

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Per the CDC, a *community health assessment*, also known as community health needs assessment, refers to a state, tribal, local, or territorial health assessment that identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis. A *community health improvement plan* is a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of community health assessment activities and the community health improvement process.

A community health assessment gives organizations comprehensive information about the community's current health status, needs, and issues. In turn, this information can help with developing a community health improvement plan by justifying how and where resources should be allocated to best meet community needs. <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/cha/index.html>

[What is a Community Health Assessment?](#)

[NC DHHS Information on Community Health Assessments](#)

[Example of a Community Health Needs Assessment from a Hospital- NHRMC](#)

Community Assessment

In addition to population and physical size, an overall assessment of the community may include demographics, cultures and ethnicities represented, languages spoken, average age, school information, neighborhood safety, transportation options, and other social determinants of health (SDOH).

Much information can be found at the county level or through data compiled nationally.

[US Census](#)

[Example of Population and Demographics information from New Hanover County](#)

[Community Needs Assessment as defined by the CDC](#)

[Community Needs Assessment for NC Counties](#)

[County Health Rankings and Roadmaps](#)

[NCIOM Healthy North Carolina 2030](#)

Recruit, Train, and Retain: Developing the workforce for a healthy North Carolina

[North Carolina Health Equity Report 2018](#)

[North Carolina Department of Public Instruction](#)

State of the County Health Report (SOTCH)

The State of the County Health Reports (SOTCH) are **produced on interim years and summarize key health indicators related to illness, death, and high-risk behaviors for that particular year**. Each annual report, serves as an update to the previous year's SOTCH and the most recent Community Needs Assessment. This is a good place to find county level information about the overall health of your population.

[Example SOTCH from Henderson County](#)

[Example SOTCH from Bladen County](#)

[America's Health Rankings](#)

[Minority Health Report](#)

[Healthy People 2030](#)

[Healthy North Carolina 2030](#)

[County Health Rankings](#)

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