

Community Action Partnership for Somerset County

Community Needs Assessment

Comparative Analysis

2010-2015

Summary

The Community Action Partnership for Somerset County has conducted two cycles of a comprehensive 5 year community needs assessment for Somerset County. The initial cycle of the survey was conducted in 2010 and the second cycle was conducted in 2015. The objective of this assessment was to identify the health and human services needs of the residents throughout Somerset County. The assessment was developed and overseen by a committee comprised of the Executive Director and Department Directors of CAPFSC. The goal of this project was to provide CAPFSC administration, board members, and staff objective data on specific community needs to help with strategic planning and resource allocation decisions

Methodology

Each survey cycle utilized a random sample methodology. Participants represented all eleven school districts in Somerset County. The individuals surveyed are a diverse representation of our county's population. This included community members, community leaders, service providers and a large segment of direct service recipients. Data collection was conducted a multifaceted approach which included an online survey and a paper version which was later entered into a data base.

Note: Responses with (n/a) for 2010 indicate that that particular question was not asked in that survey cycle. The question or section was added in the 2015 cycle.

Results

Demographics

	2010	2015
Survey Completion	1043	1054
Female	80%	80%
Male	20%	20%
Average Age	44.2	45
Ethnicity		
White/Not Hispanic	97.2%	97.6%
Native American	1.6%	< 1%

Hispanic	<1%	1.0%
Black	<1%	<1%

Family Composition

	2010	2015
Two-parent home/w kids	47%	49.2%
Two-adults/no kids	21%	23.8%
Single parent	14.4%	14.4%
Single person	14.2%	7.8%
At least on child under the age of 5	50%	30%
School-aged child in the household	53%	87%

Housing

	2010	2011
Owned their own home	69%	73.2%
Rented	25.9%	20.44%
Live with relative/friends	5%	5.1%
Low income housing	8.1%	6%
Homeless	<1%	<1%
Moved in the last year		
0-times	78.6%	83.8%
1- time	13.8%	9.9%
2- times	4.2%	4.3%

Education, Employment and Income

Educational attainment

	2010	2015
More than 4 yrs. of college-	n/a	23.72%
2-4 year college-	32.1%	25.89%
Some college-	15.9%	13.44%
Technical school-	6.7%	8.60%
High school grad/GED-	37.2%	23.81%
9-12 (did not Graduate) –	6.6%	3.95%
Grade 0-8-	1.4%	0.59%

Employment

Full-time or Part-time	62%	61%
Homemaker	10.4%	6.2%
Unemployed	9.6%	3.1%
<i>State Unemployment Rate</i>	8%	6.2%
Retired	10.6%	10.3%
Disabled	6.8%	6.5%

Average income

Between \$25,000 to \$49,999	24.5%	23.3%
Under \$15,000.	23.9%	12.66%

Sources of family income:

	2010	2015
• Employment	75.3%	81.7%
• SSI-SS	24.6%	21.3%
• Food Stamps	19.4%	11.8%
• Pension	10.7%	10.6%
• Unemployment	7.4%	2.5%
• Interest	5.9%	.8%
• Cash Assistance	3.3%	3.3%
• No Income	1.8%	1.9%

Banking status

Checking	86.4%	23.9%
Savings	56.1%	2.5%
Both	n/a	69.4%
Neither	10.4%	4%
Retirement Account Contribution	50%	66%
Have not contributed	40%	24.6%
Already retired.	10%	9.3%

Early Childhood Education Programming

	2010	2015
Enrolled in a preschool program	16.5%	11.8%
Not Enrolled	47.9%	26.5%
N/a or kids too old	35.6%	61.5%
Headstart	51%	21.9%
Pre-K Counts	25.5%	15.2%
Private Program	19%	22.8%
School-based	5.9%	28.8%

Home visitation services

	2010	2015
Early Headstart	n/a	13.5%
PAT	n/a	11.8%
Not enrolled in any program	n/a	30%

