

# 2005 Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey

We have developed a series of summaries highlighting various topics from the Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (GCCHSS). The summaries include:

- † Alcohol Consumption by Greater Cincinnati Adults
- † Cigarette Smoking in Greater Cincinnati
- † Depression in Greater Cincinnati
- † Greater Cincinnatians who Go without Care
- † Greater Cincinnatians with a Medical Home
- † Healthcare Access Issues of City of Cincinnati Residents
- † Healthcare Availability, Quality, and Cost in Greater Cincinnati
- † Healthy Behaviors of Greater Cincinnatians
- † How Greater Cincinnatians Feel about their Communities
- † Medical Debt in Greater Cincinnati
- † Mental Health of Greater Cincinnatians
- † Stress in Greater Cincinnati
- † The Uninsured in Greater Cincinnati
- † Weight Loss and Maintenance of Greater Cincinnatians
- † Weight Status of Greater Cincinnatians
- † Women's Healthcare in Greater Cincinnati

In addition, we have created two chart books from this survey, one comparing the African American respondents to the region as a whole, and one comparing White Appalachian respondents to the region as a whole.

Also in 2005, we conducted the region's first ever survey of the health of Hispanic/Latino residents. We included a number of questions from the GCCHSS in this survey, allowing some comparisons between the Hispanic/Latino population and the region.

All of the summaries, chart books, and the Hispanic Health Survey report are available on our web site at <http://www.healthfoundation.org/gcchss.html>.

The *Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey* (GCCHSS) is a project of The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The GCCHSS is conducted by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

The 2005 GCCHSS provides an in-depth description of the self-reported health status, health behaviors and health opinions of tri-state residents in the fall of 2005. Through comparisons to national averages as well as the 1999 and 2002 GCCHSSs, the 2005 GCCHSS documents how the tri-state area compares nationally as well as how the community's well-being is changing over time. The results of the survey provide useful information to local health-related organizations and agencies, policy makers, and residents, as they work towards improving the overall health of the Greater Cincinnati area.

## Survey topics

Topics in the GCCHSS include access to and satisfaction with healthcare, medical debt, mental and physical health status, nutrition and exercise, cigarette and alcohol use, and others. See the list at the left for the list of summaries we have prepared from the 2005 survey.

## Methodology

A total of 2,077 randomly selected adults residing in eight Ohio counties (Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren), nine Kentucky counties (Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen and Pendleton), and five Indiana counties (Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland) were interviewed by telephone between August 16 and October 24, 2005. Statistical adjustments were made to correct any biases that exist because of households not having a telephone. The potential sampling error

for the survey is  $\pm 2.2$  percent. Caution should be used when interpreting subgroup results because the margin of error for any subgroup is likely to be higher than that of the overall survey.

To get a more accurate picture of the health of African Americans in the region, we interviewed a total of 527 African American residents, some as part of the original survey and some as part of an oversample. The results for African American residents reported are based on this total sample of African Americans. The potential sampling error for the African American oversample is  $\pm 4.3\%$ .

We also identified 1st and 2nd generation White Appalachians. 1st generation means the respondent was born in an Appalachian-designated county in the U.S. 2nd generation means at least one of the respondent's parents was born in an Appalachian-designated county in the U.S.

## Thanks to our community partners

Community partners that helped develop the GCCHSS include:

- † Anthem Foundation of Ohio
- † Center for Closing the Health Gap
- † Child Policy Research Center
- † City of Cincinnati Health Department
- † Council on Aging
- † Employer Health Care Alliance
- † Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- † Hamilton County Health Department
- † Health Improvement Collaborative
- † Northern Kentucky Health Department
- † Northern Kentucky University Center for Latino and Multicultural Studies
- † United Way of Greater Cincinnati
- † University of Cincinnati Institute for Policy Research
- † University of Cincinnati Institute for the Study of Health
- † Urban Appalachian Council