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BCHC Community Health Needs Assessment July 2026

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Executive Summary

In early 2026, Buchanan County Health Center (BCHC) conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for the residents of Buchanan and Fayette Counties.

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) helps communities identify strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving community health. It is also the foundation for improving and promoting the health of the community. The process helps to identify factors that affect a population's health and determines the availability of resources within the community to adequately address these factors and any additional health needs.

Buchanan County Public Health operates independently but collaborated with BCHC throughout the CHNA process, providing public health expertise, facilitating stakeholder engagement through the Healthy Buchanan County Coalition, and assisting with community survey distribution.

The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process fulfills the requirements established under Section 501(r)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). This federal requirement mandates that nonprofit hospitals conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment at least once every three years and develop an implementation strategy to address identified community health priorities.

This report incorporates quantitative and qualitative information obtained from local, state, and federal data sources, as well as input from community members and stakeholders representing healthcare, public health, education, social services, and community organizations. Input was obtained from individuals and organizations serving low-income, minority, medically underserved, and vulnerable populations throughout Buchanan and Fayette Counties, including older adults, children and families, individuals with behavioral health needs, and those experiencing barriers to accessing healthcare and community resources. Community participation increased substantially during the 2026 CHNA process compared to the previous assessment cycle. At the time of report preparation, more than 526 survey responses had been received, compared to 51 responses during the 2023 CHNA process.

Buchanan County's first hospital was founded in 1917 in the one-time mansion of Civil War Captain D.S. Lee, to provide care for up to 12 patients at a time. Then transitioning to People's Memorial Health Hospital around 1968, before assuming its current name Buchanan County Health. Buchanan County Health is a public, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that operates a 25-bed critical access hospital (CAH) and Level IV Trauma Center, with family medicine locations in Independence, Oelwein, and Jesup. With 18 clinical specialties, 19 medical specialties, a wellness center, a long-term care facility, and a retirement community. With its central location in Buchanan County, it's the area's most convenient healthcare option. BCHC employs more than 400 full-and part-time team members throughout the organization.

Our Mission: We, Buchanan County Health Center provides the best local care while leading the advancement of healthier communities.

Our Vision: As a mission-driven innovative health organization, Buchanan County Health Center will be the leading community resource amidst every transition in healthcare.

Our Core Values

Trusted for Life: A commitment to being a reliable, accessible healthcare resource for Buchanan County.

Patient-Centered Care: Delivering respectful, compassionate care to patients' minds, spirits, and bodies without discrimination.

Team & Community Pride: Valuing the perseverance of their staff and recognizing that employee success contributes to patient care excellence.

Innovation: A historical and continued commitment to advancing medical technology and services.

Safety & Quality: Ensuring a safe, clean environment and adhering to high professional standards

Overview: BCHC Services

- **Clinical Specialties:**

- Allergy
- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Ear, Nose & Throat
- Facial and Plastics
- Gastroenterology (GI)
- Hematology
- Mental Health
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Orthopedic
- Palliative Care & Memory Clinic
- Physical Medicine/ Rehab
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Rheumatology
- Surgery Clinic
- Urology
- Women's Health

- **Medical Services:**

- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Emergency Care
- Primary Care
 - Independence, Jesup, Oelwein Locations
- Infusion Services
- Inpatient Services
- Interventional Pain Services
- Laboratory
- Long Term Care
- Mental Health
- Nutritional Education
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Radiology
- Respiratory Services
- Sleep Studies
- Speech Therapy
- Surgery
- Urgent Care
- Wound Care

