



Clinton County Health Department

133 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York 12901-2926

“Working Together for a Healthier Community”

www.clintonhealth.org



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Health Planning & Promotion Division

Phone: (518) 565-4993

Fax: (518) 565-4472

June 30, 2023

Dear Community Partner,

In early 2022, we asked municipalities for assistance in reaching community members for the **2022 Community Health Assessment Resident Survey**. The survey asked residents to share their thoughts and opinions about their health experiences and concerns. Results from the survey were used to develop the [2022-2024 Community Health Assessment](#).

CCHD has developed an individualized report and infographic of responses from residents who indicated they reside within your municipality comparing their responses to those from across the county. Please feel free to share this report and its data.

After reviewing your report, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCHDMunicipalReportSurvey and complete a short survey. Your feedback will help us ensure we are providing you with information you find useful. Please share the survey link with all staff within your municipality who have the opportunity to review your report.

We thank you for supporting collaborative health planning in our region. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Molly Flynn
Principal Public Health Educator
Clinton County Health Department
Molly.Flynn@clintoncountygov.com



“Persons who have any physical mobility or other needs, call the telephone number above to arrange for accommodations”

2022 Community Health Assessment

Resident Survey Key Findings—Town of Beekmantown*



As part of the **2022-2024** Community Health Assessment process, the Clinton County Health Department asked county residents for their opinions on health, social and environmental issues in the community. To learn more about the survey and compare your township's data to county level findings, please visit <https://bit.ly/3JobieC>.



More than **half** feel their physical health is **good or excellent**.

1 in 3

feel **access to healthy food** is a social challenge in the community.



The **top two** responses for **environmental challenges** in the community were:

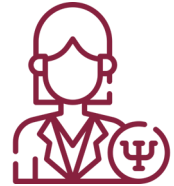


aging infrastructure

and



school safety



Almost **half** of respondents feel **access to mental health services** is a top health issue in the community.

46%

reported **mental health** as a top health issue for themselves or their family.



27%

of respondents **agree or strongly agree that they live in a healthy community**.



Top ranked features of a healthy community:

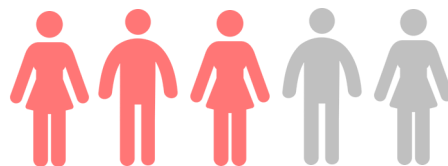
- Livable wages
- Health care services
- Clean environment
- Mental health services
- Good schools

More than **half** feel their **mental health** is **good or excellent**.

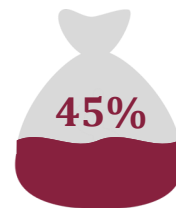


31%

of respondents feel **affordable housing** is a social challenge in the community.



3 out of every 5 respondents faced at least 1 **barrier** to receiving **medical care in the past year**.



More than **2 in 5** respondents identified lack of a **livable wage** as a top social issue for themselves or their family.

*During survey fielding, a concentrated effort was made to reach a representative sample of residents, mirroring census population data, from each of the townships in Clinton County. The above results are based on **81** respondents who indicated they reside in **Beekmantown**

Introduction

In the spring of 2022 the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) surveyed Clinton County residents to provide perspective about community health. Residents were asked to identify features of a strong, vibrant, healthy community; for their opinions on health, social and environmental challenges in the community; to identify health and social challenges and any barriers to medical care experienced by themselves or a family member within the past year; and, for demographic information about individual respondents and their households. The summary below outlines what respondents who indicated they reside in the Town of Beekmantown identified as features, challenges or barriers and highlights how they compare to the responses of all Clinton County respondents.

Findings

A total of 1,081 responses were received from Clinton County residents. Eighty-one (81) of the respondents indicated they reside in the Town of Beekmantown.

