



2022 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE

Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital's Community Benefits mission is to provide high quality low cost healthcare to all individuals in the Brockton and surrounding communities. We continually evaluate and research the healthcare needs of the patients in our community.

This assessment has been made possible by community members and organizations in the Signature Healthcare service area. We would like to thank those who shared their thoughts, valuable ideas, time, and expertise. Thank you to the following organizations for their assistance:

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- Blessings in a Backpack
- Brockton Adult Day Health Center
- Brockton Board of Health
- Brockton Housing Authority
- Brockton Public Schools
- Cape Verdean Women United
- Health Imperatives
- Old Colony YMCA
- Randolph Intergenerational Community Center
- Stoughton Public Schools
- Town of Stoughton Youth Commission/Council on Aging
- Town of Avon
- United Way of Greater Plymouth County

These organizations represent a wide array of community members that include significant diversity in areas such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, disability, etc. The input of these organizations is crucial to addressing and eliminating health disparities.

We would also like to acknowledge the input of local community members from Avon, Brockton, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Holbrook, Randolph, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater. Insights provided by the community have been critical in guiding the process and outcomes of this Community Health Needs Assessment.

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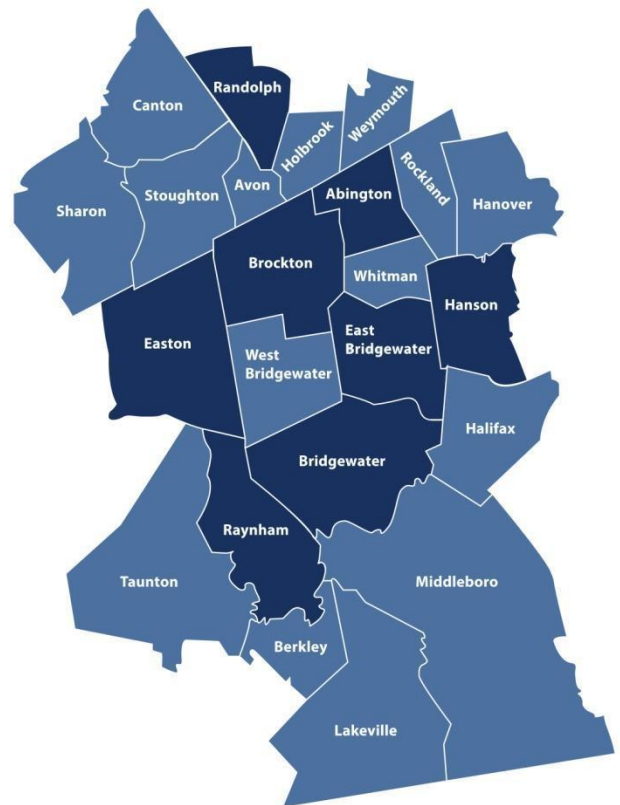
Introduction

Service Area

This report covers the service area of award-winning not-for-profit Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital; Signature Medical Group (SMG), a multi-specialty physician group of more than 150 physicians practicing in 17 ambulatory locations; and the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing. Together, these entities provide a full range of primary care, specialty care, hospital care and related ancillary services on a coordinated basis.

The primary service area includes Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Randolph and Raynham. The secondary service area spans throughout the South Shore with the addition of Avon, Halifax, Hanson, Holbrook, Middleboro, Stoughton and Taunton.

When reviewing the needs of the community, the whole population, regardless of disparities, is considered. Part of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital's community focus, and indeed the very core of Signature Healthcare's mission, is to care for those in greatest need.



Organizational Priorities

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment identified Mental Illness, Obesity-Related Illness, and Substance Use amongst all populations as significant health concerns in the communities we serve. Signature Healthcare focused its efforts on combating these concerns by offering tools and education to individuals in need. Our target population was community-wide, and the priorities include educational tools, classes, screenings, and educational seminars.

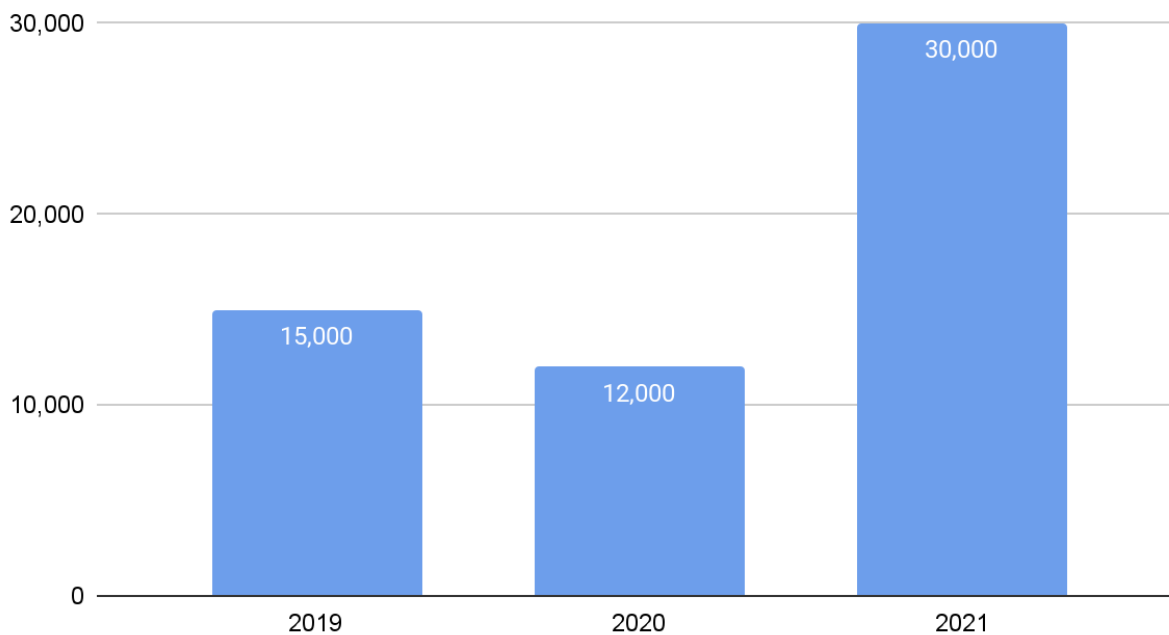
Through community outreach with local businesses, community groups and events, Signature Healthcare staff members were able to educate the community on mental illness, Obesity-Related Illness and substance use disorder in various ways. Signature Healthcare provided educational tools on diabetes, healthy recipes, free exercise classes and opportunities for questions and answers with clinical staff. As a result of these efforts, we have been able to reach thousands of individuals to assist them with their healthcare needs and educate them on the best path to personal wellness.

Signature Healthcare has contributed to the health needs of the community by providing:

- Free Screenings/Vaccinations – 800
- Free Medical Educational and Awareness Events - 50

The following graph represents the total number of individuals reached from 2019 to 2021. The significant increase in 2021 was due to educational videos and educational newsletter mailings allowing to reach a larger audience.

Number of people reached



Obesity-Related Illness: Chronic Disease Including Diabetes, Cancer, and Hypertension.

As part of the 2019 CHNA, participants reported social isolation, built environment, and transportation as contributing factors to individuals resulting in obesity and chronic disease.

Based on these findings, Signature Healthcare continued its wellness program. Program elements include free exercise classes, free health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations and free healthy recipes. Signature Healthcare offers free Yoga and Zumba classes to the community and staff weekly, helping combat cost and safety concerns cited as reasons for a sedentary community. Due to COVID-19, these classes went virtual, using the Zoom platform in March 2020. Massasoit Community College hosted the classes before the pandemic, providing additional space and allowing college faculty, staff and students to attend. We hope to be back and offer classes in person in 2023.



Signature Healthcare continues to work with "Blessings in a Backpack". Many of the children in Brockton Public Schools are on the free and reduced breakfast and lunch program and Blessings ensures these same students have healthy food for the weekends. Signature Healthcare works with our food services provider to assemble meals for 60 students at the Kennedy School. These children are provided nutritious foods, such as soups, fresh fruit, and healthy grains each weekend. The program was put on hold due to COVID-19 when all students were learning virtually. Once students began meeting in person during the 2021/2022 school year, the program relaunched and Signature Healthcare continued working with the program. The hope is that by continuing to participate, the program will be able to expand and support other children within Brockton Public Schools.

Since 2019, Signature Healthcare staff members have offered nutrition information and hands-on activities to the community. One major event is the "Health & Wellness Expo." This event includes free screenings for vascular and metabolic disease, a healthy cooking demonstration, healthy recipes, and an area where Signature Healthcare and community partners highlight nutrition and diabetes services. There is also an exercise area with Kickboxing and Zumba for adults and an obstacle course for children provided by the Easton Children's Museum. This event is a great success each year, with more than 150 attendees and more than 50 receiving wellness screenings.

We continue to support a local grassroots program, "Kids Road Races." This 30+ year old program is led by Brockton resident Dave Gorman and his wife with two 8-week sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring. Children come each week and run a 2-mile road race at DW Field Park. This program promotes childhood physical health habits and provides them with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

During the pandemic, it was recognized that food insecurity was a concern for so many. Various initiatives launched during this time and are available to those in need. The Brockton Area Hunger Network (BAHN) provides an opportunity for food program organizations and others interested in eliminating hunger and food insecurity to network, share ideas, problem solve, educate, and collaborate. BAHN's goals include, but are not limited to:

- Identify gaps in services for the hungry
- Coordinating local hunger services;
- Developing projects and initiatives that address local hunger
- Educating its members and local stakeholders about the extent of hunger

Substance Abuse and Opioid Crisis Management Programs

The rapidly evolving landscape of substance use makes it challenging to stay abreast of this issue. With the increased use of electronic vapor products in young people, adult substance use and associated conditions should be closely monitored. Changes in marijuana laws and increasing availability will also likely change the landscape of substance use in Massachusetts.

Data in our past few Community Health Needs Assessments show an increase in Substance Use. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "if children in the earlier teens start using controlled substances, the greater their chances of continuing to use substances and developing substance use problems later in life." They also note substance use in teens "contributes to the development of adult health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and sleep disorders." Several local municipalities have published data on youth risk and protective factors, which provide critical insights for preventing substance use disorders. These surveys looked at marijuana use, cigarette use, alcohol consumption, electronic vapor product use, and prescription drug use.

Signature Healthcare's Emergency Department physicians provided support and education to local EMS, police, and fire. Dr. Daniel Muse coordinates teaching rounds with local EMS teams more than 20 times per year and holds conferences twice per year. These conferences include education on various topics, including Human Trafficking: Legal and Social Ramifications, Domestic Abuse, Adverse Childhood Events, Pediatric Trauma Care and Newborn Care in-field delivery, to name a few.

Signature Healthcare and Dr. Muse have established a very close relationship with the City of Brockton. Dr. Muse is the Medical Director for Brockton Police and Fire. He also serves as Medical Director for the Brockton Fire Department Dispatch. Dr. Muse has been part of the Brockton Police Department's yearly mental health training for several years. He also works closely with local police and fire on special programs in their departments and towns. A new program, "Save A Life," was launched in 2020. This program works with local EMS to train citizens of their communities in life-saving CPR techniques, AED use, Narcan administration and "Stop The Bleed" skills.

Each year, Dr. Muse and the District Attorney's offices talk to schools and local groups about substance abuse. Dr. Muse continues to teach nurses and athletic trainers how to recognize an opioid overdose and use of naloxone.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many activities were curtailed or limited. The pandemic also created a need to provide guidance and expertise to the local EMS. During the first few months, Dr. Muse had weekly and bi-weekly Zoom meetings with the local Fire Departments from Plymouth, Bristol and Norfolk Counties, advising them on the management of COVID-19 in their departments and how to care for their towns citizens while protecting themselves from the virus. These Zoom advisory meetings were also provided to local Police departments. While not as frequent, the advisories are still offered to both Fire and Police in the previously mentioned counties. Because of these advisories, this region was one of the first to mandate the use of masks and social distancing in the workplace and cleaning protocols that kept the incidence of COVID-19 infections in the workplace to extremely low numbers.

Brockton Hospital's pharmacy and Dr. Muse also worked on vaccinating seniors and first responders in Signature's communities. Nearly 20 local towns used their boards of health and local EMS to establish vaccination clinics. The training was provided by the pharmacy staff and Dr. Muse via a virtual webinar. The result was thousands of first responders and seniors from our local communities having received their vaccinations conveniently and efficiently. Due to this very successful endeavor, there are plans to establish a consortium of local boards of health and Fire/EMS under Brockton Hospital's guidance. The goal is to provide community outreach which will include but not be limited to the "Save a Life" program, CPR, vaccinations, school education on Substance Abuse, Coaches training programs on sports injury and management, and concussions as well as opportunities for our elderly population including blood pressure checks and home visits.

Within the Signature Healthcare Emergency Department, overdose patients receive nasal Narcan, a list of detox facilities as well as counseling. ED physicians are also limiting the number of narcotics they prescribe to patients. ED physicians will not fill lost prescriptions and are advancing the use of the state's "Prescription Monitoring Program."

