



In Their Words

“There are good health care opportunities in Marion County many people don’t know how to access”

“Way too much junk-food our children in the school system”

“The rural areas need more service”

“When is something going to be done about the high cost for health care. Why can’t the cost be more affordable. Is health care only for the wealthy?”

“How many are satisfied with insurance?”

“Need medical clinics for low income to provide more medical services”

“The emergency rooms and urgent care facilities are overwhelmed with people using these options as their primary health care services”

The Survey

The Marion County Health Department asked residents of Marion County to complete a 20 question survey on health in January and February of 2011. The survey was distributed through community partners, and was available online on the Marion County Health Department website. Out of the 315,335 people in Marion County 1,965 (.62%) completed the survey.

Who we asked

- 1,382 women, 552 men, and 10 who said other
- 22.3% of people surveyed were Hispanic
- 55.9% of people surveyed were under 45
- English was the language spoken at home for 79.5% of people, while 14.2% said Spanish is their primary language
- 27.2% were unemployed or would like more work
- 35.4% had a total household income under \$20,000

Top Health Concerns

1. Cost of Care/Insurance
2. Obesity
3. Substance Abuse
4. Diabetes
5. Mental Health
6. Access to Care
7. Poor Nutrition
8. Lack of Providers
9. Cardiovascular Disease
10. Children’s Health



Marion County Community Health Views



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“There is not nearly enough education and emphasis on personal health care, diet, and exercise”

“Not many doctors taking new patients”

“Need more prevention exams for cancer, diabetes, obesity etc.”

“A lot of people go without any sort of medical attention because they can't afford it”

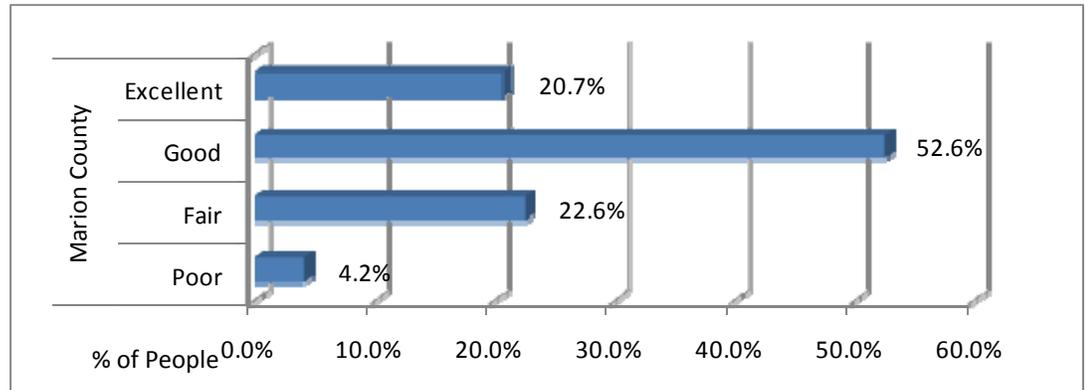
“Access to mental health care for those who need it is a problem”

“Invest in the health and well-being of all our citizens upfront rather than investing in treatment and rehabilitation after emotional, mental, and physical damage is done”

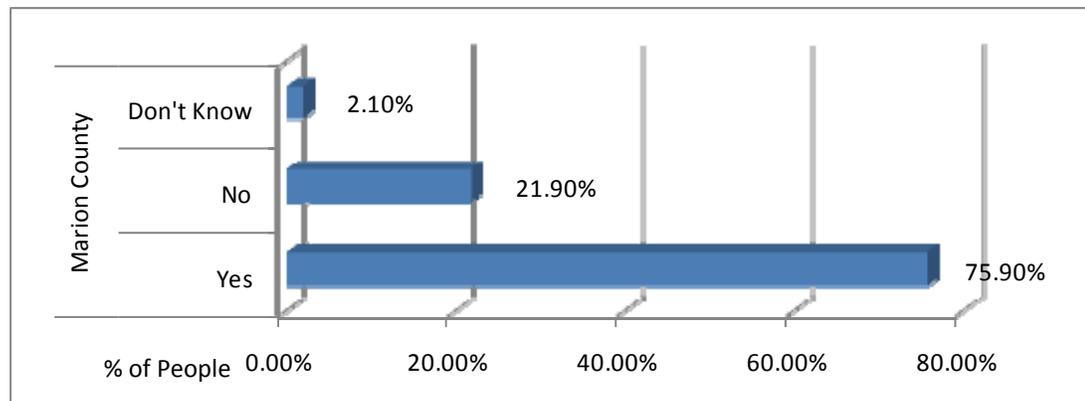
“Lots of obesity everywhere I go”

What They Said

Health Status



Health Insurance Coverage



Top Chronic Health Conditions

1. High Blood Pressure
2. Asthma
3. Diabetes
4. Chronic Pain
5. Arthritis
6. Thyroid Disease
7. High Cholesterol
8. Mental Health Issues
9. Depression
10. Heart Disease