



Veterans Fact Sheet

The Community Health Profile highlights important health issues facing the residents of Grant County, New Mexico. The data presented in this fact sheet is a subset of the data collected through the 2012 Community Assessment survey, “Your Home, Your Voice!”. Respondents self-reported, and indicated that they are veterans, thus this is the data that is presented here.

Mining District Demographics

Of the 5,055 responses to the 2012 Community Assessment survey, 642 responses were from respondents indicating that they are veterans. Majority of the veterans indicated that they live in Silver City (60%), followed by Bayard (7%), Hurley (7%), and Mimbres (5%). Age demographics for Grant County, 2012 Community Assessment respondents, and 2012 Veteran Community Assessment respondents can be found below (Table 1).

	Total pop. (2010)	Median Age	18-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Grant County **	29,514	45.9	2,260	7.7	5,721	19.4	8,761	29.7	6,299	21.3
2012 C.A. *	5,055	49.6	549	11.0	1,411	28.4	1,906	38.3	1,105	22.3
C.A.* Veterans	642	60.5	11	1.7	103	16.4	239	37.9	278	44

Table 1. Age Demographics. * Community Assessment (C.A.)

** U.S. Census Bureau. (2010). Retrieved from <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/35/35017.html>

Veteran participants indicated that they are from the following ethnic background, approximately 63% Caucasian, 30% Hispanic, 4% Native American, and 2% African American. Over 86% of respondents indicated that they’re male, while 13% were female. In regards to highest completed level of education of our participants, 3% have a grade school education, 31% have a high school diploma or GED, 25% have some trade school education or associate degree, and 41% of participants have a bachelor’s degree or higher, of which 21% having a graduate/advanced degree. Participants' annual income ranged from under \$10,000 to over \$90,000, with over 38% of individuals made less than \$30,000 per year. Over 86% of participants reported that they supported three or fewer individuals on their income, with two individuals being the highest response, at 55%. When asked if they own or rent their home, 79% stated that they owned their home, while 19% said that they rent. Almost 21% of participants responded that their home indeed is in need of major repairs for their comfort or safety.

Veterans Health and Wellness Issues

The following charts highlight the top categories indicated by the Veteran Community Assessment participants.

Community and Social Health

The top six concerns identified by veteran participants can be found in Figure 1. results differed from the results in Figure 1. Veterans’ Support Services does not fall in the top 5 of the full Community Assessment results .

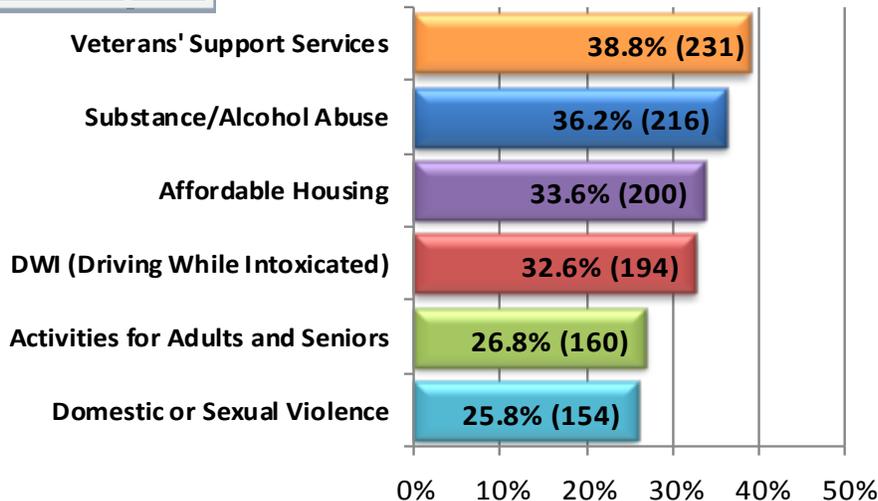


Figure 1. Veterans Community and Social Health (Adults).

Environmental Health

In Figure 2, the top five Environmental Health concerns of veterans are shown, with the top three in a different order than the full results.

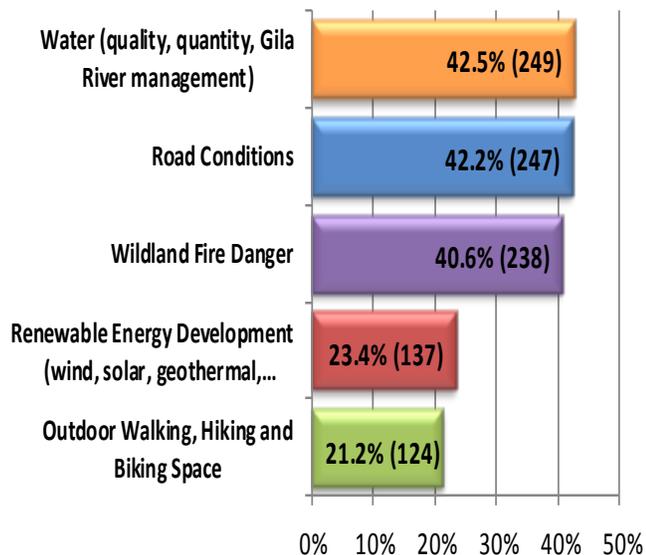


Figure 2. Veterans Environmental Health.

