Community Health Needs Assessment & Implementation Plan 2024

Camila, *Audiology*

El Paso Children's HOSPITAL

Christopher, Age 13
Oncology

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Saveah, Age 4
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Our Hospital

El Paso Children's Hospital (EPCH) is the only independently licensed non-profit pediatric specialty hospital in the region dedicated exclusively to the provision of high quality medical care for the children of El Paso, Texas and the surrounding area. EPCH is one of only 250 hospitals in the country that specialize in pediatrics, and one of 7 members of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas. EPCH is affiliated with the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC), University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC), and pediatric medicine providers from every corner of El Paso. Through its affiliation with UMC, TTUHSC, and Community providers, EPCH is able to provide an unmatched level of coordinated care to create better experiences for patients and their families.

Background

In order to fulfill the requirements of Section 501(r)(3) of the US Tax Code, not-for-profit hospitals must conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) at least once every 3 years. Additionally, they are required to adopt an Implementation Strategy to address the health needs identified in the CHNA shortly thereafter. EPCH has conducted this CHNA and Implementation Strategy for its hospital facility as required by Internal Revenue Code, section 501(r).

The EPCH CHNA and Implementation Strategy were approved by the EPCH Board of Directors (Board) on August 30, 2024. Questions and/or comments regarding EPCH's CHNA and Implementation Strategy may be directed to marketing@elpasochildrens.org, 4845 Alameda Ave, El Paso, TX 79905, (915) 298-5444.

Jeremiah, Age 3
Cranial and Facial

Mission, Vision,
& H.E.A.R.T.

Our Mission

The mission of EPCH is to provide compassionate, coordinated, family-centered care for children with a dedicated commitment to excellent patient outcomes, inclusive leadership and innovative pediatric research and education.

Our Vision

The vision of EPCH is to enhance the lives of children from the greater El Paso area and surrounding region by providing a place of hope and healing through unmatched excellence in pediatric patient care, research and education.

Our Core Values

These core values reflect our passion for quality care and how we serve patients, families, employees, and our community.

HEALING ENVIRONMENT:
We create a unique and nurturing environment by fostering teamwork and shared decision making through the practice of family centered care, including age appropriate comfort measures.

EXCELLENCE:
We strive for excellence in quality, service, and leadership. We continuously learn and work to improve our skills, programs, and services.

ACCOUNTABILITY:
We are accountable to fulfill our mission of serving children and their families. Every role makes a difference.

RESPECT & DIGNITY
We honor and value the individuality, diversity, and contributions of our patients, families, and each other.

TRANSPARENCY:
We communicate by sharing and receiving information that is timely, instructive, and empowering.

Our Community

For the purposes of the CHNA, EPCH defines the Community it
serves as El Paso County, Texas (Community), as the
overwhelming majority of inpatient patients draw from
this area.

The County of El Paso is located in far west Texas, along the US-
Mexico border. On the Mexican side of the border, the population
of Ciudad, Juarez exceeds that of El Paso, Texas. A total of
865,657 people reside in area of approximately 1,013 square miles.

Current population demographics and changes in demographic composition over time play a determining role in the types of health and social services needed by Communities. This indicator reports total population and the population density. Population density is defined as the number of persons per square mile of land area. Data are obtained from the Census 2020. A total of 865,657 people live in the 1,013.23 square mile report area defined for this assessment. The population density for this area, estimated at 854 persons per square mile, is greater than the national average population density of 94 persons per square mile.

Report Area	Total Population	Total Land Area (Square Miles)	Population Density (Per Square Mile)
El Paso County, TX	865,657	1,013.23	854
Texas	29,145,505	261,266.38	112
United States	331,449,281	3,533,018.38	94

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.

The community is located in a Primary Care, Dental, and Mental Health HPSA.

Source: https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/ hpsa-find (information accessed August 2021)

Josias, Age 3
ENT

TOTAL POPULATION BY COMBINED RACE AND ETHNICITY

| Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NAAN	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Races	Hispanic or Latino
El Paso County, TX	11.35%	2.82%	1.24%	0.27%	0.18%	0.28%	1.23%	82.64%
Texas	39.75%	11.82%	5.36%	0.29%	0.1%	0.39%	3.04%	39.26%
United States	57.84%	12.05%	5.92%	0.68%	0.19%	0.51%	4.09%	18.73%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.
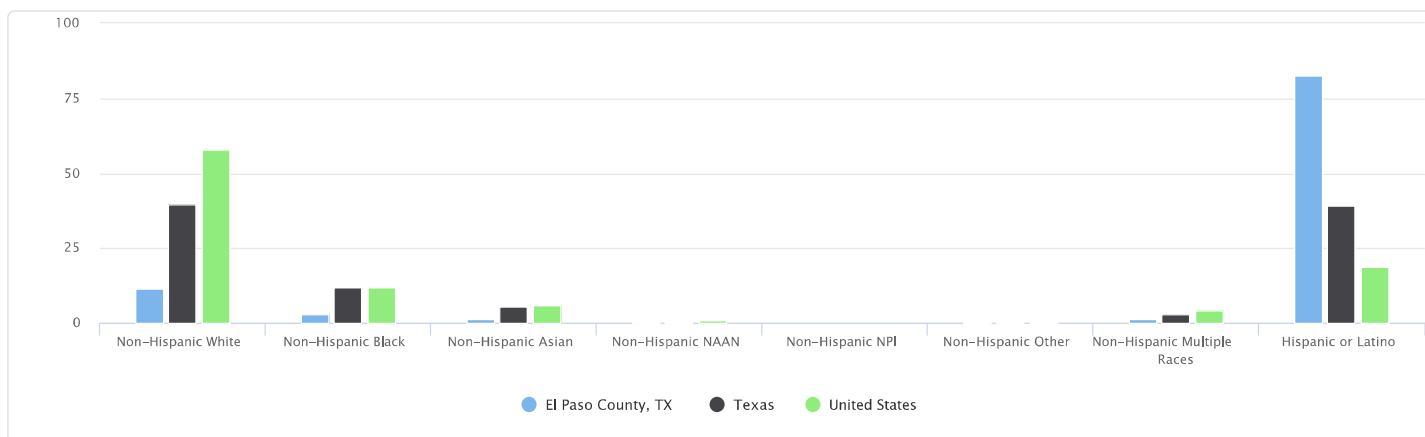
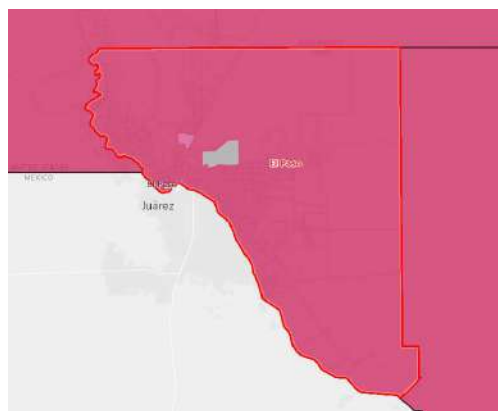## POPULATION WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

This data indicates the percentage of the population in the Community aged 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home and speak English less than "very well." This indicator is relevant because an inability to speak English well creates barriers to healthcare access, provider communications, and health literacy/education.

Report Area	Population Age 5+	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency	Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency, Percent
El Paso County, TX	803,798	230,304	**28.65%**
Texas	27,319,920	3,538,224	12.95%
United States	312,092,668	25,704,846	8.24%
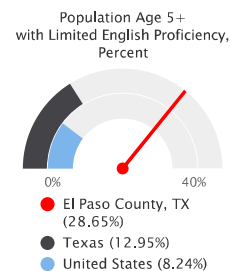
Population Age 5+ with Limited English Proficiency, Percent

● El Paso County, TX (28.65%)
● Texas (12.95%)
● United States (8.24%)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

POPULATION WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over 4.0%
- 2.1 - 4.0%
- 1.1 - 2.0%
- Under 1.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

INCOME AND ECONOMICS OF THE COMMUNITY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Total unemployment in the report area for the current month equals 18,583, or 4.8% of the civilian non-institutionalized population age 16 and older (non-seasonally adjusted). This indicator is relevant because unemployment creates financial instability and barriers to access including insurance coverage, health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

| Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
El Paso County, TX	385,076	366,493	18,583	**4.8%**
Texas	15,295,668	14,629,593	666,075	4.4%
United States	168,501,323	161,460,958	7,040,367	4.2%
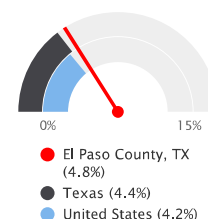
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2024 - February.

Unemployment Rate:%

- El Paso County, TX (4.8%)
- Texas (4.4%)
- United States (4.2%)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

This indicator reports median household income based on the latest 5-year American Community Survey estimates. This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income. There are 292,580 households in the report area, with an average income of $73,912.41 and a median income of $55,417.00.

