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Community Health Assessment/Improvement Plan Update 2026

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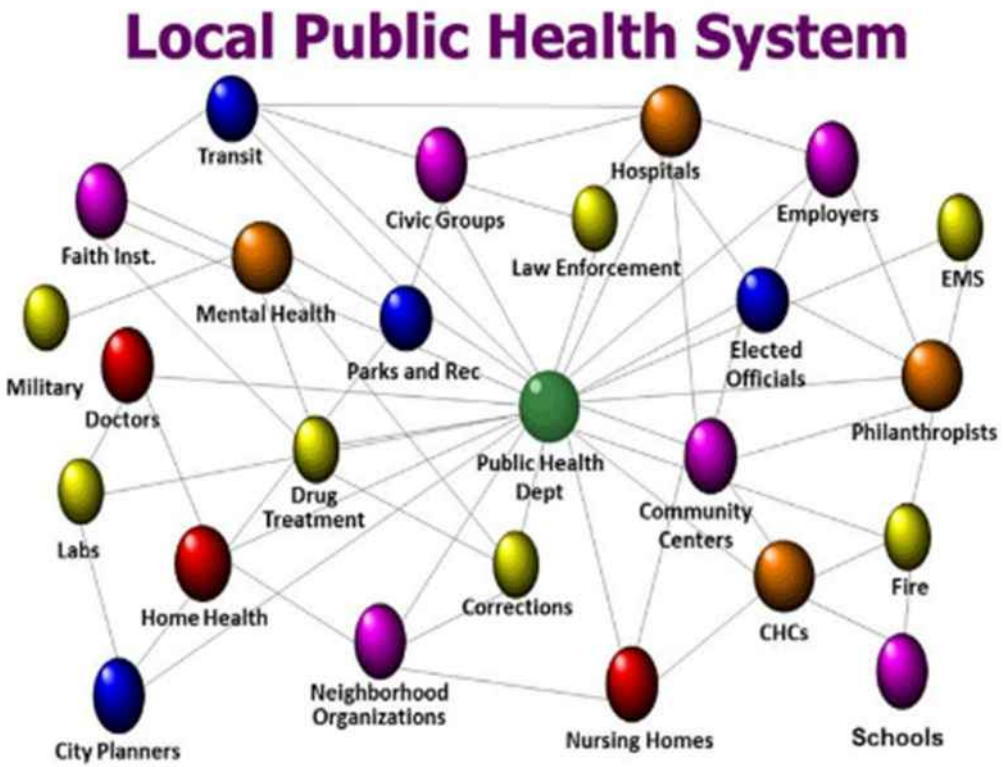
PREFACE

The 2025 Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) Update document provides updated information for specific topics in the 2023 Green River District Health Department Community Health Assessment. This data is related to the goals and objectives selected in each county in the 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan. Also provided are updates on the strategies related to those goals and objectives identified in each county. Priorities identified in our seven counties are: **Obesity, Access to Care, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Sexually Transmitted Disease, and Living Wage.**

The CHA/CHIP was created through a community-wide collaborative process involving partners and the public to assess strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities within our community and identify the overarching goals necessary to improve the health of the community. This plan also serves as roadmap to address health equity and provide for the needs of all members of our communities. It is intended to serve as a vision and framework for guiding the development of policies and implementation of actions that promote health. Through sustained, focused efforts, community members can align and leverage resources and engage partners to assess, plan, develop, support, and implement strategies which will directly impact equitable community health outcomes and indicators. Topics will be looked at individually and compared to numbers from the 2023 Green River District Health Department Community Health Assessment.

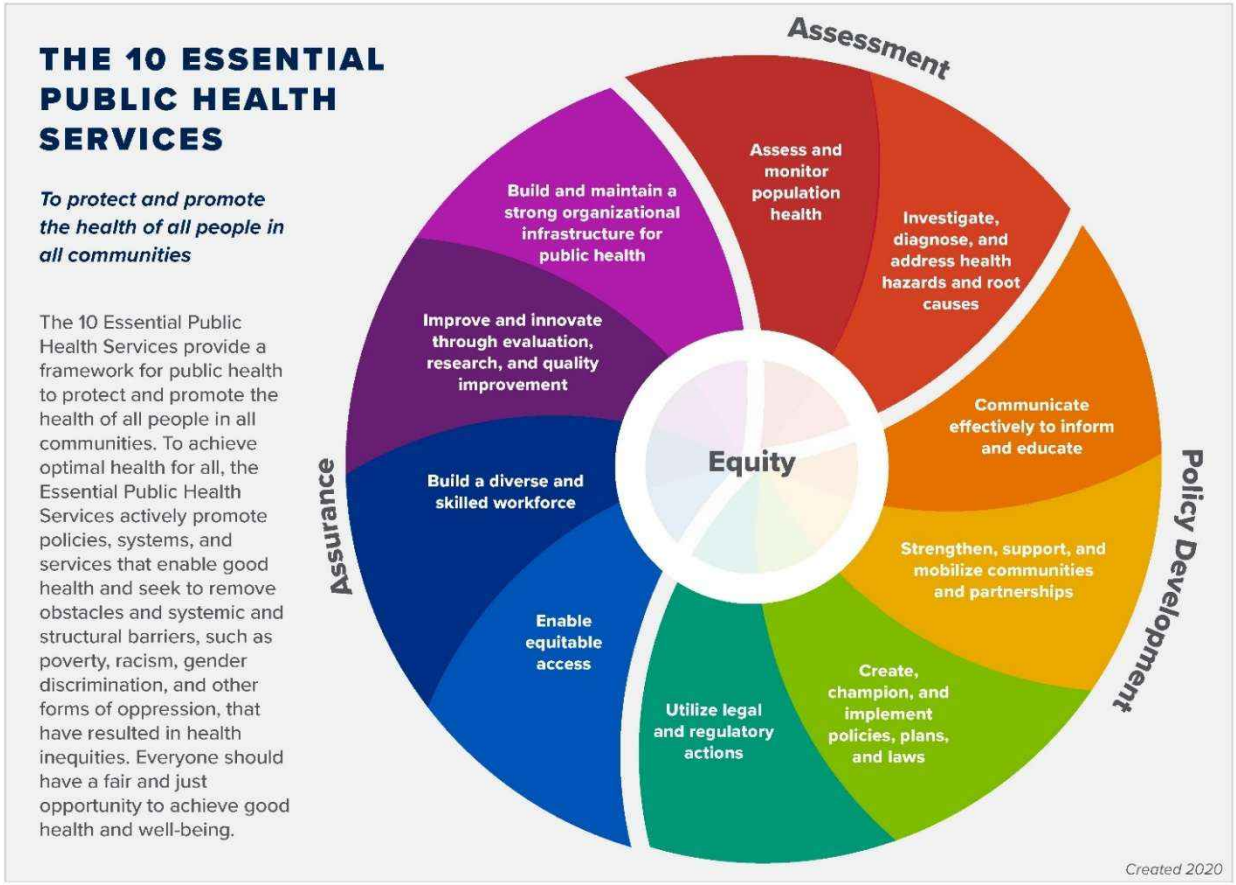


The Green River District is made up of seven counties including: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster. Each county has taken initiatives on specific topics to live and work in healthier communities.

GRDHD CHA/CHIP Aligns with National and State Priorities

Each county health improvement plan includes consideration of both national and state health improvement priorities including:

- Healthy People 2030- A 10-year national agenda with outlined objectives for improving America's health and is utilized for our target data in the plan.
- Kentucky Department of Health's State Improvement Plan- Statewide health improvement goals and objectives. The KSHIP areas of focus to improve health outcomes coincide with many GRDHD goals and are:
  - Substance Use
  - Smoking
  - Obesity
  - Integration to Health Access
  - Mental Health



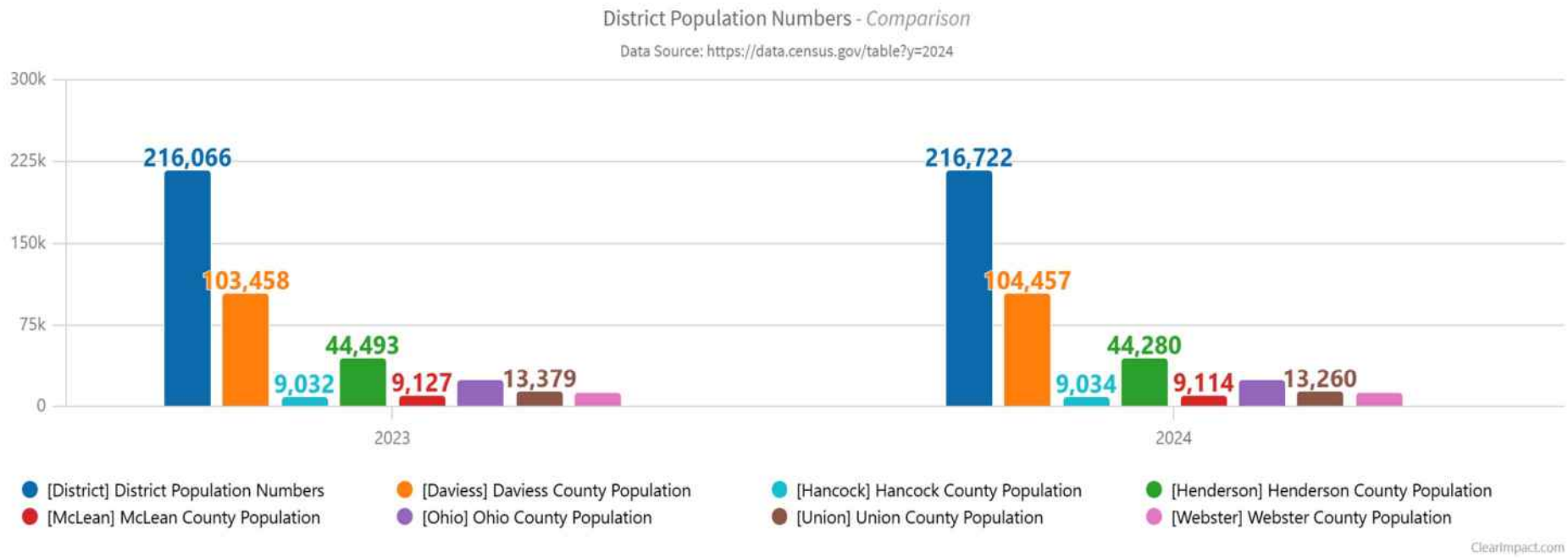
POPULATION

Green River District Demographics

The following table includes demographics specific to each county within the district related to overall population, age, ethnic and racial composition, sex, languages spoken, and population characteristics.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION									
	Daviess	Hancock	Henderson	McLean	Ohio	Union	Webster	Kentucky	U.S.
Overall Population (2024)	104,457	9,034	44,280	9,114	23,735	13,260	12,842	4,588,372	340,110,990
AGE (2024)									
Persons Under 5 Years	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.9%	5.7%	5.4%
Persons Under 18 Years	23.8%	23.9%	22.6%	22.5%	23.9%	18.8%	24.0%	22.2%	21.4%
Persons 65 & Older	18.1%	18.3%	19.2%	20.5%	18.6%	19.8%	18.1%	18.0%	18.0%
Median Age	39.1	41.8	40.9	43.3	40.5	42.4	39.5	39.3	39.2
ETHNIC & RACIAL COMPOSITION (2024)									
Two or More Races	6.7%	3.2%	4.3%	2.8%	5.4%	3.1%	4.1%	7.5%	13.2%
One race	93.3%	96.8%	95.7%	97.2%	94.6%	96.9%	95.9%	92.5%	86.8%
White	84.8%	94.2%	85.5%	95.8%	92.1%	88.7%	88.3%	81.4%	59.8%
Black or African American	2.4%	1.3%	8.1%	0.5%	0.6%	6.9%	4.1%	7.1%	12.1%
American Indian /Alaska Native	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%
Asian	2.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	1.9%	6.3%
Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Some other race	3.8%	1.2%	1.4%	0.4%	1.3%	1.1%	3.2%	1.8%	7.4%
Hispanic or Latino(of any race)	4.7%	0.8%	3.4%	2.2%	4.8%	1.7%	7.1%	5.5%	20.0%
SEX (2024)									
Female	50.4%	49.1%	51.4%	49.5%	50.3%	50.0%	50.5%	50.4%	49.5%
Male	49.6%	50.9%	48.6%	50.5%	49.7%	50.0%	49.5%	49.6%	50.5%
LANGUAGES SPOKEN (2024)									
English	92.3%	99.3%	96.8%	97.3%	95.4%	98.7%	93.8%	92.5%	77.0%
Other languages	7.7%	0.7%	3.2%	2.7%	4.6%	1.3%	6.2%	7.5%	23.0%
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (2024)									
Veterans	5761	594	1925	430	874	709	527	220,537	15,701,246
Foreign Born Persons	4.7 %	0.3%	1.3%	0.5%	2.1%	0.6%	4.4%	5.2%	14.8%
Persons with Disability over Age 65	11.8%	8.7%	13.7%	14.1%	15.1%	17.1%	16.3%	14.2%	12.9%

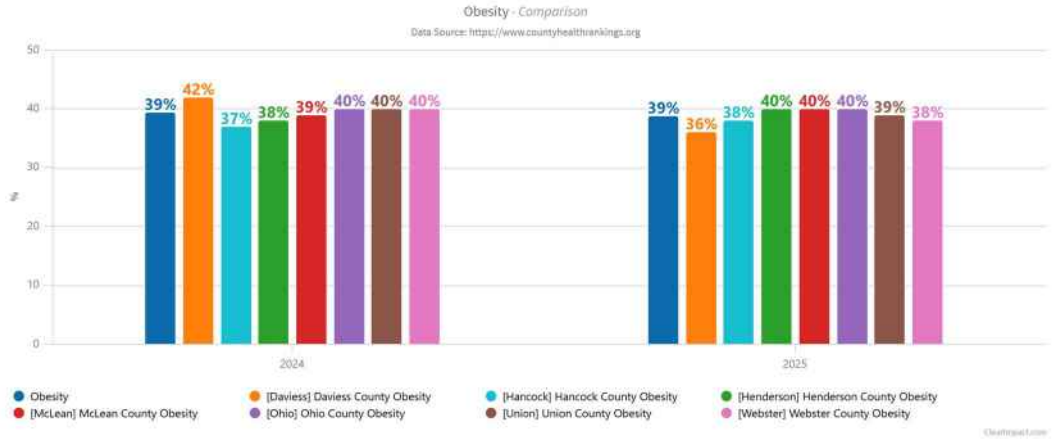
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2024: ACS 1-Year Estimates Data Profiles Census Bureau Tables



(Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Census Bureau Tables)[1]

The Green River District experienced a slight overall increase in population of 656 residents from 2023 to 2024. Daviess, Hancock, and Ohio counties experienced population increases, while Henderson, McLean, Union, and Webster counties experienced population decreases.

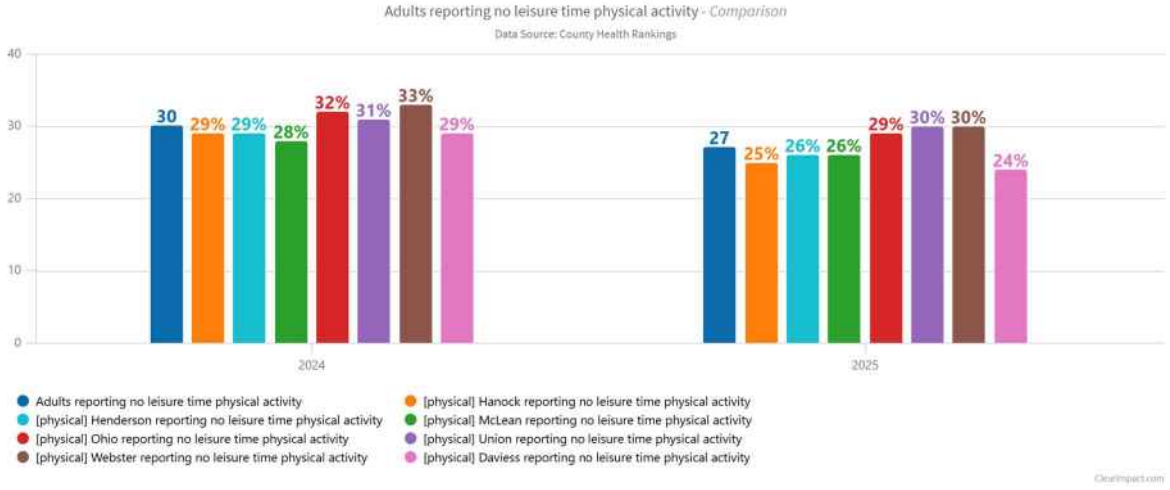
OBESITY



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The overall percentage of obesity in the Green River District remained unchanged from 2024 to 2025. However, changes were observed across individual counties. Hancock, Henderson, and McLean counties experienced increases of 1%, 2%, and 1%, respectively. In contrast, Daviess, Union, and Webster counties experienced decreases of 6%, 1%, and 2%, respectively. Ohio County remained unchanged.

