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Community Health Assessment – Supplemental Report 2022



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Introduction

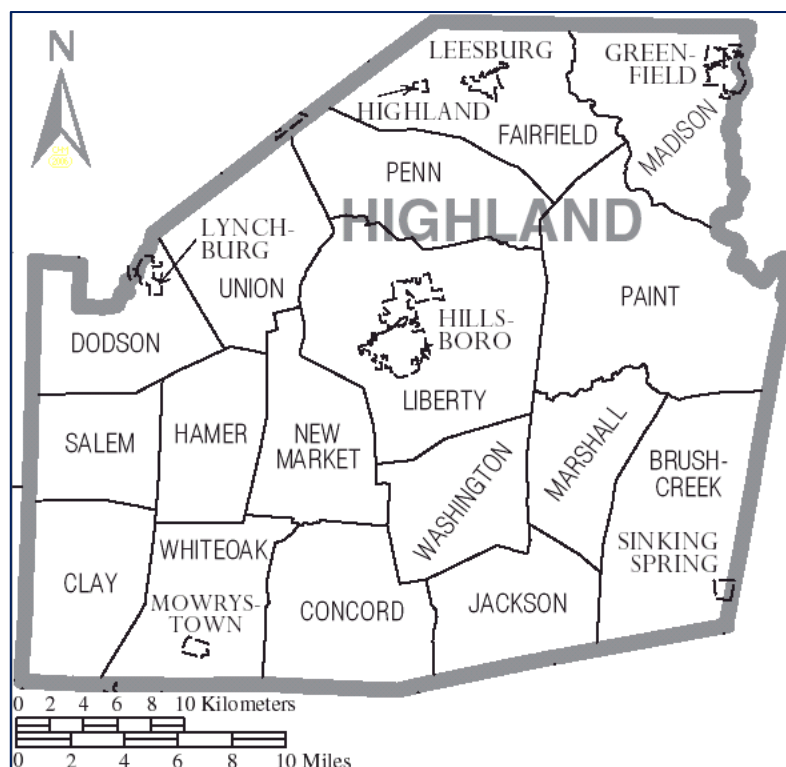
The following report is a supplement to the 2022 Highland County Community Health Assessment (CHA) report. This supplement provides additional breakdown of survey response data based on reported income levels and reported township of residence. Data from the US Census is also reviewed to look for corresponding trends and other insight that might influence the operations and activities of the Highland County Health Department.

Purpose

By analyzing this information, the Highland County Health Department (HCHD) can better identify health disparities and health inequities that may exist in sub-populations and specific geographical areas of Highland County.

