# A Community Health Needs Assessment

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# A Thematic Summary of the CHNA Study Results for

# VCU Medical Center

#### Introduction

The mission of VCU Health is to "Preserve and restore health for all people of Virginia and beyond through innovation in service, research, and education." With this mission in mind, VCU Medical Center commissioned Community Health Solutions (CHS) to conduct this community health needs assessment (CHNA) study in 2021.

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority a/k/a VCU Medical Center is a public body corporate, public instrumentality, and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Given that multiple entities within VCU Health System Authority have the same service area, this is a joint CHNA with one defined community, and is inclusive of both VCU Medical Center ("VCUMC") as a 837 bed acute medical

#### Themes to Consider

- 1. Population Diversity
- 2. Social Determinants of Health
- 3. Community Needs Related to COVID-19
- 4. Access to Community Healthcare
- 5. Access to Community Support Services
- 6. Maternal and Infant Health
- 7. Health Risk Behaviors and the Community Environment
- 8. Chronic Disease, Hospitalization, and Mortality
- 9. Ideas for Improving Community Health

center and VCU Health Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC ("ASC") as a 6-OR 501(c)(3) outpatient surgical hospital.

The CHNA study was designed to provide insight about community health needs and opportunities for community health improvement. Research activities for the study included a survey of community residents, a survey of community stakeholders, and analysis of selected community health indicators.

The study results reveal a wide range of community needs, along with insights about community assets and ideas for improving community health. In this summary CHS offers an outline of selected themes emerging from the study.

Please note that the data and measures generated for the study are substantial and informative, but for various technical reasons, no CHNA study can fully capture all of the needs a given community. In this context, we offer the themes outlined below as a starting point for discussion by the VCU Medical Center team. We encourage leaders to view this thematic analysis as a starting point, and adjust the focus as needed to reflect your vision.

#### 1. Population Diversity

The geographic region for the study includes eight localities: the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond; and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Henrico, and New Kent. The community population is diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, economic status, and rural, suburban, and urban settings. Selected indicators of population diversity are provided below, and more detail is provided in Section 3 of the report.

	2021 Pc	pulation Estimates
Henrico County Lasens Mananics ulla	7,380	Charles City County
Richmond Son	363,893	Chesterfield County
New Kent County	17,238	Colonial Heights
Henrico County	330,727	Henrico County
Contraction Married	22,790	Hopewell
Chesterfield County Chaster Charles City County Charles City County	24,823	New Kent County
A and the second second	32,310	Petersburg
Perfun Colonial Heights	230,833	Richmond
Prince George	1,029,994	Total

Selected indicators of population diversity (estimates):			
<ul> <li>Estimated 1,029,994 community residents in the study region (2021)</li> <li>22% children age 0-17 in 2021, with projected growth of 3% from 2021 to 2026</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>33% Black/African American in 2021, with projected growth of 4% from 2021 to 2026</li> <li>8% Other or Multi-Race in 2021, with projected growth of 19% from 2021 to 2026</li> <li>8% Hispanic ethnicity in 2021, with projected growth</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>16% older adults age 65+in 2021, with projected growth of 4% from 2021 to 2026</li> <li>5% Asian in 2021, with projected growth of 19% from 2021 to 2026</li> </ul>	of 22% from 2021 to 2026 12% with income below 100% of poverty (2019) 28% with income below 200% of poverty (2019) * See report <b>Exhibits 3.1</b> , <b>3.2</b> , and <b>3.3</b> for details.		

#### 2. Social Determinants of Health

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines **social determinants of health** (SDoH) as conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. A growing body of research indicates that SDoH can be linked to a lack of opportunity and resources to protect, improve, and maintain health.

As outlined under community insights below, respondents to the surveys of community residents and community stakeholders identified a range of vulnerable populations who may be at risk for SDoH-related challenges. The community indicators provide insight into the numbers of community residents who may be at risk. Report Section 4 provides additional community maps showing the community distribution of selected populations.

#### **Community Insights**

Vulnerable populations identified in one or both surveys of community residents and community stakeholders:

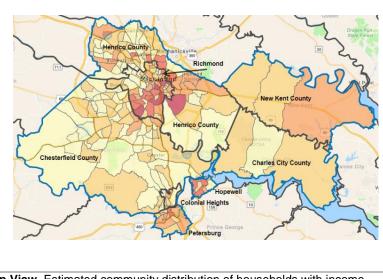
- Elderly
- Parents of school aged children
- Hispanic/Latino
- Single parents
- People of color
  - People with disabilities
- Immigrants
   Low-income
- People with limited Englis
- People with limited English proficiency
- People with mental health conditions
- People with substance use problems
- People with transportation access needs
- Unemployed
- □ Underinsured/Uninsured
- Working poor

#### \*See report Exhibits 1.10, 2.5, and 4.1 for details.

#### **Community Indicators**

Selected indicators of populations potentially at risk for SDoH-related challenges (estimates):

- 11% of households with income below 100% of poverty (2019)
- 12% of population with income below 100% of poverty (2019)
- 28% of population with income below 200% of poverty (2019)
- 45% racial minority (33% Black African American, 8% Other/Multi Race, 5% Asian)
- □ 8% Hispanic ethnicity
- 9% age 25+ with less than high school education (2021)
- 13% of households without internet access (2019)
- Community maps indicate presence of vulnerable populations within census tracts across all eight localities
- \* See report Exhibits 3.1, 3.2, and 4.2 for details.



**Map View**. Estimated community distribution of households with income below 100% of poverty. Darker shading indicates higher prevalence. See Section 4 for details on this and other community maps.

## 3. Community Needs Related to COVID 19

Respondents to the surveys of community residents and community stakeholders provided important insights about community needs in the specific context of COVID-19. In particular, both groups shared their insights on employment loss, housing loss, groups needing extra help, and personal difficulties experienced by community members. The survey results for each group are summarized below. Worth noting is the substantial overlap across the two survey groups in their perspectives on groups needing extra help, and personal difficulties experienced by community members.

Impact	Community Resident Insights	Community Stakeholder Insights
Employment Loss	110 out of 463 respondents reported they or an immediate family member lost employment due to COVID-19.	18 of 20 respondents reported an increase in clients/consumers who lost employment due to COVID-19.
Housing Loss	24 out of 463 respondents reported they or an immediate family member lost housing due to COVID-19.	13 of 20 respondents reported an increase in clients/consumers who lost housing due to COVID- 19.
Groups Needing Extra Help	Groups identified as needing extra help due to COVID-19 include elderly; homeless; families with school-age children; low income families; people with disabilities; and more.	Groups identified as needing extra help due to COVID-19 include elderly; families with school-age children; homeless; people of color; people with mental illness; and people with chronic conditions.
Personal Difficulties Experienced	The most commonly identified personal difficulties during COVID-19 were:         Keeping good mental health         Feeling good physical health         Feeling lonely or isolated         Having money worries         Managing schooling at home for children         Getting essential supplies         Getting trusted information on COVID-19         Keeping good dental health care	The most commonly identified client/consumer difficulties during COVID-19 were: Accessing mental health services Childcare Managing schooling at home for children Accessing transportation Feeling lonely or isolated Accessing healthy food Accessing healthcare services Housing Financial resources.

#### 4. Access to Community Healthcare

Access to community healthcare is a concern for community residents who face obstacles due to lack of health coverage or other factors. As outlined under community resident insights, respondents to the survey of community residents identified personal barriers to healthcare, health care service needs, and services they would like to see more of from VCU Medical Center.

#### Community Resident Insights

- □ The most commonly identified **personal barriers to healthcare** include inability to get appointments; high cost/out of pocket expenses; not able to take time off work; lack of provider follow-through; inability to get mental health services; limited or no insurance coverage; and lack of knowledge about what services are available.
- □ The most commonly identified **health care service needs** include affordable health insurance; mental health services; dental services; services for weight control; health education and prevention services; and primary care services.
- When asked to identify services they would like to see more of from VCU Medical Center, the most common responses were affordable health insurance; mental health services; dental services; services for weight control; and substance use and addiction services.
- See report **Exhibits 1.4**, **1.6**, and **1.7** for details

The community indicators listed below provide estimates of uninsured community members as of 2019, with an estimated total of 76,626 people uninsured within the study region. As context it is important to note that Virginia implemented Medicaid expansion for adults beginning on January 1, 2019. By October of 2021, an estimated 86,507 adults had enrolled in Medicaid expansion. At this point in time there are no data available to provide an indication of how many uninsured adults remain.

We do know that the relationship between enrollees in Medicaid expansion and the number of uninsured is not static. For example, since 2019 the pandemic has caused major disruptions in the economy, which may have resulted in more uninsured who were not eligible for Medicaid. Likewise, there is some level of turnover in local Medicaid enrollment as adults enter or leave the area, or disenroll due to changes in eligibility. For these reasons, an updated study of uninsured rates and Medicaid enrollment would be required to produce a more precise estimate of local uninsured rates and counts for 2021.

#### **Community Indicators**

Selected indicators of access to community healthcare:

- □ 76,626 (9%) uninsured among population age 0-64 (2019 estimate)
- □ 9,159 (4%) uninsured among children 0-18 (2019 estimate)
- □ 67,622 (11%) uninsured among adults 18-64 (2019 estimate)
- □ 86,507 adults enrolled in Medicaid expansion between 2019 and 2021 (estimate)
- Charles City County, Hopewell, New Kent County, and Petersburg designated as medically underserved areas.
- Selected census tracts in Chesterfield County, Henrico County, and Richmond designated as medically underserved.
- See report **Exhibits 3.6**, **3.7**, and **3.8** for details

#### 5. Access to Community Support Services

Widening the lens beyond community healthcare, respondents to the surveys of community residents and community stakeholders were asked to share their insights about access to community support services. Both survey groups were asked to identify community services that need strengthening, with the results summarized below. The two survey groups show both commonalities and differences in their responses. Together they provide a wide lens on the importance of community support services for community health improvement.

