IROQUOIS COUNTY | ILLINOIS 2024-2029

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

OVERVIEW

The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD) is the local public health authority for the entirety of Iroquois County, Illinois. ICPHD used the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) model, a community-based model that necessitates community engagement at all levels to conduct this Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN). We assessed the current health status of the community, defined its needs, and created a comprehensive plan to improve the community's health by acquiring input from community partners, leaders, elected officials, and residents.

The MAPP process is composed of four assessments. Approximately thirty-two community leaders from eighteen different organizations met multiple times to participate in the assessment. We reviewed the results of the survey, community health data, and set a vision for the future. This final report accurately portrays our priorities and goals for the 2024-2029 Iroquois County IPLAN.

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THE PLANNING PROCESS

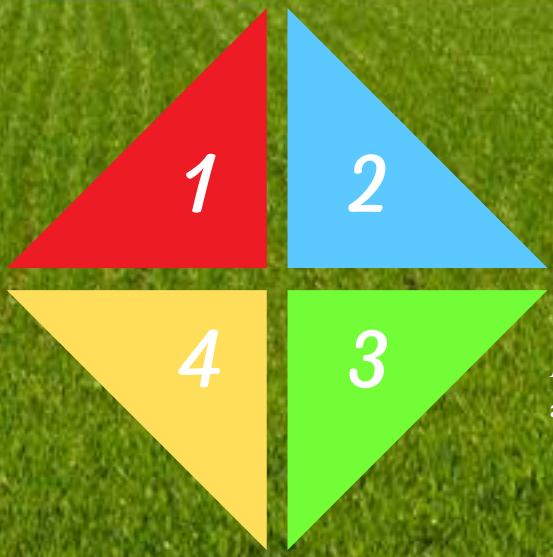
MAPP

The Iroquois County Community Health Improvement Plan was created using the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) Model.

This collaborative approach to community health planning was developed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in cooperation with the Public Health Practice Program Office and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

MAPP helps communities form effective parternships that can better identify their unique circumstances and needs in

The Community Themes & Strengths Assessment identifies many issues of importance to the community, community assets, and quality of life concerns.



The Local Public Health System Assessment measures the local public health systems' ability to conduct essential public health services

The Forces of Change Assessment identifies local health, social, environmental, and economic trends that affect the community or public health system.

The Community Health Status Assessment analyzes health data and describes health trends, risk factors, health behaviors, and issues of special concern.

VISION

Iroquois County strives to cooperatively create a safe and healthy community with attainable services for all to live and grow

2024-2029 PRIORITIES

MENTAL HEALTH

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROMOTION

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH RANKING

RANK (OF 102)

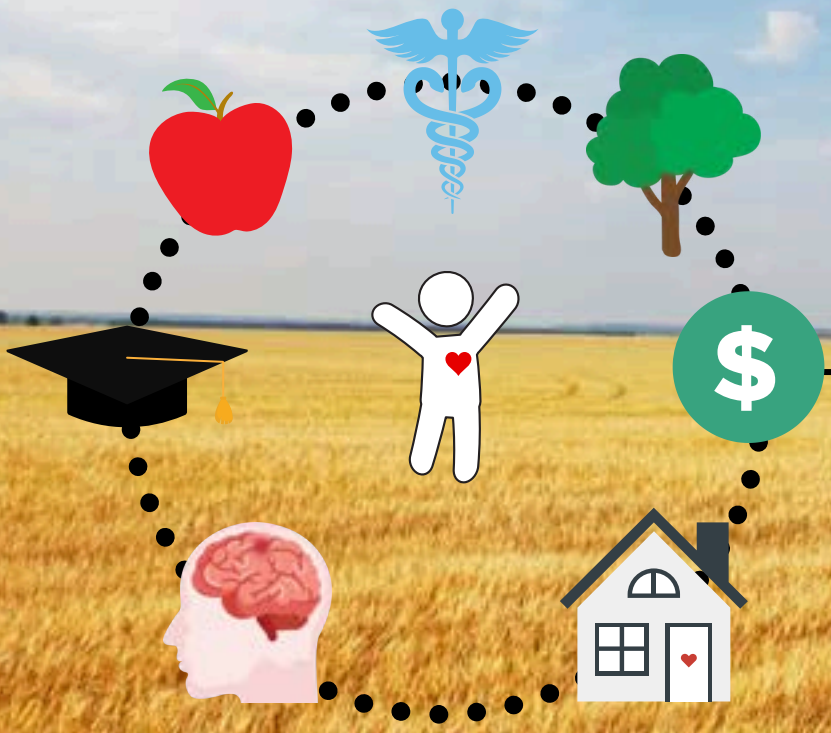
HEALTH OUTCOMES

78

- Length of Life: **83**
- Quality of Life: **66**

HEALTH FACTORS

75



- Health Behaviors: **63**
- Clinical Care: **82**
- Environment: **92**
- Social Factors: **64**

These rankings are based out of 102 Illinois counties. #1 represents the best county within the state and #102 represents the lowest ranked county in Illinois.