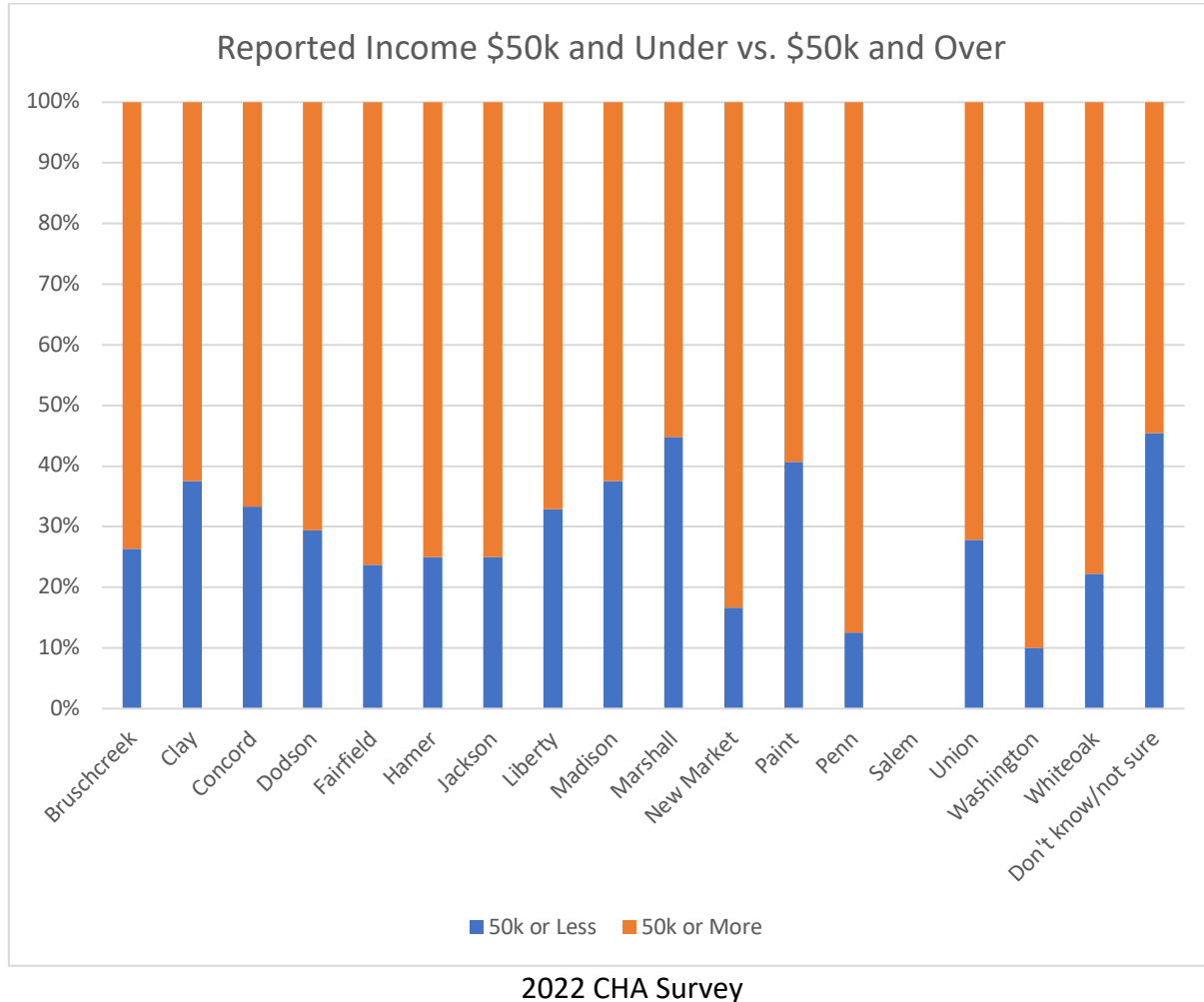
Highland County Townships

There are 17 townships located in Highland County. The map below shows each township location. Township location does not correspond directly to US census tract data, which can make the comparison of survey information on poverty levels difficult to analyze.



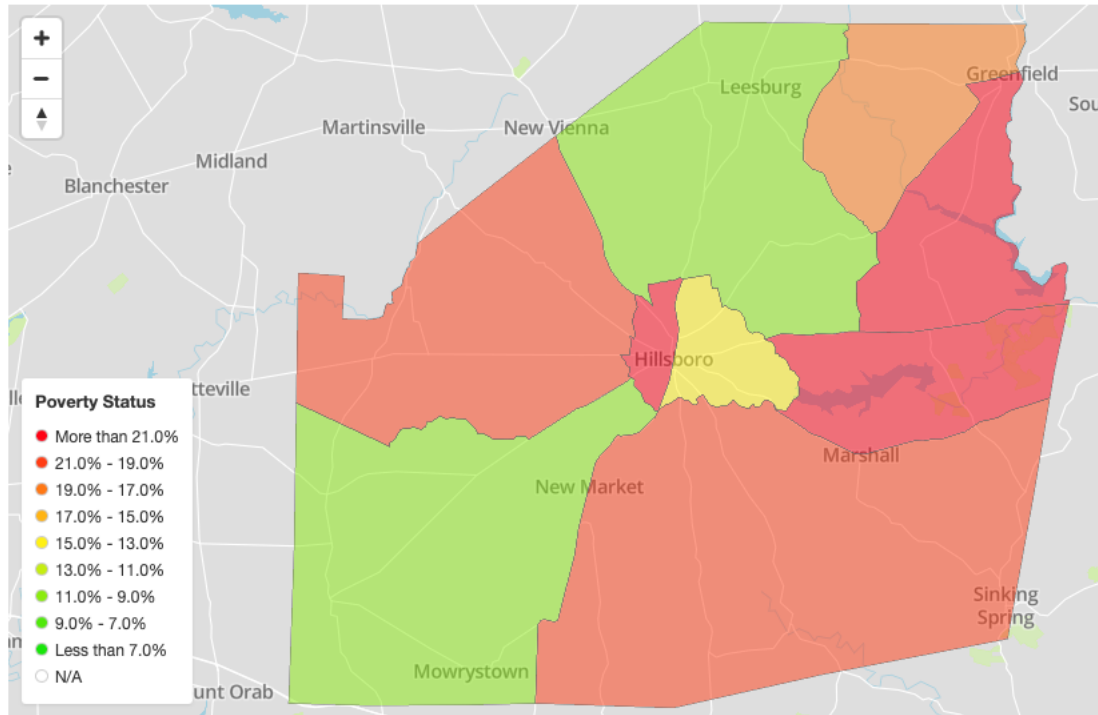
CHA Data Overview

HCHD reported 524 survey responses to the 2022 CHA survey effort. Income data reported in this community survey is broken down below based on township and whether the income was reported to be below or over \$50,000 annually. The higher the blue bar, the higher the level of reported income less than \$50,000. While this is an artificial point of measurement, it does provide some insight on areas where income is lower in the county.



