

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY



PERRY COUNTY

Community needs assessments are used to identify the gaps, strengths and opportunities in fulfilling the needs of our community. Community leaders then use this information to develop programs and services in the area to help fill those needs and opportunities.

There are several different data sets and needs assessments that TFEC has gathered to help identify the top priorities in Perry County.

COUNTY OVERVIEW



POPULATION:
45,941 individuals



MEDIAN INCOME: \$76,103
(Pennsylvania median is \$71,798)



NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:
18,066



POVERTY RATE: 9%
(Pennsylvania average is 12%)



EDUCATION: 18.6%
population with bachelor's degree or higher
(Pennsylvania average 34.5%)



HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET: \$22.98/hour
(minimum cost to live and work) A household with one adult and one child would need to make in Perry County

TOP PRIORITIES FOR PERRY COUNTY



HEALTH ISSUES

- **35%** of adults have obesity
- Adult physical inactivity is **25%**
- Access to health care providers
 - » **Shortage of mental health providers**; there is one mental health provider for every 2,720 Perry County residents (Pennsylvania average is one for every 420 people)
 - » **Shortage of primary health providers**; there is one primary care provider for every 3,860 Perry County residents (Pennsylvania average is one for every 1,220 people)
 - » **Shortage of oral health services**; there is one dentist for every 4,620 Perry County residents (Pennsylvania average is one for every 1,410 people)



ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS

- **Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Households 30%** (Pennsylvania average is 28%)
- Increase in households experiencing housing cost burden where **more than 30%** of their income is spent on rent/mortgage and other housing costs. In the tricounty area, 39% of renters who are cost burdened earned less than \$20,000



FOOD INSECURITY

- Food insecurity rate is **10.5%**
- Number of food insecure individuals is **4,820**
- Child food insecurity rate is **13.4%**



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