Report Area	Total Households	Average Household Income	Median Household Income
El Paso County, TX	292,580	$73,912.41	**$55,417**
Texas	10,490,553	$102,197.13	$73,035
United States	125,736,353	$105,833.04	$75,149
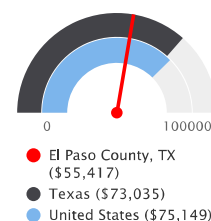
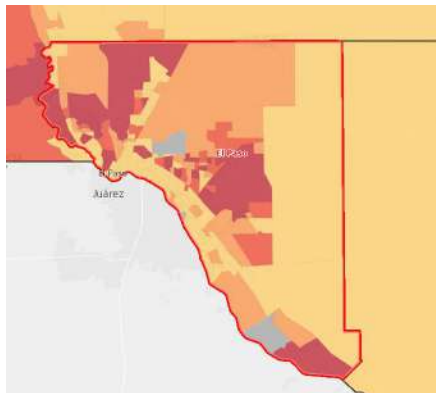*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.*
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Median Household Income

- El Paso County, TX ($55,417)
- Texas ($73,035)
- United States ($75,149)

MEDIAN HOUSEHLD INCOME

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over $70,000
- $60,000 - $70,000
- $50,000 - $59,999
- Under $50,000
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX
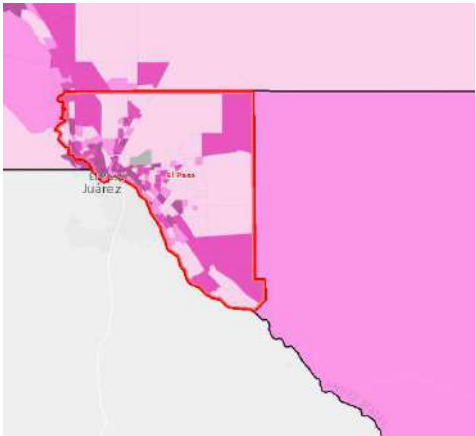
INCOME - INEQUALITY (GINI INDEX)

This indicator reports income inequality using the Gini coefficient. Gini index values range between zero and one. A value of one indicates perfect inequality where only one household has any income. A value of zero indicates perfect equality, where all households have equal income.

Report Area	Total Households	Gini Index Value
El Paso County, TX	292,580	0.4663
Texas	10,490,553	0.4761
United States	125,736,353	0.4829

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Gini Index Value

- El Paso County, TX (0.4663)
- Texas (0.4761)
- United States (0.4829)
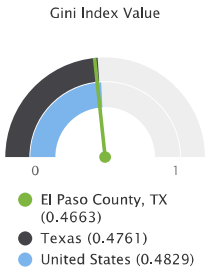
INCOME - INEQUALITY (GINI INDEX)

### INCOME INEQUALITY (GINI), INDEX VALUE BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over 0.460
- 0.431 - 0.460
- 0.401 - 0.430
- Under 0.401
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

PER CAPITA INCOME

The per capita income for the report area is $26,010.00. This includes all reported income from wages and salaries as well as income from self-employment, interest or dividends, public assistance, retirement, and other sources. The per capita income in this report area is the average (mean) income computed for every man, woman, and child in the specified area.

Report Area	Total Population	Total Income ($)	Per Capita Income ($)
El Paso County, TX	863,832	$22,468,794,600	**$26,010**
Texas	29,243,342	$1,097,022,818,100	$37,513
United States	331,097,593	$13,661,572,219,300	$41,261

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Per Capita Income ($)

● El Paso County, TX ($26,010)
● Texas ($37,513)
● United States ($41,261)
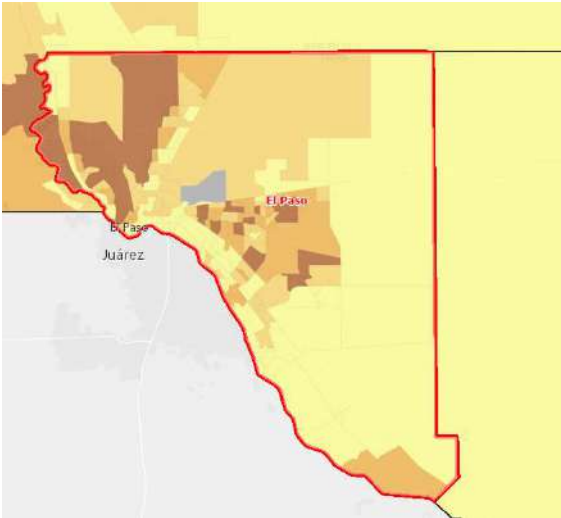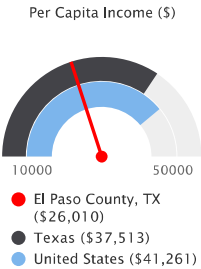
PER CAPITA INCOME BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

■ Over $30,000
■ $25,000 - $30,000
■ $20,000 - $24,999
■ Under $20,000
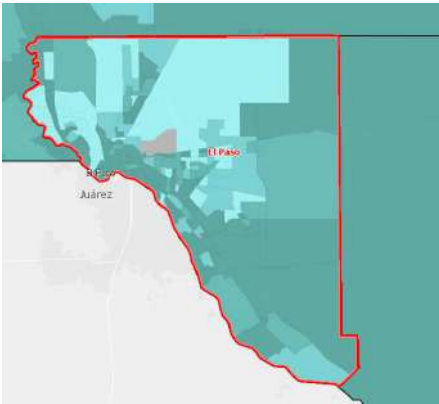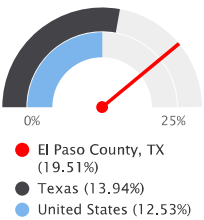■ No Data or Data Suppressed
☐ El Paso County, TX

POPULATION BELOW 100% FPLT

Poverty is considered a key driver of health status. Within the report area **19.51%** or 165,778 individuals for whom poverty status is determined are living in households with income below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty, Percent
El Paso County, TX	849,872	165,778	**19.51%**
Texas	28,615,931	3,990,326	13.94%
United States	323,275,448	40,521,584	12.53%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Population in Poverty, Percent

- ● El Paso County, TX (19.51%)
- ● Texas (13.94%)
- ● United States (12.53%)

POPULATION BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL, PERCENT
BY TRACT, ACS 2015-19

- ■ Over $30,000
- ■ $25,001 - $30,000
- ■ $20,001 - $25,000
- ■ Under $20,001
- ■ No Data or Data Suppressed
- ▢ El Paso County, TX

HOUSING AND FAMILIES

This category contains indicators that describe the structure of housing and families, and the condition and quality of housing units and residential neighborhoods. These indicators are important because housing issues like overcrowding and affordability have been linked to multiple health outcomes, including infectious disease, injuries, and mental disorders. Furthermore, housing metrics like home ownership rates and housing prices are key for economic analysis.

OVERVIEW

This indicator reports the total number and percentage of households by composition (married couple family, nonfamily, etc.). According to the American Community Survey subject definitions, a family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption*. A non-family household is any household occupied by the householder alone, or by the householder and one or more unrelated individuals.

HOUSING AND FAMILIES

Report Area	Total Households	Family Households	Family Households, Percent	Non-Family Households	Non-Family Households, Percent
El Paso County, TX	292,580	210,071	71.80%	82,509	28.20%
Texas	10,490,553	7,173,843	68.38%	3,316,710	31.62%
United States	125,736,353	81,432,908	64.76%	44,303,445	35.24%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.
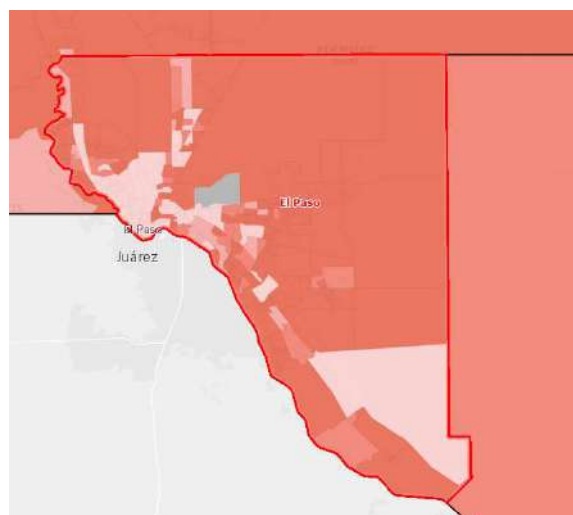
FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS, PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2015-19

- Over 72.0%
- 68.1 - 72.0%
- 65.1 - 68.0%
- Under 65.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN BY COMPOSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER

This indicator reports the total number of households with children by composition and relationship to householder in the Community.

Report Area	Total Households	Married Family Households	Single Male Family Households	Single Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
El Paso County, TX	292,580	137,451	18,784	53,836	82,509
Texas	10,490,553	5,200,043	553,575	1,420,225	3,316,710
United States	125,736,353	59,760,581	6,298,607	15,373,720	44,303,445

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Jacob, Age 3
Brachial Plexus

OTHER SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS

Economic and social insecurity often are associated with poor health. Poverty, unemployment, and lack of educational achievement affect access to care and a Community's ability to engage in healthy behaviors. Without a network of support and a safe Community, families cannot thrive. Ensuring access to social and economic resources provides a foundation for a healthy Community.

AREA DEPRIVATION INDEX FOR COMMUNITY

This indicator reports the average (population weighted) Area Deprivation Index (ADI) for the Community. The ADI is a metric used to rank neighborhoods by socioeconomic status disadvantage in a region of interest (e.g. at the state or national level). ADI scores range from 1 to 100, with 1 representing the least disadvantaged areas.

