



### **What is the *Community Themes and Strengths Assessment*?**

The *Community Themes and Strengths Assessment* is one of four assessments conducted by the Clallam County Community Health Assessment (CHA) Steering Committee<sup>1</sup> as a part of a comprehensive CHA process. The Steering Committee followed the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process for its CHA. MAPP is a community-driven strategic planning framework used in community health improvement throughout the country. This framework assists communities to prioritize public health issues and create a platform to develop and implement efforts to address them.

The *Community Themes and Strengths Assessment* collects, analyzes and reports opinions and perceptions of residents about the quality of life and health in their community, as well as their thoughts about community assets. The assessment creates a portrait of the community seen through the eyes of the residents.

### **How Did We Conduct the Assessment?**

The Steering Committee contracted with the Public Health Centers for Excellence to implement an online community survey in Jan. and Feb. 2017. Questions were developed through the use of best practice qualitative and quantitative survey design methods. Survey questions were tested through previous CHA work in other counties. The survey included six closed-ended questions with a list of response options and one open-ended question, where participants wrote in their response.

Steering Committee members distributed the survey link to their community partners and requested widespread distribution to community residents and partner organizations. 1,353 community members participated in the survey.

### **Clallam County's Needs and Strengths**

Survey results identified the following community themes and strengths:

- About one-third (34.9%) of survey participants said their community was healthy or very healthy.
- More than three-quarters (78.1%) of survey participants were satisfied with the quality of life in their community.
- More than three-quarters (78.8%) of survey participants felt very or somewhat connected to their community.
- Survey participants living in East Clallam County reported significantly higher satisfaction with quality of life and better health compared to survey participants in West Clallam County.
- The five biggest community concerns of survey participants include poverty, mental health, available housing, access to healthcare and alcohol/substance abuse.

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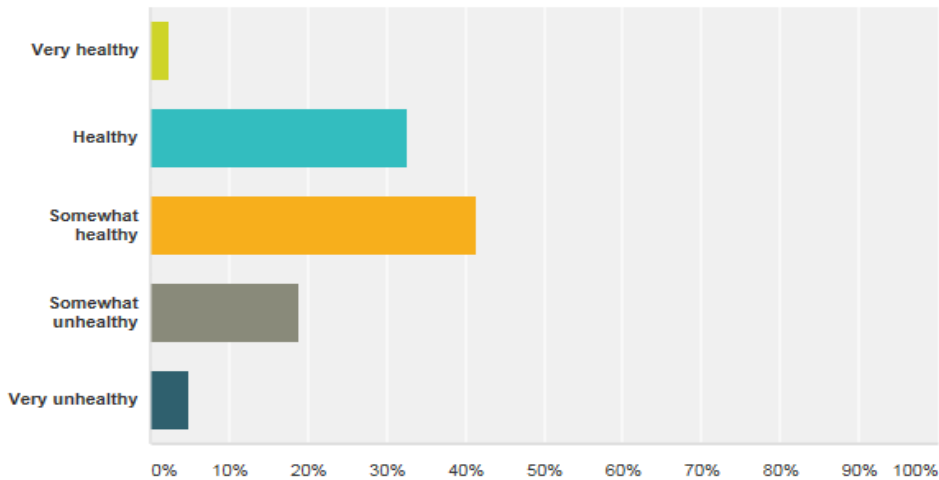
<sup>1</sup> The Steering Committee includes representatives from Clallam County Health and Human Services, Olympic Medical Center, Jamestown S'Klallam Health Clinic, Peninsula Behavioral Health, Olympic Peninsula Health Community Coalition, Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics, Forks Hospital, and the North Olympic Healthcare Network.