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH STATUS

Based on Length of Life

PREMATURE DEATH
10,200
(per 100,000)

Based on Quality of Life

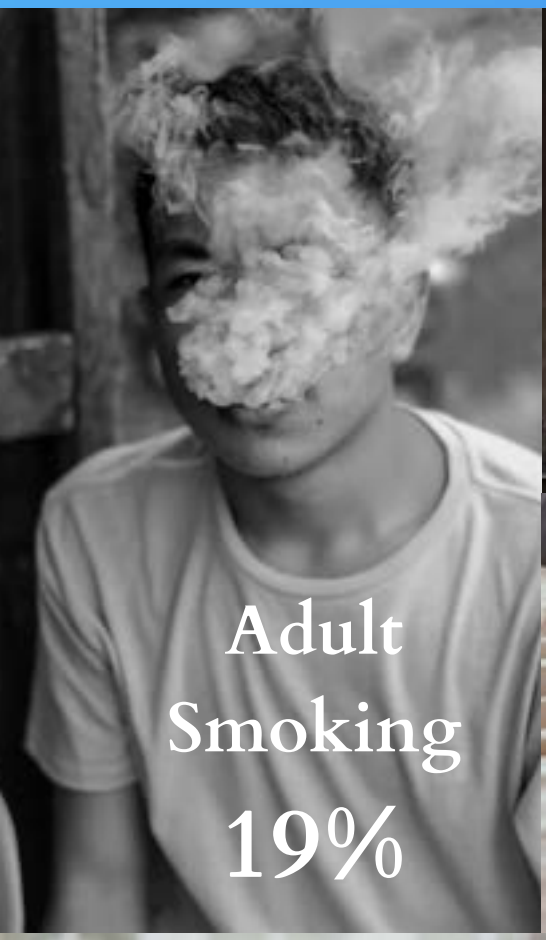
POOR OR FAIR HEALTH
16%

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT 8.4%

POOR MENTAL HEALTH DAYS 5.1

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH STATUS

Based on Health Behaviors



Sexually
Transmitted
Infections
289.4
(per 100,000)

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH STATS

Based on Clinical Care

HEALTH RESOURCES & INDICATORS	IROQUOIS COUNTY	ILLINOIS
UNINSURED RATE	6%	10%
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS	3,350:1	1,260:1
DENTISTS	2,940:1	1,190:1
MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS	290:1	320:1
HEALTHCARE COSTS	$11,426	$11,581

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH STATS

Based on Social & Economic Factors

IROQUOIS COUNTY'S HEALTH STATS

Based on Physical Environment

AIR POLLUTION (PM2.5)