- Oelwein Pharmacy

- **Surgical Services:**

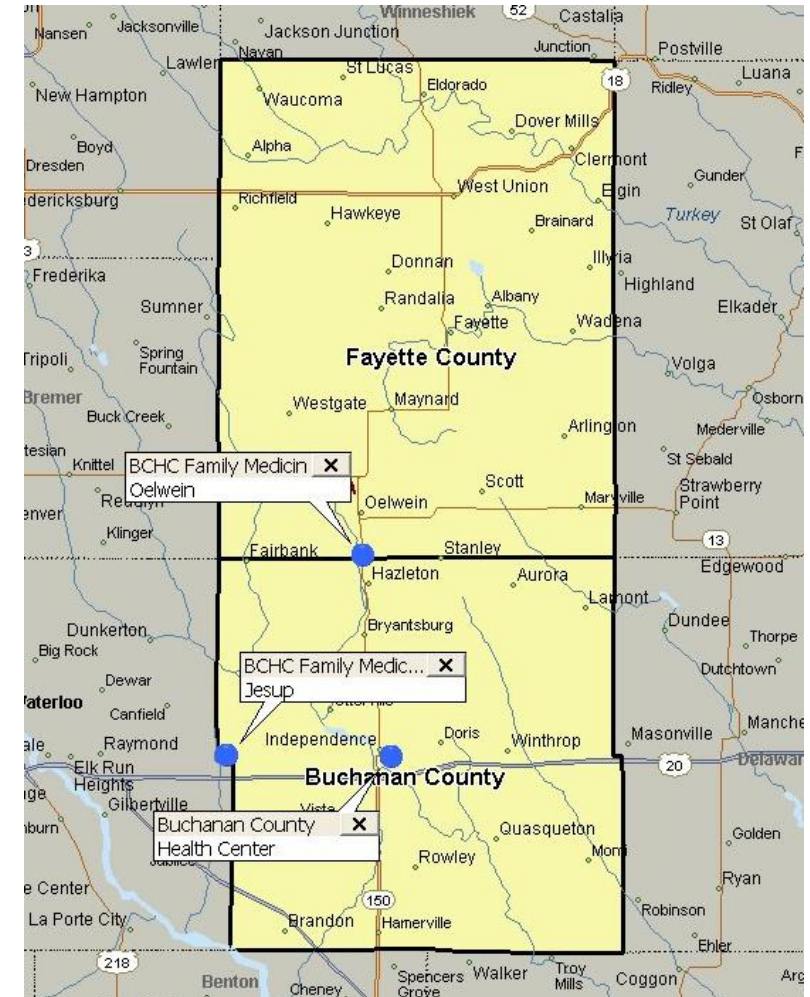
- Ear, Nose, & Throat / Facial & Plastics
- General Surgery
- GI Screening Services
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Urology
- **Senior Living:**
- Oakview Retirement Community
- Lexington Estate Long Term Care
- SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program)
- Senior Life Solutions

Demographic Information

For the purposes of this Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), the “community” is defined as residents of Buchanan and Fayette Counties (highlighted in yellow on the map). This definition includes all individuals living within the service area, regardless of income level, insurance status, or ability to pay. It also encompasses populations who may be medically underserved or experience barriers to accessing care.

Buchanan County is home to Buchanan County Health Center and BCHC Family Medicine in Jesup, while Fayette County is home to BCHC Family Medicine in Oelwein.

This two-county service area was selected based on the location of BCHC’s hospital and clinic sites, as well as patient utilization patterns, which indicate that the majority of individuals served by BCHC reside within these counties.



Community Served: Population

Buchanan County Health Center serves approximately 39,930 residents across Buchanan and Fayette counties. Since the 2020 Census, Buchanan County has experienced modest population growth (1.6%), while Fayette County has declined by 2.4%. Overall, the BCHC service area population has remained relatively stable, decreasing by only 0.36% since 2020. Compared with Iowa overall, both counties have older populations, with a greater proportion of residents age 65 and older. Fayette County demonstrates the oldest population profile, with a median age of 43.9 years compared to 40.3 years in Buchanan County and 39.1 years statewide. These demographic trends underscore the importance of accessible primary care, chronic disease management, supportive services, and long-term healthcare planning.

COMMUNITY SERVED - POPULATION						
	Community	2025 Estimate	2020 Census	% Change since 2020		
	Buchanan County	20,883	20,565	1.60%		
	Fayette County	19,047	19,509	-2.40%		
	Total Community	39,930	40,074	-0.36%		
	State of Iowa	3,238,387	3,190,369	1.51%		

Community Age Group						
	Community Age Group	Buchanan County	Fayette County	Iowa		
	Under 18	19%	21%	22.5%		
	Age 18-64	56%	56%	58.6%		
	Age 65+	25%	23%	18.9%		
	Median Age	40.3	43.9	39.1		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts and American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (accessed May 2026)

Community Served: Income

Buchanan County reports a higher median household income (\$78,236) than both Fayette County(\$60,165) and the State of Iowa (\$75,059). Fayette County also demonstrates a higher poverty rate(12.9%) compared to Buchanan County (10.5%) and the state average (11.3%).

Educational attainment is generally high throughout the BCHC service area, with over 90% of adults age 25 and older having completed high school. However, both Buchanan County (22.4%) and Fayette County (20.7%) report lower rates of bachelor's degree attainment compared to Iowa overall (31.4%).Educational attainment may influence employment opportunities, income potential, health literacy, and the ability to access and navigate healthcare resources.

