



Sheridan County Health Care Telephone Survey Results

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Sheridan County Health Market Area

The Sheridan County Health Market Area was defined by the county boundaries. A random sample of land-line telephone numbers from the Hoxie (67740) and Selden (67757) zip codes was supplemented with voter registration data to ensure total county coverage. All survey respondents were asked to verify they lived in Sheridan County and then reported their zip code. The resulting distribution by zip code is shown below.

Geographic Distribution of Survey Respondents

Response	Frequency	Percent
67737	4	2%
67740	139	69%
67738	14	7%
67757	21	10%
67751	5	2%
67752	3	1%
67753	11	5%
67635	3	1%
Don't know	1	0%
Total	201	100%

Survey Results

The survey research unit of the Docking Institute, Ft. Hays State University, conducted the random telephone survey between September 13 and September 23, 2010. They collected 201 completed surveys. The cooperation rate was 80 percent. In addition, 108 other respondents agreed to complete the survey, but were in an age demographic that had already been fulfilled. If these additional respondents are counted, the cooperation rate would have been 91 percent. All but one of the respondents had lived in the county for more than one year.

Demographics

Across the demographic categories for which data were collected (Table Q1a and Table Q28), the survey respondents were generally representative of the population in some respects but not all. In most surveys of rural residents, responses typically skew toward the older population. For this survey, an effort was made to achieve representativeness across age categories. However, people in the youngest age category, 18-34, remained elusive. In emphasizing age, a roughly representative distribution was obtained (Q1a), but an unintended consequence was to over-sample female respondents (Q28).

Health Care Provider Usage

Regarding patterns of health care provider usage (Q2-Q4), the majority of respondents (47%) use a primary care physician, although a nearly equal percentage utilizes a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant. Four percent reported they don't see anyone for health care needs. About 86 percent of respondents have seen their primary health care provider within the past year. Only one percent of respondents have not seen a doctor in the past five years.

About 53 percent of all respondents go to a Hoxie-based primary care provider. The most frequent alternatives are Colby (19%) and Quinter (19%). Extrapolating these rates to the entire adult population (2,001), we estimate that about 938 potential adult patients are receiving their primary health care services outside of Sheridan County. If children physician usage mirrors adult usage and we extrapolate to the total county population (2,435), this would extrapolate to 1,142 patients receiving out-of-county services. The vast majority of respondents (98%) were satisfied with the services received from a Hoxie-based provider.

General Hospital Usage

A series of questions inquired about hospital usage in the past 12 months (Q5-Q6). Sixty-two percent of respondents said that they or another household member had used inpatient or outpatient hospital services within the recent past. Of those, 40 percent of all respondents used the Sheridan County Medical Complex (SCMC) for services. The most frequent alternative destinations were the Gove County Hospital in Quinter (16%) and Citizens Medical Center in Colby (16%). The reasons cited for hospital preference varied, and included personal preference (17%), distance from home (16%), doctor referral (15%), and specialty services (15%), and emergency (13%).

If we break apart the responses into those who went to SCMC versus some other hospital (Q6a), we don't observe significant differences in the reasons offered for selecting SCMC versus other hospitals. Only two individuals indicated they went to some other hospital due only to personal preference. In almost all instances, there were other mitigating circumstances for non-SCMC hospital selection.

Sheridan County Medical Complex Usage and Perceptions

Questions 7-8 focused on use and perceptions of The Sheridan County Medical Complex. Seventy-one percent of respondents in the overall sample had prior experience with the facility. Most recently, they received outpatient treatment (60%), emergency (27%) or inpatient (14%) services. Ninety percent of those who had experience with the hospital were either satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the services received. About ten percent indicated a level of dissatisfaction for some reason.

Usage and Satisfaction of Other Health-Related Services

Question 9 queried respondents about their use of Sheridan County health service providers and their satisfaction with the services received. After first being asked where they most often obtain services, anyone identifying a Sheridan County provider was asked how satisfied they were with services received. Of the 201 respondents, the most

frequently used services included pharmacy (54%), dentist (39%), eye doctor (20%), physical therapy (19%), and chiropractor (19%).

