

Schuyler County Health Assessment Survey 2009		
Total Surveys Completed:		
I. HEALTH COUNTS IN SCHUYLER COUNTY		
1. Questions Pertaining To Your Community's Health. Please check yes or no for each health problem that you believe may exist in our COUNTY. Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
Underweight or premature babies	63.7%	36.3%
Birth defects	59.4%	40.6%
Access to pregnancy care	67.1%	32.9%
Unplanned pregnancy	90.5%	9.5%
Behavioural problems in young children	95.0%	5.0%
Teen pregnancy	89.6%	10.4%
Sexually transmitted diseases(chlamydia, herpes, HIV/AIDS)	87.0%	13.0%
Alcohol abuse	96.5%	3.5%
Drug abuse	96.1%	3.9%
Smoking / tobacco use	96.1%	3.9%
Poor nutrition (eating unhealthy)	93.6%	6.4%
Lack of physical activity & fitness	95.1%	4.9%
Eating disorders	77.1%	22.9%
Problems with teeth or gums	92.0%	8.0%
Cancer	89.5%	10.5%
Heart disease	92.2%	7.8%
Diabetes	95.2%	4.8%
Diseases of the elderly:(arthritis, stroke, Alzheimer's)	92.4%	7.6%
Depression / suicide / other mental illnesses	94.8%	5.2%
Allergies	82.8%	17.2%
Access to home care	73.9%	26.1%
Access to specialty health care	77.2%	22.8%
Transportation to health care	83.4%	16.6%
Access to accommodations for disabilities	62.7%	37.3%

1. COMMUNITY HEALTH: Any Other Health Problems.		
access for all residents, adults and children, to free or low cost flu immunizations in the schools and in the work place - working families can not afford \$30 for each family member for a flu shot each year		
access to dental care--there have been few providers in the entire region willing to take new Medicaid patients		
access to healthcare for uninsured or underinsured		
access to pediatric care		
Dentists that will take a payment plan		
depression		
Does lack of COMMOMN SENSE count?		
heart problems- pacemaker, colon cancer surgery		
Kidney Disease, Obesity		
lack of knowledge to people involved in situations above. re: hiv/std's - I know people who leave the co. for treatment due to concern of confidentiality.		
mental distress due to inability to pay excessive High Real Estate Taxes		
obesity		
obesity is a major problem which causes many of the health problems above.		
Sexual abuse and incest passed from generation to generation and a cultural "norm"		
simple stupidity		
support services		
There are no medicaid participating dentists or dental clinics for low income families in Schuyler County		
Transportation for non medicaid individuals		
2. Do you think that access to primary health care(family doctor)is a problem that exists in our county: Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
For low-income children?	60.6%	39.4%
For the elderly?	62.7%	37.3%
For all in community?	43.5%	56.5%
For persons with disabilities?	52.0%	48.0%
For persons new to the area?	56.6%	43.4%

2. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE: Other Access to Primary Health Care Problems		
A big problem in access to care is the lack of public transportation a problem to those working but with no insurance. the no/low income get lots of free or educed aid in Schuyler County		
access for low income children to dental care is desperately needed		
Child vaccinations for those with insurance. We overservice the uninsured, but those with insurance are left without services. It took me 3 months to get access to vaccinations because I had insurance, the county health department, where I was sent, would not give my child the vaccination.		
Competent/English speaking primary health care providers are an issue.		
dental		
Dental		
dental care of varying insurance plans is challenging or medicaid		
family or friends for transportation		
for people with no insurance		
I believe all of these services are available. The question is whether those who need them are adequately aware that they can get the care they need.		
Lack of health insurance- the working poor who do not qualify for any other programs such as CHP or medicaid and/or people who do not wish to access these programs		
lack of money to pay for visits		
Low-income adults		
Neurology		
people returning to community that have a past "history" with providers--they are not accepted into the practice again when they "apply"		
THE CARE IS THERE, IT'S THE PROGRAM KNOWLEDGE FOR THE MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES THAT SEEMS TO FALL BETWEEN THE CRACKS.		
There are not enough to go around good ones that is		
there are waiting lists for service/ people are turned away		
Transportation		
transportation and childcare		
Transportation getting to appropriate Dr. is one of the huge problems. Available Dr, no way to get there.		
Transportation may be a problem--especially for elderly		
transportation to MD appts		
3. Do you think that access to behavioral health care is a problem that exists in our county for: Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
Mental Health	53.2%	46.8%
Alcoholism	51.5%	48.5%
Drug Abuse	55.8%	44.2%
Gambling Addictions	64.0%	36.0%
Developmental Disability	46.8%	53.2%

3. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Other Problems		
AGAIN, KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROGRAMS IS MORE OF THE PROBLEM THAN THE PROGRAMS EXISTANCE.		
Eating disorders, lack of integrated care		
I believe all of these services are available. The question is whether those who need them are adequately aware that they can get the care they need.		
It takes 3 intake appointments, after a month or more wait for an appointment for counseling to begin at the County facility. Meanwhile, the intake work could all be done by questionnaire in about 20 minutes. Why should patients' insurance be billed almost \$300 before any counseling is rendered?		
Lack of Dementia and Alzheimers patient care is also a big problem		
Long waiting for intakes and appointments to be scheduled		
many with these issues may not connect up as needed		
Mental health care for children		
spelling error....developmental		
Transportation, Dual recovery as in mental health/addiction, sex offender treatment		
4. Do you think that violence in the following areas is a problem in our county? Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
Sexual assault	71.1%	28.9%
Child abuse / neglect	90.9%	9.1%
Elder abuse / neglect	79.6%	20.4%
Violence among young adults – bullying	90.8%	9.2%
Spouse / partner abuse	90.6%	9.4%
4. VIOLENCE: Other Problems		
Breaking & Entering, Vandalism		
Cruelty to animals		
domestic violence exacerbated by drugs and alcohol		
Neighbor against neighbor		
NO <input type="checkbox"/> rogram for batterers and no program for children or one that directly addresses the effects on children		
Peer to peer		
police brutality		
schools turning a blind eye to bullying		
sexual abuse of children and incest		
we as a community need to be more active (police dept.) in being aware of the violence and physical abuse of women		
WE NEED MORE SAFE HOUSES AND PERHAPS PREVENTATIVE MEASURES IN PLACE FOR LEARNING COMMUNICATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT DISCIPLING.		

5. Do you think that the following injuries are a problem in our county? Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
Motor vehicle	67.3%	32.7%
Farm	55.2%	44.8%
Work-related	45.0%	55.0%
Burns	26.1%	73.9%
Drowning	35.2%	64.8%
Home (including falls)	74.0%	26.0%
Self Inflicted	61.8%	38.2%
Firearms	40.5%	59.5%
Poisoning	35.3%	64.7%
Cell phones, texting	68.6%	31.4%
5. INJURIES: Other Problems		
abuse of alcohol and prescription medicines related		
criminal violence, assaults etc.		
Drunk driving is a big problem		
I would say using cell phones while driving is a serious problem, more than just texting.		
Injuries related to Domestic Violence		
Not sure about any of these.		
6. Do you think that any of these environmental exposures are a problem in our county? Leave blank if you don't know or are unsure.		
Answer Options	Yes	No
Air pollution	43.6%	56.4%
Water pollution	60.1%	39.9%
Radon	56.6%	43.4%
Toxic exposures at work	42.0%	58.0%
Toxic exposures at home	40.0%	60.0%
Food poisoning	32.3%	67.7%
Agricultural chemicals	69.2%	30.8%
Carbon Monoxide	46.9%	53.1%
Lead	65.4%	34.6%
Well water	62.7%	37.3%
Septic systems	62.7%	37.3%
6. ENVIRONMENTAL: Other Problems		
noise levels/ cars having high volume speakers(base sound very loud) in town.		
Road Salt		
what about sludge being put on farm fields???		
II. DEMOGRAPHICS		
Gender		
Male	56.7%	
Female	43.3%	