Demographics of Survey Respondents

The overall demographics of survey respondents who reside in Beekmantown varied slightly from those of Clinton County respondents overall. Four-fifths of survey respondents (80.25%) identified as female and 14.81% of respondents identified as male (4.94% of respondents chose not to answer this question). In regards to age, the majority of respondents were ages 25-44 (49.33%), followed by ages 45-64 (40.74%), ages 65-79 (4.94%), 80 years and older (3.70%) and ages 18-24 (1.23%). There were no responses from individuals age 17 and younger. The vast majority of respondents (98.77%) indicated that the primary language spoken in their household was English, however one respondent (1.23%) indicated that Italian was the primary language spoken in their home. Almost ninety-four percent of respondents reported their race/ethnicity as white, while two respondents (2.47%) identified as American Indian. Asian/Pacific Islander, Black/African American and Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin each had one (1.23%) respondent select them. The highest level of education completed by survey respondents was diverse; 1.23% completed some high school but did not finish; 19.75% obtained a high school diploma or GED; 22.22% completed some college or obtained a technical or trade school certificate, or an Associate's degree; 27.16% obtained a Bachelor's degree and 28.40% a Master's degree or higher. The household annual income reported by respondents also varied; 7.41% reported a household annual income of less than \$24,999; 20.99% reported \$25,000-\$49,000; 32.10% reported \$50,000-\$99,999; and 29.63% reported \$100,000 or more. The majority of respondents are employed full-time (70.37%), part-time (9.88%), or retired (8.64%). When asked if they had a primary care provider (PCP), 87.65% indicated they were being followed by a PCP, while 12.35% indicated they were not (almost 3 percentage points higher than all Clinton County respondents). The breakdown for all respondents' responses to demographic questions can be found in *Table 1*.

Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary - Town of Beekmantown -

Definition of a Healthy Community

When asked whether they believed they live in a healthy community, 27.16% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they live in a healthy community. One-quarter (24.69%) of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement, while 48.15% of respondents felt neutral toward this statement. Respondents were then asked to identify features of a strong, vibrant, healthy community. The top features reported by residents were health care services (37.04%); livable wages (37.04%); clean environment (29.63%); mental health services (28.40%); good schools (27.16%); and a safe environment (27.16%). The features ranked lowest by Beekmantown residents were transportation (3.70%); diverse populations (4.94%); and equality (4.94%). When compared to county responses, Beekmantown residents were more likely to select mental health services (12 percentage points) and less likely to select affordable housing (10 percentage points) as top features. See *Figure 1* for perceptions of living in a healthy community by residents and *Figure 2* for the top features of a strong, vibrant, healthy community.

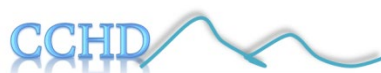
Health Challenges of Concern and Experienced

Beekmantown residents identified access to mental health services (48.15%); substance abuse (46.91%); mental health (45.68%); access to health care services (33.33%); chronic disease (30.86%); and overweight/obesity (30.86%) as the top health related challenges of concern in the community. More than 87% of respondents reported that they or a family member experienced one or more health challenge in the past year. The top challenges reported were mental health (46.48%); overweight/obesity (35.21%); access to mental health services (33.08%); access to health care specialists (28.17%); and access to dental care (26.76%).

Almost half (46.91%) of respondents identified substance abuse as a health challenge in the community, while just over 14% of respondents reported that they or a family member experienced it as a health challenge within the past year. Similarly, 33.33% of respondents identified access to health care services as a challenge in the community, though only 18% of them reported they or a family member had trouble accessing health care services within the past year. Additionally, almost 50% of respondents reported that they or a family member experienced mental challenges in the past year. Over 60% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced at least one barrier to receiving medical care in the past year. The barriers reported most frequently by Beekmantown respondents included: no specialist appointment was available (32.65%), co-pays or deductibles were too high (24.49%), could not leave work/school (24.49%), could not afford (22.45%), and did not accept my insurance (22.45%). See *Figure 3* for health challenges identified in your community, *Figure 4* for health challenges experienced by residents, and *Figure 8* for barriers to receiving medical care.

Social Challenges of Concern and Experienced

Town of Beekmantown residents identified the same top three social challenges in the community as all Clinton County residents surveyed, lack of a livable wage (45.68%), affordable housing (30.86%), and access to healthy foods (30.86%). The fourth and fifth-ranked social challenges in the community were identified as child abuse/neglect (25.93%) and domestic violence (24.69%), though only 1.79% and 3.57% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced those challenges in the past year,



Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary - Town of Beekmantown -

respectively. Almost 70% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced at least one social challenge in the past year. Almost one-third (30.86%) of respondents identified access to healthy food as a social concern in the community, though just under 15% of respondents or their family members had trouble accessing healthy foods within the past year. Social challenges experienced most often by Beekmantown residents or their family members in the past year included lack of livable wage (44.64%), lack of support or resources for youth (25.00%), opportunities for physical activity (23.21%), and childcare (21.43%). See *Figure 5* for social challenges of concern in your community and *Figure 6* for social challenges experienced by residents.