Area Deprivation Index Score
(National Percentile)

- El Paso County, TX (71)
- Texas (54)
- United States (46)

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	State Percentile	National Percentile
El Paso County, TX	865,657	67	71
Texas	29,145,505	No data	54
United States	334,735,155	No data	46

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, *Neighborhood Atlas*. 2020.
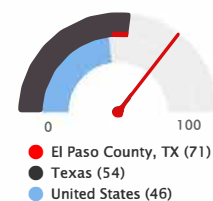
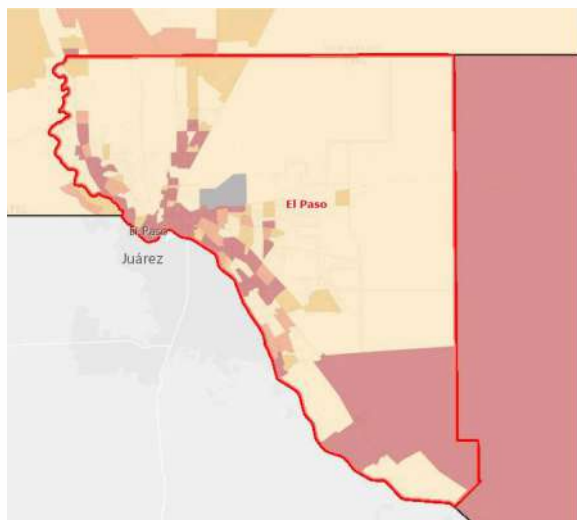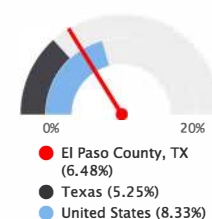## HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO MOTOR VEHICLE

This indicator reports the number and percentage of households with no motor vehicle based on the latest 5-year American Community Survey estimates. Of the 292,580 total households in the report area, 18,949 or 6.48% are without a motor vehicle.

Percentage of Households with
No Motor Vehicle

- El Paso County, TX (6.48%)
- Texas (5.25%)
- United States (8.33%)

Report Area	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle	Households with No Motor Vehicle, Percent
El Paso County, TX	292,580	18,949	6.48%
Texas	10,490,553	551,100	5.25%
United States	125,736,353	10,474,870	8.33%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, *American Community Survey*. 2018-22.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO VEHICLE, PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2015-19

- Over 8.0%
- 6.1 - 8.0%
- 4.1 - 6.0%
- Under 4.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX
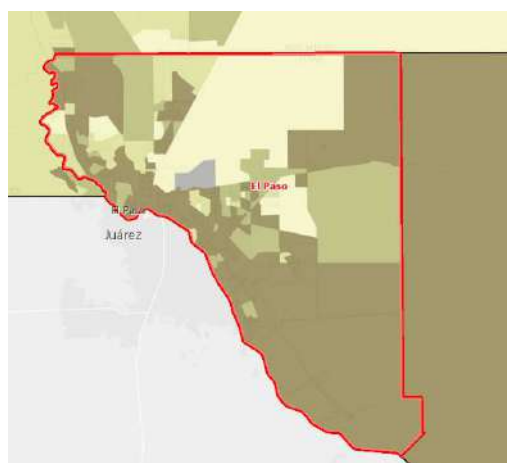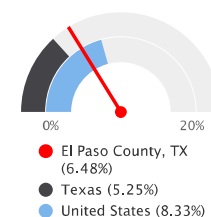
INSURANCE – UNINSURED POPULATION (ACS)

The lack of health insurance is considered a key driver of health status. In the report area 21.85% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population are without health insurance coverage. The rate of uninsured persons in the report area is greater than the state average of 17.58%. This indicator is relevant because lack of insurance is a primary barrier to healthcare access including regular primary care, specialty care, and other health services that contributes to poor health status.

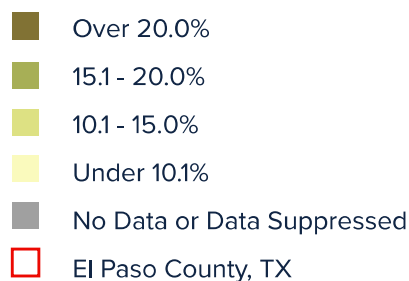| Report Area	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle	Households with No Motor Vehicle, Percent
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United States	125,736,353	10,474,870	8.33%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Percentage of Households with No Motor Vehicle

0% — 20%

- ● El Paso County, TX (6.48%)
- ● Texas (5.25%)
- ● United States (8.33%)

UNINSURED POPULATION, PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over 20.0%
- 15.1 - 20.0%
- 10.1 - 15.0%
- Under 10.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- ☐ El Paso County, TX

Total uninsured population by age group.

Report Area	Under Age 18	Age 18-64	Age 65+
El Paso County, TX	28,628	151,822	2,811
Texas	914,426	4,073,184	68,398
United States	4,155,345	23,728,118	431,629

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Uninsured Population by Age Group, Total
El Paso County, TX

Age 65+: 1.5%
Under Age 18: 15.6%
Age 18-64: 82.8%
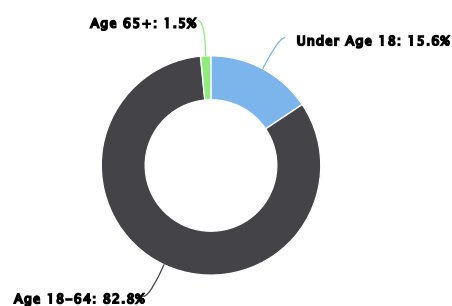
SOCIAL VULNERABILITY INDEX

The degree to which a Community exhibits certain social conditions, including high poverty, low percentage of vehicle access, or crowded households, may affect that Community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in the event of disaster. These factors describe a Community's social vulnerability.

The social vulnerability index is a measure of the degree of social vulnerability in counties and neighborhoods across the United States, where a higher score indicates higher vulnerability. The Community has a social vulnerability index score of 0.98, which is which is greater than the state average of 0.76.

Report Area	Total Population	Socioeconomic Theme Score	Household Composition Theme Score	Minority Status Theme Score	Housing & Transportation Theme Score	Social Vulnerability Index Score
El Paso County, TX	836,915	0.98	0.91	0.99	0.88	**0.98**
Texas	28,635,442	0.74	0.69	0.89	0.63	0.76
United States	326,569,308	0.54	0.48	0.71	0.62	0.58

Social Vulnerability Index Score
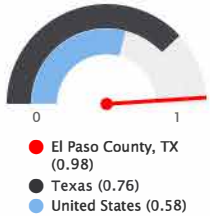
- ● El Paso County, TX (0.98)
- ● Texas (0.76)
- ● United States (0.58)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC - GRASP. 2020.
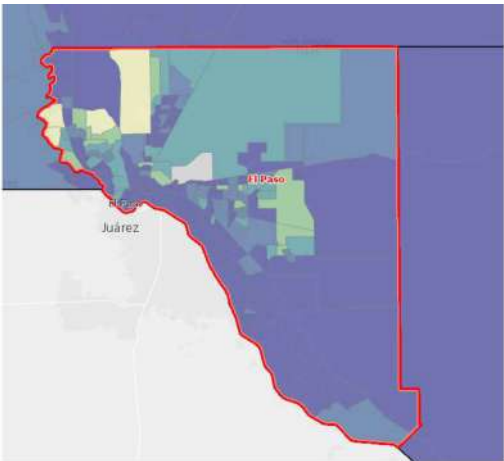
SOCIAL VULNERABILITY INDEX BY TRACT, CDC 2020

- ■ 0.81 - 1.00 (Highest Vulnerability)
- ■ 0.61 - 0.80
- ■ 0.41 - 0.60
- ■ 0.21 - 0.40
- ■ 0.00 - 0.20 (Lowest Vulnerability)
- ■ No Data or Data Suppressed
- ▢ El Paso County, TX
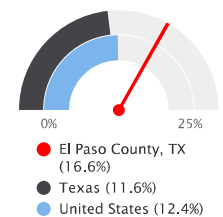

Andrea, Age 10
Interventional Radiology

Oscar,
Neurosurgery

SNAP BENEFITS - POPULATION RECEIVING SNAP (SAIPE)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, is a federal program that provides nutrition benefits to low-income individuals and families that are used at stores to purchase food. This indicator reports the average percentage of the Community population receiving SNAP benefits during the month of July during the most recent report year.

Report Area	Total Population	Population Receiving SNAP Benefits	Population Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent
El Paso County, TX	865,657	143,633	**16.6%**
Texas	29,145,505	3,375,303	11.6%
United States	331,449,281	41,030,381	12.4%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2021.

Percentage of Total Population Receiving SNAP Benefits

- ● El Paso County, TX (16.6%)
- ● Texas (11.6%)
- ● United States (12.4%)
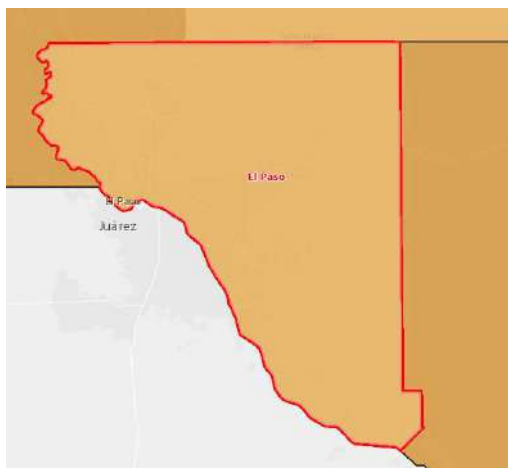
POPULATION RECEIVING SNAP BENEFITS, PERCENT BY COUNTY, SAIPE 2021

- Over 22.0%
- 14.1 - 22.0%
- 6.1 - 14.0%
- Under 6.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

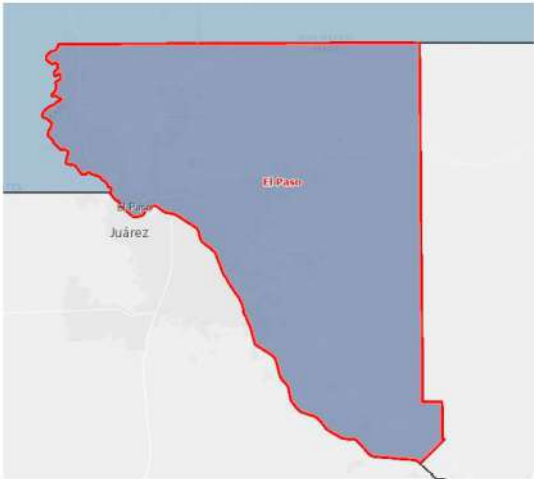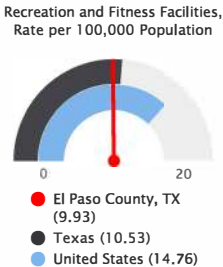## RECREATION AND FITNESS FACILITY ACCESS

Access to recreation and fitness facilities encourages physical activity and other healthy behaviors. The Community includes 86 establishments primarily engaged in operating fitness and recreational sports facilities featuring exercise and other active physical fitness conditioning or recreational sports activities, such as swimming, skating, or racquet sports.