Age	
Age 20 and under	5.3%
Age 21 to 30	6.4%
Age 31 to 40	12.3%
Age 41 to 50	22.8%
Age 51 to 60	22.8%
Age 61 to 70	19.3%
Age 71 to 85	9.9%
Over age 85	1.2%
1. What is your race?	
White	99.5%
Black	0.5%
American Indian, Alaska Native	0.0%
Asian, Pacific Islander	0.0%
Spanish, non-hispanic	0.0%
Latino	0.0%
Hispanic	0.0%
2. What is your current marital status?	
Married	67.5%
Divorced	9.2%
Widowed	8.3%
Separated	1.9%
Never been married	9.7%
Member of an unmarried couple	3.4%
3. How long have you lived in Schuyler County?	
Less than a year	5.0%
1-4 years	8.4%
5-9 years	8.4%
10-19 years	22.8%
20 years plus	55.4%
4. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?	
8 th grade or below	1.0%
9 th grade or more, but did not graduate	1.0%
GED	1.9%
High school graduate	18.0%
Less than two years of college	18.9%
Associates degree	19.4%
Bachelor's degree	21.4%
Master's degree	18.4%

5. Are you currently employed for wages or other earned income?	
Yes, full time	66.8%
Yes, part-time	13.0%
No	3.8%
No, I'm a homemaker	2.9%
No, I'm a student	0.0%
No, I'm retired	10.6%
No, I'm out of work	0.5%
No, I'm unable to work	1.4%
No, I'm a volunteer	3.4%
6. If you are currently employed, what is your current occupation?	
Farm work	0.0%
Mining	0.0%
Construction	0.6%
Manufacturing	2.6%
Transportation, public utilities	0.0%
Wholesale trade	0.0%
Retail trade	1.9%
Finance, insurance, real estate	1.3%
Services	14.3%
Government	42.2%
Education	19.5%
Health services	22.1%
7. Do you have any type of disability that limits your daily activities or requires special accommodations?	
Yes	12.4%
No	87.6%
8. Where do you live?	
Alpine	1%
Beaver Dams	8%
Bradford	3%
Burdett	8%
Catharine	0%
Dix	2%
Dundee	1%
Elmira	1%
Erin	0%
Hector	6%
Horseheads	1%
Millport	0%
Monterey	2%
Montour	3%
Montour Falls	15%
Newfield	0%
Odessa	3%
Orange	3%
Painted Post	0%

Reading	1%
Reading Center	0%
Rock Stream	0%
Schuyler	0%
Seneca Falls	0%
Trumansburg	1%
Tyrone	7%
Watkins Glen	26%
Weston	0%
10. What is your annual household income?	
Less that \$10,000	4.7%
\$10,001 to less than \$14,999	4.7%
\$15,000 to less than \$19,999	3.6%
\$20,000 to less than \$24,999	6.2%
\$25,000 to less than \$34,999	10.4%
\$35,000 to less than \$49,999	17.1%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	26.4%
Over \$75,001	26.9%
III. QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO YOUR HEALTH	
1. Do you exercise regularly?	
Yes	59.2%
No	40.8%
2. How many times per week do you exercise?	
One	9.6%
Two	13.6%
Three	32.0%
Four or more	44.8%
3. If you exercise how long do you exercise for?	
15 minutes or less	13.5%
16 – 30 minutes	39.1%
31 – 45 minutes	26.3%
46 minutes – 1 hour	9.8%
1 hour or more	11.3%
4. How many fruits and vegetables do you eat in a day?	
Yourself?	
5 or more	23.5%
3 to 4	31.8%
1 to 2	40.0%
0 (I rarely eat fruits or vegetables)	4.7%
Your children?	
5 or more	18.1%
3 to 4	40.3%
1 to 2	29.2%
0 (I rarely eat fruits or vegetables)	12.5%