We can extrapolate the service leakages by applying the total or adult population that used a non-local service provider. For example, 120 survey respondents (59.7%) obtained dental services outside Sheridan County. Applying this percentage to the total adult population (2,001), suggests that 1,195 adults used non-local dentist services. Again, if children's dental usage mirrors adults, this translates into 1,478 non-local dental patients. While we don't know the specific motivation for dental services location choices, we do have a sense of the business opportunity lost. For those who did use Sheridan County-based service providers, there was almost universal satisfaction with the services received.

Among other service providers (Q9f), 76 percent of the sample had experience with the county health department and were overwhelmingly satisfied with the services received. Similar levels of satisfaction were reported by those who used ambulance service. Assisted living and long-term care services also provided a high degree of satisfaction.

SCHC Partnerships

The Sheridan County Health Complex has arranged partnerships with groups in Quinter and Colby to bring physicians and other healthcare providers to Hoxie. Question 9g(1) shows that 57 percent of survey respondents use these services. The overwhelming majority were satisfied (87.7%) or somewhat satisfied (7.9%) with these services.

Insurance Coverage

Many today are concerned about access to insurance coverage, and the extent to which people go without. About 7.5 percent of respondents indicated they or some other household member had no health insurance (Q10). Given the generally higher number of uninsured known to be in the general population, this may be understated. Part of the reason may be due to the general demographic characteristics of the population with a relatively high proportion qualifying for government assistance. Another reason is the relative difficulty of reaching the younger demographic most likely to be uninsured using a land line-based survey method. The most common reason cited for lack of coverage was the lack of affordability.

We can gain additional insight into who is without coverage by examining distinct income groups represented in the survey. Once again, caution is required because none of the subgroups are necessarily representative of the larger population within that income category. While one would expect that lack of insurance would be negatively correlated with income the individuals admitting to lack of insurance are across the income spectrum (Q10(3)).

Transportation Assistance

Respondents were asked several questions about the need for transportation assistance (Q11). Some 14 percent of respondents indicated that they must regularly travel outside of Sheridan County for medical treatment. Approximately five percent of respondents indicated that transportation to medical appointments either within or outside of Sheridan County represented a challenge (Q12).

Access to Resident Primary Care Physician

There is a strong sense of need for a primary care physician who lives and works in Sheridan County. Question 13 shows 91 percent of respondents affirmed this belief. When asked whether they would switch to a doctor who lived and worked in the county, 54 percent said they would. Twenty-five percents indicated they would stay with their current doctor, and 17 percent didn't know whether they would make a change.

Medical Referrals

Question 15 reports usage and satisfaction with SCHC referrals. Forty-six percent of respondents indicated they had received a non-local referral from medical personnel associated with SCMC. Of those, 95 percent indicated that they were satisfied with the referral they had received.

Emergency Services

Two questions inquired about whether more resources were needed for emergency services. Question 16 asked whether more financial resources, including taxes, were needed to improve overall emergency services in the county. Fifty-three percent agreed while 29 percent did not think so. Question 17 was similar in form, but asked specifically about ambulance services. A nearly equal number (42%) agreed and disagreed with the statement.

Sheridan County Medical Complex Facilities

Survey respondents were asked whether they believed Sheridan County Medical Complex facilities and equipment needed to be renovated or replaced. Question 18a showed that 39 percent believed the upgrade was needed. Thirty-one percent believed the existing facilities were adequate. Thirty percent didn't know whether an upgrade was needed. Of those who believed improvements were needed (Q18b), 85 percent believed that public financing needed to be incorporated in any such project

Public Assistance

Questions 19a and 19b inquired about respondents' perceptions of need for a public resource center that could facilitate access to public assistance programs and other resources. Fifty-six percent of respondents believe such assistance was needed. Further, among those who believed such assistance was needed, 62 percent believed such a resource center should be funded partially by taxes.

Perceptions of Need for Additional Services

When asked whether there was need for home healthcare services in Sheridan County (Q20), 81 percent of respondents affirmed. When asked whether there was need for services offering natural alternative healthcare treatment (Q21), 33 percent believed such a need existed.