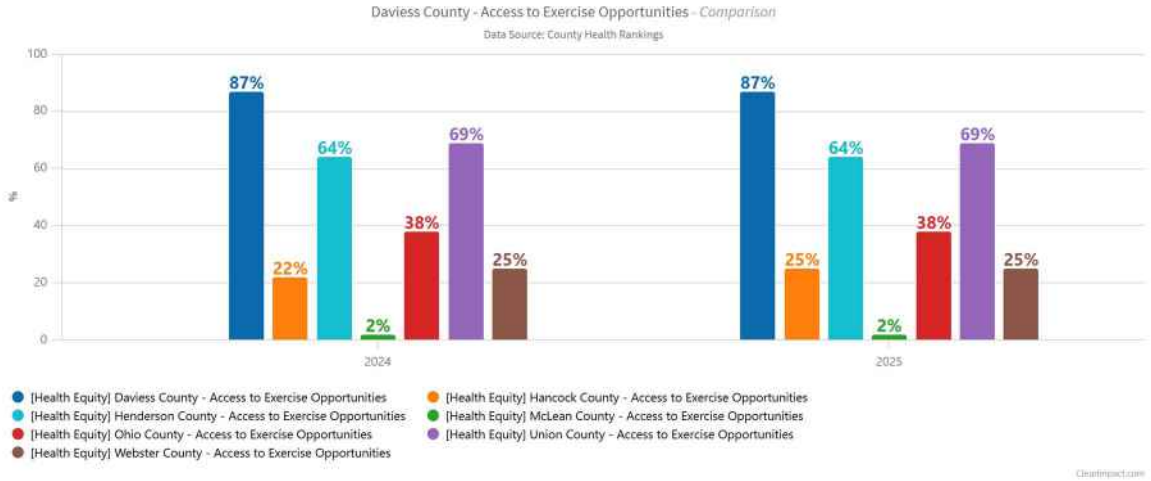
ADULTS REPORTING NO LEISURE TIME PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The percentage of adults reporting no participation in physical activity outside of work decreased across all counties in the Green River District. Overall, the district experienced a 3% decrease in the percentage of adults reporting no leisure-time physical activity.

ACCESS TO EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

Access to exercise opportunities refers to the percentage of the population with adequate access to locations for physical activity, such as parks or recreational facilities. Overall, access remained unchanged across the Green River District compared with the prior year. Hancock County was the only county to experience an 3% increase in the percentage of residents with adequate access to physical activity locations.

Target

21.8% of adults aged 18 years and over engaged in no leisure-time physical activity/
36.0% of adults aged 20 years and over with obesity - Healthy People 2030

Daviess County
Priority Area: Obesity
Lead Agency/Coalition: Green River District Health Department

Goal 1: Reduce obesity and increase physical activity.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Reduce obesity rates by 3% by June 30, 2027. 1. Seek out three new partnerships to address access to healthy foods particularly in high-risk populations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, and the housing authority. 2. Work to provide access to a certified specialist to provide services on mental health and emotional overeating. 3. Work with Owensboro Parks and Recreation to increase access to physical activity through their mobile programming.	1. Healthy Horizons held a panel on nutrition and eating disorders. Participants included Aubry's Song a non-profit whose mission is to educate and reduce eating disorders, Owensboro Health, and GRDHD.	1. Partnered with Owensboro health and other community partners to provide mobile units for onsite care at New Life church. This will also serve as a food distribution site.	1. A partnership with Owensboro Health, River Valley Behavioral Health, Owensboro Parks and Recreation was formed to develop Walk Owensboro. This initiative was created to form walking groups in our various parks and neighborhoods to increase social connections and physical activity. It was launched in Fall 2025 and continued in Spring 2026.

Hancock County
Priority Area: Obesity
Lead Agency/Coalition: Hancock Health Coalition (HCHC)

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce obesity and increase physical activity.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Reduce the number obesity rates by 3% by June 30, 2026. 1. By September 30 of each year, HCHC will conduct a 100-mile club which will have 70 participants walk 100 miles between Memorial Day and Labor Day. 2. HCHC will sponsor an annual 5k with 50 participants each. 3. Promote physical activity, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles to all students, including populations facing barriers, in Hancock County Schools through the Hancock County Public Schools District Wellness Policy.	1. 100 Mile Club started May 29 and ended September 4, 2024 and had 74 participants. 2. Heritage Festival 5k was held June 3, 2023, and had 60 participants. The 2024 Heritage Festival 5k was June 1, 2024 and had 22 participants (adverse weather). 3. GRDHD is a member of the committee to review the Hancock County Public Schools Wellness Policy. Discussions were had on fundraising without promoting sweets and equitable programs for students.	1. 100 Mile club started May 26, 2025 with approximately 60 participants 2. Heritage Festival 5K on May 31, 2025 – 60 participants.	1. Heritage Festival 5k May 30, 2026 – 47 participants. 2. 100 Mile Club Launch on May 25, 2025. 3. Heart Health Lunch and Learn on January 23, 2026 – over 30 participants. Participants learned about prevention of heart disease and stroke and the GRDHD Care SMBP program.

Henderson County
Priority Area: Obesity
Lead Agency/Coalition: Healthy Henderson/ Henderson County Diabetes Coalition (HCDC)

(Continued from previous CHA cycle)

Goal 1: Reduce the rate of obesity in Henderson County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Reduce the rate of Diabetes and Prediabetes by 3% by June 30, 2026. 1. Work in partnership with Deaconess Clinics Wellness Solutions to provide at least 2 community screenings per year for diabetes/prediabetes. One event will be planned in March for Diabetes Alert Day and the other will be in November for Diabetes Awareness Month. 2. Information on risk for diabetes/prediabetes will be available at a minimum of 3 community events during the year. Health care professionals will be available to give out information as well as to answer questions. 3. Provide a current Henderson County Diabetes Resource Guide that lists	1. A free Hgb A1C screening was held for the community on November 14, 2023, where 91 people were screened for prediabetes and diabetes. Educational counseling and materials were also available. 2. Diabetes Alert Day free Hemoglobin A1C screening was held on March 26, 2024, with 77 people in the community screened. 3. Offered Healthy Living with Diabetes Classes in Henderson. • May 28-13 participants • June 4-11 participants • June 11-18 participants • June 18-13 participants 4. Booth on September 28, 2023 at "Healthy on the Hill" which is the local Community college. There were 119 participants and approximately 50 contacts made. 5. Participated in the Health and Benefits Fair at Columbia Sportswear on April 23, 2024, where we shared information on prediabetes and diabetes. There was a minimum of	1. Healthy Living with Diabetes Classes in Henderson • April 10-3 participants • April 17-2 participants, • April 24- 0 participants • May 1-1 participant 2. Diabetes/prediabetes information booth on October 3, 2024, at "Healthy on the Hill" which is the local Community college. Event was for first year students as well as staff. There were 100 participants. 3. There was an information booth at the Senior Expo on diabetes and prediabetes on October 4, 2024 where there were 140 participants. 4. Cool Kids Cook Classes. Partnered with University of KY Cooperative Extension to offer cooking classes in an after-school program for kids in the Henderson Housing Authority program. These were offered to kids in grades 1-3 for an hour after school. There were 4 classes with attendance as follows:	1. Hgb A1C screening on August 1, 2025 in partnership with Owensboro Health at a Health First Community Health Center. Street Fair where 31 people were screened. 2. Screening in partnership with Deaconess on Nov. 13, 2025, where 85 people were screened and a podiatrist conducted 33 foot screenings. 3. Screening in partnership with Deaconess on March 23, 2026, where 100 people were screened. 4. Information booth at the Health First Community Health Center Street Fair on August 1, 2025 - interacted with about 177 people. 5. Booth at the Smith Mills Fun Days on August 23, 2025, where we interacted with 63 people. 6. Participated in the Senior Expo with a booth where we interacted with 123 people on Oct. 3, 2025.

available resources with contact information for diabetes, prediabetes, nutritional counseling and other related programs in Henderson County. This will be kept current electronically and new versions sent out as changes occur. This electronic document will be housed at the Green River District Health Department.	270 contacts made. 6. Booth at the Henderson Tri-Fest on April 19-20, 2024 with fresh fruit and giveaways to kids who participated in physical activities. There was a minimum of 794 contacts made.	• October 16, 2024-16 kids and 8 adult teachers • October 23, 2024-18 kids and 7 adult teachers • October 30, 2024- 18 kids and 7 adult teachers • November 6, 2024-15 kids and 5 adult teachers"	7. Booth Healthy On the Hill on Oct. 14, 2025, where we saw 38 people. 8. Booth at Columbia Sportswear Factory health fair on April 21, 2026, where we interacted with 270 people. 9. Continued to keep the Henderson County Diabetes Resource Directory up to date and available at community events.

HCDC

HENDERSON COUNTY DIABETES COALITION

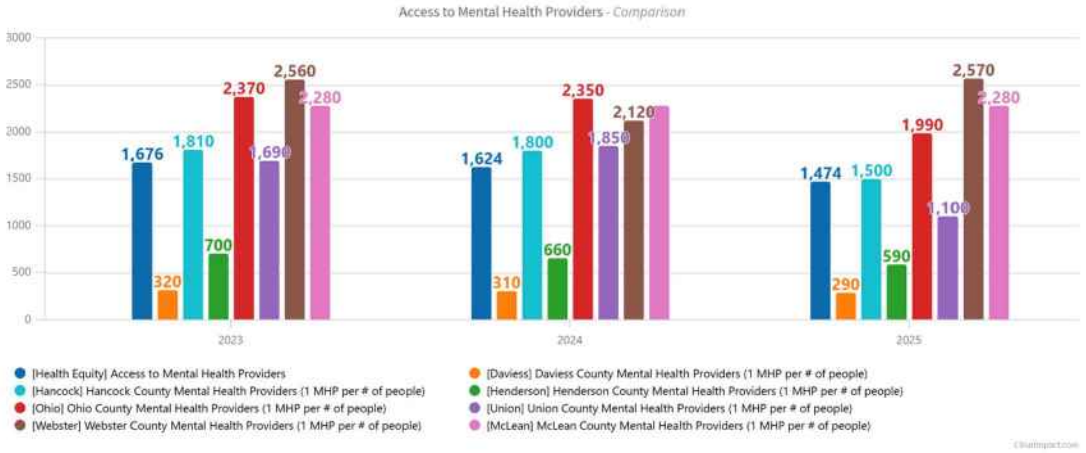
Reduce the proportion of adults with obesity by 3% by June 30, 2026. 1. The Henderson County Diabetes Coalition will continue the "Diabetes Tips and Tastings" support and education group which will be offered monthly during the months of March through October. Each session will feature food samplings, recipes and discussion on topics of interest as identified by the group. 2. Continue to work with community entities such as the Parks and Recreation Department, Boys and Girls Club, The Port, etc. to develop policies to offer healthy snack options and recipes as part of their programs. 3. Work with at least one locally owned restaurant to highlight healthier food options on their menus.	1. The monthly diabetes support group, "Diabetes Tips and Tastings" continued with attendance of • 18 in July • 12 in August • 8 in September • 15 in October of • 20 in March • 20 in April • 15 in May • 13 in June. 2. Outreach booth with activities promoting physical activity at Extension Extravaganza on Sept. 7, 2023 with a minimum of 150 contacts made. 3. Booth on diabetes and prediabetes at the Healthy Henderson Wellness Day on October 2, 2023 where there were 54 contacts made. 4. Booth at the Senior Expo on diabetes and prediabetes on October 6, 2023 where there were 123 participants and approximately 50 contacts made. 5. Presentation to Silver Sneakers group at the Henderson County YMCA about diabetes and prediabetes on 9/13/23 with 27 participants. 6. Community program as part of "The Art of Well Being" at First United Methodist Church on Diabetes Myths and Truths on September 14, 2023 with 5 participants.	1. Diabetes support group, "Diabetes Tips and Tastings" • 14 in July • 14 in August • 13 in September and • 11 in October • 15 in March • 6 in April • 12 in May • 7 in June.	1. Cool Kids Cook Classes in partnership with University of Ky. Cooperative Extension to offer classes for the after-school programs with Audubon Kids Zone. Classes were held weekly for 4 weeks from 9/4/25-10/16/25 with 18 participants and 3 AKZ staff members. Another series was offered with a different group at AKZ from 11/6/25-12/4/25 with 17 participants and 2 AKZ staff. 2. HCDC also had a booth at the Tri-Fest in Henderson on April 17-18,2026 where physical activities were offered and prizes given. There were interactions with 754 people. 3. The "Diabetes tips and Tastings" support Group was offered July-October 2025 and March-June 2026 with an average of 15 participants. 4. Healthy Living with Diabetes Classes from 4/9/26-4/30/26 with 4 participants

	7. Information booth at the Fitness Free for All Day at the YMCA on Saturday, Feb. 17 with 13 personal contacts made. 8. Outreach booth with activities promoting physical activity at Extension Extravaganza on Sept. 7, 2023 with a minimum of 150 contacts made. 9. Booth on diabetes and prediabetes at the Healthy Henderson Wellness Day on October 2, 2023 where there were 54 contacts made. 10. Booth at the Senior Expo on diabetes and prediabetes on October 6, 2023 where there were 123 participants and approximately 50 contacts made. 11. Presentation to Silver Sneakers group at the Henderson County YMCA about diabetes and prediabetes on 9/13/23 with 27 participants. 12. Community program as part of "The Art of Well Being" at First United Methodist Church on Diabetes Myths and Truths on September 14, 2023 with 5 participants. 13. Information booth at the Fitness Free for All Day at the YMCA on Saturday, Feb. 17 with 13 personal contacts made.		

Reduce the proportion of adults who do no physical activity in their free time by 3% by June 30, 2026. 1. Offer information on improving physical activity and increasing movement and mobility 3 events in the community annually. 2. Offer 3 classes/events such as BingoCize, Silver Sneakers, Form and Function, walking clubs, etc. to community members annually. 3. Plan a re-vamped Kid's Day at the YMCA and Diabetes Fun Day to promote physical activity and healthy eating.	1. Outreach booth with activities promoting physical activity at Extension Extravaganza on Sept. 7, 2023 with a minimum of 150 contacts made. 2. Booth on diabetes and prediabetes at the Healthy Henderson Wellness Day on October 2, 2023 where there were 54 contacts made. 3. Booth at the Senior Expo on diabetes and prediabetes on October 6, 2023 where there were 123 participants and approximately 50 contacts made. 4. Presentation to Silver Sneakers group at the Henderson County YMCA about diabetes and prediabetes on 9/13/23 with 27 participants. 14. Community program as part of "The Art of Well Being" at First United Methodist Church on Diabetes Myths and Truths on September 14, 2023 with 5 participants. 15. Information booth at the Fitness Free for All Day at the YMCA on Saturday, Feb. 17 with 13 personal contacts made.		1. Presented a community program "Diabetes Basics" at the Public Library on 2/16/25 where 5 people attended.

MENTAL HEALTH

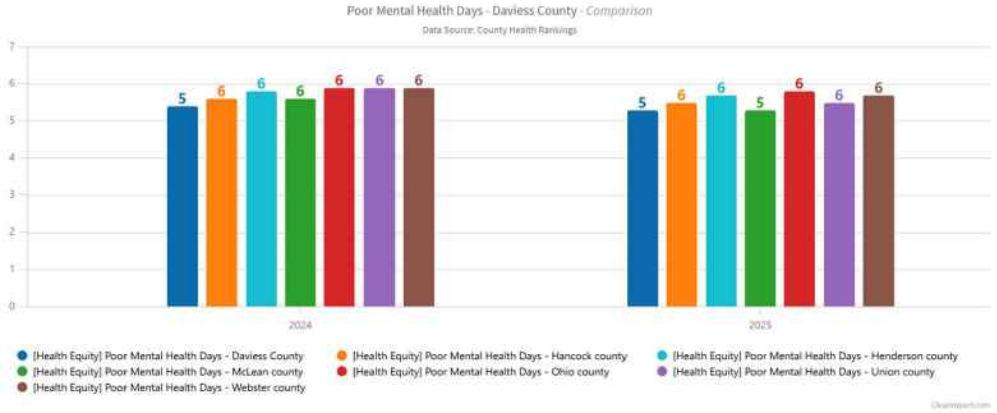
Access to Mental Health Providers



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The number of individuals per mental health provider in the Green River District has steadily decreased over the past three years, indicating increased availability of mental health providers. In 2023, there was one mental health provider for every 1,676 individuals, compared with one provider for every 1,474 individuals in 2025.