9.1

DRIVING ALONE TO WORK

81%

HOUSING PROBLEMS

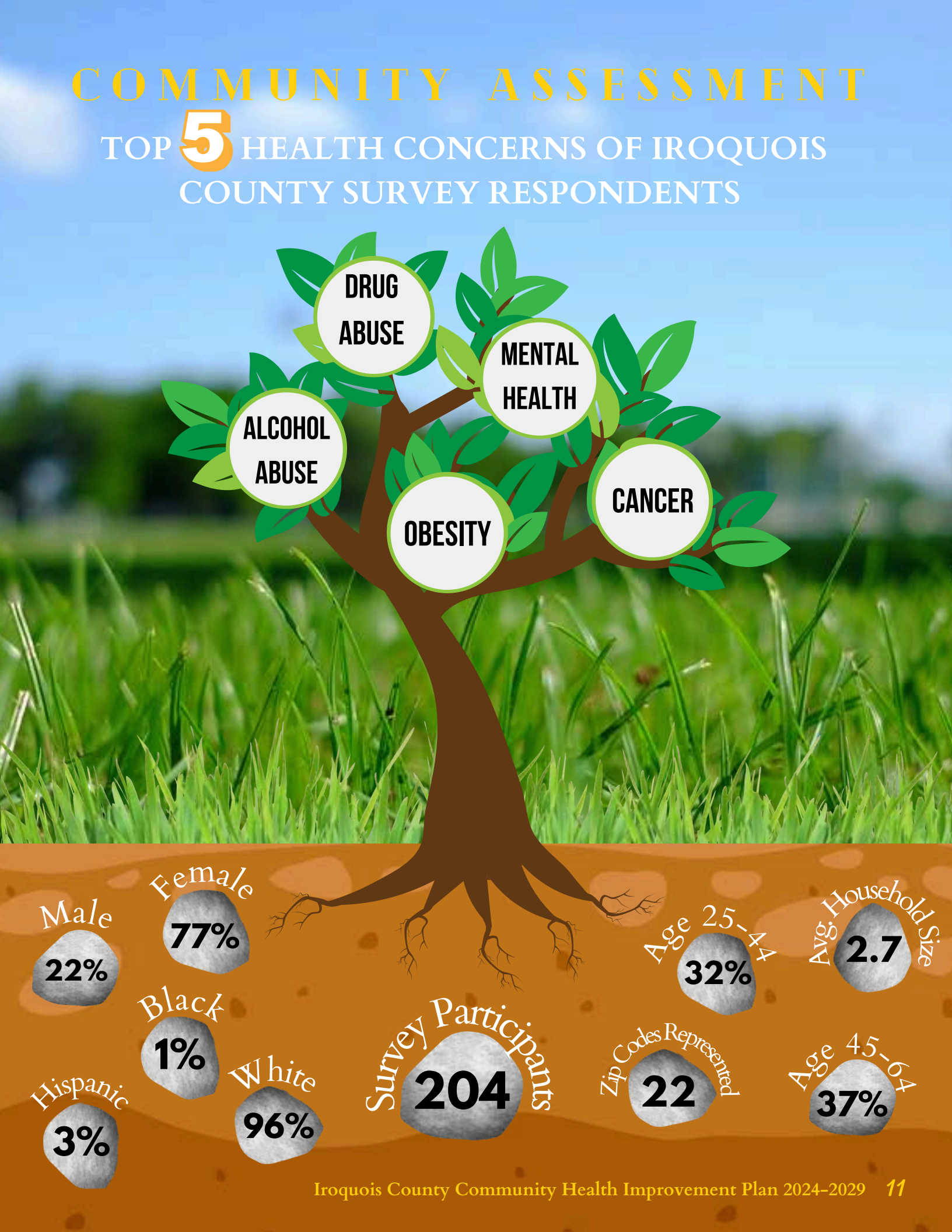
12%

LONG COMMUTE

36%

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

TOP 5 HEALTH CONCERNS OF IROQUOIS COUNTY SURVEY RESPONDENTS

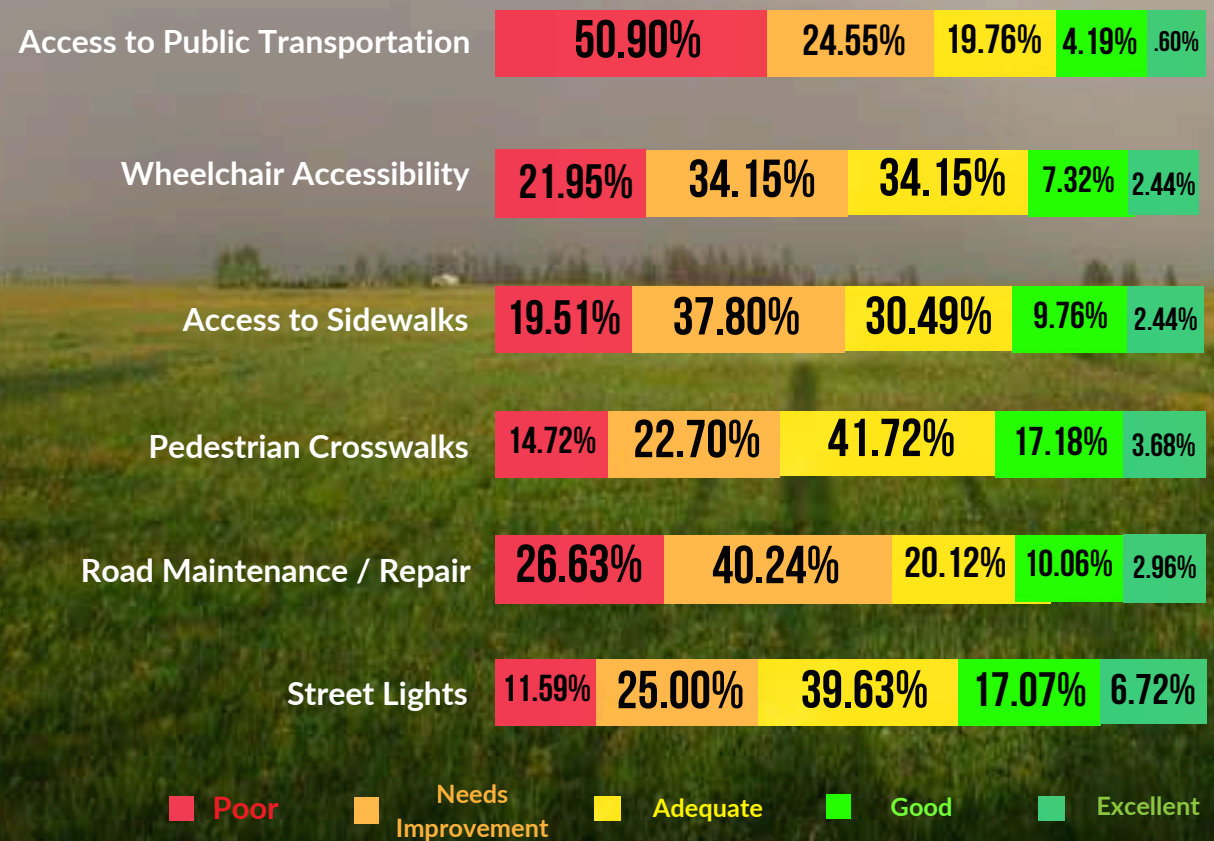


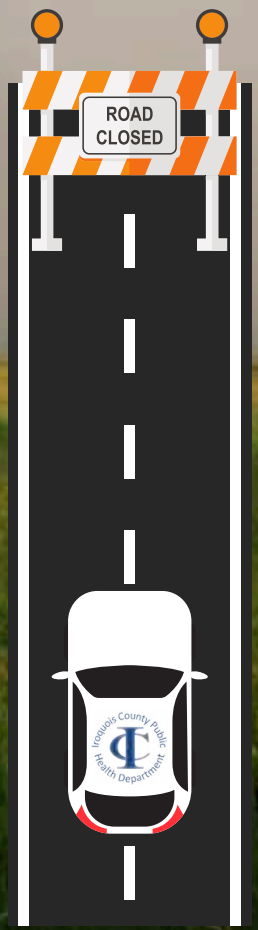
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & ROADS

