

Summary of Schuyler County

Demographic Information

- Of the 215 surveys distributed, 49 residents of Schuyler County responded. The average age of respondents to the survey were within the 45-64 age group with 44.7%, followed by 27.7% in the 25-44 age group, 25.5% from the 65-84 year age group, and finally 2.1% from the 18-24 age group. No respondents were in the 85+ age group. Most of the respondents to the survey were female with 62.2% while 37.8% were male.
- The greatest percentage of respondents in Schuyler County reported family members were covered by group insurance.
- Overall, 95.9% responded that their ethnicity was white. American Indian or Alaskan Native was reported by 2.0, as well as 2.0% reporting Hispanic or Latino. No other ethnic backgrounds were listed by any respondents. Of those answering the survey, 91.4% did not respond to the question of membership in a cultural community. Being a member of the Amish cultural community was reported by 2.9%, while 5.7% reported other. There were no Mennonite respondents.
- The majority of respondents (50%) fell into the education level of having a high school diploma. Some level of college was attended by 33.3%, while 10.4% reported attaining a college degree or higher. Less than a high school education was reported by 6.3%.
- An annual household income level of \$10,000-\$25,000 was reported by 32.6%, while 27.9% earned \$40,001-\$55,000 per year. Earned incomes of \$25,001-\$40,000 were reported by 16.3%, while 11.6% reported over \$70,000. Household incomes of less than \$10,000 were reported by 9.3%, and 2.3% reported averaging \$55,001-\$70,000 per year.

Health Concerns

Lifestyle Health Risks

- The residents of Schuyler County felt that all issues of lifestyle health risks were of **importance**. Child neglect/ abuse, school violence, child safety seat use, illegal drug use, and teen pregnancy held importance levels equal to or greater than 90%.
- When citizens were asked if these needs were being adequately met, answers varied greatly. Fifty-five percent or more felt that underage drinking, illegal drug use, teen pregnancy, tobacco use, and lack of exercise were issues that were **not being adequately met**.

Diseases

- All categories of this topic ranked **important** among citizens. Only 1 or 2 people marked that these were unimportant issues. Ranked highest (above 84%) were: cancer, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS.

- When asked if these issues were **adequately being met**, answers varied greatly, yet Alzheimer’s disease, dental problems, and HIV/AIDS were among the highest percentages (above 39%).

Environmental Health

- This topic yielded a wide variety of answers from participants. The most common areas ranked as **important** were: crime prevention, restaurant inspection, and drinking water quality.
- Again, when citizens were asked if these needs were **being adequately met**, answers varied greatly.
- Many (at least 47%) felt that issues involving crime prevention, domestic animal control, and recycling were **not adequately being met**.

Affordable Health Care

- Overall, it was noted that most health care opportunities were not affordable. Dental care was reported as not affordable by 54.5%, while 38.6% indicated it was somewhat affordable.
- Health insurance was reported as not affordable by 81.8%, and 15.9% stated it was unaffordable.
- Medical care was split 50% responding that it is not affordable, while the other 50% responded that it is somewhat affordable.
- Mental health care was listed by 52.3% as not affordable, while 31.8% stated they did not know the costs of this type of health care.
- Prescription drugs obtained the highest rating for not affordable with 61.4%, while 31.8% indicated medications as being somewhat affordable.
- Preventative screenings were listed as not unaffordable by 38.6%, while an equal number of respondents felt they were somewhat affordable.
- Many residents (59.1%) stated that urgent or emergency care was simply unaffordable.
- Vision care was also stated as not affordable by 46.5%, and somewhat affordable by 51.2%.

Local Health Care

- The county ambulance district was rated by 46.5% of those responding as excellent, while at the same time 84.2% reported they had not used these services in the last year.
- The county health department was also found to be excellent by 60.5%, with 71.1% indicating they had used the health department in the last year.

- The community health clinic was rated as adequate by 32% of the people responding; however, 71.0% indicated not having used the department in the last year.
- Private physicians were very similar in that 48.8% stated they were adequate, while 46.5% stated they were excellent.
- Overall, 94.7% of the respondents had used a private physician in the last year.
- Most respondents (68.6%) were unsure what telehealth services were, and 96.6% had not used these services.
- The most common reason for respondents not using services in the community were that they reported going to a larger city that had more medical resources. Also, many reported that they did not know the services were provided in their area. A few respondents stated that they could not pay for the services, the services their family needs were not provided, the medical provider did not speak their language, and open hours were not convenient.

