2025 Anderson and Easton Campuses and Star Community Health Community Health Needs Assessment Executive Summary

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The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is conducted every three years as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The established priority areas were determined based on CHNA findings and alignment with the social determinants of health, Healthy People 2030 objectives, and the mission and vision of St. Luke's University Health Network.

Key Findings

Overall Network assessment results highlight three priority focus areas for our community health initiatives:

✦ **Access to Care**   ✦ **Chronic Disease Prevention**   ✦ **Mental and Behavioral Health**

The priorities established serve as a guide for our health initiatives that support our patients, community health workers, and communities. Findings from the 2025 CHNA highlight the differences within our communities that contribute to the prevalence of disease and poor health outcomes that can lead to a lack of optimal health, especially among socially disadvantaged populations.

Healthcare Access and Quality	Neighborhood and Built Environment	Social and Community Context	Economic Stability	Education Access and Quality
Primary Care Provider Ratios: PA: 1,260:1 Northampton County: 1,690:1	Total cost burdened households, Anderson and Easton service area: Renters: 48.2% Homeowners: 21.7%	By 2029, adults 65 years and older will account for 23.6% of the service area population compared to 17.1% under 18 years old	Service area median household income: 2024: $79,458 2029 (est.): $93,389	Students (grades 6-12) that reported feeling sad or depressed most days in the past 12 months: Northampton County: 42.5%
Average annual out-of-pocket healthcare expenditures in the service area: $4,871	Public Transportation Use (to/from work): United States: 3.8% PA: 4.3% Northampton County: 1.3%	Top Spanish speaking service area zip codes: 18015: 20.1% 18018: 16.2% 18017: 13.7%	10.6% of households in the service area had an income below the poverty level in the last 12 months	Students (grades 6-12) that worried about running out of food one or more times in the past year: Northampton County: 28.1%
Uninsured Rates: United States: 10% PA: 7% Service area: 19 years and younger: 0.7% 19-64 years old: 4.1% 65 years and older: 0.1%	An average of 2.6% of people in the service area did not have access to a car	Food insecurity rates:: United States: 10% PA: 9% Northampton County: 8%	A family of four is at the federal poverty level if they make $31,200 or less	Students (grades 6-12) that reported being bullied in the past year: Northampton County: 26.5%

Sources: ACS 2018-2023, Esri, Pennsylvania Youth Survey (2023), Esri

2025 CHNA Survey Respondent Data Service Area

✦ **Access to Care**

Health and Dental Insurance:
Private Insurance: 60.0%
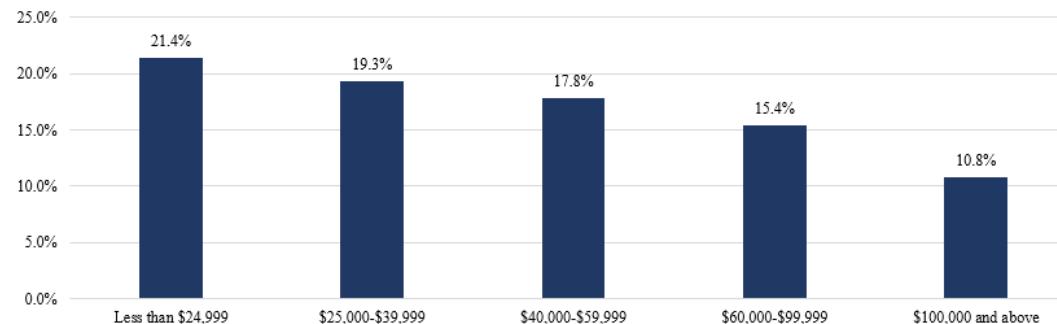Medicare: 39.8%
Medicaid: 7.6%
Uninsured/Don't Know: 3.6%
Veterans Administration: 1.6%
Dental Insurance: 21.4% uninsured
Vision:
23.9% postponed eye care/glasses due to cost