Economic Health

The top five Economic Health concerns identified by Veterans (Figure 3) are similar as those identified in the full Community Assessment results.

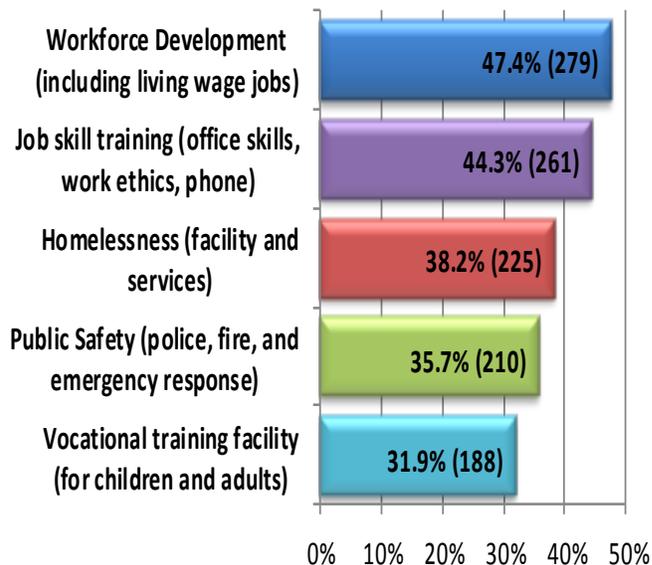


Figure 3. Veterans Economic Health.

Access to Health Services

The top Access to Health Services concerns of Veteran participants are similar to the full Community Assessment results (Figure 4).

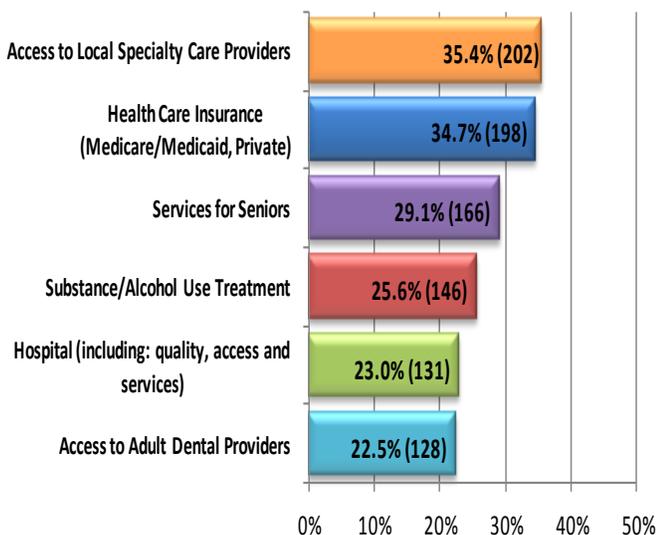


Figure 4. Veterans Access to Health Services.

Challenges Accessing Health Services

The top six challenges when accessing health care experienced by the Veterans are shown in Figure 5. The most frequent reason for leaving Grant County for health care is for a Veteran's specialist.

In the past 12 months, have you experienced any of the following challenges to get the health care you need?

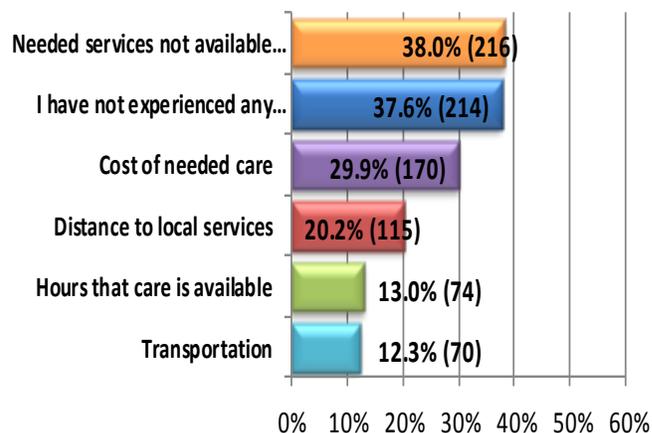


Figure 5. Veterans Health Access Needs.

Quality of Life

Veteran respondents to the Community Assessment rated their quality of life on a scale of excellent to poor, with the following results: excellent (7%), very good (37%), good (40%), fair (14%), and poor (2%).

Additional Information

Grant County residents can access the full 2013 Grant County Community Health Improvement Profile and Plans online, at www.gchc.org. If you need specific Community Assessment information, please contact the Health Council at (575) 388-1198 or email healthcouncil@grmc.org.