The following charts and tables show all of the survey results:

**How would you rate your community's health overall?**

Answered: 1,340 Skipped: 13



**Community's Overall Health by Region**

**East Clallam County (n= 631)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very healthy	22	3.5
Healthy	292	46.3
Somewhat healthy	249	39.5
Somewhat unhealthy	63	10.0
Very unhealthy	5	0.8

**Central Clallam County (n= 613)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very healthy	6	1.0
Healthy	124	20.2
Somewhat healthy	268	43.7
Somewhat unhealthy	165	26.9
Very unhealthy	50	8.2

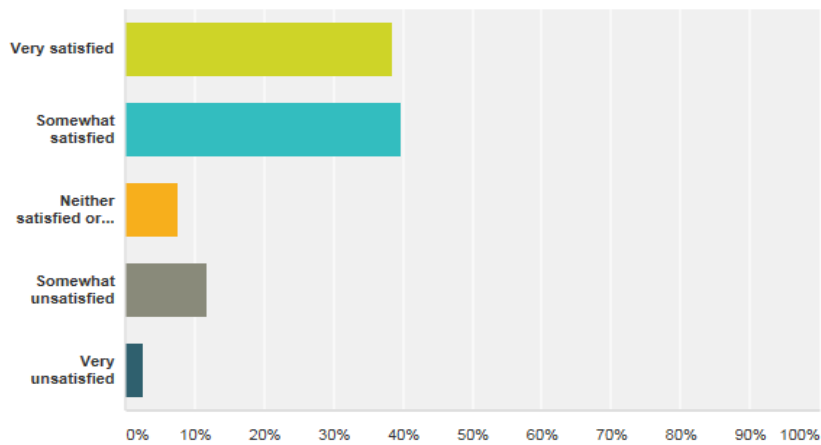
**West Clallam County (n= 36)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very healthy	0	0.0
Healthy	4	11.1
Somewhat healthy	14	38.9
Somewhat unhealthy	12	33.3
Very unhealthy	6	16.7



**How satisfied are you with the quality of life in your community? (Community can mean a neighborhood, school, family, church, etc.)**

Answered: 1,346 Skipped: 7



## Satisfaction with Quality of Life by Region

**East Clallam County (n= 637)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	325	51.0
Somewhat satisfied	235	36.9
Neither satisfied or unsatisfied (neutral)	33	5.2
Somewhat unsatisfied	37	5.8
Very unsatisfied	7	1.1

**Central Clallam County (n= 614)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	160	26.1
Somewhat satisfied	265	43.2
Neither satisfied or unsatisfied (neutral)	63	10.3
Somewhat unsatisfied	105	17.1
Very unsatisfied	21	3.4

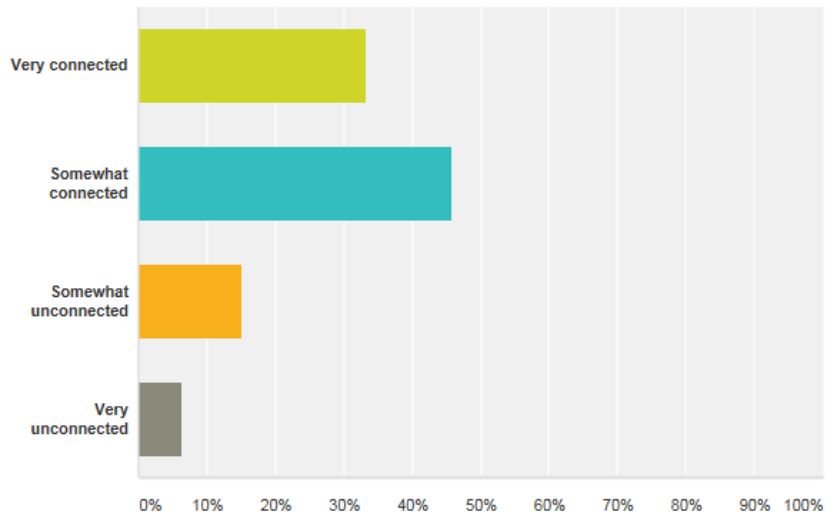
**West Clallam County (n= 36)**

Response	Number	Percent
Very satisfied	7	19.4
Somewhat satisfied	15	41.7
Neither satisfied or unsatisfied (neutral)	2	5.6
Somewhat unsatisfied	8	22.2
Very unsatisfied	4	11.1