Health insurance coverage in both counties is generally comparable to the state average. However, approximately 5.7% of Buchanan County residents and 5.8% of Fayette County residents under age 65 remain uninsured. Lack of insurance coverage may contribute to delayed preventive care, reduced access to healthcare services, and poorer health outcomes.

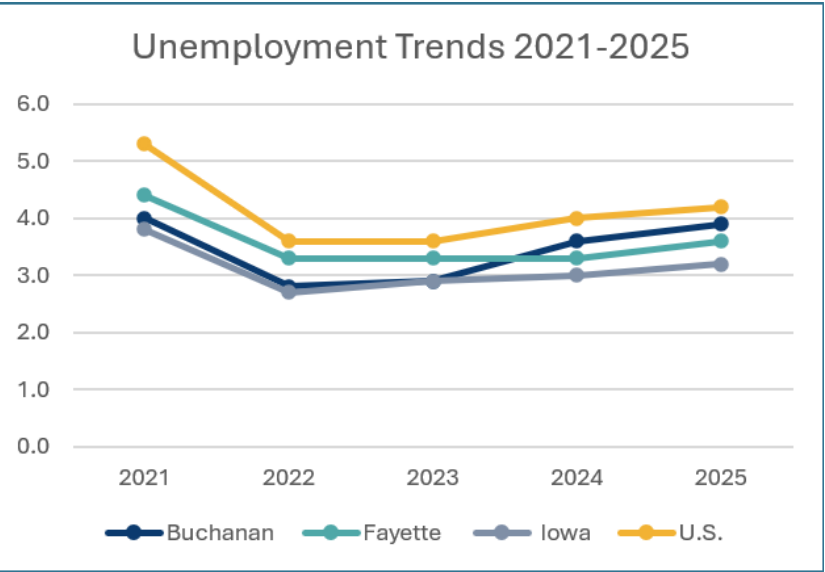
Income, education, and insurance coverage are recognized social determinants of health that influence housing stability, food access, transportation, healthcare utilization, chronic disease management, and overall community well-being throughout the BCHC service area.

COMMUNITY SERVED - Socioeconomic Indicators					
	Economic Indicator	Buchanan County	Fayette County	State of Iowa	
	Median Household Income	\$78,236	\$60,165	\$75,059	
	Per Capita Income	\$36,527	40,877	\$40,877	
	Persons In Poverty	10.5%	12.9%	11.3%	
	High School Graduate or Higher	94.1%	91.7%	93.3%	
	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.4%	20.7%	31.4%	
	Uninsured Under Age 65	5.7%	5.8%	5.0%	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts (2020–2024 selected economic indicators; accessed May 2026).					

Community Served: Economy

Unemployment rates in Buchanan and Fayette counties increased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic and have since stabilized. Buchanan County generally demonstrates slightly lower unemployment compared to Fayette County, while both counties remain comparable to broader state and national trends. Economic conditions such as employment opportunities and income stability can influence access to healthcare, housing, food, transportation, and other essential resources that impact overall health.

COMMUNITY SERVED - Unemployment					
	Year	Buchanan	Fayette	Iowa	U.S.
	2021	4.0	4.4	3.8	5.3
	2022	2.8	3.3	2.7	3.6
	2023	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.6
	2024	3.6	3.3	3.0	4.0
	2025	3.9	3.6	3.2	4.2



Health Data

Health Outcomes

- Length of Life
- Quality of Life

Health Factors

- Health Behaviors
- Clinical Care
- Social and Economic Factors
- Physical Environment

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps evaluates community health through measures of health outcomes and factors that influence well-being. These indicators help identify community strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement throughout the BCHC service area.



County Health Rankings

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps recognizes that health is influenced by more than healthcare alone. Factors such as physical and mental health, healthcare access, education, employment, income, housing, transportation, safety, and social support all contribute to community well-being.



University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute Model of Health © 2025

County Health Rankings: Outcomes & Factors

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps data indicate that Buchanan County performs better than both Iowa and national averages for Population Health & Well-Being and Community Conditions. Fayette County performs slightly below the Iowa average but remains above the national average in both measures. Together, these findings suggest that the BCHC service area has many community strengths while continuing to face challenges that influence health outcomes and quality of life.

- **Source:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2025. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. Data released March 19, 2025.



