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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](http://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,

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“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 Chazy\*



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>.

**Half** feel their physical health is **good or excellent**.

**46%** of respondents feel **mental health** is a top health issue in the community.



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



**aging infrastructure**

and



**stream, river, lake quality**



More than **half** of respondents feel **substance abuse** is a top health issue in the community.

**44%**

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



**Top ranked features of a healthy community:**

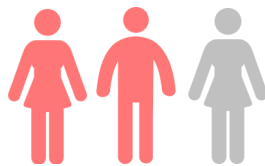
- Health care services
- Good schools
- Affordable housing
- Safe environment
- Livable wages

**39%** reported being **overweight or obese**.

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



**44%** of respondents feel **affordable housing** is a social challenge in the community.



Nearly **2 out of every 3** respondents faced at least 1 **barrier** to receiving **medical care in the past year**.



**One third** of respondents identified lack of **opportunities for physical activity** 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 52 respondents who indicated they reside in Chazy.

## 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 Chazy 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. Fifty-two (52) of the respondents indicated they reside in the Town of Chazy.

### *Demographics of Survey Respondents*

The overall demographics of survey respondents who reside in the Town of Chazy varied only slightly from those of Clinton County respondents overall. Three-quarters of survey respondents (78.85%) identified as female and 17.31% identified as male (3.85% of respondents chose not to answer this question). In regards to age, the majority of respondents were ages 45-64 (38.46%), followed by ages 25-44 (32.96%), ages 65-79 (23.08%), 80 years and older (3.85%), and ages 18-24 (1.92%). There were no responses from individuals age 17 and younger. All respondents indicated that the primary language spoken in their household was English. Ninety-four percent of respondents reported their race/ethnicity as white (5.77% of respondents chose not to answer this question). The highest level of education completed by survey respondents was diverse; 1.92% completed some high school but did not finish; 9.62% obtained a high school diploma or GED; 32.69% completed some college or obtained a technical or trade school certificate, or an Associate's degree; 38.46% obtained a Bachelor's degree; and 17.31% obtained a Master's degree or higher. The household annual income reported by respondents also varied; 15.38% reported a household annual income of less than \$24,999; 7.69% reported \$25,000-\$49,000; 32.69% reported \$50,000-\$99,999; and 32.69% reported \$100,000 or more. The majority of respondents are employed full-time (55.77%), retired (25.00%), or employed part-time (9.62%). When asked if they had a primary care provider (PCP), respondents who reside in the Town of Chazy (96.15%) were more likely to have a PCP than Clinton County residents (90.47%). The breakdown for all respondents' responses to demographic questions can be found in *Table 1*.

### *Definition of a Healthy Community*

When asked whether they believed they live in a healthy community, 44.23% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they live in a healthy community. One-quarter disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement, 30.77% of respondents felt neutral toward this statement. Respondents were then asked to

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identify features of a strong, vibrant, healthy community. The top features reported by residents were health care services (42.31%); good schools (34.62%); affordable housing (30.77%); a safe environment (25.00%); and livable wages (23.08%). The features Chazy respondents ranked lowest were transportation (1.92%); good childcare (3.85%); senior housing (3.85%); diverse populations (5.77%); and equality (5.77%). When compared to county responses, Chazy residents were less likely to select a clean environment (14 percentage points) and more likely to select good schools (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*

Chazy residents identified substance abuse (53.85%); mental health (46.15%); access to health care services (42.31%); overweight/obesity (40.38%); and access to mental health services (34.62%) as the top health related challenges of concern in the community. More than 94% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced one or more health challenge in the past year. The top challenges experienced were overweight/obesity (38.76%); issues related to aging (36.73%); chronic disease (32.65%); mental health (32.65%); and access to health care specialists (28.57%).

More than half (53.85%) of respondents identified substance abuse as a health challenge in the community, while just over 10% reported they or a family member experienced substance abuse within the past year. Conversely, 36.73% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced issues related to aging in the past year, though less than twenty percent of them identified it as a health concern in the community. Additionally, almost a quarter of respondents reported cancer as a health issue experienced by themselves or a family member within the last year, higher than Clinton County responses (15.38%). Two in five respondents identified overweight/obesity as a health challenge in the community and almost 40% of respondents reported it as a health challenge they or a family member experienced in the past year. Furthermore, over 40% of respondents identified access to health care services as a top health challenge in the community, while just over 20% reported they or a family member had trouble accessing health care services. However, over 60% of respondents reported they or a family member experienced at least one barrier to receiving medical care in the past year. The most reported barriers included; could not afford (34.38%), no specialist appointment was available (34.38%), no specialist locally (34.38%), co-pays or deductibles were too high (21.88%), did not accept my insurance (21.88%), and did not have vision or dental insurance (21.88%). 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*

