

2015 Greater Fargo-Moorhead Community Health Needs Assessment of American Indian Residents: Results Summary

Background:

- The purpose of this survey was to survey American Indian residents of Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota regarding their perceptions of community health, their personal health, preventive health issues, and disease prevalence.
- Survey data was collected in July 2015 during a health fair at a local school in Fargo, ND.

Survey Results:

Section One: On a scale from one to five with one being “not at all” and five being “a great deal”, respondents were asked to rate their level of concern with specific statements related to larger community issues.

Economics	•The economic-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern was homelessness (mean=4.08), followed by hunger (mean=3.83), and availability of affordable housing (mean=3.81).
Transportation	•The transportation-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was availability of good walking or biking options (mean=3.27).
Environment	•The environment-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was air quality (mean=3.16).
Children and Youth	•The children and youth-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was cost of quality child care (mean=4.09).
Aging Population	•The aging population-related issues which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was cost of long-term care (mean=3.86), followed by availability of long-term care (mean=3.76), and availability of resources to help the elderly stay safe in their home (mean=3.71).
Safety	•The safety-related community issues which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among IA respondents was presence of street drugs, prescription drugs, and alcohol in the community (mean=3.408, followed closely by domestic violence (mean=4.07).
Health Care	•The health care-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was cost of affordable dental insurance coverage (mean=3.94), followed by access to affordable health insurance (mean=3.87) and access to affordable prescription drugs (mean=3.86).
Physical and Mental Health	•The physical and mental health-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was other psychiatric diagnosis (mean=4.13), followed by suicide (mean=4.11), stress (mean=4.10), and depression (mean=4.03).
Substance Use and Abuse	•The substance use and abuse-related community issue which had the highest mean score in regard to level of concern among AI respondents was exposure to second hand smoke (mean=4.11), followed by drug use and abuse (mean=4.04), and alcohol use and abuse (mean=4.04).

Sections Two and Three: Respondents were asked to report on their current **physical** and **mental** health status.

