

2015 Franklin County

Community Health Assessment: Executive Summary



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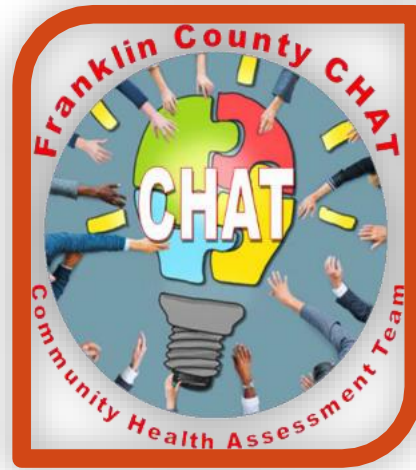
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Community Health Assessment Overview

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) provides the basis for improving and supporting the health of people in a community. The State of North Carolina requires that each county produces a Community Health Assessment document (CHA) every four years. The last CHA in Franklin County was conducted in 2011. One of the purposes of conducting a new CHA is to identify new priority health issues for Franklin County for the next four years.



Based upon findings, steps have been developed to implement interventions, as well as, community resources to address these health issues. The Community Health Assessment team is comprised of many participants representing area agencies in Franklin County, North Carolina. During monthly meetings, standards for the Community Health Assessment Process and Accreditation were discussed and reviewed for publication in the 2015 Community Health Assessment. Each member reviewed and approved of the Community Health Assessment Survey and Community Resource Directory included in the assessment. After the analysis was completed, of 387 surveys using Survey Monkey, qualitative and quantitative data findings were presented to the Community Health Assessment team. The team reviewed the data and developed the top ten major health issues based upon statistical data and community survey results.

Prioritizing Health Concerns

During the months of October through November 2015, a community-wide survey was conducted to give residents an opportunity to express concerns and opinions about the quality of life in Franklin County. Franklin County's self-administered survey included questions about the quality of life, economy, education, environment, health, housing, leisure activities, safety, social issues, transportation, and emergency preparedness. Surveys were distributed strategically across the county in an effort to reach a wide variety of the population. A total of **387 surveys** were included in the final analysis. Based on findings from the community survey combined with secondary health data, in November 2015, Franklin County Community Health Assessment Team identified ten (10) top health concerns for the county.

The top ten health concerns are as follows:

1. Chronic Disease (Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease)
2. Drug/Alcohol Abuse
3. Obesity
4. Tobacco Use
5. Asthma
6. Mental Health
7. Other
8. Gangs//Violence
9. Teen Pregnancy
10. Vehicle Crashes



The Franklin County Community Health Assessment Team participated in a prioritization activity to determine the two leading health concerns to be addressed during 2015-2019. The worksheet asked that each of the ten concerns be ranked according to three criteria: Magnitude of the Problem, Seriousness of the Consequences, and Feasibility of Correcting the Problem. During the Community Health Assessment Team meeting, the results from the prioritization process are reviewed and discussed. The final health concerns are named as the focus for the next four-year cycle, 2015-2019.

Due to the results of the worksheets, the 2015-2019 top two health priorities were identified as the following:

1. Chronic Disease: Diseases of the Heart
2. Physical Activity and Nutrition: Obesity

The health priority areas have been set for the CHA team members to create action plans by September 2, 2016 for implementation. A presentation was given at the Board of Health meeting, March 8, 2016 to present the 2015 Community Health Assessment and health priority areas. The 2015 Community Health Assessment is available at www.franklincohealth.org, onsite at the health department, public libraries, clinics, and schools. A presentation of the 2015 Community Health Assessment is available upon request by the health educator at Franklin County Health Department.

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Franklin County Background

Franklin County is a rural county in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, located just 21 miles northeast of the state capital of Raleigh. The county covers 494 square miles and consists of five municipalities: Bunn, Centerville, Franklinton, Youngsville, and Louisburg, which is the county seat. The county is bordered by Granville, Vance, and Warren Counties on the north, Nash County on the east, and Wake County on the south. According to the 2010 United States Census, the total population of Franklin County was 60,619. The 2010-2014 median family income was \$42,763, and the unemployment rate in Franklin County at the end of the first quarter of 2011 was 10 %.

Historical Overview

Located in the northeast Piedmont region of North Carolina, and formed in the midst of the American Revolutionary War, Franklin County was carved out of the abolished Bute County and established in 1779. The county's name is attributed to Benjamin Franklin, a politician, statesman, and iconic founding father of the United States.

Although many times overshadowed by its neighbor, Wake County, Franklin County has significant destinations and has played a role in North Carolina's economic history. The

county seat, Louisburg, is named in honor of King Louis XVI. Within its borders in 1805, the first junior college in the United States, now called Louisburg College, was founded. The Person Place, a restored eighteenth-century home in Louisburg, attracts many tourists. Within Franklinton, a small town in the western Franklin County, an example of North Carolina's scientific inquiry and technology exists: Novozymes North America Inc. plant, the largest multi-purpose enzyme manufacturing plant in the nation. Other important communities are Bunn, Centerville, and Youngsville.

A few historical notables and famous athletes have called Franklin County home. Thomas B. W. Bickett, the 54th Governor of North Carolina, lived in Louisburg for some time. Franklinton (population just under 2,000) has produced more famous athletes than many areas significantly larger. Boxer Jack Johnson, basketball player Henry Bibby, baseball players Jim Bibby (brother to Henry) and Wilbur Wade Card, and NFL player Wilmot Perry all hail from the small town. Other natives include U.S. Diplomat Moses A. Hopkins and country music singer Jason Michael Carroll.

