

**Issue:** Integrate health and social services to support health equity utilizing closed-loop referral systems.

More than 1 in 10 ECHO survey respondents worried about getting or keeping these needs.



Medications



Healthy Food



Medical Care



Mental Health Care

# 23%

ECHO survey respondents **don't know or are unsure where to get resources** they need to be healthy and well.

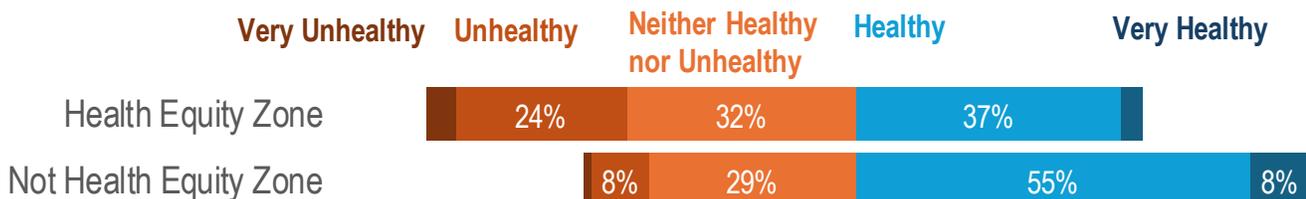
# 1 in 5

Oakland County households struggle to make ends meet despite employment.  
(United Way ALICE Report, 2023)

“**Access to resources** ... can be improved through various measures aimed at enhancing **availability, affordability, and inclusivity.**”

- ECHO survey response

Residents of Health Equity Zones\* view their communities as **less healthy** than others.  
(ECHO Survey 2023)



\*Health Equity Zones are areas prioritized for health equity based on demographic, economic, and health-related factors. They include: Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom.

**Issue 2:** Enhance access to comprehensive, accessible mental health and substance use disorder services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Nearly half of ECHO Survey respondents consider mental health “a big issue”



# 55%

LGBTQ+ survey respondents say mental health is a **big issue**

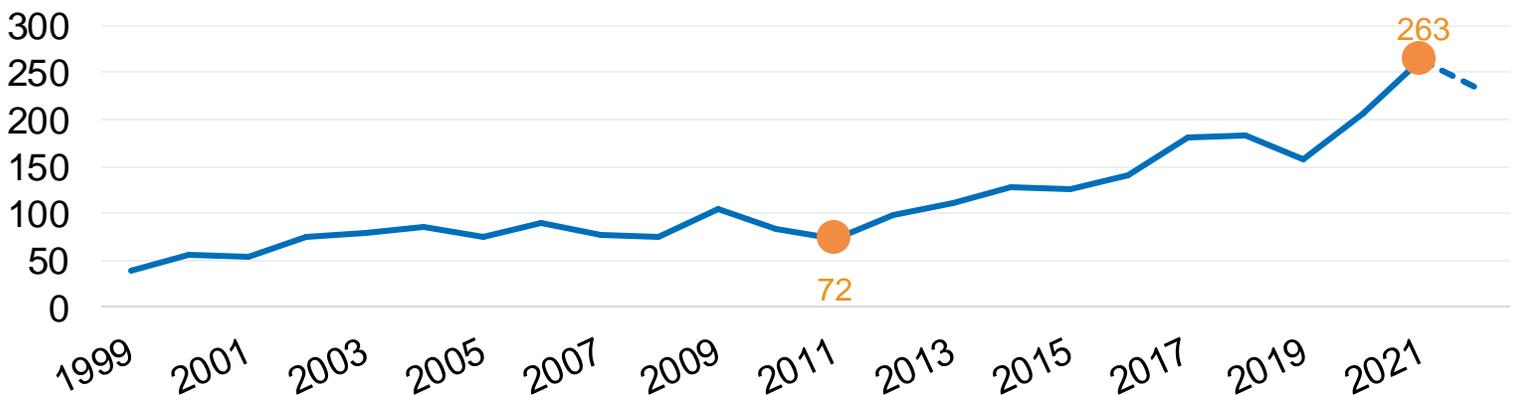
(ECHO Survey 2023)

