport">https://www.ifly.com/pitt-greenville-airport</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> City of Greenville GREAT Bus, <a href="https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/great-bus-system">https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/great-bus-system</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Pitt County Government Pitt Area Transit System, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/220/Pitt-Area-Transit-PATS">https://www.pittcountync.gov/220/Pitt-Area-Transit-PATS</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> The Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/transportation/bus-services/">http://locateincarolina.com/transportation/bus-services/</a>

Carolina University provides bus services for its students both on and off campus. 35 The Butterfield Transportation Center opened in August 2018 and is a centrally located transfer facility where all local and regional transportation services can connect.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> East Carolina University Transit, <a href="http://www.ecu.edu/transit/">http://www.ecu.edu/transit/</a>
The City of Greenville, <a href="https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/major-projects/greenville-">https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/major-projects/greenville-</a> transportation-activity-center-gtac

# **Crime and Safety**

# **Violent Crime and Property Crime**

Both violent crime and property crime are used as indicators of a community's crime and safety. Violence negatively impacts communities by reducing productivity, decreasing property values and disrupting social services. Violent crime includes four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The violent crime rate in Pitt County is 441.9 per 100,000 population in 2015, compared to 356.3 per 100,000 people in North Carolina (Figure 31). Over three measurement periods, from 2013 to 2015, the violent crime rate in Pitt County is higher than the statewide rate.

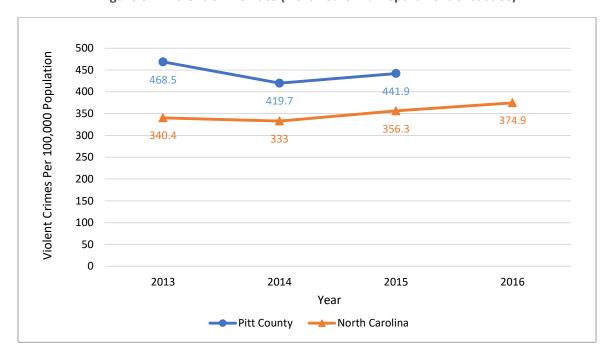


Figure 31. Violent Crime Rate (North Carolina Department of Justice)

The property crime rate in Pitt County (3,107.2 per 100,000 people) is higher than the state value (2,779.7 per 100,000 people) (Figure 32). Over the past four measurement periods, from 2013 to 2016, the property crime rate in Pitt County is higher than the state rate.

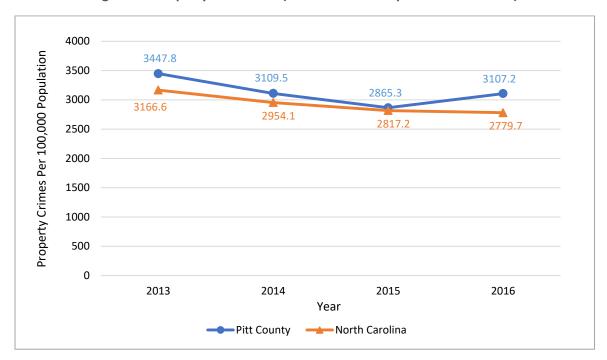


Figure 32. Property Crime Rate (North Carolina Department of Justice)

## **Juvenile Crime**

Youth who commit a crime may not gain the educational credentials necessary to secure employment and succeed later in life. Negative peer influences, history of abuse/neglect, mental health issues, and significant family problems increase the risk of juvenile arrest. The juvenile justice system aims to reduce juvenile delinquency through prevention, intervention, and treatment services.

Figure 33 shows the juvenile undisciplined rate per 1,000 youth ages 6-17 years old. The undisciplined rate describes juveniles who are unlawfully absent from school, regularly disobedient and beyond disciplinary control of the parent/guardian, are regularly found where it is unlawful for juveniles to be, or have run away from home for more than 24 hours. The 2017 juvenile undisciplined rate in Pitt County (0.4) is lower than the rate in North Carolina (1.5) and the Health ENC region (1.1).

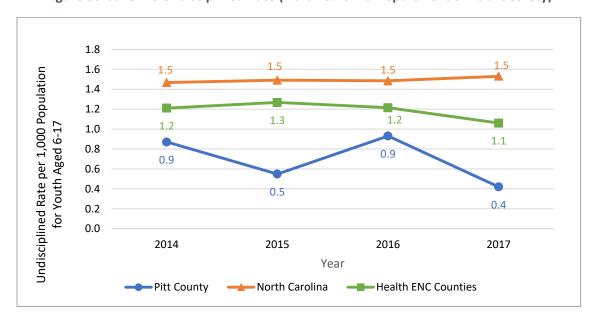


Figure 33. Juvenile Undisciplined Rate (North Carolina Department of Public Safety)

Figure 34 shows the juvenile delinquent rate, or juvenile crime rate, per 1,000 youth ages 6-15 years old. The 2017 juvenile delinquent rate in Pitt County (29.9) is higher than the rate in North Carolina (19.6) and the Health ENC region (22.8). While the juvenile crime rate in Pitt County is higher than the juvenile crime rate in the state and region over the past four measurement periods, the rate has decreased from 46.8 in 2014 to 29.9 in 2017.

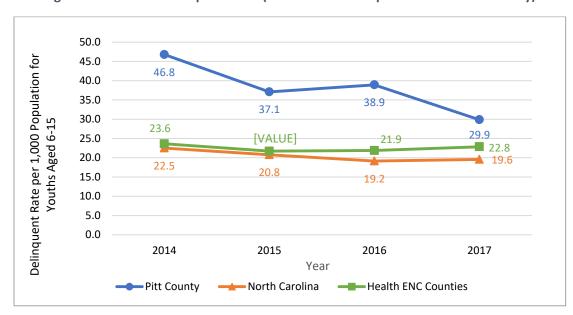
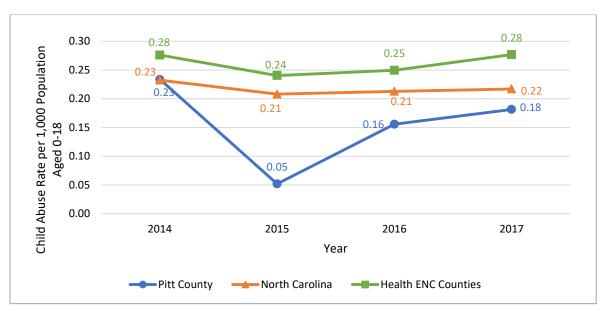


Figure 34. Juvenile Delinquent Rate (North Carolina Department of Public Safety)

## **Child Abuse**

Child abuse includes physical, sexual and emotional abuse. All types of child abuse and neglect can have long lasting effects throughout life, damaging a child's sense of self, ability to have healthy relationships, and ability to function at home, at work, and at school. Figure 35 shows the child abuse rate per 1,000 population aged 0-18. The 2017 child abuse rate in Pitt County (0.18 per 1,000 population) is slightly lower than the rate in North Carolina (0.22) and the Health ENC region (0.28). The child abuse rate in Pitt County has increased from 2015 to 2017.

Figure 35. Child Abuse Rate
(Management Assistance for Child Welfare, Work First, and Food & Nutrition Services in North
Carolina & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Jordan Institute for Families)



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## **Incarceration**

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, approximately one out of 100 adults in the U.S. is in jail or prison. Conditions in jails and prisons can lead to an increased risk of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and hepatitis C, as well as assault from other inmates. After incarceration, individuals are likely to face a variety of social issues such as employment discrimination, disruption of family relationships and recidivism.

Figure 36 shows the incarceration rate per 100,000 population. The 2017 incarceration rate in Pitt County (331.3 per 100,000 population) is higher than the rate in North Carolina (276.7) and the Health ENC region (232.6). Over the past four measurement periods, from 2014 to 2017, the incarceration rate in the county has remained higher than the incarceration rate in the state and region.

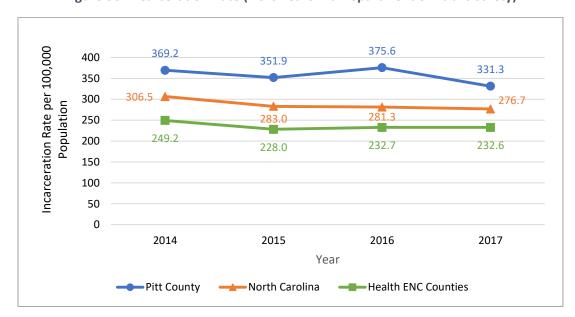


Figure 36. Incarceration Rate (North Carolina Department of Public Safety)

# Access to Healthcare, Insurance and Health Resources Information

## **Health Insurance**

Medical costs in the United States are very high. People without health insurance may not be able to afford medical treatment or prescription drugs. They are also less likely to get routine checkups and screenings, so if they do become ill they may not seek treatment until the condition is more advanced, and therefore more difficult and costly to treat.

Figure 37 shows the percent of people aged 0-64 years old that have any type of health insurance coverage. The rate for Pitt County, 87.7%, is similar to the rate for North Carolina (87.8%) and the Health ENC region (87.2%). Countywide, 12.3% of residents are uninsured.

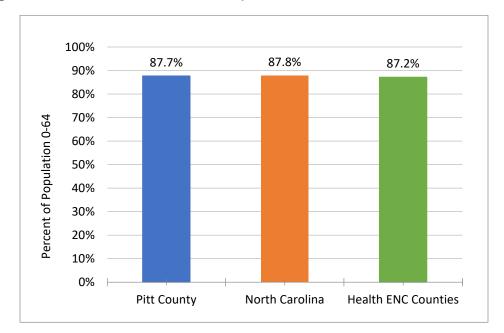
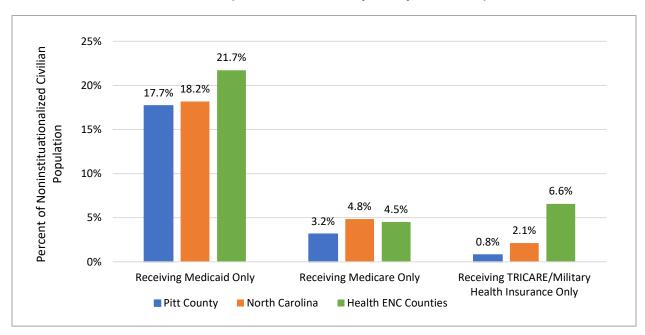


Figure 37. Persons with Health Insurance (Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2016)

Figure 38 shows the percent of the population only receiving health insurance through Medicaid, Medicare, or military healthcare (TRICARE). Pitt County has a lower percent of people receiving Medicaid (17.7%) than North Carolina (18.2%) and Health ENC counties (21.7%). The percent of people receiving Medicare is also lower in Pitt County (3.2%) when compared to North Carolina (4.8%) and Health ENC counties (4.5%). The percent of people receiving military health insurance is lower in Pitt County (0.8%) than in North Carolina (2.1%) and Health ENC counties (6.6%).

Figure 38. Persons Only Receiving Health Insurance through Medicaid, Medicare or Military Healthcare (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)



# **Civic Activity**

# **Political Activity**

Exercising the right to vote allows a community to choose elected officials and hold them accountable. Voting ensures that all citizens have the opportunity to voice their opinions on issues such as the use of tax dollars, civil rights and foreign policy. By voting, individuals shape their communities and influence the next generation of society. A high level of voter turnout indicates that citizens are involved and interested in who represents them in the political system.

Figure 39 shows the voting age population, or percent of the population aged 18 years and older. Pitt County has a higher percent of residents of voting age (78.1%) than North Carolina (77.3%) and Health ENC counties (76.7%).

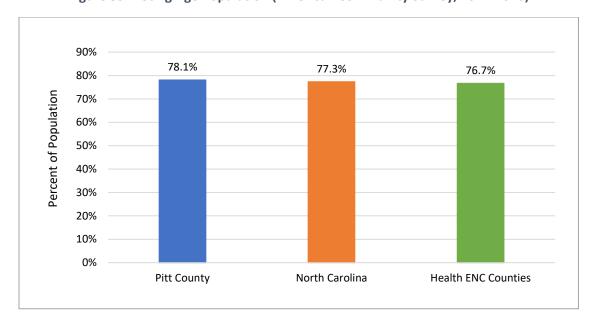
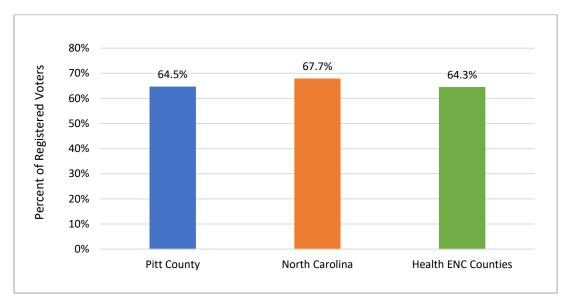


Figure 39. Voting Age Population (American Community Survey, 2012-2016)

Figure 40 shows the percent of registered voters who voted in the last presidential election. The rate in Pitt County was 64.5%, which is lower than the state value (67.7%) and slightly higher than Health ENC counties (64.3%).

Figure 40. Voter Turnout in the Last Presidential Election (North Carolina State Board of Elections, 2016)



## **County Structure**

Pitt County encompasses an area of 655 square miles (652 miles of land and 2.9 miles of water). Pitt County is located in the heart of eastern North Carolina, approximately 78 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, and approximately 90 miles from the State Capital, located in Raleigh, NC. The Tar River runs through the Center of the County.<sup>37</sup>

Pitt County is comprised of ten (10) municipalities. Greenville is the most populated municipality and is the County Seat. The United States Postal Service delivers mail to 16 different zip codes within the County. The following two tables provide a breakdown of each municipality and its percentage of population as well as the location of each zip code.

Percent Population of Pitt County's 10 Municipalities (2017)<sup>38</sup>

Municipalities	% Population
Ayden	2.82%
Bethel	0.88%
Falkland	0.05%
Farmville	2.63%
Fountain	0.24%
Greenville (n = 89,266)	50.57%
Grifton	1.42%
Grimesland	0.25%
Simpson	0.25%
Winterville	5.35%

# Pitt County Zip Codes<sup>39</sup>

<u>Z</u> ip Code	Classification	<u>A</u> rea
27811	P.O. Box	Bell Arthur
27812	General	<u>Bethel</u>
27827	P.O. Box	<u>Falkland</u>
27828	General	<u>Farmville</u>
27829	General	<u>Fountain</u>
27833	P.O. Box	<u>Greenville</u>
27834	General	<u>Greenville</u>
27835	P.O. Box	<u>Greenville</u>
27836	P.O. Box	<u>Greenville</u>
27837	General	Grimesland
27858	General	<u>Greenville</u>
27879	P.O. Box	Simpson
27884	General	<u>Stokes</u>
28513	General	<u>Ayden</u>
28530	General	<u>Grifton</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/">http://locateincarolina.com/</a>

<sup>39</sup> Zip-Codes.com, <a href="https://www.zip-codes.com/united-states-zip-codes-timeline.asp">https://www.zip-codes.com/united-states-zip-codes-timeline.asp</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Pitt County Government, 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report, https://www.pittcountync.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/191

## **Pitt County Governance and Law Enforcement**

## **Pitt County Board of County Commissioners**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners is the governing body for Pitt County Government. Membership consists of nine elected officials, six of whom are elected as representatives from one of the County's single election districts and three of whom are elected to represent a combined district, a district which encompasses two of the County's single election districts. This system ensures that each Pitt County resident is represented by two Commissioners, one from a single district and one from the combined district in which the citizen lives. The Board of County Commissioners establishes local ordinances, policies, and procedures, determines the immediate and long-term goals and objectives for the County, and hires a full-time manager to oversee the daily operations of the government. Pitt County operates under a County Manager form of government. The County Manager hires the County staff and serves at the discretion of the Board.<sup>40</sup>

### **Town and City Councils**

Town or City Councils, along with Mayors and Managers, serve as the authority for each of the County's municipalities. The City of Greenville is governed by a council-manager form of government where the City Council is elected by the people. A City Manager oversees the operations of the City. The Mayor and City Council are the governing body of the City and are responsible for establishing general policies as well as appointing the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and members of the volunteer Boards and Commissions. The Council enacts ordinances, resolutions, and orders; adopts the annual budget; approves the financing of all City operations. <sup>41</sup>

#### **Law Enforcement**

**Pitt County Sheriff:** The Sheriff is Pitt County's Chief Law Enforcement Officer who is elected by the people of Pitt County, and serves within a four-year term and operates the Sheriff's Department within a budget approved by the Pitt County Board of County Commissioners. Sworn deputies have the authority to work within a County-wide jurisdiction to enforce criminal and civil law. The Department also provides a School Resource Officer for each of the County's high schools. The Sheriff provides courtroom security in all Pitt County courts, serves all summons, warrants, orders, and judgments issued by the court and operates the County Detention Center. <sup>42</sup>

**City of Greenville Police:** The Greenville Police Department is responsible for law enforcement within the Greenville City limits under the direction of a Chief of Police and within a budget established by the City Council. <sup>43</sup>

**Other Municipal Police Departments:** Most incorporated towns in Pitt County have their own police departments or contract with the Pitt County Sheriff's Department to provide coverage. 44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup>Pitt County Government, https://www.pittcountync.gov/286/Board-of-Commissioners

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> City of Greenville, NC, <a href="https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/city-council">https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/city-council</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/">http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/">http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/</a>

**Other Law Enforcement Agencies:** The East Carolina University Police Department provides law enforcement for the university's main campus, the Brody School of Medicine, and the medical school's clinics. Vidant Medical Center provides law enforcement for hospital campuses. Pitt Community College's police department provides law enforcement for the campuses in Winterville and Greenville and for properties that the college owns or leases. The NC State Highway Patrol enforces traffic laws on all county roads and highways. 45

#### NC General Assembly, Pitt County Representation<sup>46</sup>

#### **House Members:**

Representative Chris Humphrey, (Republican, District 12) Representative Gregory F. Murphy, MD (Republican, District 9) Representative Kandie D. Smith (Democrat, District 8)

#### **Senate Members:**

Senator Don Davis (Democrat, District 5)

## **Findings**

## **Secondary Data Scoring Results**

Table 8 shows the data scoring results for Pitt County by topic area. Topics with higher scores indicate greater need. Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health is the poorest performing health topic for Pitt County, followed by Immunizations & Infectious Diseases, Occupational & Environmental Health, Other Chronic Diseases and Economy.

**Table 8. Secondary Data Scoring Results by Topic Area** 

Health Topic	Score
Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health	2.08
Immunizations & Infectious Diseases	1.93
Occupational & Environmental Health	1.79
Other Chronic Diseases	1.77
Economy	1.71

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix B for additional details on the indicators within each topic area

<sup>45</sup> Pitt County Developmental Commission, <a href="http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/">http://locateincarolina.com/protective-services/law-enforcement/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> NC General Assembly, <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Members/CountyRepresentation/Pitt">https://www.ncleg.gov/Members/CountyRepresentation/Pitt</a>

## **Primary Data**

#### **Community Survey**

Figure 41 shows the list of community issues that were ranked by residents as most affecting the quality of life in Pitt County. Low income/poverty was the most frequently selected issue and was ranked by 54.0% of survey respondents, followed by drugs/substance abuse. Less than 1% of survey respondents selected homelessness, pollution, domestic violence, child abuse, neglect and abuse, rape / sexual assault and elder abuse as issues most affecting the quality of life in Pitt County.

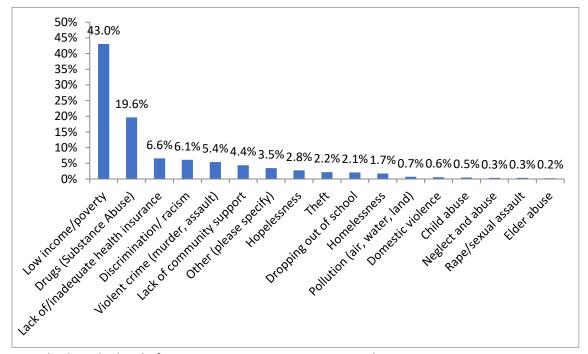


Figure 41. Top Quality of Life Issues, as Ranked by Survey Respondents

Figure 42 displays the level of agreement among Pitt County residents in response to nine statements about their community. More than half of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the county is an easy place to buy healthy foods, has good parks and recreation facilities, there is affordable housing, offers plenty of help for people during times of need, is a safe place to live, has plenty of economic opportunity, is a good place to grow old, is a good place to raise children and has good health care.

Figure 42. Level of Agreement Among Pitt County Residents in Response to Nine Statements about their Community

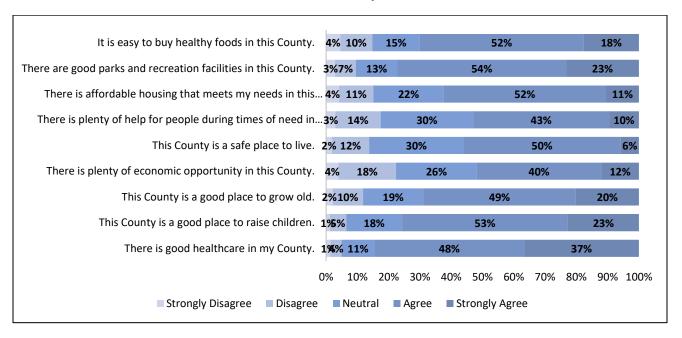


Figure 43 shows the list of services that were ranked by residents as needing the most improvement in Pitt County. Road maintenance was the most frequently selected issue, followed by higher paying employment, counseling / mental health / support groups, and positive teen activities.