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Establishments	Establishments, Rate per 100,000 Population
El Paso County, TX	865,657	86	**9.93**
Texas	29,145,499	3,069	10.53
United States	266,610,714	39,359	14.76

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2021.

Recreation and Fitness Facilities, Rate per 100,000 Population

● El Paso County, TX (9.93)
● Texas (10.53)
● United States (14.76)

RECREATION AND FITNESS FACILITIES, RATE (PER 100,000 POP.) BY COUNTY, CBP 2021

- ■ Over 12.0
- ■ 8.1 - 12.0
- ■ 4.1 - 8.0
- ■ Under 4.1
- ■ <3 Fitness and Recreation Centers (Suppressed)
- □ El Paso County, TX


Maddie, Age 6
Level IV NICU

FOOD ENVIRONMENT

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

This indicator reports the number of fast food restaurants per 100,000 population. The prevalence of fast food restaurants provides a measure of both access to healthy food and environmental influences on dietary behaviors. Fast food restaurants are defined as limited-service establishments primarily engaged in providing food services (except snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars) where patrons generally order or select items and pay before eating.

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Establishments	Establishments, Rate per 100,000 Population
El Paso County, TX	865,657	660	**76.24**
Texas	29,145,499	23,026	79.00
United States	266,610,714	256,375	96.16

Fast Food Restaurants, Rate per 100,000 Population
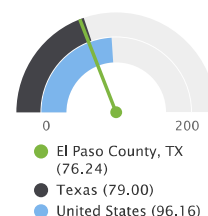
- El Paso County, TX (76.24)
- Texas (79.00)
- United States (96.16)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2021.
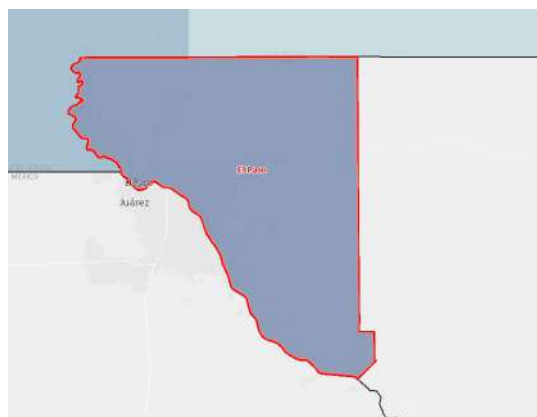
FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS, RATE (PER 100,000 POP.) BY COUNTY, CBP 2021

- Over 100.0
- 75.1 - 100.0
- 50.1 - 75.0
- Under 50.1
- <3 Fast Food Restaurants (Suppressed)
- El Paso County, TX

FOOD DESERT CENSUS TRACTS

This indicator reports the number of neighborhoods in the report area that are within food deserts. The USDA Food Access Research Atlas defines a food desert as any neighborhood that lacks healthy food sources due to income level, distance to supermarkets, or vehicle access. The report area has a population of 205,339 living in food deserts and a total of 40 census tracts classified as food deserts by the USDA.

FOOD DESERT CENSUS TRACTS

Report Area	Total Population (2010)	Food Desert Census Tracts	Other Census Tracts	Food Desert Population	Other Population
El Paso County, TX	800,647	40	121	205,339	595,308
Texas	25,145,561	1,022	4,216	4,926,344	20,219,217
United States	308,745,538	9,293	63,238	39,074,974	269,670,564

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA - Food Access Research Atlas. 2019.
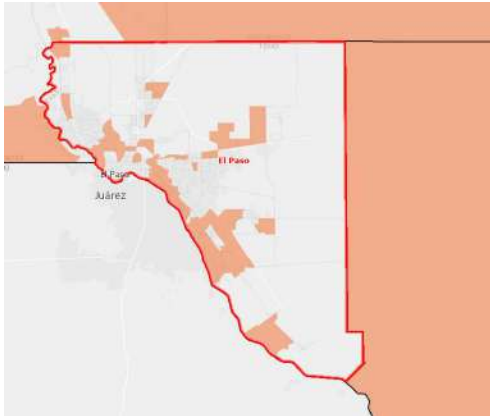
FOOD DESERT CENSUS TRACTS, 1 MI. / 10 MI. BY TRACT, FARA 2015

■ Food Desert

□ Not a Food Desert

■ No Data

□ El Paso County, TX

GROCERY STORES

Healthy dietary behaviors are supported by access to healthy foods, and Grocery Stores are a major provider of these foods. There are 97 grocery establishments in the report area, a rate of 11.21 per 100,000 population. Grocery stores are defined as supermarkets and smaller grocery stores primarily engaged in retailing a general line of food, such as canned and frozen foods; fresh fruits and vegetables; and fresh and prepared meats, fish, and poultry. Delicatessen - type establishments are also included. Convenience stores and large general merchandise stores that also retail food, such as supercenters and warehouse club stores, are excluded.

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Establishments	Establishments, Rate per 100,000 Population
El Paso County, TX	865,657	97	**11.21**
Texas	29,145,499	3,573	12.26
United States	266,610,714	62,329	23.38

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2021.

Grocery Stores, Rate per 100,000 Population

● El Paso County, TX (11.21)
● Texas (12.26)
● United States (23.38)
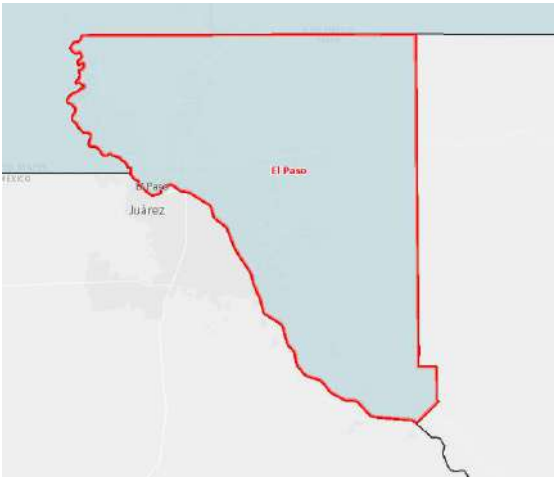
GROCERY STORES AND SUPERMARKETS, RATE (PER 100,000 POP.) BY COUNTY, CBP 2021

- Over 50.0
- 30.1 - 50.0
- 20.1 - 30.0
- Under 20.1
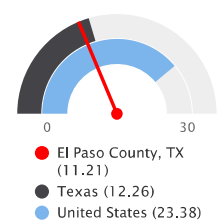- <3 Retail Food Outlets (Suppressed)
- El Paso County, TX

SNAP-AUTHORIZED FOOD STORES

This indicator reports the number of SNAP‐authorized food stores as a rate per 10,000 population. SNAP‐authorized stores include grocery stores as well as supercenters, specialty food stores, and convenience stores that are authorized to accept SNAP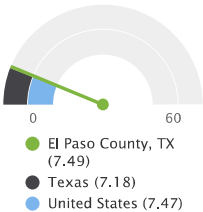 (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. The report area contains a total of 630 SNAP‐authorized retailers with a rate of 7.49.

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Total SNAP-Authorized Retailers	SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate per 10,000 Population
El Paso County, TX	841,286	630	7.49
Texas	29,360,187	21,093	7.18
United States	332,898,996	248,526	7.47

- El Paso County, TX (7.49)
- Texas (7.18)
- United States (7.47)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA - SNAP Retailer Locator. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2023.

SNAP-Authorized Retailers, USDA March 2023

- SNAP-Authorized Retailers, USDA March 2023
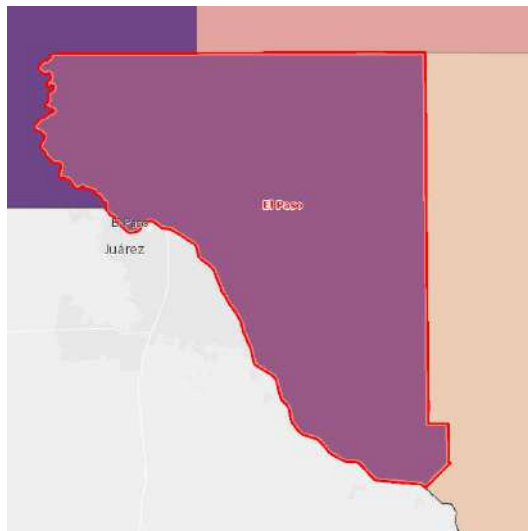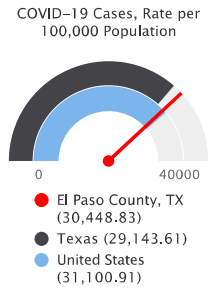- El Paso County, TX

COVID-19

CONFIRMED CASES

This indicator reports incidence rate of confirmed COVID‑19 cases per 100,000 population. Data for this indicator reflect the total confirmed cases since the start of the COVID‑19 pandemic until the dataset discontinuation in March, 2023. Data are obtained from the Johns Hopkins University data feed. In the report area, there have been 256,001 total confirmed cases of COVID‑19. The rate of confirmed cases is 30,448.83 per 100,000 population, which is greater than the state average of 29,143.61.

