

Community Health Services Development (CHSD)

• 2020 FINDINGS FOR EKALAKA, MONTANA •

Dahl Memorial Healthcare Association participated in the Community Health Services Development (CHSD) project, a community health needs assessment process, administered by the Montana Office of Rural Health and funded in part through the Montana Health Research and Education Foundation (MHREF) Flex Grant. In the **winter of 2020**, Dahl Memorial Healthcare's service area was surveyed about its healthcare system.

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Carter County's TOP 3's

...to improve
healthcare access

More information
about available services

Telemedicine

More specialists

...for a healthy
community

Access to healthcare
services

Good jobs & a healthy
economy

Healthy behaviors and
lifestyles

...desired local health services

Pharmacy



52%

Vision
services



42%

Dental
services



40%

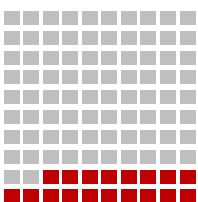
Healthcare UTILIZATION

...most utilized preventative
services in past year

Health fair  67%

Blood pressure
check  64%

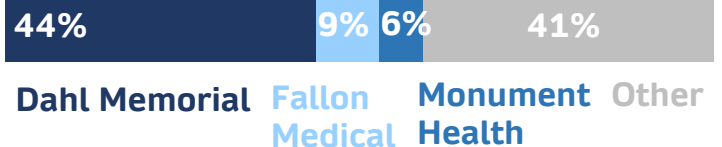
Flu Shot  54%



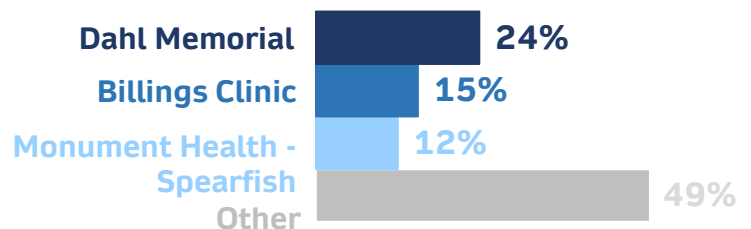
18%

reported they or a member of their
household **did not get (or delayed)**
needed medical services.

...location of primary care
providers used most often



...location of hospital used
most in last 3 years



Overall **quality of care** at Dahl Memorial Healthcare was rated “good” (3.5 out of 4.0)

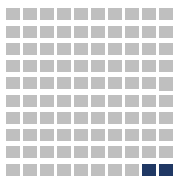
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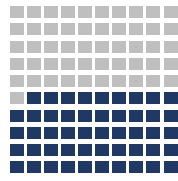
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Healthy COMMUNITIES



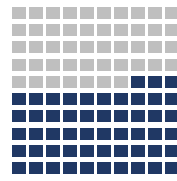
2%

said in the past year, they had worried that they would not have enough food to eat.



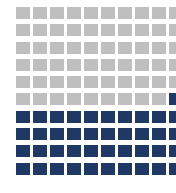
49%

feel there are not adequate and affordable housing options available in the community.



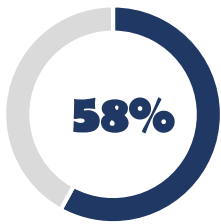
53%

felt lonely or isolated in the past year



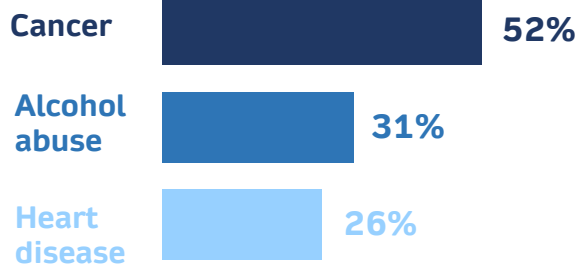
41%

rated their mental health as "Very good."

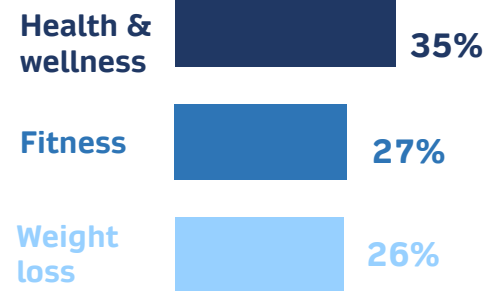


Feel their community is healthy

...top health concerns



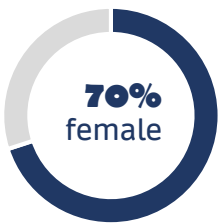
...Interest in health education classes



...physical activity



Survey DEMOGRAPHICS

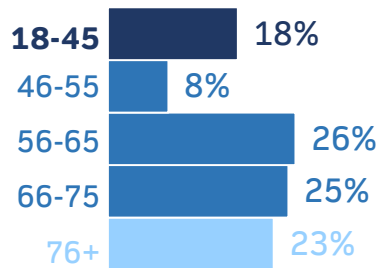


29% male and 1% other

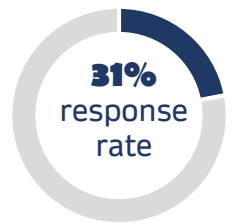


7.2% from Baker and 6.6% from Wibaux

...age range



32% retired and 11% part-time



(171) surveys were returned

Findings from KEY INFORMANTS & FOCUS GROUPS

...major issues/concerns

- Access to healthcare services
- Lack of telemedicine
- Mental & behavioral health
- Lack of places to walk and recreate (complete sidewalks/streets, limited fitness opportunities)



...services needed

- Assisted living
- Physical therapy
- Dentist
- Recreation opportunities (swimming pool)
- In-home help for seniors
- More funding for community programs
- Mental health services