

Stephenson County Community by the Numbers

Low Birth Weight

Low birth weights are at 14% (almost double) in the black community compared to other Race/Ethnicities

14%



Access to Healthy Food

19% of the population receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) compared to the national average of 12%



Juvenile Arrests

15 in Stephenson County compared to an Illinois average of nine



Free or Reduced Lunch

52% of children in Stephenson County are eligible for free or reduced lunch

TOP FIVE

Top Five Health Priorities based on the survey data, interviews, and secondary data are:

- Drug abuse/use (tobacco and alcohol)
- Transportation access
- Job availability and security
- Obesity/access to healthy food
- Affordable housing

Obesity

Obesity rates among Adults are 38% in Stephenson County compared to the state average of 29%



Children in Poverty

37% of Stephenson County children live in poverty compared to the state average of 25%.



Poverty by Race

Children Living in Poverty:
40% Black;
25% Hispanic
17% Asian
14% White

Teen Births

(Female ages 15-19)
Stephenson County-27
Illinois- 19
National Average-12



Reading Scores

Race disparity in average grade performance of 2.7
2.9 White
2.1 Hispanic
2.2 Black



Breastfed Children on WIC

16.9% of infants on WIC are breastfed exclusively compared to the state average of 7.6%