Adequacy of Services for Retirees

Eighty-six percent of respondents indicated that it was their general intent to remain in Sheridan County throughout retirement (Q22a). When asked whether they believed health services in the county were adequate to sustain the needs of the elderly, 58 percent agreed while 30 percent disagreed. Considering the responses of subgroups (Q22b(2-4)) and applying appropriate caution, it appears that men, in general, have a better view of available services than women, and that the youngest and oldest age groups most believe such services are adequate.

Use of the Internet

Eighty percent of survey respondents indicated that they used the Internet (Q23). With appropriate caution about extrapolating small numbers, only about seven percent in the youngest demographic group did not use the Internet, and about 50 percent in the oldest demographic did. About one-half of households below \$30,000 annual income did not use the Internet. Compared to many rural communities, these are relatively impressive rates of Internet usage

Among those who did use the Internet, 76 percent said they had used it previously to find health-related information. Only six percent had previously used it to find locally-available health-related information or service providers. However, 94 percent were somewhat or very confident that if they needed local information they would be able to find it.

Concluding Observations

The survey of Sheridan County area residents provides insight into the health-related needs and behaviors of local residents. It highlights the challenges of local healthcare providers by showing a relatively high level of service leakage. It also suggests that if residents can be persuaded to try local providers, they are likely to get a highly satisfactory level of service.

Many of the inquiries into the level of distress experienced by local households suggests only smaller proportions of the citizenry are experiencing problems with such things as insurance coverage, transportation challenges, and access to public assistance. Two points are germane here. First, small percentages extrapolated to the larger community translate into fairly high numbers of households experiencing distress. The second point that must be acknowledged are the challenges reaching the youngest age demographic, the most likely group to go without.

Still, our objective has been to provide insight into the health-related wants and needs of area residents. To the extent this can be translated into constructive action to strengthen local healthcare providers and enhance access to needed services, is a question left to the community to ponder.

Q1. Do you live in Sheridan County?

Survey		
Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	201	100.0%
No	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q1a. In what age group do you belong?

Response	Survey		2010 Estimate	
	Frequency	Percent	Population	Percent
18-34	27	13.4%	431	21.5%
35-54	74	36.8%	645	32.2%
55-64	52	25.9%	344	17.2%
65+	48	23.9%	581	29.0%
Total	201	100.0%	2,001	100.0%

Q2. Which of the following medical professionals do you use for most of your routine health care?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Primary Care Physician	95	47.3%
Nurse Practitioner	80	39.8%
Physician's Assistant	15	7.5%
None, don't see anyone	9	4.5%
Other	0	0.0%
Don't know	2	1.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q2a. What other medical professional was identified?

Response	Frequency	Percent
ARNP	1	33.3%
Doctor	1	33.3%
General Practice	1	33.3%
Total	3	100.0%

Q3. When was the last time you saw your doctor?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Less than 1 year ago	165	85.9%
Between 1 and 2 years ago	15	7.8%
Between 2 and 5 years ago	9	4.7%
More than 5 years ago	2	1.0%
Never- doesn't have a doctor	0	0.0%
Don't know	1	0.5%
Total	192	100.0%

Q4. What city do you go to the most when you see your doctor?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	102	53.1%
Colby	36	18.8%
Quinter	36	18.8%
Oakley	4	2.1%
Hill City	0	0.0%
Oberlin	2	1.0%
Hays	6	3.1%
Other	5	2.6%
Don't need service	0	0.0%
Don't know	1	0.5%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	192	100.0%

Q4a. What other city was provided?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Seldon	2	40.0%
McCook, NE	2	40.0%
Ness City	1	20.0%
Total	5	100.0%

Q4b. How would you describe your satisfaction with the quality of care provided by your doctor in Hoxie? Are you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	86	84.3%
Somewhat Satisfied	14	13.7%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	1	1.0%
Dissatisfied	1	1.0%
Total	102	100.0%

Q5a. Have you or any members of your household used the inpatient or outpatient services of a hospital in the last 12 months?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	125	62.2%
No	75	37.3%
Don't know	1	0.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q5b. What hospital or hospitals were used by your or other members of your household in the last 12 months?