Figure 43. Services Needing the Most Improvement, as Ranked by Survey Respondents

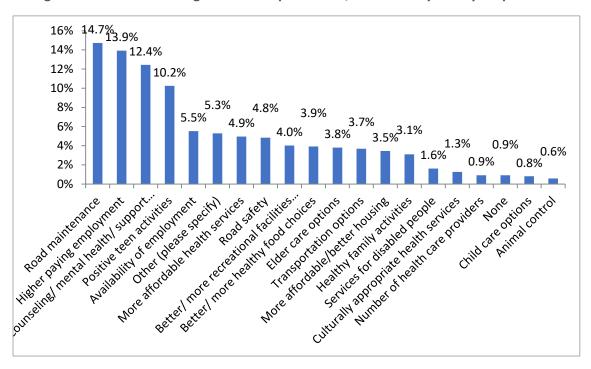


Figure 44 shows a list of health behaviors that were ranked by residents as topics that Pitt County residents need more information about. Substance abuse prevention was the most frequently selected issue, being ranked by 16% of survey respondents. This was followed eating well/nutrition and managing weight.

20% 16.0% 14.6% 15% 11.5% 10% 5.3% 5.4% 5% 1.8% 1.6%.8% 1.6%  $2.0\overline{\%}$ 1.7%Preventine press (nind rated transaction) Quitting smoking to bacco Arge manageme 0% Is to the dot for the first with the forther to the e to the doctor for rearring to the filter of Substance abuse prevention by Interit Prepains for an energe Benchlitz ate No Gettine one to a dentist of the design of the control of the contr The live store of the desire of the store of Coine to a dentist to the dring steen and seeming the prepared lighted thirds a few drings to the control of th Weitight of the state of the st and and state the control of the con Managing Medica A Cafe duling Steam and Cafe duter Tropo ettr in borro roader

Figure 44. Health Behaviors that Residents Need More Information About, As Ranked by Survey Respondents

#### **Focus Group Discussions**

Table 9 shows the focus group results for Pitt County by topic area or code. Focus Group transcript text were analyzed by the Conduent HCI team using a list of codes that closely mirror the health and quality of life topics used in the data scoring and community survey processes. Text was grouped by coded excerpts, or quotes, and quantified to identify areas of the highest need per the focus group participants. All excerpts/quotes were also categorized as a strength or a barrier/need based on the context in which the participant mentioned the topic. Topics with higher frequency and mentioned in the context of needs/concerns or barriers/challenges suggests greater need in the community. Topics with a frequency more than 50 are included in the overall list of significant health needs.

**Table 9. Focus Group Results by Topic Area** 

Topic Area (Code)	Frequency
Exercise, Nutrition & Weight	105
Access to Health Services	70
Economy	47
Health Care Navigation/ Literacy	45
Mental Health & Mental Disorders	42
Substance Abuse	27
Transportation	26
Diabetes	22
Children's Health	21

## **Data Synthesis**

All forms of data have strengths and limitations. In order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the significant health needs for Pitt County, findings from the secondary data, community survey and focus group discussions were compared and analyzed for areas of overlap. The top needs from each data source were identified using the criteria displayed in Table 10.

Table 10. Criteria for Identifying the Top Needs from each Data Source

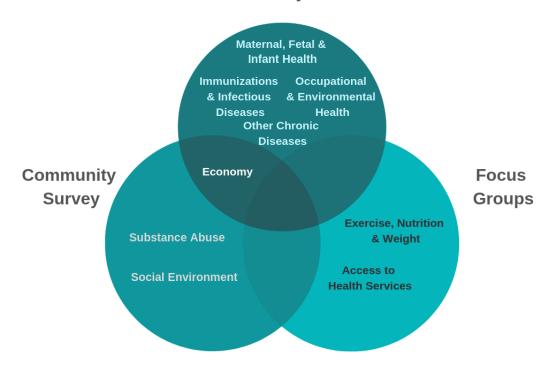
Data Source	Criteria for Top Need
Secondary Data	Topics receiving highest data score
Community Survey	Community issues ranked by survey respondents as most affecting the quality of life*
Focus Group Discussions	Topics discussed most frequently by participants in context of needs/concerns or barriers/challenges to achieving health

<sup>\*</sup>Community Survey Q4: Please look at this list of community issues. In your opinion, which one issue most affects the quality of life in this County?

Figure 45 displays the top needs from each data source in the Venn diagram.

Figure 45. Data Synthesis

### **Secondary Data**



Across all three data sources, there is strong evidence of need to assess Economy. As seen in Figure 45, the survey results and focus group discussion analysis cultivated additional topics not ranked as top priorities in the secondary data findings. A mixed-methods approach is a strength when assessing a community as a whole. This process ensures robust findings through statistical analysis of health indicators and examination of constituent's perceptions of community health issues.

#### **Topic Areas Examined in This Report**

Nine topic areas were identified across the three data sources. These topics are listed in Table 11.

Table 11. Topic Areas Examined In-Depth in this Report

Access to Health Services
Economy\*
Exercise, Nutrition & Weight
Immunizations & Infectious Diseases\*
Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health\*
Occupational & Environmental Health\*
Other Chronic Diseases\*
Social Environment
Substance Abuse

The five topic areas with the highest secondary data scores (starred\*) are explored in-depth in the next section and include corresponding data from community participants when available. Following the five topic areas is a section called 'Other Significant Health Needs' which includes discussion of the additional topics that were identified specifically in the community survey and focus group discussions. The additional topics in 'Other Significant Health Needs' includes Access to Health Services, Exercise, Nutrition & Weight, Social Environment and Substance Abuse.

#### **Navigation Within Each Topic**

Findings are organized by topic area. Within each topic, key issues are summarized followed by a review of secondary and primary data findings. Special emphasis is placed on populations that are highly impacted, such as older adults, race/ethnic groups or low-income populations. Figures, tables and extracts from quantitative and qualitative data substantiate findings. Each topic includes a table with key indicators from the secondary data scoring results. The value for Pitt County is displayed alongside relevant comparisons, gauges and icons which are color-coded with green indicating good, red indicating bad and blue indicating neutral. Table 12 describes the gauges and icons used to evaluate the secondary data.

Table 12. Description of Gauges and Icons used in Secondary Dara Scoring

Gauge or Icon	Description
6	Green represents the "best" 50th percentile.
	Yellow represents the 50th to 25th quartile
	Red represents the "worst" quartile.
	There has been a non-significant increase/decrease over time.
	There has been a significant increase/decrease over time.
	There has been neither a statistically significant increase nor decrease over time.

## Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health

#### **Key Issues**

- Very low birth weight babies is an indicator that is high need in Pitt County
- Preterm births are higher in Pitt County than North Carolina overall
- The infant mortality rate is higher than in the state and U.S. and does not meet Healthy People 2020 target of 6 deaths per 1,000 live birth and the Healthy North Carolina target of 6.3 deaths per live birth

#### **Secondary Data**

The secondary data scoring results reveal Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health as the top need in Pitt County with a score of 2.08. Additional analysis is performed to find specific indicators that contribute to this area of concern, and these indicators are identified with high indicator data scores, shown in Table 13.

Table 13. Data Scoring Results for Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health

Score	Indicator (Year) (Units)	Pitt County	North Carolina	U.S.	North Carolina Counties	U.S. Counties	Trend	Healthy NC 2020	HP 2020
2.33	Preterm Births (2016) (percent)	12.5	10.4	9.8				-	9.4
2.43	Babies with Very Low Birth Weight (2012-2016) (percent)	2.4	1.7	1.4			1		1.4
2.38	Infant Mortality Rate (2012-2016) (deaths/	11.4	7.2	6					
*6	1,000 live births)							6.3	6

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix B for full list of indicators included in each topic area

#### **Primary Data**

In the community survey, participants were asked to identify health behaviors people in the community need more information about and "getting prenatal care during pregnancy" was selected less than 1% of the survey respondents. This result may have been due to the demographics of survey respondents and not necessarily reflect the ultimate need in the community. Related to teen health and pregnancy, "positive teen activities" was the fourth highest ranking service needing improvement in the community (10.2%) and preventing pregnancy/sexually transmitted diseases was selected as the seventh highest ranking health behavior than people in the community need more information about

During the focus group discussions, Maternal, Fetal and Infant Health was raised four times as a high need health issue in the community. One participant raised concerns with pregnant women missing prenatal appointments resulting in poor birth outcomes. Another participant felt that Pre-Term Births was one of the top issues in the community. A suggestion was raised to invest in a program for young mothers and improve current programs that are available in the community. The discussion in relation to Maternal, fetal and Infant Health indicates a come awareness in the community about these issues.

### **Highly Impacted Populations**

Data scoring analysis did not identify, or there was not data available, to indicate any groups highly impacted within the Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health topic area indicators. Young women were identified in the primary data sources as a group that may be highly impacted.

### **Immunizations & Infectious Diseases**

#### **Key Issues**

- Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Chlamydia incidence rates are higher than in the state and U.S.
- There is a significant increasing trend for the Gonorrhea over time in Pitt County
- The HIV Diagnoses rate does not meet the Healthy NC 2020 target of 22.2 cases per 100,000 population
- Tuberculosis is another indicator of concern not meeting Healthy People target of 1 case per 100,000 population and the rate is higher in Pitt County than the state and U.S.

### **Secondary Data**

The secondary data scoring results reveal Immunizations & Infectious Diseases as a top need in Pitt County with a score of 1.93. Additional analysis is performed to find specific indicators that contribute to this area of concern, and these indicators are identified with high indicator data scores, shown in Table 14.

**Table 14. Data Scoring Results for Immunizations & Infectious Diseases** 

Score	Indicator (Year) (Units)	Pitt County	North Carolina	U.S.	North Carolina Counties	U.S. Counties	Trend	Healthy NC 2020	HP 2020
2.48	Gonorrhea Incidence Rate (2016) (cases/ 100,000 population)	374.7	194.4	145.8			<b>1</b>	-	_
2.28	Chlamydia Incidence Rate (2016) (cases/ 100,000 population)	1074.4	572.4	497.3				-	-
2.1	HIV Diagnosis Rate (2014-2016) (cases/ 100,000 population)	23	16.1	-			1	22.2	-
2.23	Tuberculosis Incidence Rate (2014) (cases/ 100,000 population)	4	2	3					1
2.5 *See /	Syphilis Incidence Rate (2016) (cases/ 100,000 population)	13.6	10.8	8.7	anic area	A	<u>L</u>	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix B for full list of indicators included in each topic area

#### **Primary Data**

Almost 4% of community survey participants felt that the community needs more information about going to the doctor for yearly check-ups and screenings. Less than 1% identified getting flu shots and other vaccines and 5% felt that preventing pregnancy and STDs as health issues the community needed more information about. 75% of survey participants reported that they had received a flu shot. Immunizations & Infectious Diseases was not discussed extensively during the focus group discussions. Two participants voiced their concerns with getting vaccinated due to unsubstantiated side effects.

### **Highly Impacted Populations**

Data scoring analysis did not identify, or there was not data available, to indicate any groups highly impacted within the Immunizations and Infectious Diseases Health topic area indicators. No specific groups were identified in the primary data sources.

## **Occupational & Environmental Health**

#### **Key Issues**

- Asthma in the Medicare population shows a significant increasing trend over time
- Age-adjusted hospitalization rate due to asthma is higher in the county than the state overall

#### **Secondary Data**

The secondary data scoring results reveal Occupational & Environmental Health as a top need in Pitt County with a score of 1.79. Additional analysis is performed to find specific indicators that contribute to this area of concern, and these indicators are identified with high indicator data scores, shown in Table 15.

Table 15. Data Scoring Results for Occupational & Environmental Health

Score	Indicator (Year) (Units)	Pitt County	North Carolina	U.S.	North Carolina Counties	U.S. Counties	Trend
1.95	Asthma: Medicare Population (2015) (percent)	8.5	8.4	8.2			1
1.58	Physical Environment Ranking (2018) (-)	60	-	-			
1.85	Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rate due to Asthma (2014) (hospitalizations/ 10,000 population)	123.7	90.9	-	<b>A</b>		

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix B for full list of indicators included in each topic area

#### **Primary Data**

Pollution was the twelfth highest ranking issue affecting quality of life in the community, with less than 1% of participants selecting this topic. Topics related to Occupational and Environmental Health were not brought up during the focus group discussions.

#### **Highly Impacted Populations**

Data scoring analysis indicates that the Medicare population may be a highly impacted group within the Occupational & Environmental Health topic area indicators. No specific groups were identified in the primary data sources.

#### **Other Chronic Diseases**

#### **Key Issues**

 Chronic kidney disease is higher in the county than in the state and U.S. and there is a significant increasing trend over time

#### **Secondary Data**

The secondary data scoring results reveal Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health is a top need in Pitt County with a score of 1.77. Additional analysis is performed to find specific indicators that contribute to this area of concern, and one indicator was identified that accounts for the overall high score for the topic area, shown Table 16.

**Table 16. Data Scoring Results for Other Chronic Diseases** 

Score	Indicator (Year) (Units)	Pitt County	North Carolina	U.S.	North Carolina Counties	U.S. Counties	Trend
2.55	Chronic Kidney Disease: Medicare Population (2015) (percent)	21	19	18.1			1

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix B for full list of indicators included in each topic area

#### **Primary Data**

6% of survey respondents reported that a medical provider had diagnosed them with Osteoporosis. Community participants did not view the following services as needing the most improvement: Elder Care options (3.8%) or services for disabled people (1.6%). There were a few survey participants that selected Caring for family members with special needs/disabilities (3.1%) and elder care (2.9%) as healthy behaviors that the community needs more information.

Many participants in the focus groups discussions felt that Other Chronic Diseases and chronic diseases in general are a top concern in the community. Seventeen participants raised various chronic diseases that they felt were top health needs in the community and multiple participants specifically raised chronic kidney disease as their top concern. One participant felt that arthritis was a top health concern in the community in addition to other chronic diseases. Multiple participants brought up issues of complications due to chronic condition and compliance with treatment and/or medication as challenges community members are facing.

#### **Highly Impacted Populations**

Data scoring analysis indicates that the Medicare population may be a highly impacted group. No specific groups were identified in the primary data sources.

### **Economy**

#### **Key Issues**

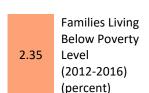
- The percentage of children and families living below the poverty level is higher than in the state and US
- Pitt County does not meet the Healthy North Carolina goal of 12.5% of people living below poverty level
- Severe Housing Problems are higher than when compared to other North Carolina and U.S.
   Counties
- Children living below the poverty level and students eligible for free lunch are both areas of concern being higher in Pitt County than the state and U.S. while showing indications of increasing trends over time

#### **Secondary Data**

Economy received a data score of 1.71. This category includes many indicators related to poverty and education. Some of the poorest performing indicators related to the economy are displayed in Table 17. Of the most concern, is children, families and people overall living below the poverty level. In addition, 58.8% of students are edible for free lunch in the county.

**Table 17. Data Scoring Results for Economy** 

Score	Indicator (Year) (Units)	Pitt County	North Carolina	U.S.	North Carolina Counties	U.S. Counties	Healthy Trend NC 2020	HP 2020
2.65	People Living Below Poverty Level (2012-2016) (percent)	24.5	16.8	15.1	<b>A</b>	A	12.5	-
2.1	Severe Housing Problems (2010-2014) (percent)	21.8	16.6	18.8			<u>\</u>	_
2.2	Children Living Below Poverty Level (2012-2016) (percent)	28.2	23.9	21.2	<b>^</b>			_
2.55	Students Eligible for the Free Lunch Program (2015-2016) (percent)	58.8	52.6	42.6	<sup>*</sup> 🗥	^	<b>&gt;</b>	-



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\*See Appendix B for full list of indicators included in each topic area

### **Primary Data**

Community survey participants were asked to rank the issues most negatively impacting their community's quality of life. According to the data, both poverty and the economy were the top issues in Pitt County that negatively impact quality of life. Community survey participants were also asked to weigh-in on areas of community services that needed the most improvement. Higher paying employment was the second highest scoring service (14.7%) needing improvement in the community. When asked to expand on services that could be improved, participants raised the need for more economic activity and increasing jobs in the community. Over 22% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that there is plenty of economic opportunity in the county.

"A lot of families work two jobs, shift work, odd hours, and not having time to eat healthy and get proper sleep"

Focus Group
Participant

Financial stress in the community was a top concern in the focus group discussions. Focus group participants shared key economic stressors in the community such as challenges with being able to afford healthy foods, recreational activities and difficulties in seeking medical care due to costs. Most people shared that paying for appointments and medication was difficult and people often had to choose between paying for medical expenses and home bill. Multiple participants raised concerns for those who are out of work and those living in poverty. There was also concern for those community members working multiple jobs to make ends meet and not being able to live a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Highly Impacted Populations**

Data scoring analysis indicates that children may be a highly impacted group within the Economy topic area. No specific groups were identified in the primary data sources.

## **Mortality**

Knowledge about the leading causes of death in a population is critical to understanding how to target interventions to maximize population health. Table 18 shows the leading causes of mortality in Pitt County, North Carolina, and Health ENC Counties in 2014-2016, where the rate is age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population and is given as an age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 population.

Table 18. Leading Causes of Mortality (2014-2016, CDC WONDER)

Pitt County			North Carolina			Health ENC Counties			
Rank	Cause	Deaths	Rate*	Cause	Deaths	Rate*	Cause	Deaths	Rate*
1	Cancer	799	159.5	Cancer	58,187	165.1	Cancer	12,593	177.5
2	Heart Diseases	795	165.2	Heart Diseases	54,332	159	Heart Diseases	12,171	178.8
3	Accidental Injuries	243	48.9	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	15,555	45.1	Cerebrovascular Diseases	3,247	48.5
4	Cerebrovascular Diseases	232	49.4	Accidental Injuries	15,024	48.2	Accidental Injuries	3,136	50.1
5	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	175	36.7	Cerebrovascular Diseases	14,675	43.6	Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	3,098	44.9
6	Alzheimer's Disease	152	33.9	Alzheimer's Disease	11,202	34.2	Diabetes	2,088	29.9
7	Diabetes	132	26.7	Diabetes	8,244	23.6	Alzheimer's Disease	1,751	27.3
8	Septicemia	89	19.1	Influenza and Pneumonia	5,885	17.5	Influenza and Pneumonia	1,148	17.2
9	Suicide	59	11.5	Kidney Diseases	5,614	16.5	Kidney Diseases	1,140	16.8
10	Hypertension	54	11.9	Septicemia	4,500	13.1	Septicemia	1,033	15.1

<sup>\*</sup>Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 population

## **Other Significant Health Needs**

### **Access to Health Services**

#### **Secondary Data**

From the secondary data scoring results, the Access to Health Services topic had a score of 0.94 and was the 26<sup>th</sup> highest scoring health and quality of life topic. High scoring related indicators include: Children with Health Insurance (2.03).

A list of all secondary indicators within this topic area is available in Appendix B.

#### **Primary Data**

As previously summarized, the majority of community survey respondents have health insurance through an employer (74.2%) followed by Medicare (8%). Participants were asked where they most often go to seek medical treatment, the majority sought care at a doctor's office 77% and 12% sought care at an urgent care center. The majority of participants did not report any problems getting the health care they needed in the past 12 months (88%). For those who reported have difficulties accessing health care services, the most common reported providers that they had trouble getting services from were a dentist (35%), general practitioner (37%), specialist (22%), other (21%) or eye care (15%). The top reasons participants reported not being able to get the necessary health care they needed were insurance did not cover services needed (38%), couldn't get an appointment (25%) or the wait was too long (25%). 96% of participants reported being able to see the medical provider they needed within Pitt County.

"I know the main Pitt County
Health Department is there. In
my humble opinion I think
having more community clinics
would help...having small
health departments around
these rural area that these
farmworker can access easily."

-Focus Group Participant

Focus Group participants frequently discussed barriers to accessing health services such as scheduling appointments with health care providers, challenges with providers accepting their health insurance plan and lack of transportation to medical centers. Farm workers were specifically referenced as a group needing more access to services due to their work hours preventing them from seeking care and the distance to the services is prohibitive. Participants described challenges with scheduling appointments within their community and not being able to readily get access to dental care. Several participants thought that the community would benefit from having additional full service community health centers particularly accessible to those in more rural locations, a free clinic for low income or uninsured individuals, increased options for telemedicine or a clinic that is open outside of regular work hours.

## **Exercise, Nutrition & Weight**

#### **Secondary Data**

From the secondary data scoring results, the Exercise, Nutrition & Weight topic had a score of 1.53 and was the 17<sup>th</sup> highest scoring health and quality of life topic. High scoring related indicators include: Food Insecurity Rate (2.30), Fast Food Restaurant Density (1.95) and Grocery Store Density (1.90).