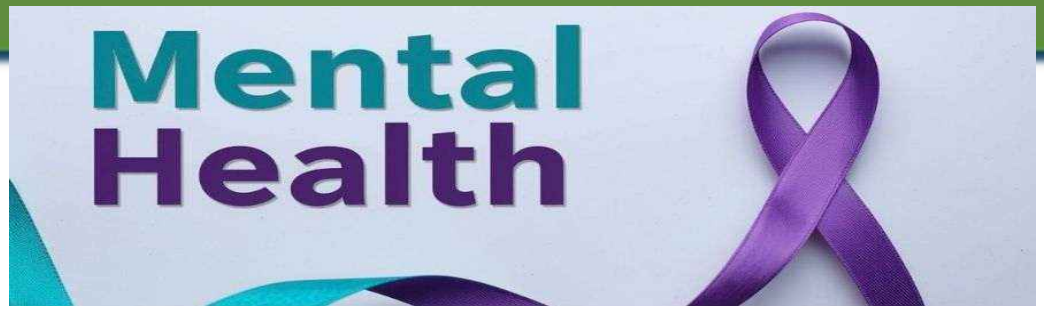
Poor Mental Health Days



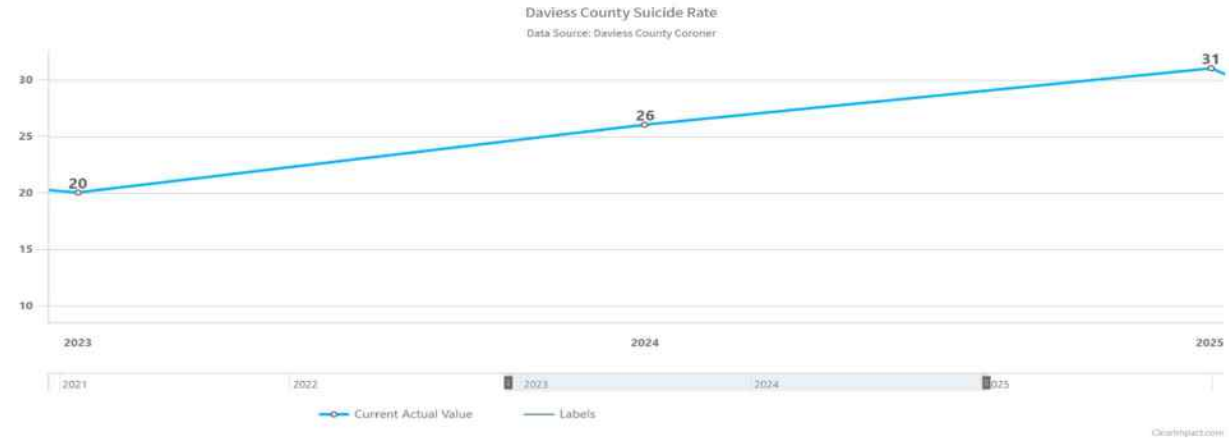
(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

Poor Mental Health Days represent the average number of mentally unhealthy days reported by individuals during the previous 30 days. The number of poor mental health days remained unchanged in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. McLean County was the only county to experience a decrease, declining to an average of 5 days.

Target
12.8 suicides per 100,000 population - Healthy People 2030



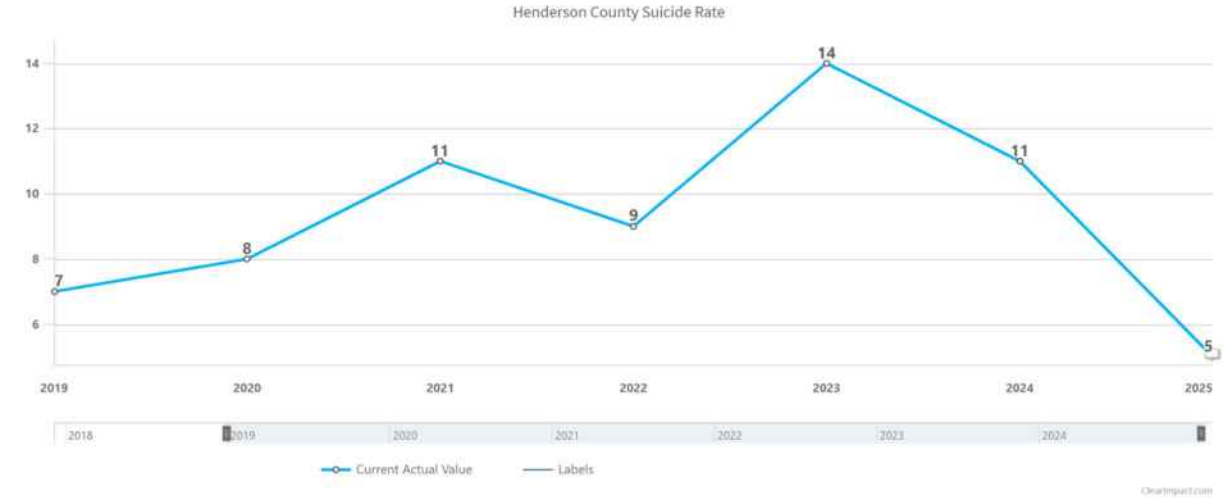
DAVIESS COUNTY SUICIDE RATE



(Source: Daviess County Coroner's Office)[3]

The suicide rate in Daviess County increased from 20 in 2023 to 26 in 2024. In 2025, the county reported 31 suicides.

HENDERSON COUNTY SUICIDE RATE



(Source: Henderson County Coroner's Office)[4]

The Henderson County suicide rate decreased from 14 in 2023 to 11 in 2024. As of September 2025, five suicides have been reported in the county.

Henderson County
Priority Area: Mental Health
Lead Agency/Coalition: Healthy Henderson Mental Health Committee

Goal 1: Reduce rates of suicide in Henderson County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	
Reduce the rates of suicide in Henderson County by 5% by June 30, 2027. 1. Annually, conduct a survey of HCHS students on mental health issues and obstacles. 2. Distribute 988 materials though at least 3 events annually. 3. Conduct 3 evidence based mental health/suicide prevention trainings - Mental Health First Aid (Teen, Youth), ASSIST, QPR. 4. Assess and promote policies of local hospitals to provide coverage of more mental health treatment providers in the county.	1. A survey was conducted in 2023 of 115 HCHS students. • Q: What is the most challenging thing for you at the moment? 32 responded school; 56 mental health; 27 addiction. • Q: Awareness of 9-8-8? 100 yes; 15 no. • Q: Are you seeking counseling/ • mental health? 45 yes; 70 no. 2. HCHS distributed 988 materials at all basketball games. 3. Healthy Henderson purchased 988 materials for Henderson County Schools. 4. ASIST Suicide Prevention Training was held July 14-15, 2023. 5. Port and Central Academy completed Teen Mental Health First Aid. Central Academy, CDW office, the Port all completed Youth Mental Health first Aid. 6. Mental Health Task Force started by the Mayor's office.	1. District wide mental health awareness campaign to promote 988 and Credible Mind.	1. Continuation of the Mental Health Matters Mental - Health Campaign throughout the seven-county region.

McLean County
Priority Area: Mental Health
Lead Agency/Coalition: McLean County Community Coalition (MCCC).

Goal 1: Increase outreach for the utilization of Mental Health resources in McLean County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By July 2024, McLean County Community Coalition will provide at least four (4) educational opportunities related to Mental Health in the county for local citizens and professions. 1. McLean County Community Coalition will create a five-part learning series on mental health for the county. (Topics: ACES/PACES, Crisis Team, Local Mental Health Resources and Needs, Child Abuse). This will allow citizens and professionals access to training without leaving the county. 2. Annually, host a Suicide Prevention Memorial Walk with resources, local agencies, and Crisis Line materials.		1. September 2024 – In coordination with McLean County Cougar Council and River Valley Behavioral Health provided Teen Mental Health First Aid Training for McLean County High School students and was noted as the first traditional high school to have implemented Teen Mental Health First Aid to the entire student body.	1. August 19, 2025 – Provided Credible Mind orientation and training to coalition members on how they can subscribe to and utilize their established website. Services are free and part of a collaborative initiative with Green River District Health Department, Owensboro Health, and River Valley Behavioral Health. 2. September 2025 - McLean County Community Coalition provided an opportunity for all to subscribe to the Mental Health Promotional Newsletter. 3. November 13, 2025 - McLean County ASAP sponsored a PCAK (Prevention Child Abuse Kentucky) Curriculum. This is a program targeting adult service providers, educators, volunteers and healthcare professionals on signs and symptoms indicating child neglect and abuse. Program will begin being delivered in 2026. 4. McLean County as part of the Owensboro/Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition, participated in the 18th annual Lifesavers Walk held September

			28, 2024 and also September 20, 2025. More than 200 individuals participated each year.
By May 2024, McLean County Community Coalition will partner with 5 local schools and agencies to provide materials and education on Mental Health resources. 1. By February 1, 2024, provide information and promote the Sources of Strength Curriculum to the middle school and elementary schools. 2. By January 1, 2023, McLean County Community Coalition will provide 988 materials to 4 local agencies including the alternative school, law enforcement, and healthcare.	1. Created a list of those healthcare services currently provided within the county and identified which resources are being met in nearby counties. Members are developing a continuum of care matrix for mental health services from pre-natal to older adults.	1. District wide mental health awareness campaign to promote 988 and Credible Mind. 2. September 19, 2024 – Disseminated 988 wristbands, to all McLean County middle and high school students, key chains and magnetic 988 signs to all middle and high school faculty/staff as part of national Suicide Prevention Month. 3. February 1, 2024 - Provided information and promote the Sources of Strength Curriculum to the middle school and elementary schools. 4. September 2024 – McLean County High School's Cougar Council members scheduled and began facilitating the Sources of Strength Curriculum to student body. 5. May 16, 2025 - McLean County Public Schools implementing both Too Good for Drugs (K-12) and Sources of Strength a peer led mental health program.	1. September 15, 2025 – McLean County High School's Cougar Council organized their annual program called "Christmas for Kids." This program impacts many local families by providing Christmas gifts and food vouchers. 2. October 6, 2025 – McLean County Community Coalition hosted the Drug Endangered Child Approach Training – McLean County Extension Office, Calhoun. 3. Continue district wide Mental Health Matters mental health awareness campaign promoting Credible Mind and 988.

Ohio County
Priority Area: Mental Health
Lead Agency/Coalition: Ohio County Health Coalition (OCHC).

Goal 1: Increase outreach for the utilization of Mental Health resources.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By December 2023, OCHC will provide at least 4 educational opportunities related to Mental Health in the county for local citizens and professions. 1. OCHC will create a six-part learning series on mental health for the county. (Topics: ACES/PACES, Crisis Team, Local Mental Health Resources and Needs, Child Abuse) This will allow citizens and professionals access to training without leaving the county. 2. Annually, host a Suicide Prevention Memorial Walk with resources, local agencies, and Crisis Line materials.	1. Mid Week Mental Health Lunch and Learns were held September 2023 – April 2024. Topics included Traum Informed Care, Local Resources, Substance Abuse, QPR Training, Child Abuse and Reporting, and Mental Health in our local Schools. 2. Suicide Prevention Walk was held in September 9, 2023 at Ohio County Park.	1. Mental Lunch and Learn series expanded to the Alternative Learning Program (ALP) January – April 2. September 7, 2024, Survive and Thrive Mental Health and Suicide Awareness event - 200 participants.	1. Continue with Lunch and Learn series at ALP – various community partners participated including GRDHD. Other topics: substance abuse and mental health, library programing, Green Dot, Ohio County Sheriff. 2. September 6, 2025 – Survive and Thrive Mental Health and Suicide Awareness event – 200 participants.

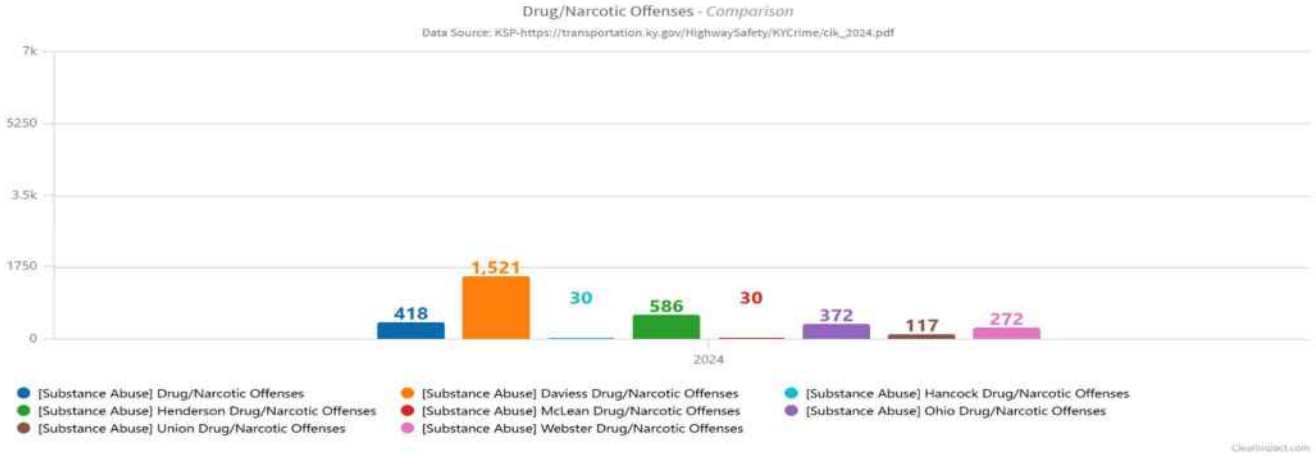
By May 2024, OCHC partner with 6 local schools and agencies to provide materials and education on Mental Health resources. 1. By February 1, 2024, OCHC will approach the middle and elementary schools in adopting the Sources or Strength Curriculum. 2. By January 1, 2023, OCHC will provide 988 materials to 4 local agencies including the alternative school, law enforcement, and healthcare. 3. Provide 988 materials in Spanish to schools and local companies.	1. 988 Materials to the Suicide Prevention Walk (September 2023 and 2024) Women's Health Day (October 2024) Family night at Fordsville (November 2023) and the local school system. 2. 988 materials in Spanish were provided to local agencies and events.	1. District wide mental health awareness campaign to promote 988 and Credible Mind.	1. Continue district wide Mental Health Matters mental health awareness campaign promoting Credible Mind and 988.

Ohio County HEALTH COALITION

Building a Healthier Community

SUBSTANCE MISUSE/ABUSE

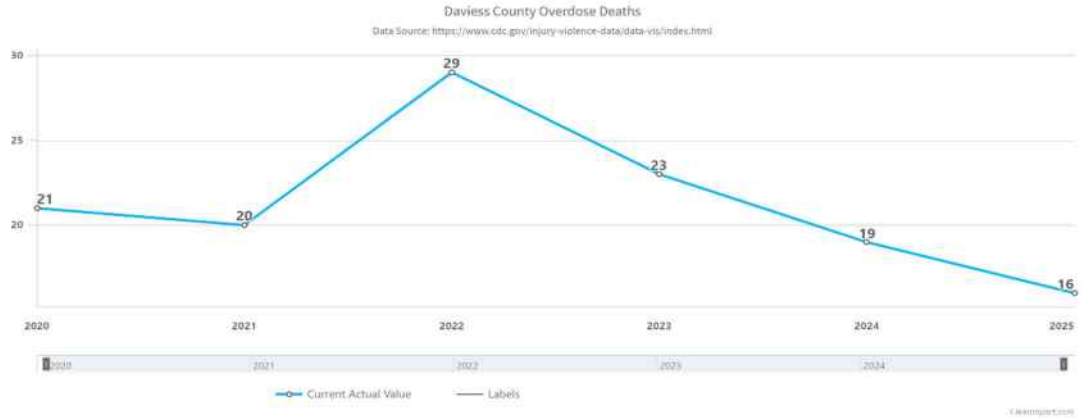
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND NARCOTIC OFFENSES



(Source: Kentucky State Police)[6]

In 2024, Daviess County reported the highest number of drug and narcotic offenses in the Green River District, with 1,521 offenses, followed by Henderson County with 586, Ohio County with 372, and Webster County with 272. Hancock and McLean counties reported the lowest numbers, with 30 offenses each.