Buchanan County Population Health and Well-being - 2025

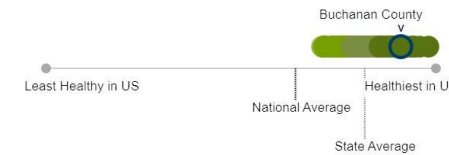


Diagram summarizes data released on 03/19/2025

Buchanan County is faring slightly better than the average county in Iowa for Population Health and Well-being, and better than the average county in the nation.



Fayette County Population Health and Well-being - 2025



Diagram summarizes data released on 03/19/2025

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Buchanan County Community Conditions - 2025

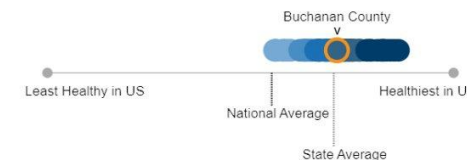


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Fayette County Community Conditions - 2025

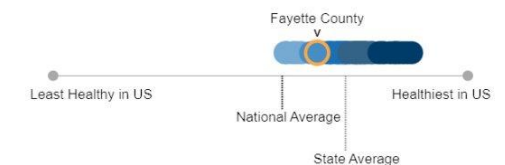


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Fayette County is faring slightly worse than the average county in Iowa for Community Conditions, and slightly better than the average county in the nation.

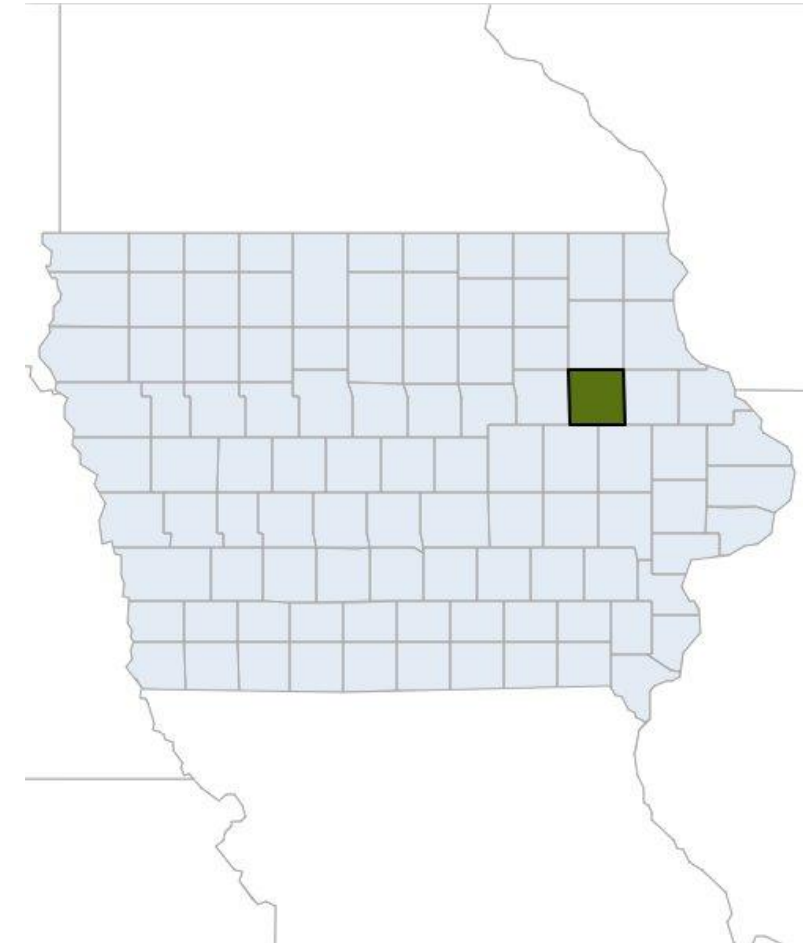
County Health Rankings: Buchanan County

Areas of Strength

- Dentist
- Preventable Hospital Stays
- Mammography Screening
- Uninsured
- Food Environment
- Air Quality
- Unemployment

Areas to Explore

- Flu Vaccinations
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Primary Care Provider Access



