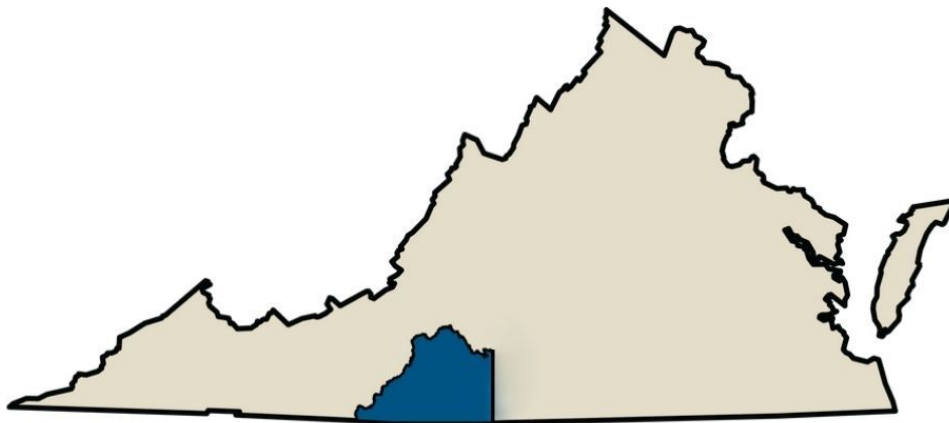


2023 Health Equity Perspectives Henry County and Martinsville



...a part of the solution!

Henry County/Martinsville Equity Collaborative

**Meetings 12-1:30p.m. on last Thursday Every Month at Virginia
Natural History Museum**

215 Sterling Ave., Martinsville, VA

Welcome!

The Henry Martinsville Equity Collaborative invites you to view the Community Health Equity Assessment (2023). This report provides guidance to policy makers, community members, and partners who wish to start or continue to engage in health equity improvements throughout the Henry County and Martinsville City communities. Drawing data from the Henry County and Martinsville City area, which has various services, resources, and efforts already in place to address health equity from numerous perspectives, the survey confirmed data from secondary sources as well as a public opinion survey. Using community health workers, graduate students and nonprofit agencies in the Henry and Martinsville area to reach underserved and at-risk populations where voices needed to be heard in the community, a more targeted approach was able to provide survey results with an equitable lens.

The survey shows practically significant results where all census tracts are heard and each demographic, including race, age, income, disability, and ethnicity is represented. Using these insights from the health equity report and secondary data analyzed by the Equity Collaborative led to the identification of six main priority areas:

- the presence of chronic disease,
- maternal health disparities,
- the need for mental health services,
- a better understanding of and response to substance use and overdoses,
- transportation needs and,
- the number of persons considered “unhoused”.

These priority areas are the foundation for the next phase of this on-going process – the Community Health Equity Implementation/Improvement Plan.

No single organization or program alone can solve a community health issue, but together, through coordination and communication, we can each play a part in affecting change that collectively helps resolve issues. The health equity report is a starting point for work with a focus in the priority areas over the next three years. This report, along with the improvement/implementation plan, are living documents, meaning that they will continue to be revisited, revised, and built upon as needed to assure progress in the priority areas. It is the hope of everyone involved in this process that interested policy makers, community members, and partners will identify with the health equity report findings and support the strategies and direction proposed for our community. Each of us has a role in working to improve health and the quality of life in Henry County and Martinsville City.