A list of all secondary indicators within this topic area is available in Appendix B.

#### **Primary Data**

Exercise, Nutrition & Weight was discussed at length in all focus groups. Participants shared their concerns for obesity across all ages especially youth and for families being able to access and afford healthy foods in the community. Participants shared concerns for people who working long hours and do not have time to cook at home that end up eating unhealthy foods late at night. They shared that they struggled with not knowing how to eat healthy or what to select as healthy food choices when eating away from home. Several participants suggested that the community would benefit from a low or no cost community center/recreational opportunities to encourage and increase better health behaviors. Focus group participants identified those living rural more disconnected areas and the elderly on a limited income and lack of transportation as having limited access to healthy foods and exercise facilities. Some participants discussed cultural norms around eating in the community and not learning to cook healthy or enjoy healthy foods as much. To

"The area we live in is poor People who don't have money or food will eat anything and the cheaper foods are unhealthy. Especially rural areas. Even free food is not healthy sometimes. If you are hungry you will eat whatever is available."

-Focus Group Participant

emphasize these points, when community members were asked about specific topic areas they were interested in learning more about in the community survey, managing weight and exercise/nutrition were high frequency responses.

#### **Social Environment**

#### **Secondary Data**

From the secondary data scoring results, the Social Environment topic had a score of 1.58 and was the 15<sup>th</sup> highest scoring health and quality of life topic. High scoring related indicators include: People Living Below Poverty Level (2.65), Homeownership (2.50), Children Living Below Poverty Level (2.20), Single Parent Households (2.15) and Social Associations (2.05).

A list of all secondary indicators within this topic area is available in Appendix B.

#### **Primary Data**

Among community survey respondents, positive teen activities was ranked fourth, counseling/mental health/support groups was ranked third and better or more recreational facilities was ninth of the services needing improvement in the community. 10% of survey participants disagreed or strongly disagreed that there are good parks and recreation facilities in the community. 4.4% of survey participants felt that lack of community support was a top issue affecting the quality of life in the

"Abusive relationships, child abuse, and domestic violence. People with mental health. Lack of information of how much child abuse impacts communities when dealing with mental illness. Yes, also trauma history. People come in with trauma and don't know."

-Focus Group Participant

community and 17% disagreed or strongly disagreed that there is help for people during times of need in the county. Some of the focus group discussions focused on the impact of adverse childhood events, such as abuse and neglect, and how that impacts the community over the long term. Participants felt that there needs to be more support for families and some participants suggested offering program through community churches.

#### **Substance Abuse**

From the secondary data scoring results, the Substance Abuse topic had a score of 1.65 and was the 11<sup>th</sup> highest scoring health and quality of life topic. High scoring related indicators include: Adults who Smoke (2.70) and Adults who Drink Excessively (1.95).

A list of all secondary indicators within this topic area is available in Appendix B.

#### **Primary Data**

Community survey participants ranked substance abuse (19.6%) as a top issue affecting quality of life in Pitt County. Additionally, 16% of community survey respondents reported wanting to learn more about substance abuse prevention.

4% of survey participants reported currently use tobacco products. Of those who reported tobacco product use, 24% did not know where they would go if they wanted to quit and 41% stated that they did not want to quit. 37% of survey participants reported having been exposed to secondhand smoke in the last year. Of those who indicated that they had been exposed to secondhand smoke, 25% were exposed in the home and 48% selected 'other', mostly adding that they had been exposed outside in public places. Most participants (75%) reported that in the past 30 days, there were zero times where they drank more than 4/5 drinks on a single occasion and 10% had one time. Reported illicit drug use amongst survey participants in the past 30-days was low, 98% reported no illegal drug use and 99% reported no use of prescription drugs they did not have a prescription for. Of those who reported any illegal drug use (<2%) in the past 30 days, 94% reported marijuana use.

During the focus group discussions substance abuse came up 27 times as an issue or need in the community. Participants specifically raised prescription drug misuse, alcohol and tobacco product use as

the top issues they see as problems that need to be addressed in the community. Participants raised concerns about the accessibility of substances in the community and increased locations where people can access alcohol. A few participants felt that there are limited options for those who need substance abuse treatment programs and a lack of information in the community about addiction.

## A Closer Look at Highly Impacted Populations

Several subpopulations emerged from the primary and secondary data for their disparities in access to care, risk factors, and health outcomes. This section focuses on these subpopulations and their unique needs.

## Disparities by Age, Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Secondary data are further assessed to determine health disparities for race/ethnic, age, or gender groups. Table 19 identifies indicators in which a specific population subgroup differs significantly and negatively from the overall population in Pitt County, with significance determined by non-overlapping confidence intervals.

Table 19. Indicators with Significant Race/Ethnic, Age, or Gender Disparities

Health Indicator	Group(s) Disparately Affected*
Adults with Health Insurance	25-34
Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Firearms	Male
All Cancer Incidence Rate	Male
Bladder Cancer Incidence Rate	Male
Children Living Below Poverty Level	Black or African American
Young Children Living Below Poverty Level	Black or African American
Families Living Below Poverty Level	Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Other
Lung and Bronchus Cancer Incidence Rate	Male
Median Household Income	Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Other
People 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	65+, Black or African American, Other
People 25+ with a High School Degree or Higher	65+, Black or African American, Other

People 65+ Living Below Poverty Level	Black or African American
People Living Below Poverty Level	12-17, 18-24, Black or African American, Other
Per Capita Income	American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Other, Two or More Races
Preventable Hospital Stays: Medicare Population	Black
Prostate Cancer Incidence Rate	Black
Workers Commuting by Public Transportation	White, non-Hispanic
Workers who Walk to Work	60-64, Asian
Workers who Drive Alone to Work	White, non-Hispanic

<sup>\*</sup>See <u>HealthENC.org</u> for indicator values for population subgroups

The list of indicators with significant disparities should be interpreted with caution. Indicators beyond those displayed in Table 19 may also negatively impact a specific subgroup; however, not all data sources provide subpopulation data, so it is not possible to draw conclusions about every indicator used in the secondary data analysis.

## **Geographic Disparities**

Geographic disparities are identified using the SocioNeeds Index®. Zip code 27812, with an index value of 92.9, has the highest socioeconomic need within Pitt County, potentially indicating poorer health outcomes for its residents. See the <a href="SocioNeeds Index">SocioNeeds Index</a>® for more details, including a map of Pitt County zip codes and index values.

## **Conclusion**

The Community Health Needs Assessment utilized a comprehensive set of secondary data indicators measuring the health and quality of life needs for Pitt County. The assessment was further informed with input from Pitt County residents through a community survey and focus group discussions that included participants from broad interests of the community. The data synthesis process identified nine significant health needs: Access to Health Services, Economy, Exercise, Nutrition & Weight, Immunizations & Infectious Diseases, Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health, Occupational & Environmental Health, Other Chronic Diseases, Social Environment and Substance Abuse. The prioritization process identified the following focus areas for 2019 - 2022:

#### **Pitt County Board of Health Selected Priority Areas:**

- Chronic Disease Control
- Infant Mortality Prevention
- Risk Factor Reduction Including Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco and Substance Abuse
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases

# Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees / Vidant Health Foundation / Pitt Partners for Health Selected Priority Areas:

- Chronic Disease Prevention
- Access to Care / Social Determinants of Health
- Mental Health

Following this CHNA process, Pitt County will outline how it plans to address these health needs. The overall County action plans will be reported by the Pitt County Health Department in their Action and Community Health Improvement Plans and Vidant Medical Center's action plans will be identified in their Implementation Strategy. Feedback on this report will be incorporated into the next CHNA process. Please send your feedback and comments to:

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# **Appendix A. Impact Since Prior CHNA**

Hospital Requirement: The IRS requirements state that charitable hospitals must evaluate the impact of the actions taken to address the significant health needs from the previous CHNA report. The information below provides outcomes and progress to date from the 2016 CHNA Implementation Strategy.

## Vidant Medical Center 2016 Implementation Strategy Update

Health Priority Category Identified in Preceding CHNA	Planned Activities to Address Health Needs Identified in Preceding Implementation Strategy	Was Activity Implemented (Yes/No)	Outcomes of Initiatives
Access To Care	Goal-Community Paramedic Pilot: To improve access to the health care system through a community paramedic pilot.	Yes	Convened Pitt County EMS, Vidant Health Care Coordination, and Vidant Medical Center Case Management Services to plan a Community Paramedicine Pilot in Pitt County-Funding received from the Vidant Health Foundation.  Total # referred: 127 Total patients: 77 Graduates: 12 Medication safety catches: 4 Smoke detectors installed after safety assessment: 11 Treatment at home to prevent EMS transport to ED: 6 Linked to NC Prevent Blindness: 10 Linked to Home Health: 5 Linked to Meals on Wheels: 4 Linked to Free Clinic: 13 Medicaid Applications: 6 Linked to Food Stamp program: 6

Goal-Injury Prevention: To provide access to injury prevention services that reduce death and disability and improve the health and quality of life of children and the general population.  (Established program within VMC's Community Health Programs Department)	Yes	<ul> <li>Occupant protection education: Car seats checked: 1,412; Car seats distributed: 135; Toyota Buckle Up For Life: 3,000 parents educated; 2,000 car seats distributed; 318 families impacted through Diversion Program</li> <li>Fall and fire safety education for older adults and caregivers: "Remembering When Program": Home visits-70; Community-based presentations-4,000; and Home visitor's trainings-8</li> <li>Teen safe driving: 6,926 students educated</li> <li>Sports safety and concussion prevention education: 6,800 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders</li> <li>Prom Safety education: 14,500 students, staff, and parents</li> </ul>
Goal-Pediatric Asthma Program: To improve the health and quality of life for children with asthma. (Established program within VMC's Community Health Programs Department)	Yes	<ul> <li>Referrals received: 1,122</li> <li>Asthma Blitz Days: 608 children assessed</li> <li>Pitt County Schools Staff Asthma Education (video): 6,996 staff</li> <li>Case managed: 512 patients</li> <li>Professional/Provider education: 1,449</li> </ul>
Goal-Prescription Medications: To improve access to affordable prescription medications for the older adult population an other disparate populations.	Yes	Indigent Medication Fund  \$\\$\\$16,538.78\$  \$\\$\\$47 children served  Medicare Open Enrollment  \$\\$\\$494,305 enrollee savings  \$\\$\\$119 beneficiaries

	Goal-School Health Program: To improve the health and well- being for Pitt County School's students and staff. (Established program within VMC's Community Health Programs Department)	Yes	<ul> <li># of Students Receiving Case Management Services: 545</li> <li># of Students on Long Term Medications: 1,292</li> <li># of Students on Emergency Medications: 5,219</li> <li># of Students with 1 or more Chronic Conditions: 16,013</li> <li># of Student Health Encounters: 10,378</li> <li># of 911 calls: 72</li> <li># of Students with Medical Diet Orders: 1,688</li> <li># of Health Education Sessions: 416</li> </ul>
	Goal-Senior Services: To improve the health and well-being of adults that are over 55 years of age. (Established program within VMC's Community Health Programs Department)	Yes	General Senior's Program Health Education, Fall Prevention, Caregiver, and Advance Care Planning Education: 4,559 impacts
	Goal-Transportation: To improve access to health care resources for individuals utilizing local bus systems in and around the medical school and hospital campuses.	Yes (convened committee and researched opportunities)  No new transportation strategy developed	Convened a strategic planning committee including the Pitt Partners for Health Access to Care action team, GREAT Bus, Brody School of Medicine Health Access, and VMC Transportation Services.
Physical Activity and Nutrition	Goal-Physical Activity: To increase opportunities to be	Yes	Kids in Parks Track Trails: Opened two new walking trails in Pitt County.

	physically active in Pitt County.		<ul> <li>CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health): 7 sites; 16 people trained; 182 participants</li> <li>Walk Wise NC: 12 sites; 242 participants</li> <li>Walk with a Doc: 12 walks; 87 participants</li> <li>Track RX: 6 practice sites and 39 registrations</li> <li>Active Routes to School Initiative: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety education: 5,550 individuals; Bicycle Helmets Distributed: 2,180</li> </ul>
	Goal-Nutrition: To increase opportunities for nutrition education and healthy eating policies in Pitt County	Yes	<ul> <li>Cooking Matters at the Store: 31 tours; 375 participants</li> <li>Farmer's Market Nutrition Education: 5,137 healthy food samples distributed</li> </ul>
Chronic Disease Prevention	Goal-Cancer, Heart Disease, Hypertension/Stroke and Diabetes: Provide prevention, early detection, and improvement of outcomes for individuals with chronic disease (cancer, cardiovascular disease, hypertension/stroke, and diabetes).	Yes	<ul> <li>Stroke Center Screenings/Counseling/Education: 763 participants</li> <li>Diabetes Education: 300 participants (Winning with Diabetes conference)</li> <li>Cancer Education/Screening: 20,536 people served</li> <li>Cardiovascular Education: 2,700 participants</li> <li>General Health Education and Health Screenings: 1,029 individuals impacted</li> </ul>

**Note:** The IRS requirements state that charitable hospitals must evaluate the impact of the actions taken to address the significant health needs from the previous CHNA report. This information provides outcomes and progress to date from the 2016 CHNA Implementation Strategy. Some of these initiatives were the result of collaboration with Pitt Partners for Health action teams. This report does not include all of the initiatives funded by the Vidant Health Foundation Community Benefit Grants Program.

# Pitt County Health Department Action Plans Update on the 2015/2016 Health Priorities Selected by the Pitt County Board of Health Additional Progress Made Since the 2015 / 2016 CHNA (In addition to Vidant Medical Center's Implementation Strategy)

In between each 3-year CHNA cycle, local Health Departments compile an annual State of the County Health report (SOTCH Report) to highlight activities that address the health priorities selected by the Pitt County Board of Health and community partners. The 2017 SOTCH Report, released in March of 2018, reflects progress made with meeting the benchmarks established for each of Public Health's priorities as follows:

#### Maternal and Child Health<sup>47</sup>

**2015/2016 Goal:** Reduce Pitt County's Infant Mortality rate to at or below the State's rate (5-year average) with special emphasis on reducing the rate among low-income African American women.

Progress Made: Pitt County's total infant death rate rose to 12.9 / 1,000 live births in 2016 following a drop in the rate during 2015. Pitt County's total infant death rate was significantly higher than the State's total infant death rate of 7.2 / 1,000 live births in 2016 repeating a pattern that has existed for many years. There continued to be a significant disparity between White Non-Hispanic and African American Non-Hispanic infant deaths. Due to the continued rise in the White Non-Hispanic rate, the disparities ratio again decreased slightly, based upon 5-year averages between 2009-2016. In comparison, the disparities ratio between North Carolina's White Non-Hispanics and African American Non-Hispanics between 2009 – 2016 only improved slightly. Premature births, low weight births and birth defects continued to be the leading causes of infant mortality in Pitt County. Under the direction of the Pitt Infant Mortality Prevention Advisory Council (PIMPAC), numerous evidence based programs designed to help improve birth outcomes and prevent infant mortality attempted to address the issue. These interventions include:

- Better Beginnings Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program
- Annual World Breastfeeding Celebration
- Child Care Health Consultant Programs
- Child Fatality Prevention Team
- Cribs for Kids, Healthy Beginnings / Resource Moms Outreach Program
- Long Acting Reversible Quality Improve Project, NC Baby Love Plus Outreach Program
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program
- Pitt Infant Mortality Prevention Advisory Council Programs
- Triple P Positive Parenting Programs
- Youth Development / Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program

These programs will continue to be a main focus for Public Health during 2019-2022, since the Board of Health identified Infant Mortality Prevention as a top health priority over the next three years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Pitt County 2017 State of the County Health Report, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics">https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics</a>

#### **Tobacco Prevention and Control** 48

**Goal:** Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in Pitt County's multi-unit housing by 10% annually and eliminate tobacco products in Pitt County's community parks by 10% annually.

#### **Progress Made:**

2015/ 2016 Tobacco Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Grant: Pitt County Health Department continued to receive funding from a CDC Core grant from the NC DHHS to help prevent smoking and other tobacco use; eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke; help tobacco users quit and eliminate tobacco-related health disparities. This funding provided support for a Program Coordinator to serve 10 eastern NC counties, including Pitt County. The Tobacco Prevention Coordinator and a member from the NC Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch presented to the Eastern Carolina Housing and Redevelopment Officials occupancy group. Housing managers were provided education and resources on smoke-free housing. Technical assistance, including listening sessions and/or signage, was provided to Greenville Housing Authority, Ayden Housing Authority, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, as well as surrounding counties. The Coordinator also provided technical assistance to the Town of Ayden who passed a Tobacco-Free Parks policy in November 2017. This policy went into effect on January 1, 2018. Signage was made possible through the CDC core grant from the NC DHHS.

**Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training:** Two (2) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses completed Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training. Upon implementation of an electronic health record in 2018, tobacco use assessments will be conducted on all patients receiving clinical services. Nurses and providers continued to conduct 5 A's counseling, complete referrals to the 1-800-Quit line, and/or provide tobacco treatment.

#### **Additional Community Partner Progress:**

**Pitt Community College (PCC):** The PCC Board of Trustees voted to make the campus smoke-free starting August 2018. This new policy will ban cigarettes, e-cigarettes and other smoking products from all campus buildings, grounds and facilities owned, leased or operated by PCC. Pitt County Health Department helped with various on-campus events including a "Stomp It Out" walk to promote a 100% smoke-free campus.

**East Carolina University (ECU):** ECU gathered support from faculty, staff, and students for a 100% tobacco-free campus, receiving unanimous support from Faculty Senate and Staff Senate. It has been endorsed by the Student Government Association and the majority of students and staff thinks it will improve quality of life on campus. The policy is currently being developed in the University's formal Policies, Rules, and Regulations process.

Tobacco Prevention and Control initiatives will continue to be addressed over the next three years as one of the Pitt County Board of Health's selected Health Priorities for 2019-2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Pitt County 2017 State of the County Health Report, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics">https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics</a>

### Sexually Transmitted Diseases<sup>49</sup>

**2015 / 2016 Goal:** Reduce Pitt County's rate of Chlamydia by 10%.

**Progress Made:** According to the 2016 NC HIV/STD/Hepatitis Surveillance Report, Pitt County experienced a 12.7% increase in the annual number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases (1,690 to 1,904 cases) from 2012-2016. Expressed in rates, this case increase represents a 9.9% increase in new case rates (977.4 to 1074.4). Although North Carolina experienced a 17. 4% increase in the number of cases and a 12.7% increase in annual chlamydia rates during the same reporting period, Pitt County's chlamydia rate is 88% higher than North Carolina (1074 and 572 respectively). Chlamydia case reports represent individuals who have had a laboratory test to confirm a chlamydial infection; therefore, the increase in cases is likely due to an increase in the number of tests performed rather than an increase in disease prevalence.

**Walk-In Clinics:** To reduce the burden of disease, the Pitt County Health Department continued to provide access to certain health care services including sexually transmitted infections (STIs) Walk-In Clinics twice a week for certain services as a convenience to the community and for people who needed immediate care. In 2017, approximately 33% of all patient visits were provided in the Walk-in Clinic. Forty-seven percent (47%) of patients seen in the walk-in clinic requested screening and/or treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Approximately 72% of patients, who presented for a STI screening in the Walk-In clinics, tested positive and were treated for a sexually transmitted disease. Referrals for clinical services and condom distribution continued to be received from private and community clinics, the local hospital and other community partners.

**Pitt County Health Department's Youth Development/Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program:** Pregnancy and STD prevention education was provided in the school system for middle and high school students and connected students with other public health services as needed.

**Pitt County Health Department, Communicable Disease Coordinator:** The County Commissioners approved for inclusion in the 2017-2018 budget, a new coordinator (Public Health Education Specialist) who was hired in late 2018 and began implementing evidence based interventions in the community that are designed to help prevent STD transmission.

#### **Additional Community Partner Progress:**

**PiCASO (Pitt County Aids Service Organization) HIV Testing:** PiCASO provided 65 educational sessions to 1,125 individuals. Education was provided to populations considered at high-risk for HIV and to organizations who work with these groups. PiCASO tested 32 individuals for HIV and referred five individuals who tested positive to the Brody School of Medicine's Infectious Disease Clinic for further treatment.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention initiatives will continue to be addressed over the next three years as one of the Pitt County Board of Health's selected Health Priorities for 2019-2022.