County Health
Rankings & Roadmaps

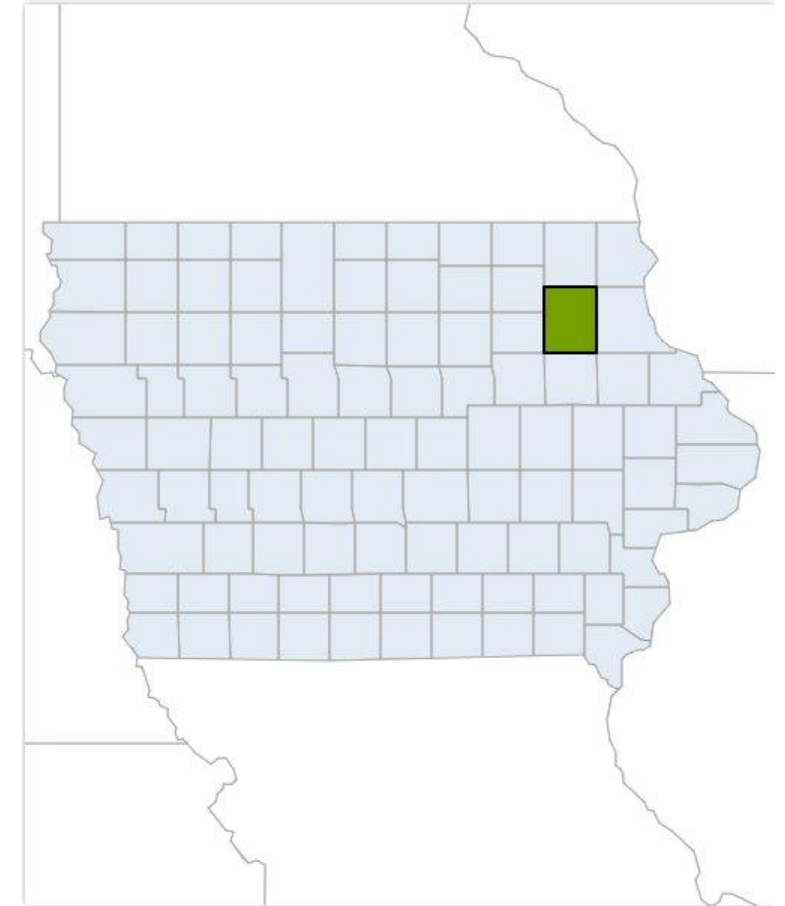
County Health Rankings: Fayette County

Areas of Strength

- Flu Vaccinations
- Preventable Hospital Stays
- Mammography Screening
- Uninsured
- Air Quality
- Unemployment

Areas to Explore

- Primary Care Provider Access
- Sexually Transmitted Infections



County Health
Rankings & Roadmaps

Additional Health Indicators (BRFSS 2023)

- Most adults in both Buchanan and Fayette Counties report their health as good or better.
- Self reported physical and mental health indicators generally align with the County Health Rankings findings in both counties perform near or above national averages.
- Chronic disease risk factors such as obesity, smoking, depression, and physical inactivity remain prevalent and continue to impact community health.
- These indicators provide additional context when compared with community survey responses that identified concerns related to mental health, healthy lifestyles, and chronic disease prevention.

Cancer in Iowa & the BCHC Service Area

Key Iowa findings:

- Iowa ranks 2nd nationally in cancer incidence.
- Iowa is one of the few states with increasing cancer incidence.
- Approximately 21,200 new invasive cancers were projected in Iowa in 2025.
- Approximately **6,300 cancer deaths** are projected in Iowa in 2025.
- An estimated **171,535 cancer survivors** currently live in Iowa.

Current BCHC Cancer-Related Services:

- Oncology Services
- GI Screening
- Skin Cancer Services
- Mammography Screening
- Infusion Services
- Women's Health Services
- Iowa HHS Care for Yourself Program Provider
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment
- Occupational Therapy

Cancer remains a significant health concern in Iowa and throughout the BCHC service area. Iowa continues to have the second-highest age-adjusted cancer incidence rate in the United States and remains one of only a few states with increasing cancer incidence rates.

An estimated 21,200 new cancer cases and 6,300 cancer-related deaths were projected in Iowa during 2025.

Community survey findings align with these statewide concerns. Cancer was identified as one of the most frequently reported adult health concerns among BCHC respondents, highlighting the importance of continued access to prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship services.

Source: Iowa Cancer Registry, *Cancer in Iowa 2025*

BCHC participates in the Iowa HHS Care for Yourself Program, providing eligible uninsured and underinsured individuals access to breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic service.

Community Survey Distribution & Outreach

Goal: Ensure broad community representation across age groups, geographic areas, socioeconomic backgrounds, and community sectors within Buchanan and Fayette Counties.

