

# Grundy County Health Department Survey Results

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The Health Department recently completed two large health surveys of county residents. One was conducted in partnership with Wright Memorial Hospital, “2005 Grundy County Community Health Opinion Survey” and the other through Truman State University, which was a regional survey with neighboring local public health agencies, “North Central Missouri Regional Health Needs Assessment, February 2006.” The input of county resident helps our agency focus efforts to address public health problems.

## Grundy County Findings

- Overall satisfaction has improved since 1999 for nearly all local healthcare providers.
- The population’s overall health has declined as its age has increased, though the change is not statistically significant.
- Cancer and heart disease stood out as the top two problem diseases, with a statistically significant increase in the concern regarding diabetes.
- Health-related classes are popular in concept, but may not garner enough true interest to support realization.
- The most “important” disease issues were perceived to be cancer, followed by heart disease and high blood pressure.
- County residents rated health insurance as an issue of “serious” concern.
- The approval rating of the Grundy County Health Department went from 83% in 1999 to 92.3% in 2005, an increase of 9.3%.
- The three most significant problems affecting the health status of the population within the jurisdiction of the local public health agency are chronic disease, prenatal care, and domestic violence.

# Thank You For Your Input!

# Regional Findings

	Ranked most important	Adequately addressed	Not adequately addressed
<b>Lifestyle health risks</b>	Child abuse/neglect Illegal drug use Adequate immunization	Immunization Child safety seat use Seatbelt use	Illegal drug use Obesity Teen pregnancy
<b>Diseases</b>	Cancer Heart disease Diabetes	High blood pressure Influenza High cholesterol	Mental disorders Dental problems STD's
<b>Environmental health</b>	Drinking water quality Food safety in restaurants & stores Crime prevention	Solid waste disposal Sewage disposal Childhood lead poisoning	Domestic animal control Pest control Crime prevention

\*\* Regional findings include Grundy, Mercer, Livingston, Harrison, Caldwell, Daviess, DeKalb, Worth, Gentry, and Ray counties