Other adults?	
5 or more	18.3%
3 to 4	38.9%
1 to 2	33.3%
0 (I rarely eat fruits or vegetables)	9.5%
5. If fewer than five servings, why? Choose all that apply:	
Cost	51.5%
Short shelf life	44.6%
Time required to prepare	29.7%
Don't like them	16.8%
6. Are you now trying to?	
Gain weight	0.6%
Lose weight	74.6%
Not trying to gain or lose weight	24.9%
7. Please answer these questions regarding alcohol use: (One drink is a beer, a glass of wine or a mixed drink)	
How much alcohol do you drink?	
None	39.0%
One or less each week	33.5%
Less than one each day	18.3%
One or two each day	7.3%
More than two each day	1.8%
How much do others in your household drink alcohol?	
None	41.0%
One or less each week	25.4%
Less than one each day	11.9%
One or two each day	14.9%
More than two each day	6.7%
8. Do you smoke cigarettes now?	
No	84.6%
Yes, half a pack(10) per day	7.7%
Yes, one pack(20) per day	6.5%
Yes, One and a half(30) per day	0.6%
Yes, Two packs(40) per day	0.6%
Yes, more than two packs per day	0.0%
9. If you're a current smoker, how long have you smoked?	
One year or less	0.0%
1 – 5 years	3.4%
5 – 10 years	13.8%
10 – 15 years	17.2%
15 – 20 years	3.4%
20 – 25 years	10.3%
25 years or more	51.7%
10. Do you currently use any smokeless tobacco products such as chewing tobacco or snuff?	
Yes, chewing tobacco	100.0%
Yes, snuff	0.0%
Yes, both	0.0%

11. Have the children in your house received immunizations (shots) against childhood diseases?	
No	1.3%
Yes, all immunizations	97.4%
Some, not all	1.3%
Not sure	0.0%
12a. Did the adults in your household receive a flu shot this year?	
Yes	54%
No, I didn't feel it was needed	35%
No, my insurance doesn't cover it	5%
No, I didn't have time	3%
No, I couldn't afford it	1%
No, I didn't know I should get it	2%
12b. Did the children in your household receive a flu shot this year?	
Yes	22.1%
No, I didn't feel it was needed	63.2%
No, my insurance doesn't cover it	7.4%
No, I didn't have time	0.0%
No, I couldn't afford it	2.9%
No, I didn't know I should get it	4.4%
12c. Have the adults in your household received a tetanus shot in the last ten years?	
Yes	85.0%
No, I didn't feel it was needed	8.8%
No, my insurance doesn't cover it	1.9%
No, I didn't have time	0.0%
No, I couldn't afford it	0.0%
No, I didn't know I should get it	4.4%
13. If you have children, have they been tested for lead?	
Yes, at age one.	12.3%
Yes, at age two.	4.6%
Yes, at age one and age two.	24.6%
Yes, but I don't remember their age.	33.8%
No	24.6%
14. Do you use any other form of health care services? Choose all that apply.	
Chiropractor	34.8%
Acupuncture	6.3%
Massage Therapy	16.5%
Herbal medicine	13.3%
No	51.9%