The Community Health Needs Assessment survey was distributed throughout Buchanan and Fayette Counties using a variety of outreach methods to encourage broad community participation. Survey opportunities were shared through healthcare settings, community organizations, schools, community events, coalition partners, social media, and printed materials. Stakeholder organizations were encouraged to complete the survey and share survey opportunities throughout their networks to ensure diverse community perspectives were represented. Paper copies with pre-stamped return envelopes were made readily available to ensure survey participation opportunities were accessible to all community members.

Healthcare Settings:

- Buchanan County Health Center
- 14 BCHC departments
- Independence, Jesup, and Oelwein primary care clinics
- Buchanan County Public Health

Community Locations & Events:

- Buchanan County Courthouse
- Independence Area Food Pantry
- Buchanan County Senior Center
- Hot Dog Friday community meal program
- Community flyers and printed materials

Schools & Community Partners

- Buchanan and Fayette County school districts
- Superintendents and high school principals
- Healthy Buchanan County Coalition
- Community organizations and partner agencies
- Local newspapers

Digital Outreach:

- BCHC social media platforms
- BCHC website
- Partner organization social media
- Electronic survey distribution

Community Stakeholder Engagement

Community stakeholder engagement was conducted in collaboration with Buchanan County Public Health through the Healthy Buchanan County Coalition and partner agency meetings throughout the CHNA process. Representatives from local organizations were provided updates regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment, encouraged to complete the community survey, and asked to share survey opportunities within their organizations and community networks.

While a formal focus group was not conducted, stakeholder organizations contributed to the assessment through survey participation, open-ended survey feedback, and promotion of the survey throughout the BCHC service area. This approach provided broad community representation and helped ensure diverse perspectives were incorporated into the assessment process. A total of 59 coalition members representing more than 40 organizations participated in stakeholder outreach efforts. Their involvement helped ensure diverse perspectives were incorporated into the assessment process and expanded survey reach throughout Buchanan and Fayette Counties. Stakeholder organizations represented diverse populations, including low-income households, older adults, children and families, individuals with behavioral health needs, victims of violence, and individuals experiencing barriers to healthcare access.

Community Stakeholder Engagement

Organizations Represented Included:

1st Five Program
Anthem
Buchanan County Conservation
Buchanan County Government
Buchanan County Health Center
Buchanan County Law Enforcement
Buchanan County Public Health
Building Directions for Families
Care Initiatives
Carelton Behavioral Health
Darrell E. Davis Adult Day Center
Disability Access Points (DAP)
Exceptional Persons

Families, Inc.
Foundation 2
Four Oaks
Friends of the Family
Full Circle Services
Grow Buchanan County
Healthy Fayette County Public Health
Independence Area Chamber of Commerce
Independence Area Food Pantry
Independence Rehab Center
Independence, Jesup, East Buchanan & Wapsie
Valley School Districts
I-Smile Program
Iowa HHS

Iowa Primary Care Association
Iowa State University Extension
Iowa Total Care
Life Connections
NEI3A
Operation Threshold
Pathways Behavioral Services
Prairie Lake Church
RISE Ltd.
Riverview Center
UnityPoint Health / Abbe Center
Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley
Waypoint Services
Wellpoint

Community Stakeholder Feedback

Biggest Community Concerns

- Mental health and access to behavioral health services
- Bullying and youth mental health
- Technology use and social isolation
- Food affordability and healthy eating
- Substance use, vaping, and alcohol misuse
- Access to healthcare services
- Housing and cost-of-living concerns
- Transportation barriers

Barriers to Health & Well-Being

- Cost of healthcare, medications, and insurance
- Limited access to specialty and mental health services
- Food affordability despite available food resources
- Transportation challenges
- Limited childcare and family support resources
- Social isolation and loneliness
- Health literacy and navigating available resources
- Workforce shortages affecting access to services

Priority Health Issues Identified

- Mental health
- Cancer
- Obesity and healthy lifestyles
- Alcohol and substance use
- Diabetes
- Heart disease and stroke
- Suicide prevention
- Youth vaping and tobacco use

Community Survey Respondent Profile

To obtain input from the broader community, a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) survey was conducted between April 1 and July 1. The survey was distributed through healthcare facilities, community organizations, schools, community events, stakeholder organizations, printed materials, and social media to encourage broad community participation.