Hospital	Frequency	Percent
Sheridan County Medical Complex, Hoxie	77	40.5%
Citizens Medical Center, Colby	30	15.8%
Gove County Hospital, Quinter	31	16.3%
Graham County Hospital, Hill City	0	0.0%
Logan County Hospital, Oakley	5	2.6%
Decatur Health Systems, Oberlin	1	0.5%
Hays Medical Center, Hays	28	14.7%
Other	18	9.5%
Total	190	100.0%

Q5c. What other hospital did you use?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Denver	3	16.7%
Goodland	2	11.1%
Presbyterian St. Luke's, Denver	4	22.2%
Midtown Surgery, Denver	1	5.6%
Kearney, NE	1	5.6%
Lawrence	1	5.6%
Children's Hospital, Denver	2	11.1%
University of Denver	1	5.6%
Kansas Spine Hospital	1	5.6%
Denver	1	5.6%
Community Hospital, McCook	1	5.6%
Total	18	100%

**Q6a. Why did you or other members of your family choose this hospital?
Was it...**

Response	Other		Total	Percent
	SCMC	Hospitals		
Insurance coverage	7	8	15	2.4%
Doctor referral	45	50	95	15.0%
Specialty services	45	51	96	15.2%
Recommended by a friend	20	21	41	6.5%
Personal preference	50	56	106	16.8%
Distance from home	46	56	102	16.1%
Family lives close by	26	30	56	8.9%
Emergency	38	46	84	13.3%
Other	18	19	37	5.9%
Total	295	337	632	100.0%

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q6b. What were other reasons you or your family members chose a hospital in the past 12 months?

Response	Frequency	Percent
See a specialist	1	5.6%
Good care	2	11.1%
No doctor	2	11.1%
Need bigger hospital	1	5.6%
Doctor practices there	1	5.6%
Family doctor	1	5.6%
Support local hospital	1	5.6%
Familiar with doctor	1	5.6%
Couldn't perform proper services at other	1	5.6%
Broken leg, etc.	1	5.6%
Convenience	1	5.6%
Doctor did not serve at other hospitals	1	5.6%
Primary care giver	1	5.6%
Go to school in Hays	1	5.6%
Prenatal care	1	5.6%
Consistence of doctor	1	5.6%
Total	18	100%

Q7. Have you or other members of your household ever used the services of the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	90	71.4%
No	36	28.6%
Total	126	100.0%

Q8a. What type of service was obtained during your most recent visit to the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Inpatient	24	13.6%
Outpatient	106	59.9%
Emergency	47	26.6%
Total	177	100.0%

Q8b. How would you describe your satisfaction with your last Sheridan County Health Complex? Were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	133	81.1%
Somewhat Satisfied	15	9.1%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	5	3.0%
Dissatisfied	11	6.7%
Total	164	100.0%

Q9a1. In what city do you or other members of your household go to the eye doctor?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	38	19.6%
Colby	82	42.3%
Quinter	13	6.7%
Oakley	8	4.1%
Hill City	1	0.5%
Oberlin	0	0.0%
Hays	15	7.7%
Other	34	17.5%
Don't need service	2	1.0%
Don't know	1	0.5%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	194	100.0%

Q9a2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	33	86.8%
Somewhat Satisfied	5	13.2%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Don't Know	0	0.0%
Total	38	100.0%

Q9b1. In what city do you or other members of your household go to the dentist?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	79	39.3%
Colby	38	18.9%
Quinter	15	7.5%
Oakley	26	12.9%
Hill City	5	2.5%
Oberlin	3	1.5%
Hays	14	7.0%
Other	19	9.5%
Don't need service	2	1.0%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q9b2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	75	94.9%
Somewhat Satisfied	4	5.1%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	79	100.0%

Q9c1. In what city do you or other members of your household go to the pharmacy?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	108	53.7%
Colby	64	31.8%
Quinter	12	6.0%
Oakley	3	1.5%
Hill City	0	0.0%
Oberlin	2	1.0%
Hays	5	2.5%
Other	6	3.0%
Don't need service	1	0.5%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q9c2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	100	92.6%
Somewhat Satisfied	6	5.6%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	2	1.9%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	108	100.0%