15. Do you know how to get information about the following services? Check all that you know how to get information for:	
Food Stamps	17.2%
WIC	14.3%
Child Health Plus	14.0%
HEAP	18.3%
Medicaid	16.9%
Family Health Plus	14.3%
MOMS	4.9%
16. Would you say that in general your health is:	
Excellent	7.1%
Very good	37.5%
Good	46.4%
Fair	8.3%
Poor	0.6%
17. On about how many days during the past 6 months was your physical health not good?	
Some days indicated	83.8%
Responded None, N/A or 0	16.2%
Breakdown of days	
None (0)	16.6%
1-5 days	53.1%
6-10 days	17.2%
over 10 days	13.1%
Did you seek professional help?	
Yes	55.7%
No	44.3%
Was the help you got in our County?	
Yes	65.7%
No	34.3%
Did poor physical health keep you from doing your usual activities?	
Yes	49.6%
No	50.4%
18. On about how many days during the last 6 months was your mental health (includes depression, excessive stress, problems with emotions) not good?	
Some days indicated	52.3%
Responded None, N/A or 0	47.7%
Breakdown of days	
None (0)	48.1%
1-5 days	20.9%
6-10 days	10.1%
over 10 days	20.9%
Did you seek professional help?	
Yes	31.9%
No	68.1%
Was the help you got in our County?	
Yes	54.5%
No	45.5%

Did poor mental health keep you from doing your usual activities?	
Yes	23.3%
No	76.7%
19. On how many days during the past 6 months as a parent, have you experienced feelings of being overwhelmed or stressed in dealing with your children.	
Some days indicated	42.1%
Responded None, N/A or 0	57.9%
Breakdown of days	
None (0)	57.9%
1-5 days	16.8%
6-10 days	7.4%
over 10 days	17.9%
Did you seek professional help?	
Yes	14.6%
No	85.4%
Was the help you got in our County?	
Yes	50.0%
No	50.0%
Did stress keep you from doing your usual activities?	
Yes	13.8%
No	86.2%
20. About how long has it been since you last visited a doctor for a routine checkup?	
1 to 12 months ago	79.8%
1 to 2 years ago	13.1%
2 to 5 years ago	5.4%
Never	1.8%
21. Please tell us whether you've had the following exams.	
A Pap smear and pelvic exam?	
Yes	96.4%
1-12 months ago	66.2%
1-2 years ago	12.0%
2-3 years ago	7.5%
3-5 years ago	6.0%
5 or more years ago.	8.3%
No	3.6%
A mammogram to look for breast cancer?	
Yes	87.1%
1-12 months ago	74.4%
1-2 years ago	14.9%
2-3 years ago	7.4%
3-5 years ago	1.7%
5 or more years ago.	1.7%
No	12.9%

Have you ever had a prostate examination? (check does not apply if you are a woman)	
Yes	60.0%
1-12 months ago	44.4%
1-2 years ago	33.3%
2-3 years ago	5.6%
3-5 years ago	0.0%
5 or more years ago.	16.7%
No	40.0%
Have you ever had an exam for colorectal cancer?(Applies to all)	
Yes	55.5%
1-12 months ago	38.4%
1-2 years ago	23.3%
2-3 years ago	12.8%
3-5 years ago	14.0%
5 or more years ago.	11.6%
No	44.5%
22. If you have had a colorectal exam what kind did you have?	
Blood in stool test	26.7%
Colonoscopy	84.9%
Sigmoidoscopy	5.8%
FOBT – fecal occult blood test	15.1%
FIT – fecal immunochemical test	1.2%
I'm not sure	5.8%
23. Do you have a plan for these emergencies? Check all that apply.	
Fire	63.0%
flood	28.9%
natural disaster	36.4%
man-made disaster	28.3%
Do you have supplies of the following for emergencies:	
Batteries?	74.0%
Candles/Matches?	85.5%
Canned food?	81.5%
Battery Operated Radio?	53.2%
Bottled Water?	59.0%
IV. HEALTH CARE SERVICES	
1. Please answer the following questions for yourself or any member of your household who have used any of the listed services in the last 12 months.	
In the last 12 months, when you wanted to be seen as soon as possible, did you have to wait more than 3 days for an appointment to see a doctor for primary (not specialty) health care?	
Yes	15.3%
No	84.7%