Survey Participation

Total Responses: **526**
Total Paper Copies Returned: **188**
Buchanan County: **86.0%**
Fayette County: **2.2%**
Other Counties: **11.9%**

Age Distribution

Largest Age Group: 22-45 years
Second Largest Age Group: 46-64 years

Household Income

Largest Income Category: More than **\$100,000 (32.2%)**
25.5% reported household income below \$50,000
46.2% reported household income above \$75,000

*Income percentages exclude respondents who selected "Prefer not to say" (n=450)

Most Frequently Accessed Healthcare Services

Primary Care: 85.6%
Dental Care: 59.3%
Vision Care: 48.3%
Chiropractic Care: 42.8%
Specialty Care: 35.6%

*Respondents could select multiple responses; percentages are based on all survey respondents (n=526)

Most Common Factors Affecting Households

Debt: 28.5%
Financial Insecurity: 22.8%
Lack of Health Insurance: 7.2%
Lack of Transportation: 5.5%
Securing affordable Housing 4.4%

*Respondents could select multiple responses; percentages are based on all survey respondents (n=526)

Self-Rated Community Health

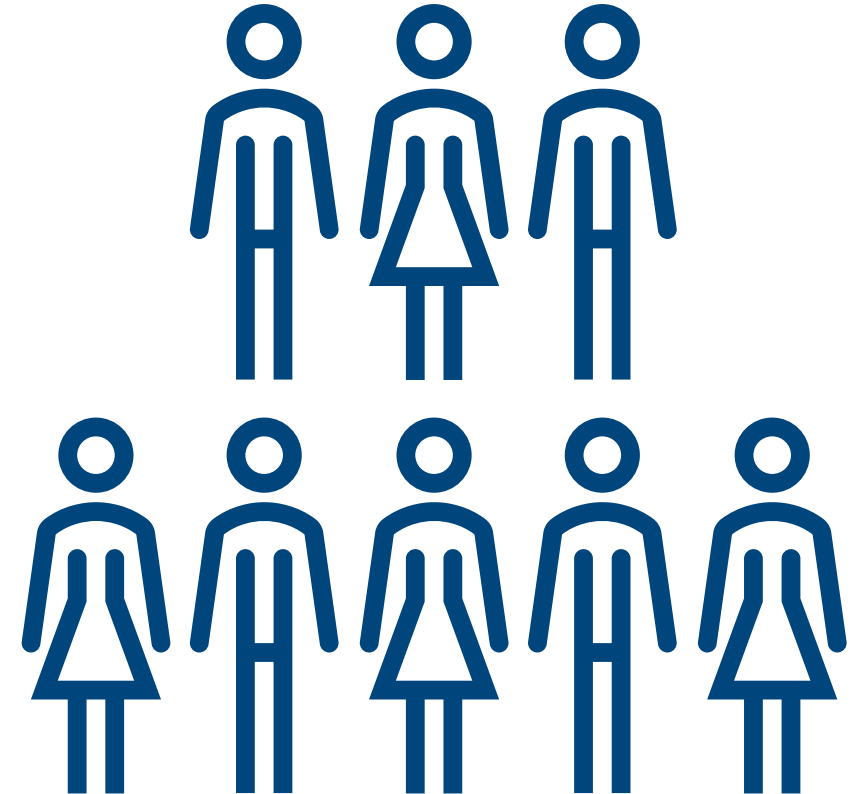
31.4% Healthy/Very Healthy
32.9% Somewhat Healthy
35.7% Unhealthy/Very Unhealthy
*Excludes respondents selecting "Unsure" (n=459)

How Residents Receive Information

Social Media: 66.9%
Word of Mouth :45.6%
Healthcare Providers: 30.0%
Local News / Newspapers: 31.9%
*Respondents could select multiple responses.

Voices from the Community

- “With diabetes as widespread as it is. It would be good to have dialysis machines in hospital or clinics”
- “Difficult to find a mental provider for new patients, lack of service for after business hours, lack of insurance coverage for mental health, housing/hospitalization for children, young adult services close to home vs several hours away”
- “Longer hours more same day appointments available with primary clinics”
- “Need transportation for appointments, publicly.”
- “We need more dentists that take State insurance for low-income people/families.”
- “Illegal drug use is running rampant in our communities.”
- “Would love to see OBGYN/labor and delivery local options”
- “Our hospital offers many services to our county residents that are appreciated.”



Community Health Concerns & Feedback

Most Frequently Identified Adult Health Concerns:

- Mental health
- Cancer
- Obesity
- Alcohol Abuse
- Illegal Drug Use

Most Frequently Identified Child Health Concerns:

- Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Mental Health
- Underage Drinking/ Vaping
- Technology Addiction/Screen Time
- Poor Eating Habits

Common Themes from Open-Ended Comments:

- Mental Health services and Counseling
- Women's Health and OB/GYN services
- Dialysis services
- Specialty Care Access
- Dental Care Access
- Health Care affordability and insurance concerns
- Same-day appointment and urgent care access
- Substance use concerns, particularly methamphetamine and opioid use



Priority Selection Process

Following review of community survey findings, stakeholder feedback, open-ended comments, County Health Rankings data, Community Commons data, and other secondary data sources, BCHC convened a multidisciplinary review team to evaluate identified health concerns and determine priority areas for action.