<sup>49</sup> Pitt County 2017 State of the County Health Report, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics">https://www.pittcountync.gov/368/Health-Statistics</a>

## **Appendix B. Secondary Data Scoring**

#### **Overview**

Data scoring consists of three stages, which are summarized in Figure 46:

#### **Comparison Score**

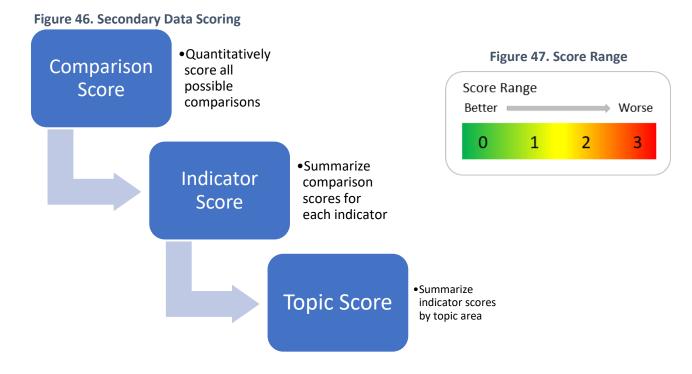
For each indicator, Pitt County is assigned up to 7 comparison scores based on its comparison to other communities, whether health targets have been met, and the trend of the indicator value over time. Comparison scores range from 0-3, where 0 indicates the best outcome and 3 indicates the worst outcome (Figure 47).

#### **Indicator Score**

Indicator scores are calculated as a weighted average of comparison scores. Indicator scores range from 0-3, where 0 indicates the best outcome and 3 indicates the worst outcome (Figure 47).

#### **Topic Score**

Indicators are then categorized into topic areas. Topic scores are calculated by averaging all relevant indicator scores, with indicators equally weighted. Topic scores range from 0-3, where 0 indicates the best outcome and 3 indicates the worst outcome (Figure 47). Indicators may be categorized into more than one topic area.



## **Comparison Scores**

Up to 7 comparison scores were used to assess the status of Pitt County. The possible comparisons are shown in Figure 48 and include a comparison of Pitt County to North Carolina counties, all U.S. counties, the North Carolina state value, the U.S. value, Healthy People 2020 targets, Healthy North Carolina 2020 targets, and the trend over time. Availability of each type of comparison varies by indicator and is dependent upon the data source, comparability with data collected for other communities, and changes in methodology over time. The determination of comparison scores for each type of comparison is discussed in more detail below.

Figure 48. Comparisons used in Secondary

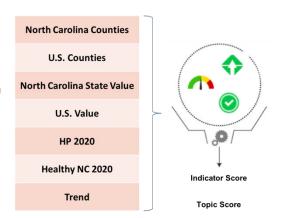


Figure 49. Compare to Distribution Indicator

# Comparison to a Distribution of North Carolina Counties and U.S. Counties

For ease of interpretation and analysis, indicator data on <u>HealthENC.org</u> is visually represented as a green-yellow-red gauge showing how Pitt County is faring against a distribution of counties in North Carolina or the U.S. (Figure 49).



A distribution is created by taking all county values within the state or nation, ordering them from low to high, and dividing them into four equally sized groups based on their order (Figure 50). The comparison score is determined by how Pitt County falls within these four groups or quartiles.

All County Values Ordered by Value Divided into Quartiles

Figure 50. Distribution of County Values

### Comparison to North Carolina Value and U.S. Value

As shown in Figure 51, the diamond represents how Pitt County compares to the North Carolina state value and the national value. When comparing to a single value, the comparison score is determined by how much better or worse the county value is relative to the comparison value.

Figure 51. Comparison to Single Value



#### Comparison to Healthy People 2020 and Healthy North Carolina 2020 Targets

As shown in Figure 52, the circle represents how Pitt County compares to a target value. Two target values are taken into consideration for this analysis: Healthy People 2020 and Healthy North Carolina 2020. Healthy People 2020<sup>50</sup> goals are national objectives for improving the health of the nation set by the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Healthy People Initiative. Healthy North Carolina 2020<sup>51</sup> objectives provide a common set of health indicators that the state can work to improve. The North Carolina Institute of

Figure 52. Comparison to Target Value





Medicine, in collaboration with the Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians; the Division of Public Health, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS); the Office of Healthy Carolinians and Health Education, NC DHHS; and the State Center for Health Statistics, NC DHHS, helped lead the development of the Healthy NC 2020 objectives. When comparing to a target, the comparison score is determined by whether the target is met or unmet, and the percent difference between the indicator value and the target value.

#### **Trend Over Time**

As shown in Figure 53, the square represents the measured trend. The Mann-Kendall statistical test for trend is used to assess whether the value for Pitt County is increasing or decreasing over time and whether the trend is statistically significant. The trend comparison uses the four most recent comparable values for the county, and statistical significance is determined at the 90% confidence level. For each indicator with values available for four time periods, a comparison score is determined by the trend's direction and its statistical significance.

Figure 53. Trend Over Time







#### **Missing Values**

Indicator scores are calculated using the comparison scores, availability of which depends on the data source. If an indicator does not have data for a specific comparison type that is included for indicator score calculations, the missing comparison is substituted with a neutral score. When information is unknown due to lack of comparable data, the neutral value assumes that the missing comparison score is neither good nor bad and does not impact the indicator's weighted average.

## **Indicator Scoring**

Indicator scores are calculated as a weighted average of all included comparison scores. If none of the included comparison types are possible for an indicator, no score is calculated, and the indicator is excluded from the data scoring results.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> For more information on Healthy People 2020, see <a href="https://www.healthypeople.gov/">https://www.healthypeople.gov/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> For more Information on Healthy North Carolina 2020, see: <a href="https://publichealth.nc.gov/hnc2020/">https://publichealth.nc.gov/hnc2020/</a>

## **Topic Scoring**

Indicator scores are averaged by topic area to calculate topic scores. Each indicator may be included in up to three topic areas if appropriate. Resulting scores range from 0-3, where a higher score indicates a greater level of need as evidenced by the data. A topic score is only calculated if it includes at least three indicators.

## Age, Gender and Race/Ethnicity Disparities

When a given indicator has data available for population subgroups – such as age, gender and race/ethnicity – and values for these subgroups include confidence intervals, we are able to determine if there is a significant difference between the subgroup's value and the overall value. A significant difference is defined as two values with non-overlapping confidence intervals. Confidence intervals are not available for all indicators. In these cases, disparities cannot be determined because there is not enough data to conclude whether two values are significantly different from each other.

## **Topic Scoring Table**

Table 20 shows the Topic Scores for Pitt County, with higher scores indicating a higher need.

**Table 20. Topic Scores for Pitt County** 

Health and Quality of Life Topics	Score
Maternal, Fetal & Infant Health	2.08
Immunizations & Infectious Diseases	1.93
Wellness & Lifestyle	1.89
Environmental & Occupational Health	1.79
Other Chronic Diseases	1.77
Economy	1.71
Men's Health	1.68
Diabetes	1.68
Mental Health & Mental Disorders	1.65
Public Safety	1.65
Substance Abuse	1.65
Children's Health	1.64
Education	1.59
Heart Disease & Stroke	1.58
Social Environment	1.58
Older Adults & Aging	1.56
Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight	1.53
County Health Rankings	1.53
Women's Health	1.50
Mortality Data	1.46
Environment	1.44
Prevention & Safety	1.41
Transportation	1.39
Respiratory Diseases	1.38
Cancer	1.23
Access to Health Services	0.94

## **Indicator Scoring Table**

Table 21 (spanning multiple pages) presents the indicator data used in the quantitative data analysis. Indicators are grouped into topic areas and sorted by indicator score, with higher scores indicating a higher need. Pitt County values are displayed alongside various comparison values and the period of measurement. Additional data can be found on <a href="https://example.com/healthenc.org">Healthenc.org</a>.

**Table 21. Indicator Scores by Topic Area** 

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.03	Children with Health Insurance	2016	percent	93.6	95.5	95.5	100.0			1
1.48	Persons with Health Insurance	2016	percent	87.7	87.8		100.0	92.0		19
1.43	Adults with Health Insurance	2016	percent	85.1	84.9	88.0	100.0		25-34	1
1.28	Clinical Care Ranking	2018	ranking	8						5
	Preventable Hospital Stays: Medicare		discharges/ 1,000 Medicare							
0.90	Population	2014	enrollees	48.6	49.0	49.9			Black	20
0.70	Mental Health Provider Rate	2017	providers/ 100,000 population	334.6	215.5	214.3				5
			providers/ 100,000							
0.50	Primary Care Provider Rate	2015	population	100.7	70.6	75.5				5
			dentists/ 100,000							
0.30	Dentist Rate	2016	population	80.1	54.7	67.4				5
	Non-Physician Primary Care Provider		providers/ 100,000							
0.30	Rate	2017	population	150.7	102.5	81.2				5

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	CANCER	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Oral									
2.33	Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.3			8
2.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Prostate Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 males	27.7	21.6	20.1	21.8			8
2.15	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Breast Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 females	24.2	21.6	21.2	20.7			8
1.85	Breast Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	133.0	129.4	123.5				8
1.83	Childhood Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population 0-19	17.8	16.0	17.6				8
1.55	Oral Cavity and Pharynx Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	12.6	12.2	11.5				8
1.53	Cervical Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.3			8
1.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Lung Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	46.2	50.7	44.7	45.5			8

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

1.20	Prostate Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 males	115.1	125.0	114.8			Black	8
1.10	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	169.6	172.0	166.1	161.4			8
1.10	Lung and Bronchus Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	64.1	70.0	61.2			Male	8
1.05	Liver and Bile Duct Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	6.3	7.7	7.8				8
0.95	All Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	423.9	457.0	443.6			Male	8
0.95	Mammography Screening: Medicare Population	2014	percent	68.4	67.9	63.1				20
	·									
0.90	Cancer: Medicare Population	2015	percent	7.2	7.7	7.8				4
0.90	Ovarian Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	10.7	10.9	11.4				8
0.85	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Colorectal Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	13.4	14.1	14.8	14.5	10.1		8
0.75	Pancreatic Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	11.2	12.0	12.5				8
0.50	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Pancreatic Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	8.6	10.8	10.9				8
0.50	Bladder Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	17.2	20.1	20.5			Male	8
0.35	Colorectal Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	33.5	37.7	39.8	39.9			8

SCORE	CHILDREN'S HEALTH	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
JCOILE	CHIEDREN STIEAETH	1 EIIIOD	ONITS	COOMIT	NORTH CAROLINA	0.5.	111 2020	2020	DISTANTI	JOUNGE
2.03	Children with Health Insurance	2016	percent	93.6	95.5	95.5	100.0			1
			cases/ 100,000 population							
1.83	Childhood Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	0-19	17.8	16.0	17.6				8
1.50	Child Food Insecurity Rate	2016	percent	21.9	20.9	17.9				6
	Children with Low Access to a Grocery									
1.20	Store	2015	percent	2.4						23

SCORE	COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
1.73	Morbidity Ranking	2018	ranking	77						5
1.58	Health Behaviors Ranking	2018	ranking	73						5
1.58	Physical Environment Ranking	2018	ranking	60						5
1.58	Social and Economic Factors Ranking	2018	ranking	60						5
1.43	Mortality Ranking	2018	ranking	36						5
1.28	Clinical Care Ranking	2018	ranking	8						5

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	DIABETES	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.20	Diabetes: Medicare Population	2015	percent	30.9	28.4	26.5				4
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
1.93	Diabetes	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	27.5	23.0	21.1				18
	Diabetic Monitoring: Medicare									
1.60	Population	2014	percent	88.1	88.8	85.2				20
1.00	Adults 20+ with Diabetes	2014	percent	9.9	11.1	10.0				5

SCORE	DISABILITIES	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.03	Persons with Disability Living in Poverty (5-year)	2012-2016	percent	32.6	29.0	27.6				1
1.45	Households with Supplemental Security Income	2012-2016	percent	5.3	5.0	5.4				1

SCORE	ECONOMY	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
		,					2020		12-17, 18-24, Black or African	00001
2.65	People Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	24.5	16.8	15.1		12.5	American, Other	1
	Students Eligible for the Free Lunch									
2.55	Program	2015-2016	percent	58.8	52.6	42.6				9
2.50	Homeownership	2012-2016	percent	46.9	55.5	55.9				1
									Black or African American, Hispanic or	
2.35	Families Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	15.1	12.4	11.0			Latino, Other	1
2.30	Food Insecurity Rate	2016	percent	20.8	15.4	12.9				6
									Black or African	
2.20	Children Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	28.2	23.9	21.2			American	1
2.15	Renters Spending 30% or More of Household Income on Rent	2012-2016	percent	51.9	49.4	47.3		36.1		1
2.10	Severe Housing Problems	2010-2014	percent	21.8	16.6	18.8				5
2.03	Persons with Disability Living in Poverty (5-year)	2012-2016	percent	32.6	29.0	27.6				1
1.95	People Living 200% Above Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	56.3	62.3	66.4				1
4.05		2042 2045	delle	42200	40256	55222			Black or African American, Hispanic or	
1.85	Median Household Income	2012-2016	dollars	42308	48256	55322			Latino, Other	1

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

							Black or African	
1.80	People 65+ Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	11.1	9.7	9.3	American	1
1.78	Median Housing Unit Value	2012-2016	dollars	135000	157100	184700		1
	Median Monthly Owner Costs for							
1.78	Households without a Mortgage	2012-2016	dollars	423	376	462		1
4.70	Young Children Living Below Poverty	2012 2016		20.0	27.2	22.6	Black or African	1
1.70	Level	2012-2016	percent	28.0	27.3	23.6	American American Indian	1
							or Alaska Native,	
							Black or African	
							American,	
							Hispanic or Latino, Other,	
							Two or More	
1.65	Per Capita Income	2012-2016	dollars	24066	26779	29829	Races	1
1.58	Social and Economic Factors Ranking	2018	ranking	60				5
1.50	Child Food Insecurity Rate	2016	percent	21.9	20.9	17.9		6
	Unemployed Workers in Civilian Labor							
1.50	Force	April 2018	percent	4.0	3.7	3.7		21
4.45	Households with Supplemental Security	2042 2046		<b>5</b> 2	5.0	<b>5</b> 4		4
1.45	Income	2012-2016	percent	5.3	5.0	5.4		1
1.40	SNAP Certified Stores	2016	stores/ 1,000 population	0.9				23
1.38	Median Household Gross Rent	2012-2016	dollars	736	816	949		1
	Mortgaged Owners Median Monthly							
1.33	Household Costs	2012-2016	dollars	1243	1243	1491		1
	Low-Income and Low Access to a							
1.20	Grocery Store	2015	percent	3.2				23
1.20	Population 16+ in Civilian Labor Force	2012-2016	percent	65.3	61.5	63.1		1
4.00	Female Population 16+ in Civilian Labor	2042 2046		62.6	57.4	50.2		4
1.00	Force	2012-2016	percent	62.6	57.4	58.3		1
0.60	Total Employment Change	2014-2015	percent	4.0	3.1	2.5		22
	Households with Cash Public Assistance							
0.50	Income	2012-2016	percent	1.2	1.9	2.7		1

SCORE	EDUCATION	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	8th Grade Students Proficient in									
2.25	Reading	2016-2017	percent	45.9	53.7					14
	4th Grade Students Proficient in									
2.05	Reading	2016-2017	percent	48.1	57.7					14
1.95	4th Grade Students Proficient in Math	2016-2017	percent	48.1	58.6					14
1.70	8th Grade Students Proficient in Math	2016-2017	percent	38.8	45.8					14

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

1.65	High School Graduation	2016-2017	percent	86.2	86.5	87.0	94.6		14
1.45	Student-to-Teacher Ratio	2015-2016	students/ teacher	15.3	15.6	17.7			9
								65+, Black or	
	People 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree or							African	
0.95	Higher	2012-2016	percent	29.5	29.0	30.3		American, Other	1
								65+, Black or	
	People 25+ with a High School Degree							African	
0.75	or Higher	2012-2016	percent	88.8	86.3	87.0		American, Other	1

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	нідн	
SCORE	ENVIRONMENT	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.10	Severe Housing Problems	2010-2014	percent	21.8	16.6	18.8				5
			restaurants/ 1,000							
1.95	Fast Food Restaurant Density	2014	population	0.9						23
1.90	Grocery Store Density	2014	stores/ 1,000 population	0.1						23
1.85	Food Environment Index	2018		6.6	6.4	7.7				5
	Recognized Carcinogens Released into									
1.80	Air	2016	pounds	80410						24
1.58	Physical Environment Ranking	2018	ranking	60						5
1.50	Liquor Store Density	2015	stores/ 100,000 population	6.8	5.8	10.5				22
1.40	PBT Released	2016	pounds	1490						24
1.40	SNAP Certified Stores	2016	stores/ 1,000 population	0.9						23
1.35		2018	, , , ,	78.6	76.1	83.1				5
	Access to Exercise Opportunities		percent		70.1	83.1				
1.35	Farmers Market Density	2016	markets/ 1,000 population	0.03						23
1.35	Recreation and Fitness Facilities	2014	facilities/ 1,000 population	0.09						23
1.28	Annual Particle Pollution	2014-2016		Α						2
1.28	Drinking Water Violations	FY 2013-14	percent	3.2	4.0			5.0		5
	Children with Low Access to a Grocery									
1.20	Store	2015	percent	2.4						23
1.20	Households with No Car and Low Access	2015	noroont	2.2						23
1.20	to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	2.2						25
1.20	Low-Income and Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	3.2						23
	People 65+ with Low Access to a		percent	<u> </u>						
1.20	Grocery Store	2015	percent	0.9						23
1.18	Annual Ozone Air Quality	2014-2016		А						2
0.70	Houses Built Prior to 1950	2012-2016	percent	5.4	9.1	18.2				1

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

SCORE	ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
1.95	Asthma: Medicare Population	2015	percent	8.5	8.4	8.2				4
	Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rate due		hospitalizations/ 10,000							
1.85	to Asthma	2014	population	123.7	90.9					11
1.58	Physical Environment Ranking	2018	ranking	60						5

SCORE	EXERCISE, NUTRITION, & WEIGHT	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.30	Food Insecurity Rate	2016	percent	20.8	15.4	12.9	111 2020	1010	2.017	6
2.30	rood insecurity rate	2010	restaurants/ 1,000	20.0	13.4	12.3				
1.95	Fast Food Restaurant Density	2014	population	0.9						23
1.90	Grocery Store Density	2014	stores/ 1,000 population	0.1						23
1.85	Food Environment Index	2018		6.6	6.4	7.7				5
1.80	Adults 20+ who are Sedentary	2014	percent	26.0	24.3	23.0	32.6			5
1.75	Workers who Walk to Work	2012-2016	percent	2.0	1.8	2.8	3.1		60-64, Asian	1
1.58	Health Behaviors Ranking	2018	ranking	73						5
1.50	Child Food Insecurity Rate	2016	percent	21.9	20.9	17.9				6
1.40	SNAP Certified Stores	2016	stores/ 1,000 population	0.9						23
1.35	Access to Exercise Opportunities	2018	percent	78.6	76.1	83.1				5
1.35	Farmers Market Density	2016	markets/ 1,000 population	0.03						23
1.35	Recreation and Fitness Facilities	2014	facilities/ 1,000 population	0.09						23
1.20	Children with Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	2.4						23
1.20	Households with No Car and Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	2.2						23
1.20	Low-Income and Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	3.2						23
1.20	People 65+ with Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	0.9						23
1.15	Adults 20+ who are Obese	2014	percent	30.0	29.6	28.0	30.5			5

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	FAMILY PLANNING	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
			pregnancies/ 1,000 females							
1.35	Teen Pregnancy Rate	2012-2016	aged 15-17	18.1	15.7		36.2			18

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
1.80	Voter Turnout: Presidential Election	2016	percent	64.5	67.7					16

SCORE	HEART DISEASE & STROKE	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.55	Stroke: Medicare Population	2015	percent	4.4	3.9	4.0				4
2.03	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	47.4	43.1	36.9	34.8			18
1.90	Hypertension: Medicare Population	2015	percent	60.2	58.0	55.0				4
1.60	Heart Failure: Medicare Population	2015	percent	12.9	12.5	13.5				4
1.45	Hyperlipidemia: Medicare Population	2015	percent	43.2	46.3	44.6				4
1.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Heart Disease Ischemic Heart Disease: Medicare	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	171.7	161.3			161.5		18
1.15	Population	2015	percent	23.5	24.0	26.5				4
0.70	Atrial Fibrillation: Medicare Population	2015	percent	6.7	7.7	8.1				4

SCORE	IMMUNIZATIONS & INFECTIOUS DISEASES	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.50	Syphilis Incidence Rate	2016	cases/ 100,000 population	13.6	10.8	8.7				10
2.48	Gonorrhea Incidence Rate	2016	cases/ 100,000 population	374.7	194.4	145.8				12
2.28	Chlamydia Incidence Rate	2016	cases/ 100,000 population	1074.4	572.4	497.3				12
2.23	Tuberculosis Incidence Rate	2014	cases/ 100,000 population	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.0			12
2.10	HIV Diagnosis Rate	2014-2016	cases/ 100,000 population	23.0	16.1			22.2		12
1.85	AIDS Diagnosis Rate	2016	cases/ 100,000 population	10.1	7.0					12
1.43	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to HIV	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	2.4	2.2	2.0	3.3			18
0.58	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Influenza and Pneumonia	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	10.8	17.8	14.8		13.5		18