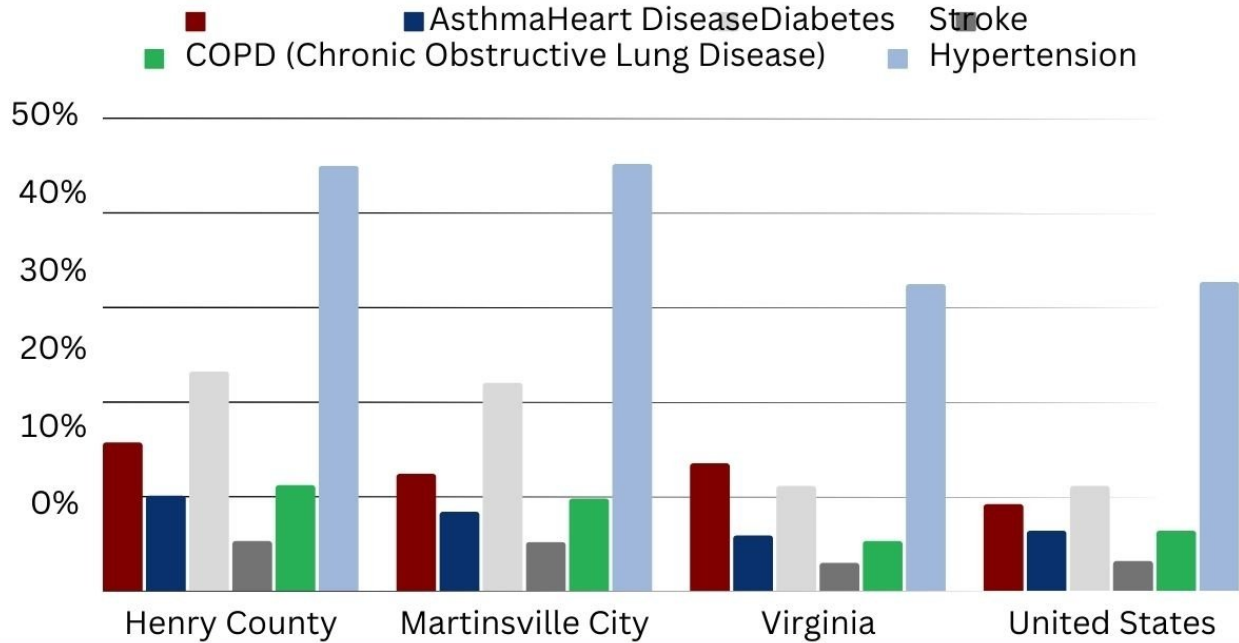
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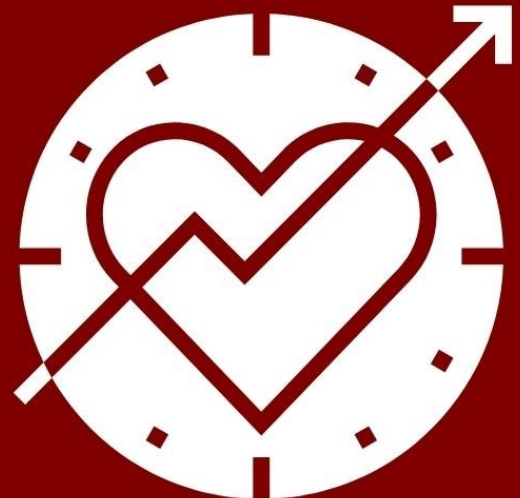
CHRONIC DISEASE

Percent of Total Population with Chronic Disease



Survey participant shares that once they got out of jail, there was no place for them to receive care and medication, so they went back to jail to maintain their chronic condition.

Martinsville's Life Expectancy is 12 years less than the state average.



MATERNAL HEALTH

Infant Mortality

Report Area	Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)
Henry County	13.95
Martinsville City	7.07
Virginia	5.75

Double the state rate!

Primary Care Physicians are **2,180:1** in Henry

3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE DURING PREGNANCY

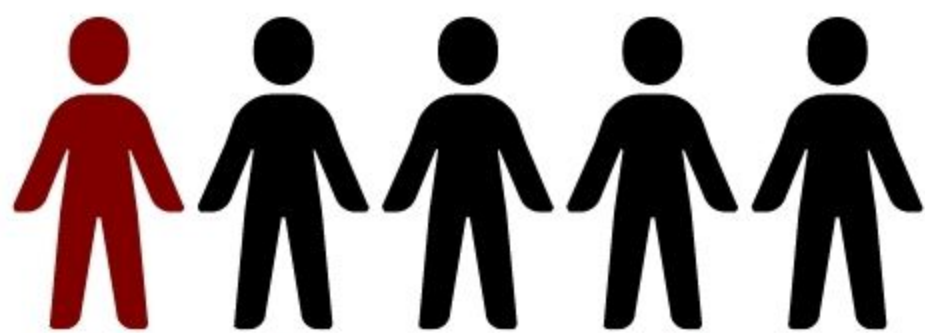


6.28% of mothers in Henry County and in Martinsville City receive Late/No Prenatal care