Signature Healthcare created a Pain and Opioid Management Committee. They developed a Charter to guide the goals and objectives and ensure the Joint Commission's regulatory requirements for pain and opioid management are met. Clinicians provide appropriate pain and opioid management policies that were developed to meet our patient populations' needs. Monitoring the effectiveness of patient pain assessments and pain management took place throughout the organization. Efforts include raising awareness of available services for consultation and referral for patients with complex pain management needs among staff and Signature Healthcare licensed independent practitioners. The Committee works to ensure educational resources and programs are available to improve pain assessment, pain management, and the safe use of opioid medications throughout the organization on an ongoing basis.

Signature Healthcare Emergency Department physicians work with local police and fire departments to provide training and medical guidance. Police Departments from Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol Counties were trained on the proper use of Nasal Narcan. The ED physicians also work on projects with the Norfolk, Plymouth and Middlesex County District Attorney's offices to provide lectures to students, parents, teachers, and other healthcare professionals on concussions, sports injuries and substance use. Dr. Muse serves as the EMS Medical Director for 14 local fire departments and is very active in

other matters related to substance use, including the Brockton Mayor's Opioid Coalition, Independence Academy and Plymouth County's Substance Use Coalition.

Through the HEALing Communities federal grant, funding was secured for several key enhancements to our Office-Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) Clinic. This funding allowed for a clinic from the Old Colony YMCA to provide counseling and referral services for 16 hours per week to OBAT patients. A Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner was hired who sees patients and is able to prescribe medication as needed. Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital was able to open an Addiction Consult Service staffed by a Nurse Practitioner with addiction treatment experience and a peer recovery coach with years of work in the emergency room setting. This team, under the direction of Dr. Kooper, has been able to see patients throughout the hospital who need support with substance use disorders and can and do arrange post-discharge treatment referrals to OBAT and other programs.

A Brockton Community Coalition has met monthly for two and a half years with support from the HEAL grant. These meetings allowed for previously siloed care providers to collaborate and develop strong relationships where previously most were not familiar with local services. This has led to better care for the residents of Brockton and surrounding communities.

Signature Healthcare OBAT staff participates in a weekly meeting of the "Brockton Hub" which is connected to Plymouth County Outreach. The Hub is designed to identify individuals and families in the greater Brockton area who are found to be at elevated risk of harm due to homelessness, food insecurity, mental illness, substance use, domestic violence, etc. Again, many agencies, including police departments, collaborate and connect vulnerable populations to the support services they need.

Mental Health

Anxiety and Depression were identified in all focus groups and several key informant interviews, particularly when discussing youth.

Alternatively, seniors identified social isolation as a significant concern within their community. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Abington, Brockton, Holbrook,

Randolph, Rockland, Stoughton and Taunton all rank in the worst quintile for mental health. This is defined by the percentage of residents indicating they had 15 or more poor mental health days in the past month. The data around poor mental health is indicative of mental health hospitalizations in Massachusetts with similar municipalities experiencing the highest rates of hospitalizations.



Signature Healthcare is a member of the Mental Health Task Force, which is made up of many agencies from Brockton and the surrounding communities. This group meets monthly and includes staff from BAMSI, High Point, Father Bill's & MainSpring, amongst others to collaborate on mental health

initiatives within the community. Items discussed include updates on barriers and access and support direct connections to local agencies.

Signature Healthcare Yoga classes were traditionally held in person at Massasoit Community College. These classes switched to a virtual platform in March 2020 due to COVID-19. They were able to continue to be held virtually so that our community remained safe at home but still had the ability to focus on their mental health by meditating and stretching with their instructor and class participants.

In an effort to target the ongoing issue of lengthy boarding of youth in the ED, DMH is contracting Youth Villages to provide the intercept model as a pilot program targeting ED diversion. This program "Diversion Intercept" is expressly targeting the issue of ED boarding for youth under 18, which has intensified due to COVID-19. The primary purpose of this service is to safely divert youth boarding in the ED due to lack of local connection to appropriate services and have been assessed by the evaluation team as appropriate for possible diversion. Diversion Intercept is appropriate for youth experiencing behavioral health issues which may or may not have historically been diagnosed and/or treated for a Serious Emotional Disturbance.

Through a collaboration with District Attorney Morrissey (Norfolk County) and Cruz (Plymouth County), a Zoom workshop was offered to 20 local communities within the Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital service area. The training was on "Handle With Care" for children impacted by Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) and Drug Endangered Children DEC. Town-specific follow-up training is ongoing with the hope of an in-person meeting in September 2022. From this work, a committee was formed with Plymouth County DA's office to establish a "community responder" program. This program aims to recognize, prevent and improve social issues such as ACEs, DEC, Homelessness, Human Trafficking and Elder Abuse.

Methods

Overview

The 2022 Signature Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted following the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Attorney General's Community Benefits Guidelines for Non-Profit Hospitals (February 2018). Beginning in September of 2021, led by the voices of the community, quantitative and qualitative data has been compiled, analyzed, and prioritized.

Quantitative Data Collection

Quantitative data was compiled from a number of publicly available sources. The advancement of small area estimation has allowed for analysis of finer geographical areas, which is critical in the diverse service area of Signature Healthcare. This detailed data helps to delineate between census tracts with different characteristics and outcomes. For example, it is valuable to distinguish between Brockton's downtown and suburban census tracts, as well as between Brockton's suburban census tracts and neighboring West Bridgewater's rural census tracts.

The most referenced data sources are the United States Census, American Communities Survey, City Health Dashboard, the Centers for Disease Control PLACES dataset, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Qualitative Data Collection

Qualitative data was collected primarily through focus groups and key informant interviews. Seven focus groups were conducted with a total of 119 participants. Six of the seven focus groups were conducted on Zoom and one was conducted in person. Participants ranged significantly in age, socio-economic status, residency, primary language, race, and ethnicity. Eight key informant interviews were conducted with a variety of community stakeholders. One of the focus groups was conducted in collaboration with Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Milton for the community of Randolph. Feedback from focus groups and key informants were coded and prioritized based on frequency.

Executive Summary

The 2022 Signature Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment solicited the input of a variety of communities within its service area, with a particular focus on individuals and groups facing social, environmental, and financial inequities. Such qualitative input provided important context for the quantitative data that was collected and analyzed. The prioritization of health needs was completed with the following procedures:

1. Community-identified health needs were ranked by frequency of mention.
2. When available, data concerning racial and ethnic inequities was considered.
3. Data points farthest from state and national benchmarks were prioritized.

It should be noted the intersectionality of these health concerns is significant. Most prominently, this report highlights multiple areas in which race and ethnicity correlate with health outcomes. Each area will be explored in more detail. In 2022, the following three topics were identified as the highest priority based on the procedures outlined above.

Mental Health

Of the 14 key informant interviews and focus groups, eight discussed Mental Health as a primary concern in their community. Within the Signature Healthcare service area, 14.5% of adults reported their mental health was not good for 14 days or more. Race and ethnicity were a factor, as two highly diverse cities, Taunton and Brockton, took two of the top three spots. Middleboro, a more homogenous community, also finished in the top three, indicating a multifactorial environment. Median household income, for instance, was also an indicator of poor mental health, with Taunton, Brockton, and Middleboro all appearing in the bottom six out of 22. Likewise, Canton and Hanover, the two towns with the best reported mental health, boast two of the four highest median household incomes. Specific concerns surrounding mental health were often in regards to access. Signature Healthcare staff, along with other participants, noted either the lack of available beds in behavioral health facilities or the abundance of people occupying emergency rooms with behavioral health crises.

Transportation

Transportation was cited six times by key informants and focus groups as an area of concern. While there is no section in this report solely dedicated to transportation challenges, readers will find the issue permeates many of the high level categories evaluated within. Predictably, Built Environment centers around how people access (or cannot access) the things they need to be healthy. Health outcomes are also impacted by transportation, as demonstrated by communities that struggle to maintain regular appointments or access preventive care, such as vaccines. Finally, many Social Determinants of Health depend on transportation. Status regarding Employment, Education, Housing and Homelessness often depend on one's ability to travel efficiently.

Substance Use

Substance Use was the third-most cited challenge facing the service area. Overall, 20.8% of adults binge drink, although there appears to be little correlation between this behavior and race, ethnicity, or income. 17.7% of adults smoke (tobacco). Here, we find a correlation between high rates of smoking and low median household incomes, similar to mental health results discussed above. Overdose deaths are on the rise, increasing 7% from 2020 to 2021. Conversely, drug and narcotic related crimes are down 15% during the same period. Among youth, vaping was often discussed as a primary concern.



Community Input

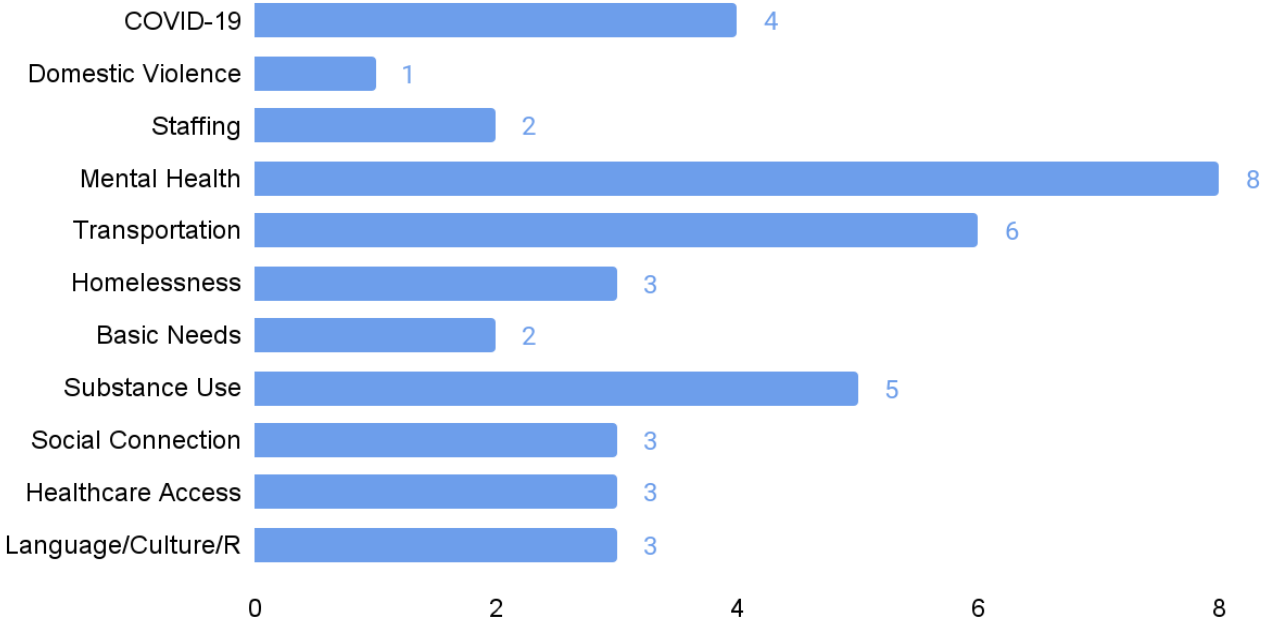
Focus groups and key informant interviews were conducted in partnerships with local community leaders. The target populations for the focus groups were determined by examining quantitative demographic data to determine the largest demographic groups in Signature Healthcare's service area, along with groups that are growing most rapidly.

Two focus groups were conducted with Brockton residents, many of whom were recruited by Health Imperatives, a community-based organization that serves low-income and vulnerable individuals and families. Many of these participants were immigrants to the area with English as their non-primary language. Two focus groups were conducted in Randolph, with a diverse group of community members and leaders. One focus group was conducted with East Bridgewater seniors, one with greater Brockton community leaders, and the final focus group was conducted with Bridgewater area parents. The seven focus groups had a mean size of 17 participants, with 119 participating in total.

Key informant interviews and focus groups were coded to identify major themes. Mental health was the dominating topic which was closely followed by transportation and substance use. Despite being on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was listed in fewer groups/interviews and with far less conversation than the topics above.. Some of the most prevalent themes when discussing mental health, transportation, and substance use were however, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the significant reduction in available resources paired with the nationwide staffing crisis has resulted in a critical shortage of necessary services.

It is worth noting that the consistency of the qualitative data sources that mental health, transportation, and substance use as top priorities is a marked change from the 2019 Signature Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment, in which qualitative data sources were much less in agreement on top health needs of the community.

Key Informants: Frequency of topic



Demographics

Overall, the population in the Signature Healthcare service area mainly remained stable, only increasing 1.29% from 2017-2020. While overall growth in the area is slow, certain demographics outpaced others, and the makeup of the population is changing faster than the population itself.

Age

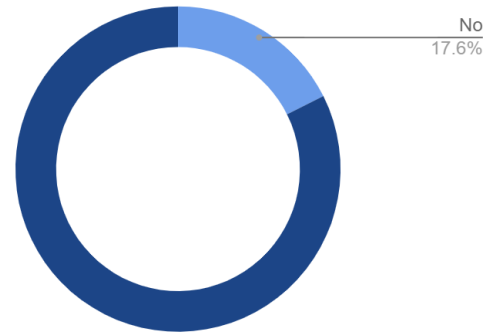
The Signature Healthcare service area saw significant changes in several age brackets from 2020-2021⁶. Notably, age ranges 5-9 years and 45-54 years declined by 5% and 4%, respectively. Conversely, age ranges 60-64 and 65-74 years increased by 10% and 8% respectively. These age groups also represented the largest volume increase, indicating broad movement toward an older population.