CODE	MAATERNAL EETAL O INFANT HEALTH	MEASUREMENT	LINUTC	PITT	NODTH CAROLINA		1102020	HEALTHY NC	HIGH	COLUDE
SCORE	MATERNAL, FETAL & INFANT HEALTH	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.43	Babies with Very Low Birth Weight	2012-2016	percent	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.4			17

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

2.	.38	Infant Mortality Rate	2012-2016	deaths/ 1,000 live births	11.4	7.2	6.0	6.0	6.3	18
2.	.33	Preterm Births	2016	percent	12.5	10.4	9.8	9.4		17
1.	.93	Babies with Low Birth Weight	2012-2016	percent	9.6	9.0	8.1	7.8		17
				pregnancies/ 1,000 females						
1.	.35	Teen Pregnancy Rate	2012-2016	aged 15-17	18.1	15.7		36.2		18

SCORE	MEN'S HEALTH	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Prostate Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 males	27.7	21.6	20.1	21.8			8
1.60	Life Expectancy for Males	2014	years	74.7	75.4	76.7		79.5		7
1.20	Prostate Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 males	115.1	125.0	114.8			Black	8

SCORE	MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL DISORDERS	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Poor Mental Health: Average Number of									
2.55	Days	2016	days	4.5	3.9	3.8		2.8		5
2.10	Depression: Medicare Population	2015	percent	18.1	17.5	16.7				4
2.10	Frequent Mental Distress	2016	percent	13.8	12.3	15.0				5
1.83	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Alzheimer's Disease	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	31.8	31.9	26.6				18
1.15	Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia: Medicare Population	2015	percent	8.9	9.8	9.9				4
1.13	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Suicide	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	10.6	12.9	13.0	10.2	8.3		18
			providers/ 100,000							
0.70	Mental Health Provider Rate	2017	population	334.6	215.5	214.3				5

SCORE	MORTALITY DATA	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.38	Infant Mortality Rate	2012-2016	deaths/ 1,000 live births	11.4	7.2	6.0	6.0	6.3		18
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Oral									
2.33	Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.3			8
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
2.25	Prostate Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 males	27.7	21.6	20.1	21.8			8
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Breast									
2.15	Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 females	24.2	21.6	21.2	20.7			8
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
2.03	Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	47.4	43.1	36.9	34.8			18

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1.00	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Homicide	2012 2016	dootho/100,000 mooulation	6.0	6.3			6.7		10
1.98	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	6.8	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.7		18
1.93	Diabetes	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	27.5	23.0	21.1				18
1.83	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Alzheimer's Disease	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	31.8	31.9	26.6				18
1.60	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Firearms	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	11.8	12.7	11.0	9.3		Male	3
1.43	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to HIV	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	2.4	2.2	2.0	3.3			18
1.43	Mortality Ranking	2018	ranking	36						5
1.35	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Motor Vehicle Collisions	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	13.8	14.1					18
1.35	Premature Death	2014-2016	years/ 100,000 population	7428.6	7281.1	6658.1				5
1.33	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Unintentional Injuries	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	33.4	31.9	41.4	36.4			18
1.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Heart Disease	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	171.7	161.3			161.5		18
1.25	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Lung Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	46.2	50.7	44.7	45.5			8
1.13	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Suicide	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	10.6	12.9	13.0	10.2	8.3		18
1.10	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	169.6	172.0	166.1	161.4			8
1.10	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths	2012-2016	percent	26.8	31.4	29.3		4.7		5
1.05	Death Rate due to Drug Poisoning	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	14.0	16.2	16.9				5
0.85	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Colorectal Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	13.4	14.1	14.8	14.5	10.1		8
0.85	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Unintentional Poisonings	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	12.3	15.1	15.4		9.9		3
0.58	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Influenza and Pneumonia	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	10.8	17.8	14.8		13.5		18
0.50	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Pancreatic Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	8.6	10.8	10.9				8

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	HIGH	
SCORE	OLDER ADULTS & AGING	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Chronic Kidney Disease: Medicare									
2.55	Population	2015	percent	21.0	19.0	18.1				4
2.55	Stroke: Medicare Population	2015	percent	4.4	3.9	4.0				4
2.20	Diabetes: Medicare Population	2015	percent	30.9	28.4	26.5				4
2.10	Depression: Medicare Population	2015	percent	18.1	17.5	16.7				4
1.95	Asthma: Medicare Population	2015	percent	8.5	8.4	8.2				4

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1.90	Hypertension: Medicare Population	2015	percent	60.2	58.0	55.0		4
1.50	,,	2013	percent	00.2	30.0	33.0		
1.83	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Alzheimer's Disease	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	31.8	31.9	26.6		18
1.05	Alzheimer's Disease	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	31.8	31.9	20.0	Black or African	10
1.80	People 65+ Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	11.1	9.7	9.3	American	1
1.70	People 65+ Living Alone	2012-2016	percent	27.3	26.8	26.4		1
	Diabetic Monitoring: Medicare							
1.60	Population	2014	percent	88.1	88.8	85.2		20
1.60	Heart Failure: Medicare Population	2015	percent	12.9	12.5	13.5		4
	Rheumatoid Arthritis or Osteoarthritis:							
1.50	Medicare Population	2015	percent	27.8	29.1	30.0		4
1 45	Llunariaidamia, Madisara Danulatian	2015	norcont	42.2	46.2	44.6		Δ
1.45	Hyperlipidemia: Medicare Population	2015	percent	43.2	46.3	44.6		4
1.25	Osteoporosis: Medicare Population	2015	percent	5.1	5.4	6.0		4
	People 65+ with Low Access to a							
1.20	Grocery Store	2015	percent	0.9				23
	Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia:							
1.15	Medicare Population	2015	percent	8.9	9.8	9.9		4
	Ischemic Heart Disease: Medicare							
1.15	Population	2015	percent	23.5	24.0	26.5		4
	Mammography Screening: Medicare							
0.95	Population	2014	percent	68.4	67.9	63.1		20
0.90	Cancer: Medicare Population	2015	percent	7.2	7.7	7.8		4
0.70	Atrial Fibrillation: Medicare Population	2015	percent	6.7	7.7	8.1		4
0.70	COPD: Medicare Population	2015	percent	9.3	11.9	11.2		4

SCORE	ORAL HEALTH	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Oral Cavity and Pharynx Cancer									
1.55	Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	12.6	12.2	11.5				8
			dentists/ 100,000							
0.30	Dentist Rate	2016	population	80.1	54.7	67.4				5

SCORE	OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Chronic Kidney Disease: Medicare									
2.55	Population	2015	percent	21.0	19.0	18.1				4
	Rheumatoid Arthritis or Osteoarthritis:									
1.50	Medicare Population	2015	percent	27.8	29.1	30.0				4
1.25	Osteoporosis: Medicare Population	2015	percent	5.1	5.4	6.0				4

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SCORE	PREVENTION & SAFETY	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.10	Severe Housing Problems	2010-2014	percent	21.8	16.6	18.8				5
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
1.60	Firearms	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	11.8	12.7	11.0	9.3		Male	3
1.60	Domestic Violence Deaths	2016	number	6						15
1.35	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Motor Vehicle Collisions	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	13.8	14.1					18
1.33	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Unintentional Injuries	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	33.4	31.9	41.4	36.4			18
1.05	Death Rate due to Drug Poisoning	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	14.0	16.2	16.9				5
0.85	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Unintentional Poisonings	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	12.3	15.1	15.4		9.9		3

SCORE	PUBLIC SAFETY	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.08	Violent Crime Rate	2016	crimes/ 100,000 population	427.8	374.9	386.3				13
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
1.98	Homicide	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	6.8	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.7		18
1.85	Property Crime Rate	2016	crimes/ 100,000 population	3107.2	2779.7					13
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to									
1.60	Firearms	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	11.8	12.7	11.0	9.3		Male	3
1.60	Domestic Violence Deaths	2016	number	6						15
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Motor									
1.35	Vehicle Collisions	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	13.8	14.1					18
1.10	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths	2012-2016	percent	26.8	31.4	29.3		4.7		5

SCORE	RESPIRATORY DISEASES	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.23	Tuberculosis Incidence Rate	2014	cases/ 100,000 population	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.0			12
1.95	Asthma: Medicare Population	2015	percent	8.5	8.4	8.2				4
	Age-Adjusted Hospitalization Rate due		hospitalizations/ 10,000							
1.85	to Asthma	2014	population	123.7	90.9					11
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Lung									
1.25	Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 population	46.2	50.7	44.7	45.5			8
	Lung and Bronchus Cancer Incidence									
1.10	Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 population	64.1	70.0	61.2			Male	8

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0.70	COPD: Medicare Population	2015	percent	9.3	11.9	11.2		4
0.58	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Influenza and Pneumonia	2012-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	10.8	17.8	14.8	13.5	18

SCORE	SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
									12-17, 18-24,	
2.65	People Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	percent	24.5	16.8	15.1		12.5	Black or African American, Other	1
2.50	Homeownership	2012-2016	percent	46.9	55.5	55.9				1
2.20	Children Living Below Poverty Level	2012-2016	norcont	28.2	23.9	21.2			Black or African American	1
	-	2012-2016	percent	42.1	35.7	33.6			American	1
2.15	Single-Parent Households	2012-2016	percent membership associations/	42.1	33.7	33.0				
2.05	Social Associations	2015	10,000 population	9.8	11.5	9.3			Black or African	5
									American, Hispanic or	
1.85	Median Household Income	2012-2016	dollars	42308	48256	55322			Latino, Other	1
1.80	Voter Turnout: Presidential Election	2016	percent	64.5	67.7					16
1.78	Median Housing Unit Value	2012-2016	dollars	135000	157100	184700				1
4 =0	Median Monthly Owner Costs for	2042 2046		400	275	460				
1.78	Households without a Mortgage	2012-2016	dollars	423	376	462				1
1.70	People 65+ Living Alone Young Children Living Below Poverty	2012-2016	percent	27.3	26.8	26.4			Black or African	1
1.70	Level	2012-2016	percent	28.0	27.3	23.6			American	1
									American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Other, Two or More	
1.65	Per Capita Income	2012-2016	dollars	24066	26779	29829			Races	1
1.58	Social and Economic Factors Ranking	2018	ranking	60						5
1.48	Persons with Health Insurance	2016	percent	87.7	87.8		100.0	92.0		19
1.38	Median Household Gross Rent	2012-2016	dollars	736	816	949				1
1.33	Mortgaged Owners Median Monthly Household Costs	2012-2016	dollars	1243	1243	1491				1
1.20	Population 16+ in Civilian Labor Force	2012-2016	percent	65.3	61.5	63.1				1
1.10	Linguistic Isolation	2012-2016	percent	1.6	2.5	4.5				1
1.05	Mean Travel Time to Work	2012-2016	minutes	20.1	24.1	26.1				1

<sup>+</sup>High Disparity includes differences in which subgroups do significantly better or significantly worse than the overall county value. Subgroup values are given in parentheses.

	Female Population 16+ in Civilian Labor							
1.0	<b>0</b> Force	2012-2016	percent	62.6	57.4	58.3		1
							65+, Black or	
	People 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree or						African	
0.9	5 Higher	2012-2016	percent	29.5	29.0	30.3	American, Other	1
							65+, Black or	
	People 25+ with a High School Degree						African	
0.7	or Higher	2012-2016	percent	88.8	86.3	87.0	American, Other	1
0.6	O Total Employment Change	2014-2015	percent	4.0	3.1	2.5		22

SCORE	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.70	Adults who Smoke	2016	percent	20.4	17.9	17.0	12.0	13.0		5
1.95	Adults who Drink Excessively	2016	percent	19.3	16.7	18.0	25.4			5
1.58	Health Behaviors Ranking	2018	ranking	73						5
1.50	Liquor Store Density	2015	stores/ 100,000 population	6.8	5.8	10.5				22
1.10	Alcohol-Impaired Driving Deaths	2012-2016	percent	26.8	31.4	29.3		4.7		5
1.05	Death Rate due to Drug Poisoning	2014-2016	deaths/ 100,000 population	14.0	16.2	16.9				5

		MEASUREMENT		PITT				HEALTHY NC	нідн	
SCORE	TEEN & ADOLESCENT HEALTH	PERIOD	UNITS	COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	2020	DISPARITY*	SOURCE
			pregnancies/ 1,000 females							
1.35	Teen Pregnancy Rate	2012-2016	aged 15-17	18.1	15.7		36.2			18

SCORE	TRANSPORTATION	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.05	Workers who Drive Alone to Work	2012-2016	percent	83.9	81.1	76.4			White, non- Hispanic	1
1.75	Workers who Walk to Work	2012-2016	percent	2.0	1.8	2.8	3.1		60-64, Asian	1
1.70	Households without a Vehicle	2012-2016	percent	7.9	6.3	9.0				1
1.25	Workers Commuting by Public Transportation	2012-2016	percent	1.1	1.1	5.1	5.5		White, non- Hispanic	1
1.20	Households with No Car and Low Access to a Grocery Store	2015	percent	2.2						23
1.05	Mean Travel Time to Work	2012-2016	minutes	20.1	24.1	26.1				1
0.70	Solo Drivers with a Long Commute	2012-2016	percent	20.2	31.3	34.7				5

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SCORE	WELLNESS & LIFESTYLE	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
2.25	Insufficient Sleep	2016	percent	38.1	33.8	38.0				5
2.25	Poor Physical Health: Average Number of Days	2016	days	4.2	3.6	3.7				5
2.25	Self-Reported General Health Assessment: Poor or Fair	2016	percent	19.8	17.6	16.0		9.9		5
1.73	Morbidity Ranking	2018	ranking	77						5
1.65	Frequent Physical Distress	2016	percent	13.0	11.3	15.0				5
1.60	Life Expectancy for Males	2014	years	74.7	75.4	76.7		79.5		7
1.50	Life Expectancy for Females	2014	years	79.9	80.2	81.5		79.5		7

SCORE	WOMEN'S HEALTH	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	UNITS	PITT COUNTY	NORTH CAROLINA	U.S.	HP2020	HEALTHY NC 2020	HIGH DISPARITY*	SOURCE
	Age-Adjusted Death Rate due to Breast									_
2.15	Cancer	2010-2014	deaths/ 100,000 females	24.2	21.6	21.2	20.7			8
1.85	Breast Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	133.0	129.4	123.5				8
1.60	Domestic Violence Deaths	2016	number	6						15
1.53	Cervical Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.3			8
1.50	Life Expectancy for Females	2014	years	79.9	80.2	81.5		79.5		7
	Mammography Screening: Medicare									
0.95	Population	2014	percent	68.4	67.9	63.1				20
0.90	Ovarian Cancer Incidence Rate	2010-2014	cases/ 100,000 females	10.7	10.9	11.4				8

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### **Sources**

Table 22 displays the list of sources used in secondary data scoring. Number keys are referenced alongside each indicator in the Indicator Scoring Table.

**Table 22. Indicator Sources and Corresponding Number Keys** 

Number Key	Source
1	American Community Survey
2	American Lung Association
3	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
5	County Health Rankings
6	Feeding America
7	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
8	National Cancer Institute
9	National Center for Education Statistics
10	National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
11	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
12	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Communicable Disease Branch
13	North Carolina Department of Justice
14	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
15	North Carolina Department of Public Safety
16	North Carolina State Board of Elections
17	North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics
18	North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics
19	Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
20	The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care
21	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
22	U.S. Census - County Business Patterns
23	U.S. Department of Agriculture - Food Environment Atlas
24	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# **Appendix C. Primary Data**

Primary data used in this assessment was collected through a community survey and focus groups. The survey instruments and focus group questions are provided in this Appendix:

- English Survey
- Spanish Survey
- Focus Group Questions

## Eastern North Carolina Community Health Survey 2018

Welcome to the Community Health Survey for Eastern North Carolina!

We are conducting a Community Health Assessment for your county. This assessment is being undertaken by a partnership of 33 counties, hospitals, health systems, and health departments in Eastern North Carolina. It allows these partners to better understand the health status and needs of the community they serve and use the knowledge gained to implement programs that will benefit the community.

We can better understand community needs by gathering voices from the community. This survey allows community members like you to tell us about what you feel are important issues for your community. We estimate that it will take about 20 minutes to complete this ~60 question survey. Your answers to these questions will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Thank you very much for your input and your time! If you have questions about this survey, please contact Will Broughton at will.broughton@foundationhli.org.

## Part 1: Quality of Life

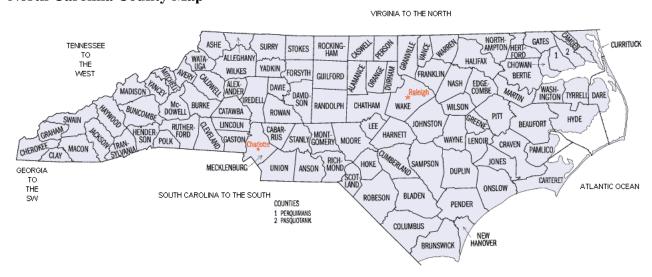
First, tell us a little bit about yourself...

1. Where do you o	Where do you currently live?						
ZIP/Postal Code							

### 2. What county do you live in?

Beaufort	Franklin	Onslow
Bertie	Gates	Pamlico
Bladen	Greene	Pasquotank
Camden	Halifax	Pender
Carteret	Hertford	Perquimans
Chowan	Hoke	Pitt
Cumberland	Hyde	Sampson
Currituck	Johnston	Tyrrell
Dare	Lenoir	Washington
Duplin	Martin	Wayne
Edgecombe	Nash	Wilson

#### **North Carolina County Map**



3. Think about the county that you live in. Please tell us whether you "strongly disagree", "disagree", "neutral", "agree" or "strongly agree" with each of the next 9 statements.

Statements	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
There is good healthcare in my County.					
This County is a good place to raise children.					
This County is a good place to grow old.					
There is plenty of economic opportunity in this					
This County is a safe place to live.					
There is plenty of help for people during times					
There is affordable housing that meets my					
There are good parks and recreation facilities					
It is easy to buy healthy foods in this County.					

# PART 2: Community Improvement

The next set of questions will ask about community problems, issues, and services that are important to you. Remember your choices will not be linked to you in any way.

	4. Please look at this list of community issues. In your opinion, which <u>one</u> issue most affects the quality of life in this County? ( <i>Please choose only one</i> .)						
	Pollution (air,		Discrimination/		Domestic violence		
water,	land)	racism	1		Violent crime		
	Dropping out of		Lack of community	(murd	er, assault)		
schoo	I	suppo	ort		Theft		
	Low		Drugs (Substance		Rape/sexual		
income/poverty		Abuse	)	assaul <sup>-</sup>	t		
	Homelessness		Neglect and abuse				
	Lack		Elder abuse				
of/ina	dequate health		Child abuse				
insura	nce						
	Hopelessness						
	Other (please specify)						

	neighborhood or community? ( <i>Please choose only one.</i> )						
	Animal control		Number of health		Positive teen		
	Child care options	care p	providers	activit	ies		
	Elder care options		Culturally		Transportation		
	Services for	appro	priate health	option	ns Availability		
disab	led people	servic	res	of em	ployment		
	More affordable		Counseling/		Higher paying		
health	n services	mental health/ support		emplo	yment		
	Better/ more	group	os		Road maintenance		
health	ny food choices		Better/ more		Road safety		
	More	recrea	ational facilities		None		
afforc	lable/better housing	(park	s, trails, community				
		cente	rs)				
			Healthy family				
		activi	ties				
	Other (please specify)						

# PART 3: Health Information

Now we'd like to hear more about where you get health information...

	your opinion, which <u>one</u> h mation about? ( <i>Please sug</i>		ehavior do people in your dy one.)	own co	mmunity need more
	Eating well/		Using child safety		Substance abuse
nutrit	ion	car se	eats	preve	ntion (ex: drugs and
	Exercising/ fitness		Using seat belts	alcoh	ol)
	Managing weight		Driving safely		Suicide prevention
	Going to a dentist		Quitting smoking/		Stress
for check-ups/ preventive		tobac	co use prevention	mana	gement
care			Child care/		Anger
	Going to the	paren	iting	mana	gement
docto	r for yearly check-		Elder care		Domestic violence
ups a	nd screenings		Caring for family	preve	ntion
	Getting prenatal	meml	pers with special		Crime prevention
care c	during pregnancy	needs	s/ disabilities		Rape/ sexual
	Getting flu shots		Preventing	abuse	prevention
and o	ther vaccines	pregr	nancy and sexually		None
	Preparing for an	transı	mitted disease (safe		
emer	gency/disaster	sex)			
	Other (please specify)				

7. Wh	7. Where do you get most of your health-related information? (Please choose only one.)						
	Friends and family		Internet		Employer		
	Doctor/nurse		My child's school		Help lines		
	Pharmacist		Hospital		Books/magazines		
	Church		Health department				
	Other (please specify)						

8. Wł	nat health topic(s)/ disease	e(s) wou	ld you like to learn more	e about?	
	you provide care for an o	elderly r	elative at your residence	e or at an	other residence?
	Yes				
	No				
	o you have children betw ides step-children, grand				
	Yes				
	No (if No, skip to qu	estion #	12)		
	Thich of the following hea mation about? (Check all	_	•	d/childre	n need(s) more
	Dental hygiene		Diabetes		Drug abuse
	Nutrition	mana	gement		Reckless
	Eating disorders		Tobacco	drivin	g/speeding
	Fitness/Exercise		STDs (Sexually		Mental health
	Asthma	Trans	mitted Diseases)	issues	
mana	gement		Sexual intercourse		Suicide prevention
			Alcohol		
	Other (please specify)				

## PART 4: Personal Health

These next questions are about your own personal health. Remember, the answers you give for this survey will not be linked to you in any way.