Community Resident Insights	Community Stakeholder Insights	
The most commonly identified <b>community services that</b> <b>need strengthening</b> include:	The most commonly identified <b>community services that</b> need strengthening include:	
<ul> <li>After school programs</li> <li>Childcare services</li> <li>Services for children with special needs</li> <li>Services for adults with disabilities</li> <li>Housing assistance</li> <li>Public transportation</li> <li>Services for older adults</li> <li>Utility assistance</li> <li>Food assistance</li> <li>Long term care services</li> <li>Transportation to grocery stores</li> <li>*See report Exhibit 1.8 for details</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Homeless services</li> <li>Behavioral health services</li> <li>Dental care / oral health</li> <li>Employment opportunity / workforce development</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Bi-lingual and multi-lingual services</li> <li>Health promotion and prevention</li> <li>Long-term care supports</li> <li>Job/vocational training</li> <li>Health care services for uninsured</li> <li>*See report Exhibit 2.4 for details</li> </ul>	

#### 6. Maternal and Infant Health

As shown in the listed of selected indicators below, in 2019 there were 12,260 total live births in the study region, with 1,088 low weight births, 1,622 births without early prenatal care, 5,436 non-marital births, and 495 births to teens. There were also an average 104 infant deaths per year across the study region from 2015-2019. Focusing on rates, the study region had a lower rate of births without early prenatal care, and higher rates of non-marital births and infant mortality compared to statewide rates.

Community Indicators	
Mater	nal and infant health (selected indicators):
	12,260 total live births (2019)
	1,088 low weight births (8% of total live births) (2019)
	1,622 births without early prenatal care (13% of total live births) (2019)
	5,436 nonmarital births (44% of total live births) (2019)
	495 births to teens (4% of total live births) (2019)
	98 average infant deaths annually (8.0 per 1,000 live births) (2015-2019)
	Higher rates of non-marital births and infant mortality compared to statewide rates
	*See report Exhibit 3.10 for details

#### 7. Health Risk Behaviors and the Community Environment

Health risk behaviors include lifestyle factors that can influence individual and population health, including development of chronic disease. The community indicators listed below show there is room for improvement in reducing personal health risks through weight control, healthy eating, physical activity, smoking reduction, and binge drinking reduction.

Community Indicators (adult estimates)	Community Indicators (high school youth estimates)
Adult health risk behaviors (selected indicators):	High school youth health risk behaviors (selected indicators):
<ul> <li>34% overweight (BMI &gt; 30) (2021)</li> <li>85% consume less than five servings of fruits &amp; vegetables per day (2021)</li> <li>22% no physical activity in past 30 days (2021)</li> <li>13% smoke (2021)</li> <li>19% at risk for binge drinking (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>32% self-describe as slightly or very overweight (2021)</li> <li>60% not meeting recommendations for physical activity in past week (2021)</li> <li>22% used tobacco or vapor products in the past month (2021)</li> </ul>
See report Exhibit 3.4 for details	*See report Exhibit 3.5 for details

Health risks are also reflected in responses to the surveys of community residents and community stakeholders. As outlined below, both groups identified healthy lifestyle needs and concerns in their respective survey responses.

Con	Community Resident Insights		Community Stakeholder Insights	
The most commonly identified <b>neighborhood and</b> <b>community needs</b> include:			est commonly identified <b>community health ns</b> include:	
	Access to healthy foods		Mental health	
	Opportunities to participate in community events		Addiction / substance use	
	Spaces for walking		Domestic and community violence	
	Access to public transportation		Adult overweight / obesity	
	Violence reduction		Diabetes	
	Traffic safety		Dental care / oral health	
	Access to public parks or playgrounds		Language access to health care	
	School safety		High blood pressure	
	Air quality		Legal services	
	Housing access		Literacy	
	*See report Exhibit 1.5 for details		*See report Exhibit 2.3 for details	

#### 8. Chronic Disease, Hospitalization, and Mortality

Health risk factors and the community environment can have a direct impact on chronic disease, hospitalization, and mortality across the community.

- 1. Chronic disease prevalence. Substantial numbers of adults have been told by a health care provider they have arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol, and an estimated 16% self-report they have fair or poor health status.
- 2. Potentially avoidable hospitalizations. The impact of chronic disease is further reflected in the number of potentially avoidable hospitalizations for congestive heart failure, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and hypertension.
- 3. Behavioral health hospitalization. Chronic mental illness and substance use disorders are also key considerations for chronic care improvement, as reflected in the substantial numbers of hospitalizations for these conditions at area hospitals (not including state facilities).
- 4. Leading causes of death. The leading causes of death in the study region are also driven primarily (though not exclusively) by chronic illness. This has always been the case, but from a community health improvement standpoint, it can be helpful to explore how many of these deaths occur prematurely and might be prevented or delayed through effective health care and community supports.

1. Chronic Disease Prevalence	2. Leading Causes of Potentially Avoidable Hospitalization
Selected indicators of chronic disease among adults (estimates):	Selected indicators of potentially avoidable hospitalization (inpatient discharges) among adults:
<ul> <li>211,016 arthritis (26% of adult population) (2021)</li> <li>99,505 diabetes (12% of adult population) (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10,508 total potentially avoidable hospitalizations (2019)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>289,665 high blood pressure (36% of adult population (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4,043 congestive heart failure (2019)</li> <li>2,386 diabetes (2019)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>245,604 high cholesterol (30% of adult population) (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1,533 COPD or asthma in older adults (2019)</li> <li>925 urinary tract infection (2019)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>131,941 self-reported fair or poor health status (16% of adult population) (2021)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>919 community acquired pneumonia (2019)</li> <li>548 hypertension (2019)</li> </ul>
*See report Exhibit 3.4 for details	156 asthma in younger adults (2019)
	<ul> <li>Higher crude rates of hospitalization per 100,000 population for above causes compared to statewide rates, except for community-acquired pneumonia</li> <li>*See report Exhibit 3.11 for details</li> </ul>
3. Leading Causes of Behavioral Health Hospitalization	4. Leading Causes of Death

Selected indicators of behavioral health hospitalization (inpatient discharges):	Leading causes of death (selected indicators)
□ 13,197 total behavioral health hospitalizations	<ul> <li>8,692 total deaths, all causes (2019)</li> <li>1,868 heart disease (2019)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3,871 major depressive disorder, recurrent (2019)</li> <li>1,541 schizoaffective disorders (2019)</li> </ul>	□ 1,815 malignant neoplasms (cancer) (2019)
<ul> <li>1,541 schizoattective disorders (2019)</li> <li>1,487 bipolar disorder (2019)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>575 unintentional injury (2019)</li> <li>498 cerebrovascular disease (stroke) (2019)</li> </ul>
□ 1,444 alcohol-related disorders (2019)	449 chronic lower respiratory disease (2019)
□ 1,190 major depressive disorder, single episode (2019)	293 Alzheimer's disease (2019)
753 schizophrenia (2019)	268 diabetes (2019)
451 opioid related disorders (2019)	250 Nephritis and nephrosis (2019)
401 unspecified mood (affective) disorders (2019)	158 septicemia (2019)
□ 337 reaction to severe stress, and adjustment disorders	□ 138 suicide (2019)
<ul> <li>Higher crude rates of hospitalization per 100,000 population for above causes compared to statewide rates</li> </ul>	Higher crude rates of death per 100,000 population for above causes compared to statewide rates except for suicide, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes.
See report Exhibit 3.12 for details	*See report Exhibit 3.9 for details

## 9. Ideas and Suggestions for Improving Community Health

Looking forward, community residents and community stakeholders were invited to share ideas for improving community health. The responses outlined below represent general themes emerging from the survey responses. Richer descriptions are available in the individual survey responses which have been provided to VCU Medical Center under separate cover.

Community Resident Insights	Community Stakeholder Insights
Ideas about how VCU Medical Center and its partners can help community members achieve better health:         Provide healthcare services         Provide community and social services         Facilitate community engagement         Help address health equity         Provide services and supports for children         Provide services and supports for people with mental health and substance use concerns         *See report Exhibit 1.10 for details	Ideas about how people could work together to promote optimal health in the community:         Engage the community         Improve community and social services         Improve health care services         Address health equity         Improve healthy lifestyle supports         Improve services for mental health and substance use         *See report Exhibit 2.5 for details

# **Section 1. Insights from Community Residents**

To generate community input for the community health needs assessment, a *Community Insight Survey* was conducted with community residents. Insights were collected via surveys administered online. Four hundred and seventy (470) community residents submitted a response (although not every respondent answered every question). The respondents provided rich insights about community health in the study region. This section describes the methods and results of the survey.

#### A. Survey Methods

VCU Medical Center began with a goal to conduct an inclusive survey with insights from all demographic groups, including low-income and minority populations. With this in mind the survey was distributed electronically and on paper through multiple community partners. Electronic distribution was facilitated primarily through messaging to a sample of VCU Health patients selected from across the region. Paper versions of the survey were distributed by multiple community partner organizations who offered the survey to community residents they serve.

It should also be noted that the surveys were conducted using convenience sampling methods. Convenience sampling is a practical approach for obtaining insights from as many people as possible. It differs from probability sampling, which involves random selection of a smaller group of respondents that should be representative of the

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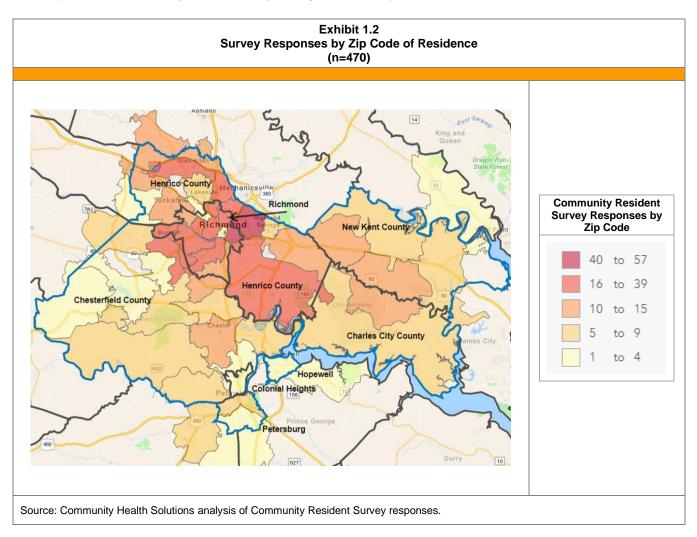
broader population. The results of a convenience sample are instructive for understanding the scope of issues and opportunities in a community; however, they are not necessarily representative of the entire community.