STREETLIGHTS WERE RANKED THE BEST WITH ALMOST **63%** OF PEOPLE RATING THEM ADEQUATE TO EXCELLENT

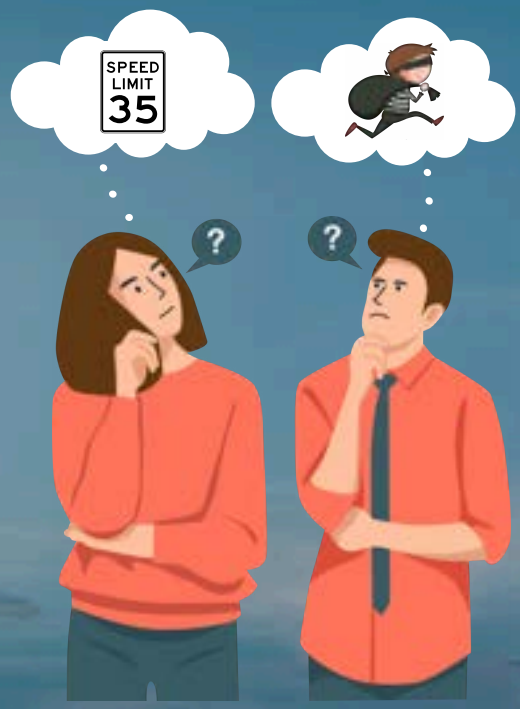
ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RANKED THE LOWEST WITH LESS THAN **5%** OF PEOPLE RATING IT GOOD OR EXCELLENT AND OVER **75%** OF PEOPLE RATING SERVICES AS NEEDS IMPROVEMENT OR POOR.