Teen Pregnancy

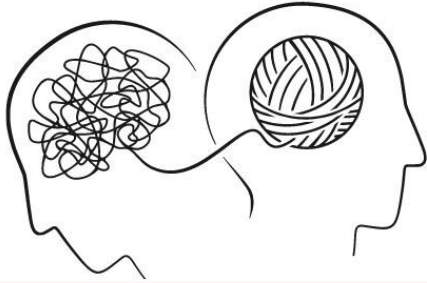
Report Area	Teen Pregnancy Rate (per 1,000 females 15-19)
Henry County	25.49
Martinsville City	61.97
Virginia	17.27

Triple the state rate!



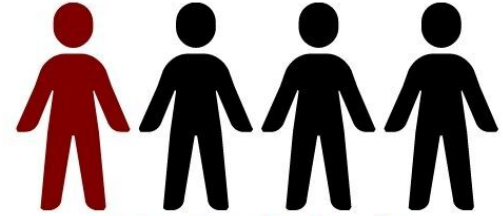
1 in 5 of survey participants think baby/mother care is a hard to find resource

MENTAL HEALTH



Death by Suicide

Report Area	Death by Suicide Rate (per 100,000 population)
Henry County	20.8
Martinsville City	Data suppressed
Virginia	13.9
United States	14.3



1 in 4 adults in Henry/Martinsville suffer from a major depressive disorder.

HOWEVER

There are

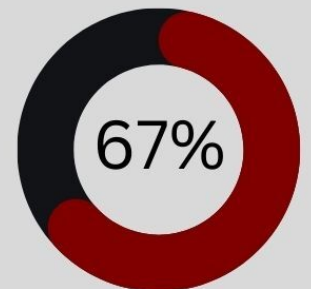
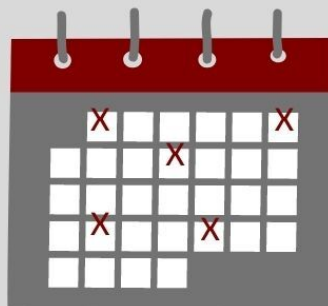
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psychiatrists in all of Henry County and Martinsville



40% of the Henry County and Martinsville City population have insufficient sleep (less than 7 hours/night)

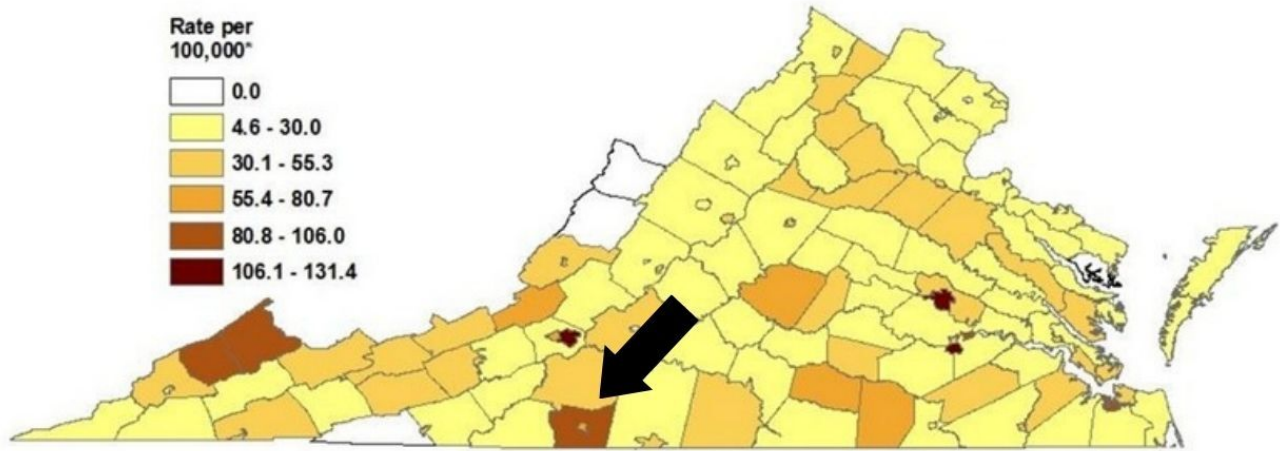
The average person in Henry County and Martinsville has 5 poor mental health days each month



