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COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The purpose of the Clark County Community Health Assessment is to establish a range of health, environmental and health care access indicators to measure changes in population health and to understand factors impacting health outcomes. The intent is to share information with the community that can be used to protect, promote and improve the health of all Clark County residents. The report presents the following select group of indicators:

1. **Demographic:** Population density, age, sex, and race/ethnicity
2. **Socio-economic:** Household and family characteristics, education levels, income and poverty, and unemployment
3. **Health Resource Availability:** Numbers of licensed and credentialed health and public health personnel, uninsured, public health per capita budget
4. **Quality of Life:** Perceptions of community residents about aspects of their communities that enhance or diminish their quality of life
5. **Behavioral Risk Factors:** Behaviors which are believed to cause or to be contributing factors to injuries, disease and death during youth and adolescence, and significant morbidity and mortality later in life.
6. **Environmental Health Indicators:** The physical environment that affects health, such as air quality, water, hazardous waste, heavy metals, food safety and animal diseases that can affect humans.
7. **Social and Mental Health:** Social and mental health factors and conditions which directly or indirectly influence overall health status and individual and community quality of life.
8. **Maternal and Child Health:** Characteristics of births, infant mortality, low birth weight, prenatal care, and teen births.
9. **Death, Illness and Injury:** All-cause mortality, leading causes of death and premature death
10. **Communicable Disease:** Diseases which are usually transmitted through person-to-person contact or shared use of contaminated instruments or materials.
11. **Sentinel Events:** Events that include avoidable disease, disability or untimely death if preventive services or medical care were provided; Diseases which are vaccine preventable.

Each of the above categories is defined in the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) document, *Community Health Status Assessment Core Indicator Lists*, and is used within this assessment.

Demographic Characteristics

Definition of Category: Demographic characteristics include measures of total population as well as percent of total population by age group, gender, race and ethnicity, where these populations and sub-populations are located, and the rate of change in population density over time, due to births, deaths and migration patterns.

Overall Demographics

Clark County experienced a dramatic increase in population between 2000 and 2010 and was for part of that time the fastest growing community in the U.S. In 2010, Clark County contained 72% of Nevada's population and accounted for 82% of the state's growth between 2000 and 2010. Nevada grew by >25% each of the last three decades, but was the only state in the U.S. to sustain that rate of growth between 2000 and 2010.