Report Area	Total Population	Total Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Cases, Rate per 100,000 Population	Last Update
El Paso County, TX	840,758	256,001	30,448.83	03/10/2023
Texas	28,701,845	8,364,755	29,143.61	03/10/2023
United States	326,262,499	101,470,604	31,100.91	03/10/2023

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Johns Hopkins University. Accessed via ESRI. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2022.

COVID–19 Cases, Rate per 100,000 Population

- El Paso County, TX (30,448.83)
- Texas (29,143.61)
- United States (31,100.91)

COVID-19 CASES, RATE PER 100,000 BY COUNTY, JOHNS HOPKINS 2022

- Over 12,000.0
- 10,000.1 - 12,000.0
- 8,000.1 - 10,000.0
- 6,000.1 - 8,000.0
- 4,000.1 - 6,000.0
- 0.1 - 4,000.0
- No Cases or No Data
- El Paso County, TX

COVID-19 MORTALITY

In the report area, there have been 3,895 total deaths among patients with confirmed cases of the coronavirus disease COVID‑19. The mortality rate in the report area is 463.27 per 100,000 population, which is greater than the state average of 325.26. Data are current as of 03/10/2023.
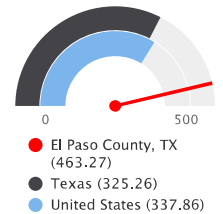
COVID-19 MORTALITY

Report Area	Total Population	Total Deaths	Deaths, Rate per 100,000 Population	Last Update
El Paso County, TX	840,758	3,895	**463.27**	03/10/2023
Texas	28,701,845	93,355	325.26	03/10/2023
United States	326,262,499	1,102,319	337.86	03/10/2023

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University. Accessed via ESRI. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2022.

COVID–19 Deaths, Crude Rate per 100,000 Population

0   500

● El Paso County, TX (463.27)
● Texas (325.26)
● United States (337.86)

COVID-19 DEATHS, RATE PER 100,000 BY COUNTY, JOHNS HOPKINS 2022

- Over 300.0
- 200.1 - 300.0
- 150.1 - 200.0
- 100.1 - 150.0
- 50.1 - 100.0
- 0.1 - 50.0
- No Deaths or No Data
- ☐ El Paso County, TX
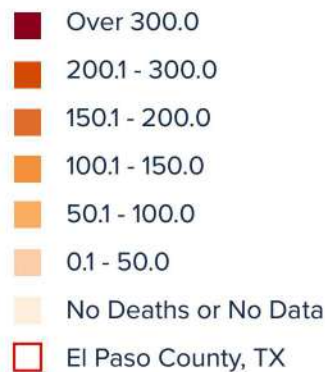
COMMUNITY PEDIATRIC POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the estimated 863,832 total population in the report area, an estimated 229,203 persons are under the age of 18, representing 26.53% of the population. These data are based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5 - year estimates. The number of persons under age 18 is relevant because this population has unique needs which should be considered separately from other age groups.
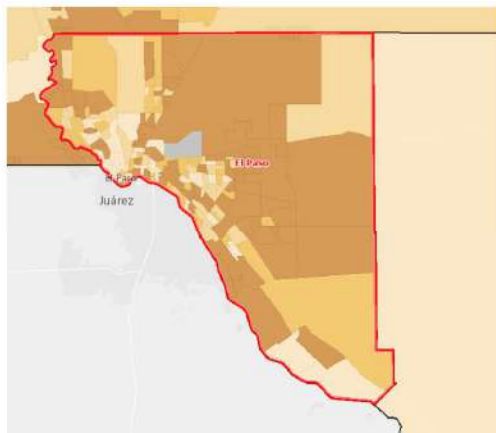
POPULATION AGE 0-17, PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over 26.0%
- 23.1 - 26.0%
- 20.1 - 23.0%
- Under 20.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- ☐ El Paso County, TX
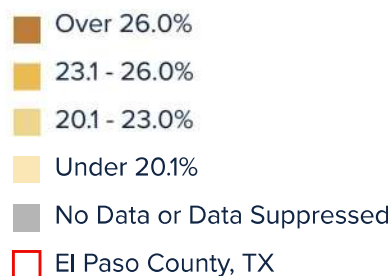
POPULATION UNDER AGE 18 BY RACE ALONE, TOTAL

This indicator reports the proportion of each race (alone) making up the population under age 18.

Report Area	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
El Paso County, TX	114,008	6,552	1,594	2,274	384	33,430	70,961
Texas	4,046,205	902,015	39,491	339,120	6,253	628,050	1,434,994
United States	42,871,526	10,015,977	726,692	3,745,474	156,631	5,555,906	10,141,499

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.

Population Under Age 18 by Race Alone, Total
El Paso County, TX

Multiple Race: 31.0%
White: 49.7%
Some Other Race: 14.6%
Asian: 1.0%
Black or African American: 2.9%
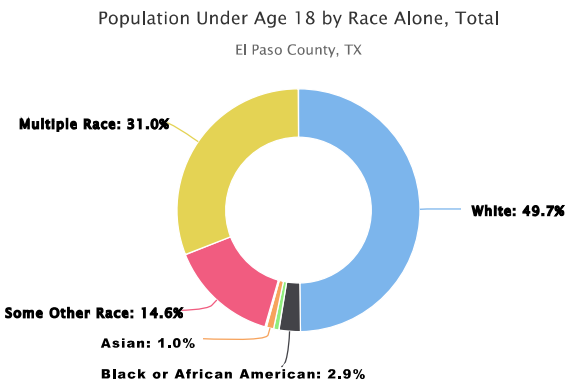
POPULATION UNDER AGE 18 BY GENDER

Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
El Paso County, TX	116,787	112,416	27.17%	25.90%
Texas	3,778,151	3,617,977	25.83%	24.75%
United States	37,488,147	35,725,558	22.83%	21.41%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.
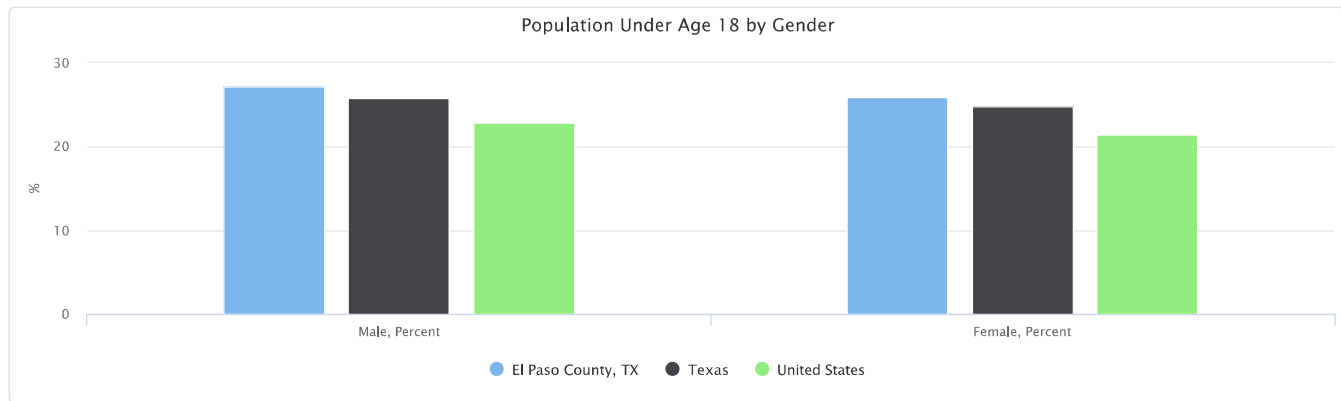
POVERTY - CHILDREN BELOW 100% FPL

In the report area 26.60% or 60,454 children aged 0 – 17 are living in households with income below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population	Population < Age 18	Population < Age 18 in Poverty	Population < Age 18 in Poverty, Percent
El Paso County, TX	849,872	227,246	60,454	**26.60%**
Texas	28,615,931	7,306,011	1,413,013	19.34%
United States	323,275,448	72,035,358	12,002,351	16.66%

Population < Age 18 in Poverty, Percent

0% 50%

● El Paso County, TX (26.60%)
● Texas (19.34%)
● United States (16.66%)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.
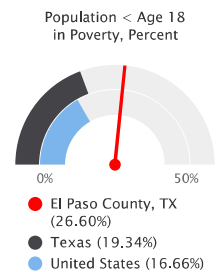
POVERTY - CHILDREN BELOW 100% FPL
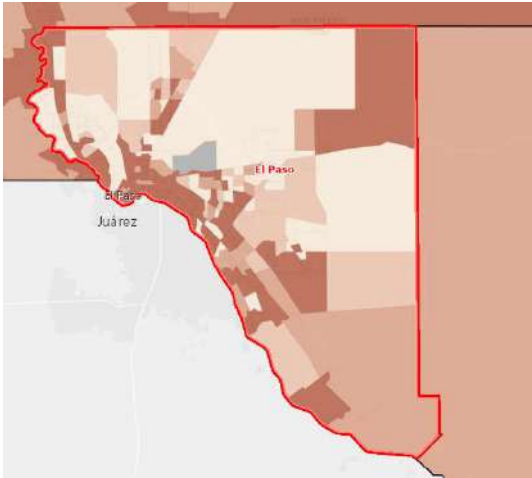
POPULATION BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL, CHILDREN (AGE 0-17), PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- ■ Over 30.0%
- ■ 22.6 - 30.0%
- ■ 15.1 - 22.5%
- ■ Under 15.1%
- □ No Population Age 0-17 Reported
- ■ No Data or Data Suppressed
- ▭ El Paso County, TX

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE LUNCH

Free or reduced price lunches are served to qualifying students in families with income between under 185 percent (reduced price) or under 130 percent (free lunch) of the US federal poverty threshold as part of the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Out of 170,233 total public school students in the report area, 126,702 were eligible for the free or reduced price lunch program in the latest report year. This represents 74.4% of public school students, which is higher than the state average of 60.6%.