Other Needs

- Overall, most services included in this category were characterized as excellently being met. Ranking highest (all above 48%) were: pregnancy testing, immunizations for children, and issuing of birth and death certificates.
- Consumer insurance education (64.1%), support groups (56.8%), family planning (48.7%), and chronic disease support groups (42.9%) received the greatest number of responses as the needs most poorly being met.
- The greatest health service **needs** indicated were: blood pressure screenings (87.5%), diabetic testing (81.0%), immunizations for children (79.5%), and physical therapy (79.1%).
- Community health education (14.0%), home visits for the elderly (13.6%), and immunizations for adults (13.3%) were the most common responses to services the county **does not need**.

Schuyler County Data Results

Report for Schuyler County Number of Respondents - 49 Response Rate – 23.33%

I. Demographic Information

A. Age of person responding to survey:

<i>Age</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
18-24	1	2.1
25-44	13	27.7
45-64	21	44.7
65-84	12	25.5
85+	0	0

B. Sex of person responding to survey:

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Male	17	37.8
Female	28	62.2

C. Number of people living in household of respondent: 136

	<i>Age 0-5</i>	<i>Age 6-17</i>	<i>Age 18-24</i>	<i>Age 25-44</i>	<i>Age 45-64</i>	<i>Age 65-84</i>	<i>Age 85+</i>
Female(s)	14	8	8	12	22	9	1
Male(s)	7	11	5	9	22	8	0

D. Type of health coverage of members of the household:

<i>Type of Health Coverage</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
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None	21	15.4
Private Insurance	10	7.4
Group Insurance	49	36.0
Medicare with supplement	13	9.6
Medicare without supplement	10	7.4
Medicaid	18	13.2
MC+	13	9.6

*Percentages were calculated using the total of individuals living in the household as the denominator (item C), regardless of whether the respondent left an entry blank or counted two types of health insurance for the same individual (item D).

E. Ethnicity of person responding to survey:

<i>Ethnicity</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
White	47	95.9
Black	0	0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	2.0
Asian	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	1	2.0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0
Other	0	0

F. Membership in cultural community:

<i>Cultural Community</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Amish	1	2.9%
Mennonite	0	0
Other	2	5.7%

G. Education level of person responding:

<i>Education Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Less Than High School	3	6.3%
High School Diploma	24	50.0%
Some College	16	33.3%
College Degree or Higher	5	10.4%

H. Annual household income level:

<i>Income Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Under \$10,000	4	9.3%
\$10,000-\$25,000	14	32.6%
\$25,001-\$40,000	7	16.3%
\$40,001-\$55,000	12	27.9%
\$55,001-\$70,000	1	2.3%
\$70,000+	5	11.6%

II. Health Concerns: In your opinion, how important are the following health/safety issues in your community? Also, please indicate if you think adequate services are available.