The top five social challenges in the community reported by Chazy respondents were affordable housing (44.23%); child abuse/neglect (36.54%); lack of a livable wage (34.62%); lack of employment opportunities (26.92%); and lack of support for seniors (26.92%). Three-quarters of respondents reported they or a family member experienced at least one social challenge in the past year. Social challenges experienced most often by Chazy residents or their family members within the past year included: opportunities for physical activity (30.77%); lack of a livable wage (25.64%); access to healthy foods (23.08%); affordable

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housing (23.08%); and lack of support for seniors (23.08%). More than one-third (36.54%) of respondents identified child abuse/neglect as a top social concern in the community, while only 7.69% of respondents or their family members experienced it themselves within the past year. More than forty percent (44.23%) of respondents felt affordable housing was a social issue in the community, while only about 1 in 5 respondents or their family members experience difficulty finding affordable housing within the last year. See *Figure 5* for social challenges of concern in your community and *Figure 6* for social challenges experienced by residents.

### *Environmental Concerns*

Fifty percent of respondents identified aging infrastructure as a top environmental concern in the community. About forty percent of respondents identified lake, river, and stream quality (42.13%) or agricultural runoff (40.38%) as a top environmental concerns. Chazy residents were less likely to select waste disposal or recycling (13.46%) and more likely to select agricultural runoff (40.38%) than county residents (30.19% and 24.44% respectively). See *Figure 7* for environmental concerns among respondents from the Town of Chazy.

### *Self-Perceived Physical and Mental Health*

The majority of respondents self-reported their physical health as average (32.69%) or good (32.69%), 17.31% reported their physical health as poor, and 13.37% reported their physical health as excellent. Most respondents self-reported their mental health as average, good or excellent (88.46%), while 11.54% of respondents reported their mental health as poor or 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 Chazy.

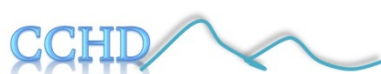
### Learn More

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](http://www.clintonhealth.org/pdf%20files/CHA_CHIP.pdf).

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Tables & Figures

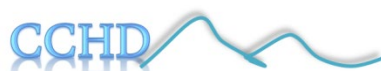
<b>Table 1. 2022 Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Demographics of Respondents</b>			
<b>Demographic</b>		<b>Chazy % (#)</b>	<b>Clinton County % (#)</b>
<b>Gender</b> (n=52)/(n=1,081)*	Female	78.85% (41)	76.04% (822)
	Male	17.30% (9)	19.15% (207)
	Non-Binary	0.00% (0)	0.46% (5)
	Other	0.00% (0)	0.74% (8)
	*Note: Of all 51 Chazy respondents, 3.85% (2) declined to answer. Of all Clinton County respondents, 3.61% (39) declined to answer.		
<b>Age</b> (n=52)/(n=1081)	17 years and younger	0.00% (0)	0.37% (4)
	18-24 years	1.92% (1)	4.07% (44)
	25-44 years	32.96% (17)	35.43% (383)
	45-64 years	38.46% (20)	35.25% (381)
	65-79 years	23.08% (12)	17.95% (194)
	80 years and older	3.85% (2)	6.94% (75)
<b>Primary language spoken in household</b> (n=52)/(n=1081)	English	100.00% (52)	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	0.00% (0)	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)	
<b>Race/ethnicity</b> (n = 52)/(n = 1081)*	American Indian	0.00% (0)	1.39% (15)
	Asian or Pacific Islander	0.00% (0)	0.74% (8)
	Black or African American	0.00% (0)	1.20% (13)
	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin	0.00% (0)	1.67% (18)
	White	94.23% (49)	91.86% (993)
	Other	0.00% (0)	0.56% (6)
	*Note: Of all 52 Chazy respondents, 5.77% (3) 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%.		