12. W	12. Would you say that, in general, your health is (Choose only one.)					
	Excellent					
	Very Good					
	Good					
	Fair					
	Poor					
	Don't know/not sure					
	ave you ever been told by f the following health con		No	Don't Know		
Asthm	na					
Depre	ession or anxiety					
High I						
	blood pressure					
High	cholesterol					
	cholesterol tes (not during					
Diabe pregn	cholesterol tes (not during					
Diabe pregn Osteo	cholesterol tes (not during ancy)					
Diabe pregn Osteo Overw	cholesterol tes (not during ancy)					

	hich of the following prevo t apply.)	entive s	ervices have you had in th	ie past 1	12 months? (Check
	Mammogram		Bone density test		Vision screening
	Prostate cancer		Physical exam		Cardiovascular
screen	ing		Pap smear	screen	ning
	Colon/rectal exam		Flu shot		Dental cleaning/X-
	Blood sugar check		Blood pressure	rays	
	Cholesterol	check			None of the above
	Hearing screening		Skin cancer		
		screer	ning		
	oout how long has it been so ? Include visits to dental :	-			-
	Within the past year (any	time les	ss than 12 months ago)		
	Within the past 2 years (n	nore th	an 1 year but less than 2 y	ears ag	0)
	Within the past 5 years (n	nore th	an 2 years but less than 5	years ag	go)
	Don't know/not sure				
	Never				
	the past 30 days, have the going about your normal a		• •	d or wo	orried kept you
	Yes				
	No				
	Don't know/not sure				

17. The next question is about alcohol. One drink is equivalent to a 12-ounce beer, a 5 ounce glass of wine, or a drink with one shot of liquor.

	dering all types		•	•	_	-	•
you ha	ave 5 or more di	rinks (if mal	e) or 4 or mo	ore drinks (i	if female) on	an occasion	?
0	4	8	12	<u> </u>	20	24	28
1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	<u> </u>	23	27	
D	on't know/no	ot sure					
use of	ow we will ask a drugs are impo formation is pe	rtant for un	derstanding	health issue	es in the coul	nty. We kno	w that
includ	you used any illo es marijuana, c how many days	ocaine, crac	k cocaine, ho	eroin, or any	y other illega	drug subst	_
o	4	8	12	16	20	24	28
1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	19	23	27	
D	on't know/no	ot sure					
(if you	responded 0, sk	ip to questio	n #20)				
19. Du	uring the past 30	days, which	ı illegal druş	g did you us	e? (Check al	l that apply.)	
	Marijuana						
	Cocaine						
	Heroin						
	Other (please s	pecify)					

prescript many tim	ion for (sucl nes during th	0 days, have has Oxycont ne past 30 dayoose only on	in, Percocet ys did you u	, Demerol, A	dderall, Rit	alin, or Xan	ax)? How
0	4	8	12	<u> </u>	20	24	28
1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	19	23	27	
Don	′tknow/n	ot sure					

US Ar	ne next question relates to veteran's health. Have you ever served on active duty in the rmed Forces (not including active duty only for training in the Reserves or National 1)? (Choose only one.)
	Yes
	No (if No, skip to question #23)
	as a doctor or other health professional ever told you that you have depression, y, or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)? (Choose only one.)
	Yes
	No
regula	ow we'd like to know about your fitness. During a normal week, other than in your or job, do you engage in any physical activity or exercise that lasts at least a half an (Choose only one.)
	Yes
	No (if No, skip to question #26)
	Don't know/not sure (if Don't know/not sure, skip to question #26)
	nce you said yes, how many times do you exercise or engage in physical activity g a normal week?

25. Where do you go to exercise or engage in physical activity? (Check all that apply.)						
	YMCA		Worksite/Employer			
	Park		School Facility/Grounds			
	Public Recreation Center		Home			
	Private Gym		Place of Worship			
	Other (please specify)					
Since	you responded YES to #23 (physical activit	ty/exercis	se), skip to question #27.			
	nce you said "no", what are the reasons y g a normal week? You can give as many o					
	My job is physical or hard labor		] I don't like to exercise.			
	Exercise is not important to me.		] It costs too much to exercise.			
	I don't have access to a facility that		There is no safe place to			
has th	ne things I need, like a pool, golf course,	exe	ercise.			
or a t	rack.		] I would need transportation and			
	I don't have enough time to exercise.	I do	on't have it.			
	I would need child care and I don't		] I'm too tired to exercise.			
have	it.		] I'm physically disabled.			
	I don't know how to find exercise		] I don't know			
partn	ers.					
	Other (please specify)					
			6			

27. <u>Not</u> counting lettuce salad or potato products such as french fries, think about how often you eat fruits and vegetables in an average week.

How many cups per week of fruits and vegetables would you say you eat? (One apple or 12 baby carrots equal one cup.) Number of Cups of Fruit Number of Cups of Vegetables Number of Cups of 100% Fruit Juice 28. Have you ever been exposed to secondhand smoke in the past year? (Choose only one.) Yes No (if No, skip to question #30) Don't know/not sure (if Don't know/not sure, skip to question #30) 29. If yes, where do you think you are exposed to secondhand smoke most often? (Check only one.) Home Workplace Hospitals Restaurants School I am not exposed to secondhand smoke. Other (please specify)

	o you currently use tobacco product ing tobacco and vaping.) (Choose on		des cigarettes, electronic cigarettes,
	Yes		
	No (if No, skip to question #32)		
31. If	yes, where would you go for help if	you wanted to	o quit? (Choose only one).
	Quit Line NC		Health Department
	Doctor		I don't know
	Pharmacy		Not applicable; I don't want to quit
	Private counselor/therapist		
	Other (please specify)		
vaccii spray	fow we will ask you questions about you can be a "flu shot" injected into youd into your nose. During the past 1 ose only one.)	your arm or s	pray like ''FluMist'' which is
	Yes, flu shot		
	Yes, flu spray		
	Yes, both		
	No		
	Don't know/not sure		

# Part 5: Access to Care/Family Health

33. Where do you go most often when you are sick? (Choose only one.)					
	Doctor' s office		Medical clinic		
	Health department		Urgent care center		
	Hospital				
	Other (please specify)				
	o you have any of the following types of heal rage? (Choose all that apply.)	th ins	urance or health care		
	Health insurance my employer provides				
	Health insurance my spouse's employer pro	ovides			
	Health insurance my school provides				
	Health insurance my parent or my parent's	emplo	oyer provides		
	Health insurance I bought myself				
	Health insurance through Health Insurance	Marke	etplace (Obamacare)		
	The military, Tricare, or the VA				
	Medicaid				
	Medicare				
	No health insurance of any kind				

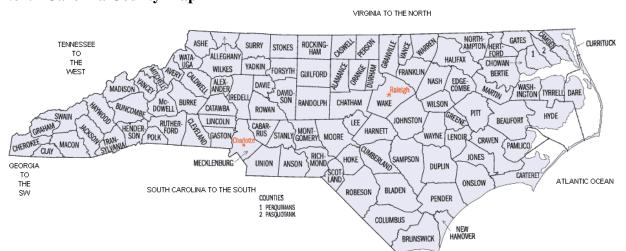
35. In the past 12 months, did you have a problem getting the health care you needed for you personally or for a family member from any type of health care provider, dentist, pharmacy, or other facility? (Choose only one.)						
	Yes					
	No (if No, skip to questi	on #38)				
	Don' t know/not sure					
	nce you said "yes," what typ trouble getting health care f	_		-	-	
	Dentist		Pharmacy/		Hospital	
	General practitioner	presci	riptions			
	Eye care/		Pediatrician		Urgent Care Center	
optor	metrist/		OB/GYN		Medical Clinic	
ophth	nalmologist		Health		Specialist	
		depar	tment			
	Other (please specify)					

necess	ary health care? You can choose as many of these as you need to.
	No health insurance.
	Insurance didn't cover what I/we needed.
	My/our share of the cost (deductible/co-pay) was too high.
	Doctor would not take my/our insurance or Medicaid.
	Hospital would not take my/our insurance.
	Pharmacy would not take my/our insurance or Medicaid.
	Dentist would not take my/our insurance or Medicaid.
	No way to get there.
	Didn't know where to go.
	Couldn't get an appointment.
	The wait was too long.
	The provider denied me care or treated me in a discriminatory manner because of my
HIV st	atus, or because I am an LGBT individual.

37. Which of these problems prevented you or your family member from getting the

38. In what county are most of the medical providers you visit located? (Choose only one.)							
	Beaufort				Martin		Pitt
	Bertie	Edgec	ombe		Moore		Richmond
	Bladen		Franklin		Nash		Robeson
	Brunswick		Gates		New		Sampson
	Camden		Granville	Hano	ver		Scotland
	Carteret		Greene				Tyrrell
	Chowan		Halifax	North	ampton		Vance
	Columbus		Harnett		Onslow		Wake
	Craven		Hertford		Pamlico		Warren
			Hoke				Washington
Cumb	erland		Hyde	Pasqu	otank		Wayne
	Currituck		Johnston		Pender		Wilson
	Dare		Jones				The State of
	Duplin		Lenoir	Perqu	imans	Virgin	ia
	Other (please	specify)	)				

#### **North Carolina County Map**



39. In the previous 12 months, were you ever worried about whether your family's food would run out before you got money to buy more? (Choose only one.)						
	Yes					
	No					
	Don't know/not sure					
	a friend or family member needed couns problem, who is the first person you wou	_	_			
	Private counselor or therapist		Don't know			
	Support group (e.g., AA. Al-Anon)		Doctor			
	School counselor		Pastor/Minister/Clergy			
	Other (please specify)					

# Part 6: Emergency Preparedness

only	oes your household have working sm one.)	oke and carb	oon monoxide detectors? (Choose
	Yes, smoke detectors only		
	Yes, both		
	Don't know/not sure		
	Yes, carbon monoxide detectors on	ly	
	No		
peris	Does your family have a basic emergen hable food, any necessary prescriptio electric can opener, blanket, etc.)		
	Yes		
	No		
	Don't know/not sure		
If yes	s, how many days do you have supplie	s for? (Write	number of days)
	What would be your main way of getti ter or emergency? (Check only one.)	ng informati	on from authorities in a large-scale
	Television		Social networking site
	Radio		Neighbors
	Internet		Family
	Telephone (landline)		Text message (emergency alert
	Cell Phone	syste	m)
	Print media (ex: newspaper)		Don't know/not sure

	Other (please specify)	
comm	public authorities announced a mandato nunity due to a large-scale disaster or emo k only one.)	ory evacuation from your neighborhood or ergency, would you evacuate?
	Yes (if Yes, skip to question #46)	
	No	
	Don't know/not sure	
45. W one.)	hat would be the main reason you might	not evacuate if asked to do so? (Check only
	Lack of transportation	Concern about leaving pets
	Lack of trust in public officials	Concern about traffic jams and
	Concern about leaving property	inability to get out
behin	d	Health problems (could not be
	Concern about personal safety	moved)
	Concern about family safety	Don't know/not sure
	Other (please specify)	

## Part 7: Demographic Questions

The next set of questions are general questions about you, which will only be reported as a summary of all answers given by survey participants. Your answers will remain anonymous.

46. Ho	ow old are you? (Choose o	nly one.	)				
	15-19		40-44		65-69		
	20-24		45-49		70-74		
	25-29		50-54		75-79		
	30-34		55-59		80-84		
	35-39		60-64		85 or older		
47. W	hat is your gender? (Choo	ose only	one.)				
	Male						
	Female						
	Transgender						
	Gender non-conforming						
	Other						
48. Ar	re you of Hispanic, Latino	, or Spa	nnish origin? (Choose only	one).			
	I am not of Hispanic, Lati	no or S	panish origin				
	Mexican, Mexican Americ	can, or (	Chicano				
	Puerto Rican						
	Cuban or Cuban America	ın					
	Other Hispanic or Latino	(please	specify)				

	hat is your race? (Choose only one).
	White or Caucasian
	Black or African American
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian Indian
	Other Asian including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Filipino/a
	Other Pacific Islander including Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Guamanian/Chamorro
	Other race not listed here (please specify)
<b>50.</b> Is	English the primary language spoken in your home? (Choose only one.)
	Yes
	Yes  No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.
51. W	
51. W	No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.
51. W	No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.  hat is your marital status? (Choose only one.)
51. W	No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.  hat is your marital status? (Choose only one.)  Never married/single
51. W	No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.  hat is your marital status? (Choose only one.)  Never married/single  Married
51. W	No. If no, please specify the primary language spoken in your home.  hat is your marital status? (Choose only one.)  Never married/single  Married  Unmarried partner

	Other (please specify)		

52. Se	elect the highest level of education	you hav	ve achiev	red. (Choose only one.)
	Less than 9th grade			
	9-12th grade, no diploma			
	High School graduate (or GED/ed	quivaler	nt)	
	Associate's Degree or Vocational	Trainin	g	
	Some college (no degree)			
	Bachelor's degree			
	Graduate or professional degree			
	Other (please specify)			
53. W	hat was your total household inco	me last	year, be	fore taxes? (Choose only one.)
	Less than \$10,000			\$35,000 to \$49,999
	\$10,000 to \$14,999			\$50,000 to \$74,999
	\$15,000 to \$24,999			\$75,000 to \$99,999
	\$25,000 to \$34,999			\$100,000 or more
<b>54.</b> Er	nter the number of individuals in y	your ho	usehold	(including yourself).
55 W	hat is your ampleyment status? ((	Thook a	II that an	mh. )
33. W	That is your employment status? (C	леск а	и инш ар	ριγ.)
	Employed full-time		Armed	forces
	Employed part-time		Disable	d
	Retired		Studen	t

	Homemaker
	Self-employed
	Unemployed for 1 year or less
	Unemployed for more than 1
year	

	56. Do you have access to the Internet at home (including broadband, wifi, dial-up or cellular data)? (Choose only one.)					
	Yes					
	No					
	Don't know/not sure					
57. (C tell us	Optional) Is there anything else you would like us to know about your community? Ples below.	ase feel free to				

Thank you for your time and participation!

If you have questions about this survey, please contact us at will.broughton@foundationhli.org.

#### Encuesta de salud de la comunidad del Este de Carolina del Norte 2018

¡Bienvenido a la encuesta de salud comunitaria para el Este de Carolina del Norte!

Estamos llevando a cabo una evaluación de salud comunitaria para su condado. Esta evaluación está siendo realizada por una asociación de 33 condados, hospitales, sistemas de salud y departamentos de salud en el Este de Carolina del Norte. Esta evaluación les permite a estos socios comprender mejor el estado de salud y las necesidades de la comunidad a la que sirven y utilizar el conocimiento adquirido para implementar programas que beneficiarán a esta comunidad.

Podemos entender mejor las necesidades de la comunidad reuniendo las voces de los miembros de su comunidad. Esta evaluación permite que los miembros de la comunidad como usted, nos cuente sobre lo que considera son asuntos importantes para su comunidad. De ante mano le agradecemos por los 20 minutos que tomará completar esta encuesta de 57 preguntas. Sus respuestas a estas preguntas se mantendrán confidenciales y anónimas.

¡Muchas gracias por su aporte y su tiempo! Si tiene preguntas sobre esta encuesta, puede enviar un correo electrónico a Will Broughton en will.broughton@foundationhli.org.

#### PARTE 1: Calidad de vida

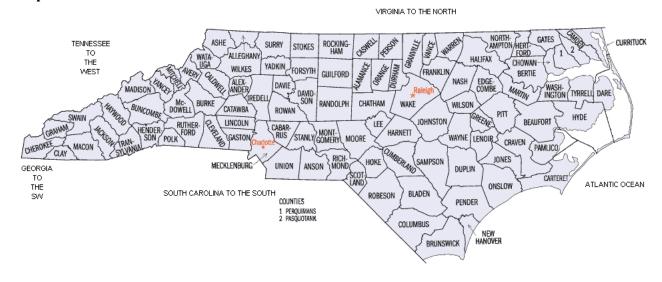
Primero, cuéntanos un poco sobre usted:

3. ¿Dónde vive ac	¿Dónde vive actualmente?				
Código postal					

## 4. ¿En qué condado vive?

Beaufort	Franklin	Onslow
Bertie	Gates	Pamlico
Bladen	Greene	Pasquotank
Camden	Halifax	Pender
Carteret	Hertford	Perquimans
Chowan	Hoke	Pitt
Cumberland	Hyde	Sampson
Currituck	Johnston	Tyrrell
Dare	Lenoir	Washington
Duplin	Martin	Wayne
Edgecombe	Nash	Wilson

### Mapa del condado de Carolina del Norte



3. Piense en el condado en el que vive. Por favor díganos si está "totalmente en desacuerdo", "en desacuerdo", "neutral", "de acuerdo" o "muy de acuerdo" con cada una de las siguientes 9 declaraciones.

Declaración	Muy en desacuerdo	En desacuerdo	Neutral	De acuerdo	Muy de acuerdo
Hay una buena atención médica en mi					
Este condado es un buen lugar para criar					
Este condado es un buen lugar para envejecer.					
Hay buenas oportunidades económicas en					
Este condado es un lugar seguro para vivir.					
Hay mucha ayuda para las personas durante					
Hay viviendas accesibles que satisfacen mis					
Hay buenos parques e instalaciones de					
Es fácil adquirir comidas saludables en este					

## PARTE 2: Mejora de la comunidad

La siguiente serie de preguntas le preguntará sobre problemas y servicios de la comunidad que son importantes para usted. Recuerde que sus respuestas son privadas y no serán relacionadas con usted en ninguna manera.

4. Mire esta lista de problemas de la comunidad. En su opinión, ¿qué problema afecta más la calidad de vida en este condado? (Elija solo una respuesta)						
	Contaminación		Discriminación /		Violencia	
(aire, a	agua, tierra)	racism	10	doméstica		
	Abandono de la		Falta de apoyo de		Delito violento	
escue	la	la con	nunidad	(asesir	nato, asalto)	
	Bajos ingresos /		Drogas (Abuso de		Robo	
pobreza		sustar	sustancias)		Violación /	
	Falta de hogar		Descuido y abuso	agresi	ón sexual	
	Falta de un seguro		Maltrato a			
de sal	ud adecuado	perso	nas mayores			
	Desesperación		Abuso infantil			
	Otros (especificar)					

	5. En su opinión, ¿cuál de los siguientes servicios necesita la mayor mejoría en su vecindario o comunidad? (Por favor elija solo uno)				
	Control Animal		Número de		Actividades
	Opciones de	prove	edores de atención	positiv	vas para
cuida	do infantil	médic	ca	adoles	scentes
	Opciones de		Servicios de salud		Opciones de
cuida	do para ancianos	aprop	iados de acuerdo a	transp	oorte
	Servicios para	su cul	tura		Disponibilidad de
perso	nas con		Consejería / salud	emple	90
discap	pacidad	menta	al / grupos de apoyo		Empleos mejor
	Servicios de salud		Mejores y más	pagad	los
más a	ccesibles	instala	aciones recreativas		Mantenimiento de
	Mejores y más	(parqı	ues, senderos,	carret	eras
opcio	nes de alimentos	centro	os comunitarios)		Carreteras seguras
saluda	ables		Actividades		Ninguna
	Más accesibilidad /	familia	ares saludables		
mejor	es vivienda				
	Otros (especificar)				

#### PARTE 3: Información de salud

Ahora nos gustaría saber un poco más sobre dónde usted obtiene información de salud.

