Oral Health & Asthma

Key Findings

- Among Weld County residents, 18% reported current toothache or problems with teeth or gums. This varied by education level, from nearly 1 in 3 residents with less than a high school education, to 1 in 8 residents who had completed college.

- Oral health problems were more common among those who live in Southeast Weld County (21%) or Greeley and Evans (22%), and lower household income (30% of residents whose income was less than or equal to 100% FPL*).

- Countywide, 22% of residents reported they needed low cost dental or oral health services. This percentage was higher among low income residents (49%), although only 30% used this type of service in the past year.

*Current Tooth or Gum Problems by Education Level

- Asthma is a chronic disease that affects the airways in the lungs and can cause hospitalization, death, or disruption of daily life.

- About 9% of Weld County residents reported they currently had asthma. This was the same as the nationwide rate of 9% of U.S. adults and statewide rate of 9% also.

- Asthma was more prevalent among residents in Greeley/Evans (11%) compared to residents living in the Southwest (7%), Southeast (7%), and North (6%) regions.

*100% Federal Poverty Level (100% FPL) in 2015 was $11,770 for single person, $4,160 for each additional person, and $24,250 for a family of four.

Questions?
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About the Survey

Description of Responders

Age Groups

In order to periodically assess the health status of county residents, between September 6, 2016 and November 17, 2016, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment contacted 8,494 households by mail requesting an adult to complete the 55-item survey or complete it online.

Question topics included health, health care access and insurance, health conditions and lifestyle habits, preventive screenings, environmental issues, community concerns and needs, and demographics.

Households were selected randomly by first dividing the mailing list into four regions (see map below) and two household types (single-family vs. multi-family). The list was certified by the post office but did not contain residents’ names.

After multiple contacts, 2,080 community residents returned usable surveys for a 25 percent response rate. The results are representative of the population within a ±5.0 percent margin of error.

To see the actual survey go to: www.weldhealth.org

Race/Ethnicity

Household Income

1% - Other/Multiple
1% - Am.
Indian/Alaska Native
1% - Asian
<1% Black

71% - White, not Hispanic
25% - Hispanic/ Latino