The team reviewed community health needs based on magnitude of need, community concern, impact on health outcomes, existing resources, and BCHC's ability to influence outcomes through direct services, programs, and community partnerships. Selected priorities were used to guide development of implementation strategies and action plans for the next three-year CHNA cycle.

Prioritized Items:

- Mental Health
- Healthy Living/Chronic Conditions
- Cancer
- Pediatric Developmental Services

Priority Review Team

- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Nursing Officer
- Executive Director of Ambulatory Services
- Director of Marketing & Public Relations
- Employee Wellness Manager
- Wellness Manager
- Program Director, Senior Life Solutions
- Social Worker
- Community Resource Navigator

While many important health concerns were identified through the CHNA process, not all needs were selected as BCHC priority areas. Some concerns are currently being addressed through existing BCHC programs or community partners, while others fall outside BCHC's direct scope of influence.

Evaluation of Impact of Prior CHNA

The previous CHNA, completed in 2023, incorporated community survey responses, stakeholder input, and secondary data sources to identify community health priorities. The 2023 survey received 51 community responses and identified diabetes management, obesity, behavioral health/substance abuse, and childcare access as priority areas. BCHC evaluated progress made toward these priorities during the 2023–2026 implementation cycle. Key activities and outcomes are summarized below.

Diabetes Management Actions Taken:

- Expanded access to diabetes education through a pharmacist certified in diabetes management.
- Increased community outreach and education through presentations and community events.
- Added outpatient dietitian services available through provider referral.
- Recruited an additional primary care provider with a strong interest in diabetes care.

Current Status:

- Expanded access to diabetes education and nutrition counseling.
- Increased community awareness of diabetes prevention and management services.
- Exploring development of a certified outpatient diabetes program.

Behavioral Health & Substance Use Actions Taken:

- Participated in county substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts.
- Provided Narcan distribution and medication disposal resources through BCHC Pharmacy.
- Expanded behavioral health service availability.
- Conducted suicide awareness education for hospital leadership.

Current Status:

- BCHC continues to collaborate with community partners to address behavioral health and substance use concerns.
- Community education, prevention, and treatment resources remain available.

Obesity Prevention & Wellness Actions Taken:

- Continued wellness promotion activities and community health risk assessments.
- Hosted a Senior Health Fair focused on wellness, prevention, and available community resources.
- Supported community wellness initiatives, healthy eating efforts, and food access programs.
- Began planning for use of 340B savings to improve access to weight management medications.

Current Status:

- Wellness programming and community education continue to be available throughout the BCHC service area.
- Additional opportunities are being explored to support healthy lifestyles and weight management.

Childcare Access Actions Taken:

- Evaluated childcare needs among BCHC employees.
- Explored community childcare models and partnership opportunities.
- Collaborated with local organizations and community leaders to assess potential solutions.

Current Status:

- Childcare remains a significant community need.
- BCHC continues to explore opportunities to support childcare availability through community partnerships.

Next Steps

Following approval of the Community Health Needs Assessment by the BCHC Board of Directors, BCHC will develop an implementation strategy to address the identified community health priorities.

The implementation strategy will:

- Describe the actions BCHC intends to take to address each identified community health priority.
- Describe the anticipated impact of the planned actions.
- Identify BCHC resources that will be committed to support implementation.
- Identify community partnerships and collaborative efforts that will assist in addressing each priority.
- Describe the process BCHC will use to monitor implementation activities and evaluate progress throughout the implementation period.
- Identify any significant community health needs that BCHC does not intend to address and provide the rationale for those decisions, if applicable.

BCHC will continue to engage community members, healthcare providers, public health agencies, schools, businesses, and community organizations to improve the health and well-being of residents throughout Buchanan and Fayette Counties.

CHNA Approved by BCHC Board: 8/26/2026

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Melissa Hauschild coordinated the Community Health Needs Assessment process, including survey development and distribution, stakeholder engagement, data collection, secondary data review, analysis, report preparation, and presentation of findings. The BCHC Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy are available online at www.bchealth.org and may be requested in paper format using the contact information below.

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