# 1 in 3

people who tried to access mental health or SUD services had a hard time accessing services  
(ECHO Survey 2023)

“Having **mental health services** in our case in **Spanish** or in the language that they speak is really important and one of the big **barriers** that we face.”  
- ECHO survey response

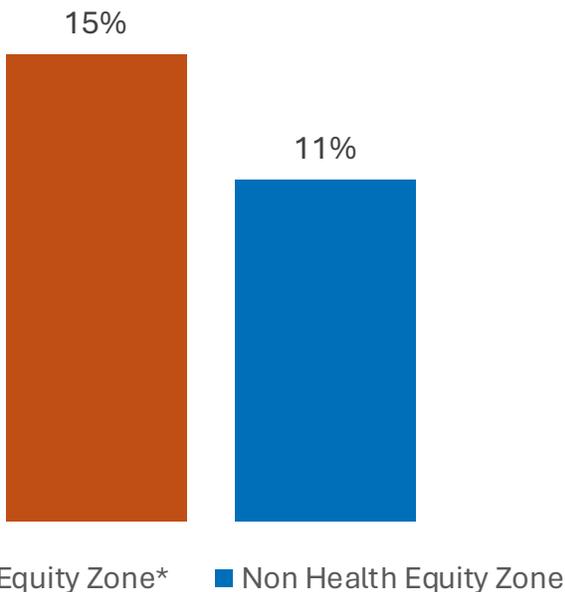
From 2011-2021, there was a **265% increase** in overdose-related deaths in Oakland County.



Source: MiTracking 1999-2021

**Issue:** Ensure all community members have access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, especially in underserved areas.

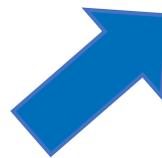
ECHO survey respondents in **Health Equity Zones\*** were more likely to worry about getting healthy foods.



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**11%** of Oakland County households experience **food insecurity**.  
*(Feeding America, 2022)*



**28%** Increase in food insecurity in the past year. *(Feeding America, 2022)*

**Chronic Disease** is the **#1** health concern in the ECHO survey. **50%** of all respondents rated it a big issue.

I have a **bridge card** and **\$285 doesn't go very far**, especially with the price of food nowadays. Transportation is a problem to stores in town and out of town. Would like to **shop at a farmers' market** to save money and **use food stamps for fresh food.**”

- ECHO survey response

**Issue:** Enhance transportation options to improve access to healthcare across the community.

More than **2/3** of survey respondents **disagree** Oakland County has **sufficient public transportation**.

**8 of 9**

ECHO Focus Groups mentioned **transportation** as a need in Oakland County.

Strongly Disagree or Disagree

68%

Strongly Agree or Agree

31%

Over **28,000** households in Oakland County do not have a vehicle



(ACS 5-year Estimates, 2022)

So getting places if you **don't have a vehicle** is a **big challenge**. Many don't have vehicles right now and aren't able to have somebody come and pick them up or take them somewhere. So how about **groceries or medical appointments**? And then later on it'd be nice to **go to a park** or to a **social event** and utilize those systems as well to get to those."

- ECHO survey response

**Issue:** Develop a multifaceted approach to combat racism and implicit bias in healthcare.

## 26%

Black/African American ECHO survey respondents said it is **not** easy to get specialized care.

“It can feel like a **struggle** to have my [health concerns] acknowledged and addressed in the same way [as] others. This can lead to...frustration, mistrust, and even **reluctance to seek medical attention**.”

- Survey respondent, discussing experience as a member of the Black/African American community