Q9d1. In what city do you or other members of your household go to the chiropractor?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	38	18.9%
Colby	57	28.4%
Quinter	1	0.5%
Oakley	6	3.0%
Hill City	0	0.0%
Oberlin	4	2.0%
Hays	1	0.5%
Other	7	3.5%
Don't need service	87	43.3%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q9d2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	34	89.5%
Somewhat Satisfied	4	10.5%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Total	38	100.0%

Q9e1. In what city do you or other members of your household go to for physical therapy?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Hoxie	39	19.4%
Colby	14	7.0%
Quinter	4	2.0%
Oakley	2	1.0%
Hill City	0	0.0%
Oberlin	1	0.5%
Hays	0	0.0%
Other	1	0.5%
Don't need service	140	69.7%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q9e2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	37	94.9%
Somewhat Satisfied	1	2.6%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	1	2.6%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	39	100.0%

Q9f. Have you or any other members of your household ever used any of the following services in Sheridan County?

Service	Frequency	Percent	% Satisfied	% Dissatisfied	% Don't Know
County health department	152	75.6%	98.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Ambulance Services	71	35.3%	95.8%	4.2%	0.0%
Assisted living/Nursing home	19	9.5%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long-Term Care Services	33	16.4%	90.9%	6.1%	3.0%

Q9g1. Sheridan County Health Complex has established partnerships with physician groups in Quinter and Colby to bring doctors into Hoxie. Do you use any of these practitioners?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	114	56.7%
No	85	42.3%
Don't know	2	1.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q9g2. Regarding this service, were you...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Satisfied	100	87.7%
Somewhat Satisfied	9	7.9%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	4	3.5%
Dissatisfied	1	0.9%
Total	114	100.0%

Q10 (1). Does everyone currently living in your household have health insurance?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	186	92.5%
No	15	7.5%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q10 (2). Does everyone currently living in your household have health insurance? (By age)

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent
18-34	25	13.4%	2	13.3%
35-49	45	24.2%	2	13.3%
50-64	69	37.1%	10	66.7%
65+	47	25.3%	1	6.7%
Total	186	100.0%	15	100.0%

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q10 (3). Does everyone currently living in your household have health insurance? (Based on household income)

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent
Less than \$10,000	5	2.7%	0	0.0%
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	13	7.0%	5	33.3%
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	14	7.5%	2	13.3%
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	14	7.5%	2	13.3%
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	27	14.5%	1	6.7%
Between \$50,000 and \$60,000	22	11.8%	2	13.3%
Between \$60,000 and \$70,000	16	8.6%	0	0.0%
Between \$70,000 and \$80,000	12	6.5%	3	20.0%
Over \$80,000	27	14.5%	0	0.0%
Don't know	19	10.2%	0	0.0%
Refused	17	9.1%	0	0.0%
Total	186	100.0%	15	100.0%

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q10a. Which one of the following best describes why you or another member of your household does not have health insurance coverage?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Cannot afford coverage	9	60.0%
It's a benefit offered by my employer	0	0.0%
Cannot get coverage due to medical problems	2	13.3%
Had coverage but it was cancelled	0	0.0%
Some other reason	4	26.7%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Refused	0	0.0%
Total	15	100.0%

Q10b. Other reasons for not having health insurance.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No job insurance	1	25.0%
Just hasn't gotten any	1	25.0%
No job	1	25.0%
Can't get the insurance	1	25.0%
Total	4	100.0%

Q11. Do you or other members of your household need to travel outside of Sheridan County for regular medical treatment one or more times per month?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	28	13.9%
No	172	85.6%
Don't know	1	0.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q12. Is transportation to regular medical appointments, either inside or outside the county, a challenge for you or other members of your household?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	4.5%
No	190	94.5%
Don't know	2	1.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q13. Do you believe there is a need for a primary care physician who actually lives and practices in Sheridan County?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	183	91.0%
No	6	3.0%
Don't know	12	6.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q14 If you are currently using the services of a non-local doctor for routine medical needs, would you switch to a doctor who lived and practiced within Sheridan County?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	108	53.7%
No	51	25.4%
Using local services/not seeing anyone	7	3.5%
Don't know	35	17.4%
Total	201	100.0%