- 11% of service area households in the area are seniors living alone. The highest rates of such a living situation are in Halifax (14.5%) and Canton (14.4%). The lowest rates of such a living situation are in Randolph and Pembroke (8.8%).
- 42.5% of service area households have someone over age 60. The highest rate is in Randolph at 48% (which notably has the lowest rate of seniors living alone), while the lowest rates are in Whitman (38%), Rockland (38.3%), and Bridgewater (38.8%).

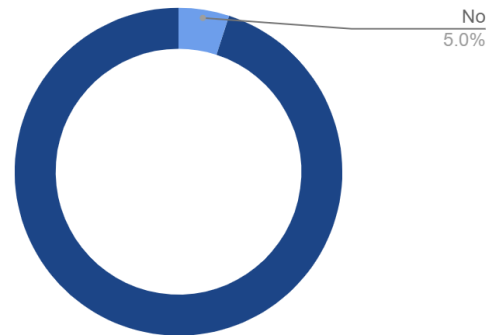
"Our young folks are leaving to pursue education and better opportunities."

 Brockton Resident

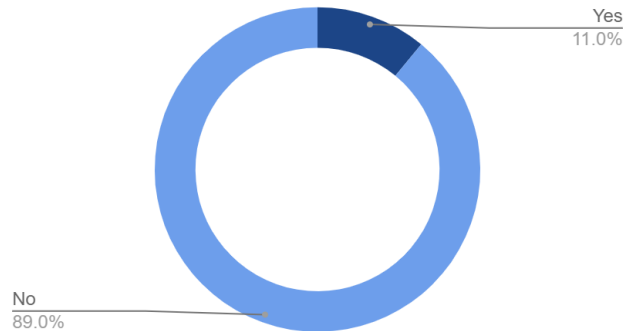
Foreign born population



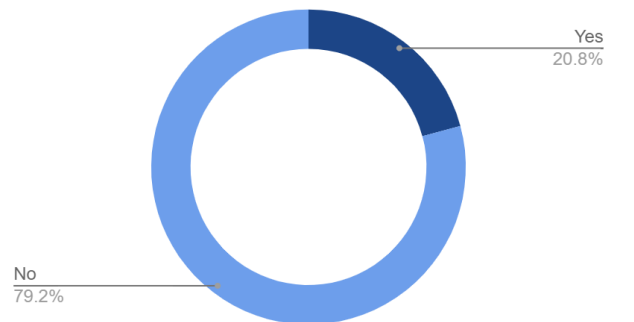
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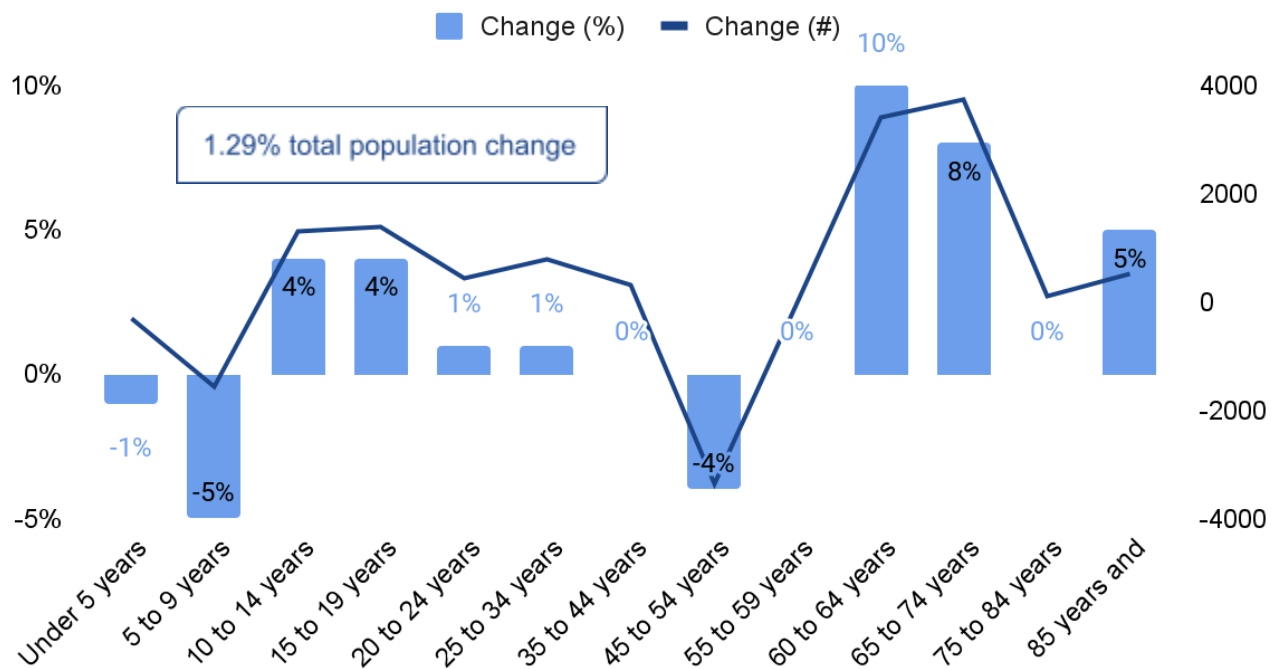
Disability Rate



Language other than English spoken at home



Change of population by age, 2020-2021



Race

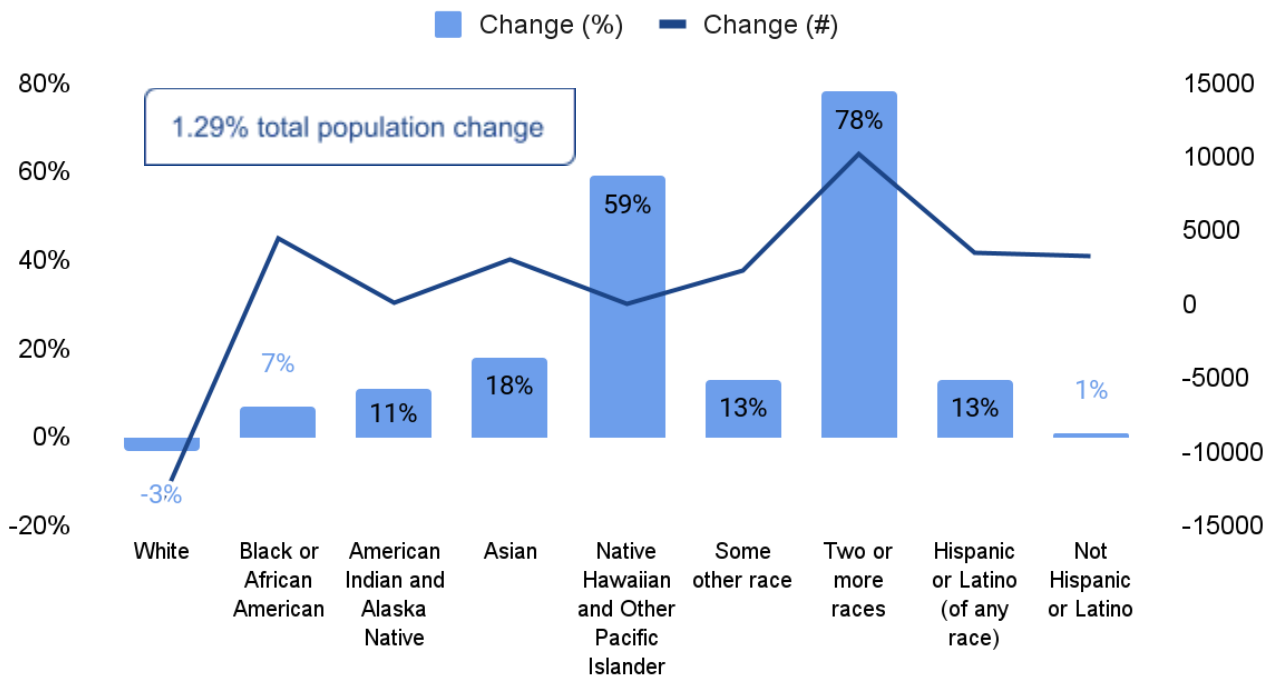
Once again, while the overall population in the Signature Healthcare service area has only experienced modest increases, certain demographic groups have dramatically changed the area's makeup..⁶

- The white population decreased by 3%. While that figure appears small compared to other groups, it should be noted it represents the largest volume shift among all races and ethnicities by a wide margin, at a loss of 13,349 people.
- Populations that increased include Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (59%, although with a small population), Asian (18%), and Hispanic or Latino (13%).
- The largest increase, however, can be attributed to individuals who identify as having two or more races, with a 78% increase. This also represents the second largest volume change in population, with a gain of 10,201 people.

"Many people who have immigrated to the United States wait to settle their immigration status and then bring their parents here for the quality healthcare as they age."

 Brockton Adult Day Health Center

Change of population by race and ethnicity, 2020-2021

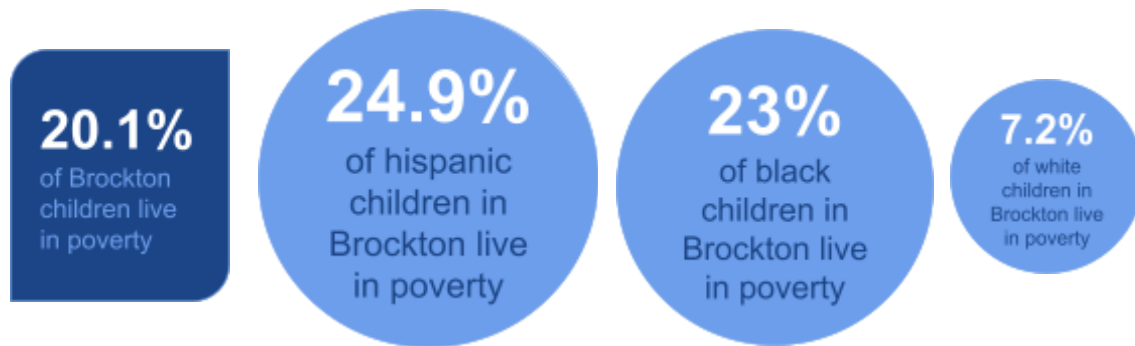


Economic Stability

Poverty

Multiple key informants focused on food insecurity as a challenge facing local communities. This was reiterated by a focus group, 74% of whom ranked social determinants of health (including food insecurity) as a top priority area, only trailing mental health. Focus groups also pointed to the lack of access to healthy, affordable food as a major barrier to overall health.

Not only are households struggling with food insecurity; the food they can access is unhealthy.

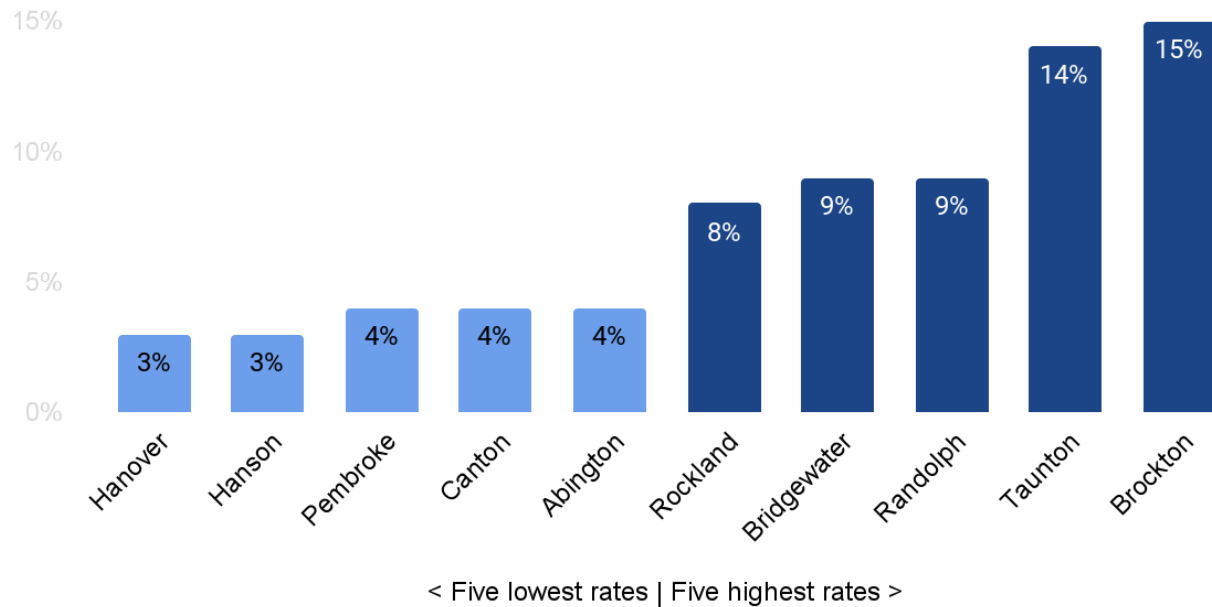


Food insecurity, poverty, and race are interconnected. The communities with the most residents living in poverty are also the communities with high rates of food insecurity. The three top towns in terms of poverty rates also happen to have large swaths of food desert, according to the USDA. Looking closer at poverty rates, and as demonstrated in Brockton, Hispanic and black children are more than three times more likely to live in poverty than white children. ⁵

“The Stoughton Council on Aging provides about 130 meals a day through Meals on Wheels, but during the pandemic it was younger families reaching out that needed food. People were out of work due to the pandemic or were quarantined.”