#### B. Demographic Profile of Survey Respondents

Survey respondents were asked to describe their demographic background. The resulting demographic profile of survey respondents is shown in **Exhibit 1.1**. Although some respondents did not answer all of the demographic questions, the results indicate substantial participation by community members across age groups, race and ethnicity, household income, education status, household size, and households with and without children. Responses by gender leaned heavily toward respondents who self-identified as female, which is common in these types of community surveys.

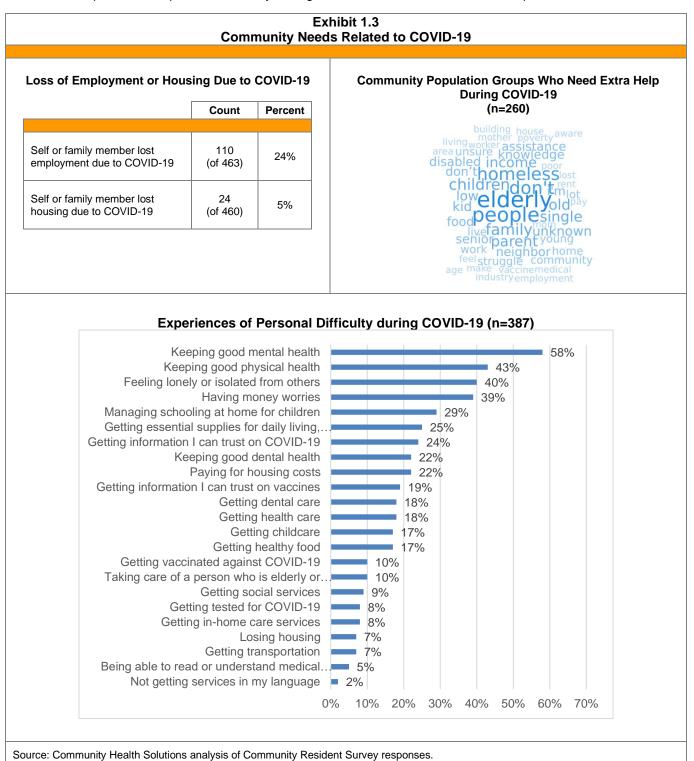
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Ethnicity School	Unknown 1	0%
	Aged Children in the Household (n=47	70)
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Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin 24 5% Yes	213	45%
Non-Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish 437 93% No	257	55%
Unknown 9 2% Househ	nold Income	
Gender Less that	an \$25,000 112	24%
Serrela \$25,000	0-\$34,999 35	7%
Female         347         74%           Mala         04         20%	0-\$49,999 53	11%
Male         94         20%           Utalua aura         20         20%	0-\$74,999 60	13%
Unknown 29 6% \$75,000		34%
	now/Not Sure 44	9%
Unknow		1%

Community residents were also asked to indicate the zip code where they live in the study region. The map and table in **Exhibit 1.2** show the number of survey responses received from residents of each of more than 40 zip codes. (Please note some zip codes overlap county boundaries.)



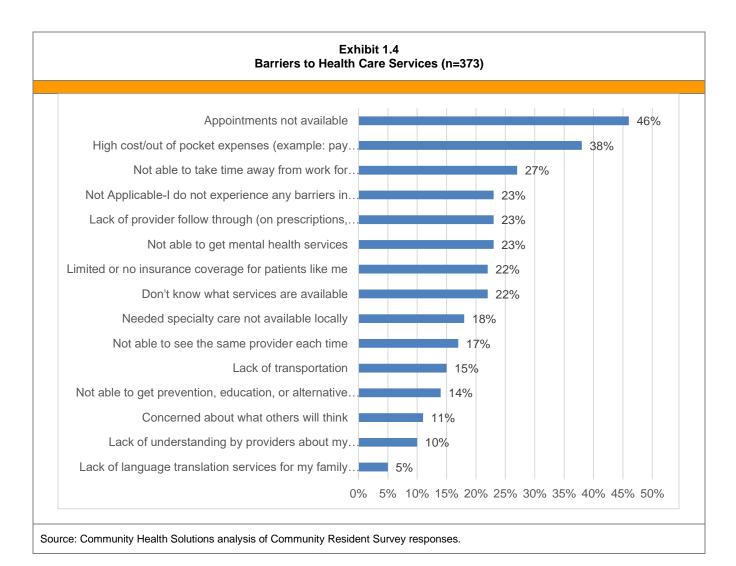
### C. Community Needs Related to COVID-19

Community residents were asked to share their insights on community needs specifically related to COVID-19. The results are shown in **Exhibit 1.3**. One hundred and ten (110) respondents (24%) said they or an immediate family member lost employment due to COVID-19, and 24 respondents (5%) reported they or a family member lost housing. Survey respondents also identified multiple groups that need extra help due to COVID-19, including the elderly, homeless persons, families with children, low-income families, people with disabilities, and more. They also shared their experiences of personal difficulty during COVID-19 as shown in the bottom panel.



#### D. Personal Barriers to Health Care Prior to COVID-19

As shown in **Exhibit 1.4**, respondents identified barriers to obtaining the health care services they and their immediate family have experienced prior to COVID-19. Among responses from 373 individuals, the most commonly identified barriers include the inability to get appointments (46%); high cost/out of pocket expenses (38%); not able to take time off work (27%); lack of provider follow through (23%); inability to get mental health services (23%); limited or no insurance coverage (22%); and don't know what services are available (22%).



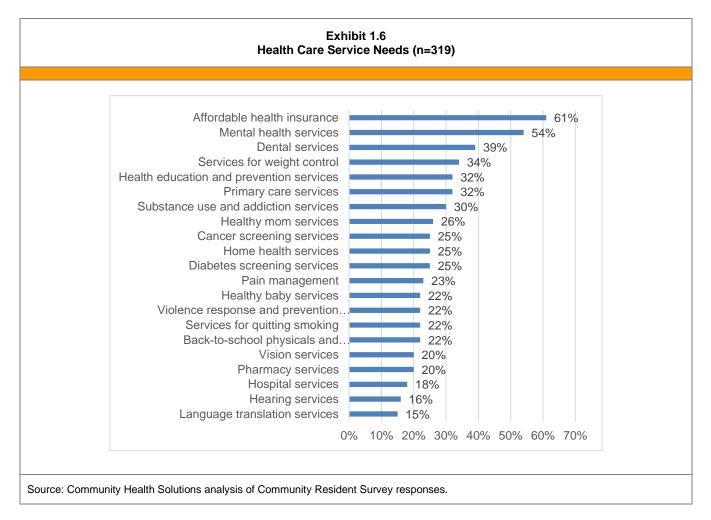
#### E. Neighborhood and Community Environment

Community residents were asked to review a list of common community health needs and concerns and identify which of these areas need improvement in their community. As shown in **Exhibit 1.5**, among responses from 323 individuals, the most commonly identified neighborhood and community needs include access to healthy foods (47%); opportunities to participate in community events/activities (34%); spaces for walking (33%); access to public transportation (33%); violence in the community (29%); traffic safety (28%); and access to public parks or playgrounds (28%).

Access to healthy foods (fresh fruits and vegetables)	47%
Opportunities to participate in community events and	
Spaces for walking	
Access to public transportation	
Violence in the community (not gang related	
Traffic safety	
Access to public parks or playgrounds	
School safety	
Air quality	
Housing access	
Housing access	
Bullying (cyber, school, etc.)	
Spaces for biking	
Water quality	
Gang Violence	
Violence in homes (sexual, domestic)	
Help with reading	
	0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50%

#### F. Community Health Care Services

Community residents were asked to review a list of common health services, and identify which services need strengthening in their community. As shown in **Exhibit 1.6**, among responses from 319 individuals, the most commonly identified health care service needs include affordable health insurance (61%); mental health services (54%); dental services (39%); services for weight control (34%); health education and prevention services (32%); primary care services (32%).



#### G. VCU Medical Center Services

Survey respondents were asked which medical services offered by VCU Medical Center they would like to see more of. As shown in **Exhibit 1.7**, among 347 individuals responding, the majority reported they would like to see more of affordable health insurance (59%) and mental health services (57%). More than thirty percent said they would like to see more dental services and services for weight control, and between 14% and 28% said they would like to see more of the additional services on the list.

Affordable health insurance	59%
Mental health services	57%
Dental services	35%
Services for weight control	33%
Substance use and addiction services	28%
Health education and prevention services	28%
Primary care services	28%
Healthy mom services	26%
Cancer screening services	25%
Pain management	24%
Vision services	23%
Home health services	23%
Diabetes screening services	21%
Pharmacy services	20%
Back-to-school physicals and	20%
Healthy baby services	19%
Violence response and prevention services	19%
Services for quitting smoking	18%
Hospital services	17%
Hearing services	14%
Language translation services	14%
0%	10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70%

#### H. Community Support Services

Community residents were asked to review a list of common community support services and identify which of those services need strengthening in their community. As shown in Exhibit 1.8, among 314 individuals responding, the most commonly identified community services include after school programs (41%), childcare services (37%), services for children with special needs (37%), services for adults with disabilities (36%), and housing assistance (36%). Substantial numbers of respondents (21%-35%) identified additional services on the list.

After school programs	41%
Childcare services	37%
Services for children with special needs	37%
Services for adults with disabilities	36%
Housing assistance	36%
Public transportation	35%
Services for older adults	34%
Utility assistance	33%
Food assistance	32%
Long term care services	31%
Transportation to grocery stores	30%
Crime protection	30%
Financial and legal counseling services	30%
Closer grocery store	27%
Assisted living services	26%
Transportation to health care	25%
Adult reading class	21%

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of Community Resident Survey responses.

#### I. Sources of Health Information

Community residents were asked to identify sources they turn to for health information. As shown in **Exhibit 1.9**, among 467 individual respondents, 82% use their health care provider, 46% use online resources, 26% use family; 19% use friends, and 17-18%% use the hospital emergency department or an urgent care center. Other identified sources include the local health department (16%), a free clinic (10%), social media resources (8%), and places of worship (6%).

Exhibit 1.9 Sources of Health Information (n=467)				
Health Care Provider (Example: Physician, Nurse Practitioner)	384	82%		
Online Resources (Example: WebMD)	214	46%		
Family Member	123	26%		
Friends	91	19%		
Hospital Emergency Department	84	18%		
Urgent Care	81	17%		
Local Health Department	73	16%		
Free Clinic	48	10%		
Social Media Resources (Example: Facebook)	36	8%		
Place of worship	27	6%		
Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of Community Resident Survey respon	nses.			

