

Riley County Community Needs Assessment

MENTAL HEALTH FINDINGS

89%

of respondents described their mental health as good or better.



while

11%

of respondents consider themselves to be lonely (i.e., having frequent discomfort due to feeling alone).

and

9%

of respondents consider themselves to be socially isolated (i.e., lacking adequate contact with other people).

42%

of respondents feel the community does **NOT** have adequate mental health services for people who need them.

Top mental health needs in the community:



Affordable mental health services



Affordable health insurance that includes mental health care



Addressing the stigmatization of those with mental health issues



Increased number of mental health care providers



High quality mental health services

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The 2020 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (n=1,229), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey.

Secondary data sources for Riley County show slightly higher percentages reporting that their mental health wasn't good on 14 or more of the past 30 days than is typical for Kansas (13.5% versus 11.4%). Also, the percentage of Medicare recipients with depression is also higher for Riley County (19.2% versus 18.9% for Kansas). The same is true for Medicare recipients with schizophrenia and other mental illness diagnoses (3.1% for Riley County versus 2.9% for Kansas). However, respondents to the survey generally said their mental health was very good (mean=3.7). Survey respondents were neutral about whether there are adequate services in the community for people who need them (mean=2.7). The top needs for mental health were affordable health insurance that includes mental health care, affordable mental health services, and addressing stigmatization.

Selected data from secondary sources

Mental Health	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Percent of adults reporting that mental health was not good on 14 or more days in the past 30 Days, 2017	13.5%	11.4%	BRFSS
Percent of adults ever diagnosed with a depressive disorder, 2017	18.4%	20.9%	BRFSS
Percent of Medicare recipients with depression, 2017	19.2%	18.9%	Kansas Health Matters
Percent of Medicare recipients with schizophrenia and other psychotic diagnoses, 2017	3.1%	2.9%	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Rate of children Under 18 hospitalized for mental health (per 1,000), 2017	5.4	5.9	Kansas Kids Count via Kansas Hospital Discharge Data
Ratio of population to mental health providers, 2018	470:1	530:1	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings

For the full report, go to: www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org