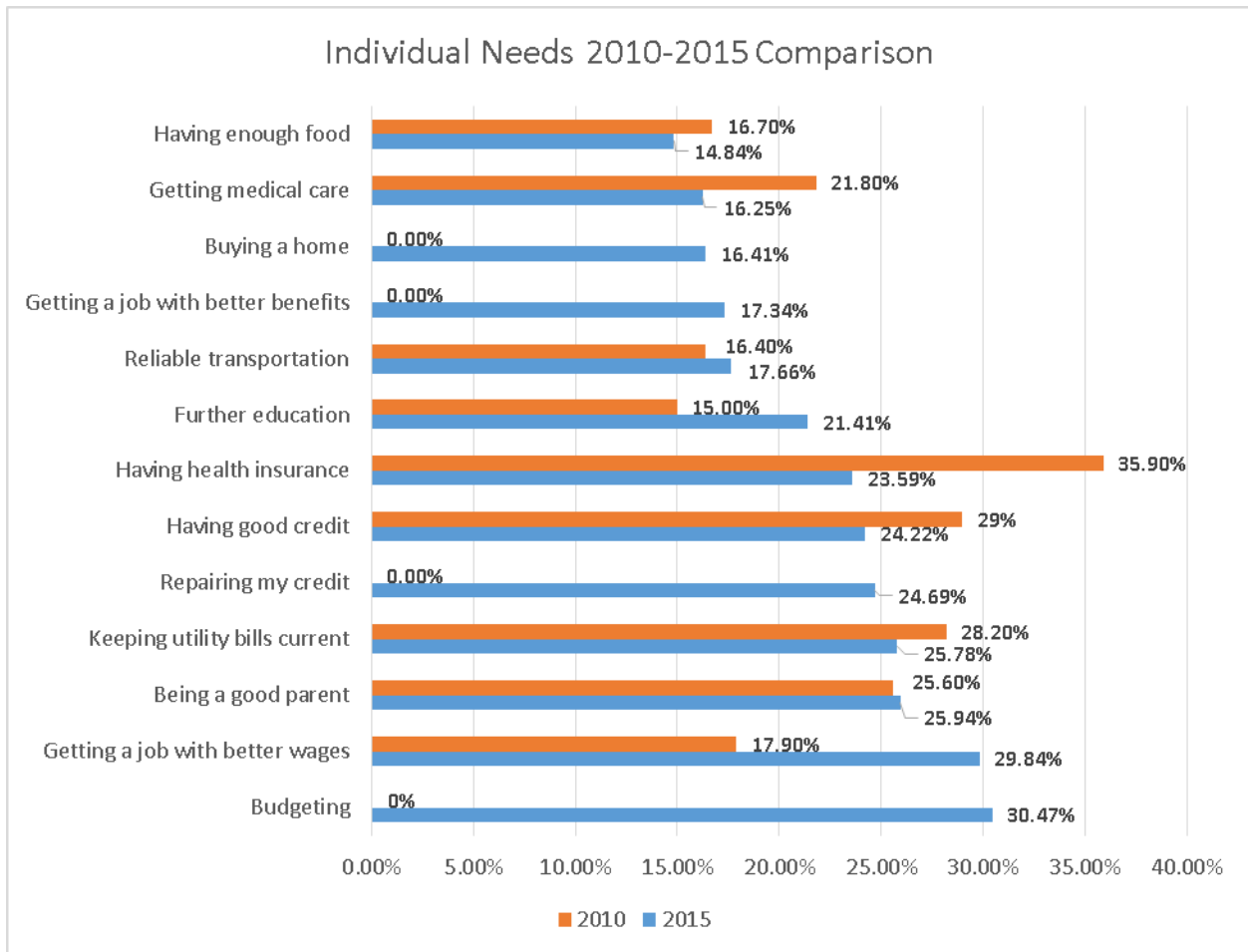
Barriers to ECE Services

Transportation	n/a	10%
Cost	n/a	16.7%

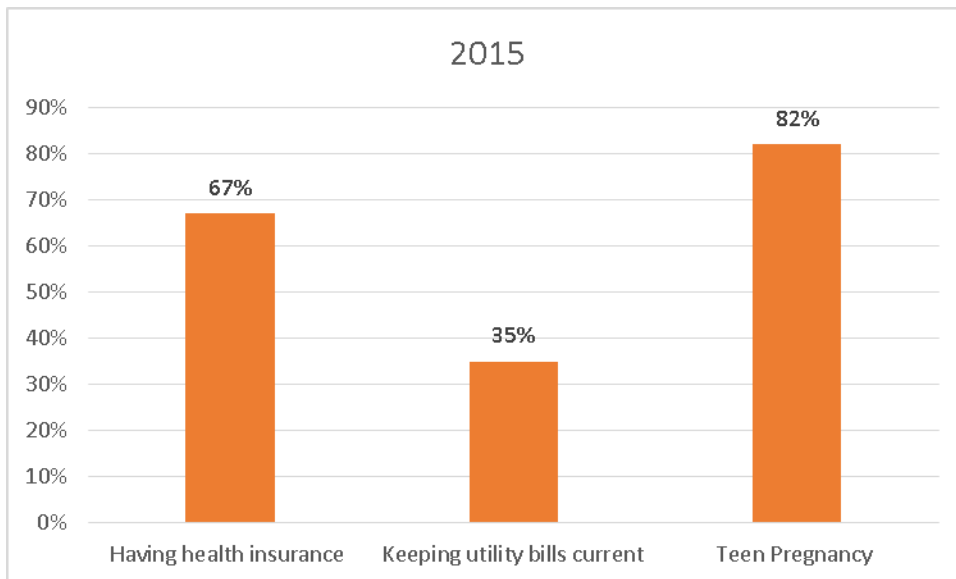
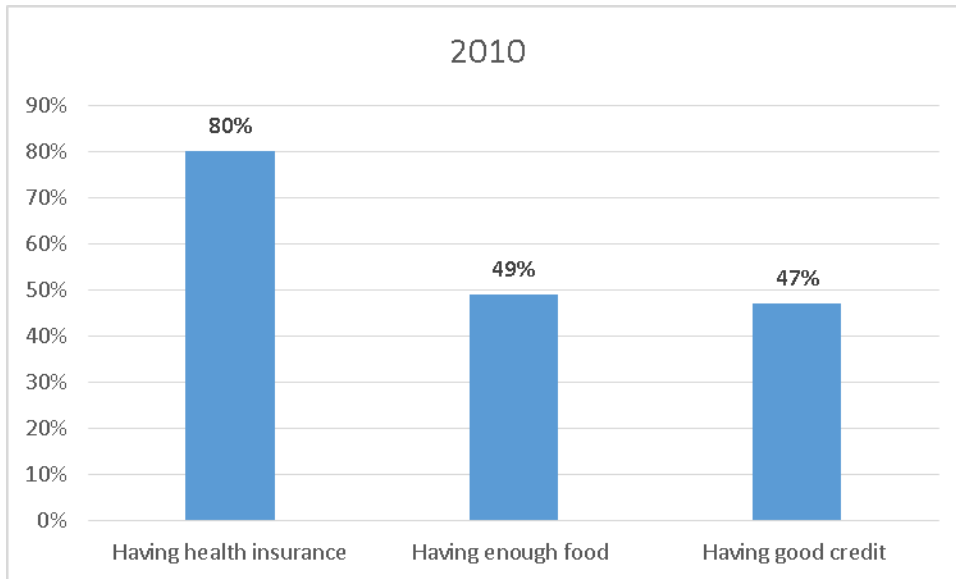
Alternative Education

Only 3.31% of respondents with school-aged children reported utilizing alternative school programming. This includes home school, cyber school, private school and, alternative school placements.

Individual Needs



Top three priority needs



Top Problems experienced in household

	2010	2015
Depression/Anxiety	10.7%	12.5%
Severe financial problems	9.9%	7.45%
Personal/Emotional Crisis	6.5%	7.9%
Serious physical illness or condition	3.6%	5.7%

Information and Referral Resources

	2010	2015
Internet	38%	44.18%
Family member or friend	39%	39.05%
Newspaper	35%	29.66%
Clergy/church	16.5%	20.78%
Doctor/medical professional	19.9%	21%
Don't know where to get info	11%	13.27%

Food Security Issues

Data was not available for the 2010 survey.

Over 20% of survey respondents indicated having enough food been an issue in your household in the last year.

The following food resources were most utilized in Somerset County.

	2015
