

Wahkiakum County Community Health Assessment

Health indicators

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This document includes the final list of health indicators that we intend to include in the Health Data Analysis portion of the Wahkiakum County Community Health Assessment. We may edit this list based on feedback from community agencies, data we gain access to, or data we cannot access.

This list is based on [findings from our Community Health Needs Assessment Survey](#), work that Wahkiakum HHS is already committed to doing, and feedback received at the October 19 [Health & Human Services Advisory Board](#) and [Nov 7 Board of Health](#) meetings. More information about this project is available [online](#).

Affordable housing

Existing home sales	Median monthly rent
Number of existing housing units	Households spending more than 30% and 50% of their income on housing
New residence construction	Total number of residents experiencing homelessness
Median home price	School-age youth experiencing homelessness
Ability of a middle-income family to afford a median-priced home	

Mental health

School-age youth reporting symptoms consistent with anxiety or depression	Adults who live alone
School-aged youth reporting a high level of hope , or adults they can turn to when feeling sad	Calls to law enforcement related to mental health
Adults reporting frequent mental distress	Emergency department visits for psychological distress
	Emergency department visits for suicidal ideation
	Suicide deaths

Alcohol & drug use/abuse

Alcohol use, marijuana use, or painkiller abuse among school-age youth	Alcohol- & drug-related arrests
School-age youths' disapproval of youth use/abuse of, and perceived access to, alcohol & drugs	Suspected opioid overdoses reported by emergency medical service providers. Will include percent that receive naloxone .
School-age youths' discussions with parents about alcohol & drugs	Emergency department visits and/or hospitalizations among all residents for alcohol & drug overdose
Clients of state-funded alcohol/drug treatment	Alcohol & drug overdose deaths

Access to primary care

Percent of all residents with health insurance	Percent of school-age youth visiting a doctor in the past year	Percent of adults with a usual primary care provider
Non-emergency calls to 9-1-1	Visits to urgent care for primary care needs	Patients at local clinic who live in Wahkiakum County

Good jobs & a healthy economy

Employment status of all residents aged 16+ (includes unemployed)	Median income of employed population aged 16+	Class of worker for employed population aged 16+
	Industry of employed population aged 16+	Net jobs created

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Overweight/obesity, diabetes, & physical activity

Sweetened beverage consumption among school-aged youth

School-aged youth, and adults, who meet current

physical activity recommendations

School-aged youth with **3+ hours of leisure screen time** on an average school day

Residents who are **overweight or obese**

Adults who have been **diagnosed with diabetes**

Percent of adult Medicaid beneficiaries with **diabetes** who had their **blood sugar tested** (A1c test) in the past year

Diabetes hospitalizations and **deaths**

Community context

Population **demographics**

Number of **births**

Life expectancy

Drivers of **premature death**

Adults with **self-reported poor health**

Overall counts and per capita rates of **emergency dept. visits, hospitalizations, and death**

Leading causes of emergency dept. visits, hospitalizations, and death

Additional indicators to inform existing HHS work

Wildfire smoke

Emergency department visits for **lung** and/or **heart** problems.

Excess mortality on days with wildfire smoke

Air quality

Extreme heat

Emergency department visits for **heat-related illness**.

Extreme heat days

Excess mortality on extreme heat days

Immunizations

Childhood vaccine coverage rates.

Influenza vaccine coverage rates.

Shingles vaccine coverage rates among population 50+.

Domestic violence & sexual assault

Domestic violence offenses

Adults who experienced **childhood trauma**

Victims Of **child abuse** in **accepted referrals**

Data from **local domestic violence shelter**

Violent crime arrests

School-age youth experiencing **physical abuse**

Emergency department visits for suspected **domestic violence** or **child abuse**

Additional indicators based on Nov 7 BOH feedback

Wahkiakum county residents who are **diagnosed with cancer**, and those who **die from cancer**

Wahkiakum county residents with an **autoimmune disease** (will depend on what data are available)