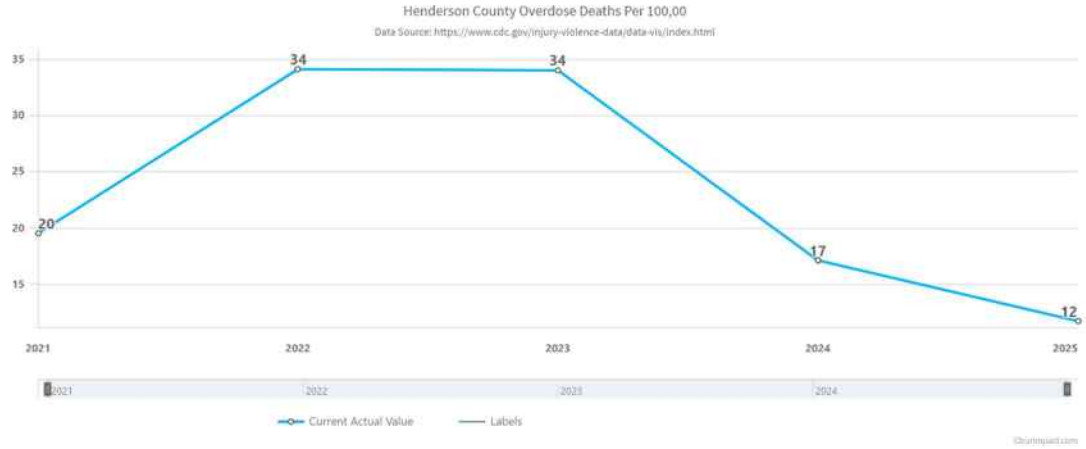
DAVIESS COUNTY OVERDOSE DEATHS



(Source: https://www.cdc.gov/injury-violence-data)7

Overdose deaths in the Daviess county decreased from 29 in 2022 to 19 in 2024. According to provisional data for the most recent 12-month period, March 2025 through February 2026, 16 overdose deaths were reported.

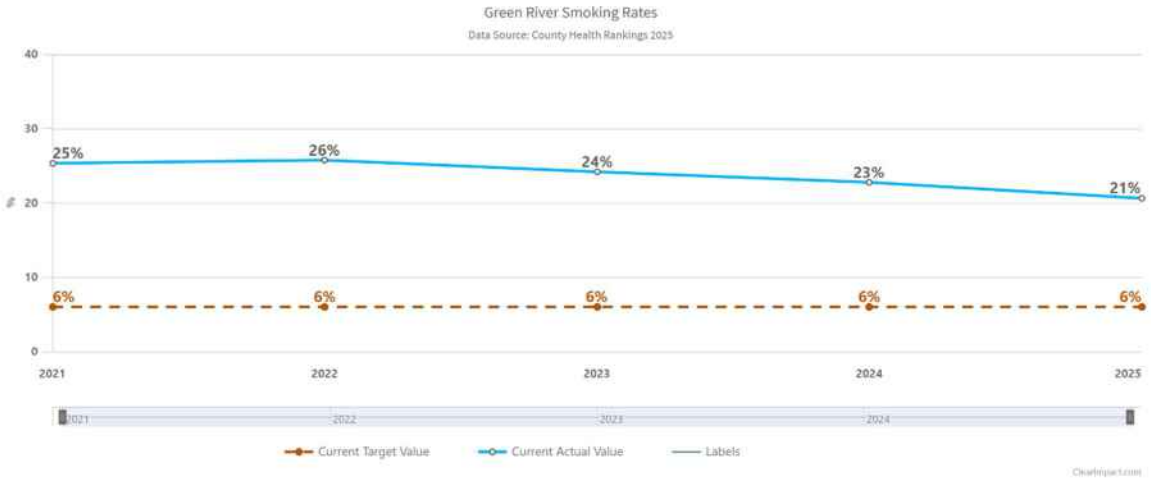
HENDERSON COUNTY OVERDOSE DEATHS



(Source: https://www.cdc.gov/injury-violence-data)7

According to CDC Injury and Violence Data, Henderson County's overdose death rate decreased from 34 deaths per 100,000 population in 2023 to 17 deaths per 100,000 in 2024. Provisional data for the most recent 12-month period, March 2025 through February 2026, indicate a further decrease to 12 overdose deaths per 100,000 population.

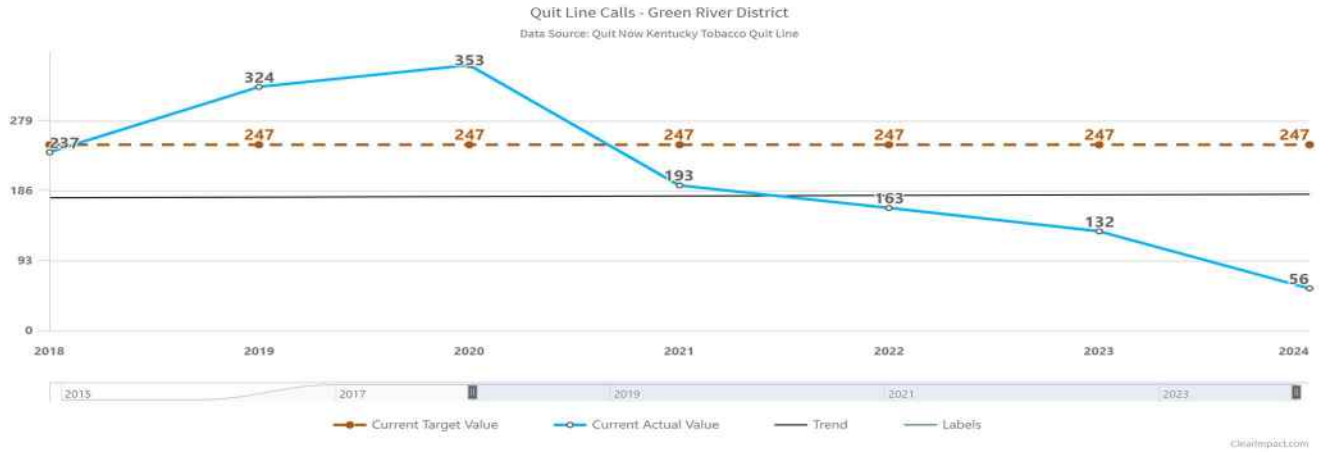
SMOKING RATES



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The percentage of adults who smoke in the Green River District decreased from a six-year high of 26% in 2022 to 21% in 2025. This represents the lowest percentage of adult smokers in the district over the past six years.

QUIT LINE CALLS



(Source: Quit Now Kentucky Tobacco Quit Line)[8]
The number of quit line calls from 2023 to 2024 has decreased from 132 to 56.

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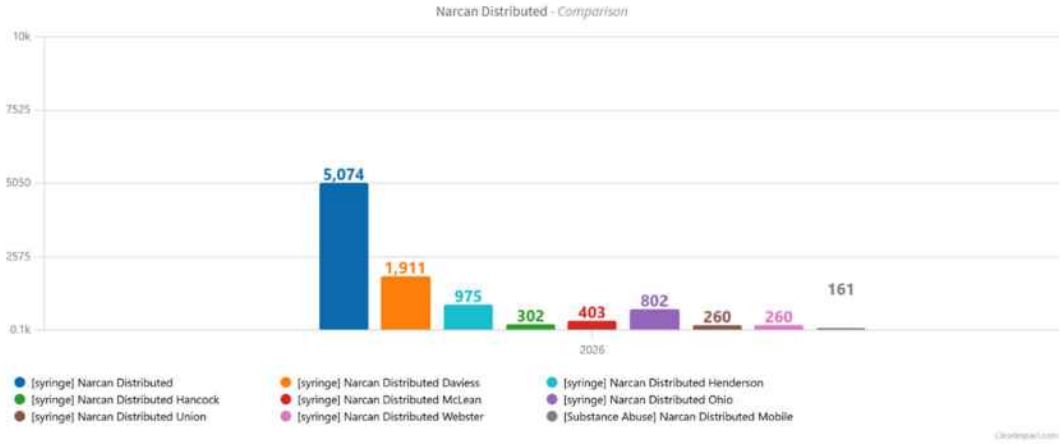


Target
6.1 % Smoking Rates - Healthy People 2030
Target
10.5% of students in grades 6 through 12 used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days
Healthy People 2030
Target
20.7 drug overdose deaths per 100,000 population - Healthy People 2030

Daviess County
Priority Area: Substance Misuse
Lead Agency/Coalition: Green River District Health Department/DC ASAP

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce substance misuse in Daviess County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Increase Smoke Free Laws in Owensboro/Daviess County by January 2024. 1. Work with the City of Owensboro to include vaping in the current ordinance. 2. Work with the Daviess County Fiscal Court to include vaping in the current ordinance.	1. Partnered with the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, University of Kentucky, Owensboro Health and grass roots supporters to stop an attempt to weaken the current Owensboro smoking ordinance by a local gaming facility. 2. Approached the Daviess County Fiscal Court and City of Owensboro to include vaping in the current ordinance before the legalization of medical cannabis in January 2025.	1. KY ASAP investigated strengthening the current smoking ordinance in conjunction with upcoming legalization of medical marijuana. The discussion included Daviess County Judge Executive. 2. GRDHD Tobacco staff have had ongoing conversations with city commission members on including vaping in the current ordinance.	1. A series of presentations and follow-up meeting took place encouraging the City of Owensboro to add specific language with regard to the use of vaping products in public spaces. Special presentation to City Commissioners on May 14, 2024, presentation of ordinance amendments to city attorney and city manager. 2. March 2025, one-on-one meeting with city commissioner on presenting amendments on vaping for consideration, July 31, 2025. 3. Joint Daviess County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy and The Alliance for a Drug-Free Owensboro/Daviess County Steering Committee meeting advocated for amending current ordinance to include use of vaping products in public places. January 21, 2026.
Reduce the number of overdose deaths in Daviess County by 5% by June 30, 2027.	1. Narcan boxes have been placed in six locations utilizing information from law enforcement, patient input, and the Social Vulnerability Index.	1. 2871 units of Narcan have been distributed as of June 30, 2025. 2. The Alliance for a Drug Free	1. 1655 doses of Narcan distributed since June 30, 2026 2. Daviess County ASAP

1. Strategically place six Narcan vending machines in the city/county. 2. Work with the Alliance for a Drug Free Owensboro Daviess County to work on a strategic plan for Opioid Abatement Funds.	2. A strategic plan has been developed for the Opioid Abatement funds.	Owensboro Daviess County has shared the strategic plan with city and county government officials, and the plan was adopted by ASAP and the Owensboro Daviess County Alliance. 3. Malco Movie Theater Ads on vaping dangers were run - June 2024 and May 2025. 4. GRDHD promotes various tobacco cessation in clinics and community, including Quit Now Kentucky and Tobacco Treatment Specialist. Free NRT is now being offered by Owensboro Health. 5. Tobacco and Vaping Resource Guide distributed for the 24/25 school year	purchased Narcan educational training and storage boxes for the community-200 total. GRDHD secured the Narcan. 3. GRDHD staff traveled to Life Learning Center in Covington to view their facility for a possible location in Owensboro. Life Learning Center delivers a holistic, integrated continuum of education and care to help our at-risk citizens step up to their highest potential.
Reduce vaping/tobacco use by 3% by June 30, 2027. 1. Create a media campaign on the dangers of vaping by social media, radio spots, and movie theater spots. 2. Partner with Owensboro Health, GRDHD, and River Valley to provide tobacco cessation to 50 patients annually. 3. Incorporate evidence-based tobacco/vaping cessation curriculum			1. GRDHD staff collaborated with Screen Vision Media to create a visual media message and voiced narrative encouraging viewers who may be thinking about quitting smoking and/or vaping to capture the QR codes on their phones which were shown at the base of the screen message. The QR code leads interested viewers to Quitline experts who will provide technical support for stopping nicotine use. 2. These audio/visual messages were shown at the Owensboro Malco Theater 15. There are 15

into 2 schools.			screens each providing multiple shows and the theater is open seven days a week. Reported an estimated 94,670 between May 29 through July 31, 2025 (ten weeks). 3. May 5th – June 29th 2026 – Contracted impressions 58,790, Delivered impressions 113,136 4. Daviess County ASAP local board has approved and budgeted $ 2,500.00 for the 2026-2026 Winter media campaign running between November 15, 2026, through February 15, 2027. Projected 113,000 impressions to be made. 5. Owensboro Health Regional Hospital reports the following data on providing individual successfully completing the Tobacco Treatment program: Daviess County - • 2024 – 384 • 2025 – 458 • 2026 - 268 (To Date August) 6. Both GRDHD and River Valley Behavioral Health RPC staff identified, marketed and solicited funding for the evidence-based nicotine/vaping prevention curriculum, SmokeSCREEN® .

			On November 2025, presentation to Daviess County ASAP local board, December 9th marketing to both Owensboro Independent and Daviess County Public Schools to adopt SmokeSCREEN® to be licenses and used in two middle schools. Funding approved on December 15, 2025, for the amount of $ 3,000.00 by Daviess County ASAP for funding two schools in each district. 7. Daviess County ASAP local board continues to financially support the implementation of DARE® in the Owensboro Public Schools, all elementary and middle schools in the district. (2023 – 2026)
Increase access to treatment for adolescents/young adults. 1. Contact Rivendell Behavioral Health Hospital in Bowling Green with their IOP program to talk about successes, barriers. 2. Identify referral sources for evidence-based treatment.			
Increase outreach for the utilization of Substance Use and Mental Health resources.	1. Two lunch and learns were held with local pastors– one on suicide prevention and one on vaping.	1. Development of a Mental Health Collaborative with River Valley, Owensboro Health and GRDHD. Monthly meetings to discuss	1. The Mental Health Collaborate expanded its media outreach for the Mental Health Matters Campaign.

1.Provide a lunch & learn series that would host educational opportunities for the community to attend and learn more about substance use prevention and treatment, gambling, as well as mental health resources in the county for local citizens and professions.		promotion of mental health resources in our community. 2. District wide mental health awareness campaign, Mental Health Matters, was developed by the collaborative to promote 988 and Credible Mind.	2. A report was developed to review trend data on suicides and suicide attempts in Daviess County. Data will be utilized to guide media campaigns and future programing.

Healthy Horizons

Hancock County
Priority Area: Substance Abuse/Tobacco
Lead Agency/Coalition: Hancock ASAP

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce tobacco and vaping use in Hancock County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By June 30, 2026, reduce the rate of tobacco usage and vaping by 3% 1. Trained Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) will be available to all Hancock County residents in need. This will be offered by phone to address transportation issues, 60 residents will be treated by June 30, 2025. 2. Provide grants to 4 local schools for presentations/events for student on vaping and substance misuse by July 1, 2024. 3. Annually, provide 30 quit kits to students along with evidenced based cessation tools at Hancock County High School. Hancock County High has vaping detectors installed by ASAP in restrooms.	1. TTS, treated 14 adults and 7 youth. 11 adults received combination nicotine replacement therapy (patch + gum, or patch + lozenge). 2. Hancock County ASAP provided funding to host a Remix assembly focused on responsible decision-making, substance misuse prevention, and bullying prevention for elementary students at North Hancock. 3. #iCANendthetrend provided vaping prevention education to HCHS Freshman. 4. Provided 7 quit kits to Hancock County Youth participating in tobacco treatment.	1. Provided tobacco treatment services to twelve (12) adults and 6 youth. NRT was provided for eleven (11) adults, and Quit Kits were provided for 6 youth. Five (5) of these adults and two (2) youth reported still being tobacco free 60 days after treatment ended. 2. Hancock County ASAP completed a nicotine awareness social media campaign that resulted in over 1,500 impressions and 64 likes. Ads drove community members to the HC ASAP Facebook page and to Quit Now Kentucky. 3. Medical Marijuana Lunch & Learn - Hancock County ASAP collaborated with RVBH and the Hancock County Health Coalition to host this event on March 13. 23 community members attended this event focused on educating about the differences between medical and recreational marijuana and laws. 4. Drug Endangered Child Lunch & Learn - 29 community members attended this April 10 event.	1. Provided tobacco treatment services to 10 adults and 3 youth. 2. Put together 80 Quit Kits for stopping smoking and vaping. They were distributed on the first responder's day. Other kits were sent to the River Valley Behavioral Health Hancock County Site. 3. Red Ribbon Week materials were provided to Middle School to promote drug prevention education.