Environmental Concerns

More than half (56.79%) of residents identified aging infrastructure as a top environmental concern in the community. Beekmantown residents were more likely to select school safety (44.44%) and waste disposal or recycling (40.74%) than county residents (33.33% and 30.19% respectively). More than one-third of respondents (38.27%) identified drinking water quality as a top environmental concern, while 37.04% selected stream, river, lake quality. See *Figure 7* for environmental concerns among respondents from the Town of Beekmantown.

Self- Perceived Physical and Mental Health

The majority of respondents self-reported their physical health as good (44.44%) or average (40.74%). Only 6.17% reported their physical health as poor or extremely poor and 8.64% reported their physical health as excellent. A similar pattern in responses was seen for self-reported mental health with 87.65% of respondents reporting their mental health as average, good or excellent; 11.11% of respondents reported their mental health as poor, and 1.23% respondents reported their mental health as extremely poor. See *Figure 9* for the self-perceived physical health and *Figure 10* for the self-perceived mental health among respondents from the Town of Beekmantown.

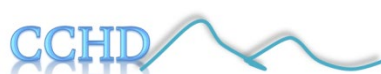
Learn More

A full report for all Clinton County respondents, including methodology, considerations/limitations and conclusions, can be found included in the 2022-2024 Clinton County Community Health Assessment at http://www.clintonhealth.org/pdf%20files/CHA_CHIP.pdf.

Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary
- Town of Beekmantown -

Tables & Figures

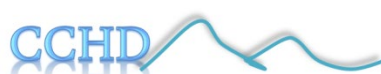
Table 1. 2022 Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Demographics of Respondents			
Demographic		Beekmantown % (#)	Clinton County % (#)
Gender (n=81)/(n=1,081)*	Female	80.25% (65)	76.04% (822)
	Male	14.81% (12)	19.15% (207)
	Non-Binary	0.00% (0)	0.46% (5)
	Other	0.00% (0)	0.74% (8)
	*Note: Of all 81 Beekmantown respondents, 4.94% (4) declined to answer. Of all Clinton County respondents, 3.61% (39) declined to answer.		
Age (n=81)/(n=1081)	17 years and younger	0.00% (0)	0.37% (4)
	18-24 years	1.23% (1)	4.07% (44)
	25-44 years	49.38% (40)	35.43% (383)
	45-64 years	40.74% (33)	35.25% (381)
	65-79 years	4.94% (4)	17.95% (194)
	80 years and older	3.70% (3)	6.94% (75)
Primary language spoken in household (n=81)/(n=1081)	English	98.77% (80)	99.54% (1076)
	Chinese	0.00% (0)	0.09% (1)
	French	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
	Haitian-Creole	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
	Italian	1.23% (1)	0.09% (1)
	Korean	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
	Polish	0.00% (0)	0.09% (1)
	Russian	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
	Spanish	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)
	Other	0.00% (0)	0.19% (2)
Race/ethnicity (n = 81)/(n = 1081)*	American Indian	2.47% (2)	1.39% (15)
	Asian or Pacific Islander	1.23% (1)	0.74% (8)
	Black or African American	1.23% (1)	1.20% (13)
	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin	1.23% (1)	1.67% (18)
	White	93.83% (76)	91.86% (993)
	Other	0.00% (0)	0.56% (6)
	*Note: Of all 81 Beekmantown respondents, 6.17% (5) declined to answer. Of all 1081 Clinton County respondents, 5.27% (57) declined to answer. For this question respondents were asked to select all that apply; therefore, responses will not total 100%.		