#### J. In Their Own Words - Insights from Community Residents

Community residents were asked to share in their own words their insights on the health and well-being of their community. **Exhibit 1.10** presents a summary of the **most common themes** and the associated number of responses. The most common themes are provided as a summary illustration, but they do not represent all the responses provided. The detailed responses are provided under separate cover.

	In their Ow	n Words – Insights f	rom Community Reside	ent Survey Respo	ndents	
٨	lote: Thematic catego	ries are not mutually exc	lusive. Individual responses	a may be coded into m	nultiple categories.	
Are there particular groups of people within your neighborhood or community who need help obtaining better health? (n=284)						
	tions with potential a equity concerns	Elderly population	Those with limited access to health care services	Low income population	Those with limited access to community and social services	
61		60	60	54	29	
•••		y ideas on how VCU ood achieve better h	Medical Center and its ealth? (n=211)	partners can help	you and others in	
_	your neighborh	ood achieve better h	ealth? (n=211)		Supports for children	
_				partners can help Help address health equity	Supports for children Supports for people	
_	your neighborh	pod achieve better h	ealth? (n=211) Faciliate community	Help address	Supports for children Supports for people with mental health or substance use	

## Section 2. Insights from Community Stakeholders

In addition to the survey of community residents described in **Section 1**, a second *Community Insight Survey* was conducted with a group of community stakeholders identified by VCU Medical Center staff. This section describes the methods, summary results, and detailed results for each section of the survey.

#### A. Survey Methods

The survey was conducted online with a pool of potential respondents identified by VCU Medical Center from their existing lists of community contacts. One section of the survey included questions about community needs related to COVID-19. The other sections asked respondents for their insights about community health issues beyond COVID-19. A total of 20 individuals from 15 organizations submitted a response (although not every respondent answered every question).

#### B. Organizational Affiliation and Geographic Perspective

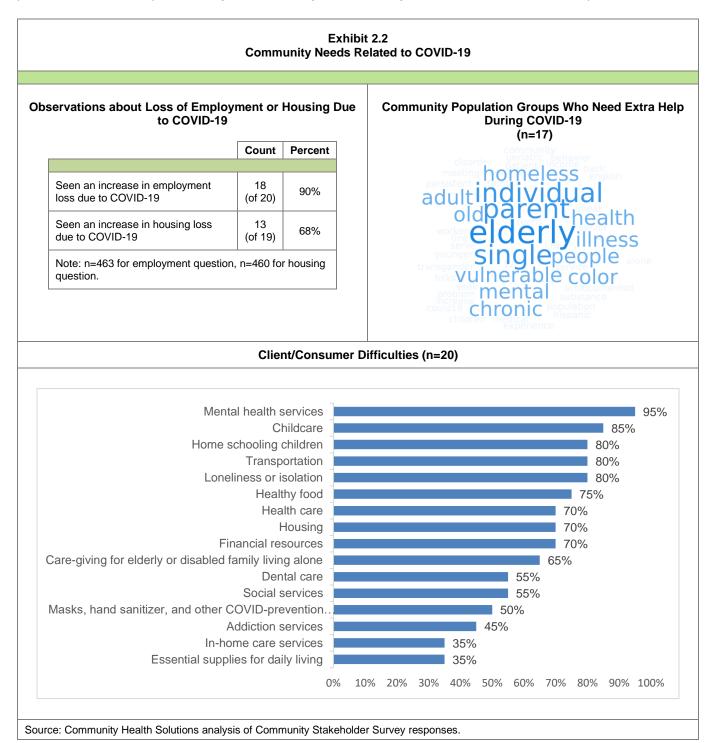
Survey responses were received from 20 community stakeholders from the organizations listed in **Exhibit 2.1**. Each respondent was asked to describe their geographic perspective in terms of the counties for which they would share insights on the survey. Most respondents identified multiple counties.

By Organization	By Geographic Pers (Can select multi	
Note: A count denotes multiple respondents from the same organization.	Charles City County	25%
	Chesterfield County	60%
Capital Area Health Network (2)	Henrico County	65%
Central Virginia Health Services	Hopewell	10%
<ul> <li>Chesterfield Community Services Board (CSB)</li> <li>Chesterfield Health District</li> </ul>	New Kent County	20%
CrossOver Healthcare Ministry	Petersburg	30%
Feed More	<u>_</u>	
<ul> <li>Health Brigade</li> </ul>	Richmond City	70%
<ul> <li>Henrico Area Mental Health &amp; Developmental Services (2)</li> </ul>		
Henrico County Public Schools		
□ Homeward		
Jewish Family Services Richmond		
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority		
Richmond City Health District (4)		
Sacred Heart Center		
Virginia Department of Health		

- A. Survey Methods
- B. Organizational Affiliation and Geographic Perspective
- C. Community Needs Related to COVID-19
- D. Community Health Concerns
- E. Services and Supports that Need Strengthening
- F. In their Own Words Insights from Community Stakeholders

#### C. Community Needs Related to COVID-19

Community professionals were asked to share their insights on community needs specifically related to COVID-19. As shown in **Exhibit 2.2**, eighteen of twenty respondents (90%) said they have seen an increase in employment loss due to COVID-19, and 13 of 19 respondents (68%) said they have seen an increase in housing loss due to COVID-19. Survey respondents also identified multiple groups that need extra help due to COVID-19, including the elderly; parents of school-age children; homeless persons; people of color; people with mental health conditions; people with chronic conditions; and other vulnerable populations. They also shared their observations about particular difficulties experienced by the community members they serve as shown in the bottom panel.



### D. Community Health Concerns (beyond COVID 19)

Community professionals were asked to review a list of common community health concerns, and identify which of these are important concerns in the community. As shown in **Exhibit 2.3**, the most commonly identified concerns were mental health conditions; depression; addiction; domestic violence; violence in homes; substance abuse - illegal drugs; adult overweight/obesity.

	Exhibit 2.3 By Health Concerns (n=20)
Mental Health Conditions (other than depression)	80%
Depression	80%
Addiction	75%
Domestic Violence	75%
Violence in Homes (sexual, domestic)	65%
Substance Abuse - Illegal Drugs	65%
Adult Obesity/Overweight	65%
Diabetes	60%
Dental Care/Oral Health-Adult	60%
Language access to health care	55%
Substance Abuse - Prescription Drugs	55%
High Blood Pressure	55%
Legal services Violence in the Community (not gang related)	50% 50%
Maternal and Infant/Child Health	45%
Tobacco Use (cigarettes, vaping, snuff, chewing.)	45%
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	45%
Dental Care/Oral Health-Pediatric	45%
Alcohol Use	45%
Post-partum depression	40%
Literacy	40%
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	35%
Physical Disabilities	35%
Chronic Pain	35%
Asthma	35%
Aging	35%
Suicide	30%
Prenatal & Post-partum Care Other illnesses that spread person to person (TB, flu,	30%
Food Safety	30%
Childhood Obesity/Overweight	30%
Cancer	30%
Gang Violence	25%
Bullying	25%
Infectious Diseases (Lyme Disease, Lyme Disease,	
Infant and Child Health	25%
Autism	25%
Teen Pregnancy	20%
Stroke	20%
HIV/AIDS	20%
Neurological Disorders (seizures, multiple sclerosis) Arthritis	15%
Alzheimer's Disease	15%
Gambling	10%
Orthopedic Problems	10%
Preventable Injuries (care or bike crashes,	
Respiratory Diseases (other than asthma)	5%
Renal (kidney) Disease	<b>5</b> %

#### E. Community Services and Supports

Community professionals were asked to review a list of common community services and supports and identify which of those services need strengthening in their community. As shown in **Exhibit 2.4**, the most commonly mentioned services that need strengthening include homeless services; behavioral health services; dental care/oral health services for adults; employment opportunity/workforce development; and transportation.

(r	n=20)
Homeless Services	90%
Behavioral Health Services (including mental health	
Dental Care/Oral Health Services-Adult	70%
Employment Opportunity/Workforce Development	65%
Transportation	65%
Bi-lingual, multi-lingual services	60%
Health Promotion and Prevention	60%
Long Term Care Supports	55%
Job/Vocational Training	55%
Health Care Services for the Uninsured and	
Substance Use Services	50%
Dental Care/Oral Health Services-Pediatric	50%
Food Safety Net (food bank, farmers markets,	
Social Services	45%
Legal services	40%
Aging Services	40%
School Health Services	40%
Early Childhood Education	40%
Chronic Disease Services (including screening and	. 40%
Home Health Services	35%
Early Intervention for Children	35%
Hospital Services (including emergency, inpatient	
Domestic Violence Services	35%
Public Health Services	35%
Primary Health Care Services	35%
Health Care Insurance Coverage (private and Self-Management Supports (including nutrition,	
Specialty Medical Care (e.g., cardiologists,	
Adult literacy services	30%
Chronic Pain Management Services	30%
Cancer Services (screening, diagnosis, treatment)	25%
English as second language services (English	
Veteran Services	25%
Hospice Services	25%
Family Planning Supports	25%
Physical Rehabilitation	25%
Services for Mothers, Infants and Children	20%
Education-Post High School	20%
Education-Kindergarten through High School	20%
Pharmacy Services	20%
Environmental Assets (water quality, green spaces)	20%
Safe Play and Recreation (community centers, parks)	20%
Public Safety (police, fire, EMS)	20%
Workplace Health and Safety	15%
Respite Care	15%

#### F. In Their Own Words – Insights from Community Stakeholders

Community professionals were asked to share in their own words their insights on the health and well-being of their community. **Exhibit 2.5** provides a summary of the **most common themes** and the associated number of responses. The most common themes are provided as a summary illustration, but they do not represent all the responses provided. The detailed responses are provided under separate cover.

