

Executive Summary

What is a Community Health Assessment?

The purpose of a **Community Health Assessment** is to identify community needs and resources that impact the health of the community. The Community Health Assessment is an important first step in the **Community Health Improvement Planning Process**. The next steps involve working with the community to prioritize issues and develop, implement, and evaluate a plan to improve the health of the community.

The overall goal is to work together to develop a plan to create a thriving, healthy Kenosha County – the Kenosha County THRIVE Community Health Improvement Plan.



What’s included in this report?

This report highlights key findings from the **2022 Kenosha County Community Health Assessment**, which involved gathering information from a variety of sources, including a Community Health Survey, Community Conversations, and a comprehensive review of existing data.

Community Health Survey	Community Conversations	Review of Existing Data
Nearly 1,000 people completed an anonymous online survey that included 124 questions that covered topics such as individual and family health behaviors, environmental health, mental health, and questions about the Kenosha County community.	A total of 85 people participated in community conversations that intentionally centered the voices of individuals from historically underrepresented groups, including members of African American, Latino, LGBTQ+, youth, and rural communities.	A comprehensive review of existing data was conducted using a variety of sources including: United States Census Bureau Data, County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, and a variety of data collected by Kenosha County Public Health.



Who was involved?

The 2022 Kenosha County Community Health Assessment was led by **Kenosha County Public Health** in partnership with **Aurora Health Care** and **Froedtert South**. Members of the **Health Advisory Council**, **Health Equity Task Force**, and **Board of Health** were also engaged throughout the process. Most importantly, **Community Members** directly informed the assessment by completing the Community Health Survey and participating in Community Conversations.

What are the largest health concerns?

Members of the Kenosha County community were asked the question *In your opinion, what are the three largest health concerns in Kenosha County?* The image below shows the top 10 health concerns selected by the community. To ensure the Community Health Assessment is driven by the community, we have framed this report as a series of “data stories” that highlight key information about each of the top 10 health concerns. Health equity was identified as a cross-cutting issue that impacts all aspects of health in our community.

