

## STEP 5: Analyze the Data and Develop a CHNA Summary

In analyzing the data for setting priority needs, it may be helpful to compare one county with another, assess how a county has progressed over time, select indicators related to state and national benchmarks, and pay attention to such influences as race/ethnicity, education, child care, income, and housing. Following are suggested data sources for conducting this analysis:

### Comparisons (with other counties, the state, or the U.S.)

- Cares Engagement Network: <https://engagementnetwork.org/>
- County Health Rankings: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>
- Healthiest Communities Rankings: <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/rankings>
- Iowa Health Fact Book: <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/FACTBOOK>
- Iowa Kids Count: [https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/data/kids\\_count/](https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/data/kids_count/)
- Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal: <https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/>
- Iowa State Data Center: <https://www.iowadatacenter.org/data>
- Iowa Youth Survey: <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov/>

### Trends

Data sources published regularly can help answer the question about whether or not a county is improving over time. Examples of data sources that publish the same data for more than one year include:

- Cares Engagement Network: <https://engagementnetwork.org/>
- County Health Rankings: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>
- Healthiest Communities Rankings: <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/rankings>
- Iowa Health Fact Book: <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/FACTBOOK>
- Iowa Kids Count: [https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/data/kids\\_count/](https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/data/kids_count/)
- Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal: <https://tracking.idph.iowa.gov/>
- Iowa State Data Center: <https://www.iowadatacenter.org/data>
- Iowa Youth Survey: <https://iowayouthsurvey.idph.iowa.gov/>
- U.S. Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/>

### Benchmarks

Benchmarks are standards against which a county can assess needs requiring improvement.

- National benchmarks are available in *Healthy People 2030* topics and objectives: <https://health.gov/healthypeople>.
- *Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021* contains baseline data and targets for Iowa's top health issues: <https://idph.iowa.gov/healthy-iowans>.

### Social Determinants of Health

Efforts to address the social determinants of health—factors like poverty, education and employment—have a great impact on health. Therefore, in making an assessment, it is crucial that quantitative and qualitative data are used in assessing these factors. Qualitative data can be gathered from local sources and community agencies. For quantitative data, see [County Health Data Sources](#) in Step 4 of the complete guide.

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### Draft a Community Health Status Needs Assessment (CHNA) Summary

A summary report of the needs assessment may include the following:

- Description of the community being assessed
- Description of the assessment process, including how the data were analyzed
- Summary of the data and analysis/trends
- Description of problems/needs/assets identified

### IRS requirements for non-profit 501(c)(3) community hospitals in their written (CHNA) report\*

- A definition of the community served by the hospital facility and a description of how the community was determined.
- A description of the process and methods used to conduct the CHNA.
- A description of how the hospital facility solicited and took into account input received from persons who represent the broad interests of the community it serves.
- A prioritized description of the significant health needs of the community identified through the CHNA. This includes a description of the process and criteria used in identifying certain health needs as significant and prioritizing those significant health needs.
- A description of resources potentially available to address the significant health needs identified through the CHNA.
- An evaluation of the impact of any actions that were taken to address the significant health needs identified in the immediately preceding CHNA.

\*See IRS Guidance on Section 501(r)(3) at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/community-health-needs-assessment-for-charitable-hospital-organizations-section-501r3>.

### PHAB requirements for accreditation, Measure 1.1.2 T/L\*

- Data and information from various sources that contributed to the community health assessment and how the data were obtained.
- Demographics of the population.
- Description of health issues and specific descriptions of population groups with particular health issues and inequities.
- Description of factors that contribute to specific populations' health challenges.
- Description of existing Tribal or community assets or resources to address health issues.

\*For detailed requirements, see PHAB Public Health Standards (Domain 1) at <https://phaboard.org/standards-and-measures-for-initial-accreditation/>.