٨	lote: Thematic categ	gories are not mutually ex	clusive. Ir	ndividual resp	onses may be co	ded into i	multiple categories.	
••••	In your own we	your own words, how would you define the idea of a "healthy community"? (n=16)					"? (n=16)	
Acce	ss to health care services	Access to community and social services	Heal	h equity	Healthy lifes supports		Supports for people wit mental health or substance use concern	
	9	8		4	3		2	
••••	In your view, w	what are the most imp	oortant h	ealth asset	ts within the co	ommuni	ty? (n=16)	
Health care services		Community and social services					Supports for children	
	6	6		6	4		2	
							1	
••••		new health issues wi erious harm today or					ly known yet, but	
	COVID-19	9 People with mental health or substance use concerns Community and Social services Elderly		Elderly				
	4	4	3		3 3			2
•••	Please share v	our ideas about how	people	could work	together to pr	omote	optimal health in the	
	community (n=		P P					
				Community and social		Health equity		
	Community engagement	services		Health care service	care services		ealthy lifestyle supports	
						Menta	al health or substance use supports	
11		6	6		5		2 (each)	

## **Section 3. Community Indicator Profiles**

This section of the report provides a quantitative profile of the study region based on a wide array of community health indicators. To produce the profile, Community Health Solutions analyzed data from multiple sources. By design, the analysis does not include every possible indicator of community health. The analysis is focused on a set of indicators that provide broad insight into community health and for which there were readily available data sources.

The results of this profile can be used to evaluate community health status compared to the Commonwealth of Virginia overall. The results can also be helpful for determining the number of people affected by specific health concerns. In addition, the results can be used alongside the survey results to help inform action plans for community health improvement.

The community data profiles are organized into two sections as outlined in the box. Health factors include demographics and other factors that can influence health status and access to health care for community populations. Health outcomes are indicators of the health status of community members.

	Section Outline
А	Leoth Fostern Community Domographics
В.	Health Factors: Risk Behaviors for Adults
C.	Health Factors: Risk Behaviors for Youth
D.	Health Factors: Access to Health Care
E.	Health Outcomes: Leading Causes of Death
F.	Health Outcomes: Maternal and Infant Health
G.	Health Outcomes: Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations
Н.	Health Outcomes: Mental Health and Substance Use Hospitalizations

#### A. Health Factors: Community Demographics

Trends in health-related demographics are instructive for anticipating changes in community health status. Changes in the size, age and racial/ethnic mix of the population can have a significant impact on overall health status, health needs and demand for local services.

As shown in **Exhibit 3.1**, as of 2021, the study region included an estimated 1,029,994 people. The population is expected to increase to 1,076,896 people by 2026. Focusing on trends from 2021 to 2026, projections indicate the population largest population growth (8%) will occur in the 30-44 age range. Focusing on race and ethnicity, all of the listed population segments are projected to grow, with the highest growth rates in the Asian population, the other or multi-race population, and the Hispanic population.

	Indicator	2010 Census	2021 Estimate	2026 Projection	% Change 2021-2026		
Total Danulation	Population	925,492	1,029,994	1,076,896	5%		
Total Population	Households	367,238	407,955	426,363	5%		
Age	Children Age 0-17	216,566	218,562	227,481	3%		
	Adults Age 18-29	163,516	172,936	171,073	-1%		
	Adults Age 30-44	186,835	205,193	221,670	8%		
	Adults Age 45-64	248,305	261,139	258,532	-1%		
	Seniors Age 65+	108,492	169,025	198,140	4%		
	Asian	36,309	52,794	62,924	19%		
Daaa	Black/African American	305,216	337,343	350,449	4%		
Race	White	531,046	562,204	570,971	2%		
	Other or Multi-Race	52,921	77,653	92,552	19%		
Ethnicity	Hispanic Ethnicity	54,516	82,815	100,859	22%		

**Exhibit 3.2** provides a snapshot demographic profile of key health-related demographics of the study region. As of 2021, the study region included an estimated 1,029,944 people, with a population density of 895.6 persons per square mile. As illustrated by the population rates shown in the lower part of the Exhibit, the demographic profile of the study is fairly comparable to Virginia as a whole, with the exception of a proportionally larger Black/African American population.

Exhibit 3.2 Community Demographic Snapshot (2021 Estimates)							
	Indicator	Study Region Total	Virginia				
Estimated C	Counts						
Total	Population	1,029,994	8,695,186				
Population	Population Density (pop. per sq. mile)	895.6	220.2				
	Children Age 0-17	221,701	1,866,288				
	Adults Age 18-29	172,936	1,377,076				
Age	Adults Age 30-44	205,193	1,754,440				
	Adults Age 45-64	261,139	2,238,931				
	Seniors Age 65+	169,025	1,458,451				
Sav	Female	537,079	4,416,924				
Sex	Male	492,915	4,278,262				
	Asian	52,794	608,471				
Deee	Black/African American	337,343	1,691,100				
Race	White	562,204	5,663,178				
	Other or Multi-Race	77,653	732,437				
Ethnicity	Hispanic Ethnicity	82,815	893,165				
Estimated F	Rates						
	Children Age 0-17 pct. of Total Pop.	22%	21%				
	Adults Age 18-29 pct. of Total Pop.	17%	16%				
Age	Adults Age 30-44 pct. of Total Pop.	20%	20%				
	Adults Age 45-64 pct. of Total Pop.	25%	26%				
	Seniors Age 65+ pct. of Total Pop.	16%	17%				
Sav	Female pct. of Total Pop.	52%	51%				
Sex	Male pct. of Total Pop.	48%	49%				
	Asian pct. of Total Pop.	5%	7%				
Page	Black/African American pct. of Total Pop.	33%	19%				
Race	White pct. of Total Pop.	55%	65%				
	Other or Multi-Race pct. of Total Pop.	8%	8%				
Ethnicity	Hispanic Ethnicity pct. of Total Pop.	8%	10%				

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from ESRI. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

**Exhibit 3.3** shows selected measures of education and income for residents of the study region versus Virginia as a whole. Income and education are two social determinants of health that can impact an individual and community health status and access to health services and supports. The results indicate substantial numbers of adults age 25+ without a high school diploma (67,203) and with low levels of income (269,507 with income below 200% of poverty).

Exhibit 3.3 Education and Income Snapshot (Various Years)							
Indicator		Study Region Total	Virginia				
Estimated C	Counts						
Education	Population Age 25+ Without a High School Diploma (2021)	67,203	591,064				
	Population with Income Below 100% of Poverty (2019)	120,051	865,691				
	Population with Income 100-199% of Poverty (2019)	149,456	1,164,896				
Income	Population with Income Below 200% of Poverty (2019)	269,507	2,030,587				
	Households with Incomes Below the Poverty Level (2019)	43,989	323,273				
Estimated F	Rates						
Education	Population Age 25+ Without a High School Diploma pct. of Total Pop. Age 25+ (2021)	9%	10%				
	Median Household Income (2021)	\$65,370	\$76,448				
	Per Capita Income (2021)	\$37,356	\$41,359				
	Population with Income Below 100% of Poverty (2019)	12%	11%				
Income	Population with Income 100-199% of Poverty (2019)	15%	14%				
	Population with Income Below 200% of Poverty (2019)	28%	25%				
	Households with Incomes Below the Poverty Level (2019) pct. of Total Household for Which Poverty Status is Determined (2019)	11%	10%				

#### B. Health Factors: Risk Behaviors for Adults

**Exhibit 3.4** shows selected health risk behaviors for adults for residents of the study region versus Virginia as a whole. Health risk behaviors include lifestyle factors that can influence health including development of chronic disease. Please note that these figures are estimates derived by applying 2019 health district estimates to 2021 local demographics for the study region. The estimates are subject to error and presented for planning purposes only. The results indicate there are substantial numbers of community residents who could reduce their health risks by improving their diet, reducing their body weight, engaging in physical activity, reducing alcohol consumption, and ceasing smoking.

Exhibit 3.4 Adult Health Risk Behaviors (2021 Estimates)						
Indicator		Study Region Total	Virginia			
Estimated Counts						
Total Estimated Adults a	ge 18+	811,432	6,851,826			
	Less than Five Servings of Fruits and Vegetables Per Day	693,012	5,755,534			
	Overweight (BMI > 25.0)	558,218	4,522,205			
Lifestyle Risk Factors	Overweight (BMI >30.0)	278,639	2,185,732			
,	No Physical Activity in the Past 30 Days	178,049	1,712,957			
	At-risk for Binge Drinking <sup>1</sup>	150,483	1,027,774			
	Smoker	108,052	959,256			
	Arthritis	211,016	1,781,475			
Chronic Conditions <sup>2</sup>	Diabetes	99,505	753,701			
Chronic Conditions-	High Blood Pressure	289,665	2,329,621			
	High Cholesterol	245,604	2,261,103			
General Health Status	Fair or Poor Health Status	131,941	1,164,810			
Estimated Rates						
	Less than Five Servings of Fruits and Vegetables Per Day	85%	84%			
	Overweight (BMI > 25.0)	69%	66%			
Lifestyle Risk Factors	Overweight (BMI >30.0)	34%	32%			
LIESTING MISK FACIOIS	No Physical Activity in the Past 30 Days	22%	25%			
	At-risk for Binge Drinking	19%	15%			
	Smoker	13%	14%			
	Arthritis	26%	26%			
Chronic Conditions	Diabetes	12%	11%			
	High Blood Pressure	36%	34%			
	High Cholesterol	30%	33%			
General Health Status	Fair or Poor Health Status	16%	17%			

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from Virginia Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and demographic estimates from ESRI. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

<sup>2</sup> As told by a doctor or other health professional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Males having five or more drinks on one occasion, females having four or more drinks on one occasion.

#### C. Health Factors: Risk Behaviors for Youth

**Exhibit 3.5** shows selected health risk behaviors for youth residents of the study region versus Virginia as a whole. Please note that all indicators in this profile are based on 2019 health district or statewide estimates applied to 2021 regional demographics for the study region. The estimates are subject to error and presented for planning purposes only. The results indicate there are substantial numbers of community youth who could reduce their health risks by avoiding tobacco and vapor products, engaging in more physical activity, and sustaining healthier body weight.