Franklin County has many of the rolling hills that grace the North Carolina Piedmont countryside, but the Tar River also runs through it and provides an even more picturesque setting while providing a formerly important transportation route for the area's agricultural, lumber, and textile industries. For its scenery, Franklin County has, in some ways, become a bedroom community as people commute to neighboring Wake County, Raleigh, or Research Triangle Park to work. (North Carolina History Project, 2016)

Sources:

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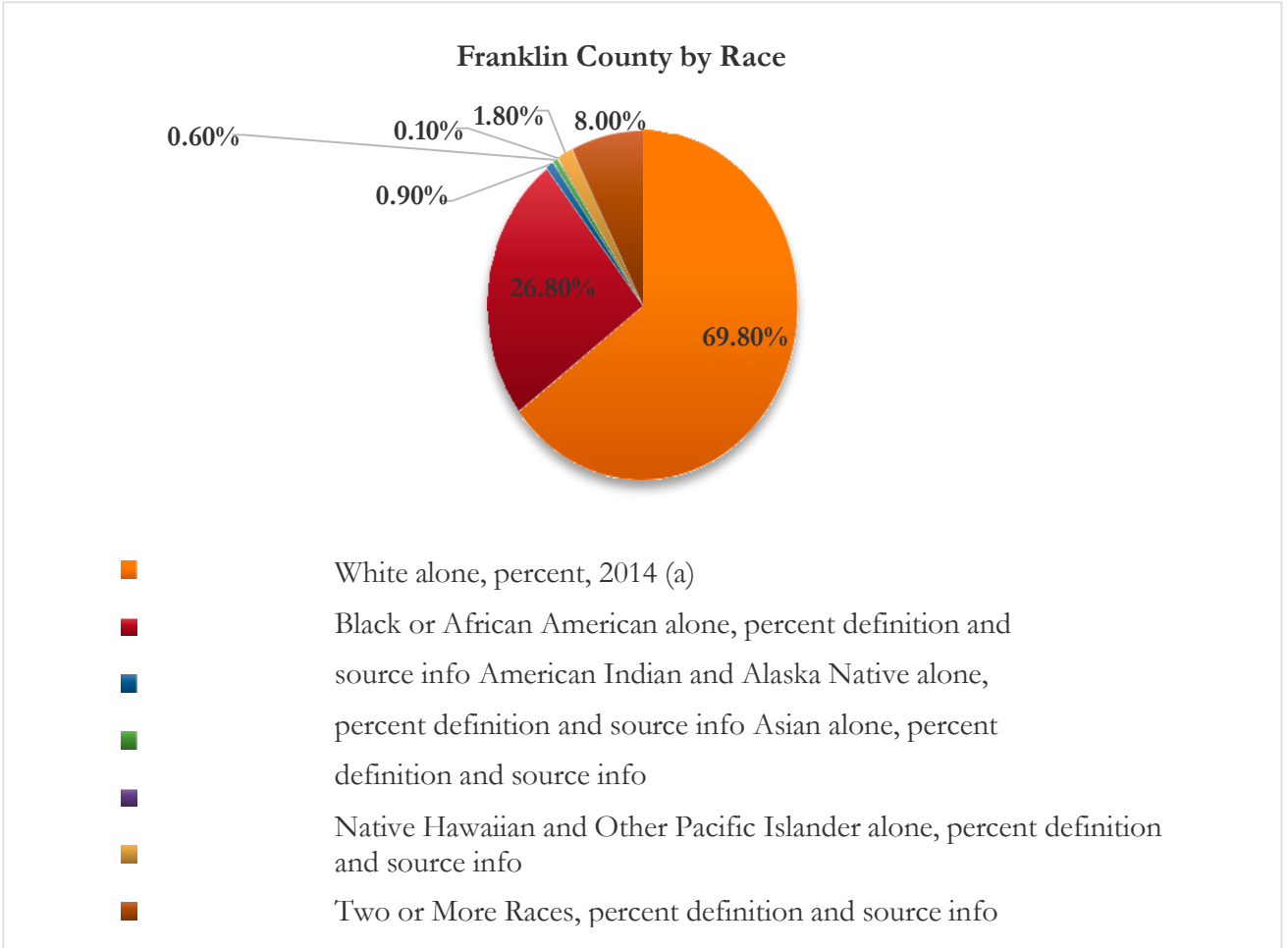
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Townships/Population

- Centerville-92
- Franklinton-2,084
- Louisburg-3,488
- Youngsville-1,190
- Bunn-354



In 2014, North Carolina's total population was 9,943,964, an increase of 4.3 percent since 2010. The 2014 estimate total population for Franklin County residents is 62,860, a 3.7 percent increase from 2010 which was at 60,619. Of that number, the population can be broken down in the following percentages: 26.8 percent are African American; 69.8 percent are White; 0.9 percent are American Indian; 8.0 percent are Hispanic; 1.8 percent are two or more races combined; and 0.6 percent are Asian. Survey results accounted for 26.8 percent African American and 69.8% white. 50.4 percent of the County's population is female, and 49.6 percent is male. (US Census Bureau, 2014)



Source: US Census, 2014

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