COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Pioneer Medical Center engaged in a community health needs assessment process, administrated by the Montana Office of Rural Health and funded in part through the Montana Health Research and Education Foundation (MHREF) Flex Grant.

In the summer of 2018, an environmental scan of all relevant data was conducted to gather health, economic and demographic information for Sweet Grass County. Existing data in the form of surveys and county/state reports were utilized. In addition, the Montana Office of Rural Health staff traveled to Big Timber and held 4 focus groups and 2 key informant interviews. To view the full report visit Pioneer Medical Center's website at https://pmcmt.org/

Focus Group Findings

Desired local healthcare services:

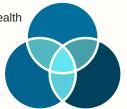
- Home health services
- Counseling and mental health services
- Eye doctor
- Alcohol and drug abuse services
- More visiting specialists
- Ultrasound
- Resources available to be physically fit



Ways to improve community's healthcare:

More mental health services

Increase utilization of tele-med services



More community collaboration of available resources

Most important local healthcare issues

Drug and alcohol abuse
Lack of mental health services
Sedentary lifestyles and obesity
Chronic disease and illness
Lack of Emergency Medical Service volunteers



Opinion of Hospital Services

- Community members appreciate the PT [physical therapy] and audiology services
- Participants like having a facility in town, so they don't have to travel
- Some community members felt it was difficult to be seen at the clinic
- Participants appreciated current services while also highlighting potential areas for service expansion
- The availability of visiting specialists is appreciated



Focus group participants indicated that they use the local providers because they want to support the local healthcare services

Sweet Grass County Health

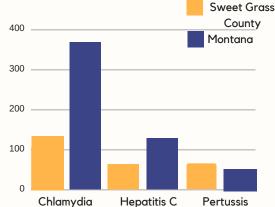
Per 100,000

Leading Causes of Death

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Suicide
- Drug Overdose

of adults in the county use tobacco
of adults in the county binge/drink heavily

Sweet Grass County has significantly lower communicable disease rates in comparison to Montana

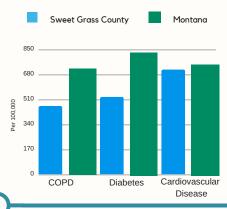


The childhood immunization rate for Sweet Grass County is 66.7% compared to the state of Montana at 65.6%.

Top Behavioral Risk Factors:

Tobacco Use Binge Drinking Seat-belt Use Obesity

Sweet Grass County has significantly less chronic disease inpatient admission rates in comparison to Montana for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and diabetes

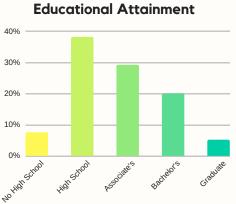


21% of Sweet Grass
County residents report that
they have no leisure time for
physical activity



26% of adults in Sweet Grass County are considered to be obese (BMI > 30)

County demographics



White (94.6%)

American Indian or Alaska Native (0.9%)

Other (4.5%)

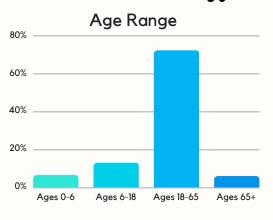
3.1% Unemployment Rate

Median Income \$50,813

9.8% Persons below Poverty level. 11% Children in poverty.

County Population 49.0% Female 51.0% Male





Sources

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