	Exhibit 3.5 High School Youth Health Risk Behaviors (202	1 Estimates)	
Indicator		Study Region Total	Virginia
Counts			
Total Estimated High	School Youth Age 14-19	78,469	651,505
Lifestyle Risk	Used tobacco or vapor products in the past month	17,263	149,846
Factors	Not Meeting Recommendations for Physical Activity in the Past Week	47,081	384,388
Chronic Conditions	Told they Have Asthma	18,833	136,816
	Described Themselves as Slightly or Very Overweight	25,110	201,966
Rates			
	Used tobacco or vapor products	22%	23%
Lifestyle Risk Factors	Not Meeting Recommendations for Physical Activity in the Past Week	60%	59%
Chronic Conditions	Told they Have Asthma	24%	21%
	Described Themselves as Slightly or Very Overweight	32%	31%

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from Virginia Department of Health Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System and demographic estimates from ESRI. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

#### D. Health Factors: Access to Health Care

Access to health care is essential for individual and population health. **Exhibit 3.6** shows indicators of access to health insurance for community residents. Please note the estimates are based on 2019 uninsured estimates applied to 2021 regional demographics for the study region. The estimates are subject to error and presented for planning purposes only. As shown, an estimated 76,626 community members age 0-64 lacked health coverage, including 9,159 children age 0-18, and 67,622 adults age 19-64. The uninsured rates in the study region are comparable to those for the state as a whole.

Exhibit 3.6 Uninsured Population (2019 Estimates)							
Indicator	Study Region Total	Virginia					
Total Population Estimates by Age Group							
Total Population Age 0-64	850,969	7,236,735					
Total Population Age 0-18	234,838	1,974,915					
Total Population Age 19-64	626,131	5,261,820					
Uninsured Estimates by Age Group (counts)							
Uninsured Population Age 0-64	76,626	673,016					
Uninsured Population Age 0-18	9,159	88,871					
Uninsured Population Age 19-64	67,622	589,324					
Uninsured Estimates by Age Group (rates)							
Uninsured Population Age 0-64	9%	9%					
Uninsured Population Age 0-18	4%	5%					
Uninsured Population Age 19-64	11%	11%					
Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of 2019 uninsured estimates applied to 2021 demographics. Uninsured estimates are from the Urban Institute as published by the Virginia Health Care Foundation. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details							

As additional context it is important to note that **Virginia implemented Medicaid expansion** for adults beginning on January 1, 2019. As shown in **Exhibit 3.7**, by October of 2021, an estimated **86,507** adults from the study region had enrolled in Medicaid expansion.

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At this point in time there are no data available to provide an indication of how many uninsured adults remain within the study region. We do know that the relationship between enrollees in Medicaid expansion and the number of uninsured is not static. For example, since 2019 the pandemic has caused major disruptions in the economy, which may have resulted in more uninsured who were not eligible for Medicaid. Likewise, there is some level of turnover in local Medicaid enrollment as adults enter or leave the area, or disenroll due to changes in eligibility. For these reasons, an updated study of uninsured rates and Medicaid enrollment would be required to produce a more precise estimate of local uninsured rates and counts for 2021.

Exhibit 3.7 Medicaid Expansion Enrollment						
Timeframe Study Region Virginia Total						
Members enrolled as of January 1, 2020	54,920	378,623				
Members enrolled as of October 15, 2021	86,507	593,496				
Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of Medicaid enrollment data obtained from Virginia DMAS at <a href="https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/data/medicaid-">https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/data/medicaid-</a>						

Looking beyond health coverage, **Exhibit 3.8** shows each of the localities within the study region are designed as medically underserved areas by the by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The designations are based on several factors including primary care provider supply, infant mortality, prevalence of poverty and the prevalence of seniors age 65+. Charles City County, Hopewell, New Kent County, and Petersburg are designated as medically underserved cities and counties. Chesterfield County, Henrico County, and the City of Richmond have specific census tracts designated as medically underserved.

Exhibit 3.8 Medically Underserved Areas/Populations						
Locality	Index of Medical Underservice Score (0= Highest Need 100 =Lowest Need)	Rural Status (Federal Designation)				
Charles City County	61.3	Non-Rural				
Chesterfield County (Census Tracts 1010.04, 1010.07)	58.8	Non-Rural				
Henrico County (Census Tracts 2008.04, 2008.05)	55.0	Non-Rural				
Hopewell	61.6	Non-Rural				
New Kent County	53.2	Non-Rural				
Petersburg	61.6	Non-Rural				
Richmond (14 census tracts)	57.1	Non-Rural				

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from Health Resources and Services Administration. Data not available for Colonial Heights as a separate jurisdiction. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

#### E. Health Outcomes: Leading Causes of Death

**Exhibit 3.9** shows the leading causes of death for residents of the study region versus Virginia as a whole. In 2019 the five leading causes of death in the study region were heart disease (1,868); malignant neoplasms (cancer) (1,815); unintentional injury (575); cerebrovascular disease (stroke) (498); and chronic lower respiratory disease (449). Crude mortality rates for the study region were higher than the Virginia rate for all deaths and for the top five causes of death. Variations in age distribution in the region as compared to the state may account for these differences.

Exhibit 3.9 Mortality Indicators (2019)						
Indicator	Study Region	Virginia				
Counts		1				
Total Deaths by All Causes	8,692	70,359				
Heart Disease	1,868	15,061				
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	1,815	15,049				
Unintentional Injury	575	3,997				
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke)	498	3,823				
Chronic Lower Respiratory	449	3,666				
Alzheimer's Disease	293	2,632				
Diabetes	268	2,352				
Nephritis and Nephrosis	250	1,662				
Septicemia	158	1,086				
Suicide	138	1,137				
Chronic Liver Disease	123	1,038				
Influenza and Pneumonia	119	1,103				
Parkinson's Disease	110	894				
Primary Hypertension	83	817				
Rates (Crude Rate Per 100,000 Population)						
Total Deaths by All Causes	882.6	824.3				
Heart Disease	184.0	176.5				
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer)	178.8	176.3				
Cerebrovascular Disease (Stroke0	49.0	44.8				
Unintentional Injury	56.6	46.8				
Chronic Lower Respiratory	44.2	42.9				
Alzheimer's Disease	28.9	30.8				
Diabetes	26.4	27.6				
Nephritis and Nephrosis	24.6	19.5				
Septicemia	15.6	12.7				
Suicide	13.6	13.3				
Chronic Liver Disease	12.1	12.2				
Influenza and Pneumonia	11.7	12.9				
Parkinson's Disease	10.8	10.5				
Primary Hypertension	8.2	9.6				

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from the Virginia Department of Health. Crude rates are used by available demographic data are not adequate to support age-adjusted rates. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

**Exhibit 3.10** show indicators of maternal and infant health for residents of the study region compared to Virginia as a whole. As shown, in 2019 there were 12,260 total live births in the study region, with 1,088 low weight births, 1,622 births without early prenatal care, 5,436 non-marital births, and 495 births to teens. There were also an average 98 infant deaths per year across the study region from 2015-2019. Focusing on rates, the study region had a lower rate of births without early prenatal care, and higher rates of non-marital births and infant mortality than Virginia as a whole.

Exhibit 3.10 Maternal and Infant Health Indicators (2019)						
Indicator	Study Region	Virginia				
Counts						
Total Live Births	12,260	97,434				
Low Weight Births	1,088	8,162				
Births Without Early Prenatal Care (No Care in the First 13 Weeks)	1,622	16,122				
Non-Marital Births	5,436	34,196				
Teenage Births (Age 10-19)	495	3,651				
Teenage Births (Age 18-19)	377	2,748				
Teenage Births (Age 15-17)	114	824				
Teenage Births (Age <15)	4	29				
Infant Mortality (5-year average 2015-2019)	98	570				
Rates						
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	12.1	11.4				
Low Weight Births as a Percent of Total Births	8%	8%				
Births Without Early Prenatal Care as a Percent of Total Births	13%	17%				
Non-Marital Births as a Percent of Total Births	44%	35%				
Teenage Births (Age 10-19) as a Percent of Total Births	4%	4%				
Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births (5-year average 2015-2019)	8.0	5.7				

#### G. Health Outcomes: Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations

**Exhibit 3.11** shows indicators of potentially avoidable hospitalizations for residents of the study region versus Virginia as a whole. These hospitalizations are potentially avoidable with adequate access to outpatient care and other health supports. Cases are defined using specific diagnosis and procedure codes as noted in **Appendix A**. Cases are referred to as Prevention Quality Indicator (PQI) hospitalizations.

In 2019 study region residents had 10,508 potentially avoidable hospitalizations, with the majority for patients age 65+. The leading diagnoses for these hospitalizations were congestive heart failure (4,043), diabetes (2,386), COPD or asthma in older adults (1,533), urinary tract infection (925), and community acquired pneumonia (919). The crude rates for these hospitalizations were higher in study region than for Virginia as a whole for all diagnoses listed except community acquired pneumonia.

Exhibit 3.11 Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations (2019)						
Indicator	Study Region	Virginia				
Counts- Total Discharges by Diagnosis		1				
Total PQI Discharges by All Diagnoses	10,508	72,248				
Counts- Total Discharges by Leading Diagnosis	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Congestive Heart Failure	4,043	26,675				
Diabetes	2,386	13,561				
COPD or Asthma in Older Adults	1,533	12,198				
Urinary Tract Infection	925	7,481				
Community Acquired Pneumonia	919	8,514				
Hypertension	548	3,292				
Asthma in Younger Adults	156	538				
Rates-Crude Rate Per 100,000 Population	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Total Prevention Quality Indicator (PQI) Discharges	1,034.9	846.4				
Congestive Heart Failure	398.2	312.5				
Diabetes	251.4	158.9				
COPD or Asthma in Older Adults	151.0	142.9				
Urinary Tract Infection	91.1	87.6				
Community Acquired Pneumonia	90.5	99.7				
Hypertension	54.0	38.6				
Asthma in Younger Adults	15.4	6.3				

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from Virginia Health Information, Inc. and demographic estimates from ESRI. Crude rates are used by available demographic data are not adequate to support age-adjusted rates. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

#### H. Health Outcomes: Mental Health and Substance Use Hospitalizations

**Exhibit 3.12** shows residents of the study region had 13,197 discharges from Virginia community hospitals for behavioral health conditions in 2019. The leading causes of hospitalization were major depressive disorder - recurrent (3,871), schizoaffective disorders (1,541), bipolar disorder (1,487), alcohol-related disorders (1,444), and major depressive disorder, single episode (1,190). The crude rates for behavioral health hospitals were higher in the study region compared to the state for all diagnoses listed.