 Stoughton Department of Public Health

Percentage of residents in poverty (US Census Bureau)



Housing & Homelessness

Housing and homelessness were consistently discussed during key informant interviews. Staff from the Stoughton Council on Aging and Avon Council on Aging both listed housing and homelessness as their primary concern regarding seniors in both communities.

Rising housing costs coupled with pandemic-era joblessness lead to a spike in individual homelessness in 2020 after several years of stagnation in the shelter population. In Brockton, 41% of households had high housing costs last year, with the highest percentage concentrated in the downtown area at 59%.⁵

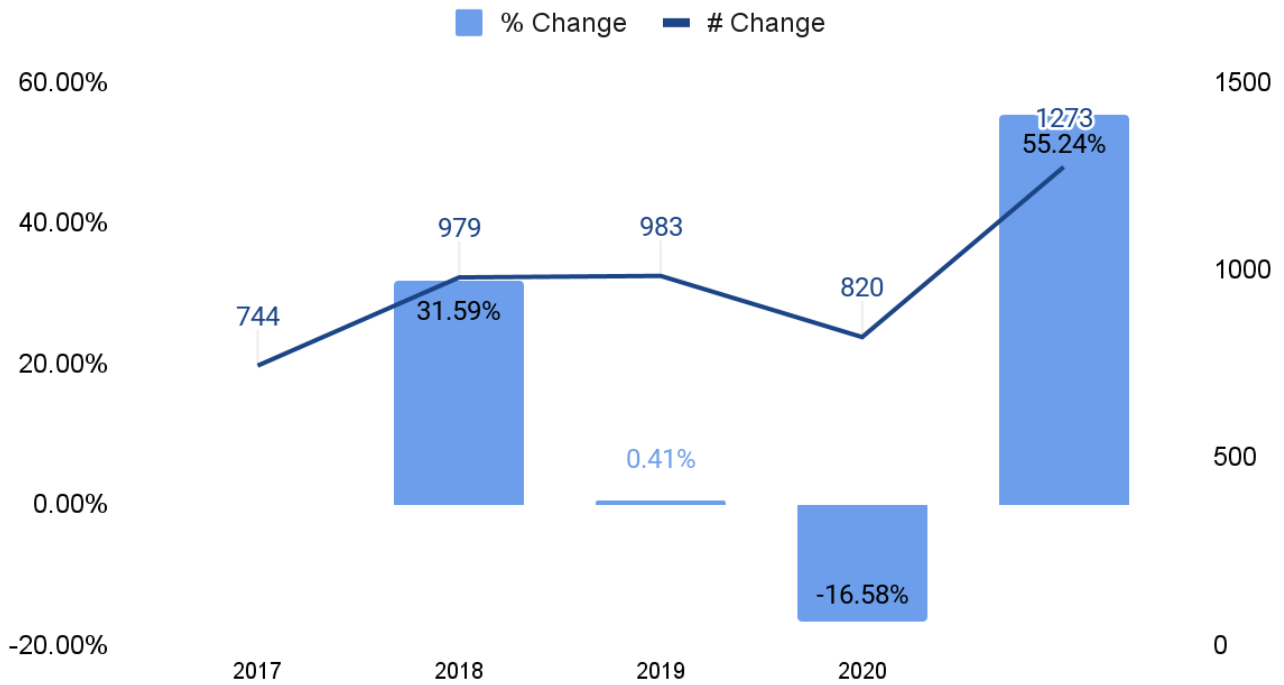
"Housing is the biggest social issue in our community. There are not enough housing options for seniors."

 Stoughton Department of Public Health

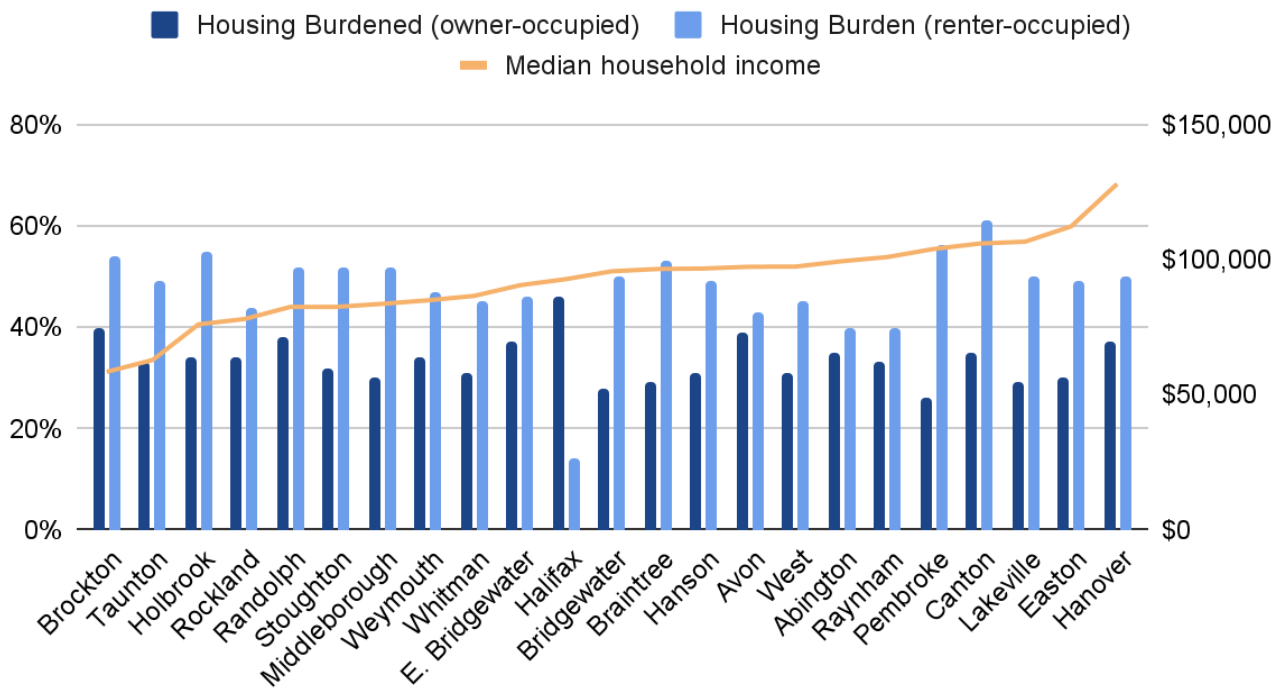
"Shelters are becoming harder and harder for them to access. They just don't have the physical space."

 Signature Healthcare Behavioral Health

Change in unsheltered individuals, 2016-2020 (HUD)



Housing burden by town (US Census Bureau)



Education Access & Quality

Education and Income

In Signature Healthcare’s service area, education levels and income are correlated. Communities with higher rates of Bachelor’s degree attainment generally have higher median household incomes. ⁶

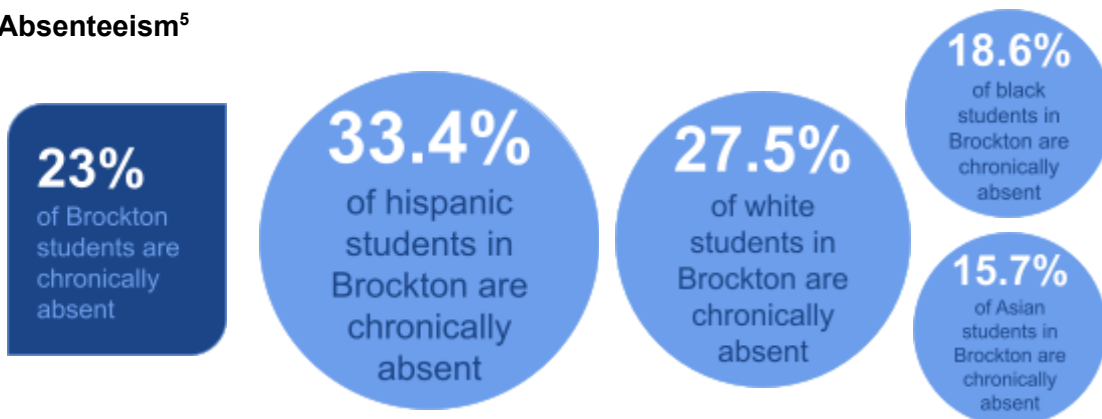
↗	Top towns in service area
↘	Bottom towns in service area

Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+	↗	Canton (55.1%)	Easton (49.1%)	Hanover (48.7%)	Braintree (43.4%)
	↘	Brockton (18.6%)	Taunton (22.6%)	Middleborough (26.2%)	Randolph (28.1%)
Median household income	↗	Hanover (\$127,981)	Easton (\$112,268)	Lakeville (\$106,633)	Canton (\$105,919)
	↘	Brockton (\$58,469)	Taunton (\$63,865)	Holbrook (\$76,055)	Rockland (\$78,011)

Additional factors related to education level include absenteeism, dropout rates, and graduation rates. Predictably, communities with higher rates of absenteeism, dropout rates, and lower graduation rates are also communities with lower median household incomes. Race is also a factor when dissecting each indicator individually, with Hispanic and black students more likely to be chronically absent and less likely to graduate than their white peers in Brockton.

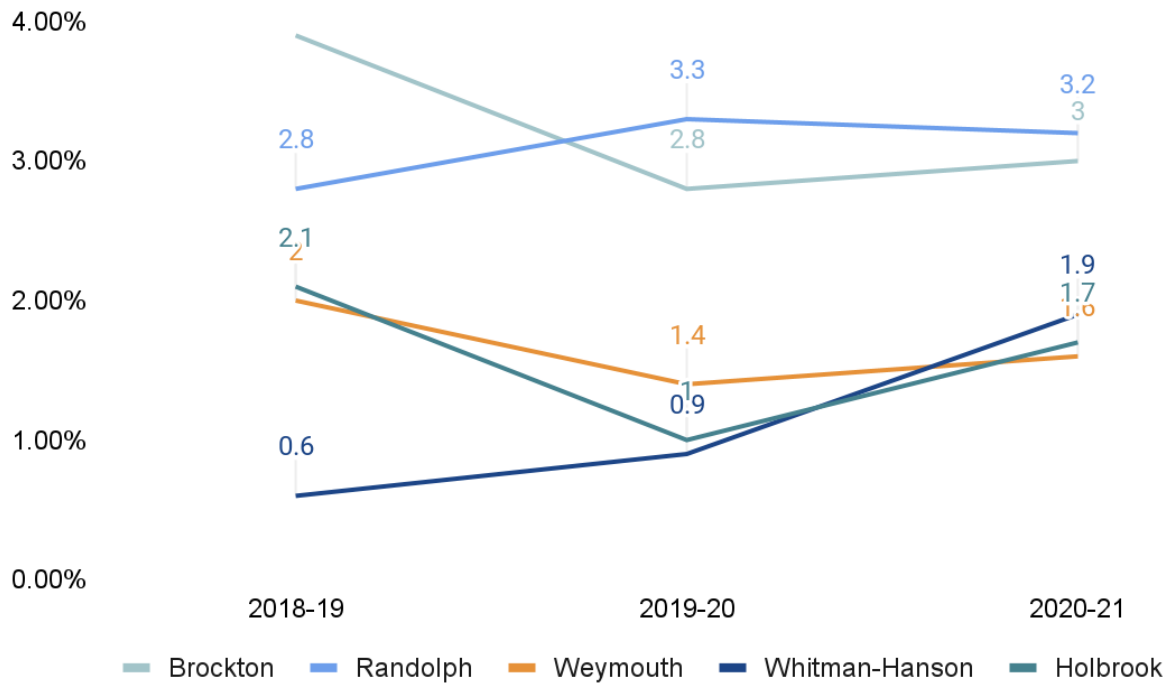
Key informants and focus groups were similarly concerned about how children emerged from the pandemic after missing significant amounts of classroom time, or enduring atypical learning experiences. One focus group in Brockton expressed fears of young people leaving high school “unprepared,” yet still carrying the burden of being the community’s future decision-makers.

Absenteeism⁵

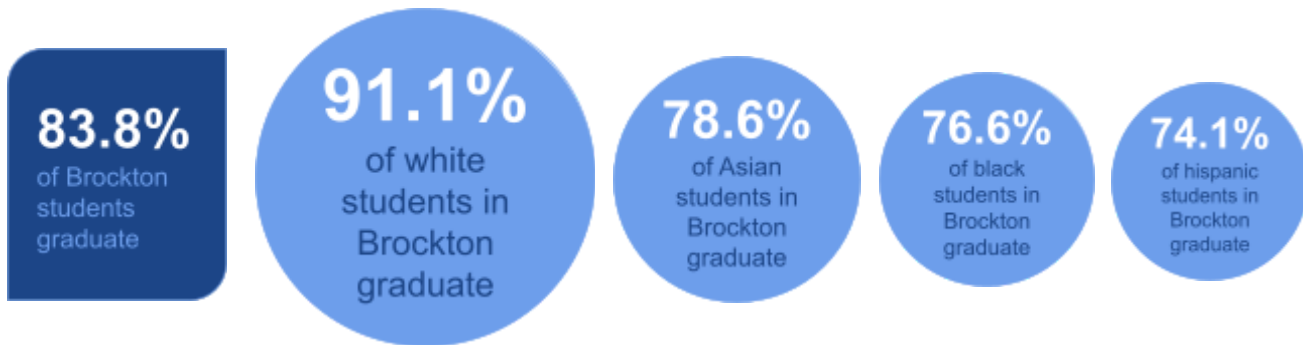


Dropout Rates⁴

High school dropout rates by town, 2018-2021 (top five towns as of 2021)



Graduation rates in Brockton⁴



“Coming out of COVID, we were prepared to focus on mental health but kids were still struggling going back to school. Eighth graders haven’t had a full year since elementary school.”

