

Trinity Kenmare Community Hospital Service Area

2019 Community Health Needs Assessment

November 2020

Each Critical Access Hospital must conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) once every three years, as mandated by law. Local public health units seeking to gain/maintain accreditation conduct an assessment every five years. This fact sheet presents key community strengths and opportunities from the Trinity Kenmare Community Hospital (TKCH) service area 2019 CHNA.

The Kenmare service area is comprised of communities within a 30-mile radius of the city of Kenmare, North Dakota. For the purposes of this publication, Ward County (population 67,744) will be the primary focus. Although of important note is that the city of Kenmare makes up roughly 1.3% of the population of Ward County, whereas the majority of the population resides in Minot.

Health Outcomes and Factors

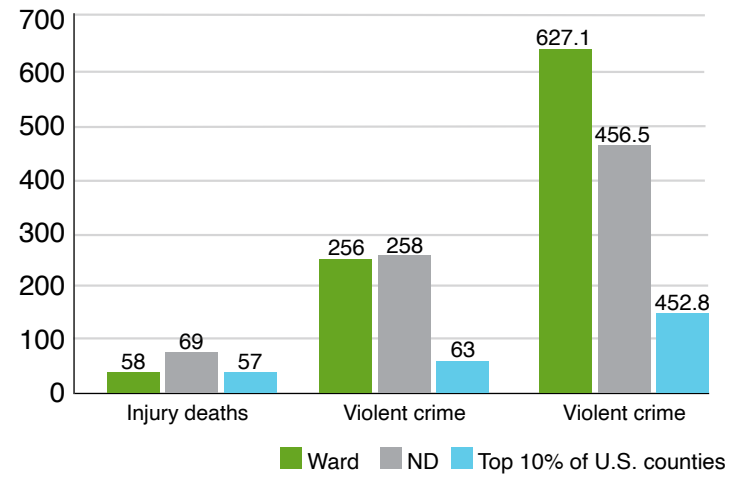
In review of secondary data, 14% of community residents reported poor or fair health. However, the county had a greater percentage of residents reporting excessive drinking, physical inactivity, and obesity than the top 10% of U.S. counties. See Table 1.

Table 1. Health Factors by % of Population, 2019

	Ward County	ND	Top 10% U.S.
Uninsured	8%	9%	6%
Excessive drinking	26%	24%	13%
Access to exercise opportunities	75%	74%	91%
Physical inactivity	24%	24%	20%
Adult obesity	32%	33%	26%
Adult smokers	18%	18%	14%

Injury deaths were less prevalent in Ward County (58 deaths per 100,000 residents) than in the state overall (69 per 100,000 residents), but slightly more than the top 10% of U.S. counties (57 per 100,000 residents). The same is true for incidence of violent crime, but incidence of chlamydia are higher than both. See Figure 1.

Figure 1. Cases per 100,000 Population, 2019



In Ward County in 2018 there were 2,620 licensed daycare spots for the 8,905 children ages 0-13 with both parents in the labor force.

Table 2. Children's Health Factors by % of Population

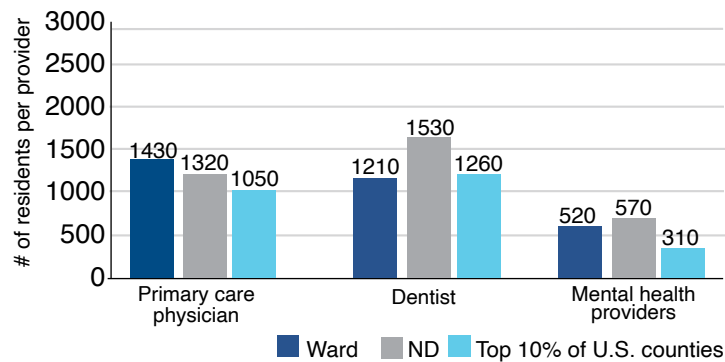
	Ward	ND
Children uninsured (2018)	6%	6.3%
Uninsured children below 200% of poverty (% of pop.) (2018)	44%	9.6%
Medicaid recipients (2019)	24%	26.6%
Children enrolled in Healthy Steps (2019)	1%	1.6%
Receiving SNAP (2019)	18%	16.9%

In 2019, the teen birth rate for Ward County was 26 births per 1,000 females (15-19 years old). This is higher than both the state average of 26 per 1,000 and the top 10% of U.S. counties (14 per 1,000).

Healthcare Access

Based on the provider to population ratio, Ward County has fewer residents per single dentist than the state's average and the top 10% of U.S. counties (1,260 residents per one dentist). However, the county had more residents per primary care provider than both the state's average (1,430 residents per primary care provider) and the top 10% of U.S. counties (1,050 residents per primary care provider). See Figure 2.

**Figure 2. Provider to Population Ratios, 2019
(residents per provider)**



Community Concerns

Trinity Health, in partnership with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (professional services firm), planned and conducted the CHNA, as well as held interviews with community members. Based on interviews and research related to city, county, state, and national data, TKCH prioritized the top identified concerns as:

1. Access to healthcare services (primary need)
2. Mental health services (secondary need)
3. Substance abuse (secondary need)
4. Obesity (secondary need)

Steps Undertaken Since 2016 CHNA

For the previous CHNA, TKCH identified two areas as top priorities: access to care and substance abuse. Since then, TKCH has taken steps to address both of these issues. Several providers and allied health professionals have been added to the TKCH staff in response to concerns over access of care. The hospital's website has also been revamped to be more user friendly and improved their appointment reminder software to help patients keep appointments. Community education was provided in the region to assist with substance abuse issues and providers visited area high school classes to present information on substance abuse and its possible consequences.

Implementation Strategies

Hospitals and local public health units prepare implementation strategies as a blueprint for meeting needs identified in a CHNA. Access the complete and community-specific CHNA Reports and Implementation Strategies at, ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/community-health-needs-assessment/reports.

Full Report

Trinity Kenmare Community Hospital, Kenmare Service Area: Community Health Needs Assessment, 2019.

For More Information

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