Report Card 2012

Top Pressing and Prevalent Issues in Allegan County

DIABETES

- 38.5% of Allegan County adults are overweight, compared to Michigan at 30.9%.
- 30.7% of Allegan County adults are obese compared to Michigan at 30.9%.
- 17.9% of Allegan County youth are obese compared to Michigan at 11.9%.
- 74.2% of Allegan County adults engage in leisure time physical activity compared to Michigan at 75.7%.
- 43.4% of Allegan County youth engage in leisure time physical activity compared to Michigan at 46.8%.

Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, 2010, Allegan

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

- 32.3% of the Allegan County population had no routine health care checkup in the past year.
- 15.4% of the Allegan County population have no health care coverage, higher than Michigan.
- The ratio of 51.5 primary care providers per 100,000 people is less than half the state (114.4).
- 9.0% of the Allegan County population have no Primary Care Provider.
- 14.7% of the Allegan County population have no health care access due to cost, higher than Michigan.

Frost Center, Allegan County Health Needs Assessment 2011

POVERTY

- The percentage of the overall population living in poverty increased from 7.3% in 2000 to 16.3% in 2012.
- The percentage of children under 18 living in poverty increased from 5% in 2000 to 17.3% in 2012.
- The rate of students eligible for Free and Reduced lunch increased from 21% in 2000 to 41% in 2012.

US Census Bureau Small Income and Poverty Estimates County Health Rankings, Allegan County
US Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 2010 Kids County Data
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EDUCATION

- 90% of the Allegan County population over 25 has a high school diploma, compared to Michigan at 89%, and the U.S. at 86%.
- 23% of the Allegan County population over 25 has a Bachelor’s degree, compared to Michigan at 26% and the U.S. at 29%.
- 8% of the Allegan County population over 25 has an Advanced degree, compared to Michigan at 10% and the U.S at 11%.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey

ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 27.1% of Allegan County adults smoke, compare to Michigan at 19.7%, and the U.S. at 17.3%.
- 16.8% of Allegan County adults reported binge drinking, compared to Michigan at 16.6%, and the U.S. at 15.8%.
- 4.8% of traffic accidents in Allegan County involve alcohol, compared to Michigan at 3.5%.

Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, 2010, Allegan County Health Rankings

BASIC NEEDS

- Allegan County’s unemployment rate of 7.8% is lower than Michigan’s at 9.4%, and equal to the U.S.
- The total number of jobs lost in Allegan County from 2005 to 2010 was just over 1,900, or a 5.7% decline in industry jobs.
- The proportion of vacant housing units is higher in Allegan County at 15% than Michigan at 14.6%, and the U.S. at 11.4%.


TRANSPORTATION

- Residents have to travel great distances to access the many social and health care programs. With respect to health care, they often have to travel outside of Allegan County to access care. Usually this is due to a referral for specialized care, child delivery, OB/GYN or prenatal care, cancer treatment, or pediatric-related care.
- Transportation is not only a top barrier to health care but can also be a barrier to employment – either getting a job or retaining one.

Frost Center, Allegan County Community Health Needs Assessment