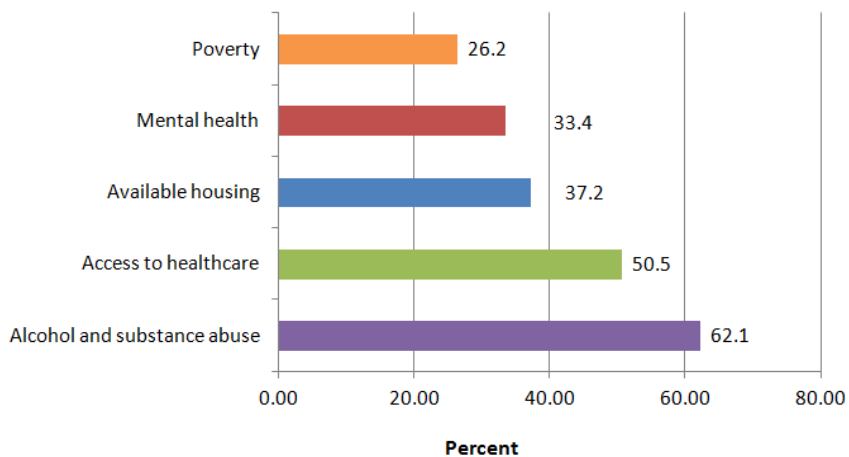


How connected do you feel to your community? By connected we mean being involved with others in your community (ex. Such as a church or other spiritual association, neighborhood group, your child's school, sports, etc.).

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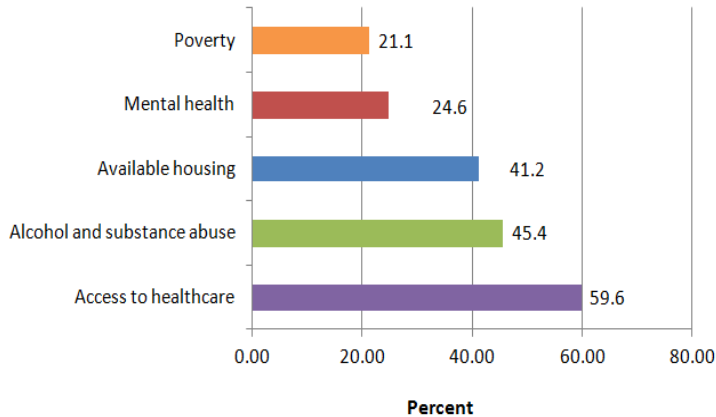