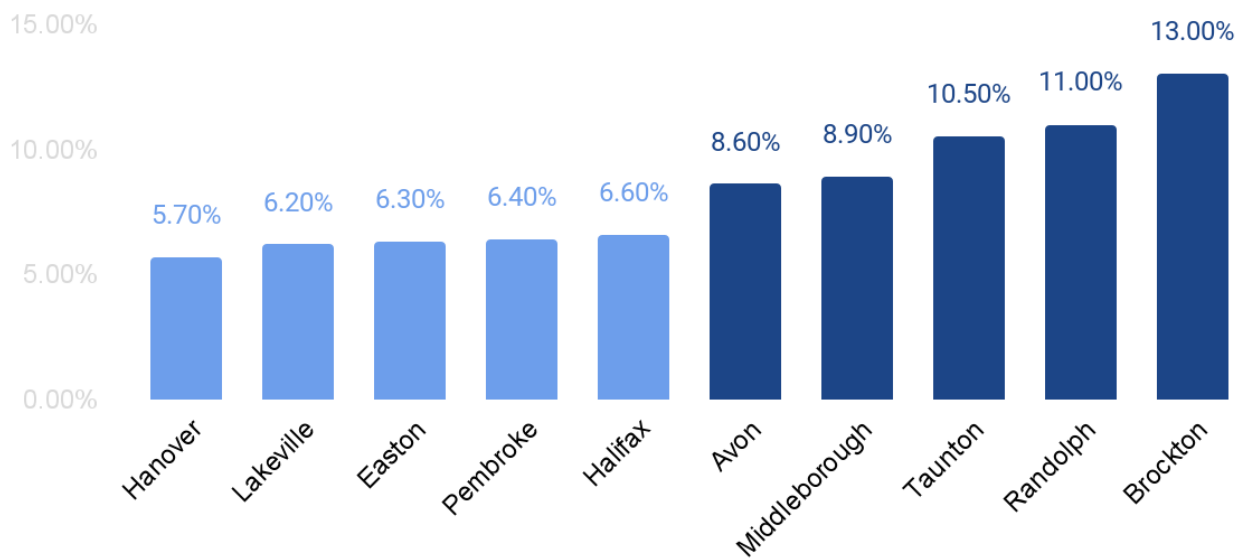
Stoughton Public Schools Employee

Healthcare Access & Quality

Healthcare Access

Focus group participants and key informants expressed multiple concerns regarding healthcare access in the Signature Healthcare Service area.

Residents without health insurance (adults aged 18-64 years) (CDC)



< Five lowest rates | Five highest rates >

While some participants noted that there are multiple hospitals within a reasonable distance to where they live, they reported significant challenges with phone and online systems for making appointments and accessing health information.



Participants also noted that a lack of transportation is a concern for many older adults who are unable to drive. This may be a particular challenge in communities where a high percentage of seniors live alone, as outlined in the aforementioned Age breakdown.











"You have to see a primary but you don't have a primary and you can't see a specialist until you have a meet and greet with primary and then with scheduling your appointment is now months away."

 Local physician

When asked what additional resources their communities need to help people be healthy, participants listed addiction recovery, access to mental health providers and urgent mental health services, and crisis groups. These themes emerged repeatedly among multiple groups and key informants. Additional information can be found in the *Behavioral Health* section.

Structural racism was also cited by key informants as playing a big role in healthcare access, with many providers struggling to provide culturally responsive care or accommodate multiple languages.

	Top towns in service area
	Bottom towns in service area

8.9% of residents currently lack health insurance ¹		Brockton (13%)	Randolph (11%)	Taunton (10.5%)
		Hanover (5.7%)	Lakeville (6.2%)	Easton (6.3%)
32.3% of men 65+ are up to date on clinical preventive services (vaccines, screenings) ¹		Canton (36.9%)	Braintree (36.6%)	
		Brockton (27.4%)	Middleboro (29.6%)	Randolph (25.2%)
26.9% of women 65+ are up to date on clinical preventive services (vaccines, screenings) ¹		Raynham (32.4%)	Easton (31.9%)	
		Brockton (23%)	Middleboro (24.8%)	Randolph (25.2%)
23% of residents were without visits to the doctor in the past year for routine care ¹		Rockland (28.8%)	Whitman (28%)	Avon (27.3%)
		Hanover (20.6%)	Randolph (20.8%)	Brockton (21.1%)
70.7% of adults visited the dentist ¹		Easton (78.7%)	Canton (78.1%)	Raynham (77.5%)
		Brockton (60%)	Middleboro (66.1%)	Taunton (68.4%)

Neighborhood and Built Environment

Built Environment

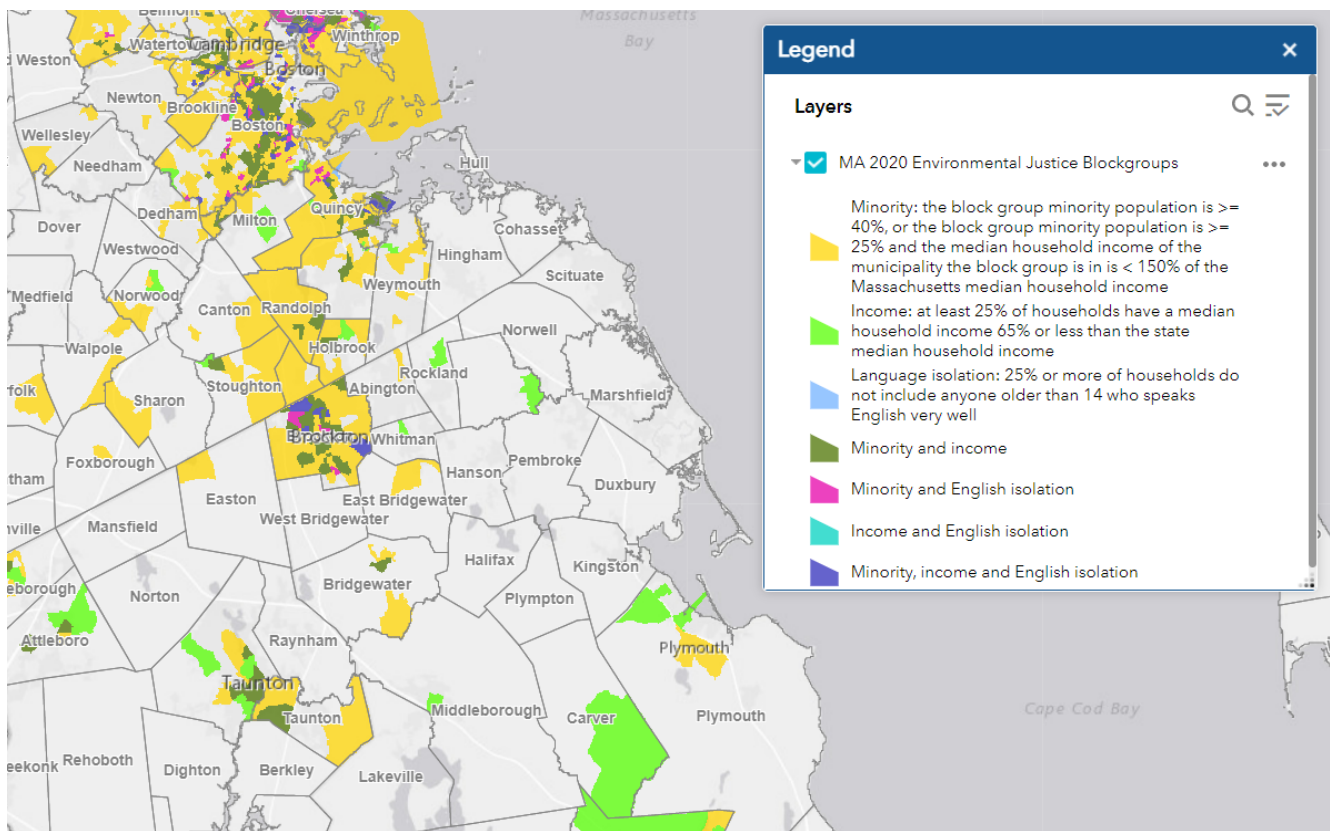
The built environment, according to the United State Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “includes all of the physical parts of where we live and work (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, open spaces, and infrastructure).”

16 municipalities in Signature Healthcare’s service area contain environmental justice block groups.⁷ The US Environmental Protection Agency defines an environmental justice community as, “Minority, low-income, tribal, or indigenous populations or geographic locations in the United States that potentially experience disproportionate environmental harms and risks.”

To qualify as an environmental justice community, census block groups must have one of the following:

1. An annual median household income equal or less than 65% of the statewide median
2. 25% or more of the residents identify as a race other than white
3. 25% or more of households have no one over the age of 14 who speaks English only or very well

In Randolph, 100% of residents live in an environmental justice block group, followed by Brockton (96.9%), Avon (82.4%), Holbrook (70.3%), Stoughton (66.0%), Taunton (60.1%), Braintree (37.3%), Weymouth (32.3%), Bridgewater (25.1%), Canton, (18.7%), Holbrook (15.2%), East Bridgewater (14.4%), Rockland (11.3%), Hanover (8.5%), Middleboro (5.5%), Whitman (4.9%), Easton (4.3%).⁷



Brockton (28.9%), Taunton (26.4%), and Randolph (26.3%) have the lowest rates of leisure time for physical activity. In Brockton, 61.8% of residents live within walking distance of a park, however some census tracts are as low as 0.8% of residents. Brockton is considered “somewhat walkable” based on their walkability index score of 51. Other cities considered only “somewhat walkable” were Randolph, Braintree, Taunton, and Weymouth. These communities also had high rates of environmental justice block groups.

10.1% of Bristol County households have no access to a vehicle, compared to 9.3% of households in Norfolk County and only 6.1% of households in Plymouth County. 16.2% of households in Brockton have no vehicle (including 32.7% of rented units) and 7.5% of Randolph households have no vehicle (including 16.3% of rented units) despite both cities being considered “car-dependent.”

Built Environment Projects, 2018-2022

Taunton and Brockton have embarked on several major built environment projects since 2018. Brockton, in particular, is developing plans for a significant urban transformation, which is summarized on the next page.

Taunton

- Liberty and Union Park: The City transformed a former downtown plaza into a park after decades of neglect. Additions include a new performance stage, lighting, chairs, tables, and wheelchair access. The project was spurred by a 2018 MassDevelopment grant, and was completed in November 2020.
- Memorial Park: Additions to the existing park included a new sidewalk, fencing, lighting, and wheelchair access. The project was completed in July 2021.

Brockton

- New bike lanes were created on Main Street in June 2018. However, dissatisfaction with Brockton's bike-friendliness remained. A bicyclist protested outside City Hall for two weeks over pedestrian and bicycle crashes in August 2020.
- A new rotary was created near the Abington town line to replace a dangerous intersection in November 2020.

Brockton has developed several urban revitalization plans^{8,9} after decades of economic and social decline in the City. The first, Green Links, was prepared in 2018 for the City of Brockton's Economic Development and Planning Department by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis. The report's executive summary suggests that creating a network of parks throughout the downtown area will not only enrich the lives of the City's residents, but also attract others to the area:

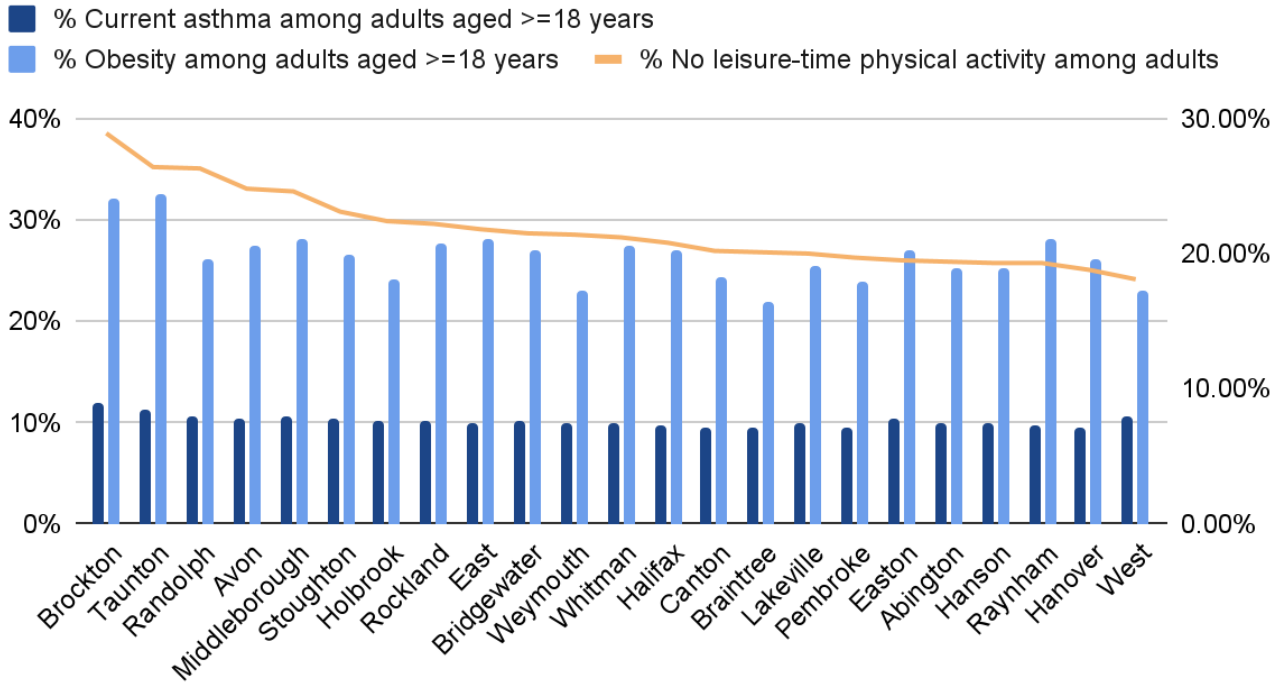
“This report concludes by recommending that the City develop strong community outreach and neighborhood-led planning strategies to ensure that park revitalization efforts meet the needs of current residents. In addition, it is recommended that the City partner with community organizations to activate and program the parks.”