Goal 2: Reduce substance misuse in Hancock County.			
Reduce the incidence of substance misuse related arrests by 5% by June 30, 2024. 1. By June 30, 2024, Hancock ASAP will sponsor 3 community events to educate the community on substance abuse. 2. Provide free Narcan in Hancock County by June 1, 2024.	1. Hancock County ASAP participated in the first annual First Responders Event June 15, 2024, and distributed 80 RX lockboxes to community members. 2. Hancock County hosted an RX Drug Toss event April 27, 2024, and properly disposed of 50 pounds of expired or unused prescription drugs. 3. Four Narcan boxes have been placed strategically throughout the county providing accessibility to all residents.	1. Hancock County ASAP purchased naloxone trainers and inebriation goggles to support the health education classes at HCHS. These items were used with all (126) 9th grade students at HCHS. All students learned about opioid overdose prevention and the dangers of substance impaired actions. 2. Johnny's Ambassadors THC Awareness event was held at both HCMS and HCHS on October 30, 2024. 3. 579 units of Narcan have been distributed in the Narcan vending boxes as of June 30, 2025. 4. Opioid Overdose Training - Hancock County ASAP collaborated with RVBH and the Hancock County Health Coalition to host an Opioid Overdose Prevention and Narcan Training Lunch and Learn on February 13. 27 community members attended and received free naloxone.	1. 302 doses of Narcan provided. 2. River Valley Behavioral Health opened a residential treatment facility in the county. – Emerald Lodge in April 2026.

Henderson County
Priority Area: Substance Misuse
Lead Agency/Coalition Henderson County ASAP

(Continuation of previous CHA cycle)

Goal 1: Reduce the rate of substance misuse in Henderson County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Increase awareness on the risk of fentanyl and other opioids in an effort to reduce the number of fentanyl overdoses and deaths by June 30,2027. 1. Collaborate with Henderson County ASAP in applying for Opiate Abatement Grant funding for Henderson County. 2. Implement education, prevention, and early intervention programs as outlined in Opiate Abatement Grant proposal. 3. Provide funding support to service providers to provide treatment services for 20 citizens substance use disorders and particularly opioid dependence.	1. Henderson County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy local board successfully applied for Harm Reduction funding on May 31, 2023. 2. June 6, 2023 – Narcan use training was held at Pittsburg Tank and Tower, 30 people were trained and provided Narcan kits. 3. Henderson's Community Alliance Resource Partners (CARP) is primarily focused on getting services and education to individuals who are underserved in the community (homeless, drug related, disadvantaged youth, and those with health disparities). They are connecting individuals to opioid treatment services and support.	1. September 18, 2024 - Resource Recovery Club in partnership with Henderson County ASAP, Henderson County Schools, and WARM Center hosted a Safety Summit with the topic "Combating the Opioid Crisis Together". 2. November 14, 2024 - Henderson County ASAP hosted a "Mini-Grant Presentation Summit" in when all organizations receiving funding through ASAP gave a presentation on how they utilized the funds. Organizations included Henderson Police Department, Central Academy, Chloe Randolph Foundation, River Valley Behavioral Health, WARM Center, Lofton's Law Foundation, Henderson County Jail Ministry, Involvement Inc.	1. District Court Advocate hired by The Beacon in collaboration with Henderson County Fiscal Court. This position utilizes state opioid abatement funds to provide prevention, education, and identification of available opioid treatment programs. 2. Beginning July 1, 2025, grant funds were used to purchase drug screening kits and related supplies for Involvement Inc. Drug screens are provided to adults and juveniles referred by DCBS, courts, CDW, and therapeutic agencies to support case management, accountability, and recovery. To date, 213 screening kits have been used for 147 adults and 66 juveniles, with 7 positive screens requiring laboratory confirmation. The screenings help identify substance use, support individualized case plans, and assist clients in meeting court and agency requirements while working toward recovery.

Reduce current use of e-cigarettes among adolescents by 5% by June 30, 2027. 1. Collaborate with Henderson County public and parochial schools to provide evidence-based tobacco/vaping education programs for grades 5 – 12. 2. Train and implement evidence-based intervention programs (INDEPTH and/or NOT Not on Tobacco programs) for In School Suspension for parents and students (NOT) as an optional component of school disciplinary policies with infractions.	1. Green River District Health Department and Henderson ASAP local board drafted progressive e-cigarette/nicotine policies for Henderson County Public Schools to review, approve and implement.	1. Tobacco and Vaping Resource Guide distributed for the 24/25 school year.	1. Funds supported WARM/MARC school-based prevention and education programs for Henderson County students in grades 6–9. MARC staff provided classroom presentations addressing substance-use prevention and healthy decision-making, including education relevant to adolescent tobacco/vaping prevention. Activities reached students across Henderson County schools and helped increase awareness of the risks associated with substance use and vaping.

Reduce cigarette smoking/vaping among pregnant women by 2% by June 3, 2027. 1. Provide tobacco/ nicotine cessation classes (SCRIPT Program and others) at Marsha's Place, Henderson County Health Department, WARM Recovery, Deaconess Henderson Hospital and River Valley Behavioral Health's KY-Moms MATR program. 2. Provide tobacco cessation education materials to six OB/GYN provider's offices.		1. October 1, 2024 - Henderson County ASAP attended the 2024 KPN Conference. Evidence-based tobacco/vaping education resources were presented which were then shared with Henderson County School staff.	
Reduce number of pregnant women who use illicit opioids during pregnancy by June 30, 2027. 1. Provide opioid educational programs at Marsha's Place, Henderson County Health Department, WARM Recovery, Deaconess Henderson Hospital and River Valley Behavioral Health's KY-Moms MATR program. 2. Provide opioid educational materials to six OB/GYN provider's offices. .	1. Henderson's WARM Program secured funding and had the official unveiling on June 23, 2023 of Project Launch which is an opioid treatment program for women of child-bearing ages and beyond. This educational intervention program was developed by the National Center for Addiction Recovery.		

Ohio County
Priority Area: Substance Abuse/Tobacco
Lead Agency/Coalition: Ohio ASAP

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce substance misuse.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By May 31, 2026, there will be an increase of 5% in calls to 1 800 QUIT NOW from Ohio County. 1. By June 30, 2024, OC ASAP will provide NRT to 20 tobacco users through QUIT NOW Kentucky tobacco Quit Line. 2. Advertise Quit Now Kentucky in the two local papers, and social media at least quarterly.	1. OC ASAP provided $1000 to contribute to GRDHD's partnership with National Jewish to provide free NRT. 29 total doses distributed in Green River. 2. Social media post throughout the year in Green River. Ads were placed in the Ohio County Times News November 5th and 18th, 2023 for Lung Cancer Awareness Month.	1. GRDHD coordinated training Ohio County Hospital Staff to be Tobacco Treatment Specialist.	1. During the Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program's annual spring conference, the Green Region District Tobacco Control Coalition provided a plenary presentation titled: Advancing Tobacco Treatment in a Critical Access Hospital. Through a partnership between Ohio County HealthCare, Green River District Health Department, and Ohio County Health Council shared how they collaboratively worked to advance tobacco treatment in a rural health system. 2. Approximately 500 patients served through Ohio County Hospital's TTS program for FY 25/26. Utilized ASAP Funds for TTS interventions for those receiving CT scans for early detection on lung cancer.

Reduce the number of 10th grade students reporting tobacco use/vaping by 5%. 1. By June 30, 2024, OC ASAP will provide substance abuse education to 200 8th grade students through the Truth or Consequences Program. 2. By June 30, 2024, OC ASAP will host 2 community events on emerging substance abuse issues and prevention.	1. Truth and Consequences was held November 2, 2023. All 8th grade students participated. 2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Lunch and Learn was January 2024. A lunch on substance abuse education and opiate awareness was held March 2024 with local church leaders.	1. Johnny's Ambassador's Marijuana Prevention Education was held on March 19, 2025 for all Middle, High and ALP students. 2. ALP presentations substance abuse and mental health were held January - April 2025. 3. DEC Awareness and Approach Training for community members	1. Vaping education is provided to all ALP students. 2. Great American Smoke Out Event for Ohio County November 20 at Ohio County High. Quitting resources, presentation. 3. Continued to provide DEC Awareness and Approach Training for the community including first responders and treatment/ recovery centers
By May 31, 2024, provide 2 outlets for Narcan Distribution in the county. 1. By June 30, 2024, OC ASAP will provide Narcan to 75 uninsured residents through Rice Pharmacy. 2. In partnership with GRDHD, purchase a Narcan vending machine for residents to access free of charge.	1. Narcan distributed up to July 1, 2024 from Rice Pharmacy - 89 2. 4 Narcan boxes have been placed in strategic locations in the county.	1. Ohio County ASAP sponsored Narcan Training for Firefighters. 2. Ohio County ASAP provides free Narcan for MidTown and Rice Pharmacies. 3. 917 units of Narcan have been distributed in vending boxes as of June 30, 2025.	1. 767 Doses of Narcan provided.

Union County
Priority Area: Substance Abuse/Tobacco
Lead Agency/Coalition: Union ASAP

Goal 1: Reduce substance misuse.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By June 30, 2027, reduce youth vaping rates by 3%. 1. Implement evidence-based alternative to suspension programing, InDepth, for students caught vaping in Union Middle, High, and Learning Academy. 2. Promote My Life, My Quit, and other evidenced based cessation and education programs in Union County.	1. Implemented a 100% Tobacco Free Campus July, 2024. 2. Youth Tobacco Intervention in Schools Grant for $7,200 was awarded to implement INDEPTH as an alternative-to-suspension. 3. 9 INDEPTH classes conducted between January-March 2024 (6 at UCHS and 3 at UCLA) 4 INDEPTH classes conducted between April-June 2024 (2 at UCHS, 1 at UCLA, and 1 at UCMS). 4. Distribution of the Tobacco Resource Guide to Union County Schools for all evidence-based programing.	1. FY 24-25 Youth Tobacco Intervention in Schools Grant application submitted on November 18, 2024 to continue INDEPTH implementation. A total of $7,200 was awarded ($2,400 for UCMS, $2,400 for UCHS, and $2,400 for UCLA). 2. INDEPTH classes conducted between January-June 2025 (1 at UCHS, 1 at UCLA, and 1 at UCMS). 3. Distribution of the Tobacco Cessation Resource Guide for 24/25 school year. 4. Presentation on the dangers of vaping provided for UCHS parent engagement night "Tuesday Night Fireside" (10/29/24). 5. My Life, My Quit and Quit Now Kentucky posters distributed to all UCPS schools.	1. Continued implementation of INDEPTH in UCMS, UCHS, and UCLA. 2. Distribution of the Tobacco Cessation Resource Guide for 25/26 school year.
Increase resources and funding to address substance abuse by December 31, 2024. 1. Create a subcommittee to write the opiate abatement grant and other grants.	1. Began the process of writing the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant in March 2024. Strategic planning discussions in progress regarding coalition revitalization to meet DFC requirements ahead of grant writing.	1. UC ASAP Board Summit was held on 9/13/24 . 2. Collaboration with The Beacon of West Kentucky to assist in pursuing potential funding through the state opioid abatement grant and harm reduction grant.	1. UC ASAP Board Summit was held on 11/14/25 and included strategic planning activities and local data review. Harm Reduction grant through KY-ASAP was submitted on 2/16/26 and approved on 5/28/26.

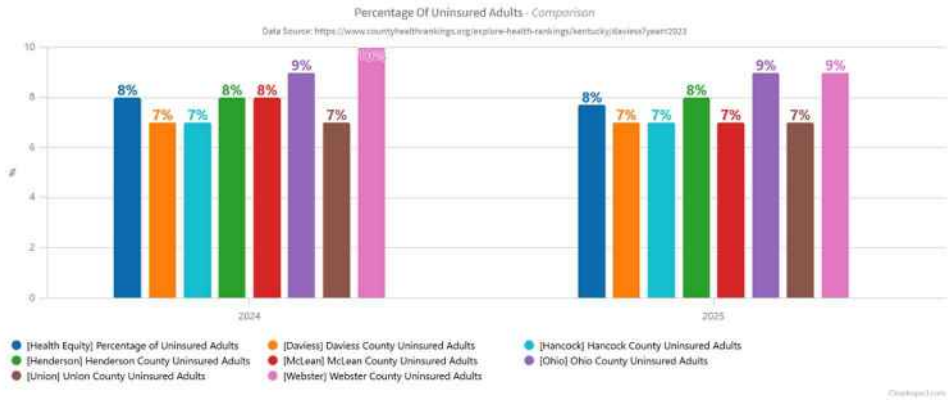
Webster County
Priority Area: Substance Abuse/Tobacco
Lead Agency/Coalition: Webster True Blue Coalition

Goal 1: Reduce substance misuse.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By June 30, 2027, reduce smoking and vaping by 3%. 1. Advocate and pass a Smoke Free Ordinance for Webster County by June 30, 2025. 2. Provide evidence-based vaping and cessation education annually to Webster County Middle and High School. 3. Provide cultural and linguistically appropriate materials on vaping to Webster County Middle and High School annually.	1. Through a partnership with University of Kentucky through the "Smoke-Free Southern States" grant subaward, a public opinion survey regarding secondhand smoke and smoke-free policy published in the Sebree Banner, Providence Journal Enterprise, Webster County DFC Facebook, and flyers disseminated at community meetings and events (August 2023-June 2024). 2. "SmokefreeWC" logo created (December 2023). 3. #SmokefreeWC rally towels were toss out into the crowds during half-time at 2 home basketball games (February 2024). 4. #SmokefreeWC social media campaign (May 2024). 5. Tobacco/vaping prevention and cessation resource guide developed by GRDHD provided to DFC coordinator and school administrators (August 2023). 6. Vaping presentations provided by GRDHD to all 6th students attending the annual Mini TLC (10/27/23).	1. Continued promotion of the #SmokefreeWC message by Webster County DFC at local community events. 2. "Fighting Youth Vaping (Nicotine and THC)" community Lunch and Learn event (11/21/24). 3. Distribution of the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Resource Guide. 4. Webster County True Blue Youth Coalition attended the KY Youth Tobacco Control Conference (2/5/25). 5. "Too Good for Drugs" implemented at Providence Elem, Sebree Elem, Dixon Elem, and Clay Elem.	1. Distribution of the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Resource Guide. 2. Vaping prevention presentation given to all Webster County 6th grade students at Dixon Elementary, Providence Elementary, Sebree Elementary, and Clay Elementary (2/12/26 & 2/13/26) 3. "Too Good for Drugs" implemented at Providence Elem, Sebree Elem, Dixon Elem, and Clay Elem. 4. Webster County True Blue Youth Coalition attended the Regional Youth Leadership Conference held at the BIAC Outdoor Education Center (3/26/26) 5. DARE implemented at Webster County elementary schools 6. Lambi Learns implemented at Webster County elementary schools

	7. Vaping presentations provided by GRDHD to all 5th grade students at Providence Elem and Clay Elem (3/15/24) and Dixon Elem and Sebree Elem (3/21/24). 8. "Steered Straight" presentations about fentanyl and vaping presented by Michael DeLeon. Sessions were held at the HS and MS as well as a staff training, parent night, and Lunch and Learn (3/13/24, 3/14/24). 9. "Too Good for Drugs" implemented at Providence Elem, Sebree Elem, Dixon Elem, and Clay Elem. 10. Educational materials are available in English and Spanish.		7. The POP program was created which is an afterschool program for students in grades 4-6 and meets once per week. Funding was provided through state opioid abatement funds. POP was created in partnership with The Beacon and Webster County Schools. The first day of POP was 9/8/25.
Reduce substance misuse rates in the county by 5% by June 30, 2024 1. Expand coalition to at least 2 members of diverse populations to join the to expand outreach and education. 2. Grow the QR Code Reporting System in all townships and populations – anonymous reporting system to report suspicious activity, violence, drug use, bullying, etc.	1. DFC Coordinator has been communicating with the Migrant Program Coordinator with Webster County Schools to relay information to the migrant population. 2. QR Code Reporting System went live 2/13/24. Since the inception of county QR Code, 28 reports have been submitted. In FY23-24, 12 reports were submitted. 11. Posters promoting the Tipline and QR have been placed in all schools and in several businesses throughout the county.	1. Creation of a new nonprofit "The Beacon of West Kentucky". The purpose of is to fill gaps in services for families and youth and provide education/training on topics such as parenting skills, leadership, communication, team-building skills, and coalition work. 2. COSSUP grant awarded The Beacon. The grant will provide $1,000,000.00 over a three-year implementation period for the Webster County Pathway Project which will focus on the goal to reduce the impact of substances, support drug endangered children, and enhance community collaboration.	1. National DEC Conference (5/4/26-5/8/26) 2. Lunch and Learn presentation by KY DEA Outreach Specialist, Stephanie Elliott (4/20/26) 3. Members of Webster County ASAP and The Beacon attended the Western KY Harm Reduction Summit held at the Hopkins County Extension Office in Madisonville (3/17/26) 4. 3 additional DEC trainers became certified on 8/21/25. Webster County now has 5 dedicated DEC trainers.