2025 CHNA Survey Respondent Reported Diabetes Diagnosis by Income
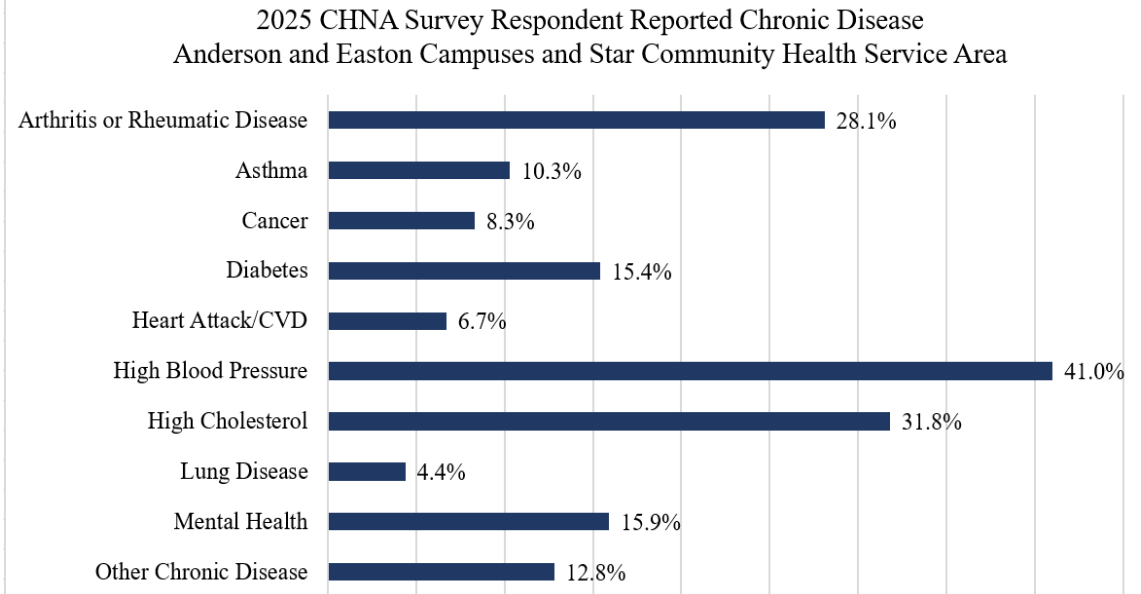Anderson and Easton Campuses and Star Community Health Service Area

Income	Percentage
Less than $24,999	21.4%
$25,000-$39,999	19.3%
$40,000-$59,999	17.8%
$60,000-$99,999	15.4%
$100,000 and above	10.8%

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What are priorities in your community?

Access to Care: 23.6%
Affordable Housing: 59.0%
Behavioral Health: 27.1%
Chronic Disease: 33.3%
Education Access/Quality: 9.3%
Food Access/Security: 14.6%
Jobs/Unemployment: 17.6%
Mental Health: 51.1%
Transportation: 20.8%

How would you rate your overall health?

Excellent: 8.3%
Very Good: 36.5%
Good: 47.9%
Poor: 6.9%
Very Poor: 0.4%

What are some of the things that keep you from maintaining healthy behaviors?

Family: 12.6%
Lack of Motivation: 42.2%
Money: 27.0%
Time: 41.6%
Work: 24.1%

How does your household decide where to shop for food?

Acceptance of SNAP: 4.5%
Cost: 54.6%
Delivery Option: 4.5%
Food is Prepared: 3.0%
Location: 58.3%
Meets Dietary Needs: 5.5%
Nutritional Value: 15.3%
Personal Preference: 47.2%
Walkability: 2.3%

Prevention of Chronic Disease

- Of respondents ages 45 years and older, 77.7% reported having one or more chronic disease

- 18.2% of respondents with private health insurance did not have a routine colorectal cancer screening compared to 55.9% of respondents without insurance

- 12.5% of respondents with private insurance did not have routine breast cancer screening compared to 40.0% of respondents without insurance

- 17.3% of respondents making less than $15,000 annually reported having asthma compared to 8.8% making $60,000 or more

**2025 CHNA Survey Respondent Reported Chronic Disease
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Condition	%
Arthritis or Rheumatic Disease	28.1%
Asthma	10.3%
Cancer	8.3%
Diabetes	15.4%
Heart Attack/CVD	6.7%
High Blood Pressure	41.0%
High Cholesterol	31.8%
Lung Disease	4.4%
Mental Health	15.9%
Other Chronic Disease	12.8%

Mental and Behavioral Health

- 40.9% of respondents reported one or more poor mental health days in the last 30 days
- 20.8% of respondents reported being emotionally abused by their partner or someone else important to them
- Suicide rates in Veteran populations in the United States increased 11.6% between 2020-2021 compared to a 4.5% increase for the general population

State of Mental Health in America (2022), State Adult Rankings	PA%	PA Rank	NJ%	NJ Rank	United States
Adults with any Mental Illness (AMI)	19.7%	17	16.4%	1	19.9%
Adults with Substance Use Disorder in the past year	7.3%	15	6.7%	6	7.7%
Adults with serious thoughts of suicide	4.8%	28	3.8%	1	4.6%
Adults with AMI who are uninsured	5.9%	10	10.6%	25	11.1%
Adults with AMI who do not receive treatment	51.9%	17	57.1%	38	55.9%
Adults with AMI reporting an unmet need	25.7%	31	21.6%	6	24.7%
Adults with cognitive disability who could not see a doctor due to costs	23.8%	13	25.2%	18	29.7%

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Sources: 2025 CHNA survey, ACS 2018-2022, Esri, Mental Health America, US Census