Community Action Needs Assessment 2012



1. What county do you live in? Response Response **Percent** Count **Des Moines** 37.2% 134 21.4% 77 Henry 32.2% Lee 116 8.6% Louisa 31 Muscatine 0.3% 1 Other 0.3% 1 answered question 360 0 skipped question

2. In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example 52601)

	Response Count
	318
answered question	318
skipped question	42

3. How many people live in your home?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1	15.9%	56
2	23.3%	82
3	23.6%	83
4	18.2%	64
5	10.2%	36
6	4.5%	16
7	2.8%	10
8+	1.4%	5
	answered question	352
	skipped question	8

4. How many people in your home are ages:

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Count
ages 0-5	58.1% (93)	33.8% (54)	6.9% (11)	1.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	160
ages 6-11	73.3% (77)	21.0% (22)	4.8% (5)	1.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	105
ages 12-17	68.9% (51)	27.0% (20)	4.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	74
ages 18-23	77.3% (68)	22.7% (20)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	88
ages 24-44	56.7% (127)	41.1% (92)	2.2% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	224
ages 45-59	71.3% (72)	26.7% (27)	1.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (1)	101
ages 60-64	96.3% (26)	3.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	27
ages 65-69	100.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9
ages 70+	100.0% (13)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	13
				answe	red question	355
				skipp	ped question	5

5. Have you ever been to any of the following Community Action Centers? Please select those that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Des Moines Cty Neighborhood Center in Burlington	33.8%	119
Eichacker Center in Fort Madison	12.5%	44
Louisa County Center in Columbus Junction	7.4%	26
Tallarico Center in Keokuk	15.3%	54
Tolson Center in Mt Pleasant	17.9%	63
No, I have not been to a Center	18.8%	66
	answered question	352
	skipped question	8

6. What are your sources of household income? Select all that apply:

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		Response Percent	Response Count
No Income		10.4%	35
Social Security		20.8%	70
Unemployment Benefits		3.9%	1:
TANF or FIP		16.0%	5
Child Support or Alimony		11.9%	4
Employment Income		48.7%	16
SSI		12.8%	4
General Assistance	I	0.3%	
Pension or Retirement Income		1.8%	
		Other (please specify)	3
		answered question	33
		skipped question	2

7. What is your household's yearly income? Select one:

	Response Percent	Response Count
\$0 to \$10,000	49.0%	166
\$10,001 to \$20,000	29.8%	101
\$20,001 to \$30,000	15.0%	51
\$30,001 to \$40,000	4.1%	14
\$40,001 to \$50,000	1.2%	4
\$50,001 to \$60,000	0.6%	2
\$60,001 to \$70,000	0.3%	1
over \$70,000	0.0%	0
	answered question	339
	skipped question	21

8. In the last 12 months, how has your household's income situation changed? Select one:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Improved a lot (more than \$5,000)	2.3%	8
Improved a little	17.2%	60
No change	42.5%	148
Decreased a little	20.1%	70
Decreased a lot (more than \$5,000)	17.8%	62
	answered question	348
	skipped question	12

9. Please select YES, NO or UNSURE for each of the following questions.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Rating Count
Do any of the adults in your household have a checking account?	47.9% (168)	49.3% (173)	2.8% (10)	351
Do any of the adults in your household have a savings account?	32.7% (114)	63.9% (223)	3.4% (12)	349
Do any of the adults in your household have a credit card?	22.3% (77)	76.3% (264)	1.4% (5)	346
Do any of the adults in your household have a payday loan?	5.2% (18)	92.8% (321)	2.0% (7)	346
Do any of the adults in your household have a car title loan?	17.3% (60)	81.6% (283)	1.2% (4)	347
Does your household need assistance with budgeting or money management?	11.2% (39)	82.7% (287)	6.1% (21)	347
Does your household need assistance with financial credit issues?	12.7% (44)	79.8% (277)	7.5% (26)	347
Does your household need assistance with filing tax returns?	8.4% (29)	86.4% (298)	5.2% (18)	345
Does your household need assistance with obtaining loans?	11.8% (40)	84.4% (287)	3.8% (13)	340
			answered question	352
			skipped question	8

10. In the last 12 months, have you or any adult household members (ages 18 and over) had problems getting or keeping a job?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	37.8%	126
No	62.2%	207
	answered question	333
	skipped question	27

