

CHECKING UP ON THE HEALTH OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP



ANDERSON TOWNSHIP IS LOCATED IN CASWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Data, unless otherwise cited, are from a recent phone survey of a sample of Anderson Township residents (n=48). The survey was conducted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health.

77% OF RESIDENTS REPORT A FORMALLY DIAGNOSED CHRONIC ILLNESS 48% REPORT HAVING THREE OR MORE

RESIDENTS REPORT HIGHER THAN AVERAGE RATES OF MULTIPLE CHRONIC ILLNESSES*

- Asthma is three times more prevalent than state average¹.
- High blood pressure and Type 2 Diabetes are twice as prevalent².
- Lung disease and a mental health diagnosis were both more prevalent^{3,4}.

CASWELL COUNTY, COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE, HAS:

- Higher rates of death due to heart disease, cancer, and diabetes
- Higher than average rate of preterm births, child mortality, and infant death
- Nearly half the average number of primary care physicians⁵



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- 60% of residents report plumes of smoke in their community
- 62% report strange smells
- The local animal park is a major source of odor and noise complaints

*when compared to NC state average

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ²Community Clinical Connections ³North Carolina Medical Journal ⁴North Carolina Health News

⁵North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services