In the last 12 months, did you have to wait more than 30 minutes in the doctor's waiting room for primary (not specialty) health care?	
Yes	35.3%
No	64.7%
If disabled did you receive necessary accommodations (i.e. wheelchair accessibility, interpreters, etc.) to fully benefit from services?	
Yes	100.0%
No	0.0%
2. If you or a family member needed to enter a hospital, which one would you prefer to enter.	
Schuyler Hospital	36.0%
Ira Davenport	0.7%
St. Joseph's	2.9%
Corning Hospital	7.4%
Arnot Ogden	44.9%
Keuka Medical	0.0%
Cayuga Medical (write in choice- error on survey)	8.1%
3. Is it important to you to maintain a hospital in the county?	
Yes	85.1%
No	14.9%
4. If you or a family member needed to enter a nursing home/adult care facility which one would you prefer to enter?	
Elcor	9.0%
Founders Pavilion	2.6%
Lakeside Nursing	0.0%
Chemung Nursing Facility	1.3%
Three Rivers	6.4%
Homestead	3.8%
Seneca View	74.4%
Reconstruction Center	2.6%
5. Please choose one	
How many times have you seen a physician, excluding dentists, during the past 12 months?	
None	5.6%
1 – 2 times	50.3%
3 – 4 times	28.0%
More than 4 times	16.1%
How many times have you seen a dentist, during the past 12 months?	
None	23.9%
1 – 2 times	59.9%
3 – 4 times	13.4%
More than 4 times	2.8%
How many times have you seen a behavioral(mental) health specialist during the past 12 months?	
None	82.9%
1 – 2 times	4.3%
3 – 4 times	3.6%
More than 4 times	9.3%

6. How much do you estimate your household paid for all medical expenses in the last calendar year ("out of pocket expenses"; prescriptions, dental care, health insurance premiums, medical care, hospitalization, co-payments)?	
\$0 - \$500	30.7%
\$501 - \$1000	27.1%
\$1001 - \$2000	10.7%
\$2000 +	31.4%
7. Do you have health insurance?	
Yes	97.9%
No	2.1%
8. If yes, who pays your premium?	
I do	22.3%
Employer does	12.3%
The cost is shared between me and my employer	65.4%
9. If you do have health coverage what kind is it?	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	60.3%
Blue Choice	0.0%
Preferred Care	2.6%
Medicare (Social Security)	19.8%
Medicaid (Blue Choice Option)	5.2%
Child Health Plus	0.0%
Family Health Plus	1.7%
V.A.	2.6%
Includes dental insurance	45.7%
Includes vision coverage	42.2%
10. If you don't have health insurance why not?	
Can't afford it	80.0%
Prefer to pay my own expenses	0.0%
Not offered where I work	20.0%
11. Have you been unable to get any type of health care service due to inability to pay?	
Yes	11.4%
No	88.6%
12. Which services have you been unable to get? Check all that apply:	
Dentist	76.5%
Podiatrist (foot doctor)	11.8%
Doctor	5.9%
Prescriptions (medications)	5.9%
13. If you can't afford a prescription what do you do?	
Tell your physician	29.6%
Tell your pharmacist	0.0%
Do not fill prescription	55.6%
Take medicine less frequently	14.8%

