

Progress on CHIP

The hard work and dedication of the employees at the Franklin County Health Department was heavily focused on the pandemic. Due to this, many partnerships took a brief pause in order for multiple agencies to make changes to the delivery of their programs. Many programs offered through the health department and Cooperative Extension saw a steep decline in participation due to the pandemic. This is primarily due to schools being virtual as many programs are implemented within the schools. Also, there were several community programs and events that postponed services in order to keep the citizens of Franklin County safe, such as the Franklin County Senior Centers and the Franklin County libraries. Due to this, it has been difficult to reach people and community partners during this year.

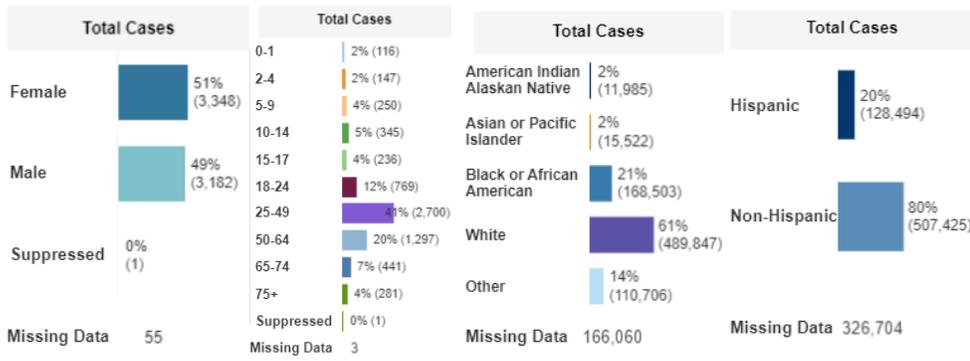
The health department has moved to a results-based accountability approach in order to make improvements to the effectiveness of our programs. With this new approach, we hope to be able to better improve the lives of youth, families, and adults in Franklin County. A part of this process has included going to a web-based documentation process to track the progress of our Community Health Improvement Plan.

Morbidity and Mortality Changes Since Last CHA

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In 2019, the leading causes of death in Franklin County were heart disease, heart disease, cerebrovascular diseases, chronic lower respiratory diseases and other unintentional injuries. Together they account for 59% of all deaths. For 2019, the North Carolina Central Cancer Registry projected the number of cases in Franklin County for the following types of cancer: 66 lung/bronchus cancer, 78 breast cancer, 56 prostate cancer, and 34 colon/rectum cancer. (Source: "Projected New Cancer Cases and Deaths by County, 2020" link at <http://schs.dph.ncdohhs.gov/data/databook/>) According to the 2019 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey, 8.2% of respondents in the Piedmont Area reported a history of any cardiovascular diseases (heart attack, coronary heart disease or stroke). 13.3% of the Piedmont Area respondents were told by a doctor or another health professional that they had pre-diabetes or borderline diabetes.

To date, there has been a total of 6,589 positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Franklin County.



The current number of total deaths from COVID-19 in Franklin County is 49.

Emerging Issues Since Last CHA

COVID-19 Impact on Food Insecurity - As the nation saw an increase in the poverty and unemployment rates, there are also projections of increased food insecurity. Within a large rural part of the county, getting a healthy variety of food can be difficult for individuals who do not have reliable transportation. Also, many programs that provided food to individuals in need slowed down their operations due to food shortages while there was an increased demand for those services.

New/Paused/Discontinued Initiatives Since Last CHA

New Initiative - Prevent & Thrive Team of Franklin County: Through a multi-agency partnership, the health education team of the Franklin County Health Department is leading the efforts to provide programming that will address a variety of issues affecting children in Franklin County. Due to the pandemic, the plans for a summer camp had to turn to virtual programming and served approximately 205 children. Some of the programming focused on substance abuse, nutrition, physical activity, coping mechanisms, bully prevention, and having healthy relationships/friendships.

Paused Initiatives - Health promotion programs took a brief pause in 2020 in order to make changes to programs that are typically offered in person. Most programs have since resumed, but on a virtual basis. Other health department programs also went to a technology-based delivery approach such as Coordination Care 4 Children and WIC.