Brockton's additional efforts to transform and modernize the city include:

- Downtown Urban Revitalization Plan, drafted in 2016 and amended in 2018 by the Brockton Development Authority and its Citizen Advisory Committee, calls for the City to “take tax-delinquent properties into public ownership” and begin rehabilitation for improved housing and commerce. Several projects have already been completed or started.
- Local Rapid Recovery Plan, a Baker-Polito initiative aimed at stabilizing communities impacted by the pandemic, identified 13 physical environment projects around the City.
- Sycamore Grove, a “repurposing of a former bus terminal...into a vibrant public space for live music and outdoor dining.” Sycamore Grove would form a “green link” between City Hall Plaza and the Brockton Public Library as part of a network of pedestrian passages.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health (CDC)



Several key informants and focus group participants expressed concern regarding the environmental impact on health. In Brockton, the Board of Health is conducting an assessment to explore the connection between the environment and rising rates of asthma and other illnesses in the area. Such illnesses are thought to be related to a variety of factors, including the built environment, geography, pollution, zoning, population density, and leisure time physical activity (shown above).

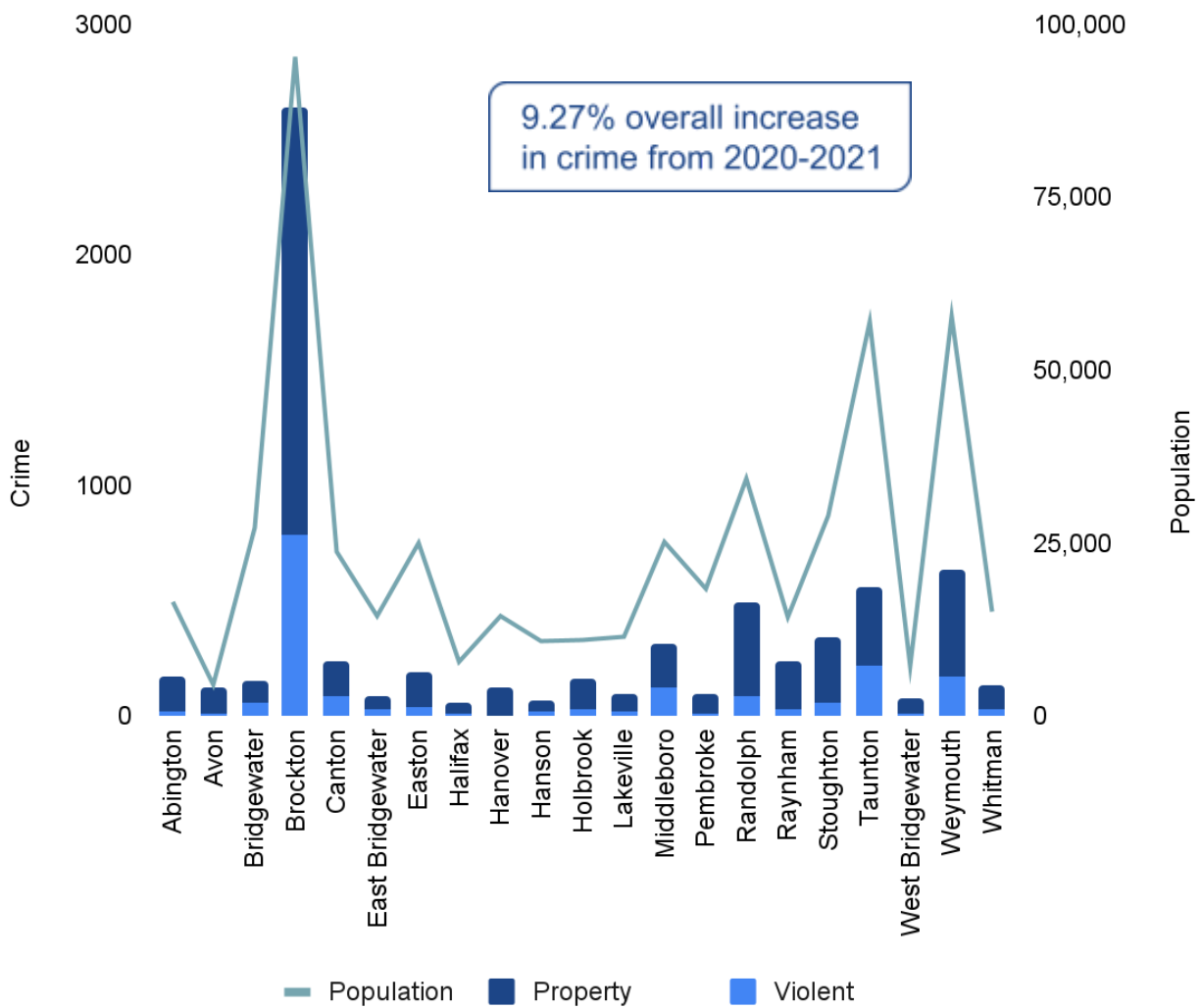
“One of my top concerns is environmental health. The ecological system has a certain way that affects our overall health because of the symbiotic relationship between people and their environment.”

Dr. Mondesir
Executive Health Director
Brockton Board of Health

Social and Community Context

Crime & Violence

Crime and population by town, 2021



The 9.27% increase in crime from 2020-2021 may be related, in part, to the COVID-19 pandemic. With many at home and out of work, there were more opportunities for property crimes, primarily package theft and other crimes of opportunity during this unprecedented situation.

Race & Racism

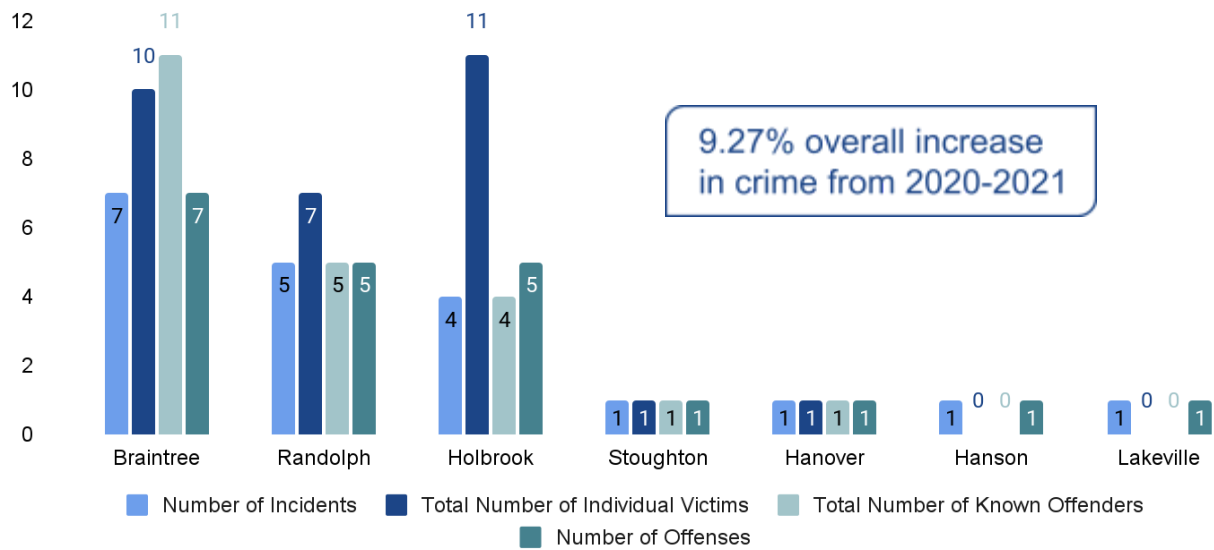
Focus groups and key informants repeatedly expressed concerns about how racism affects community health. Some participants described racism as a barrier to becoming or staying healthy because they are treated differently by providers. Others suggested support groups of victims of racism would be helpful in making communities healthier as a whole. As discussed in the *Healthcare Access* section, providers and patients alike described language barriers as an immense hurdle to providing and receiving quality care.

Once again, race and culture intersect with other health indicators.

Brockton (46.7%), Randolph (44.7%), Stoughton (24.5%), Taunton (20.9%), Holbrook and Braintree (20.1%) have the highest percent of people over the age of five who speak a language other than English at home⁶. It is of note, then, that these six towns appear time after time when examining negative health indicators in Signature Healthcare's service area.

- Three of these towns are among the five least insured (Brockton, Randolph, Taunton)
- Three of these towns are among the five highest in overdose rates (Brockton, Randolph, Taunton)
- Three of these towns are among the five most impoverished (Brockton, Taunton, Randolph)
- Three of these towns are among the five highest in high school dropout rates (Brockton, Randolph, Holbrook)
- Two of these towns claim the highest rates of diabetes (Brockton, Randolph) and obesity (Taunton, Brockton)
- Two of these towns are among the three highest in arthritis and heart disease rates (Brockton, Stoughton)
- Four of these towns are among the seven highest in hate crimes (Braintree, Randolph, Holbrook, Stoughton)

Hate crimes by town, 2021









Massachusetts police reported 403 hate crimes in 2021³, a 4% increase from 2020. Hate crimes across the Commonwealth have increased yearly since 2018. Anti-Jewish hate crimes rose to 58 incidents in 2021 (from 42 in 2020). Anti-Asian hate crimes rose to 29 in 2021 (from 22 in 2020). Anti-LGBTQ hate crimes rose to 74 in 2021 (from 61 in 2020). Most hate crimes featured intimidation (144), destruction or vandalism (131), or assault (113).



Behavioral Health

Substance Use

	Top towns in service area
	Bottom towns in service area


20.8% of adults binge drink		W. Bridgewater (25.8%)	Holbrook (24.2%)	Weymouth (24.2%)
		Avon (17.7%)	Stoughton (17.9%)	
17.7% of adults are current smokers		Brockton (21.7%)	Taunton (20.5%)	Middleboro (19.6%)
		Canton (12.9%)	Braintree (13.9%)	

Overdose deaths in Signature Healthcare’s service area, after spiking in 2016 and stabilizing for the following three years, are back up 4% and 7% in 2020 and 2021 respectively¹⁶. Overall drug or narcotic violations or crimes, however, are down more than 15% from 2020 to 2021, although that could be affected by changes in policing during the pandemic.

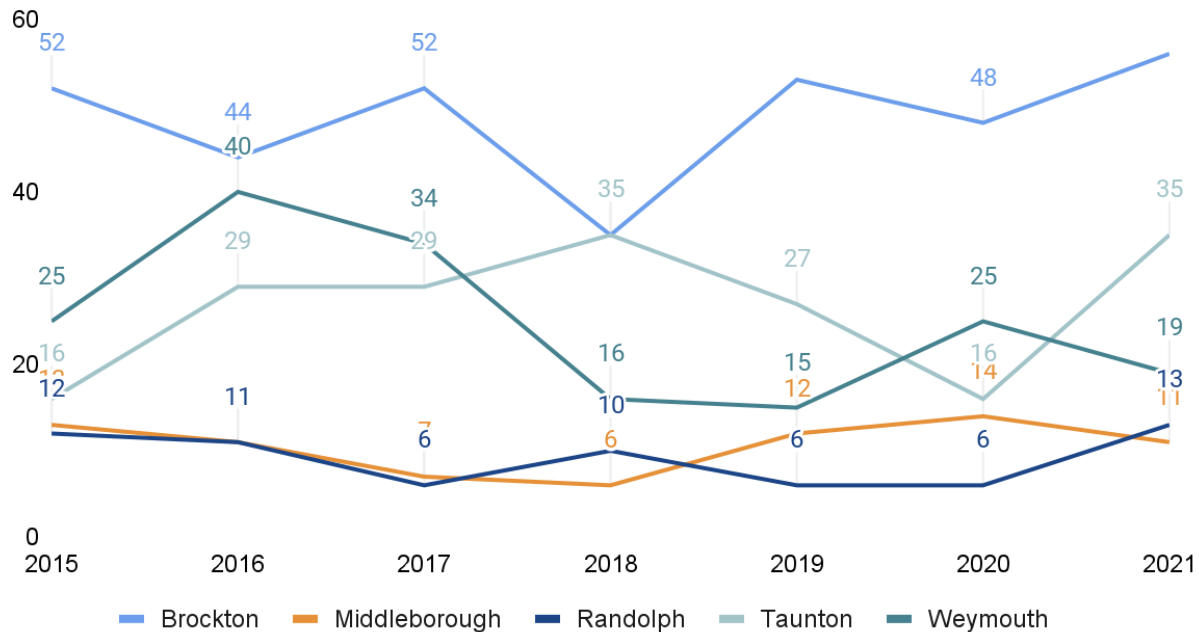
Focus groups identified the rise of youth vaping as a major concern, noting that youth are sometimes taking up the habit before they reach high school.