US Census Data

The US Census American Community Survey breaks down poverty in Highland County into census tract area, providing additional detail on income levels in the community.

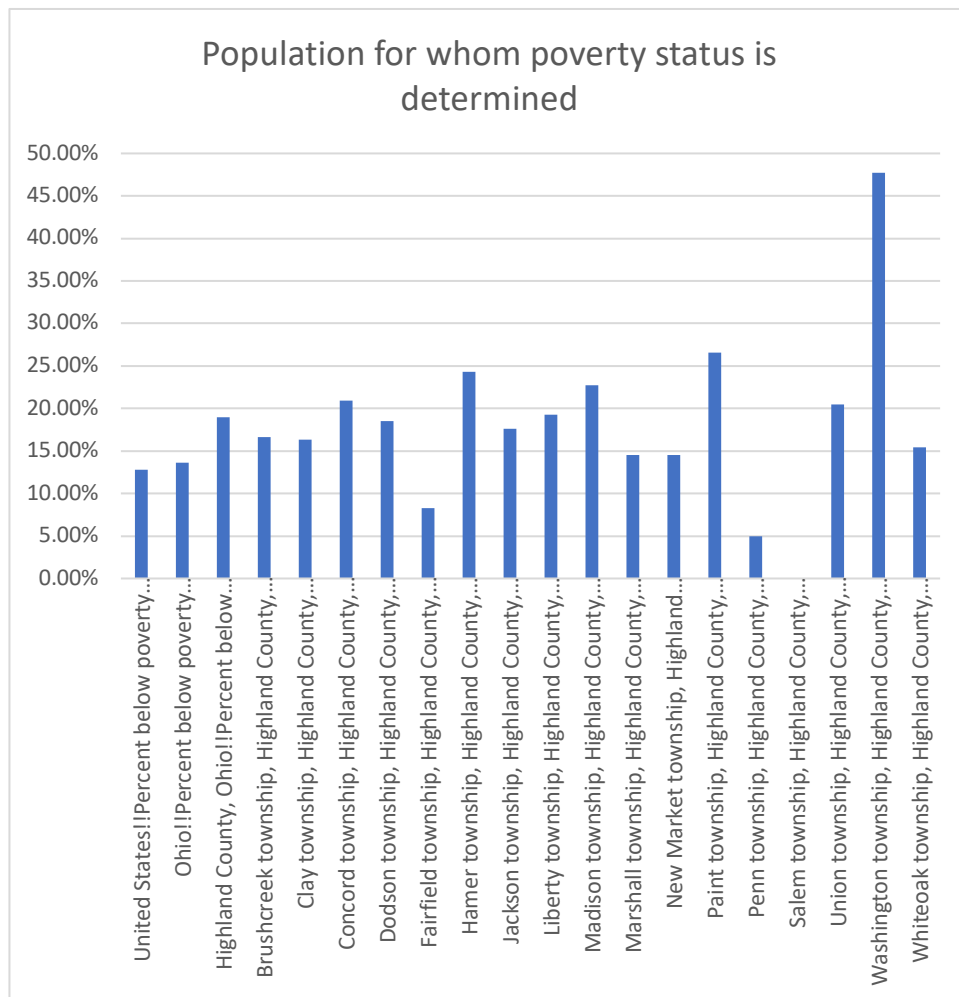


<https://data.theadvertiser.com/american-community-survey/highland-county-ohio/poverty-status/population/num/05000US39071/>

Analysis and Conclusions

The highest recorded poverty rates according to the census bureau are found in the eastern and southern portions of Highland County. This corresponds roughly with the areas in the 2022 CHA survey that reported lower household income. This poverty map data and analysis highlights the important of offering public health and other community services in rural areas of the county.

The US Census also provides some insight into the breakdown of poverty level by township. It is important to remember that these poverty estimates for each township are based on small numbers of surveys, and the margin for error is significant for many of them. Salem Township had no data available in the 2022 CHA or US Census survey.



US Census: American Community Survey, Poverty Status

The level of unemployment among those in poverty is of particular interest to the Highland County CHA process. As we discussed in the primary CHA document, personal and household income has a significant impact on a person's overall health, as it influences a person's access to medication, preventative healthcare, transportation, and other aspects that influence a person's health. Those in poverty in Highland County have an unemployment rate of 32%. Approximately 33% of those in poverty have not completed a HS diploma (or equivalency). This education and income gap is a significant barrier to improving health outcomes in our community, and will require ongoing community efforts to improve these issues.

The intersection between health and wealth will continue to be a focus of the Highland County CHA over the next 3 years.