Q15a. Have you ever been referred to a non-local medical service or specialist by medical personnel with the Sheridan County Health Complex?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	92	45.8%
No	107	53.2%
Don't know	2	1.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q15b. Are you satisfied with the referral you received?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	87	94.6%
No	4	4.3%
Don't know	1	1.1%
Total	92	100.0%

Q16. Do you believe that more financial resources, including taxes, should be used to improve overall emergency services in Sheridan County?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	106	52.7%
No	59	29.4%
Don't know	35	17.4%
Refused	1	0.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q17. Do you believe that more financial resources, including taxes, should be used to improve overall ambulance services in Sheridan County?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	84	41.8%
No	85	42.3%
Don't know	31	15.4%
Refused	1	0.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q18a. Do you believe the Sheridan County Health Complex facilities and equipment need to be renovated or replaced?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	78	38.8%
No	63	31.3%
Don't know	60	29.9%
Total	201	100.0%

Q18b. Based on what you believe to be the current need in the county, IF the Sheridan County Medical Complex facilities and equipment were renovated or replaced, do you believe that should be partially funded by taxes?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	66	84.6%
No	6	7.7%
Don't know	6	7.7%
Total	78	100.0%

Q19a. Do you believe there is a need for a community resource center in Sheridan County that can help people find and apply for public assistance programs and other available resources?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	112	55.7%
No	55	27.4%
Don't know	34	16.9%
Total	201	100.0%

Q19b. Based on what you believe to be the current need in the county, IF a publicly-funded community resource center in Sheridan County was established, do you believe that should be partially funded by taxes?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	70	62.5%
No	24	21.4%
Don't know	18	16.1%
Total	112	100.0%

Q20. Do you believe there is a need for home healthcare services in Sheridan County?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	162	80.6%
No	12	6.0%
Don't know	27	13.4%
Total	201	100.0%

Q21. Do you believe there is a need for a facility offering natural health care alternatives, such as aromatherapy, bio-feedback, massage therapy, or other natural health treatments?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	66	32.8%
No	113	56.2%
Don't know	22	10.9%
Total	201	100.0%

Q22a. Is it your general intention to live in Sheridan County throughout retirement?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	172	85.6%
No	12	6.0%
Don't know	17	8.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q22b (1). In general, do you believe Sheridan County health services are adequate to sustain the needs of Sheridan County retirees?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	117	58.2%
No	61	30.3%
Refused	23	11.4%
Total	201	100.0%

Q22b (2). In general, do you believe Sheridan County health services are adequate to sustain the needs of Sheridan County retirees (By age)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Don't Know	Percent	Total
18-34	19	67.9%	4	14.3%	5	17.9%	28
35-49	23	51.1%	17	37.8%	5	11.1%	45
50-64	45	53.6%	29	34.5%	10	11.9%	84
65+	30	68.2%	11	25.0%	3	6.8%	44
Total	117	58.2%	61	30.3%	23	11.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q22b (3). In general, do you believe Sheridan County health services are adequate to sustain the needs of Sheridan County retirees (By gender)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Don't Know	Percent	Total
Female	88	55.3%	50	31.4%	21	13.2%	159
Male	29	69.0%	11	26.2%	2	4.8%	42
Total	117	58.2%	61	30.3%	23	11.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q22b (4). In general, do you believe Sheridan County health services are adequate to sustain the needs of Sheridan County retirees (By income)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Don't Know	Percent	Total
Less than \$10,000	2	40.0%	1	20.0%	2	40.0%	5
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	12	66.7%	4	22.2%	2	11.1%	18
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	6	37.5%	9	56.3%	1	6.3%	16
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9	56.3%	5	31.3%	2	12.5%	16
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	18	64.3%	5	17.9%	5	17.9%	28
Between \$50,000 and \$60,000	12	50.0%	10	41.7%	2	8.3%	24
Between \$60,000 and \$70,000	7	43.8%	8	50.0%	1	6.3%	16
Between \$70,000 and \$80,000	8	53.3%	4	26.7%	3	20.0%	15
Over \$80,000	17	63.0%	7	25.9%	3	11.1%	27
Don't know	12	63.2%	5	26.3%	2	10.5%	19
Refused	14	82.4%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%	17
Total	117	58.2%	61	30.3%	23	11.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q23a (1). Do you use the internet?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	160	79.6%
No	41	20.4%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q23a (2). Do you use the internet (By age)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Total
18-34	25	92.6%	2	7.4%	27
35-49	41	87.2%	6	12.8%	47
50-64	70	88.6%	9	11.4%	79
65+	24	50.0%	24	50.0%	48
Total	160	79.6%	41	20.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q23a (3). Do you use the internet (By gender)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Total
Female	128	82.6%	27	17.4%	155
Male	32	69.6%	14	30.4%	46
Total	160	79.6%	41	20.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q23a (4). Do you use the internet (By income)?