Several successful programs were identified by key informants. The Plymouth County Outreach program is a coalition of all 27 Plymouth County municipal police departments and offers resources and support between 12 and 72 hours after an overdose to people with substance use disorders and their families. In 2021, the Plymouth County Outreach program successfully followed up with 762 people, 61% of all non-fatal overdoses¹⁵. Another successful program is the Brockton Champion Plan, which has navigated 922 people into treatment programs as of March 31, 2021¹⁴.

“Vaping is absolutely out of control with the youth...”

 East Bridgewater Resident

Overdose deaths by town, 2015-2021 (top five towns as of 2021)



Mental Health

Among key informants and focus groups, mental health was the most discussed issue facing their communities. A multitude of issues contributed to the challenges facing providers today, with each new setback compounding on the last. The pandemic is often mentioned as a culprit for rising mental health concerns, but in more ways than one. Certainly the stress of a multi-year pandemic, fear of illness, and associated isolation is taxing on the human brain. On top of those direct consequences, the pandemic dramatically changed the makeup of the workforce, creating staffing shortages that profoundly impacted mental health services.

"Mental Health is one of the biggest issues that trickles down to everything else."

Brockton Resident

↗ Top towns in service area

also

↘ Bottom towns in service area

14.5% of adults reported their mental health was not good for 14 days or more¹

↗	Taunton (18%)	Brockton (18%)	Middleboro (16%)
↘	Canton (11%)	Hanover (12%)	

In May 2022, an average of 20% of emergency room beds were occupied by people waiting for a behavioral health evaluation. Unfortunately, facilities were ill-equipped to keep up.

The cities and towns most impacted by poor mental health, as reported above, have three of the six lowest median household incomes in the service area. Similarly, the two towns with the lowest percentage of adults with poor mental health have two of the four highest median household incomes.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, health services ranked among the sectors that lost the most jobs in 2020 and 2021. This was due in part to early restrictions on elective procedures and non-emergency care. Losses remained, however, once such guidelines were relaxed, particularly among lower paid part-time workers.¹¹

By 2021, employment in residential mental health facilities continued to decline, from 625,000 jobs in 2020 to 608,000 jobs in 2021. Substance use and psychiatric facilities faced a similar trend. Meanwhile, the number of job openings in healthcare and social assistance has risen by nearly 300% from April 2020 to June 2022, an unprecedented sharp upward trend with no end in sight. In the same time period, “quits” in the sector have risen with similar velocity, while hires have been more sporadic.¹²

This trend was highlighted in a 2021 report by local news outlet WBUR, which led to the staggering headline that *716 psych patients are stuck in emergency rooms waiting for care*. The report was referencing data from the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, which pointed out:

In September 2021, 49% of emergency room beds in Southeastern Massachusetts were filled with patients on a waiting list for psychiatric care. This was compared to 24% of patients in Western Massachusetts.¹⁰

“There is a behavioral health hospital where we send patients a lot. They are a 110 bed hospital, because of staffing issues they are running at 65 beds.”

 Signature Healthcare
Behavioral Health Employee

Cancer

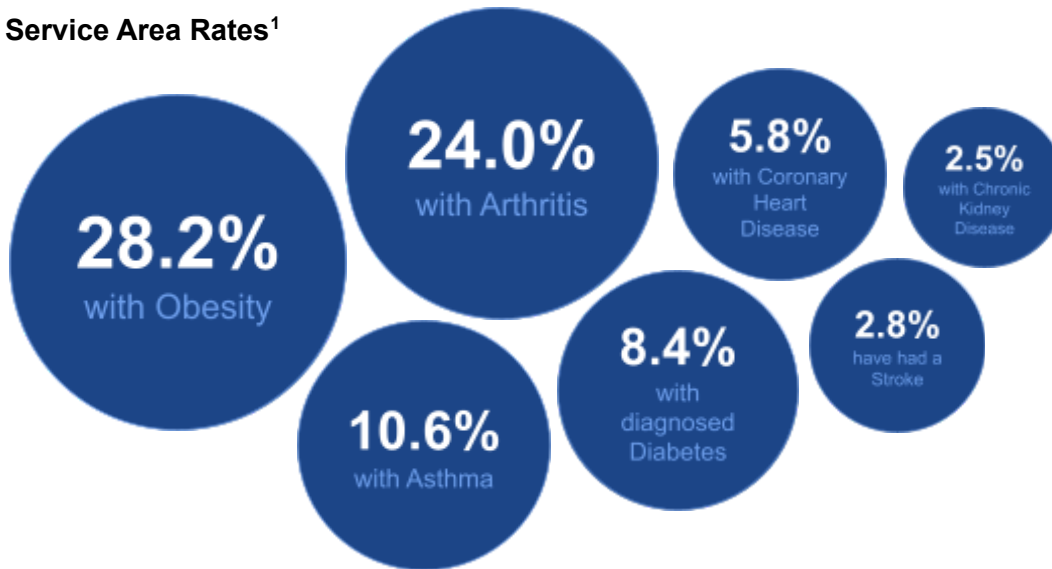
↗	Top towns in service area
↘	Bottom towns in service area

6.7% of residents have cancer (excluding skin) ¹	↗	Hanover (7.9%)		
	↘	West Bridgewater (5.1%)	Randolph (6.1%)	
87% of female adult residents are up to date on cervical cancer screening ¹	↗	Hanover (89.4%)	Pembroke (89.1%)	
	↘	West Bridgewater (81.8%)	Taunton (84.4%)	
68.7% of 50-75 year olds are up to date on colon cancer screening ¹	↗	Raynham (74.1%)	Easton (73.9%)	
	↘	Brockton (63.3%)	Middleboro (65.4%)	Randolph (67.6%)
80.3% of women aged 50-75 are up to date on mammograms ¹	↗	Easton (85.1%)	Raynham (83.2%)	
	↘	Middleboro (77.7%)	Brockton (78.3%)	

Key informants generally agreed that due to widespread pandemic-related postponement of wellness visits, cancer screenings, and other important medical appointments, cancer rates (in addition to other disease-related data) may currently be suppressed and poised to spike in the coming year.

Chronic Illnesses

Service Area Rates¹



As demonstrated in the table on the following page, higher rates of chronic illness are often found in communities with a high density of immigrants and non-English speaking households, such as Brockton, Taunton, Stoughton, Randolph, and Avon. Many key informants and focus group participants expressed frustration and concern regarding the lack of sufficient outreach to those populations.



	Asthma	Arthritis	Chronic Kidney Disease	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease aged >=18 years	Coronary Heart Disease	Diagnosed Diabetes	Obesity	Stroke
Abington	10.00%	22.80%	2.10%	4.90%	4.80%	6.70%	25.30%	2.40%
Avon	10.40%	26.50%	2.80%	6.60%	6.60%	9.30%	27.40%	3.20%
Braintree	9.60%	21.00%	2.20%	4.70%	4.50%	6.90%	22.00%	2.30%
Bridgewater	10.10%	23.30%	2.30%	5.40%	5.20%	7.40%	27.00%	2.60%
Brockton	12.00%	25.60%	3.00%	7.20%	6.30%	10.60%	32.00%	3.70%
Canton	9.50%	24.00%	2.50%	5.10%	5.70%	7.80%	24.30%	2.70%
East Bridgewater	10.00%	24.90%	2.50%	6.00%	6.00%	8.20%	28.10%	2.70%
Easton	10.40%	25.30%	2.30%	5.30%	5.20%	7.50%	26.90%	2.50%
Halifax	9.70%	24.80%	2.40%	5.80%	5.80%	7.80%	27.00%	2.60%
Hanover	9.40%	24.30%	2.40%	5.20%	5.60%	7.50%	26.10%	2.50%
Hanson	10.00%	22.80%	2.10%	4.90%	4.80%	6.60%	25.20%	2.40%
Holbrook	10.10%	22.00%	2.40%	5.40%	4.80%	7.60%	24.10%	2.60%
Lakeville	10.00%	22.90%	2.10%	5.60%	4.80%	6.70%	25.40%	2.40%
Middleboro	10.70%	25.00%	2.50%	6.70%	5.80%	8.10%	28.00%	2.90%
Pembroke	9.60%	21.70%	2.00%	5.30%	4.40%	6.10%	23.90%	2.10%
Randolph	10.50%	21.80%	2.70%	5.50%	5.00%	9.60%	26.10%	3.00%
Raynham	9.80%	22.00%	2.10%	4.90%	4.60%	6.50%	28.00%	2.30%
Rockland	10.10%	24.70%	2.50%	6.00%	6.00%	8.10%	27.70%	2.80%
Stoughton	10.40%	25.40%	2.70%	6.00%	6.10%	8.90%	26.60%	3.00%
Taunton	11.20%	24.80%	2.70%	7.30%	6.00%	8.70%	32.50%	3.10%
West Bridgewater	10.50%	17.30%	1.90%	4.40%	4.30%	5.60%	23.10%	1.90%
Weymouth	9.90%	21.70%	2.20%	5.30%	4.70%	7.00%	23.10%	2.40%
Whitman	10.00%	23.00%	2.30%	5.70%	5.40%	7.40%	27.50%	2.50%
Service Area	10.60%	24.00%	2.50%	5.90%	5.80%	8.40%	28.20%	2.80%

COVID - 19

Community Impact

The COVID-19 pandemic affected all communities in Signature Healthcare’s service area, although the impact was not uniform. In a February 2021 article from USA Today headlined *COVID vaccine inequity frustrates Massachusetts’ diverse, lower-income cities hardest hit by the virus*, the reporting outlines how early vaccine distribution was uneven and had a disproportionately negative impact on a city like Brockton. A single excerpt from the article highlights how Brockton was left behind from the outset:



“For New England’s only majority Black city, the closest COVID mass vaccination site is 23 miles away — a one-hour round-trip drive with no public transportation. When the state announced in January the opening of more than 100 vaccination sites for those age 75 and older, none were located in Brockton.”













Brockton’s challenges, when juxtaposed with the convenient vaccination access of affluent towns like Wellesley and Weston, raise more questions than answers about the state’s public health priorities. Mayor of Brockton Robert Sullivan, at the time, agreed.

“We have close to 100,000 residents,” said Brockton Mayor Robert Sullivan. “We’re a very beautiful, diverse community. We are not a wealthy community. Transportation issues are real, computer and technology issues are real.”

It is no surprise, then, that Brockton ranks 22nd out of 23 towns in the service area in terms of fully vaccinated individuals per capita. Brockton’s total case rate per capita is the highest in the service area.

Residents throughout the service area also expressed concerns about the indirect medical consequences of pandemic-era restrictions, including access to their regular medication (12.3%), unrelated medical care or procedures (12.5%), and increased substance use (20.1%).