		3. Community Support Specialist (CSS) hired by the Sheriff's Office. This position is funded by the COSSUP grant through The Beacon and focuses on providing resources for critical needs related to basic necessities, mental health, substance misuse, social services, and various health-related issues. 4. State Opioid Abatement grant awarded to The Beacon in the amount of $91,015.00 for the Youth Connect Project. This project will provide an after-school Prevention Outreach Program (POP) at the elementary schools for 4-6 grade students specifically targeting DEC. 5. District Court Advocate hired by The Beacon in collaboration with Webster County Fiscal Court. This position utilizes opioid abatement funds to provide prevention, education, and identification of available opioid treatment programs. 6. Celebrate Recovery implemented in Webster County Jail. 6. Posters and yard signs promoting the QR code has been placed in all schools and through the community.	5. DEC presentations and trainings given throughout the community.

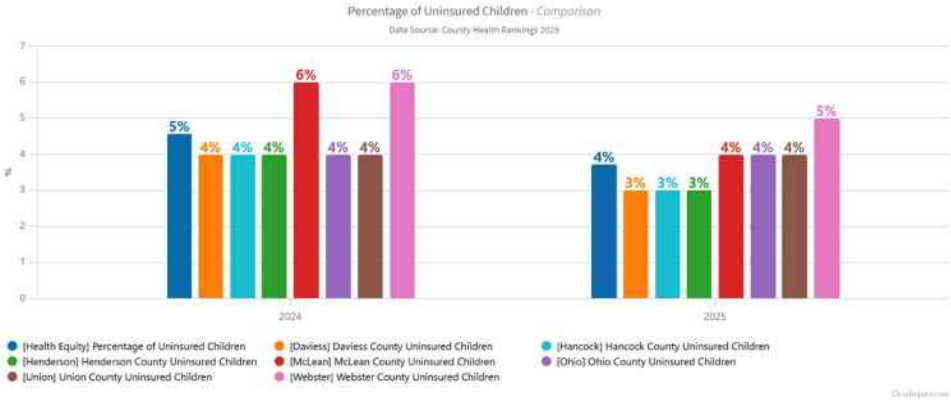
PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED ADULTS



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The percentage of uninsured adults remained stable overall from 2024 to 2025. However, McLean and Webster counties each experienced a 1% decrease in the percentage of uninsured adults during this period.

PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN



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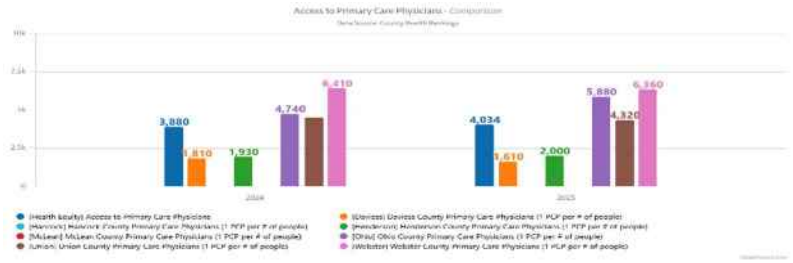
The percentage of uninsured children in the Green River District decreased overall from 5% in 2024 to 4% in 2025. During this period, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, and Webster counties each experienced a 1-percentage decrease, while McLean County saw a 2-percentage decrease. Ohio and Union counties remained unchanged.

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE



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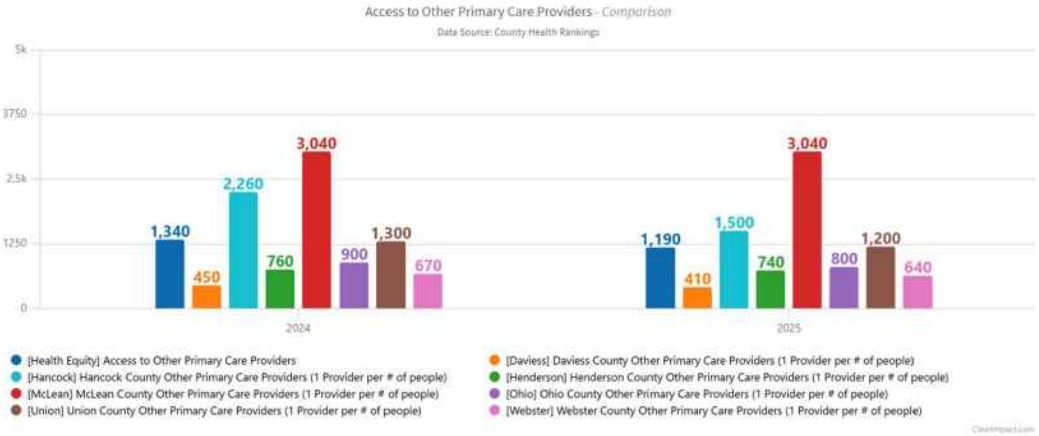
Access to primary care physicians in the Green River District decreased slightly in 2025, with one primary care physician for every 4,034 residents, compared with one physician for every 3,880 residents in 2024. This indicates a slight decline in provider availability relative to the population.

ACCESS TO OTHER PRIMARY CARE



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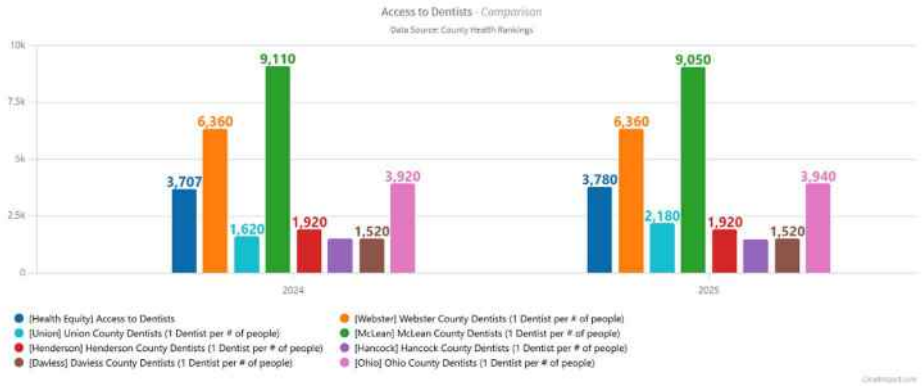
In 2025, there was one primary care provider for every 1,190 patients in the Green River District, an improvement from 2024, when there was one provider for every 1,340 patients.

ACCESS TO DENTIST



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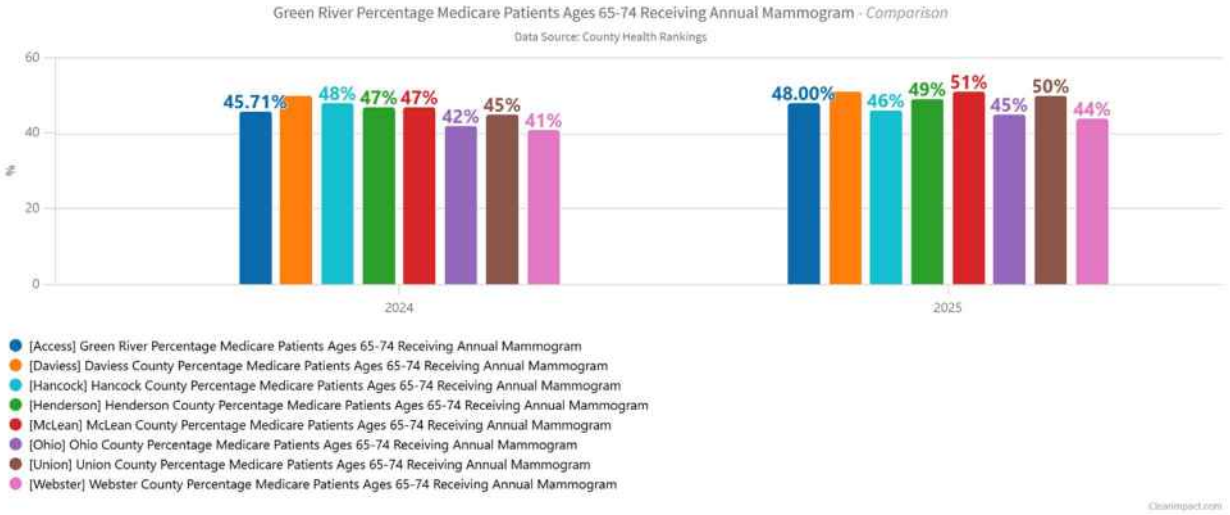
In 2025, there was approximately one dentist for every 3,780 patients in the Green River District. This represents a slight increase in the patient-to-dentist ratio compared with 2024, when there was one dentist for every 3,707 patients.

PERCENTAGE OF MEDICARE ENROLLEES AGES 65-74 RECEIVING ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS



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The percentage of female Medicare enrollees ages 65–74 who received an annual mammography screening in 2025 increased in Daviess, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties, with increases ranging from 1% to 5%. In contrast, Hancock County experienced a 2% decrease.

Target

80.3% of females aged 50 to 74 years received a breast cancer screening - Healthy People 2030

Hancock County
Priority Area: Access to Healthcare
Lead Agency/Coalition: Hancock County Health Coalition

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

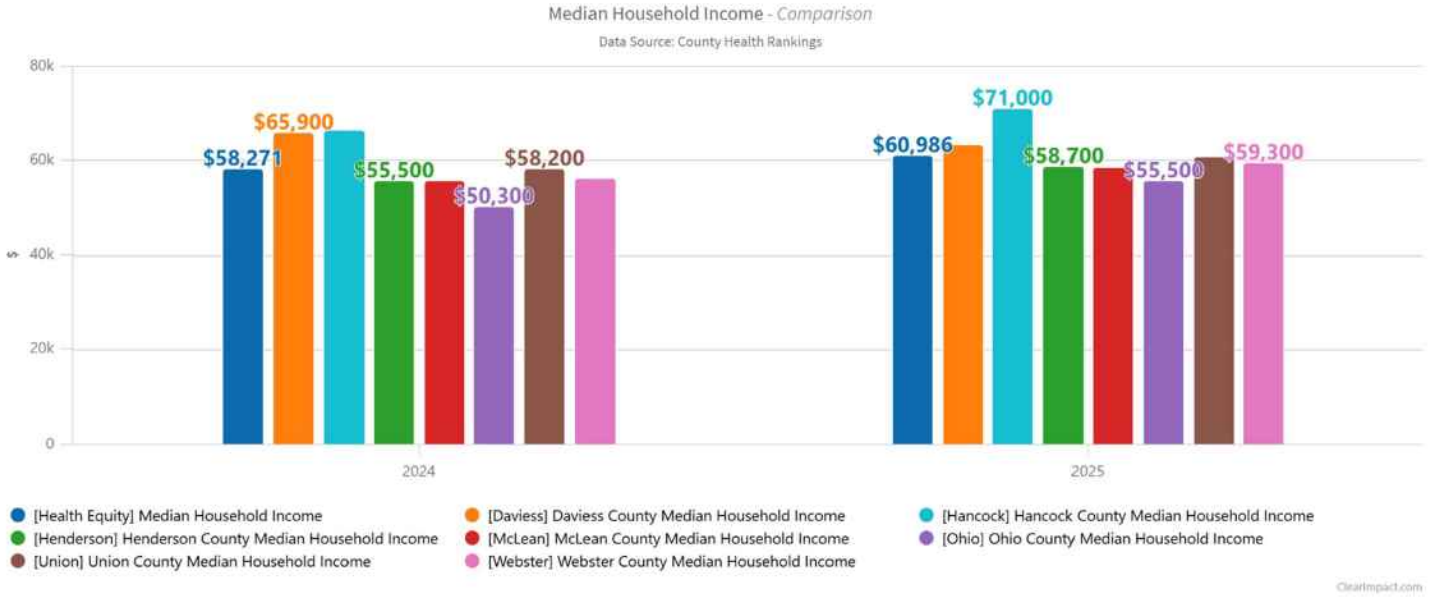
Goal 1: Increase access to healthcare resources in Hancock County.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By June 30, 2025, HCHC will increase mammography screening by 5% for women in Hancock County. Hancock County currently has no in county provider for mammograms. 1. By October 31, 2024, HCHC will host 2 community events for Breast Cancer Screening and Awareness. 2. By June 30, 2026, HCHC will sponsor 2 mobile mammography events for residents of Hancock County.	. September 29, 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Vendors, information on assistance for mammography for low income and those without insurance, and educational materials. . Mobile Mammography event July 7, 2023 - 17 women completed their mammograms.	1. July 5 and September 27, 2024 Mobile Mammography bus provided mammograms on site in Hancock - 30 participants total. 2. September 27, 2024 Breast Cancer Awareness Day Bills on the Hill. Community resources, prices, music, and educational materials provided to the community.	1. Shared Credible Mind Resources with School system and local responders. 2. Hospice Lunch and Learn March 5 3. September 26, Bills on the Hill Breast Cancer Awareness Day with Mammography unit. 4. Deaconess Mammography Unit in Hancock on July 19 – 15 participants.

McLean County
Priority Area: Availability of Resources for Disabled Persons
Lead Agency/Coalition: McLean County Community Coalition (MCCC).

Goal 1: Increase use of local resources that assist with necessities and access to service providers.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Annually, MCCC will provide a compiled list of resources for an online service directory of available Healthcare, Mental Health, Transportation services and other resources related to the support of citizens with disabilities. Links will be shared with partner agencies, faith-based groups, local governmental websites, and local school district. 1. Review available services, edit, and update contact information on a quarterly basis at MCCC meetings (January, April, July, and October) of each year. 2. By April 30, 2024, compile a list of available services within McLean County and other available services in neighboring counties and disseminate 10 local agencies including service providers, churches, local newspaper, schools and social media.	1. Outreach to providers and volunteers to attend coalition meetings that serve disabled, underserved populations to understand transportation needs for services.	1. The McLean County Health Council created a list of those healthcare services currently provided within the county and identified which resources are being met in nearby counties. Members are developing a continuum of care matrix for mental health services from pre-natal to older adults. The coalition also wants to integrate suicide prevention strategies with other service providers and community groups.	1. August 15, 2024 – McLean County Health Council meeting discussed identifying helpful information to share with adults on the risks for contracting a sexually transmitted disease and ways to mitigate transmission

LIVING WAGE

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



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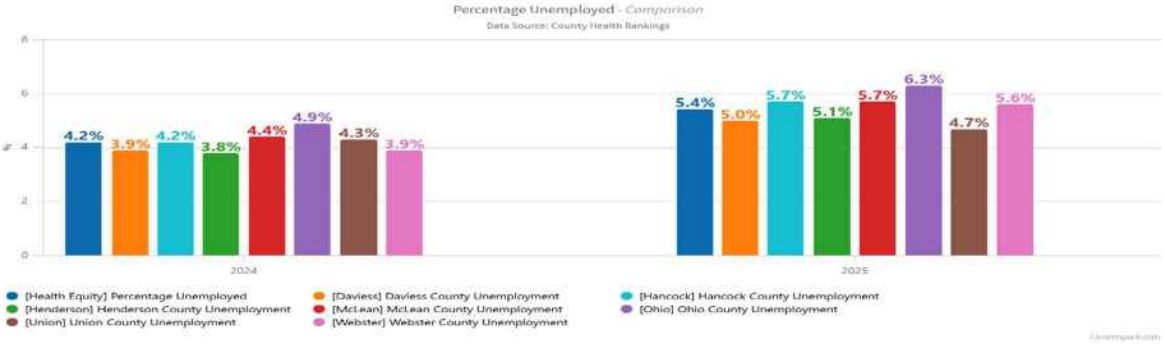
The median household income in the Green River District increased from $58,271 in 2024 to $60,986 in 2025, representing an increase of $2,715.

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED



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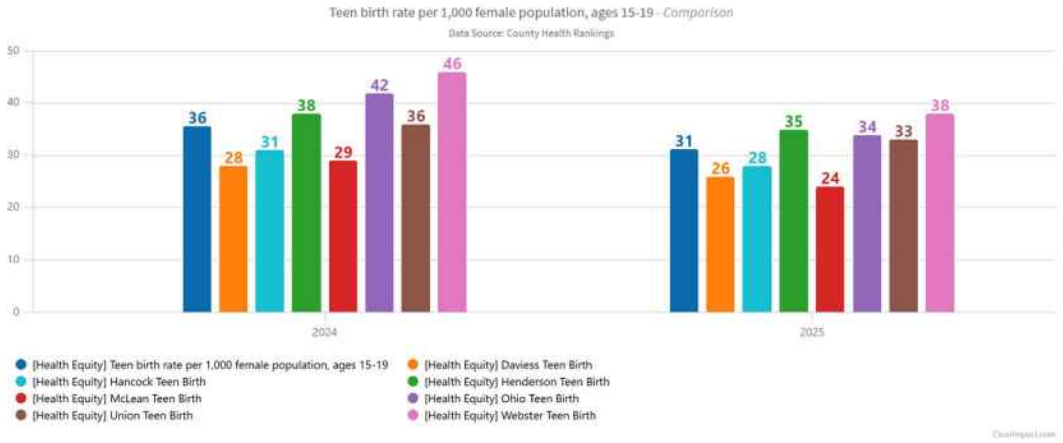
The unemployment rate in the Green River District increased from 4.2% in 2024 to 5.4% in 2025, indicating an increase in the percentage of the population that was unemployed.