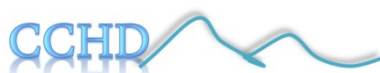
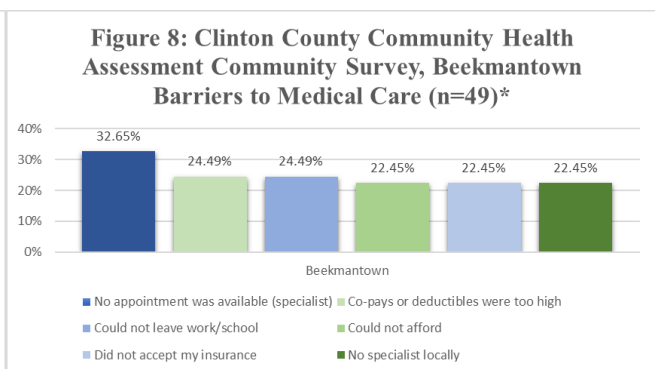
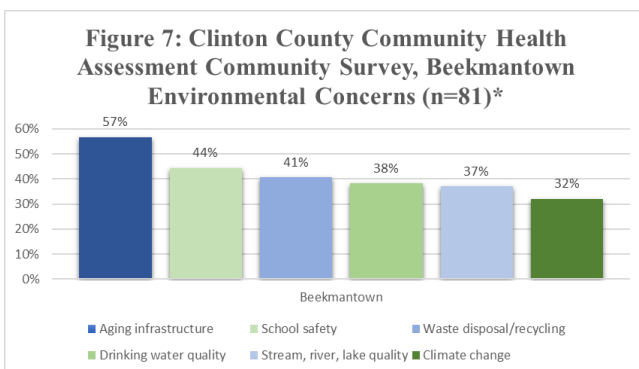
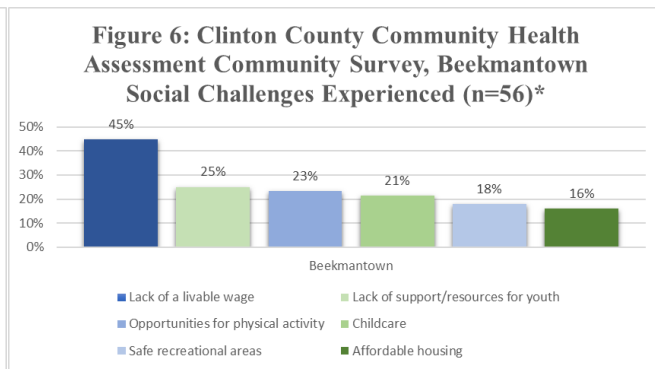
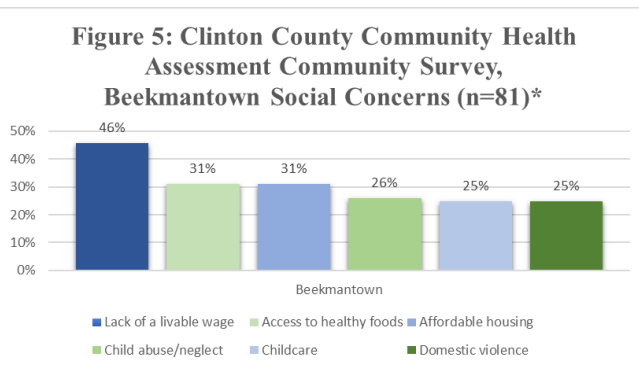
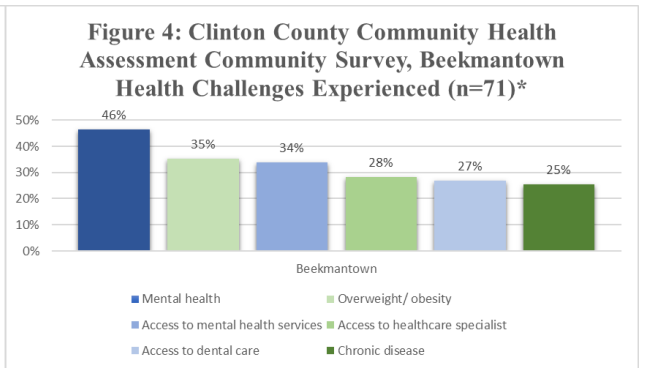
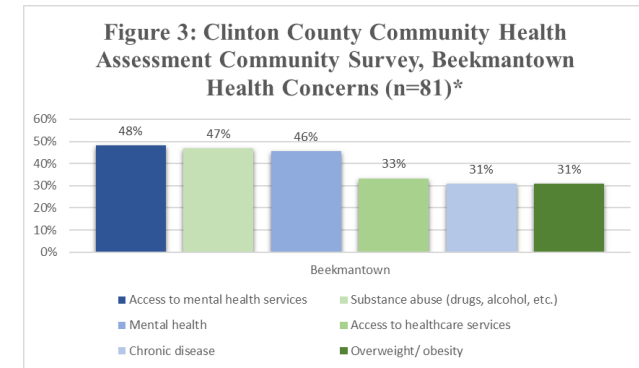
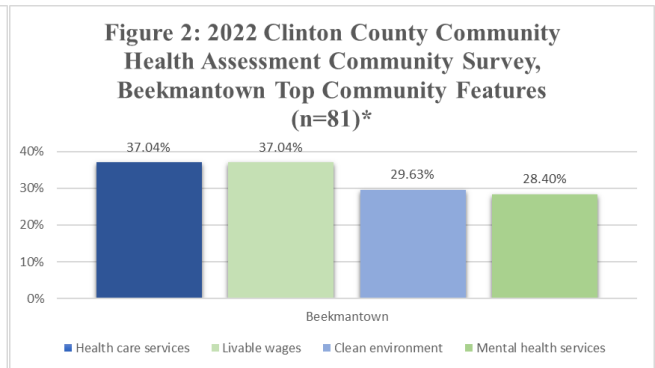
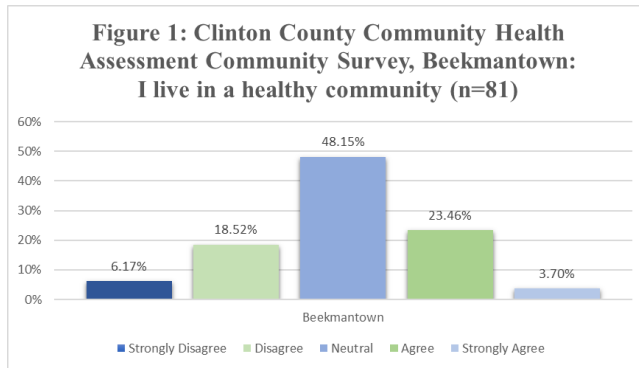
Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary
- Town of Beekmantown -