11. If you answerd yes to #10, what were the reasons? Select all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Jobs were not available	56.9%	78
Did not have transportation	25.5%	35
Physical or mental disability	22.6%	31
Did not have required equipment	2.2%	3
Needed better job skills	16.1%	22
Did not have a phone	0.7%	1
Did not have appropriate clothing	3.6%	5
Problems with past work history	13.9%	19
Needed child care	14.6%	20
Language barriers	1.5%	2
Substance abuse issues	0.7%	1
Lack of education	12.4%	. 17
	Other (please specify)	23
	answered question	137
	skipped question	223

12. In the last 12 months, has your household had problems getting or keeping child care?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	8.8%	29
No	91.2%	302
	answered question	331
	skipped question	29

13. If you answerd yes to #12 what were the reasons? Select all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No part-time child care available	22.5%	9
I felt the options were not quality care	5.0%	2
No evening child care available	32.5%	13
No affordable child care available	30.0%	12
My child care was not reliable	17.5%	7
No weekend child care available	30.0%	12
Other	30.0%	12
	answered question	40
	skipped question	320

14. Do ALL the adults (ages 18 and over) in your household have a high school diploma or GED?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72.4%	249
No	27.6%	95
	answered question	344
	skipped question	16

15. Are any of the adults (ages 18 and over) in your home interested in obtaining an education beyond a high school diploma or a GED?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	38.9%	125
No	61.1%	196
	answered question	321
	skipped question	39

16. Does everyone in your household speak English?

	Response Percent	Response Count
All speak English	98.0%	336
Some speak English as their second language	1.2%	4
Some speak Spanish as their first language	1.2%	4
Other languages are spoken as their first language	0.6%	2

Other languages spoken as first language:

answered question	343
skipped question	17

17. How did you know to come to Community Action for assistance? Please select all that apply.

	Response Percent	Response Count
I was referred by friends	60.6%	168
Found it on the internet	0.0%	0
I was referred by family	30.0%	83
I saw it advertised on TV	0.0%	0
I found information in the phone book	5.8%	16
I heard about it on the radio	0.4%	1
The household I grew up in received services	16.2%	45
I read about it in the paper	4.7%	13
	I was referred by the following agency:	63
	answered question	277
	skipped question	83

18. What is the best time of day for you to come to one of our locations for assistance?

=	Response Percent	
%	80.7%	I can make it during the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
%	10.2%	I need Saturday hours from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
%	10.6%	I need evening hours from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
%	0.3%	I am not physically able to come to a location
э:	I can only come to a location for services at the following time:	
n	answered question	
n	skipped question	

19. What programs of Community Action has your household participated in during the past five years? Please check the service and indicate the quality of service with 5. being excellent and 1. being poor.

	5. Excellent	4. Good	3. Alright	2. Just Okay	1. Poor	Didn't use this service	Rating Count
Energy Assistance	64.8% (206)	11.9% (38)	3.1% (10)	0.9% (3)	0.3% (1)	18.9% (60)	318
Food Pantry	40.5% (115)	15.8% (45)	3.9% (11)	2.5% (7)	0.4% (1)	37.0% (105)	284
Head Start or Early Head Start	33.7% (86)	7.5% (19)	2.4% (6)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	56.1% (143)	255
WIC	42.3% (110)	9.6% (25)	2.3% (6)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	45.0% (117)	260
Weatherization	14.2% (34)	4.6% (11)	1.7% (4)	0.8% (2)	0.4% (1)	78.3% (188)	240
FaDSS (Family Development & Self-Sufficiency)	17.1% (41)	6.3% (15)	2.1% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	74.6% (179)	240
Emergency Rent or Utility Assistance	28.4% (73)	6.2% (16)	1.6% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (4)	62.3% (160)	257
Parent Educators or Birth to Three	6.8% (16)	4.7% (11)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	88.0% (206)	234
Medication Assistance Program (MAP)	9.8% (23)	3.4% (8)	1.3% (3)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	84.6% (198)	234

Other Service (please specify) and comments about the quality of services.