Exhibit 3.12 Hospitalizations for Mental Health and Substance Use Diagnoses (2019)						
Indicator	Study Region	Virginia				
Counts-Total Discharges by Diagnosis						
Total Discharges by All Diagnoses	13,197	68,583				
Counts-Total Discharges by Leading 11 Diagnoses						
Major depressive disorder, recurrent	3.871	17,148				
Schizoaffective disorders	1,541	6,521				
Bipolar disorder	1,487	10,137				
Alcohol related disorders	1,444	9,436				
Major depressive disorder, single episode	1,190	6,790				
Schizophrenia	753	3,229				
Opioid related disorders	451	2,011				
Unspecified mood [affective] disorder	401	1,485				
Reaction to severe stress, and adjustment disorders	337	2,287				
Persistent mood [affective] disorders	267	1,931				
Unspecified psychosis not due to a substance or known physiological condition	217	1,004				
Rates-Crude Rate Per 100,000 Population						
Total Discharges	1299.7	796.8				
Major depressive disorder, recurrent	381.3	197.5				
Schizoaffective disorders	151.8	75.1				
Bipolar disorder	146.5	116.7				
Alcohol related disorders	142.2	108.7				
Major depressive disorder, single episode	117.2	78.2				
Schizophrenia	74.16	37.2				
Opioid related disorders	44.42	23.2				
Unspecified mood [affective] disorder	39.49	17.1				
Reaction to severe stress, and adjustment disorders	33.19	26.3				
Persistent mood [affective] disorders	26.30	22.2				
Unspecified psychosis not due to a substance or known physiological condition	21.37	11.6				

Source: Community Health Solutions analysis of data from Virginia Health Information, Inc. and demographic estimates from ESRI. Crude rates are used by available demographic data are not adequate to support age-adjusted rates. See Appendix A: Data Sources for details

# **Section 4. Exploring Social Determinants of Health**

This section explores the results of the CHNA study from the perspective of social determinants of health. Part A provides a definition of social determinants of health in relation to two other key dynamics, health disparities and health equity. Part B outlines insights about vulnerable community populations based on responses to the community resident survey and the community stakeholder survey. Part C and Part D illustrate local variation in social determinants of health at the county and census-tract level.

#### A. Defining Social Determinants of Health

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines social determinants of health

(SDoH) as conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. Healthy People 2030 uses a place-based framework that outlines five key areas of SDoH, including:

- □ Health care access and quality
- Education access and quality
- □ Social and community context
- □ Economic stability
- □ Neighborhood and built environment.

Social determinants of health can contribute to **health disparities**, which the CDC defines as preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or in opportunities to achieve optimal health experienced by socially disadvantaged racial, ethnic, and other population groups, and communities. Research shows that health disparities exist in all age groups as evidenced in disparities in health status, access to health care, utilization of health care, the patient experience of health care, and health care outcomes.

Social determinants of health and health disparities are essential considerations for promoting health equity. According to the CDC, **health equity** is achieved when every person has the opportunity to "attain his or her full health potential" and no one is "disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances." Health inequities may be reflected in differences in length of life; quality of life; rates of disease, disability, and death; severity of disease; and access to treatment.

An important first step toward achieving and sustaining health equity is to understand the extent to which social determinants of health may be influencing health disparities at the community level. The following sections provide an introductory analysis of social determinants of health within the eight-locality region included in the CHNA study region.

# Section Outline Defining Social Determinants of Health

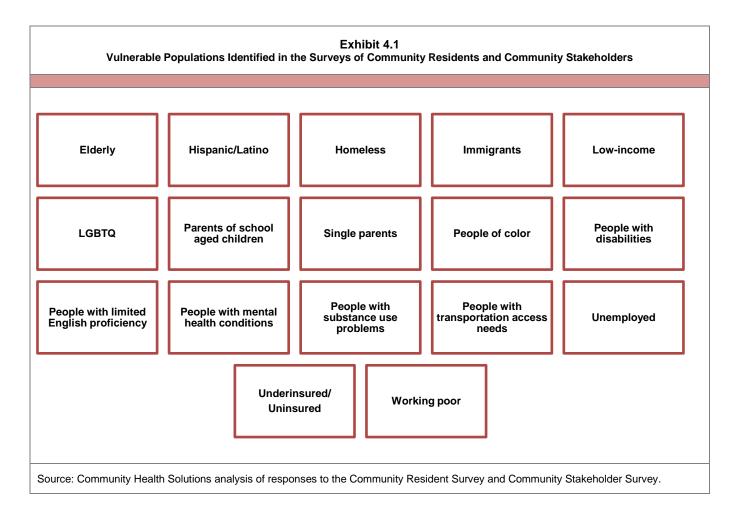
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- B. Insights from Community Survey Respondents
- C. Selected Indicators of Social Determinants of Health
- D. Small-Area Variation in Social Determinants of Health

#### B. Insights from Community Survey Respondents

Community residents were asked to share their insights about particular groups of people within their neighborhood or community who need help obtaining better health, both within and beyond the context of COVID-19. Community stakeholders were also invited to share their insights about community populations in need.

As shown in **Exhibit 4.1**, survey respondents identified multiple community populations as being vulnerable for health challenges. The list is consistent with research on populations at higher risk for health challenges because of one or more social determinants of health. Within each population segment, children, older adults, and individuals with complex health conditions may be at particular risk for health challenges related to SDoH.



#### C. Selected Indicators of Social Determinants of Health

**Exhibit 4.2** shows selected indicators of social determinants of health at the city and county level. The indicators are based on community demographic estimates provided by ESRI. They are subject to estimation error, and presented for exploration and planning purposes only.

The exhibit includes selected indicators of educational attainment, household income, individual income, race and ethnicity, language spoken at home, and digital access. All of these factors can be defined as social determinants of health, and each has the potential to influence health disparity and health equity for individual community members.

A scan of the exhibit indicates substantial variation across the eight localities included in the study region. As indicated by the shaded cells, within the region there is a pattern in which Charles City County, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond have lower levels of adult educational attainment, on-time high school graduation, income, and access to internet services compared to other localities in the region. There is even more variation within the city and county boundaries across the region, as explored in Section D.

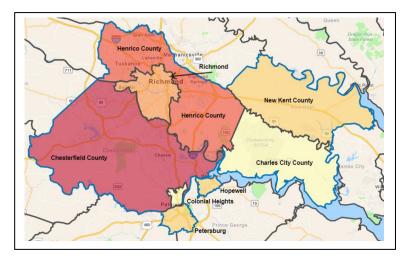
Exhibit 4.2 Selected Indicators of Social Determinants of Health by City and County (continued on the following page)										
Indicator	CHNA Study Region	Charles City County, VA	Chesterfield County, VA	Colonial Heights city, VA	Henrico County, VA	Hopewell city, VA	New Kent County, VA	Petersburg city, VA	Richmond city, VA	
Educational Attainment Estimates	1		1							
2021 Age 25+ Less than High School	67,203	1,163	18,009	1,015	18,051	2,804	1,302	3,859	21,000	
2021 Age 25+ Less than High School (%)	9%	20%	7%	8%	8%	18%	7%	16%	14%	
2021 On-Time H.S. Graduation Rate (%)	na	88%	92%	92%	90%	77%	95%	87%	79%	
Household Income Estimates	Household Income Estimates									
2021 Median Household Income	\$65,370	\$61,023	\$81,597	\$55,329	\$67,935	\$40,595	\$90,641	\$37,891	\$51,249	
2019 Households Below the Poverty Level	43,989	413	7,375	874	11,321	2,267	548	3,049	18,142	
2019 Households Below the Poverty Level (%)	11%	14%	6%	12%	8%	25%	7%	23%	20%	
2021 Household Income less than \$35,000 %	17%	22%	10%	19%	15%	31%	9%	34%	27%	
Per Capita Income and Poverty Estimates	3									
2021 Per Capita Income	\$37,356	\$31,475	\$38,347	\$31,276	\$41,173	\$23,549	\$41,205	\$22,120	\$34,048	
2019 Pop with Income Below 100% of Poverty	120,051	919	23,060	2,083	29,673	5,253	1,457	7,406	50,200	
2019 Pop with Income Below 200% of Poverty	269,507	2,144	65,548	5,663	71,836	11,011	3,211	15,585	94,509	
2019 Pop with Income Below 100% of Poverty (%)	12%	13%	7%	12%	9%	24%	7%	24%	23%	
2019 Pop with Income Below 200% of Poverty (%)	28%	31%	19%	33%	22%	50%	15%	51%	44%	
Digital Access Estimates										
2019 Pop <18 in HHs: have no Computer (%)	2%	8%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	8%	5%	
2019 Pop 18-64 in HHs: have no Computer (%)	4%	11%	2%	3%	3%	7%	2%	11%	7%	
2019 HHS with no internet Access %	13%	29%	7%	17%	11%	21%	14%	25%	18%	
Minority Populations										
2021 Racial Minority Population %	45%	55%	37%	28%	46%	54%	24%	84%	55%	
2021 Hispanic Population %	8%	2%	10%	7%	6%	9%	5%	5%	8%	
Source: CHS analysis of community demographic data from ESRI.										

#### D. Community Mapping of Social Determinants of Health Indicators

**Maps 1-6** illustrate examples of small-area variation in selected SDoH indicators. As with Exhibit 4.2, the indicators are based on community demographic estimates provided by ESRI. They are subject to estimation error, and presented for exploration and planning purposes only.

The maps are constructed at the census-tract level to illustrate how neighborhoods can vary on local indicators of SDoH. Understanding this neighborhood-level variation can be helpful for planning community outreach and engagement to address factors related to SDoH, health disparities, and health equity.

The county-level map in the box below is provided as a reference for the census tract level maps that follow. Note that Henrico County is labeled twice to indicate the east side and west side of the county relative to the City of Richmond.