A. Lifestyle Health Risks

	<i>Not Important</i>		<i>Somewhat Important</i>		<i>Important</i>		<i>Adequately being met?</i>					
							<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Don't Know</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Abuse/neglect:												
a. Child	0	0	2	4.3	44	95.7	17	35.4	13	27.1	18	37.5
b. Spouse	2	4.4	8	17.8	35	77.8	12	26.1	11	23.9	23	50.0
c. Elder	0	0	8	17.8	37	82.2	15	32.0	7	14.9	25	53.2
Adequate immunization	0	0	5	10.9	41	89.1	38	79.2	2	4.2	8	16.7
Condom use	2	4.9	4	9.8	35	85.4	6	14.6	12	29.3	30	73.2
Injury of elders in home	1	2.3	9	20.9	33	76.7	12	25.5	7	14.9	28	59.6
Lack of exercise	5	10.6	9	19.1	33	70.2	7	15.2	26	56.5	13	28.3
Lead in homes	3	7.0	12	27.9	28	65.1	11	24.4	5	11.1	29	64.4
Obesity	2	4.4	13	28.9	30	66.7	1	2.2	24	53.3	20	44.4
Oral hygiene/care	1	2.3	9	20.5	34	77.3	16	35.6	13	28.9	16	35.6
Prenatal care	1	2.3	6	13.6	37	84.1	26	55.3	9	19.1	12	25.5
Safety-vehicular:												
a. Helmet use	6	12.8	11	23.4	30	63.8	20	42.6	16	34.0	11	23.4
b. Child safety seat use	1	2.2	3	6.5	42	91.3	30	62.5	15	31.3	3	6.3
c. Seatbelt use	3	6.5	6	13.0	37	80.4	32	66.7	13	27.1	3	6.3
School violence	2	5.0	2	5.0	36	90.0	15	36.6	4	9.8	22	53.7
Substance use:												
a. Binge drinking	1	2.1	10	21.3	36	76.6	8	17.0	21	44.7	18	38.3
b. Illegal drug use	1	2.1	2	4.3	44	93.6	10	21.3	30	63.8	7	14.9
c. Tobacco use	3	6.4	11	23.4	33	70.2	9	19.1	27	57.4	11	23.4
d. Underage drinking	2	4.3	3	6.4	42	89.4	8	17.0	31	66.0	8	17.0
Suicide	4	8.9	4	8.9	37	82.2	10	22.7	7	15.9	27	61.4
Teen pregnancy	1	2.2	3	6.5	42	91.3	7	14.9	28	59.6	12	25.5

II. Health Concerns (cont.): In your opinion, how important are the following health/safety issues in your community? Also, please indicate if you think adequate services are available.

B. Diseases

	<i>Not Important</i>		<i>Somewhat Important</i>		<i>Important</i>		<i>Adequately being met?</i>					
							<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Don't Know</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alzheimer's disease	0	0	10	20.8	38	79.2	7	15.2	20	43.5	19	41.3
Arthritis	1	2.1	18	37.5	29	60.4	16	35.6	13	28.9	16	35.6
Asthma	3	6.4	15	31.9	29	61.7	16	34.0	12	25.5	19	40.4
Cancer	0	0	4	8.7	42	91.3	16	34.8	17	37.0	13	28.3
Dental problems	1	2.1	14	29.2	33	68.8	14	30.4	19	41.3	13	28.3
Depression	2	4.2	13	27.1	33	68.8	10	21.7	14	30.4	22	47.8
Hearing loss	2	4.3	13	27.7	32	68.1	17	37.0	13	28.3	16	34.8
Heart disease	1	2.1	6	12.8	40	85.1	20	43.5	15	32.6	11	23.9
High blood pressure	1	2.1	9	19.1	37	78.7	22	46.8	15	31.9	10	21.3
High cholesterol	1	2.1	13	27.1	34	70.8	18	38.3	15	31.9	14	29.8
HIV/AIDS	1	2.2	6	13.0	39	84.8	11	23.9	18	39.1	17	37.0
Influenza	1	2.1	11	23.4	35	74.5	21	44.7	9	19.1	17	36.2
Lung disease	1	2.1	11	23.4	35	74.5	11	23.4	17	36.2	19	40.4
Mental disorders	1	2.1	10	20.8	37	77.1	9	19.1	17	36.2	21	44.7
Osteoporosis	0	0	16	34.0	31	66.0	13	28.3	12	26.1	21	45.7
Pneumonia	1	2.1	16	33.3	31	64.6	26	55.3	3	6.4	18	38.3
Pulmonary disease (COPD)	1	2.1	14	29.8	32	68.1	14	29.8	8	17.0	25	53.2
Vision loss	0	0	11	22.9	37	77.1	22	46.8	12	25.5	13	27.6
Other	0	0	0	0	6	100	2	25.0	4	50.0	2	25.0

II. Health Concerns (cont.): How important are services on the following issues in your community? Also, please indicate if you think adequate services are available.