Community Food Banks	72.09%
Food Stamps	72.87%
Tapestry of Health/WIC	24.81%
Community Garden	1.55%
Community Action/Tableland Food Distribution	10.85%
Salvation Army	13.95%

Transportation Issues

Public Transportation

	2010	2015
Drive their own vehicle to work/school	86%	93.82%
Don't need/use public transportation	90%	87.09%
Not aware of public transportation	4%	6%
Used public transportation or did not use/didn't like	3%	3%

Affording Transportation

	2010	2015
NO	80%	77%
YES	20%	23%

Valid Driver's License

YES	93%	96%
NO	7%	4%

SCTS Awareness

YES	75%	71%
NO	25%	29%
Utilized SCTS	7%	10%
Have not utilized SCTS services	75%	90%
Good experience with the SCTS	n/a	75%

The following issues with the SCTS were reported by respondents

Too expensive	4.9%	0%
Limited availability/hours of service	15.5%	54.55%
Long wait times	6.6%	90.91%
Scheduling conflicts	12.1%	63.64%

EMPLOYMENT

	2010	2015
Continuously employed in the last 2 years	54%	68%
Not continuously employed in the last 2 years	46%	32%
Are not seasonally employed	86%	87%
Reported that their job pays a sustaining wage	55%	70%
Have not been laid off in the past two years	82%	92%