#### 6. En su opinión, ¿sobre qué área de salud necesitan más información las personas de su comunidad? (Por favor sugiera solo uno) Comer bien / Usar asientos de transmisión sexual (sexo nutrición seguridad para niños seguro) **Ejercicio** Usar cinturones de Prevención del Manejo del peso seguridad abuso de sustancias (por Ir a un dentista Conducir ejemplo, drogas y para chequeos / cuidado cuidadosamente alcohol) preventivo Dejar de fumar / Prevención del Ir al médico para suicidio prevención del uso de chequeos y exámenes tabaco Manejo del estrés Control de la anuales Cuidado de niños / Obtener cuidado crianza ira/enojo prenatal durante el Cuidado de Prevención de violencia doméstica embarazo ancianos Recibir vacunas Cuidado de Prevención del miembros de familia con contra la gripe y otras crimen vacunas necesidades especiales o Violación / Prepararse para discapacidades prevención de abuso una emergencia / Prevención del sexual desastre embarazo y Ninguna

enfermedades de

Otros (especificar)

	donde saca 1a mayor parto olo una respuesta)	e ae su	información relacionada o	con la s	alud? ( <i>Por Javor</i>
	Amigos y familia		La escuela de mi		Líneas telefónicas
	Doctor /	hijo		de ayı	ıda
enfern	nera		Hospital		Libros / revistas
	Farmacéutico		Departamento de		
	Iglesia	salud			
	Internet		Empleador		
	Otros (especificar)				
0 .D-			h. J. L	-4-9	
8. ¿De	e qué temas o enfermedade	es de sa	iud ie gustaria aprender n	ias :	
9. ¿Cu	uida de un pariente ancian	o en su	casa o en otra casa? (Elija	ı solo u	na).
	Sí				
	No				
_	Tiene hijos entre las edades ros, nietos u otros pariente	-		el guaro	lián? (Incluye
	Sí				
	No (Si su respuesta es	No, sal	lte a la pregunta numero 12	2)	

_	11. ¿Cuáles de los siguientes temas de salud cree que sus hijos necesitan más información? (Seleccione todas las opciones que corresponden).				
	Higiene dental		Manejo de la		Abuso de drogas
	Nutrición	diabet	tes		Manejo
	Trastornos de la		Tabaco	impru	dente / exceso de
alimer	ntación		ETS	velocio	dad
	Ejercicios	(enfer	medades de		Problemas de
	Manejo del asma	transn	nisión sexual)	salud	mental
			Relación sexual		Prevención del
			Alcohol	suicidi	0
	Otros (especificar)				

## PARTE 4: Salud personal

Las siguientes preguntas son sobre su salud personal. Recuerde, las respuestas que brinde para esta encuesta no serán ligadas con usted de ninguna manera.

12. E	n general, diría que su sa	alud es ( <i>Elija solo</i>	una).	
	Excelente			
	Muy buena			
	Buena			
	Justa			
	Pobre			
	No sé / no estoy seguro	)		
	Alguna vez un médico, en a de las siguientes condic	iones de salud?		
		Sí	No	No lo sé
Asma				
Depre	sión o ansiedad			
Alta p	resión sanguínea			
Colest	erol alto			
Diaber	tes (no durante el azo)			
Osteo	porosis			
Sobrej	peso / obesidad			
Angin	a / enfermedad cardíaca			
Cánce	r			

14. ¿Cuál de los siguientes servicios preventivos ha tenido usted en los últimos 12 meses? (Seleccione todas las opciones que corresponden).					
	Mamografía		Prueba de		Examen de la vista
	Examen de cáncer	densi	dad de los huesos		Evaluación
de pro	óstata		Examen físico	cardic	ovascular (el
	Examen de colon /		Prueba de	coraz	ón)
recto		Papar	nicolaou		Limpieza dental /
	Control de azúcar		Vacuna contra la	radio	grafías
en la	sangre	gripe			Ninguna de las
	Examen de		Control de la	anteri	iores
Coles	terol	presid	ón arterial		
	Examen de		Pruebas de cáncer		
audici	ión (escucha)	de pie	el		
_	_		na vez que visitó a un dent alistas dentales, como orto		_
	En el último año (en los d	últimos	12 meses)		
	Hace 2 (más de un año p	ero me	enos de dos años)		
	Hace más de 5 años (más de 2 años pero menos de 5 años)				
	No sé / no estoy seguro				
	Nunca				
16. En los últimos 30 días, ¿ha habido algún día que se ha sentido triste o preocupado y le haya impedido realizar sus actividades normales? (Elija solo una).					
	Sí				

No
No sé / no estoy seguro

_	17. La siguiente pregunta es sobre el alcohol. Un trago es equivalente a una cerveza de 12 onzas, una copa de vino de 5 onzas o una bebida con un trago de licor.						
Considerand días tomó 5 d		_					
0	4	8	12	<u> </u>	20	24	28
1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	19	23	27	
No sé /	no estoy s	eguro					
18. Ahora le vamos a hacer una pregunta sobre el uso de drogas. Las respuestas que nos dan las personas sobre su uso de drogas son importantes para comprender los problemas de salud en el condado. Sabemos que esta información es personal, pero recuerde que sus respuestas se mantendrán confidenciales.  ¿Has usado alguna droga ilegal en los últimos 30 días? Cuando decimos drogas, incluimos marihuana, cocaína, crack, heroína o cualquier otra sustancia ilegal. ¿Aproximadamente cuántos días has usado una de estas drogas ilegales? (Elija solo una).							
0 [	4	8	12	<u> </u>	20	24	28
1[	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
2 [	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	<u> </u>	23	27	
No sé /	no estoy s	eguro					
(Si su respuesta es 0, salte a la pregunta numero 20)							
19. Durante		s 30 días, ¿q	ué droga ile	gal ha usado	? (Marque to	odas las que	
Marig	juana						
Cocaí	na						

	Heroína						
	Otros (especifi	car)					
20 Dr	ırante los últim	ns 30 días 🕠	ha tomado a	laún medica	imento recet	ado nara el d	ane no
tenía i	una receta (por	ejemplo, Ox	xycontin, Per	cocet, Deme	erol, Addera	ll, Ritalin o	Xanax)?
	ntas veces durar una receta? <i>(Eli</i> j			só un medica	imento recet	ado para el (	cual no
□ 0	☐ 4	8	<u> </u>	<b>1</b> 6	20	24	28
1	5	9	13	17 	21	25	29
2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30
3	7	11	15	<u> </u>	23	27	
	lo sé / no estoy	seguro					
	ı siguiente pregu ıs Armadas. ¿Al						
Estade	os Unidos (Sin i	ncluir el ser	vicio activo				
Guard	dia Nacional)? (A	Elija solo un	va).				
	Sí						
	No (Si su re	espuesta es N	No, salte a la	pregunta nu	<i>mero 23)</i>		
22. ¿A	.lguna vez un m	édico u otro	profesional	de la salud l	le ha dicho q	ue tiene dep	resión,
_	lad o trastorno		_			-	,
	Sí						
	No						

su tra	nora nos gustaría saber sobre su estado físico. Durante una semana normal, aparte de bajo habitual, ¿realiza alguna actividad física o ejercicio que dure al menos media (Elija solo una).
	Sí
	No (Si su respuesta es No, salte a la pregunta numero 26)
pregu	No sé / no estoy seguro (Si su respuesta es No se / no estoy seguro, salte a la numero 26)
	omo dijo que sí, ¿cuántas veces hace ejercicio o se involucra en alguna actividad física ate una semana normal?

•	25. ¿A dónde va a hacer ejercicio o participa en actividad físicas? (Marque todas las que corresponden).							
	YMCA		Sitio de trabajo / Empleador					
	Parque		Terrenos escolares / instalaciones					
	Centro de Recreación Pública		Casa					
	Gimnasio privado		Iglesia					
	Otros (especificar)							
Como numer	su respuesta fue Si a la pregunta 23 (activid co 27	dad físico	a / ejercicio), salte a la pregunta					
	que dijo "no", ¿cuáles son las razones po te una semana normal? Puedes dar tantos	-	• •					
	Mi trabajo es trabajo físico o trabajo		Necesitaría cuidado de niños y					
duro		no l	o tengo.					
	El ejercicio no es importante para mí.		No sé cómo encontrar					
	No tengo acceso a una instalación	com	pañeros de ejercicio.					
que te	enga las cosas que necesito, como una		No me gusta hacer ejercicio					
piscina	a, un campo de golf o una pista.		Me cuesta mucho hacer					
	No tengo suficiente tiempo para hacer	ejer	cicio.					
ejercic	io.		No hay un lugar seguro para					
		hace	er ejercicio.					

	Necesito transporte y no lo tengo.	Estoy físicamente deshabilitado.
	Estoy demasiado cansado para hacer	No lo sé.
ejerci	cio.	
	Otros (especificar)	

frecuencia con la que come frutas y verduras en una semana normal. ¿Cuántas tazas por semana de frutas y vegetales dirías que comes? (Una manzana o 12 zanahorias pequeñas equivalen a una taza). Cantidad de tazas de fruta Número de tazas de verduras Cantidad de tazas de jugo de fruta 100% 28. ¿Alguna vez estuvo expuesto al humo del cigarro de alguien que fumó cerca de usted durante el último año? (Elija solo una). Sí (Si su respuesta es No, salte a la pregunta numero 30) No No sé / no estoy seguro (Si su respuesta es No se / no estoy seguro, salte a la pregunta numero 30) 29. En caso afirmativo, ¿dónde cree que está expuesto al humo de segunda mano con mayor frecuencia? (Marque solo uno) Casa Lugar de trabajo Hospitales Restaurantes Colegio No estoy expuesto al humo de segunda mano. Otros (especificar)

27. Sin contar ensalada de lechuga o productos de papa como papas fritas, piense en la

30. ¿Actualmente usa algún producto que contiene tabaco? (Esto incluye cigarros, cigarros electrónicos, masticar tabaco o cigarro de vapor.) ( <i>Elija solo una</i> ).				
	Sí			
	No (Si su respuesta es No, salte a la pr	regunta	numero 32)	
31. Er	n caso afirmativo, ¿a dónde iría en busca d na).	le ayuda	a si quisiera dejar de fumar? (Elija	
	QUITLINE NC (ayuda por teléfono)		Departamento de salud	
	Doctor		No lo sé	
	Farmacia		No aplica; No quiero renunciar	
	Consejero / terapeuta privado			
	Otros (especificar)			
contra	nora le haremos preguntas sobre sus vacu a la influenza / gripe puede ser una ''inyec	ción co	ntra la gripe'' inyectada en su brazo	
	bién el espray ''FluMist'' que se rocía en s ió contra la gripe o se puso el espray "Flu			
	Sí, vacuna contra la gripe			
	Sí, FluMist			
	Si ambos			
	No			
	No sé / no estoy seguro			

## PARTE 5: Acceso a la atención / Salud familiar

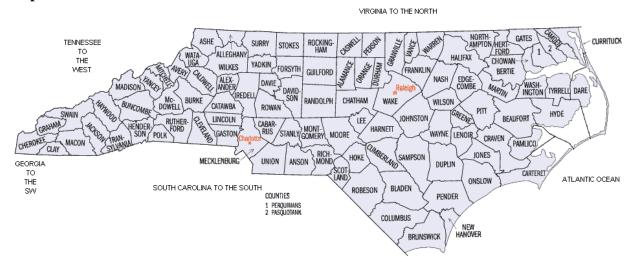
33. ¿A	dónde va más a menudo cuando está enfe	ermo? (	Elija solo uno)			
	Oficina del doctor		Clínica Médica			
	Departamento de salud		Centro de cuidado urgente			
	Hospital					
	Otros (especificar)					
•	34. ¿Tiene alguno de los siguientes tipos de seguro de salud o cobertura de atención médica? (Elija todos los que aplique)					
	Seguro de salud que mi empleador propo	orciona				
	Seguro de salud que proporciona el empl	leador c	de mi cónyuge			
	Seguro de salud que mi escuela proporcio	ona				
	Seguro de salud que proporciona mi pad	re o el e	empleador de mis padres			
	Seguro de salud que compré					
	Seguro de salud a través del Mercado de	Seguro	s Médicos (Obamacare)			
	Seguro Militar, Tricare o él VA					
	Seguro de enfermedad					
	Seguro médico del estado					
	Sin plan de salud de ningún tipo					

neces	n los últimos 12 meses, ¿tuvo itaba para usted o para un s ca, dentista, farmacia u otro	familiaı	r de cualquier tipo de		_
	Sí				
	No (Si su respuesta es I	Vo, salte	e a la pregunta numer	o 38)	
	No sé / no estoy seguro				
	ado que usted dijo ''sí'', ¿Co obtener atención médica? P				_
	Dentista		Pediatra		Centro de atención
	Médico general		Ginecologo	urger	te
	Cuidado de los ojos /		Departamento		Clínica Médica
optor	metrista / oftalmólogo	de sa	lud		Especialista
	Farmacia / recetas		Hospital		
médio	cas				
	Otros (especificar)				
_	Cuáles de estos problemas le ca necesaria? Puede elegir ta	_			tener la atención
	No tiene seguro medico				
	El seguro no cubría lo que	necesit	aha		

	El costo del deducible del seguro era demasiado alto
	El doctor no aceptaba el seguro ni el Medicaid.
	El hospital no aceptaba el seguro.
	La farmacia no aceptaba el seguro ni el Medicaid.
	El dentista no aceptaba el seguro ni el Medicaid.
	No tengo ninguna manera de llegar allí.
	No sabía a dónde ir.
	No pude conseguir una cita.
	La espera fue demasiado larga.
	El proveedor me negó atención o me trató de manera discriminatoria debido a mi
estado	o de VIH, o porque soy lesbiana, gay, bisexual o trangenero.

38. ¿E solo u	_	se enci	ientra la mayoi	ría de l	os proveedores	médico	s que visita? ( <i>Elija</i>
	Beaufort				Martin		Pitt
	Bertie	Edged	combe		Moore		Richmond
	Bladen		Franklin		Nash		Robeson
	Brunswick		Gates		New		Sampson
	Camden		Granville	Hano	ver		Scotland
	Carteret		Greene				Tyrrell
	Chowan		Halifax	North	nampton		Vance
	Columbus		Harnett		Onslow		Wake
	Craven		Hertford		Pamlico		Warren
			Hoke				Washington
Cumb	erland		Hyde	Pasqu	uotank		Wayne
	Currituck		Johnston		Pender		Wilson
	Dare		Jones				El Estado de
	Duplin		Lenoir	Perqu	ıimans	Virgin	ia
	Otros (especif	icar)					

### Mapa del condado de Carolina del Norte



39. En los últimos 12 meses, ¿alguna vez le preocupó saber si la comida de su familia se agotaría antes de obtener dinero para comprar más? (Elija solo uno)				
	Sí			
	No			
	No sé / no estoy seguro			
40. Si un amigo o miembro de la familia necesita asesoría para un problema de salud mental o de abuso de drogas o alcohol, ¿quién es la primera persona con la que les diría que hablen? (Elija solo uno)				
	Consejero o terapeuta privado		No sé	
	Grupo de apoyo		Doctor	
	Consejero de la escuela		Pastor o funcionario religioso	
	Otros (especificar)			

# PARTE 6: Preparación para emergencias

(Elija solo uno)		
	Sí, solo detectores de humo	
	Si ambos	
	No sé / no estoy seguro	
	Sí, sólo detectores de monóxido de carbono	
	No	

alime	Su familia tiene un kit básico de sun entos no perecederos, cualquier rece ena y baterías, abrelatas no eléctrico	eta necesaria, s	nergencia? (Estos kits incluyen agua, uministros de primeros auxilios,
	Sí		
	No		
	No sé / no estoy seguro		
43. ¿0	so que sí, ¿cuántos días tiene sumin Cuál sería su forma principal de ob tre o emergencia a gran escala? (Mo	tener informac	ión de las autoridades en un
	Televisión		Sitio de red social
	Radio		Vecinos
	Internet		Familia
	Línea de teléfono en casa		Mensaje de texto (sistema de alerta
	Teléfono celular	de en	nergencia)
	Medios impresos (periódico)		No sé / no estoy seguro
	Otros (especificar)		
comu	las autoridades públicas anunciara nidad debido a un desastre a gran e solo uno) Sí (Si su respuesta es Sí, salte	escala o una en	nergencia, ¿Ustedes evacuarían?

No
No sé / no estoy seguro

_	45. ¿Cuál sería la razón principal por la que no evacuaría si le pidieran que lo hiciera? <i>(Marque solo uno)</i>								
	Falta de transporte		Preocupación por la seguridad						
	La falta de confianza en los	familia	ar						
funcio	onarios públicos		Preocupación por dejar mascotas						
	Preocupación por dejar atrás la		Preocupación por los atascos de						
propie	edad	tráfico	y la imposibilidad de salir						
	Preocupación por la seguridad		Problemas de salud (no se						
perso	nal	pudie	ron mover)						
			No sé / no estoy seguro						
	Otros (especificar)								

# PARTE 7: Preguntas demográficas

La siguiente serie de preguntas son preguntas generales sobre usted, que solo se informarán como un resumen de todas las respuestas dadas por los participantes de la encuesta. Tus respuestas permanecerán en el anonimato.

46. ¿Ç	46. ¿Qué edad tiene? (Elija solo uno)									
	15-19		40-44		65-69					
	20-24		45-49		70-74					
	25-29		50-54		75-79					
	30-34		55-59		80-84					
	35-39		60-64		85 o más					
47. ¿C	Cuál es tu género? (Elija so	olo uno)								
	Masculino									
	Femenino									
	Transgénero									
	Género no conforme									
	Otro									
48. ¿E	eres de origen hispano, lat	ino o es	pañol? (Elija solo uno)							
	No soy de origen hispand	o, latino	o español							
	Mexicano, mexicoamerica	ano o cl	nicano							
	Puertorriqueño									
	Cubano o cubano americ	ano								
	Otro - hispano o latino (p	or favo	r especifique)							

49. ¿C	Cuál es su raza? (Elija solo uno)
	Blanco
	Negro o Afroamericano
	Indio Americano o nativo de Alaska
	Indio Asiático
	Otros- Asiáticos, incluidos Japonés, Chino, Coreano, Vietnamita y Filipino
	Otros isleños del Pacífico, incluidos los nativos de Hawaii, Samoa, Guamanian /
Cham	orro
	Otra raza no incluida aquí (especifique)
50. ¿E	El inglés es el idioma principal que se habla en su hogar? (Elija solo uno)
	Sí
	No. En caso negativo, especifique el idioma principal que se habla en su hogar.
51. ¿C	Cuál es tu estado civil? (Elija solo uno)
	Nunca casado / soltero
	Casado
	Pareja- soltera
	Divorciado

Separado
Otros (especificar)

52. Seleccione el nivel más alto de educación que ha alcanzado. ( <i>Elija solo uno</i> )										
	Menos de 9no grado									
	9-12 grado, sin diploma									
	Graduado de secundaria (o GED / equivalente)									
	Grado Asociado o Fo	rmació	n Profesional							
	Un poco de universidad (sin título)									
	Licenciatura									
	Licenciado o título p	ofesio	nal							
	Otros (especificar)									
53. ¿C uno)	Cuál fue el ingreso tota	ıl de su	hogar el año p	oasado,	o, antes de impuestos? (Elija solo					
	Menos de \$10,000				\$35,000 a \$49,999					
	\$10,000 a \$14,999				\$50,000 a \$74,999					
	\$15,000 a \$24,999				\$75,000 a \$99,999					
	\$25,000 a \$34,999				\$100,000 o más					
54. Ing	grese el número de pe	rsonas	en su hogar (i	ncluyér	éndose a usted)					
55. ¿C	Cuál es su estado labor	al? (Se	eleccione todas	las opc	ciones que corresponden).					
	Empleado de		Empleado a		Fuerzas Armadas					
tiemp	o completo	tiempo	o parcial		Discapacitado					
			Retirado		Estudiante					

	Ama de casa	Desempleado 1		Desempleado por más de 1
	Trabajadores por	año o menos	año	
cuent	a propia			

	Tiene acceso al internet es su casa (Esto incluye alta velocidad, wifi, acceso telefónico o iles)? (Elija solo uno)	datos
	Sí	
	No	
	No sé / no estoy seguro	
57. (de de	Opcional) ¿Hay algo más que le gustaría que sepamos sobre su comunidad? Por favor, ecirnos a continuación.	siéntase libre

¡Gracias por su tiempo y participación!

Si tiene preguntas sobre esta encuesta, envíenos un correo electrónico a will.broughton@foundationhli.org.

# **Focus Group Questions**

Participants' Resident County(ies):
Focus Group Name / Number:
Date Conducted:
Location:
Start Time:
End Time:
Number of Participants:
Population Type (if applicable):
Moderator Name:
Moderator Email:
Note Taker Name:
Note Taker Email:
Core Questions
1. Introduce yourself and tell us what you think is the best thing about living in this community.
2. What do people in this community do to stay healthy?  Prompt: What do you do to stay healthy?
3. In your opinion, what are the serious health related problems in your community? What are some of the causes of these problems?
4. What keeps people in your community from being healthy? Prompt: What challenges do you face that keep you from being healthy? What barriers exist to being healthy?
5. What could be done to solve these problems?  Prompt: What could be done to make your community healthier? Additional services or changes to existing services?

6. Is there any group not receiving enough health care? If so, what group? And why?
7. Is there anything else you would like us to know?
Additional Questions
1. How do people in this community get information about health? How do you get information about health?
2. Have you or someone close to you ever experienced any challenges in trying to get healthcare services? If so, what happened?
3. What is the major environmental issue in the county?
4. Describe collaborative efforts in the community. How can we improve our level of collaboration?
5. What are the strengths related to health in your community?  Prompt: Specific strengths related to healthcare?  Prompt: Specific strengths to a healthy lifestyle?
6. If you had \$100,000 to spend on a healthcare project in the county, how would you spend it?

# **Key Themes**

Summarize the top 2-3 themes from this focus group discussion.

1.

2.

3.

