

# Harney District Hospital

**FY24 (07/01/2023-06/30/2024)**

## Community Health Needs Assessment Supplemental Narrative

1. Our current Community Health Needs Assessment was published in August of 2022. We are currently working on completing the 2025 assessment.
2. **The top health needs identified in our current assessment are:**
  - a) Substance Abuse/Addiction (Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco)
  - b) Mental Health (Mental Illness/Depression and Suicide Prevention)
  - c) Child Abuse/Neglect/Trauma (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
  - d) Obesity/Diabetes/Chronic Illness

### **Geographies/populations/demographic groups:**

#### **Geography: Harney County, Oregon**

Geographic Description and Location Cities: Burns, Hines ZIP Codes: 97710, 97720, 97721, 97722, 97732, 97736, 97738, 97758, 97904, 97917 Major Geographic Features: Mountains — 6,600 feet, two rivers, and marshes Climate Zone: High Plateau Average Temperature (Winter): 28 degrees F Average Temperature (Summer): 69 degrees F

**General demographics:** While there have been slight fluctuations in recent years, the population of Harney County can generally be described as decreasing and aging. The general population has decreased by 0.9 percent since 2010, to 7,380. However, a slight increase is projected by 2027. The largest decrease was in the 45-64 age group, with a 22.3 percent decrease. The largest increase was in the 65 and older age group, with a 36 percent increase. The population is primarily white (85.2 percent). The Hispanic population has remained at 5.6 percent since the same study was conducted in 2018. The Native American population has increased from 3.4 to 4 percent since 2018.

*Note: We also included some demographic charts on page 5 of the assessment. (See FINAL 2022 CHNA Report.)*

**Socioeconomics:** Harney County has lower levels of those living below the poverty level than Oregon as a whole (8.6 percent versus 12.4 percent). However, there is a large disparity when one looks at the population below 200 percent of the poverty level (42.4 percent in Harney County, versus 29.3 percent in Oregon). Unemployment ranges between 5.1 percent and 14.2 percent in Harney County, which is higher than the statewide measure of 4 to 9.6 percent. A higher percentage of people in Harney County (19.3 percent) receive food stamps than the statewide percentage (16.5 percent), and the rate of uninsurance (8.2 percent) is higher in Harney County than statewide (4.6 percent).

*Note: We also included some demographic charges on page 6 of the assessment. (See FINAL 2022 CHNA Report.) A full "Service Area Profile" can be found in Appendix B of the 2022 CHNA Report. (See attached.)*

3. I attached our most recent CHNA progress report. This shows you everything that we have done to address the health needs identified above.
4. **a) Individual health-related social needs**
  - Harney District Hospital inpatients and Harney District Hospital Family Care Clinic patients are being interviewed regarding their resource needs. These patients are asked about their access to food, utilities, housing, transportation, and interpersonal safety. Patients who screen positive for needs in these areas are referred to local resources. Harney District Hospital hired Community Health Worker who is instrumental in referring these patients to the community resources.
  - HDH Family Care Clinic hired Quality Coordinator Kayla DeLange who has been instrumental in referring patients to the Frontier Veggie RX program, which provides fresh produce as well as nutritional and educational resources to support healthy lifestyle changes for Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) patients experiencing food insecurity and diet-related diseases.
- b) Systematic issues and root causes of health and health equity**
  - Numerous efforts are ongoing to address substance abuse/addiction, mental health, and child abuse, as these can all be root causes of health inequity. These efforts are outlined in the Community Health Needs Assessment progress report.