Average number of jobs held in the last two years

1-	73%	77%
2-	18%	16%
3-	5.4%	5.3%
4 or more	less than 2%	less than 1%

Number of jobs currently held

0-	30%	19%
1-	56%	67%
2-	10%	10%
3-	2%	2%

	2010	2015
<u>Job Training</u>		
Lack of skills	84% -NO	81% - NO
Basic Reading	97%- NO	98%- NO
Computer Skills	87%- NO	89%- NO
Have own computer	83%- YES	87%- YES
Internet Connection	75%-YES	86%- YES
Do you have a "Smart Phone" or Tablet with an internet access?	n/a	75%- YES

<u>Social Media</u>	2015
Facebook	98%
Twitter	15%
Instagram	20%
MySpace	1%

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Average amt. of time online	2hrs. 15 min.	3hrs. 22min.
Internet access outside of home:		
YES	63%	49%
NO	27%	36%
Don't know where to go	10%	14%

Health & Health Care

	2010	2015
Have coverage	83%	93%
Are not covered	17%	9%
Under the age of 18	n/a	12%
Employer, school, or union provided	63%	73%
Medicare/Medicaid	20%	31%
Other (out-of-pocket as needed)	10%	10%
Bought directly	9%	7%

2010- 27% of respondents have gone without coverage in the last 12 months

2015- 15.5% of respondents have gone without coverage in the last 12 months

Healthcare providers

	2010	2015
Primary care Doctor	93%	94%
Emergency room (duplications from above) 9%		13%
Urgent Care Clinic	n/a	10.2%
Free clinic	1%	< 1%
Other (generally family members)	3.8%	3.4%
Have needed medical care but did not get it	19%	19%

Top 3 Reasons for not getting medical attention

	2010	2015
Not covered by insurance	62%	56%
Costs too much	59%	56%
Provider does not accept insurance	8%	7%
Went without a prescription	20%	16%
Have been able to get immunizations for children	63%	58%
Have not had immunizations	< - 1%	2.5%
N/A (to old)	34%	41.4%
Choose not to	<- 1%	<- 1%
Trouble paying medical bills in the last year	25%	27%
Have need dental care but did not get it	30%	28%
Costs too much	70%	77%
Not covered by insurance	64%	67%
Couldn't find a dentist that accepts my insurance	8%	5%

Tobacco Use	2010	2015
Cigarettes	n/a	70.8%
Vapor Cigarettes	n/a	16.5%
Smokeless Tobacco (snuff)	n/a	24.5%

Overall health rating

	2010	2015
Excellent	17%	13%
Good	50%	50%
Average	25%	29%
Below Average/Poor	8%	5%

Housing

	2010	2015
Reported that their home provides adequate/safe shelter	98%	98%

Heating Source

Electric-	19%	25%
Fuel Oil-	44%	41%
LP-	5%	4%
Coal	17%	16%
Wood-	17%	19%
Gas	25%	24%
Other	17%	8.9%

(A majority of these heating sources are blended)