# **Appendix D. Community Resources**

The need for health resources in Pitt County is apparent. The following tables indicate the utilization of Vidant Medical Center services initiated in the Emergency Department during 2018:<sup>52</sup>

## Pitt County - FY 2018 Top Diagnosis for Vidant Medical Center Emergency Department Visits

(Source: Vidant Health Planning)

Primary ICD-10 Description					
-Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified					
-Other chest pain					
-Headache					
-Viral infection, unspecified					
-Urinary tract infection, site not specified					
-Chest pain, unspecified					
-Low back pain					
-Acute pharyngitis, unspecified					

## Pitt County - FY 2018 Top Diagnosis for Vidant Medical Center Emergency Department Visits Resulting in Admissions

(Source: Vidant Health Planning)

# -Sepsis, unspecified organism -Hypertensive heart, chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stg 1-4/unspecified chronic kidney -Acute kidney failure, unspecified -Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure -Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease w (acute) exacerbation -Non-ST elevation (NSTEMI) myocardial infarction -Major depressive disorder, recurrent severe w/o psych features -Pneumonia, unspecified organism -Urinary tract infection, site not specified -Cerebral infarction, unspecified

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Vidant Health Planning

## **Pitt County's Health Care Resources**

Pitt County relies on a number of health care resources to meet the health needs of the community. These resources include East Carolina University, Pitt County Health Department, James D. Bernstein Community Health Center, private practice physicians and dentists and Vidant Medical Center.

<sup>53</sup>Vidant Medical Center: Vidant Medical Center (VMC) is the largest not-for-profit, hospital in a predominantly rural region, serving over 1.5 million people throughout a 29-counties in eastern North Carolina. The Hospital's mission is to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina. VMC has 974 licensed beds and is located adjacent to the East Carolina University (ECU) health sciences campus that includes the Brody School of Medicine (BSOM) and Colleges of Allied Health Sciences and Nursing. It is a Level One Trauma Center that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and is part of the larger Vidant Health system that also includes seven community hospitals, Vidant Medical Group (primary and specialty practices), Vidant Home Health and Hospice, Vidant Wellness Centers, and the Vidant Health Foundation.

VMC is a tertiary care referral center and offers the following specialized services:

- East Carolina Endoscopy Center
- East Carolina Heart Institute
- James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital
- Children's Emergency Department
- Vidant Cancer Care
- Vidant EastCare air and ground transport
- Vidant Radiation Oncology
- Vidant SurgiCenter outpatient surgery
- Level I trauma center
- Comprehensive Stroke Center
- Bariatric surgery
- Gamma Knife® and CyberKnife® radiosurgery
- Kidney and pancreas transplant surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Rehabilitation
- Robotic surgery

In 1995, when Vidant Medical Center was an independent public hospital, executive and board leadership declared a new and significant commitment to community health. Moving outside the traditional boundaries of an acute care hospital, dedicated resources were charged with establishing partnerships, identifying health needs and initiating new programs to improve health status. The unique, innovative and targeted programs have reached thousands of individuals in a myriad of ways that would not have otherwise been possible. Combined with programs funded by hospital operations, programs supported through joint grant applications to major governmental and philanthropic agencies and other collaborative initiatives, Vidant Medical Center has demonstrated leadership in addressing health status in Pitt County and the region.

Vidant Medical Center has longstanding initiatives that have enabled a head start on many of the community health improvement strategies encouraged by health care reform. The scope of services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Source: Vidant Medical Center Community Health Programs Senior Administrator, Catherine Nelson

provided by the medical center's Community Health Programs department include primary, secondary and tertiary prevention initiatives for the pediatric, adult and older adult population. The following are part of the Community Health Programs department:

**VMC:** Community Health Improvement: Vidant Medical Center coordinates collaborative programming with Vidant Medical Center internal departments and services and external community partners to align with the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment health priorities selected by Vidant Medical Center.

- Access to Care
- Chronic Disease Prevention including Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Mental Health

VMC: Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program: Established in 1995 as a joint effort between the Vidant Health Trauma Center and the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University Department of Emergency Medicine. The goal of this program is to improve the health of area citizens by reducing the incidence and impact of injuries. Services include:

- Child Passenger and Occupant Safety
- Fall Prevention
- Sports Safety
- Teen Safe Driving
- Traumatic Brain Injury prevention education

**VMC:** School Health Program: Vidant Medical Center's School Health Program nurses (20) serve students pre-K through 12th grade in Pitt County Schools. These registered nurses work in the schools to help students, parents, and teachers manage these problems and improve student health and academic performance.

**VMC: Pediatric Asthma Program**: Provides free case management and educational services to children, up to age 18, who have asthma.

- Education Learn how to manage asthma and prevent problems that can occur.
- Tools Learn what information and equipment is needed to treat asthma at different ages.
- Resources Learn about local support in your community for asthma awareness.

VMC: Pitt Partners for Health (PPH): Established in 1995 as a community health partnership with representatives from local churches, businesses, communities, and health and social support organizations. These representatives are dedicated to improving the health of Pitt County residents through assessment, resource identification and development, citizen advocacy, comprehensive planning and coordination of health improvement and prevention strategies.

**VMC:** Senior Services: Assists community members who are 55 or older lead healthier, more independent lives. Services include:

- Health and social support education pertinent to the unique needs of seniors
- Chronic disease screening and referral
- Weekly GoldPath Senior's Program (Thursdays at 10:30 am)
- Medicare counseling and Part D enrollment

- Resources for caregivers
- Advanced care planning
- Fire and fall prevention Awareness
- Monthly GoldPath newsletter

In addition to these established programs, Vidant Medical Center sponsors or partners in multiple offerings to provide health screenings and education for a variety of chronic medical conditions including hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The Vidant Health Foundation's Community Benefits and Health Initiatives Grants Program was established in 1998. The goals of the grants program are to provide financial and technical support to organizations for programs that promote chronic disease prevention and management, early detection of chronic illnesses, health education, and direct health care services.

Pitt County Health Department: Pitt County Health Department is one of 85 local health departments in North Carolina. Its mission is to protect, promote and assure the health of the people in Pitt County. The health department is responsible for assessing the health of the community by monitoring health status and diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community; assuring that needed health services are available in the community; enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety; and advocating for policies that support the health of the public. The health department operates a variety of preventive health services in the area of women's and children's health and communicable disease control. Clinic services are available for maternal health, family planning, WIC (Women's, Infants and Children), immunizations, STDs and other communicable diseases. Case management and coordination services are available to support women and children such as child care coordination for children (CC4C), pregnancy care management, Family Nurse Partnership, childbirth education, breastfeeding promotion and child care health consultation. Environmental health services include: food, lodging, institutional and public swimming pool inspections; on-site sewage disposal program, private drinking water program, mosquito management; migrant camp inspections; and investigation of lead poisoning.<sup>54</sup>

East Carolina University: East Carolina University (ECU) is known for preparing skilled health professionals. These individuals work in collaboration with private health care professionals and community leaders to meet the needs of the communities they serve. ECU prides itself in the colleges and schools (Brody School of Medicine, College of Allied Health Sciences, College of Health and Human Performance, College of Nursing, School of Dental Medicine) located just steps from Vidant Medical Center. ECU prepares students for careers in Medicine, Nursing, Biostatistics, Health Services and Information Management, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation, Public Health and Dental Medicine. Patient care is provided through ECU Physicians, Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center, Student Health Services, located conveniently at the ECU main campus, and Vidant Medical Center. Research opportunities are also available in areas of Neuroscience, Robotic Surgery, Pulmonary-Critical Care and Sleep, Pediatric Healthy Weight, Microbiology and Immunology and Cardiovascular Sciences, just to mention a few. All of these available resources are also beneficial in providing a teaching and learning environment which is essential for improving the quality of care of the people in Pitt County. 55

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Pitt County Government, Public Health Services, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/352/Services">https://www.pittcountync.gov/352/Services</a>

<sup>55</sup> East Carolina University, Division of Health Sciences-2019: http://www.ecu.edu/dhs/

**Brody School of Medicine:** Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University provides health care resources to serve the many insured, uninsured and underinsured individuals living in Pitt County as well as in neighboring communities throughout eastern North Carolina. Patient care is provided through a vast array of clinical disciplines ranging from primary care services to other medical specialties, along with various other wellness programs and services. <sup>56</sup>

**East Carolina Heart Institute:** East Carolina Heart Institute serves as a primary research, teaching, and treatment facility. The Institute provides a patient -centered approach for the treatment of patients of all ages through a state of the art outpatient center at East Carolina University; along with a 120 patient bed, Level I Trauma center Heart Hospital, with operating rooms for robotic surgery and 13 interventional labs at Vidant Medical Center.<sup>57</sup>

**ECU School of Dental Medicine:** The Dental School, located in Greenville, offers comprehensive dental services for children and adults. In addition, advanced care services such as root canals are also available. Emergency care is available during normal business hours and after hours for established patients. Patients who are not patients of record with emergency needs are scheduled during normal business hours. In the spring of 2015, orthodontic services were added. Currently, new patients are being placed on a wait list for all services. A serious of three visits occurs before any dental work is performed. There are no income requirements to utilize the services. Dental insurance is accepted. Fees for services are generally 40-50% less than average; however, multiple visits may be required to assess and treat dental issues as this is a training program.<sup>58</sup>

**Pitt County dentists who accept Medicaid and/or Health Choice:** Eighteen (18) private practice dentists accept Medicaid and Health Choice. The majority of dentists (14) are located in Greenville. One (1) provider is located in Ayden; two (2) in Farmville; and two (2) in Bethel. In addition to these private providers, the ECU School of Dental Medicine, the James D. Bernstein Community Health Center and the Pitt County Health Department Smile Safari clinic accept both Medicaid and Health Choice. <sup>59</sup>

**Mobile Dental Services for Children:** Pitt County Health Department manages a mobile dental clinic, Smile Safari, to ensure that the dental needs of the uninsured or underinsured children are met. The clinic rotates throughout the Pitt County School system during the school year and is located at the Boys and Girls Club in Pitt County during the summer months. <sup>60</sup>

**Urgent Care Facilities**: As of March 2019, six (6) urgent care centers were located in Pitt County. All centers were located in the City of Greenville. <sup>61</sup>

**Federally Qualified Health Centers/Community Health Centers:** The James D. Bernstein Community Health Center located in north Greenville is a federally qualified health center operated by Greene County Health Care, Inc. The center provides medical and dental care to adults and children with minimal or no insurance on a sliding fee scale. An on-site pharmacy is also available offering medicines

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine: <a href="http://www.ecu.edu/med/">http://www.ecu.edu/med/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> East Carolina Heart Institute-2019: <a href="http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/ecuphysicians/heart/index.cfm">http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/ecuphysicians/heart/index.cfm</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> East Carolina University, School of Dental Medicine-2019: <a href="http://www.ecu.edu/dentistry/">http://www.ecu.edu/dentistry/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> NC Division of Medical Assistance – 2019: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/find-a-doctor/medicaid-dental-providers">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/find-a-doctor/medicaid-dental-providers</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Pitt County Government, Public Health Clinical Services <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/358/Clinical-Services">https://www.pittcountync.gov/358/Clinical-Services</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Yellow Pages and verified by personal phone calls

at a reduced cost to the clients. Often the Bernstein Center has a waiting list for services. However, Greene County Health Care operates a number of other clinics in Greene County that are available to Pitt County residents. Pitt County residents also eligible to receive services on a sliding fee scale at the Kinston Community Health Center (252-522-9800) in Lenoir County and the Agape Community Health Center (252-940-0602) located in Beaufort and Martin counties. 62

**Free Clinics**: Three clinics are available in Pitt County. The Greenville Community Shelter Clinic is operated by medical students and physicians from the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. The Pitt County Care Clinic located at Pitt County Health Department (formerly located in Grimesland) and the Oakmont Baptist Church Free Clinic located in Greenville relies on volunteers from the health care community and other community members. <sup>63</sup>

**Licensed Pharmacies in Pitt County**: Pharmacies are located in most of the municipal towns within the county: two in Ayden; one in Bethel; three in Farmville; forty (40) in Greenville; one in Grifton; one in Simpson; and five in Winterville. There are three municipalities in Pitt County (Falkland, Fountain, and Grimesland) without pharmacies.<sup>64</sup>

**Providers of DME (Durable Medical Equipment)**: There is one in Ayden, one in Farmville, and nine in Greenville. <sup>65</sup>

Emergency Medical Services: Pitt County has a diverse an extensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system that consists of private, non-profit emergency paramedic units, municipal and local government sponsored paramedic services, private for profit non-emergency providers, and a hospital based specialty care transport program. This multitude of providers works in coordination to meet the variable needs and demands of both municipal and rural communities throughout the county on a daily basis. Pitt County is resource-rich in terms of number of stations, types and amounts of equipment, and a highly skilled workforce. Pitt County has numerous Paramedic-level staff, Advanced EMT, and EMT staff and has numerous Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicles, which provide the highest level of pre-hospital EMS care available in NC. EMS agencies in Pitt County include: Pitt County EMS, Ayden EMS, Bell Arthur EMS, Eastern Pines EMS, Falkland EMS, Farmville EMS, Fountain EMS, Grifton EMS, Winterville EMS and Greenville Fire-Rescue. Pitt County EMS also partners with Vidant Health to provide a Community Paramedic Program that serves patients who experience moderate to high readmission risk to Vidant hospitals due to unmanaged chronic or mental illnesses and dangerous health risk factors in areas of highest need within the County. <sup>66</sup>

**Renal Dialysis Centers**: Fresenius Medical Care operates three dialysis centers in Pitt County. Two centers are located in Greenville and one center is located in Ayden.<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Phone calls to James D. Bernstein, Kinston Community Health Center and Agape Community Health Center, 2019 <sup>63</sup> <a href="https://www.freeclinics.com/co/nc-pitt">https://www.freeclinics.com/co/nc-pitt</a> (2019)

North Carolina Board of Pharmacies, Pharmacy database search (data updates daily) search date: 2019, <a href="https://portal.ncbop.org/verification/search.aspx">https://portal.ncbop.org/verification/search.aspx</a>
North Carolina Board of Pharmacies, Pharmacy database search (data updates daily) search date: May 2019,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Pitt County Emergency Management, <a href="https://www.pittcountync.gov/182/Emergency-Management">https://www.pittcountync.gov/182/Emergency-Management</a> and phone call to Interim EM Director

<sup>67</sup> http://www.dialysisfinder.com/dialysis-centers/greenville/nc/100#.VW3C0GfbLug (2019)

Long Term Care Services: There are 6 licensed nursing homes in the county: one in Ayden; one in Farmville; and four in Greenville. <sup>68</sup> There are 9 licensed adult care homes in the county: one in Grifton; one in Winterville; and seven in Greenville. <sup>69</sup> There are 7 licensed hospice providers that serve people throughout the county: one in Ayden and six in Greenville. There is one inpatient hospice facility in Greenville. <sup>70</sup> There are 44 licensed home care providers that serve people throughout the county: one in Bethel; one in Ayden; one in Farmville; three in Winterville; and thirty-six (36) in Greenville. There is also a provider based in Raleigh that serves Pitt County as well. <sup>71</sup>

**Real Crisis Center:** Real Crisis Center provides confidential counseling assistance to Pitt County residents 24 hours a day. Services are provided by telephone, as walk-ins or through on-site crisis teams. Problems addressed by the center include: suicide, discrimination, mourning, pregnancy, marriage, domestic violence, loneliness, family issues, financial issues, school-related issues, depression, job problems, sexual assault, just to mention a few. Real crisis also has an info-line service which provides information on over 1,000 agencies and services available in Pitt County.<sup>72</sup>

**Chiropractors:** As of March 2019, there were 20 licensed chiropractors in Pitt County. The majority (17) were located in Greenville. However, there is one (1) in Winterville and two (2) in Farmville. There did not appear to be a licensed chiropractor in the northern portion of Pitt County.<sup>73</sup>

**Martin/ Pitt Partnership for Children:** Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children, the local Smart Start agency, is committed to making meaningful and measurable investments in the quality of life for young children and families in education, health and support services. The Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children funds programs that aid in that commitment. The funded activities include:<sup>74</sup>

- Child Care Health Consultants- Works with child care providers to promote effective health and safety practices in child care through technical assistance and training.
- Nurse-Family Partnership- Offers support to first-time, at-risk moms through home visits and other supports throughout pregnancy until the child turns two-years old.
- Child Links- A resource and referral agency that provides free child care referrals to parents as well as offers training for child care providers and provides access to early childhood resources.
- Family and Community Resources- Offers early childhood information to parents and fosters awareness of the Smart Start initiative and the Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Nursing Facility by County, 2019, www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/data/nhlist co.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Adult Care Homes/Homes for the Aged, 2019, <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/data/ahlist.pdf">www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/data/ahlist.pdf</a>

NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Hospice Facilities, 2019, www.ncdhbs.gov/dbsr/data/hoslist.ndf

www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/data/hoslist.pdf

71 NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Home Care Only Facilities, 2019, www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/data/hclist.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Real Crisis Intervention, Search date: 3/1/2019, http://www.realcrisis.org/

<sup>73</sup> http://www.cetrackerlive.com/ncboce/UserList-Active.php (2019)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Martin-Pitt Partnership for Children, http://www.mppfc.org/about-us/programs/

- Parents as Teachers- Offers parenting support through positive parent-child interactions, home visits and child development information.
- Child Care Subsidy- Assists eligible families with child care through subsidies available at the Department of Social Services.
- QUEST (Quality, Education, Support, Training)- Works with child care facilities to promote quality child care.
- WAGE\$- offers salary supplements to early childhood staff who obtain higher education levels and remain in their current child care setting.
- Program Evaluation and Monitoring- Ensures MPPFC's accountability via an outcome-based evaluation and monitoring system.
- Training & Development- Offers trainings for childcare providers and community members to assist in personal and professional growth.
- Raising a Reader- Partners with eligible agencies to encourage literacy at an early age as this is a critical time for brain development.<sup>75</sup>

**Child Care**: In Pitt County, there are 138 child care facilities consisting of 81 child care centers and 32 family child care homes. There are 3,085 children (birth to 4 years of age) and 1,180 children (ages 5-12 years) enrolled in licensed Pitt County child care. There are 598 child care employees in Pitt County.

**Pitt County Department of Social Services:** Pitt County Department of Social Services (DSS) is a multiprogram, human services organization which is mandated by Federal and State Law to provide assistance and counseling to citizens of Pitt County who qualify for these services. Programs range from health care, food assistance and emergency assistance. DSS strives to protect children and the elderly. Pitt County DSS provides the following services and programs: income maintenance; child support enforcement; emergency assistance; crisis intervention programs; food and nutrition services; Medicaid for adult, family and children, Medicaid transportation; work first family assistance and employment services; child and adult protective services; and prevention services.<sup>78</sup>

http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/general/Child Care Statistical Report.asp

<sup>75</sup> Martin Pitt Partnership for Children, <a href="http://www.mppfc.org.about-us.programs/">http://www.mppfc.org.about-us.programs/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> NC Division of Child Development and Education, <a href="http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/search.asp">http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/search.asp</a> (Website Updated daily)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> NCDHHS, Child Care Statistical Report,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Pitt County Department of Social Services. Available at: https://www.pittcountync.gov/454/Social-Services

## **Pitt County Health Care Providers:**

## North Carolina Health Professionals Data System - 2014<sup>79</sup>

	Total	Total	Family	General	Internal	OB/GYN	Pediatrics	Other	Other	Federal
	Physicians	Primary	Practice	Practice	Medicine			Primary	Specialties	
		Care						Care		
Pitt	829	257	65	2	60	23	54	53	572	11
County										
North	23,063	8,545	2,370	136	2,024	810	1,572	1,633	14,518	848
Carolina										

### Other Health Care Professionals - 2014

	Chiropractors	Occupational	Optometrists	Pharmacists	Physical	Physicians	Podiatrists	Practicing	Respiratory
		Therapists			Therapists	Assistants		Psychologists	Therapists
Pitt	21	92	20	249	122	132	9	48	187
County									
North	1,646	2,997	1,150	10,546	5,827	4,790	289	2,138	4,201
Carolina									

In addition, to the above listed health care professionals, there are additional health care professionals classified as assistants such as occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy assistant, etc.

As often revealed in community focus groups, the need for increased mental health and substance abuse services is apparent. Trillium offers 24/7 access to a Care Line with trained professionals who can determine the services needed and provide referrals to providers most convenient for the individual seeking services. In addition, a Mobile Crisis Team may be dispatched during an emergency situation to direct individuals to the crisis center for immediate care. More information regarding the need for mental health services can be found at by reviewing the Trillium's latest annual report found at <a href="https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/sites/default/files/docs/About-Us/Annual-Report/Trillium-2017-Annual-Report.pdf">https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/sites/default/files/docs/About-Us/Annual-Report/Trillium-2017-Annual-Report.pdf</a>. 80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> State Library of North Carolina- North Carolina Digital Collection, http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/17972

Trillium Mental Health Gap Analysis, <a href="https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/sites/default/files/docs/About-Us/Annual-Report/Trillium-2017-Annual-Report.pdf">https://www.trilliumhealthresources.org/sites/default/files/docs/About-Us/Annual-Report/Trillium-2017-Annual-Report.pdf</a>