Table 1 Continued. 2022 Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Demographics of Respondents

Demographic		Beekmantown % (#)	Clinton County % (#)
Highest level of education (n=81)/(n=1081)	Some high school (did not finish)	1.23% (1)	3.89% (42)
	High school diploma or GED	19.75% (16)	15.26% (165)
	Technical or trade school certificate	3.70% (3)	3.24% (35)
	Some college	8.64% (7)	13.78% (149)
	Associate's degree	9.88% (8)	10.82% (117)
	Bachelor's degree	27.16% (22)	26.46% (286)
	Graduate degree	28.40% (23)	25.44% (275)
	Other	1.23% (1)	1.11% (12)
Household annual income (n=81)/(n=1081)*	Less than \$10,000	0.00% (0)	4.16% (45)
	\$10,000 - \$24,999	7.41% (6)	10.36% (112)
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	20.99% (17)	16.10% (174)
	\$50,000 - \$99,999	32.10% (26)	29.51% (319)
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	17.28% (14)	16.93% (183)
	\$150,000 or more	12.35% (10)	9.90% (107)
	*Note: Of all 81 Beekmantown respondents, 9.88% (8) declined to answer. Of all 1081 Clinton County respondents, 13.04% (141) declined to answer.		
Primary Employment Status (n = 81)/(n=1081)	Full-time	70.37% (57)	54.12% (585)
	Part-time	9.88% (8)	7.86% (85)
	Armed forces	0.00% (0)	0.09% (1)
	Disabled	2.47% (2)	4.72% (51)
	Homemaker	6.17% (5)	3.52% (38)
	Retired	8.64% (7)	22.76% (246)
	Student	0.00% (0)	1.94% (21)
	Unemployed	1.23% (1)	2.22% (24)
	Other	1.23% (1)	2.78% (30)
Primary Care Provider (n = 81)/(n=1081)	Yes	87.65% (71)	90.47% (978)
	No	12.35% (10)	9.53% (103)



Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary - Town of Beekmantown -



Clinton County 2022 Community Health Assessment Community Survey Summary - Town of Beekmantown -

Figure 9: Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Beekmantown Physical Health Status (n=81)

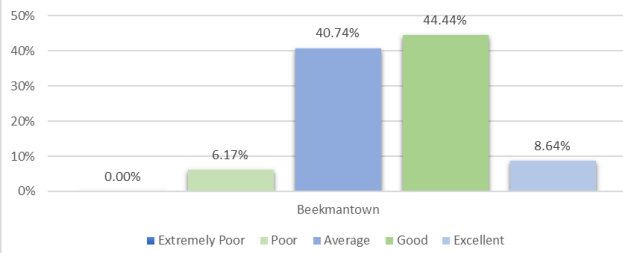


Figure 10: Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Beekmantown Mental Health Status (n=81)