TEEN BIRTH RATE PER 1,000



(Source: County Health Rankings)[2]

The teen birth rate in the Green River District decreased from 36 to 31 births per 1,000 females ages 15–19 from 2024 to 2025. All counties in the district experienced a decrease in teen birth rates during this period.

Target

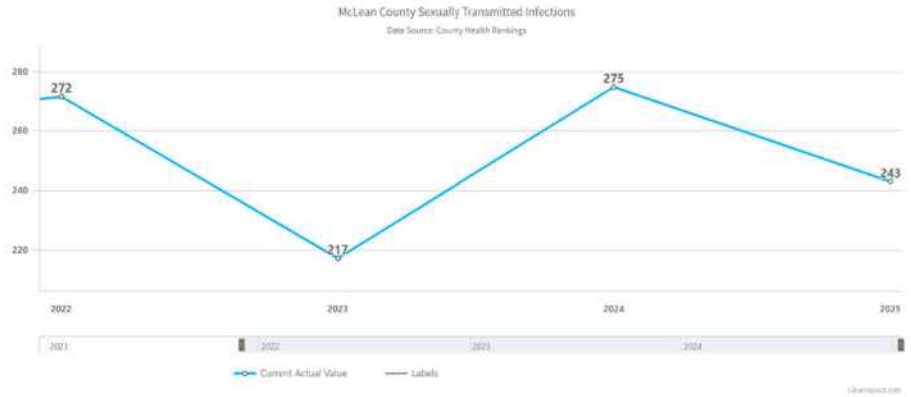
25.5% of families spent more than 30% of income on housing - Healthy People 2030

Ohio County
Priority Area: Living Wage
Lead Agency/Coalition: Ohio County Health Coalition (OCHC).

	Goal 1: Increase use of local resources that assist with necessities and SDOH.		
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Annually, OCHC will provide resources for an online service directory for Healthcare, Mental Health and resources related to the SDOH. 1. Quarterly, review and distribute the service directory at OCHC meetings. 2. Distribute the resource guide to the school Family Resource Youth Service Centers, local social service agencies, and the public through social media. 3. By May 31, OCHC will work with 2 agencies that assist with utilities and housing to increase utilization of services in the county.	1. The Ohio County Resource Directory has been created. This includes resources on healthcare, housing, substance abuse, and other daily necessities topics. It is updated monthly and housed on the Ohio County Hospital website. 2. Resource guides have been distributed to local agencies and school systems and posted on social media. 3. OCHC has turned the Suicide Awareness Walk into the Survive and Thrive event. The even will be held September 7, 2024 and will address suicide, mental health, and provide resources to help people learn new skills such as car maintenance, finance, stop smoking, etc..	1. Ohio County Health Coalition Resource guide revamped and available digitally as of 03/25. 2. Rest in Heavenly Peace, who provides beds to low-income families and children, has joined the OC Health Coalition. 3. September 7, 2024, Survive and Thrive Mental Health and Suicide Awareness event - 200 participants. Other resources including banking, basic repairs, meal planning etc…	1. Updated the Community Resource Guide and printed flyers to distribute to local businesses and agencies with a QR code. 2. Made magnets with resource guide QR code to give to the community – Sponsored by Ohio County ASAP. 3. 3 Free Laundry Days August - September 2025 30 attendees

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

MCLEAN COUNTY SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS



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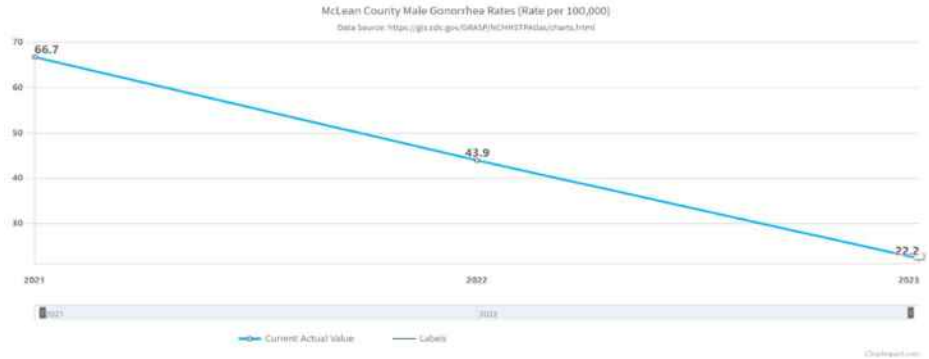
According to the 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan, McLean County has made a goal of decreasing the number of sexually transmitted infections by 3% in 2026. From 2024 to 2025 the number of sexually transmitted infections has decreased by 32%.

MCLEAN COUNTY MALE GONORRHEA RATES



(Source: AtlasPlus - Charts)5

McLean County also has a 3% reduction goal in the number of reported cases of gonorrhea in young men and male adolescents, according to the 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan. The number of cases has decreased from 2022 to 2023 by 22.

Target

471.2 per 100,000 cases of gonorrhea per 100,000 males aged 15 to 24 - Healthy People 2030

Target

31.4 pregnancies per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19 - Healthy People 2030

McLean County
Priority Area: Sexually Transmitted Infections
Lead Agency/Coalition: McLean County Community Coalition (MCCC)

Goal 1: Reduce the number persons contracting sexually transmitted infections.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
By May 31, 2026, there will be a 4.0% decrease in reported Sexually Transmitted Infections in McLean County. 1. By April 30, 2024, work with local healthcare providers to educate women of child-bearing age about the risks associated with STIs. 2. By April 30, 2024, assist local healthcare providers to educate adolescent and adult males about the risks associated with STIs.	1. GRDHD will create informational brochures and infographic flyers for healthcare providers to share with clients. Brochures will include information of how individuals may also become infected through drug use and how to contact available substance use disorder treatment service providers.	1. GRDHD is working to update educational resources for the STI program. This will include information on substance abuse disorder and treatment.	1. August 15, 2024 – McLean County Health Council meeting discussed identifying helpful information to share with adults on the risks for contracting a sexually transmitted disease and ways to mitigate transmission.

By May 31, 2026, there will be a 3.0% reduction in reported gonorrhea rates in male adolescents and young men. 1. By April 30, 2024, assist local healthcare providers to educate adolescent and adult males about the risks associated with gonorrhea and other STI's. 2. By April 30, 2024, serve as a resource for local healthcare providers to encourage abstinence as a preferred method but also sexual risk reduction strategies or based on organizations principles, encourage abstinence and educate associated risks with STIs.			1. October 6, 2025 - The McLean County Health Council created a list of healthcare services currently offering services within the county and identified other available resources being met in nearby counties. Members are developing a continuum of care matrix for mental health services from pre-natal to older adults. The coalition also wants to integrate suicide prevention strategies with other service providers and community groups.

McLEAN COUNTY
Community
COALITION
Helping hands for
the youth of McLean County

GREEN RIVER DISTRICT

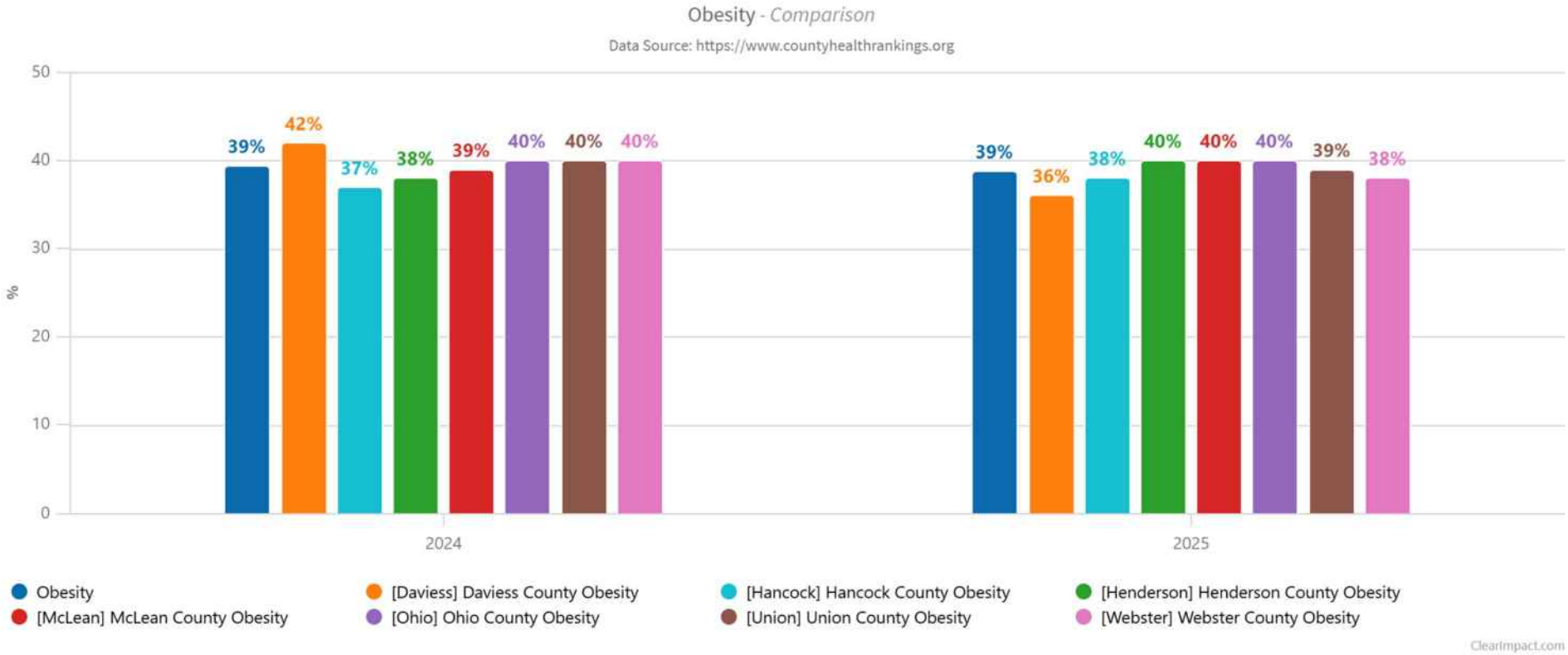
Priority Area: Obesity

Lead Agency/Coalition: Green River District Health Department

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce obesity in the Green River District.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Reduce overweight and obesity in Green River District by 2% by June 30, 2027. 1. Re-introduce Better Bites or a similar initiative to increase knowledge of and access to healthier food choices in community settings in at least 3 counties. 2. Seek out a new or existing partnership in each county to address access to healthy foods particularly in high-risk populations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, and the housing authority. 3. Seek out a new or existing partnership in each county to increase access to current or newly developed physical activity opportunities. 4.		1. GRDHD developed a series of videos to educate the community about WIC and translated them into our most utilized languages: Spanish, English, Burmese, Swahili, and Dari. Cards with QR codes are given to patients to access the videos at their WIC appointments. 2. GRDHD is partnering with Owensboro Health to bring WIC to new mothers upon delivery.	1. A partnership with Owensboro Health, River Valley Behavioral Health, Owensboro Parks and Recreation was formed to develop Walk Owensboro. This initiative was created to form walking groups in our various parks and neighborhoods to increase social connections and physical activity. It was launched in Fall 2025 and continued in Spring 2026.

GREEN RIVER OBESITY



Reduce overweight and obesity in Green River District by 2% by June 30, 2027.

Target

36% of adults age 20 years and over had obesity - Healthy People 2030

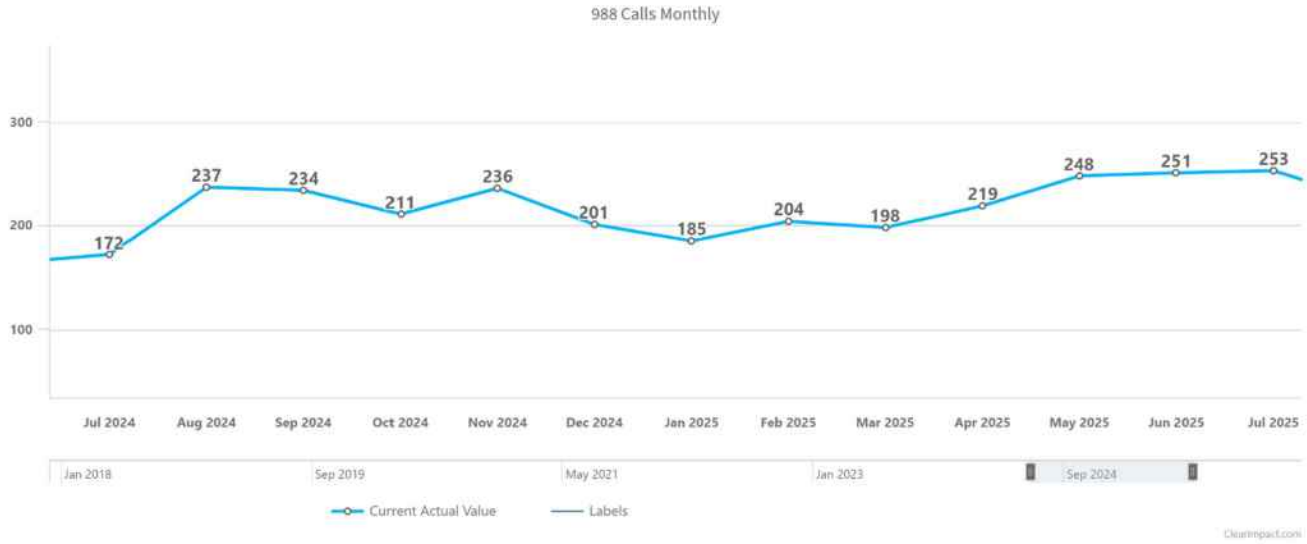
Priority Area: Mental Health
Lead Agency/Coalition: Green River District Health Department

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

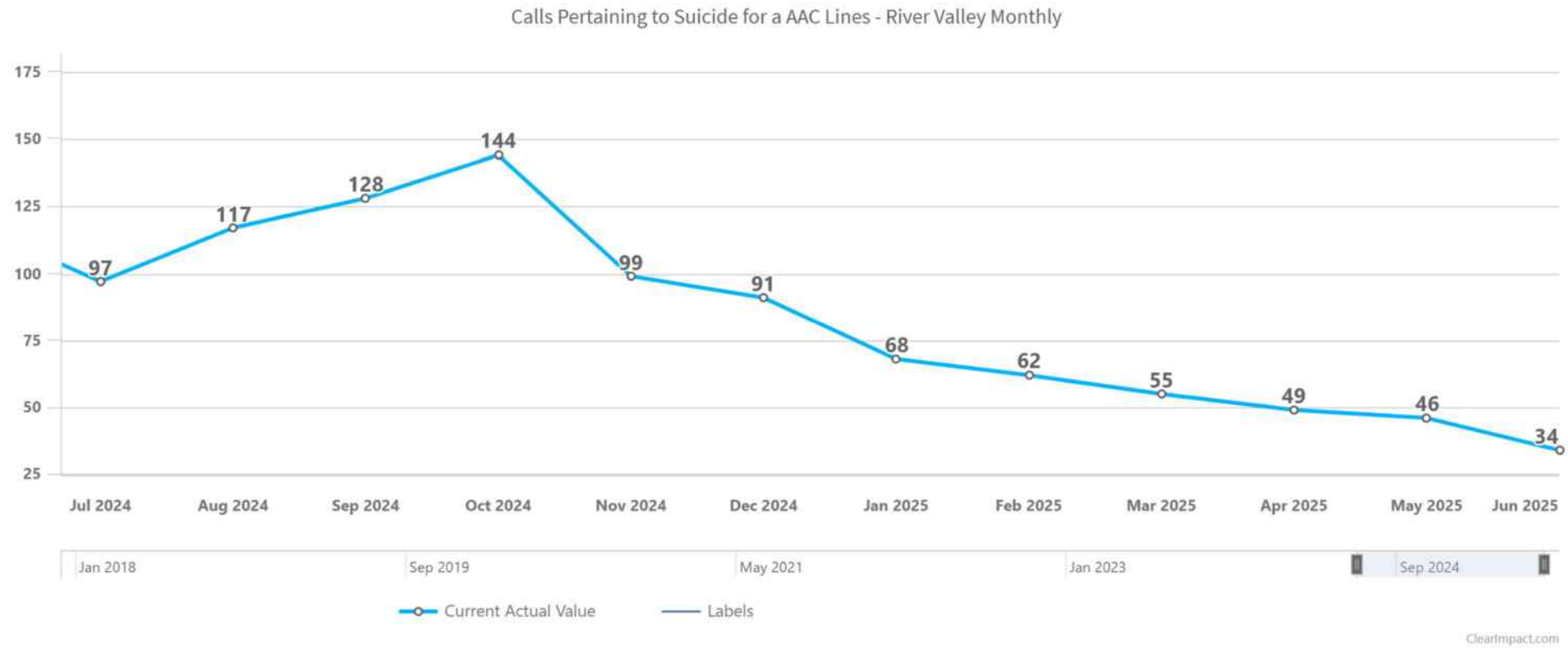
Goal 1: Increase awareness of Mental Health resources in the Green River District.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Decrease the amount of poor mental health days reported in Green River by 1 day by June 30, 2026. 1. Partner with local coalitions to offer 2 educational trainings and events on mental health. 2. Utilize 7 TOP clubs to promote antibullying and mental health awareness – TOP (Teen Outreach Program) offers members coping mechanisms on decision making goal, setting, healthy relationships and self-esteem.	1. OCHC developed a 6-part Mid-Week Mental Health Lunch and Learn Series. 2. Owensboro Health, River Valley and GRDHD formed a Mental Health Collaborative to address mental Health in Daviess County – one of the first strategies was to address local superintendents on mental health resources for youth. 1. The GRDHD conducted "Kindness Campaigns" in 7 TOP clubs during the fall 2023 semester. Themes were good friendships, empathy.	1. District wide mental health awareness campaign to promote 988 and Credible Mind. The campaign was formed out of the Mental Health Collaborative between Owensboro Health, River Valley Behavioral Health, and GRDHD. 2. The Mid-Week Mental Health Lunch and learn expanded into the Alternative Learning Program in Ohio County. 3. The GRDHD conducted "Kindness Campaigns" in 7 TOP clubs during the fall 2024 semester. Themes were good friendships, empathy.	1. The 7 GRDHD TOP clubs continued their promotion of the Kindness Campaigns through acts of service. 2. Suicide Awareness events in Daviess and Ohio Counties during FY 25/26.