Response	Yes	Percent	No	Percent	Total
Less than \$10,000	2	40.0%	3	60.0%	5
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	14	77.8%	4	22.2%	18
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	56.3%	7	43.8%	16
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	14	87.5%	2	12.5%	16
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	23	82.1%	5	17.9%	28
Between \$50,000 and \$60,000	23	95.8%	1	4.2%	24
Between \$60,000 and \$70,000	14	87.5%	2	12.5%	16
Between \$70,000 and \$80,000	14	93.3%	1	6.7%	15
Over \$80,000	24	88.9%	3	11.1%	27
Don't know	10	52.6%	9	47.4%	19
Refused	13	76.5%	4	23.5%	17
Total	160	79.6%	41	20.4%	201

Note: Caution is needed when considering subsets of the total survey population.

Q23b. Have you used the internet to find health-related information?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	121	75.6%
No	39	24.4%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	160	100.0%

Q23c. Have you used the internet to find Sheridan County health information or providers?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	7	5.8%
No	114	94.2%
Don't know	0	0.0%
Total	121	100.0%

Q23d. In general, how confident are you that you can find local health-related information on the internet?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Confident	87	54.4%
Somewhat Confident	64	40.0%
Not Confident at All	7	4.4%
Don't know	2	1.3%
Total	160	100.0%

Q24a. Have you lived in the Sheridan County area for more than one year?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	200	99.5%
No	1	0.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q24b. What is your zip code?

Response	Frequency	Percent
67737	4	2%
67740	139	69%
67738	14	7%
67757	21	10%
67751	5	2%
67752	3	1%
67753	11	5%
67635	3	1%
Don't know	1	0%
Total	201	100%

Q25. How many people reside in your household?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	0	0.0%
1	35	17.4%
2	81	40.3%
3	27	13.4%
4	29	14.4%
5	17	8.5%
6	11	5.5%
7	0	0.0%
8	1	0.5%
9	0	0.0%
10	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

Q26. Are there any children under the age of 18 living in your home?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	97	58.4%
1	21	12.7%
2	24	14.5%
3	14	8.4%
4	9	5.4%
5	0	0.0%
6	1	0.6%
Total	166	100.0%

Q26a. How many children under the age of 13 are living in your home?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	19	27.5%
1	18	26.1%
2	16	23.2%
3	11	15.9%
4	4	5.8%
5	0	0.0%
6	1	1.4%
Total	69	100.0%

Q26b. How many adult caregivers are in the home?

Response	Frequency	Percent
1	5	7.2%
2	62	89.9%
3	2	2.9%
4	0	0.0%
5	0	0.0%
Total	69	100.0%

Q27. What was your total family income for the last year?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Less than \$10,000	5	2.5%
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	18	9.0%
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	16	8.0%
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	16	8.0%
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	28	13.9%
Between \$50,000 and \$60,000	24	11.9%
Between \$60,000 and \$70,000	16	8.0%
Between \$70,000 and \$80,000	15	7.5%
Over \$80,000	27	13.4%
Don't know	19	9.5%
Refused	17	8.5%
Total	201	100.0%

Q28. What is the gender of the respondent?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Female	155	77.1%
Male	46	22.9%
Not sure	0	0.0%
Total	201	100.0%

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