67% of survey participants think mental health is a most important issue

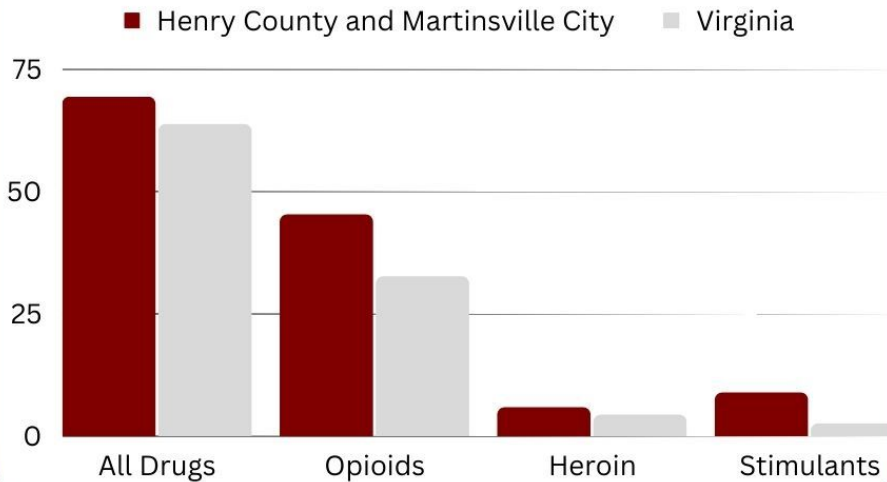
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND HARM REDUCTION

Rate of All Fatal Drug Overdoses, All Substances, by Locality of Overdose, 2022



Source: Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Drug Related Hospitalizations per 10,000 ED Visits



75%

of all overdose
deaths were
attributed to
fentanyl



Over half of survey
participants think alcohol
and illegal drugs is a most
important issue

TRANSPORTATION

Number of Vehicles in a Home			
Report Area	No Vehicle	One Vehicle	Two Vehicles
Henry County	6.3%	31.2%	30.7%
Martinsville City	13.6%	44.3%	28.4%
Virginia	6.0%	30.0%	37.8%
United States	8.3%	32.5%	37.1%

Over half of survey participants think transportation is one of the most important issues in Henry County and Martinsville City.



Only 70% of survey participants in low-income households drive themselves

"There is little public transportation for all citizens within every community due to distances and rural neighborhoods" and we need "transportation to and from doctors."
-Survey Participant

UNHOUSED

Population Below 200% Federal Poverty Level

Report Area	Population with Income Below 200% Poverty Level
Henry County and Martinsville City	46.4%
Virginia	23.6%
United States	29.2%

Double the state rate!



Almost half of survey participants think unhoused is a most important issue.

As of January 2023, there were 120 people who were unhoused in West Piedmont.

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"[The] homeless - need permanent shelter with resources/services to help them with permanent housing, employment, transportation, food/health care, etc"
-Survey Participant



Cost-Burdened Households are where housing costs are 30% or more of the total household income.

Report Area	Cost-Burdened Households
Henry County	22.2%
Martinsville City	33.4%
Virginia	28.2%
United States	30.3%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2017-21. Source geography: Tract; Point-in-Time Count 1/25/2023 from West Piedmont District Housing Coalition, February 2023