## About 1 in 5

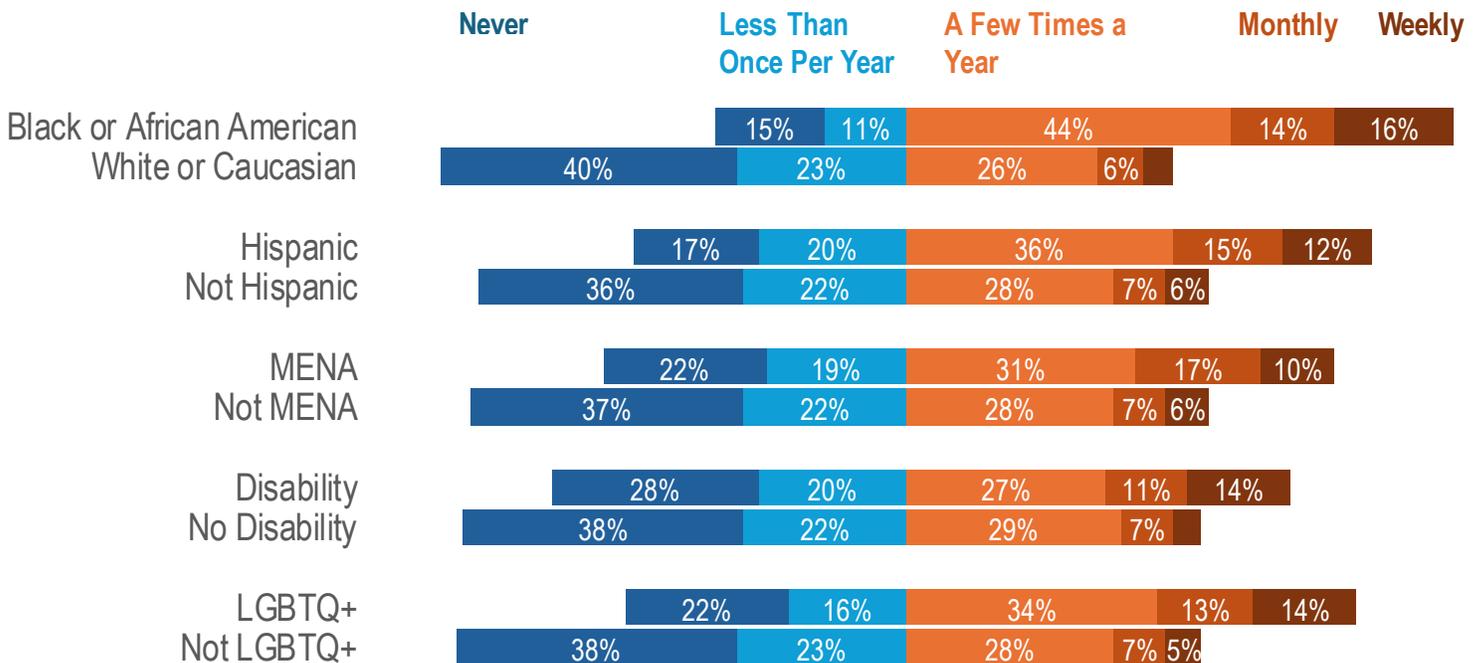
LGBTQ+ ECHO survey respondents struggle to access healthcare that respects their culture or identity.

## 25%

Hispanic/Latino adults in Oakland County report that they do not have a healthcare provider.

*Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, 2018-2020*

Certain groups reported **experiencing discrimination more frequently** than others in the ECHO survey.



**Issue:** Address environmental health challenges to ensure safe and healthy living conditions for all residents.

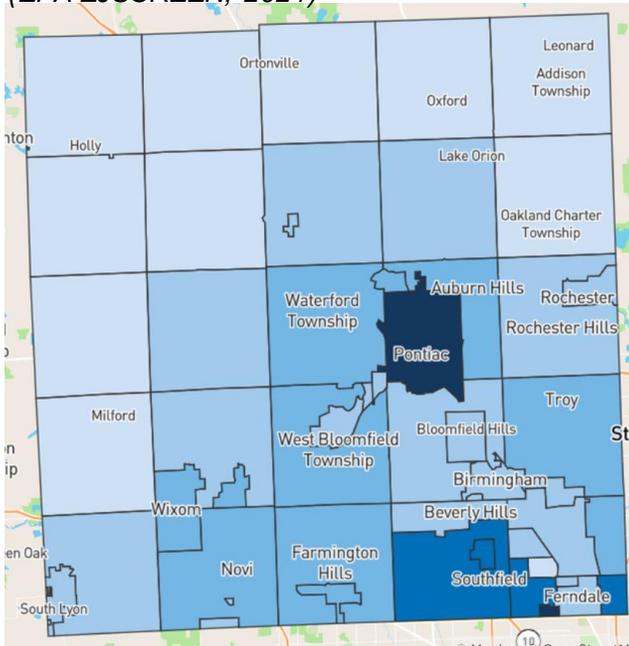
# 32%

ECHO survey respondents believe clean and healthy housing is a **big issue**.

