

Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment report released

New findings on the social determinants of health in Lakewood

September 9, 2022, Lakewood, OH—Today, the City of Lakewood, alongside its partners at the Healthy Lakewood Foundation, the Three Arches Foundation and the Center for Community Solutions, released the Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment Report. This report, the first of two reports tied to the Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment and Action Plan, comes after nearly a year of research and analysis conducted by Community Solutions.



The report was built on primary data from the US Census as well as secondary data tied to a broad, statistically representative community survey, numerous focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders in the City of Lakewood. The report is organized around the Center for Disease Control's definitions for social determinants and documents key indicators of community health: economic stability, access to both quality education and health care, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context. Included in the report is an infographic, an executive summary, a larger report as well as an extensive appendix for public use.

"We want to thank our partners at the city of Lakewood, the Three Arches and Healthy Lakewood foundations, as well as the dozens community organizations involved in this work," said Loren Anthes, project lead with the Center for Community Solutions. "Most importantly, we want to thank the hundreds of residents that provided their insights for our findings and we are looking forward to the Action Plan phase of this work."

"We sought to learn more about our community and provide us and our partners with the data we need to improve community health and well-being," said City of Lakewood Mayor Meghan George. "With this Assessment Report, we now have actionable data to use in the months and years ahead to make Lakewood a healthier, more equitable place to live, work, play and raise a family." The Assessment can be viewed and downloaded at communitysolutions.com/LakewoodHealth. Residents interested in participating in the Action Plan phase, set to kick off in October, can visit communitysolutions.com/LakewoodHealth to sign up for updates on how to get involved.

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