

2019 Community Health Assessment Survey Hispanic or Latino Neighborhood Sample Executive Summary

The Partnership for a Healthy Durham, Durham County Department of Public Health and Duke Health would like to thank the residents of Durham County for participating in the 2019 Community Health Assessment survey. Collecting the data and analysis of the results are not possible without the honest conversations and the engagement of the community.

Purpose of the Community Health Assessment Survey

The Community Health Assessment survey is done door-to-door every three years jointly with the Partnership for a Healthy Durham, Durham County Department of Public Health and Duke Health. The partners choose to conduct door-to-door surveys because:

- Find out directly from the community what issues/factors impact their health
- Gives us the opportunity to talk to the people we serve
- Collect data at County level that can't get from other sources
- Reach populations we may not through other survey methods
- Improved response rates



The survey is the first step in the Community Health Assessment process. This report details the findings of the 2019 Community Health Assessment Survey Hispanic or Latino neighborhood sample.

Survey Development

The survey development process was led by the epidemiologist with the Durham County Department of Public Health and involved many partners and community members. The Hispanic or Latino sample survey team reviewed the 2016 survey, considered community feedback, looked for gaps in existing data to determine which questions to remove or add. The group provided suggestions for questions, responses and language edits to improve the translation and appropriateness of the survey. The survey was then reviewed, tested and finalized.

See page 4 of the 2019 Durham County Community Health Assessment report for the Hispanic or Latino sample for details on survey development.

Sampling Methods

The survey sample was drawn from Durham County census blocks with at least 50% or more Hispanic or Latino residents according to 2010 census data. Randomly selected residential address within each census block were picked as starting points. The sample size was 235 with the goal of reaching an 80% survey completion rate of 188 surveys.

See page 3 of the 2019 Durham County Community Health Assessment report for the Hispanic or Latino neighborhood sample.

Survey Administration

Volunteers from the Partnership for a Healthy Durham, local colleges and universities, community organizations in the Triangle area and the Durham County Department of Public Health conducted the surveys. It took 57 volunteers over 38 survey days between May and September 2019 to finish the survey. Volunteers were trained and sent in pairs to neighborhoods throughout Durham to collect data. To be eligible for this survey, respondents had to identify as Hispanic or Latino. Surveys were done mainly in Spanish and in English when the survey participant did not speak Spanish.

See page 4 of the 2019 Durham County Community Health Assessment report for the county wide sample for details on survey administration.

Results

There were 188 surveys completed in the county wide sample for a response rate of 80%. The results for the sample cannot be generalized to the entire Hispanic or Latino population in Durham. The results can only be applied those who participated in the survey.

Many themes emerged in the results of the Hispanic or Latino. Those themes are:

- Health outcomes in many areas were worse for the Hispanic or Latino survey respondents, particularly income, home ownership, food security and access to care
- Structural racism and immigration status are causes of health disparities for this population
- Issues are linked; for example, housing issues are also access to care and food insecurity issues
- Top ways to better support communities such as increased police response to crime, access to care, more health programming and health education, education system improvements and stronger communication and outreach to community could also address some issues that impact quality of life and top health concerns
- Majority of residents feel safe where they live in Durham

For the first time, the 2019 Community Health Assessment survey asked what people, places and things made Durham a good place to live. Results for the Hispanic or Latino neighborhood survey are below.