**Biggest Concerns Affecting Your Community**

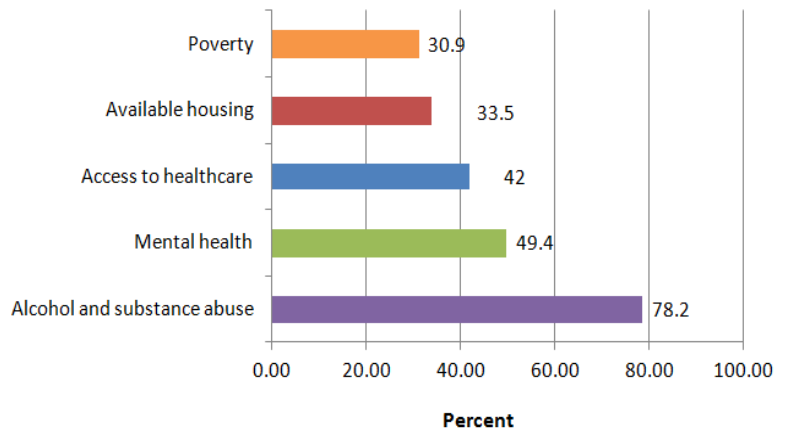




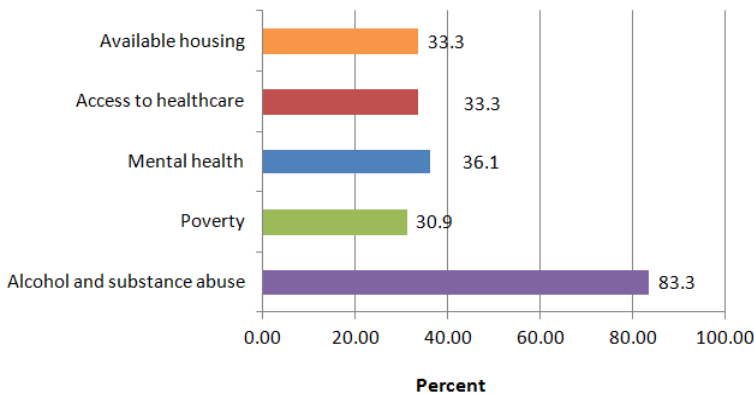
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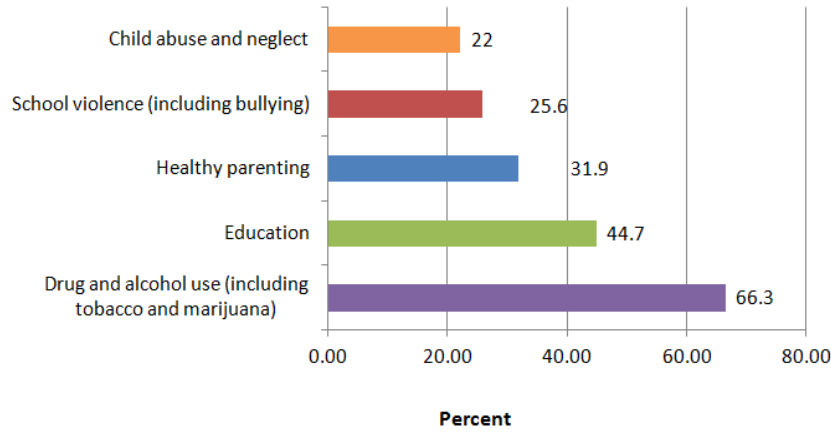


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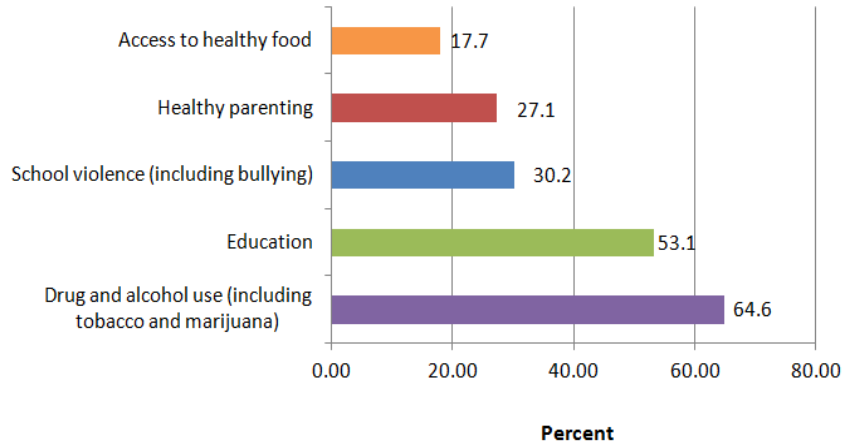