C. Environmental Health

	<i>Not Important</i>		<i>Somewhat Important</i>		<i>Important</i>		<i>Adequately being met?</i>					
							<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Don't know</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Bioterrorism	7	17.1	15	36.6	19	46.3	12	29.3	14	34.1	15	36.6
Community safety	2	4.7	11	25.6	30	69.8	17	43.6	14	35.9	8	20.5
Crime prevention	0	0	3	7.3	38	92.7	10	26.3	23	60.5	5	13.2
Domestic animal control	7	16.7	20	47.6	15	35.7	13	32.5	20	50.0	7	17.5
Drinking water quality	2	4.7	7	16.3	34	79.1	23	59	10	25.6	6	15.4
Hazardous materials handling	5	11.9	6	14.3	31	73.8	10	25.6	8	20.5	21	53.8
Housing safe and adequate	5	11.6	9	21.0	29	67.4	16	41.0	11	28.2	12	30.8
Indoor air quality	8	18.6	10	23.3	25	58.1	12	30	13	33.0	15	38.0
Lead poisoning inspection	5	11.9	11	26.2	26	61.9	19	48.7	10	25.6	10	25.6
Onsite sewage inspection	5	11.9	16	38.1	21	50	18	46.2	7	17.9	14	35.9
Outdoor air quality	5	11.6	11	25.6	27	62.8	18	45	5	12.5	17	42.5
Pest control (insects, rats)	5	11.9	12	28.6	25	59.5	21	53.8	7	17.9	11	28.2
Recreational water quality	7	17.1	14	34.1	20	48.8	15	38.5	3	7.7	21	53.8
Recycling	3	6.8	19	44.2	21	48.8	12	30	19	47.5	9	22.5
Restaurant inspection	1	2.4	7	17.1	33	80.5	20	50	10	25	10	25.0
Trash disposal	2	4.6	8	18.6	33	76.7	31	77.5	5	12.5	4	10.0
Workplace safety/health	2	4.8	10	23.8	30	71.4	25	64.1	5	12.8	9	23.1
Other	0	0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0	1	50.0	1	50.0

III. Affordable Health Care: In your opinion, how affordable are the following services in your community?

	<i>Not affordable</i>		<i>Somewhat affordable</i>		<i>Affordable</i>		<i>Don't Know</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Dental care	24	54.5	17	38.6	2	4.5	1	2.3
Health insurance	36	81.8	7	15.9	0	0	1	2.3
Medical care	22	50.0	22	50.0	0	0	0	0
Mental health care	23	52.3	6	13.6	1	2.3	14	31.8
Prescription drugs	27	61.4	14	31.8	2	4.5	1	2.3
Preventative screenings	17	38.6	17	38.6	3	6.8	7	15.9
Urgent or emergency care	26	59.1	14	31.8	2	4.5	2	4.5
Vision	20	46.5	22	51.2	1	2.3	0	0

IV. Local Health Care: How would you rate the services offered by the following health providers in your area? Also, indicate if you have received services from these providers during the last year.

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Adequate</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>Don't Know</i>		<i>Used in last year?</i>			
									<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
County Ambulance District	1	2.3	14	32.6	20	46.5	8	18.6	6	15.8	32	84.2
County Health Department	0	0	14	32.6	26	60.5	3	7.0	27	71.1	11	28.9
Community Health Clinic (other than Health Dept.)	2	5.4	12	32.4	8	21.6	15	40.5	9	29.0	22	71.0
Private Physician	2	4.6	21	48.8	20	46.5	0	0	36	94.7	2	5.3
Local Hospital	9	22.0	19	46.3	9	22.0	4	9.8	20	55.6	16	44.4
Telehealth Services	2	5.7	8	22.9	1	2.9	24	68.6	1	3.4	28	96.6

If you have NOT used the above services, please check ALL the reasons that apply:

	#	%
Not physically accessible	0	0
Have no means to pay for these services	3	6.1
These do not provide the services my family needs	3	6.1
Went to a larger city with more medical resources	9	18.4
Did not know these services were provided in my area	8	16.3
Medical provider did not speak my language	2	4.1
Open hours not convenient	1	2.0
Have no transportation	0	0
Other	6	12.2

V. Other Needs: How well are the following services being met by the health providers in your area? Do you think these services should be available in your county?