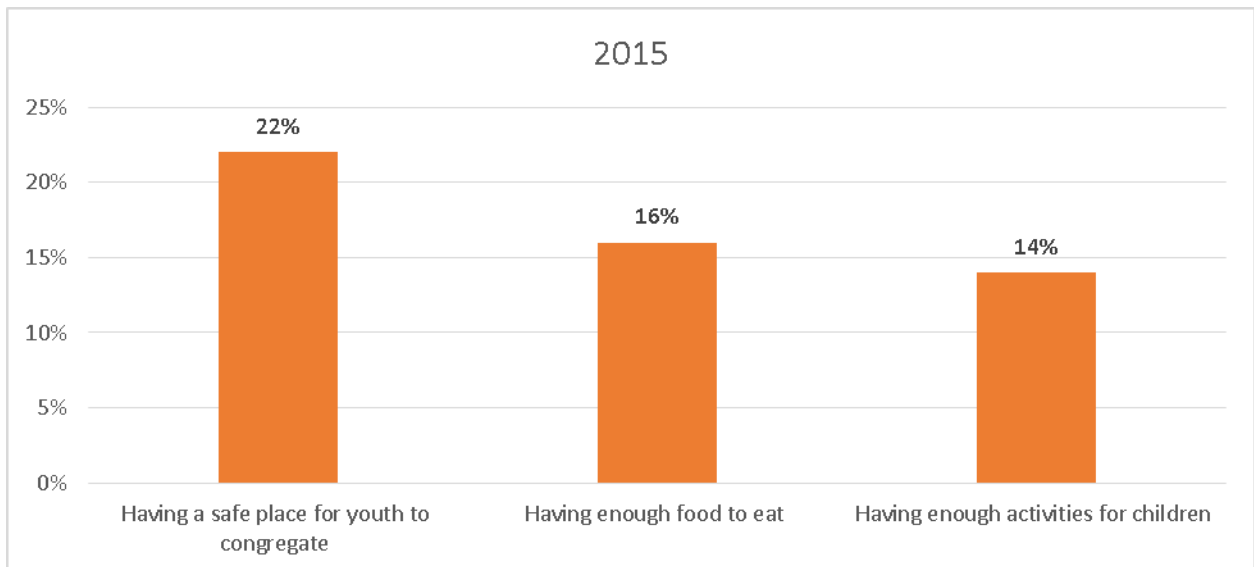
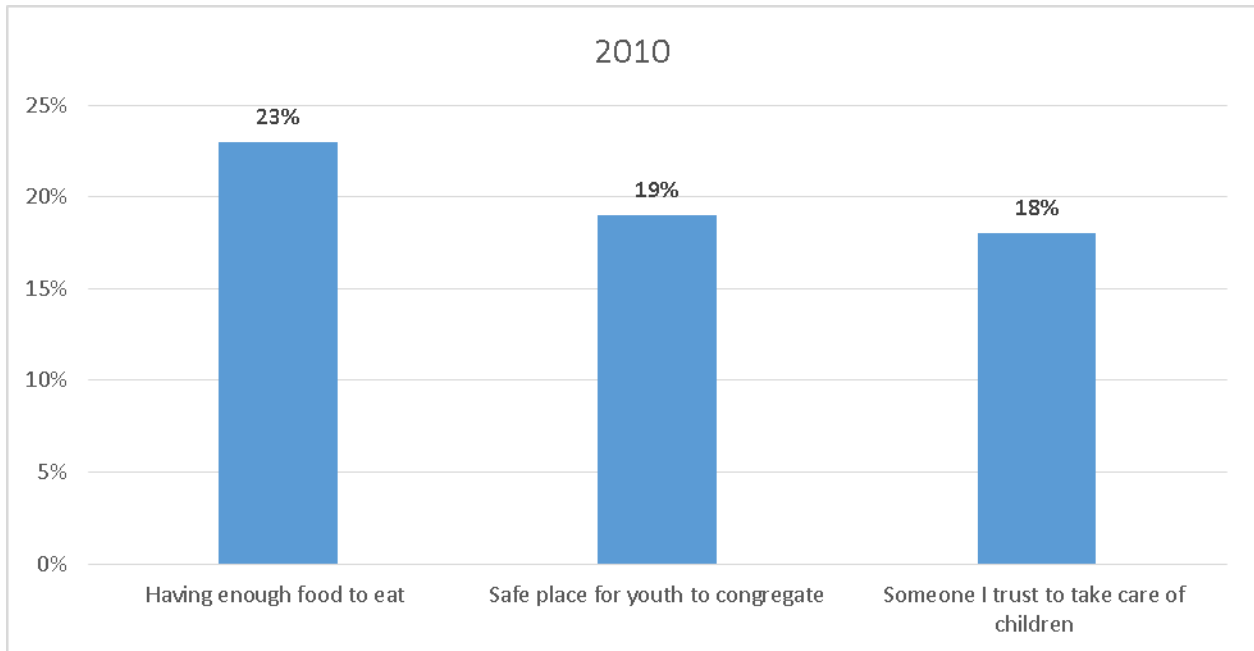
Finances

	2010	2015
Having trouble affording housing	8%	9%
Reported "NO" or "N/A"	92%	91%
Having trouble paying utility bills	24%	18.5%

Having a home/car loan denied due to poor credit	24%	19%
Have had their homes weatherized	40%	36%

Community & Parenting Issues

Top 3 parenting /childcare concerns



Other Care Provider

	2010	2015
Guardian/care givers for another family	15%	8%
Grandparents	2%	0%
Adult over age 60	7%	4%
Under the age of 18	6%	4%

Overall ratings of your community

	Agree 2010	Agree 2015
There is affordable housing	59.3%	54.6%
I feel safe in my community	65%	64.8%
There is ample local police service	50.2%	44.9%
I am satisfied with my community's schools	56%	51%
There is affordable, available health care centers	51.4%	47.2%
Overall, my community is a good place to live	68.2%	65%
Overall, my community is a good place to visit/vacation	63.1%	50.8%
Overall, my community is a good place to raise children	65.1%	61.4%

Overall, my community is a good place to work

50.2%

50.8%

Overall, my community is a good place to retire

61.3%

52%