

2025 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT?

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a report that shows what health problems exist in a community and what resources are available to help. CHNAs are important because they help communities:

- Identify the biggest health problems in the community by looking at data about who gets sick and why.
- Document gaps in healthcare and other support services in the community.
- Prioritize what issues leaders should focus on fixing first.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

This report is the result of a multi-step assessment process led by a group of health leaders from Howard University Hospital and Sibley Memorial Hospital leaders. Key process steps are described in the infographic below.



FORM THE STEERING COMMITTEE



GATHER, ANALYZE, AND REPORT DATA



PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY NEEDS



CREATE THE CHNA REPORT

DATA COLLECTED, ANALYZED & CONSIDERED

Secondary Data

Secondary data for this CHNA were gathered from multiple publicly available sources to describe geographic, demographic, social and economic factors, environmental factors, health status and disease trends, mental and behavioral health trends, and individual health behaviors.

Primary Data

New data were gathered by talking with and listening to the community. We heard from residents in all 8 Wards through surveys, interviews and focus groups.

424 COMMUNITY SURVEYS 13 LEADER SURVEYS 56 FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANTS 15 KEY LEADER INTERVIEWS



2025 PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

After a review of available data, the following priority health needs were identified and prioritized through the 2025 CHNA process:



HEALTH CONDITIONS



HEALTHCARE ACCESS



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The next step of the CHNA process is for health leaders to identify goals, objectives, and strategies for addressing these priority health needs.