	Top towns in service area
	Bottom towns in service area

27.6% of residents are apprehensive about getting COVID-19 ²		Brockton (39%)	Holbrook (39%)	Randolph (35%)
		Pembroke (20%)	Halifax (21%)	Canton (23%)
10.6% of residents were unable to keep six feet of distance when outside the house ²		Taunton (18%)	Abington (17%)	Braintree (16%)
		Halifax (7%)	Hanson (8%)	
39% of residents have been tested for COVID-19 ²		Whitman (65%)	Pembroke (53%)	
		Hanson (23%)	Halifax (29%)	Raynham (34%)
12.3% of residents worried about getting medication in the coming weeks ²		Holbrook (24%)	Abington (22%)	Middleboro (21%)
		Stoughton (7%)	Easton (8%)	Braintree (8%)
20.1% of substance users said they are using more substances than before the pandemic ²		Pembroke (61%)	Middleboro (53%)	
				
12.5% of residents had not received the medical care they needed since July 2020 ²		Middleboro (27%)	Pembroke (26%)	Brockton (25%)
		Halifax (6%)	Stoughton (6%)	

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Appendix A: Community Resources

Avon Baptist Church Food Pantry
781-878-1194
119 North Main Street
Avon

BAMSI
508-408-5670
www.bamsi.org/
440 Belmont Street
Brockton

Boys and Girls Club of Brockton
508-584-5209
www.bgcbrockton.org/
233 Warren Avenue
Brockton

Brockton Assembly of God Food Pantry
508-583-7222
199 Warren Avenue
Brockton

Brockton Department of Housing and Community
Development
508-895-7000
[www.mass.gov/how-to/find-emergency-family-shel
ter](http://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-emergency-family-shelter)
60 Main Street
Brockton

Brockton Department of Transitional Assistance -
Brockton
508-895-7000
[https://www.mass.gov/locations/dta-brockton-tran
sitional-assistance-office-limited-services-availabl
e](https://www.mass.gov/locations/dta-brockton-transitional-assistance-office-limited-services-available)
60 Main Street
Brockton

Brockton Gun Violence Prevention Coalition
www.brocktongvp.org

Brockton Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
508-588-8241
wic.bamsi.org/
795 Pleasant Street
Brockton

Catholic Charities
508-587-0815
www.ccab.org
169 Court Street
Brockton

Central Square Congregational Church Food
Pantry
508-697-6016
71 Central Square
Bridgewater

Charity Guild Food Pantry
508-583-5280
www.thecharityguild.org
501 Main Street
Brockton

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) -
Plymouth
508-723-3100
61 Industrial Park Road
Plymouth

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) -
Taunton
508-884-5300

East Bridgewater Food Pantry at Union
Congregational Church
508-378-2874
105 Pleasant Street
East Bridgewater

Easton Food Pantry at Easton Town Offices
508-230-0670
www.eastonfoodpantry.org/
136 Elm Street
Easton

Father Bill's & MainSpring
508-587-5441
www.helpfbms.org/
54 North Main Street
Brockton

FoodSource Hotline at Project Bread
1-800-645-8333
www.projectbread.org/get-help/foodsource-hotline.html

Health Imperatives
508-894-8543
www.healthimperatives.org/
942 West Chestnut Street
Brockton

Housing Solution for Southeastern Massachusetts
781-422-420
www.housingsolutionssema.org/
169 Summer Street
Kingston

Ilse Marks Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church
781-341-1994
116 Seaver Street
Stoughton

Mass 2-1-1 Helpline 211
www.mass211.org

My Brother's Keeper
508-238-2562
<https://mybrotherskeeper.org/>
Easton

Old Colony Y Family Resource Center
www.oldcolonymca.org/social-services/family-resource-center-taunton
37 Main Street
Taunton

Old Colony Y Family Services
www.oldcolonymca.org/community-social-services/congregate-care/dhcd

Old Colony Y Mental Health Clinic
508-427-4383
www.oldcolonymca.org/community-social-services/counseling
104 Torrey Street
Brockton

Penelope's Place
Health Imperatives Domestic Violence Shelter
508-588-2401

Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless
781-582-2010
www.plymouthareacoalition.org
149 Bishop's Highway
Kingston

Plymouth Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) - Middleboro
508-946-0632
23 Wareham Street
Middleboro

Project Guardian at Brockton Police Department
508-897-5295

Salvation Army
508-583-1896
www.salvationarmyMA.org/Brockton

Self Help, Inc.
508-559-1666
www.selfhelpcpc.org/
780 West Main Street
Avon

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry
508-583-8076
455 Plymouth Street
Abington

Stoughton Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
781-436-5977
wic.bamsi.org/stoughton-wic/
810 Washington Street
Stoughton

The Family Center of Brockton - Community
Connections
508-857-0272
www.ccbrockton.org/
1367 Main Street
Brockton

West Bridgewater Food Pantry at Spring Street
School
339-987-1684
2 Spring Street
West Bridgewater

Appendix B: Town Data

Abington

Population
17,062

Race

White alone	14,152	83%
Black or African American alone	683	4%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	39	0%
Asian alone	428	3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	9	0%
Some other race	581	3%
Two or more races	1,170	7%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	660	4%
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Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	4%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	95%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	39%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$99,381	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	9%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.4	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	9.3	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	9	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	25%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	3,092	65%
Black or African American alone	910	19%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	7	0%
Asian alone	196	4%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%
Some other race	226	5%
Two or more races	346	7%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	311	7%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	8%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	93%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	27%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$97,353	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	9%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	27%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	82%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	24.6	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes	Town	Service Area	State
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	18%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	17%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	3	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	7%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	9%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	27%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	27,698	71%
Black or African American alone	1,330	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	69	0%
Asian alone	6,750	17%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	9	0%
Some other race	923	2%
Two or more races	2,364	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	1,860	5%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
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Poverty	5%	8%	9%
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Education

	Town	Service Area	State
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High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
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Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	43%	33%	45%
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Median Household Income	\$96,522	\$84,176	\$84,385
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Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
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People without Health Insurance	8%	6%	3%
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Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%
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Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
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Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	37%	43%	44%
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Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
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Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.7	3.4	2.6
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Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	17.0	10.2	19.3
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Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
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Binge Drinking (18+)	24%	24%	19%
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Current Smokers (18+)	14%	18%	11%
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2021 Overdose Deaths	7	213	2,234
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Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%
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Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
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Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
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Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
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Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
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Obesity (18+)	22%	28%	24%
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Bridgewater

Population
28,633

Race

White alone	23,636	83%
Black or African American alone	2,054	7%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	48	0%
Asian alone	541	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	7	0%
Some other race	528	2%
Two or more races	1,819	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	1,267	4%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	9%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	36%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$95,675	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	9%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	25%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.5	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	22%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	17%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	5	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	15%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	27%	28%	24%

Brockton

Population
105,643

Race

White alone	31,074	29%
Black or African American alone	36,951	35%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	492	0%
Asian alone	2,278	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	29	0%
Some other race	13,003	12%
Two or more races	21,816	21%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	12,762	12%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	15%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	81%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	19%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$58,469	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	13%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	21%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	97%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	8.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	19.4	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	19%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	22%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	56	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	18%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	12%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	24%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	17,956	74%
Black or African American alone	2,262	9%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	27	0%
Asian alone	2,142	9%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	11	0%
Some other race	527	2%
Two or more races	1,445	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	1,077	4%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	4%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	55%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$105,919	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	22%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	19%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.6	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	6.6	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	18%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	13%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	1	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	11%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	24%	28%	24%

East Bridgewater

Population
14,440

Race

White alone	12,880	89%
Black or African American alone	397	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	21	0%
Asian alone	128	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	3	0%
Some other race	207	1%
Two or more races	804	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	367	%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	6%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	31%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$90,528	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	22%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	14%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.9	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	4.4	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	18%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	3	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	24%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	21,033	84%
Black or African American alone	1,321	5%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	41	0%
Asian alone	819	3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	5	0%
Some other race	478	2%
Two or more races	1,361	5%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	955	4%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	4%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	49%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$112,268	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	6%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	21%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	4%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.7	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	5.8	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	22%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	15%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	9	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	27%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	7,230	93%
Black or African American alone	72	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	18	0%
Asian alone	33	0%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	2	0%
Some other race	93	1%
Two or more races	301	4%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	143	2%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	5%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	31%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$92,774	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	26%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.0	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	6.5	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	0	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	27%	28%	24%

Hanover

Population
14,833

Race

White alone	13,693	92%
Black or African American alone	116	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	6	0%
Asian alone	271	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	1	0%
Some other race	158	1%
Two or more races	588	4%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	277	2%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	3%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	97%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	49%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$127,981	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	6%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	21%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	9%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	0.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	8.4	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	22%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	14%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	0	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	12%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	9%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	26%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	9,795	92%
Black or African American alone	90	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	9	0%
Asian alone	107	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	0	0%
Some other race	164	2%
Two or more races	474	4%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	205	2%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	3%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	33%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$96,693	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.6	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	4.3	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	17%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	2	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	25%	28%	24%

Holbrook

Population
11,405

Race

White alone	7,586	67%
Black or African American alone	1,720	15%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	32	0%
Asian alone	537	5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	2	0%
Some other race	570	5%
Two or more races	958	8%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	823	7%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	6%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	28%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$76,055	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	9%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	70%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.0	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	11.7	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	24%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	5	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	24%	28%	24%

Lakeville

Population
11,523

Race

White alone	10,577	92%
Black or African American alone	104	1%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	17	0%
Asian alone	151	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	2	0%
Some other race	115	1%
Two or more races	557	5%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	257	2%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	4%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	95%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	39%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$106,633	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	6%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	29%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.4	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	7.4	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	5	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	25%	28%	24%

Middleboro

Population
24,245

Race

White alone	21,801	90%
Black or African American alone	480	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	51	0%
Asian alone	217	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	4	0%
Some other race	310	1%
Two or more races	1382	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	597	2%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	7%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	95%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	26%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$83,631	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	9%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	6%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	5.1	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	7.5	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	21%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	20%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	11	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	16%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	11%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	28%	28%	24%

Pembroke

Population
18,361

Race			
White alone	17,076	93%	
Black or African American alone	122	1%	
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	23	0%	
Asian alone	177	1%	
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	5	0%	
Some other race	175	1%	
Two or more races	783	4%	
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino	319	2%	
Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	4%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	39%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$103,905	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	6%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	25%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	0.7	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	4.4	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes			
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	23%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	14%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	3	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	4%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	6%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	24%	28%	24%

Randolph

Population
34,984

Race

White alone	9,634	28%
Black or African American alone	15,119	43%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	135	0%
Asian alone	4,518	13%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	5	0%
Some other race	2,484	7%
Two or more races	3,089	9%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	3,798	%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	9%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	86%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	28%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$82,510	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	11%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	21%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	100%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.4	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	11.9	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	21%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	13	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	11%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	10%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	26%	28%	24%

Raynham

Population
15,142

Race

White alone	12,826	85%
Black or African American alone	721	5%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	10	0%
Asian alone	417	3%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	6	0%
Some other race	190	1%
Two or more races	972	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	448	3%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	6%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	41%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$100,938	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	22%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.0	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	14.7	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	22%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	15%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	6	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	28%	28%	24%

Rockland

Population
17,803

Race

White alone	14,818	83%
Black or African American alone	640	4%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	27	0%
Asian alone	353	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	1	0%
Some other race	588	3%
Two or more races	1,376	8%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	611	%
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Economic Stability

	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	8%	8%	9%

Education

	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	95%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	34%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$78,011	\$84,176	\$84,385

Healthcare

	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	8%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	29%	23%	20%

Neighborhood and Built Environment

	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	9%	43%	44%

Social and Community Context

	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.0	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.9	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health

	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	22%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	18%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	4	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%

Chronic Illness

	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	8%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	28%	28%	24%

Stoughton

Population
29,281

Race

White alone	18,193	62%
Black or African American alone	5,246	18%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	48	0%
Asian alone	1,591	5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	7	0%
Some other race	1,476	5%
Two or more races	2,720	9%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	1,924	7%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	7%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	91%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	38%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$82,519	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	8%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	26%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	66%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.0	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	9.9	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes	Town	Service Area	State
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	18%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	16%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	10	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	13%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	9%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	27%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	44,376	75%
Black or African American alone	5179	9%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	160	0%
Asian alone	739	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	30	0%
Some other race	2,944	5%
Two or more races	5,980	10%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	4,717	8%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	14%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	85%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	23%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$62,865	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	11%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	23%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	60%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.8	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	6.0	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes	Town	Service Area	State
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	20%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	21%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	35	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	18%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	11%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	6%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	9%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	33%	28%	24%

West Bridgewater

Population
7,707

Race

White alone	6,739	87%
Black or African American alone	250	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	12	0%
Asian alone	84	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	1	0%
Some other race	127	2%
Two or more races	494	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	251	3%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	5%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	96%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	35%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$97,404	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	7%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	25%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	0%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	1.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	9.8	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes	Town	Service Area	State
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	26%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	14%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	3	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	15%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	11%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	4%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	6%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	23%	28%	24%

Weymouth

Population
57,437

Race

White alone	44,958	78%
Black or African American alone	2,789	5%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	107	0%
Asian alone	4,006	7%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	13	0%
Some other race	1,716	3%
Two or more races	3,848	7%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	950	2%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	6%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	39%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$84,942	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	8%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	24%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	32%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.9	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	8.0	10.2	19.3

Health Outcomes

Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	24%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	15%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	19	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	23%	28%	24%

Race

White alone	13,152	87%
Black or African American alone	456	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	18	0%
Asian alone	205	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone	2	0%
Some other race	338	2%
Two or more races	950	6%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	538	4%
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Economic Stability	Town	Service Area	State
Poverty	6%	8%	9%
Education	Town	Service Area	State
High School Graduate or Higher (age 25+)	94%	91%	91%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (age 25+)	29%	33%	45%
Median Household Income	\$86,570	\$84,176	\$84,385
Healthcare	Town	Service Area	State
People without Health Insurance	8%	6%	3%
Residents Have Not Visited the Doctor in Past Year	28%	23%	20%
Neighborhood and Built Environment	Town	Service Area	State
Percent of Residents that live in Environmental Justice Areas	11%	43%	44%
Social and Community Context	Town	Service Area	State
Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	2.2	3.4	2.6
Property Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	6.9	10.2	19.3
Health Outcomes	Town	Service Area	State
Behavioral Health	Town	Service Area	State
Binge Drinking (18+)	24%	24%	19%
Current Smokers (18+)	18%	18%	11%
2021 Overdose Deaths	4	213	2,234
Poor Mental Health (18+)	14%	15%	13%
Chronic Illness	Town	Service Area	State
Current Asthma (18+)	10%	11%	11%
Coronary Heart Disease (18+)	5%	6%	%
Diagnosed Diabetes (18+)	7%	8%	9%
Obesity (18+)	28%	28%	24%