	Yes	No
14. Please answer yes or no		
Have you ever had to go without something else (i.e. food, utilities) because of the cost of health care?	12.1%	87.9%
Did you visit or call a health care professional because of any kind of injury or accident?	37.4%	62.6%
Did you miss more than half a day from school, work, household or usual activities because of an injury or accident?	25.5%	74.5%
Do you limit your intake of fatty foods?	83.6%	16.4%
Are you exposed to second-hand smoke?	21.9%	78.1%
Has violence or abuse been a problem for any member of your household (including children)?	5.8%	94.2%
If so, have you sought assistance?	17.9%	82.1%
Do you feel that you are overweight?	77.4%	22.6%
Do you feel that you are underweight?	2.4%	97.6%
Do you need help with managing stress?	22.2%	77.8%
Does someone in your household need help with managing stress?	26.7%	73.3%
Do you feel you would use some kind of program aimed at stress management reduction?	28.8%	71.2%
Do you need help managing depression?	22.6%	77.4%
Do you feel you would use some kind of program aimed at depression?	23.5%	76.5%
Do you feel any person in your household would use some kind of program aimed at managing depression?	25.8%	74.2%
Do you feel you or anyone in your household would use some kind of program aimed at suicide prevention?	8.3%	91.7%
During the past month, did you participate in any physical exercise?	85.0%	15.0%
Does someone in your household drink alcohol?	60.1%	39.9%
Did you know that your county Public Health agency has a plan for terrorist-related and other emergencies?	71.0%	29.0%
Are you aware that animal bites are reportable due to the possible exposure to rabies?	93.5%	6.5%
Do you know who to report animal bites to?	71.7%	28.3%
Have you removed a tick from your body or from your pets body in the last year?	23.2%	76.8%
If you heat with wood, coal or natural gas do you have carbon monoxide detectors in your home?	52.9%	47.1%
If you have a well, have you tested your well water in the last year?	25.8%	74.2%
Would you call the health department with questions about your well water?	69.4%	30.6%
Would you report possible illness associated with your well water to the health department?	81.0%	19.0%

15. Please choose one:	
15a. Do you use seat belts?	
Never	0.7%
Sometimes	2.9%
Always	96.4%
15b. Do your children use seat belts / restraints?	
Never	0.0%
Sometimes	0.0%
Always	100.0%
15c. Do your children under seven use child safety seats?	
Never	0.0%
Sometimes	0.0%
Always	100.0%

15d. Do you know how to properly install child safety seats?	
Never	1.9%
Sometimes	1.9%
Always	96.3%
15e. If you have a child age 14 or younger, do your children wear protective helmets when riding bicycles?	
Never	0.0%
Sometimes	39.3%
Always	60.7%
15f. If you live where there is an unfluoridated public water supply, would you support putting fluoride in the water supply to improve dental health in the community?	
Never	20.5%
Sometimes	17.0%
Always	62.5%

V. YOUR USE OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE PAST YEAR

1. Please answer the following questions for yourself or any member of your household who have used any of the listed services in the last 12 months.

Answer Options	Used in County?	Used out of County?	Quality Satisfactory ?	Distance Reasonable ?	Cost Reasonable ?
Doctor's Office	64.3%	59.7%	64.3%	54.3%	49.6%
Hospital	65.9%	49.5%	58.2%	52.7%	35.2%
Orthopedics	26.9%	73.1%	38.5%	30.8%	26.9%
Dentists	35.8%	70.8%	59.4%	46.2%	37.7%
Orthodontists	33.3%	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%
Eye care	53.8%	50.0%	55.7%	46.2%	40.6%
Audiology (hearing care)	22.2%	83.3%	50.0%	44.4%	38.9%
Mammograms	42.0%	59.1%	62.5%	47.7%	46.6%
Hospice	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Testing, Counseling & Treatment of STDs, inc. HIV/AIDS	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Alcohol / Drug treatment	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
Physical therapy services	69.2%	34.6%	57.7%	50.0%	34.6%
Prenatal care	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Immunizations	70.2%	34.0%	38.3%	36.2%	36.2%
Family Planning Services	40.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Pharmacies	86.1%	32.4%	52.8%	49.1%	49.1%
Senior Meal Sites	95.2%	4.8%	19.0%	9.5%	19.0%
Meals on Wheels	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Home Health Services	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Link to Life	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lifeline	33.3%	66.7%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Alertlink	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Support Groups	33.3%	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
Transportation	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ambulance services	81.8%	27.3%	27.3%	18.2%	18.2%
Counseling / Mental Health	55.0%	45.0%	50.0%	40.0%	35.0%
Domestic Violence (Abuse, Safe House, Catholic Charities)	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Farm Safety Education	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Do you have any comments that relate to your particular needs?