**Biggest Concerns for Children and Youth**

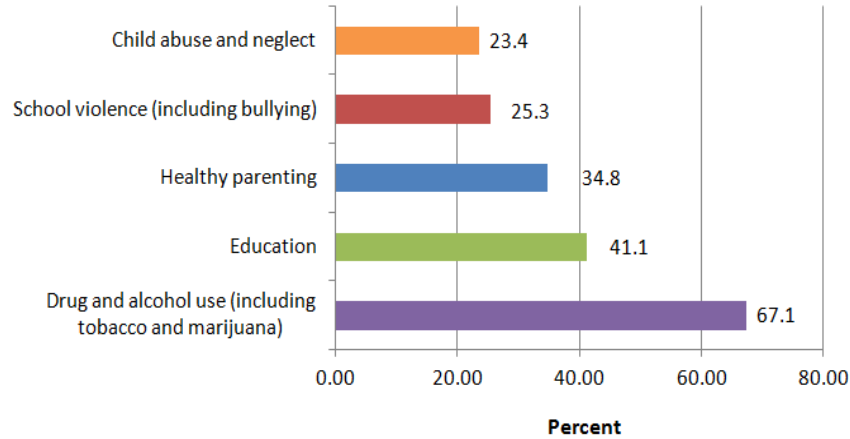


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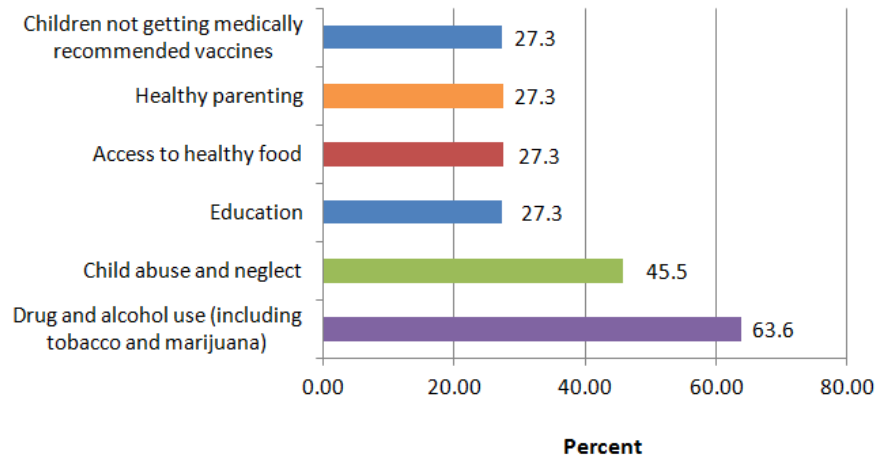




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**Examples of People Working Together to Improve Quality of Life in Your Community (n=1052)**

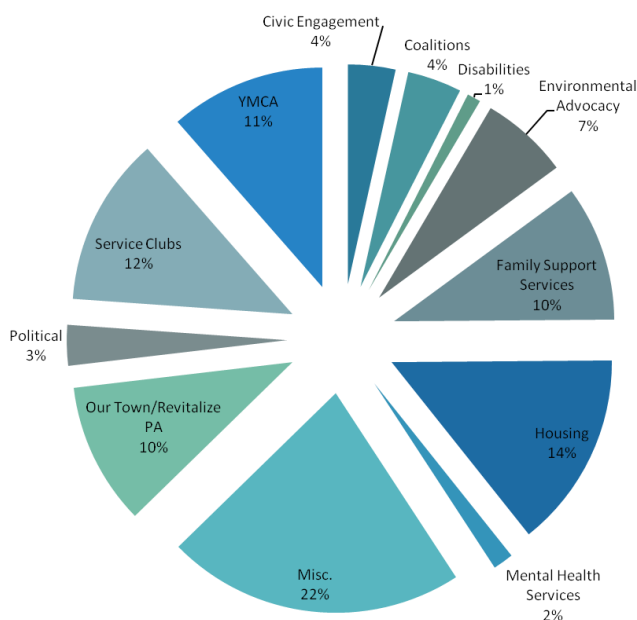
Category	Number
Non-Profit	201
Healthcare Services/Clinics	95
Faith-based Organizations/Churches	84
Food Access/Farmer's Markets	84
Senior Services	69
Neighborhood Events	62
Outdoor Events/Physical Activity	54
Volunteer Work	44

Examples of responses include:

- Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness (free) Clinic.
- Sequim Food Bank. Community dinners to feed those who are hungry.
- Neighborhood Watch program. Neighbors getting out for walks together.
- Olympic Discovery Trail. Community-built playground.
- The massive opportunities available here for volunteering.

Within the category of non-profits, survey respondents listed the following agency types and subjects:

**Non-Profit Response Categories**





**Clallam County**  
**Community Health Assessment**  
***Themes & Strengths Assessment***



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Examples of types of non-profit organizations listed in survey responses include:

- Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization work.
- First Step Family Support Center.
- March of Dimes.
- The new YMCA opening in Sequim!
- Elks and Rotary programs.