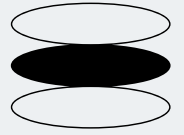


Community Health Overview



Key Factors Influencing Health

Economic Stability

- **Employment Rates**
- : A steady employment rate aids in better health outcomes.
- **Income Levels**
- : Higher income levels correlate with better access to healthcare.

Education

- **Graduation Rates**
- : Increased graduation rates lead to improved health literacy.
- **Health Education Programs**
- : Implementation of community health education workshops.

What are some factors that have influenced the health of our community over the last two years? (Factors are facts and statistics that can either back up a trend or give information to support a trend)

Housing, i.e. economic stress. Weather (lack of snow, wildfire smoke).

High vaccine uptake among the community

Lack of/reduced health insurance benefits, community resources not advertised/marketed to great community, reduced communication between entities

Increased pressure on affordable housing increased impact of income divide

Increase in housing costs, limited housing

Younger and more kids are self-harming and suicidal, youth are presenting for help with much higher needs and more complex family situations that require more resources than in years past

Rapid rise of housing costs, higher grocery costs, reports of loneliness

The high cost of housing and lack childcare options and expense of childcare, lack of 9-5 summer childcare options/camps.

Pandemic Economy - income disparity exponential growth Portability of work Lack of housing Wages (especially for non-profit organizations) cannot keep pace with community and business changes and is putting crisis work at risk

The increasing availability of mental health resources is great, and there seems to be a need to continue to increase awareness and encourage access.

The end of COVID-19 and the mental health fallout from that public health crisis, the housing crisis, and currently the national and state-wide political landscape.

High cost of housing High cost of food Long commute time Crowded highways

Secure, Dignified Housing

Increase in housing prices.

Commute patterns, traffic volumes, visitor impacts; options for mobility by walking, biking or taking transit instead of driving

1. Housing costs have skyrocketed and availability has become more constrained/volatile. 2. Childcare costs have outpaced national trends and availability has become more constrained/volatile. 3. Cost of living across the world, nation, and especially regionally has increased. 4. Affordability of mental health support has skyrocketed and availability has become more constrained. 5. Social isolation increases across most demographics and especially those that also share other mental health risk indicators. 6. Polarization continues to negatively impact livability and social health factors.

Lack of basic needs security Unknown affordable health resources

COVID Housing affordability and availability Water quality Wildlife smoke

High cost and limited options with housing has impacted many victims of crime and others.

Low-income households lack of transportation domestic abuse at home poor mental health motor vehicle

Health Trends in the Community

Chronic Disease Management

- **Diabetes**
- : A slight increase in diabetes cases has been observed.
- **Obesity**
- : Efforts to curb obesity through community fitness programs.

Mental Health

- **Increased Awareness**
- : More community members are seeking mental health services.
- **Substance Abuse**
- : A growing concern that is being addressed through local initiatives.

What are some trends that have affected the health of our community over the last two years? (Trends are patterns over time, such as migration in and out of a community or a growing disillusionment with the government)

Housing, again... when physicians and other medical providers can't afford to stay or practice here there are difficulties getting care.

Decrease in availability of services

Transience of community, turnover of providers, cost of living/housing limitations

Lack of ability to discuss key issues (polarization) lack of trust in public process

Increase in tourism, increase in elderly population, outdoor recreation users stabilizing in numbers, decrease in COVID

Instability in housing, cost of living, and uncertain times are all creating an environment that has become harder for a segment of our community to survive and thrive.

Continued wealth inequity, more extravagant lifestyles on display in JH, commercial development outsizes the development of housing solutions, increasing fragmentation of healthcare systems

Influx of newcomers to the area, displacement of local workforce to outside communities, lack of affordable housing and housing in general

Cost of living and keeping pace with health care costs/coverage. It is often the first to go and spirals. Many stressors are due to paying medical bills and housing

Controversy and divisiveness of many topics seem contributory to degraded openness and trust within the community, making individuals feel less connected and safe with each other. Consistent influx of new wealth entering the community and increases in property value has degraded residents' ability to afford housing. Higher percentage of income spent on housing reduces ability to cover medical needs, inability to find housing contributes to homelessness, and more people commuting contributes to reduced air quality.

The immigrant communities are growing in Teton County and their physical and mental health are requiring more attention and focus.

Increase in migration into our community

Salaries not keeping up with housing costs

Increased needs in the undocumented population.

Unpredictable weather; declining courtesy and safe driving behavior of drivers (failure to stop at stop signs); demand on resources like street cleaning

1. Cost of living, housing insecurity and childcare insecurity have increased pace of migration out of community. 2. Those who remain face increased strain and social isolation. 3. Growing disillusionment with government leads to polarization and social health decline. 4. Growing disparity between income of residents leads to polarization and social health decline.

Increases in cost of living Changes in Medicaid/Medicare coverage guidelines

Increase in housing costs Increase in food costs Increase in traffic

Many good people have left the community due to the high costs of living or the inability to live where they work

Immigration to Jackson increase prices of rent/living in Jackson attitude shift towards vaccines (negative)

Significant Events Impacting Health

Natural Disasters

- **Flooding**
- : Recent flooding events disrupted access to healthcare facilities.

Healthcare Infrastructure

- **New Hospital Opening**
- : The opening of a new hospital has improved healthcare access.
- **Legislation**
- : Passage of new health-related laws to improve community health services.

What are some events that have affected the health in Teton County over the last two years? (Events are one-time occurrences, such as a hospital closure, a natural disaster, or the passage of new legislation)

The overturning of Roe vs Wade could have huge implications.

Medication shortages

Reduced women's health services/providers, abortion legislation, closure of PT clinic(s)

Doctors closing offices/losing health care professionals continued erosion of women's rights

Recreation Center partial closure/limited parking, limited biometric screening since Feb 2024, longer commute due to road construction

COVID, increasing mental health needs, increased cost of living, state legislation leaning more conservative on legislation and regulation, and funding insecurity to ensure services are reliable.

Sunsetting of safety nets that were in place during the pandemic, but that were needed pre-pandemic and so are still needed now

Covid obviously brought many more individuals and families to Teton County, Lincoln County, Teton County ID., increasing population and putting pressure on limited resources such as housing, childcare and even infrastructure (roads not set up to support the growth).

Covid funds sunseting and philanthropy decreases

Changes in abortion laws related to health care provision/practices/procedures where it may be necessary for life safety. Great efforts on vaping rules, particularly aimed toward reducing impacts on youth.

Two public instances of discrimination against immigrants in the summer of 2022 impacted individuals feelings of safety in Teton County. Lorenzo Fuentes Cortes died in a trench cave in at a construction project in Jackson. Kali Randall and her child are killed by her husband in the summer of 2023.

Closing of OB/GYN offices

OB/GYNs closing. Pandemic. Overturn of Roe vs. Wade.

COVID response/aftermath; Highway 22 reconstruction of Snake River Bridge; increased traffic at airport

1. Passage of new legislation has impacted women's healthcare drastically, which further affects personal mental and physical health outcomes and larger family health outcomes. 2. Senior living home displaced scores of residents, straining overwhelmed system. 3. Childcare closures exacerbated already overwhelmed systems.

COVID Wildfire smoke

Covid-19 (lack of enthusiasm for vaccines)

These factors, trends, and events collectively shape the health landscape of our community. It's crucial to address these areas proactively to ensure better health outcomes for all residents.