Report Area	Total Students	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch, Percent
El Paso County, TX	170,233	126,702	**74.4%**
Texas	5,428,609	3,289,711	60.6%
United States	40,249,650	19,533,765	51.7%

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Lunch

- ● El Paso County, TX (74.4%)
- ● Texas (60.6%)
- ● United States (51.7%)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2020-2021.
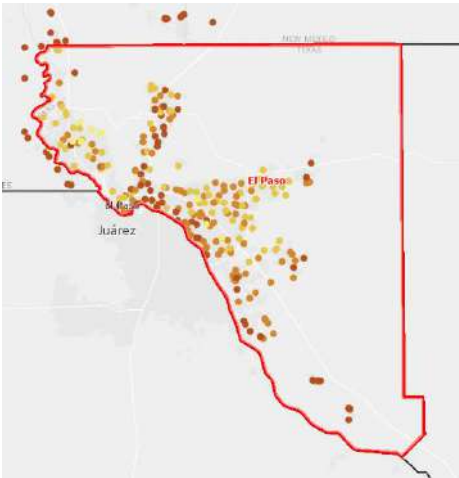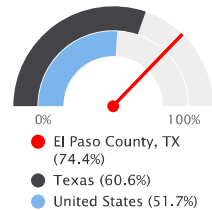
STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH, NCES CCD 2020-21

- ● Over 90.0%
- ● 75.1% - 90.0%
- ● 50.1% - 75.0%
- ● 20.1% - 50.0%
- ● Under 20.1%
- ● Not Reported
- ○ El Paso County, TX

EDUCATION

This category contains indicators that describe the education system and the educational outcomes of report area populations. Education metrics can be used to describe variation in population access, proficiency, and attainment throughout the education system, from access to pre‑kindergarten through advanced degree attainment. These indicators are important because education is closely tied to health outcomes and economic opportunity.

Access - Preschool Enrollment (Age 3-4)

This indicator reports the percentage of the Community population age 3-4 that is enrolled in school. This indicator helps identify places where pre-school opportunities are either abundant or lacking in the educational system.

Report Area	Population Age 3-4	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School, Percent
El Paso County, TX	23,830	9,565	**40.14%**
Texas	806,839	336,497	41.71%
United States	7,958,841	3,631,021	45.62%

Percentage of Population Age 3–4 Enrolled in School
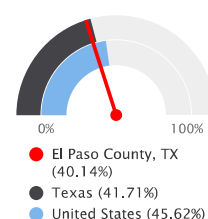
- El Paso County, TX (40.14%)
- Texas (41.71%)
- United States (45.62%)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2018-22.
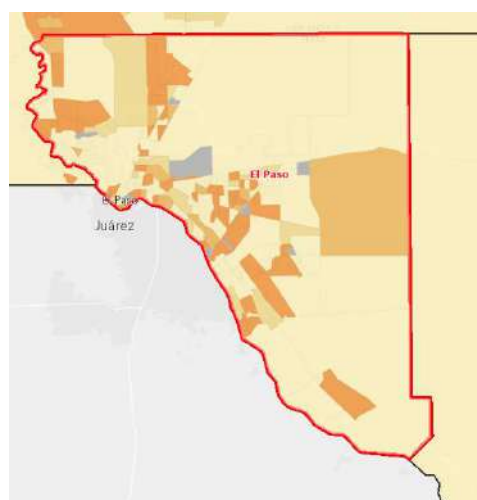
ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL, CHILDREN (AGE 3-4), PERCENT BY TRACT, ACS 2018-22

- Over 55.0%
- 45.1 - 55.0%
- 35.1 - 45.0%
- Under 35.1%
- No Population Age 3-4 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX
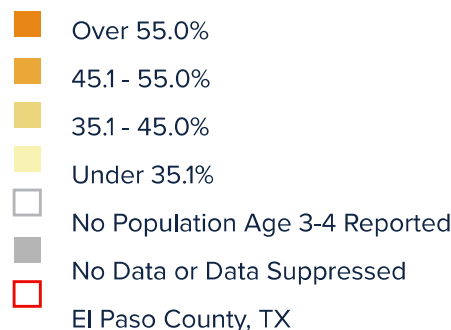
ATTAINMENT - HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

The adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) is a graduation metric that follows a "cohort" of first‑time 9th graders in a particular school year, and adjusts this number by adding any students who transfer into the cohort after 9th grade and subtracting any students who transfer out, emigrate to another country, or pass away. The ACGR is the percentage of the students in this cohort who graduate within four years. In the report area, the adjusted cohort graduation rate was 85.6% during the most recently reported school year. Students in the report area performed worse than the state, which had an ACGR of 91.2%.

Report Area	Adjusted Student Cohort	Number of Diplomas Issued	Cohort Graduation Rate
El Paso County, TX	3,417	2,925	**85.6%**
Texas	106,960	97,599	91.2%
United States	3,259,031	2,632,360	80.8%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Department of Education, EDFacts. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2020-21.

Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

● El Paso County, TX (85.6%)
● Texas (91.2%)
● United States (80.8%)
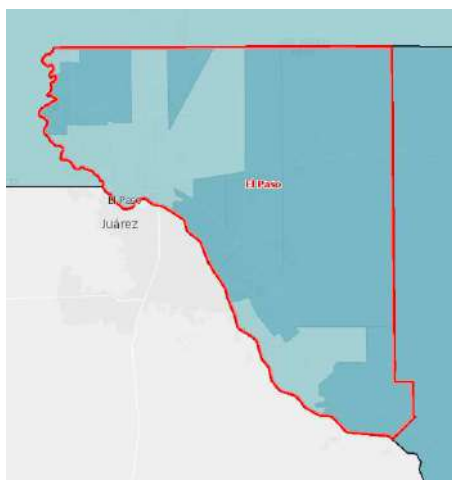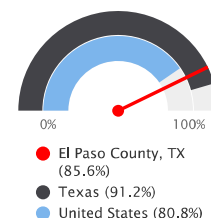
ON-TIME GRADUATION, RATE BY SCHOOL DISTRICT (SECONDARY), EDFACTS 2020-21

- Over 94.0%
- 85.1 - 94.0%
- 75.1 - 85.0%
- Under 75.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

TEEN BIRTHS

This indicator reports the seven‐year average number of births per 1,000 female population age 15‐19. Data were from the National Center for Health Statistics – Natality files (2016‐2022) and are used for the 2024 County Health Rankings. In the report area, of the 218,032 total female population age 15‐19, the teen birth rate is 30.6 per 1,000, which is greater than the state's teen birth rate of 24.3. Note: Data are suppressed for counties with fewer than 10 teen births in the time frame.

Report Area	Female Population Age 15-19	Teen Births, Rate per 1,000 Female Population Age 15-19
El Paso County, TX	218,032	**30.6**
Texas	7,030,597	24.3
United States	72,648,322	16.6

Teen Birth Rate Per 1,000 Female Population, Ages 15–19
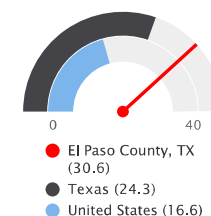
● El Paso County, TX (30.6)
● Texas (24.3)
● United States (16.6)

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC - National Vital Statistics System. Accessed via County Health Rankings. 2016-2022.

TEEN BIRTHS
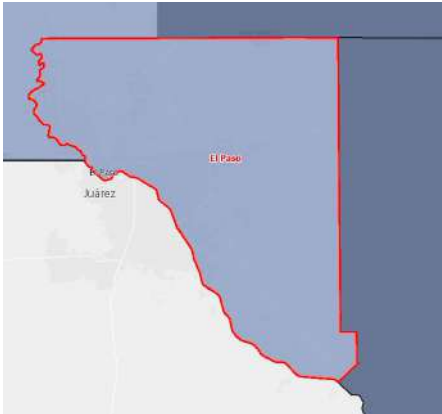
TEEN BIRTHS, SCORE BY COUNTY, CHR 2024

- Over 0.66
- 0.11 - 0.66
- -0.32 - 0.10
- Under -0.32
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT

This indicator reports the percentage of live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs., 8 oz.). These data are reported for a 7‐year aggregated time period. Data were from the National Center for Health Statistics ‐ Natality Files (2016‐2022) and are used for the 2024 County Health Rankings.

Within the report area, there were 7,264 infants born with low birth weight. This represents 9.0% of the total live births.

Report Area	Total Live Births	Low Birthweight Births	Low Birthweight Births, Percentage
El Paso County, TX	82,001	7,264	**9.0%**
Texas	2,666,186	226,084	8.5%
United States	26,262,906	2,190,533	8.3%

Percentage of Infants with Low Birthweight:%

- El Paso County, TX (9.0%)
- Texas (8.5%)
- United States (8.3%)
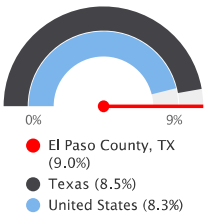
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings. 2016-2022.
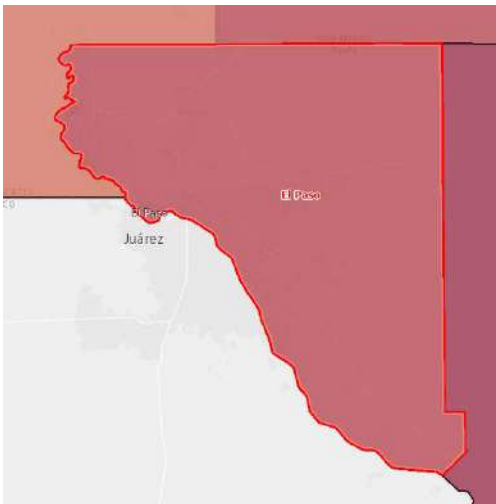
LOW BIRTHWEIGHT, PERCENTAGE OF LIVE BIRTHS BY COUNTY, CDC NVSS 2016-2022

- Over 10.0%
- 8.1 - 10.0%
- 7.1 - 8.0%
- Under 7.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- El Paso County, TX

EPCH's Impact on Community

EPCH has endeavored to make a lasting impact on the health needs of the Community since its inception. Since the last EPCH CHNA was completed, EPCH is proud to note that it has made great strides in addressing the significant health needs of the Community. EPCH has outlined the following strategic imperatives (i.e. implementation plan) to address the significant health needs of the Community: 1) Outreach; 2) Program Development; 3) Community Engagement; and 4) Access to Care.