Increase regional calls to the 988 Crisis line by 200 annually by July 30, 2026. 1. Offer 988 resources to 500 syringe exchange clients in Henderson and Daviess County along with referrals to mental health and treatment providers. 2. GRDHD and partners will offer 988 materials to all nine local school systems and 4 community events by January 2025.	1. 988 materials were provided for our SEP clients. 1505 clients were seen during the 23/24 fiscal year. 1. 988 materials were distributed to all local school systems. River Valley and Henderson Deaconess also purchased material and give aways for local schools.	1. Credible Mind and 988 materials were distributed to all 7 county clinics as a referral source for patients experiencing mental health issues.	1. District wide mental health awareness campaign, Mental Health Matters, to promote 988 and Credible Mind was increased. An Owensboro City Transit bus was wrapped in the campaign materials. 2. A report was developed to review trend data on suicides and suicide attempts in Daviess County. Data will be utilized to guide media campaigns and future programing

988 CALLS



CALLS PERTAINING TO SUICIDE



According to primary data provided by RiverValley Behavioral Health, calls related to suicide decreased after October 2024. This trend may reflect changes in utilization of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; however, the decrease in call volume alone does not establish the reason for the change.

Target

12.8 suicides per 100,000 population - Healthy People 2030

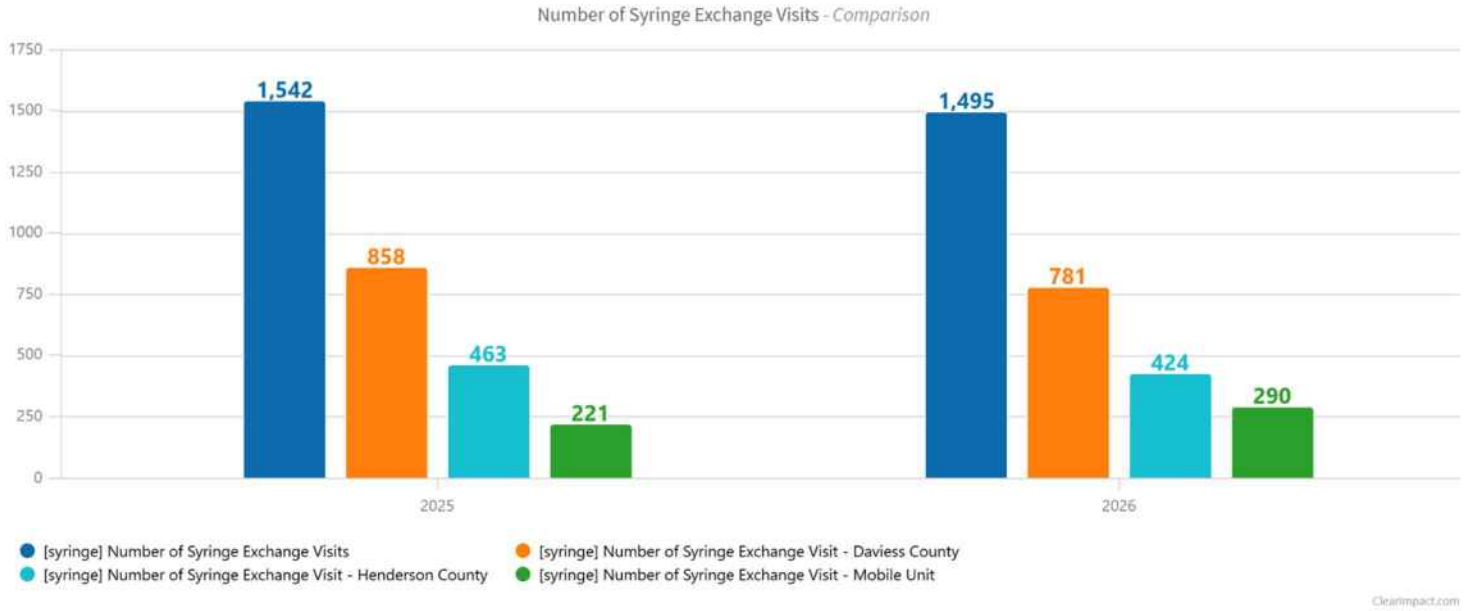
Priority Area: Substance Misuse
Lead Agency/Coalition: Green River District Health Department

(Continuation of the prior CHIP priority)

Goal 1: Reduce substance misuse in Green River District.			
Objective	**Updates 2023-2024**	**Updates 2024-2025**	**Updates 2025-2026**
Work with 3 local government bodies on smoke and tobacco free laws. 1. Strengthen the current smoking ordinance in Owensboro by August 30, 2024. 2. Work with the True Blue coalition in Webster County to strengthen support for a smoke free law by August 30, 2025. Presentation of a smoke free law to the fiscal court by June 30, 2025. 3. Work with the Union County School board to incorporate a 100% tobacco free school by December 31, 2024.	1. As indicated in the Daviess County update, GRDHD participated in a grass roots campaign to keep the Owensboro Smoking Ordinance. 2. The True Blue Coalition is in the process of working with the University of Kentucky in an advocacy campaign for a smoke free law in Webster County. 3. Union County Schools adopted a 100% Smoke Free policy in July 2024.	1. GRDHD has approached the city commission to include vaping in the current smoking ordinance. 2. Smoke free materials were distributed at Webster County community events.	1. A series of presentations and follow-up meetings took place encouraging the City of Owensboro to add specific language about the use of vaping products in public spaces. Special presentation to City Commissioners on May 14, 2024, presentation of ordinance amendments to city attorney and city manager. 2. March 2025, one-on-one meeting with city commissioner on presenting amendments on vaping for consideration, July 31, 2025. 3. Joint Daviess County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy and The Alliance for a Drug-Free Owensboro/Daviess County Steering Committee meeting advocated for amending current ordinance to include use of vaping products in public places January 21, 2026.
Reduce the number of overdose deaths in Green River by 5%. 1. Purchase Narcan vending machines for	1. GRDHD has distributed 37 Narcan boxes throughout our seven counties. 2. Locations were chosen through	1. Statewide overdose deaths dropped 30% in 2024. 2. The GRDHD Syringe Exchange Program saw a total of 1542	1. 5074 units of Narcan distributed in all seven counties. 2. Total of 1495 clients seen in

all seven counties. 2. Identify strategic locations in each county for Narcan vending machines. 3. Assess 2 Green River County government officials for the development of a Syringe Services Program for those affected by substance misuse.	input from clients, partners such as treatment centers, law enforcement and the Social Vulnerability Index. 3.	clients. 3. 7433 units of Narcan were distributed in all seven counties.	GRDHD Syringe Exchange Program

SYRINGE EXCHANGE VISITS



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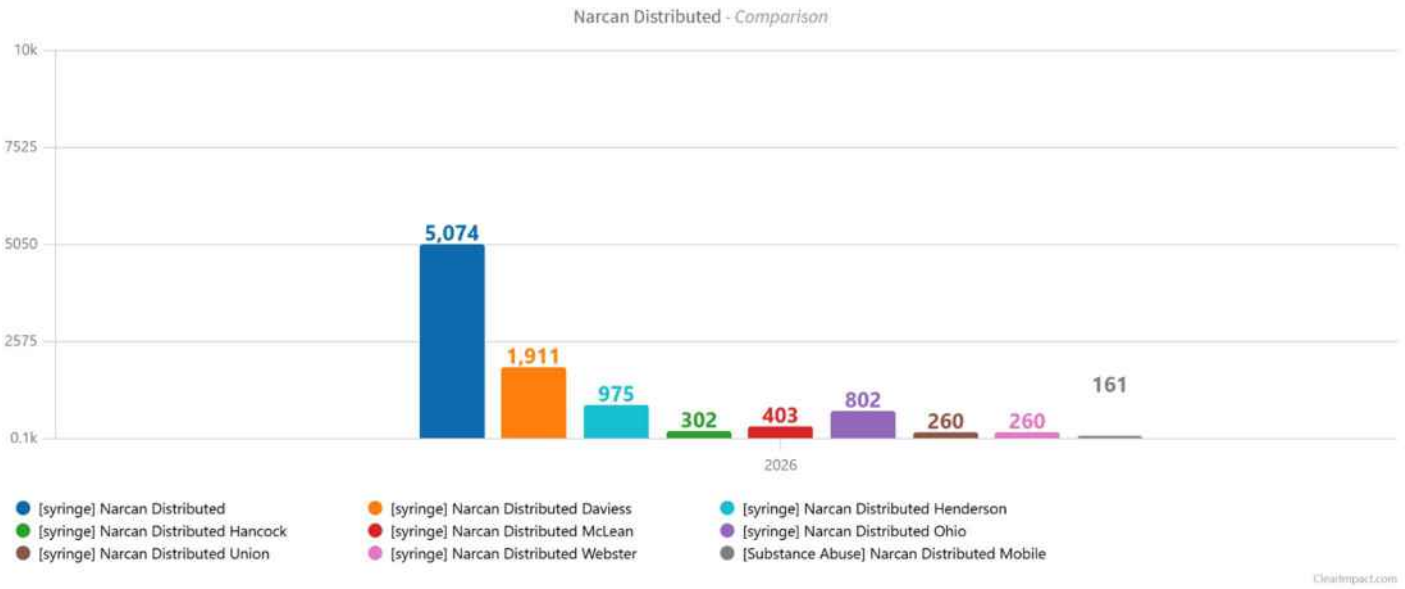
NARCAN DISTRIBUTED



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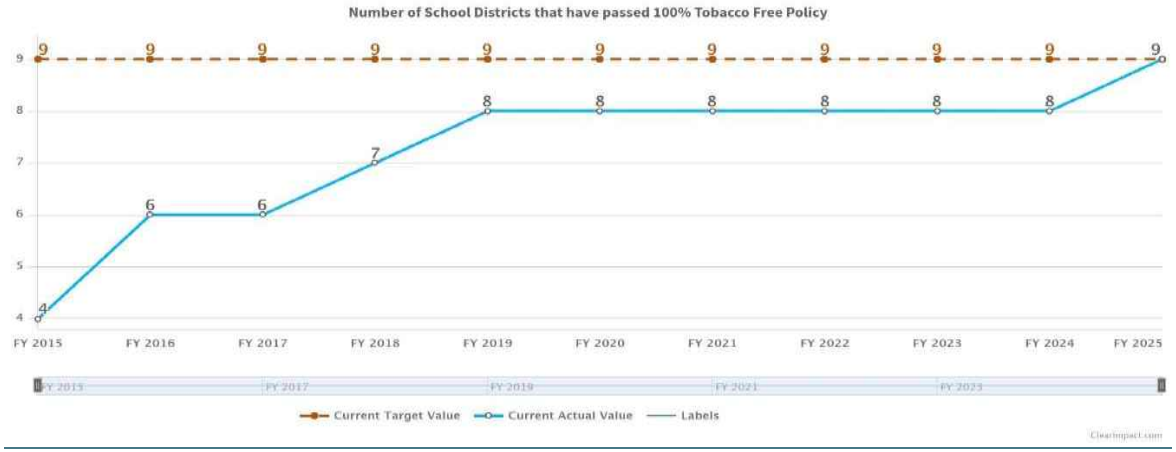

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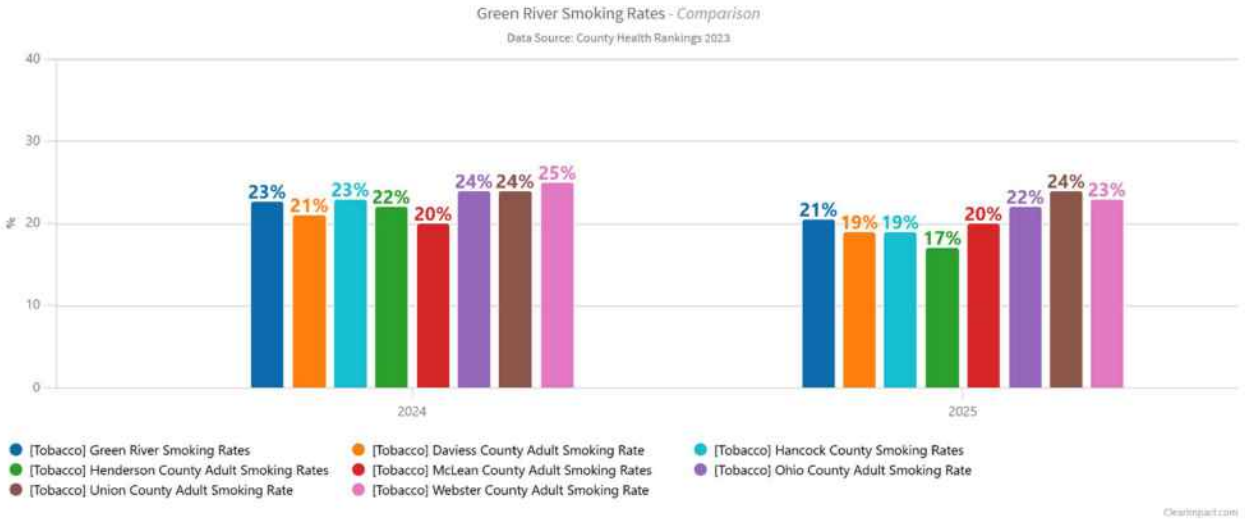

Green River adult smoking rates have decreased in the past year from 23% to 21%. The lowest percentage of smokers in the last five years was at 21% which was in 2025.

Target
6.1 % Smoking Rates - Healthy People 2030

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Green River District HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Proudly serving Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster Counties

CLINIC SERVICES

- Family Planning
- WIC Benefits
- Immunizations
- Physicals
- Prescription Assistance
- Well Child Exams
- HANDS Program
- STD/HIV Testing

ENVIRONMENTAL & PREPAREDNESS

- Public Facility Inspections
- Sewer Inspections
- Water Testing
- Rabies Control
- Disaster Planning
- Disease Surveillance

HEALTH EDUCATION

- Diabetes Management
- Blood Pressure Program
- Breastfeeding Support
- Tobacco Education
- Teen Outreach Program
- Maternal & Child Health

HARM REDUCTION

- HIV & HEP C Testing
- Syringe Exchange Program
- Distribution of Naloxone
- Overdose Education
- Mental Health Support
- Access to Care

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We genuinely care about each patient, ensuring you receive personalized attention that makes a real difference.

CARING AND RELATABLE TEAM

Our staff works to make every patient feel comfortable, respected, and understood. We are here to answer questions and support you.

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