

The Community Health Assessment

The Community Health Assessment is a process of determining priority health concerns through an examination of data from the county and state on disease incidence, deaths, births, demographics, economic factors, injury and health behavior, the environment, and community perceptions. It also includes an assessment of community resources currently in place.

Why do we do a Community Health Assessment?

Sawyer County Public Health has the responsibility to complete a Community Health Assessment periodically. A Community Health Assessment is collecting, analyzing and using data to educate and develop priorities, find resources and plan actions to improve health. This information will help our community engage and lead to improve the health of Sawyer County residents.

What's Next?

The Sawyer County/LCO Joint Prevention Coalition along with community partners, used the information gathered from Community Health Assessment to develop the Community Health Improvement Plan. The goal of this plan is to improve the community's health.

For more information contact Sawyer County Health & Human Services:

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<http://www.sawyercountygov.org>

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Caring For Our Community

Partners:

4-H Leaders
AmeriCorps
Boys & Girls Club of
Lac Courte Oreilles
City of Hayward Police
Essentia Health
Harvest of Friends Food Pantry
Hayward Area Memorial Hospital
Hayward Community Schools
Hayward Lions and Lioness
Hayward Wesleyan Church
Lac Courte Oreilles Health Center
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School
Lac Courte Oreilles TRAILS
Marshfield Center For Community
Outreach/Northwoods Coalition
NorthLakes Community Clinic
Northwest Connection Family Resources
Northwest Tobacco-Free Coalition
Northwoods Pregnancy Resource Center
Sawyer County Health & Human Services
Sawyer County Housing Authority
Sawyer County Sheriff's Department
University of Wisconsin Extension
Winter Schools
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
WOJB 88.9 FM
WRLS 92.3 FM



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COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT REPORT



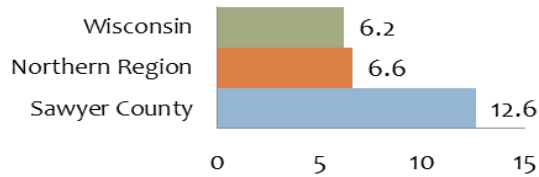
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Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Why focus on alcohol and drug use?

Alcohol is the 4th leading cause of death in Wisconsin

Percentage of Motor Vehicle Crashes Related to Alcohol



24%

of 9-12 graders had at least 5 drinks in a row on one or more of the past 30 days

Drug usage rates of 9-12 graders in Wisconsin in 2011:

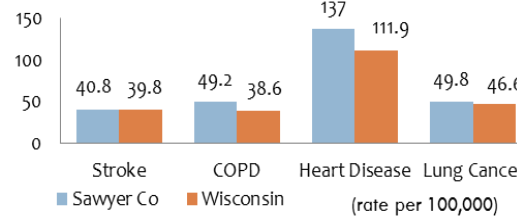
- 18% took a painkiller without a prescription
- 12% took an over-the-counter drug to get high
- 22% used marijuana within the past 30 days
- 4% used cocaine
- 9% used inhalants to get high
- 5% used ecstasy
- 1% used heroin
- 2% used methamphetamines

Tobacco Use

Why should we decrease tobacco use?

Tobacco use and exposure represents the leading overall cause of death in the US and Wisconsin and is a major economic cause of death in Wisconsin.

Tobacco-Related Illnesses



- \$8.5 million:** paid in direct healthcare costs for tobacco-related illness in Sawyer County (2007)
- \$1.72 million:** attributed to lost productivity in Sawyer County (2003-2007)
- \$14.8 million:** spent on cigarettes in Sawyer County (2008)

Progress in Sawyer County:

Mortality rate with smoking related disease (per 100,000):
 1990-1994: **419.0**
 2006-2010: **276.3**

There is still more to be done:

Percentage of adults who are current smokers:

WI: 19% US: 17% 2020 Goal: 12%

Mental Health

Why is mental health important?

Approximately 20% of the population experiences a mental health problem during a one-year period.

From 2002-2008 Sawyer County residents reported an average of **3.1** mentally unhealthy days per month.

14%

of students in grades 9-12 in WI seriously considered suicide in 2011

Sawyer County is federally designated as a **mental health professional shortage area**. One important goal is to increase access to mental health services in the community.

From 2001-2010

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Sawyer County residents' primary cause of death was suicide