Victor, Age 3
General Surgery

1. OUTREACH

Efforts to communicate with community physicians within EPCH's service area expanded in the last year. Additionally, Community Medical Education (CME) were provided monthly to physicians and clinicians across the region. The CME program is an initiative sponsored by EPCH designed to provide physicians and nurses a forum to learn about new services, procedures and updates in treatment protocols. There were also two symposiums sponsored in 2023, including a Craniosynostosis Symposium and Cleft Symposium. Both symposiums included participants from the Community, as well across the globe.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

EPCH recruitment efforts continues to evolve. Since the last CHNA, a pediatric allergist/immunologist, pediatric neuropsychologist, pediatric urologist, pediatric otolaryngologist, pediatric dermatologist, pediatric psychiatrist, and several pediatric intentensivists were recruited.

In collaboration with University Medical Center of El Paso, a neurosurgeon with a focus on epilepsy surgery was recruited. Additionally, EPCH received a new national accreditation with CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation), as well as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) was redesignated as a Level IV NICU. A Vestibular Concussion clinic and a Hearing Aid clinic were launched since the last report. Access points were also established with the opening of a new Outpatient Rehab Center and Urgent Care Center to help serve the Community in remote locations. The addition of the new Multi-Specialty Center facilitates coordinated care between pediatric specialists to seamlessly transition the patient through the care journey.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

EPCH is committed to the Community it serves. Training was provided to several school districts for school nurses and athletic directors. EPCH partners with non-profit and other community organizations including sponsorship of community events with a pediatric focus including:

1. Expo Familia-$10,000
2. Greater El Paso Showcase-$25,000
3. Día de los Niños (El Paso Library)-$5,000
4. YWCA Walk a Mile-$2,500
5. Ronald McDonald House-$1,500
6. Rotary Club Par-Tee for Kids-$10,000
7. Paso del Norte Children's Foundation-$1,500
8. Operation Pumpkin-$1,000
9. SHAC (SISD Winter Wellnessland)-$10,000
10. EPISD (Unidos Games)-$2,400
11. Junior League Christmas Fair-$10,000

The hospital remains the only certified Children's Oncology Group affiliated center in the region. Additionally, EPCH continues to serve as a training site for the next generation of pediatric specialists, skilled nurses and ancillary support staff, and provides research opportunities to advance pediatric health outcomes.

4. ACCESS TO CARE

Since the last CHNA, EPCH has grown and expanded access to care. In February 2023, the first pediatric focused outpatient rehab center was opened. The new rehab center also included a brand new teaching kitchen designed to provide cooking demonstrations to parents of diabetic and failure to thrive patients. In June 2023, the first EPCH pediatric urgent care center was opened in a highly underserved area of the Community. A grant in support of a mobile clinic was received in 2023, and will begin treating the most remote members of the Community in 2024. EPCH is extremely proud of its efforts and accomplishments since its last CHNA, and will continue to work diligently to improve in the areas of outreach, program development, community engagement, and access to care. While the hospital did not receive feedback on its prior CHNA from the Community, it will continue to engage with Community stakeholders to more fully understand the impact of its work in the aforementioned areas.

Data Collection Methods - 2024 CHNA

El Paso Children's Hospital collected data from two primary sources. The first primary data source was collected from in-depth interviews with Community leaders and stakeholders. An interview approach was chosen for its methodological strength in capturing perceptions of stakeholders relative to the primary areas of inquiry, including the Community health needs and strengths (including assets and resources), challenges and successes of working in their communities, and perceived opportunities to address these needs. The secondary data source was collected from the general and specialty pediatric medicine providers in the community with an electronic survey. Secondary data was collected using databases created by other agencies or organizations. Both primary and secondary data were collected to identify health needs within the Community.

The first primary data source EPCH utilized a semi-structured interview guide for data collection. The EPCH Compliance Officer, General Counsel, and external consultant, FORVIS, developed the interview questions through a collaborative process that began with an initial draft of potential questions prepared. The proposed questions were provided to EPCH Administration for their feedback. The EPCH Compliance Officer finalized the survey questions and survey protocols based on the feedback from the Administrate team. EPCH staff conducted the live interviews via a web conferencing tool in May of 2024. EPCH conducted interviews with representatives of the Community. These representatives attend to medically underserved, low-income, minority populations, as well as the populations with chronic disease needs in the Community.

These local representatives included Dr. Hector Ocaranza, the Director of the El Paso Public Health Department, Tracy Yellen, Chief Executive Officer of the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, and Shereka Barlow, Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region – Community organizations representing the broad interests and specific populations of the Community. Each interview was conducted in English, recorded, and was about 30 minutes long. The interviews measured insight on a range of issues that affect the Community's health and well-being. This included the lack of Community resources and the barriers to health care providers. This also allowed the providers to voice how the impact of such barriers effects the Community medically undeserved and how non-medical factors influence health outcomes. The interview guide is included as Attachment A. For the secondary data source, EPCH received input from general and specialty pediatric medicine providers in the Community. EPCH developed a series of questions for the providers on an electronic survey service to ensure a broad spectrum of input. All participants' responses are anonymous. This survey helped gain more of a granular insight into the barriers that impacted the Community from the perspectives of individuals on the front lines of providing pediatric care in the Community. The electronic survey questions were developed in the same manner as the interview guide used by EPCH. The survey questions are included as Attachment B, and the individuals from whom information was sought are identified in the Appendix. In total, respondents are distributed across the entire Community and have intimate familiarity with the pediatric population of the Community, to include our Community's most vulnerable populations. Additionally informing the CHNA is the collection of secondary data on a broad array of health indicators and demographic information of the Community.

Types of data collected included:

- Demographic information
- Chronic disease
- Morbidity/mortality information
- Health status indicators and health behaviors
- Family planning and births
- General Community/environment information
- Local, state and national benchmarks.

LIMITATIONS

Every attempt was made to collect relevant and recent primary and secondary data reflecting the health status and social determinants of health in the Community. Although financial and time constraints limited this assessment to the extent that they would limit any assessment of a community's needs, no significant information gaps in existing information were identified. It is also important to note that data were collected at one point in time, so findings, while descriptive and detailed, should not be intended as definitive.

Community Health Resource Review

While there are pediatric providers and medical resources available within the Community, too many children are forced to seek specialty care far from their homes and families. Information and input from interviews and surveys conducted pursuant to this CHNA, furthermore, show the Community lacking in numerous areas of pediatric care.

There are nine hospital facilities in the Community able to address, in part, children's medical care needs. EPCH, though, is the only independently licensed facility in the Community dedicated exclusively to the care of children. Hospital facilities in the Community include:

1. University Medical Center of El Paso
2. The Hospitals of Providence East Campus
3. The Hospitals of Providence Sierra Campus
4. The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus
5. The Hospitals of Providence Transmountain Campus
6. William Beaumont Army Medical Center
7. Las Palmas Medical Center
8. Del Sol Medical Center
9. The Hospitals of Providence Children's Hospital

Due to the scarcity of resources in the Community, many providers offer medical care regardless of ability to pay, charity care assistance to those in financial need, or discounts to non-insured patients. Despite Community providers' commitment to assisting our most vulnerable populations, pediatric specialty care is still difficult to find in the Community:

Physicians in El Paso County, by Specialty	
Pediatric Specialty	**Number of Physicians**
Critical Care Medicine	8
Emergency Medicine	8
Endocrinology	2
Hematology/Oncology	5
Neurology	1
Ophthalmology	1
Pulmonology	2
Urology	1
General Pediatrics	142
Cardiology	5

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Prioritized Community Health Needs and Implementation Strategy

EPCH prioritized the Community's health needs. In order for EPCH to grow and continue to provide the Community with the medical services it needs, EPCH conducts a Community Health Care Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years. EPCH pays specific attention to health care concerns that affect the Community's vulnerable population. EPCH was able to identify the top three health care concerns that the Community Stakeholders are most concerned about through this CHNA.

1. Obesity
2. Mental & Developmental Health
3. Neuroscience

PRIORITY 1: Obesity

Introduced in the 2021 EPCH Community Health Needs Assessment, the EPCH Empower Program supports children in our Community struggling with obesity, pre-diabetes, and type 2 diabetes. What began as a program with 1 Registered Dietician in 2020, grew to 2 Registered Dieticians - one a Certified Diabetes Education Specialist - and a Social Worker by the end of 2021.

In 2022, the EPCH Empower Program saw its greatest leap forward with the opening of the EPCH Teaching Kitchen, where EPCH has been able to hold live, in-person and virtual cooking classes in partnership with Downtown El Paso Lions Club and El Paso Community College Culinary Arts Program. These two partners provide the ingredients to all individuals who register for each class, even those participants attending the classes remotely, through the Kelly Food Bank. Teaching Kitchen Chef Nickerson also prerecords preparation videos for families prior to the live class to teach families how to cut vegetables. The Teaching Kitchen truly has provided families with the knowledge and experiences they need to normalize healthy eating in their day-to-day lives.