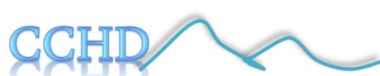
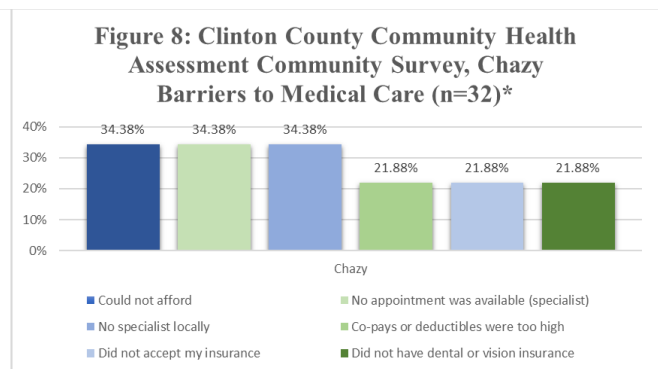
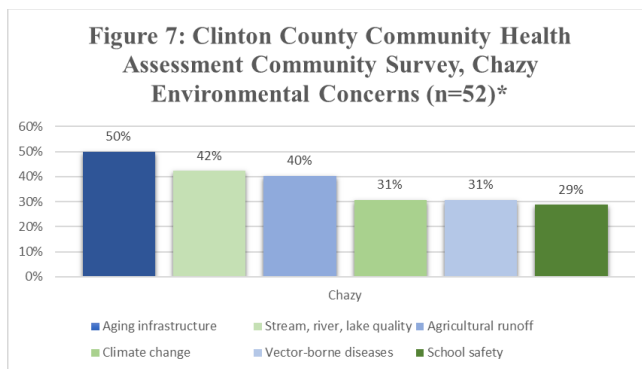
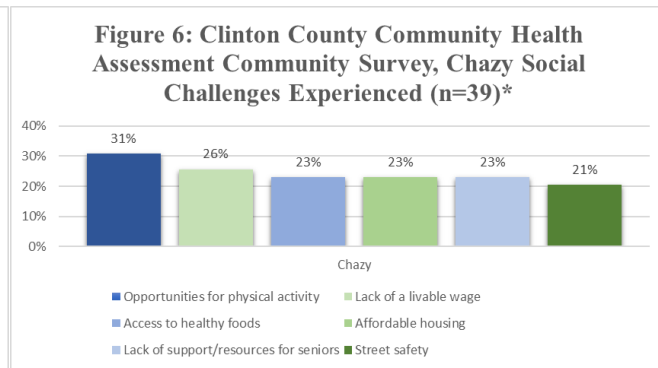
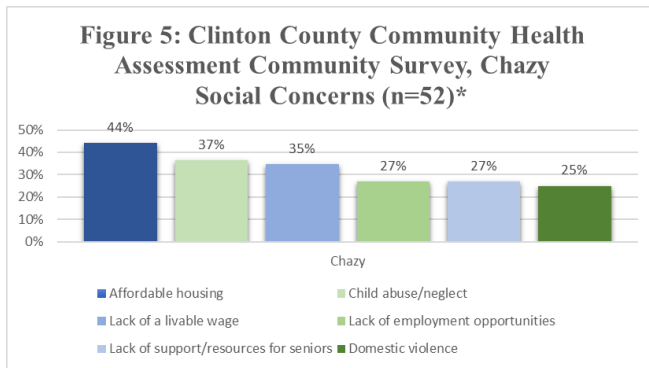
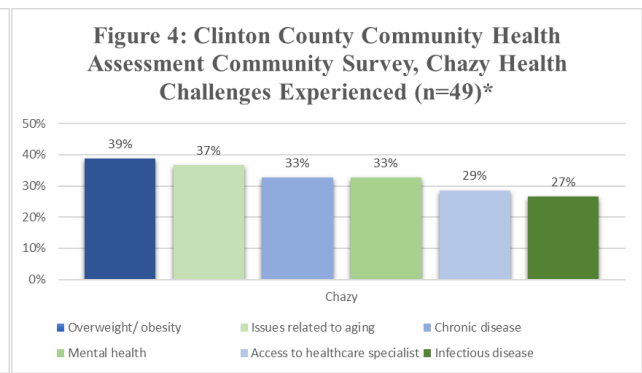
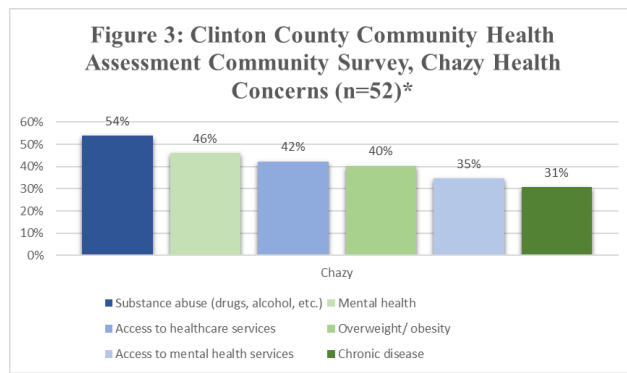
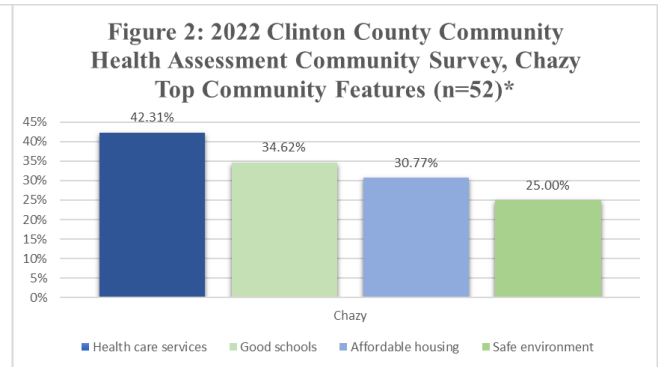
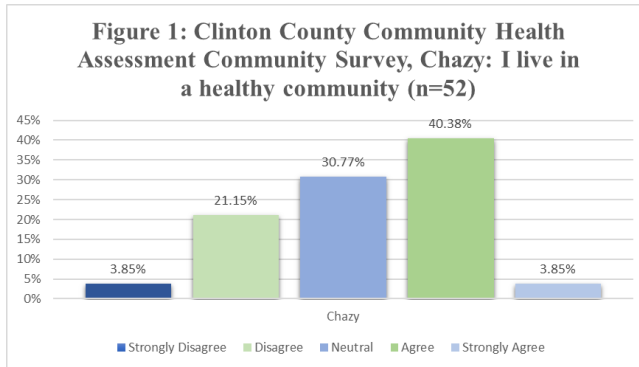
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**Table 1 Continued. 2022 Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Demographics of Respondents**