As a family of six, we struggle to cover our medical costs. We have employer-subsidized health insurance, but even then, it costs us \$4,200 a year in premiums, plus \$500 in deductibles before anything gets covered at all. And we're the fortunate ones! Our health system has to change--access to quality health care should be considered a fundamental human right.

Confidentiality is hard to maintain when entering a medical facility when they ask you why you are there in front of the whole waiting room.

Everyone has some kind of stress -- help with stress could be more widely available and easy to find.

Have son who is now an adult. Has a job but can not afford Health or Dental insurance and makes too much for Family Health plus or medicaid, so he just doesn't go to anyone and toughs it out if his back or teeth hurt. It would be nice if there was someone who did Dental in Schuyler on a sliding scale fee. I think there is a great need for affordable dental care in this area. thanks so much

I feel dental services and education for children and families is lacking in our county.

I have family health plus but don't have dental care. A dental clinic is badly needed in Schuyler County.

I just moved here in the past year from Elmira where I was getting \$ 140 in food stamps. Here I get \$ 40. I cannot afford to eat and after my bills are paid there isn't enough cash to buy much food. Why is there such a difference in amounts in the two counties. I pay utilities here and didn't before. It makes no sense.

I live in Dundee, which is in Yates County. I filled one out for Yates County. I work in Schuyler county at DSS, and was told to go ahead and fill this in. Until 6 months ago, I worked and lived in Tompkins County for the last 25 years (born & raised in Tompkins too). I am still going to some specialists in Tompkins County, but trying to establish myself with a practice here in Schuyler county. For 30 plus years, I was associated with Dryden Family Medicine, so I find it flabergasting that I have to "apply" to a practice and get "approved". Something new--but it does turn me off!!

i need to have liberal democrats stop spreading their socialist agenda.

its a good idea to do this survey but why adults take it into the schools!!!!

More than anything I am concerned about the number of obese people in our community. Even when I went up to the hospital, many of the workers were obese. It is something we really need to deal with in our community. Even the children are overweight.

My needs for medical and health related are mostly met within the county. I use services outside county for specialist care and privacy reasons.

people on medicare need to have low cost dental care.

please supply schuyler county residents of all ages with free flu immunizations, and offer the immunizations on site - in schools and work places

Seniors on fixed income need help-relief from exccsively high real property taxes. Its distressing & depressive, is the only help death????

Thank you for doing the survey- Please make the the results available for the community

there is a strong need for exercise and food education in schools. We need to have more fresh local veggies in school lunch ...Stay away from meats.

There is no MH assistance via EAP for county employees that accept our insurance. I have to travel to Elmira.

They should have some kind of affordable bus service in the Schuyler County area.

This is a very good survey, and demonstrates the need for quality, affordable healthcare in our County. Also, many people I know talk about workplace stress - and the health issues caused by work demands. I feel our Public Health Department does a good job - but not many are aware of all the services offered. Perhaps there needs to be increased education and visibility for the areas outside the Village of Watkins Glen. Many people in those rural areas could certainly take advantage of PH's services. Finally - when speaking of Health Assessment - I also think of the community where people reside. Much, much work needs to be done to get people to clean up their properties - and get rid of trash that's sometimes seen everywhere. It's an eyesore, unhealthy, and impacts the quality of life in this County. Perhaps a yearly "clean up the county" event would help. It's pretty embarrassing to live in a tourist area -that is so unsightly!

Transportation is a struggle for a lot of people to get to medical appointments.

We need a dentist that takes payment plans. I can't afford to go to a dentist at all. I really need to go.

We need to have universal health care coverage provided to all US citizens. Health care costs are outrageous and health care insurance is unaffordable.

We utilize out of county medical care, as it is difficult to access quality medical care in county, particularly for specialists.

Would like to know what the air quality is in the new Human Resources building in Montour falls. Why is everyone so sick???