To date, the Empower Program has assisted more than 1,000 children and their families, and its impact on childhood obesity, pre-diabetes, and type 2 diabetes will only continue to grow. EPCH has partnered with the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger to provide Empower Program patients who meet food insecurity criteria access to the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food FARMacy, where they receive fresh produce and healthy dry foods, such as beans and lentils, on a weekly basis. In addition, EPCH will continue to support children in our Community struggling with obesity, pre-diabetes, and type 2 diabetes through 1) continued expansion of cooking classes offered through the EPCH Teaching Kitchen, 2) growth of the Food FARMacy collaboration, and 3) creation of additional outreach and education initiatives for the children and families of our Community.

PRIORITY 2: Mental & Developmental Health

The lack of mental health and other developmental services was again identified by our Community partners as an area of concern, ripe for opportunity to impact the lives of our Community's children.

EPCH has made strides in expanding access to mental health care services since its last CHNA. In that time, EPCH has recruited a full-time Psychologist and full-time Neuropsychologist to provide outpatient services at its Behavioral Specialists. Successfully expanding the availability of much needed pediatric mental health care in the Community.

Looking forward, EPCH is committed to addressing the most pressing needs in this area: the availability of pediatric mental and developmental health services on the weekends and the availability of inpatient mental health care. The data clearly shows

that the Community has many households who have multiple earners, working multiple jobs. Weekend availability is critical to address these families' needs. EPCH will work to recruit new providers, and work with its existing physician resources, specifically for the purpose of making mental and developmental health services available on weekend. EPCH is also partnering with the Community wide Mental Health Collaborative working to establish a new psychiatric hospital in the Community.

Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen our recruitment efforts to attract and retain highly skilled providers. Our goal is to build a robust neuroscience team who can meet the current and future demand for pediatric neurologic services, ensuring that every child in need of neurological care in the Community receives timely and effective treatment close to home.

PRIORITY 3: NEUROSCIENCE

EPCH is committed to addressing the critical needs of the Community by expanding our neuroscience program. In response to concerns raised by Community partners about the lack of pediatric neuroscience services in the Community, EPCH will continue its collaborative efforts with TTUHSC to bolster our existing pediatric neurological service offerings. This partnership is a key to ensuring that children in our Community have access to high-quality neurological care close to home.

Public Posting and Availability

The El Paso Children's Hospital 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy are publicly posted on the EPCH website, which can be found at www.elpasochildrens.org. Hard copies are also available to download from the EPCH website, by submitting a written request to El Paso Children's Hospital, 4845 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, TX 79905, or by submitting a request electronically to marketing@elpasochildrens.org.

Attachment A

El Paso Children's Hospital (EPCH) is gathering information as part of a plan to improve health and quality of life in the Community it serves. Your valued input will be used to assist EPCH in assessing the healthcare needs of the children in our Community. This survey is being used to engage Community members, like yourself. You have been selected to complete the survey below because of your knowledge, insight, and familiarity with the community and the services provided by our hospital. Some of the following survey questions are open-ended. In these instances, we are trying to gather your thoughts and opinions. There are no right or wrong answers. The themes that emerge from these questions will be summarized and made available to the public; however, your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. There are no foreseeable risks associated with this survey. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions, you can withdraw from the survey at any point. It is very important for us to learn your opinions. If you have questions at any time about the survey or the procedures, you may contact **Monica.Perches@elpasochildrens.org** or call **915-242-8529**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Title:

Organization / Agency:

Next you will be asked a series of questions about health and quality of life in our community. As you consider these questions, keep in mind the broad definition of health adopted by the World Health Organization: 'Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity,' while sharing the local perspectives you have from your current position and from experiences in this community.

Questions:

1. In general, how would you rate health and quality of life in the community?
2. In your opinion, has health and quality of life in the community improved, stayed the same, or declined over the past few years?
3. Why do you think it has (based on answer from previous question: improved, declined, or stayed the same)?
4. What other factors have contributed to the (based on answer to question 2: improvement, decline or to health and quality of life staying the same)?
5. What barriers, if any, exist to improving health and quality of life in the community?
6. In your opinion, what are the most critical health and quality of life issues in the community?
7. What needs to be done to address these issues?

Attachment A

8. Previous Community Health Needs Assessments indicated the following as the most significant health needs for our children. Is there anything that is not on the list that should be?
    - Uninsured / Lack of access to services (cost)
    - Obesity
    - Heart Disease
    - Lack of mental health services
    - Lack of primary care physicians
    - Physical inactivity
    - Diabetes
    - Poor nutrition
    - Utilization of emergency room for episodic care
    - Lack of health education

9. What do you think is most critical health need of the Community?

10. In your opinion, are any the following areas in which the hospital should be addressing? Why or why not?
    - Economic Development
    - Affordable Housing
    - Poverty
    - Education
    - Healthy Nutrition
    - Physical Activity
    - Drug and Alcohol Abuse

11. Do you think access to Health Services has improved over the last 3 years? Why or why not? What needs to be done to improve access to health services in the community?

12. Are there people or groups of people in the community whose health or quality of life may not be as good as others? Who are these persons or groups?

13. Are there people or groups of people who have a more difficult time obtaining necessary/preventive medical services?If so, who are these persons or groups? Why do you think they have a more difficult time? What can be done to improve the situation?

14. How would you rate the hospital's efforts on communicating how they are addressing the identified health needs? How have you received communication regarding the hospital's efforts?

15. What do you think is the hospital's role in addressing the identified health needs of the Community?

Thank you for sharing your concerns and perspectives on these issues. The information you have provided will contribute to develop a better understanding about factors impacting health and quality of life in the Community.

Attachment B

INTRODUCTION

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It will take less than 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. There are no foreseeable risks associated with this survey. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions, you can withdraw from the survey at any point. It is very important for us to learn your opinions.

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1. In general, how would you rate the health and quality of life of the children in our community?

○ Very Good

○ Average

○ Below Average

○ Poor

2. In your opinion, has the health and quality of life of our community's children improved, declined, or stayed the same over the past few years?

○ Improved

○ Declined

○ Stayed the same

3. What factors influenced your answer in the previous question as to why you feel it has improved, declined or stayed the same?

4. What pediatric service lines and/or specialties do feel are necessary to more thoroughly address the needs of the children in our community?

Attachment B

5. Do you think there are barriers (cultural, financial or otherwise) to accessibility of healthcare services for children in our Community?

○ Yes

○ No

○ Unsure

6. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, what barriers do you feel exist? (Type N/A if you answered "No" or "Unsure")

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7. Please rank in order (1-10) of "Most Important" to "Least Important" health need that impacts the children in our Community?

(Most Important= 1 to Least Important=10)

_____ Communicable Diseases (to include COVID-19)

_____ Chronic Diseases (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, asthma)

_____ Childhood Obesity

_____ Mental Health (to include suicide prevention)

_____ Substance Abuse and Addiction (to include smoking, vaping, drug and alcohol use)

_____ Dental Health

_____ Access to Care

_____ Unintentional Injuries (accidents or trauma) Prevention

_____ Teen Pregnancy

_____ Child Abuse & Neglect

* 8. What are your patients' primary ways (most common) for receiving health information? (select all that apply)

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* 9. In your opinion, what does El Paso Children's Hospital do well in serving the health needs of the children in our Community?

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* 10. In your opinion, what is the most important issue that El Paso Children's Hospital should address in the next 3 – 5 years to help improve the health and wellness needs of children in our Community?

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Appendix

First Name	Middle Name	Lat Name	Specialty
Akintoluwa		Anthony Akinjaiyeju	General Pediatrics
Shumyle		Alam	Pediatric Urology
Andres		Aristizabal-Ortiz	General Pediatrics
Kevin	Edward	Bright	Otolaryngology
Hans	Christian	Brockhoff, II	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Vernon	Patrick	Burke	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Roberto		Canales	General Pediatrics/PICU/Pediatric Hematology Oncology
Benjamin		Carcamo	Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
Sadhana		Chheda	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Jonathan		Chiao	●tolaryngology
Alison	Langdon	Days	General Pediatrics
Rodolfo		Fierro-Stevens	Child Neurology
Carlos	Abraham	Gutierrez	General Pediatrics
Fatima	De Los Angeles	Gutierrez	Hospitalist
Jarett	Kent	Howe	Pediatric Surgery
Isela		Ibarra	General Pediatrics
Ijeoma	Carol	Ibeanu	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Rana	N	Kronfol	General Pediatrics
Huma	Yasmeen	Lodhi	General Pediatrics
Ziyad Abdullah	A.	Makoshi	Neurosurgery: Pediatirc/Trauma
Alfredo	Alejandro	Maldonado	Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Chetan	Shreenivas	Moorthy	Pediatric Radiology
Venkatachalam		Mulukutla	Pediatric Cardiology
Marc	Anthony	Orlandi	Pediatric Anesthesiology
Jorge	Luis	Ortiz	General Pediatrics
Sanjeet	Kumar	Panda	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Jagdish	Devkaranbhai	Patel	General Pediatrics
Jignesh	Devkaranbhai	Patel	General Pediatrics
Violeta		Radenovich	Ophthalmology
Rajiv		Rajani	Ortho●edic Surgery
Richardo		Reyna	General Pediatrics
Nicolas		RICH, Jr	General Pediatrics
Ruben	Rafael	Roncallo	General Pediatrics
Steven	Aaron	Ross	Pediatric Radiology
Hassan	Nasim	Salloum	General Pediatrics
Maha	Saadah	Salloum	General Pediatrics
Jeffrey	David	Schuster	Pediatric Cardiology
William	Wesly	Spurbeck	Pediatric Surgery
David	Michael	Yates	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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