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answered question 337
skipped question 23

20. In the last 12 months, has your household received emergency help to pay your RENT (this does not include subsidized housing)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	7.9%	27
No	92.1%	315
	answered question	342
	skipped question	18

21. In the last 12 months, has your household received EMERGENCY UTILITY assistance? (Emergency utility assistance does not include a payment from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	17.2%	58
No	82.8%	279
	answered question	337
	skipped question	23

22. Of the following basic needs, please select the needs your household received assistance with in the last 12 months

	Response Percent	Response Count
Food	70.1%	225
Medical	37.1%	119
Housing	9.7%	31
Dental	8.1%	26
Home heating	27.1%	87
Transportation	5.6%	18
Clothing	4.7%	15
Child care	9.3%	30
Home appliances	1.9%	6
Employment assistance	2.5%	8
Furniture	1.2%	4
None of these apply	16.8%	54
	Other (please specify)	7
	answered question	321
	skipped question	39

23. Do you have your home and belongings insured?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I am a homeowner and have my home insured.	22.6%	76
Yes, I am a renter and have renters insurance.	6.3%	21
No, I am a homeowner and do not have homeowners insurance.	11.6%	39
No, I am a renter and do not have renters insurance.	59.5%	200
	answered question	336
	skipped question	24

24. How many times has your household moved in the last 5 years? Select one:

	Response Percent	Response Count
None	31.8%	108
1	24.1%	82
2	19.1%	65
3	13.2%	45
4	5.3%	18
5+	6.5%	22
	answered question	340
	skipped question	20

25. Does your current housing situation meet the following needs? Select all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Structurally sound	61.3%	201
Safe neighborhood	68.6%	225
Affordable	64.0%	210
Enough room	56.7%	186
Energy efficient	39.0%	128
None of these apply	11.6%	38
	answered question	328
	skipped question	32

26. In the past year has anyone in your household been homeless?

	Response Percent	Response Count
No	87.4%	298
Yes, and they stayed in a shelter	4.7%	16
Yes, and they moved in with family or friends	10.3%	35
	answered question	341
	skipped question	19

27. What forms of transportation does your household use? Select all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
We own one vehicle	48.1%	162
We own more than one vehicle	23.1%	78
Ride with others	25.2%	85
Borrow a vehicle	11.3%	38
Use public transportation	11.6%	39
Use a taxi service	10.1%	34
	answered question	337
	skipped question	23

28. In the past year did your household get food from a food pantry?

	Response Percent	Response Count
NO	51.8%	176
Yes, 1 - 3 times	32.6%	111
Yes, 4 - 6 times	8.5%	29
Yes, 7 - 9 times	4.4%	15
Yes, over 10 times	2.6%	9
	answered question	340
	skipped question	20

29. Is your household enrolled in the Food Assistance Program (food stamps)? Response Percent 76.4% 253 No 23.6% 78 answered question 311 skipped question 29

30. What are the greatest challenges your household is currently facing? Select all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Employment	36.0%	116
Job training	4.0%	13
Housing	10.9%	35
Budgeting	13.7%	44
Completing school	9.3%	30
Teen pregnancy	0.3%	1
Substance abuse	0.9%	3
Transportation	22.7%	73
Healthy food selection	11.2%	36
Family/child abuse	0.0%	0
Language barriers	0.6%	2
Child care	6.2%	20
Mental health services	11.2%	36
Medical care access	13.4%	43
Dental care access	15.8%	51
Health care costs	14.3%	46
Credit card debt	7.5%	24
None of these apply	24.8%	80
	answered question	322
	skipped question	38

31. Do ALL the members in your household have personal health insurance coverage? (Personal health insurance includes: Title 19 and Medicare)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	66.5%	222
No	33.5%	112
	answered question	334
	skipped question	26

32. How often is your household able to pay for prescription drugs and medicines? Select one:

	Response Percent	Response Count
All the time	28.5%	94
Most of the time	27.3%	90
Sometimes	30.0%	99
Not at all	14.2%	47
	answered question	330
	skipped question	30

33. Do the youth (ages 12 to 17) in your household need assistance	?
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	Response Percent	Response Count
No, there are no youth in the household	61.4%	194
No, the youth do not need assistance	32.6%	103
Yes, they need assistance	6.3%	20
	They need help with:	14
	answered question	316
	skipped question	44

34. Are there people in your household over the age of 60?

	Response Percent	Response Count
No, there are no seniors in the household	87.8%	289
Yes, there are seniors but they do not need assistance	7.6%	25
Yes, the seniors need assistance	4.6%	15

They need assistance with the following:

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329	answered question
31	skipped question

35. How has Community Action made a difference in your life?

	Response Count
	208
answered question	208

skipped question

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36. If you would like the agency to share your success with others please give your name and telephone number or call our Central Office at 319-753-0193 and ask for Sheri.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Name	100.0%	87
Phone Number	96.6%	84
answered question		87
	skipped question	273