“There is **pollution** from high traffic, along with **noise & congestion**.”  
- ECHO survey response

**Environmental Justice** areas face disproportionate impact from air pollution and other hazards.

(EPA EJSCREEN, 2021)



**Respiratory Hazard Environmental Justice Index**

0.7 - <4.7
4.7 - <9.8
9.8 - <17.8
17.8 - <31.8
31.8 - 35.7

# 269



Children under 6 in Oakland County had an elevated blood lead test or screening in 2022. (MiTracking, 2022)

# 328,283



Housing units in Oakland County were built before the 1978 ban on lead paint.

(American Community Survey 2018-2022)

**Issue:** Promote and increase access to affordable housing to address a key social determinant of health.

# 50%

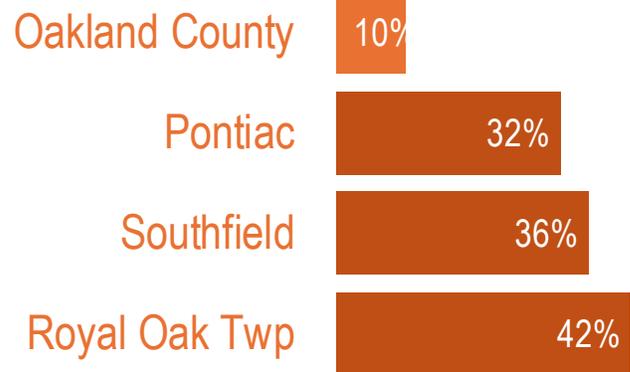
of ECHO survey respondents say **housing** in their community is **unaffordable**.

“There is an **extreme lack** of **affordable housing** in Oakland County. You can't be **healthy and live well** if you can't afford housing.”

- ECHO survey response



**Percent of households that spend more than 30% of income on housing:**



Sources: US Census Bureau ACS 5-year 2018-2022

# 24 Months

is the average time on a waiting list in Oakland County for HUD assisted housing.

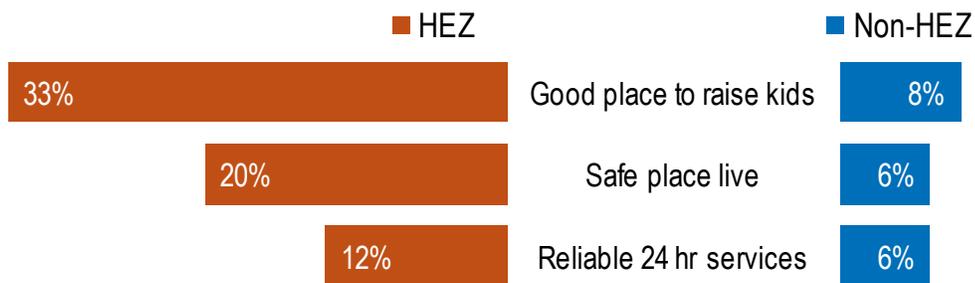
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**LGBTQ+** ECHO survey respondents were **2x** more likely to worry about getting or keeping **safe and stable housing**.

**Issue:** Reduce community violence and promote safe, connected, and thriving neighborhoods.

ECHO survey respondents in **Health Equity Zones\*** were more likely to **disagree** that their communities have reliable emergency services, are safe, and are a good place to raise kids.



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Black/African American Oakland County residents are **2x** more likely to die from **firearm fatalities** than other racial or ethnic groups.

*(National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files, 2017-2021 )*

**45%** of Black/African American ECHO survey respondents rated **violence and crime** as a big issue in their community.

“I believe that the **kids** should have **a safe place in the schools** and these **shootings**, they just upset me so greatly... But it’s so sad. There is **so much tragedy** and I just hate to watch the news because it’s so upsetting to me. It just hits my heart.”

- ECHO focus group response

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