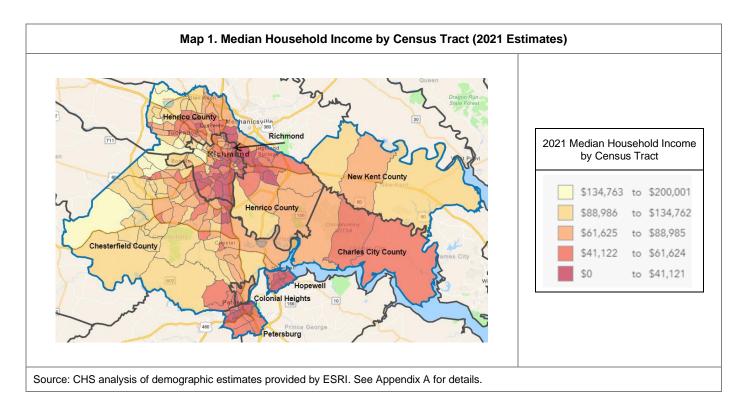


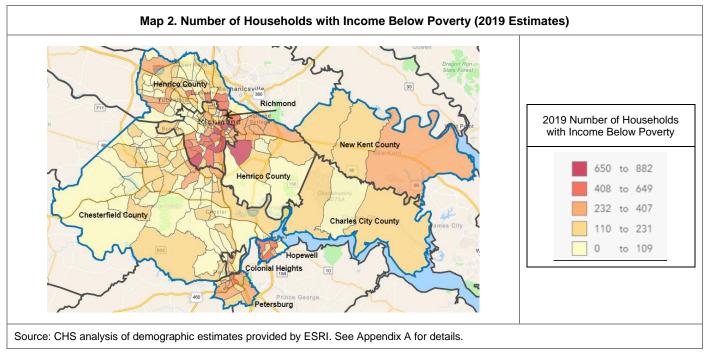
#### A Note on Counts vs. Percentages

- The following maps show the study region population distributions in terms of counts (number of residents in each census tract) vs. rates (percent of residents in each census tract).
- This approach is chosen because it can be helpful to envision the number of individuals who might be at risk for SDOH-related health challenges when planning for community outreach and community services.

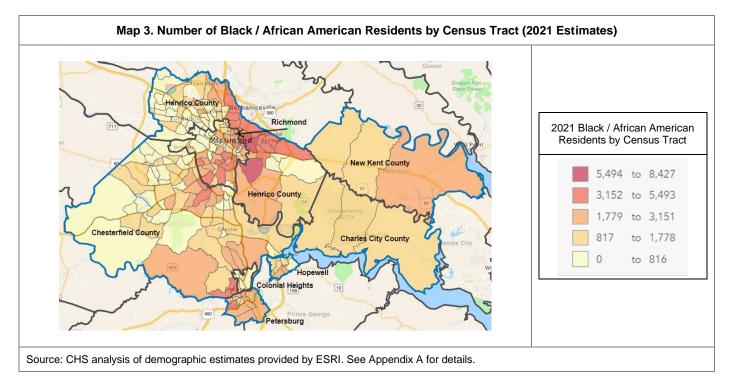
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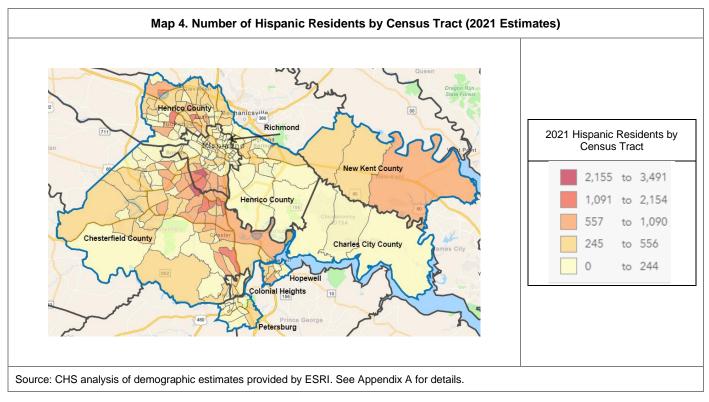
**Maps 1 and 2** show how neighborhood-level income varies across the region. In **Map 1** the lighter shading indicates census tracts with higher income levels, which tend to lie in the western part of Richmond and Henrico, and outlying sections of Chesterfield and New Kent. In **Map 2** the darker shading indicates census tracts with a higher number of households with income below poverty level. These tend to lie in the cities of Richmond, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg, as well as parts of Chesterfield, Charles City County, and New Kent County.



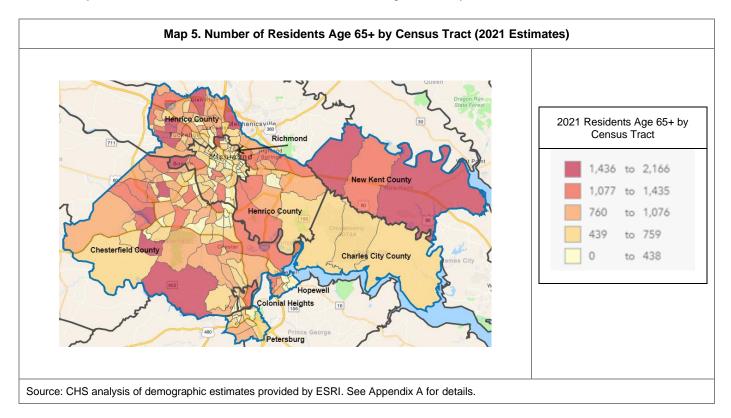


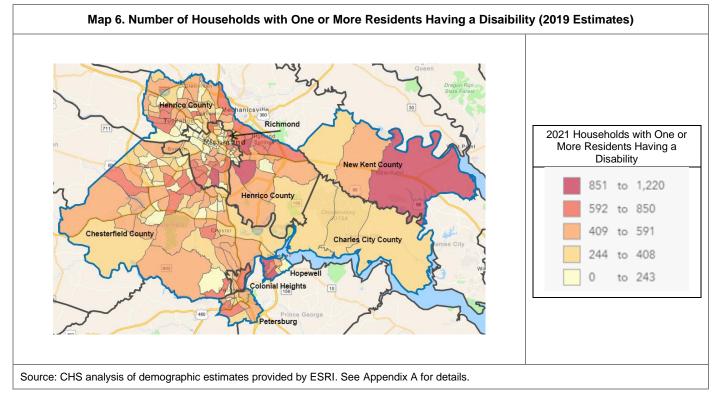
**Maps 3 and 4** illustrate the distribution of selected minority populations across the region. **Map 3** shows the distribution of the Black/African American population, with a higher numbers in Richmond, Petersburg, and parts of Chesterfield, Henrico, and New Kent County. **Map 4** shows the distribution of the Hispanic population, with higher numbers in parts of South Richmond, western Henrico, and parts of Chesterfield, Petersburg, and Hopewell.





**Maps 5 and 6** show the distribution of older adults and residents with disabilities across the region. **Map 5** shows the distribution of the older adult population, which is widely spread across the region. A similar widespread distribution is show in **Map 6** for households with one or more residents having a disability.





# Appendix A: Data Sources

Profile	Source
Section 1. Insights from Community Residents	Community Health Solutions analysis of Community Resident Survey responses submitted by community residents conducted in July - September 2021.
Section 2. Insights from Community Stakeholders	Community Health Solutions analysis of Community Resident Survey responses submitted by community stakeholders conducted in July – August 2021.
Section 3. Community Indicator Profiles	
A. Community Demographics	Community Health Solutions analysis of demographic estimates from ESRI. (2021 and 2026).
B. Health Risk Behaviors for Adults	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 data from the Virginia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, supplied by the Virginia Department of Health</li> <li>2021 demographic estimates from ESRI.</li> </ul>
	Estimates are used when there are no primary sources of data available at the local level. The estimates are for planning purposes only and are not guaranteed for accuracy.
C. Health Risk Behaviors for Youth	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 data from the Virginia Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System, supplied by the Virginia Department of Health.</li> <li>2021 demographic estimates from ESRI.</li> </ul>
	Estimates are used when there are no primary sources of data available at the local level. The estimates are for planning purposes only and are not guaranteed for accuracy
	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
D. Access to Health Care	<ul> <li>2019 uninsured estimates from Urban Institute as published by Virginia Health Care.</li> <li>2019 demographic estimates from US Census Bureau.</li> <li>Medically Underserved Area (MUA) designations from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.</li> </ul>
E. Leading Causes of Death	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 mortality record data supplied by the Virginia Department of Health.</li> <li>2019 demographic estimates from the US Census Bureau.</li> </ul>
F. Maternal and Infant Health	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 birth record data supplied by the Virginia Department of Health.</li> <li>2019 demographic estimates from the US Census Bureau.</li> </ul>

G. Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 Virginia hospital discharge data from the Virginia Health Information (VHI).</li> <li>2019 demographic estimates from US Census Bureau.</li> </ul>
	Notes:
	The analysis includes records of discharges of Virginia residents from Virginia hospitals excluding state and federal facilities. Data reported are based on the patient's primary diagnosis.
	Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations. The Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI) definitions are detailed in their specification of ICD-9 diagnosis codes and procedure codes. Not every hospital admission for congestive heart failure, bacterial pneumonia, etc. is included in the PQI definition; only those meeting the detailed specifications. Low birth weight is one of the PQI indicators, but for the purpose of this report, low birth weight is included in the Maternal and Infant Health Profile. Also, there are four diabetes related PQI indicators which have been combined into one for the report. For more information, visit the AHRQ website at <a href="http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/modules/pgi_overview.aspx">http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/modules/pgi_overview.aspx</a>
	NOTE: Virginia Health Information (VHI) requires the following statement to be included in all reports utilizing its data: VHI has provided non-confidential patient level information used in this report which was compiled in accordance with Virginia law. VHI has no authority to independently verify this data. By accepting this report the requester agrees to assume all risks that may be associated with or arise from the use of inaccurately submitted data. VHI edits data received and is responsible for the accuracy of assembling this information, but does not represent that the subsequent use of this data was appropriate or endorse or support any conclusions or inferences that may be drawn from the use of this data.
H. Mental Health and Substance Use: Hospitalizations	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
	<ul> <li>2019 Virginia hospital discharge data from the Virginia Health Information (VHI).</li> <li>2019 demographic estimates from US Census Bureau.</li> </ul>
	Notes:
	Data include discharges for Virginia residents from Virginia hospitals reporting to Virginia Health Information, Inc.) The analysis includes records of discharges of Virginia residents from Virginia hospitals excluding state and federal facilities. Data reported are based on the patient's primary diagnosis.
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	Community Health Solutions analysis of:
Section 4. Social Determinants of Health	<ul> <li>Community Resident Survey responses.</li> <li>Community Stakeholder Survey responses.</li> <li>2021 and 2019 demographic estimates from ESRI.</li> </ul>