Demographic		Chazy % (#)	Clinton County % (#)
Highest level of education (n=52)/(n=1081)	Some high school (did not finish)	1.92% (1)	3.89% (42)
	High school diploma or GED	9.62% (5)	15.26% (165)
	Technical or trade school certificate	5.77% (3)	3.24% (35)
	Some college	11.54% (6)	13.78% (149)
	Associate's degree	15.38% (8)	10.82% (117)
	Bachelor's degree	38.46% (20)	26.46% (286)
	Graduate degree	17.31% (9)	25.44% (275)
	Other	0.00% (0)	1.11% (12)
Household annual income (n=52)/(n=1081)*	Less than \$10,000	0.00% (0)	4.16% (45)
	\$10,000 - \$24,999	15.38% (8)	10.36% (112)
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	7.69% (4)	16.10% (174)
	\$50,000 - \$99,999	32.69% (17)	29.51% (319)
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	21.15% (11)	16.93% (183)
	\$150,000 or more	11.54% (6)	9.90% (107)
	<i>*Note: Of all 52 Chazy respondents, 11.54% (6) declined to answer. Of all 1081 Clinton County respondents, 13.04% (141) declined to answer.</i>		
Primary Employment Status (n = 52)/(n=1081)	Full-time	55.77% (29)	54.12% (585)
	Part-time	9.62% (5)	7.86% (85)
	Armed forces	0.00% (0)	0.09% (1)
	Disabled	1.92% (1)	4.72% (51)
	Homemaker	3.85% (2)	3.52% (38)
	Retired	25.00% (13)	22.76% (246)
	Student	0.00% (0)	1.94% (21)
	Unemployed	0.00% (0)	2.22% (24)
	Other	3.85% (2)	2.78% (30)
Primary Care Provider (n = 52)/(n=1081)	Yes	96.15% (50)	90.47% (978)
	No	3.85% (2)	9.53% (103)



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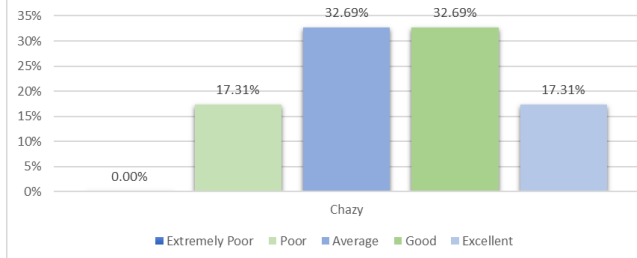




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**Figure 9: Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Chazy Physical Health Status (n=52)**



**Figure 10: Clinton County Community Health Assessment Community Survey, Chazy Mental Health Status (n=52)**