	<i>Poor</i>		<i>Adequate</i>		<i>Excellent</i>		<i>County Needs?</i>					
							<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Don't Know</i>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cardiac rehabilitation	13	32.5	22	55.0	5	12.5	28	62.2	3	6.7	14	31.1
Cancer screenings:												
a. Colon	12	30.0	22	55.0	6	15.0	34	75.6	3	6.7	8	17.8
b. Prostate	10	24.4	25	61	6	14.6	30	66.7	5	11.1	10	22.2
c. Skin	14	35.0	22	55.0	4	10.0	31	72.1	4	9.3	8	18.6
Chronic disease support groups	15	42.9	16	45.7	4	11.4	23	52.3	5	11.4	16	36.4
Communicable disease control	5	13.2	24	63.2	9	23.7	25	56.8	5	11.4	14	31.8
Community health education	6	15.0	30	75.0	4	10.0	25	58.1	6	14.0	12	28.0
Daycare facility inspection	7	18.4	19	50.0	12	31.6	27	61.4	4	9.1	13	29.5
Family planning	19	48.7	15	38.5	5	12.8	30	66.7	5	11.1	10	22.2
Flu shots	6	13.6	20	45.5	18	41.0	35	77.8	6	13.3	4	8.9
Home visits for the elderly	7	16.7	21	50.0	14	33.3	32	72.7	6	13.6	6	13.6
Immunizations for adults	6	14.6	20	48.8	15	36.6	32	71.1	6	13.3	7	15.6
Immunizations for children	0	0	19	44.2	24	55.8	35	79.5	4	9.1	5	11.4
Investigating public health complaints	7	19.4	19	52.8	10	27.8	26	62.0	2	4.8	14	33.3
Issuing birth and death certificates	1	2.3	21	48.8	21	48.8	30	69.8	3	7.0	10	23.3
Lab services	5	11.4	22	50.0	17	38.6	34	79.1	3	7.0	6	14.0
Newborn home visits	10	27.0	15	40.5	12	32.4	24	57.1	3	7.1	15	35.7
Nutrition counseling/education	4	9.8	24	58.5	13	31.7	28	63.6	4	9.1	12	27.3
Physical therapy	7	17.5	17	42.5	16	40	34	79.1	2	4.7	7	16.3
Programs												
a. Consumer insurance education	25	64.1	12	30.8	2	5.1	24	58.5	4	9.8	13	31.7
b. Personal fitness/wellness	22	53.7	14	34.1	5	12.2	36	78.3	4	8.7	6	13.0
c. Respite/hospice	7	17.1	20	48.8	14	34.1	33	75.0	3	6.8	8	18.2
d. Support groups	21	56.8	10	27.0	6	16.2	27	62.8	3	7.0	12	30.2
Public health policy development	7	21.2	21	63.6	5	15.1	23	57.5	3	11.6	14	35.0
Radiology (X-ray)	13	31.0	23	54.8	6	14.3	31	72.1	5	11.6	7	16.3
Respiratory therapy	12	30.8	20	51.3	7	17.9	29	70.7	2	4.8	10	24.4
School health services	6	14.6	29	70.7	6	14.6	33	75.0	1	2.3	10	22.7
Screenings												
a. Blood pressure	3	6.7	24	53.3	18	40.0	35	87.5	1	2.5	4	10.0
b. Bone density	12	27.9	22	51.2	9	20.9	29	69.0	4	9.5	9	21.4
c. Cholesterol	4	9.1	25	56.8	15	34.1	33	78.6	3	7.1	6	14.3
d. Diabetic testing	5	11.1	24	53.3	16	35.6	34	81.0	3	7.1	5	11.9
STD testing/treatment	6	17.6	17	50.0	11	32.4	25	64.1	1	2.6	13	33.3
Women's health services												
a. Mammograms	14	33.3	18	42.9	10	23.8	30	69.8	4	9.3	9	21.0
b. Pap smear	4	9.5	26	61.9	12	28.6	31	73.8	4	9.5	7	16.7
c. Pregnancy testing	4	9.8	17	41.5	20	48.8	30	69.8	3	7.0	10	23.3
d. WIC	2	4.8	14	33.3	26	61.9	32	74.4	4	9.3	7	16.3