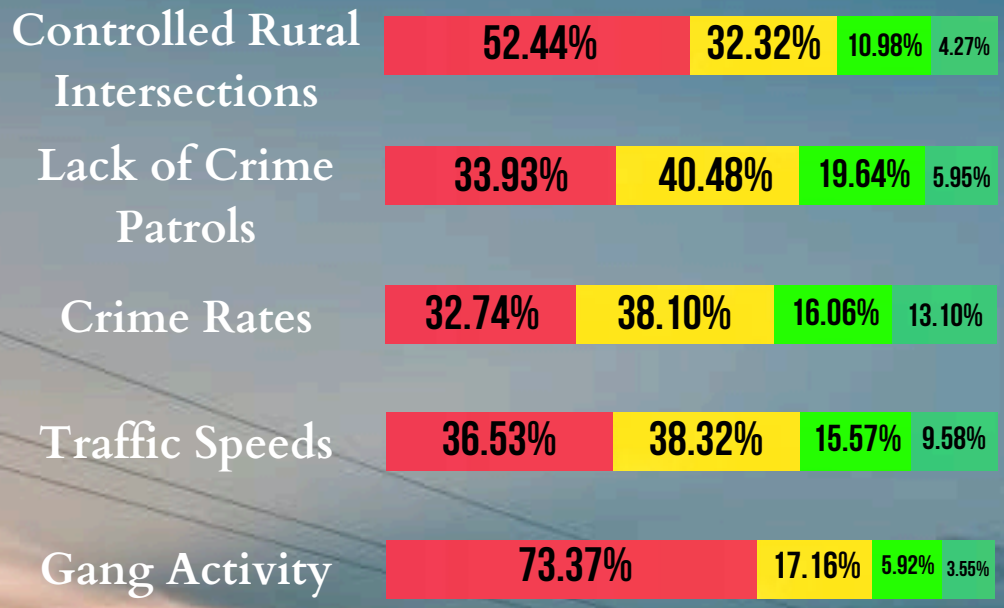
OVER **66%** OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS RATED ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AS NEEDS IMPROVEMENT OR POOR.





NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY CONCERNS





CRIME RATES WERE OF THE MOST CONCERN WITH OVER *30%* OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS REPORTING CONCERNED OR VERY CONCERNED

GANG ACTIVITY WAS RANKED AS THE LEAST CONCERNING WITH OVER *90%* OF RESPONDENTS REPORTING NOT CONCERNED OR SOMEWHAT CONCERNED

PRIORITY HEALTH ISSUES

Substance Abuse

GOALS

By 2029, reduce drug overdose rates in Iroquois County by 10%

By 2029, increase drug prevention programs in Iroquois County by 10%

Mental Health

GOALS

Strengthen referral system and access to local mental health services

Healthy Lifestyle

GOALS

By 2029, flatten Obesity and Chronic Disease rates in Iroquois County

Empower children and adults by providing more educational opportunities

FORCES OF CHANGE

THE FORCES OF CHANGE ASSESSMENT IS USED TO EVALUATE WHAT IS OCCURRING OR WHAT MIGHT OCCUR THAT IMPACTS THE HEALTH OR QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY. THESE FORCES CAN BE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, LEGAL, ETHICAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR POLITICAL IN NATURE.

PARTNERS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2024-2029 IPLAN!

- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
- Iroquois Memorial Hospital
- Gibson Area Hospital
- Prairieview Lutheran Home
- United Way
- Iroquois County Volunteer Services
- Emergency Management Agency
- Iroquois County Unit #9
- MABAS Division #37
- Iroquois Mental Health Center
- Iroquois County Board of Health
- Iroquois County Board
- Riverside Health Center
- Iroquois County Public Health Department
- Iroquois County Probation Office
- Iroquois County Veterans Assistance
- Iroquois Economic Development Association
- Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education

MAY THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BE A BEACON OF LIGHT THAT GUIDES IROQUOIS COUNTY TO A MORE HEALTHY FUTURE!

RESOURCES

2023 IEDA DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

IQUERY: INTERNAL.DATA.ILLINOIS.GOV

CRIMEGRADE.ORG

For additional data about Iroquois County, visit:

iroquoiscountyil.gov/offices/health-department

www.countyhealthrankings.org/

To learn more about the MAPP process, visit the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) at:
www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/mapp

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