

At-a-Glance Summary

Community Served 	Located in southern California, Ventura County includes 10 cities, 13 census-designated places, and 15 other unincorporated communities. Geographically diverse, Ventura County covers agricultural fields, mountain communities, coastal plains and an active naval base. The farmlands of Ventura County attract thousands of farm and migrant workers and their families. Total population was 850,967 in 2018.
Significant Community Health Needs Being Addressed 	The significant community health needs were identified in the Ventura County Community Health Assessment Collaborative's (VCCHIC) most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Needs being addressed by strategies and programs in this report are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve Access to Health Services• Address Social Needs• Improve Health and Wellness for Older Adults
Strategies and Programs to Address Needs 	VCCHNA member organizations intend to take several actions to address the above prioritized needs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing leadership to implement community-wide strategies to improve population health outcomes.• Leveraging data to identify high need/high cost clients and address their unmet social needs, including food insecurity.• Reducing hospitalizations and readmissions among older adults by providing them and their caregivers with tools and resources to improve quality of care and care transitions between hospital and community settings.• Creating a sustainable governance structure to resource and fund community health improvement activities.
Anticipated Impact 	It is anticipated that these efforts will improve quality of care by increasing care coordination among health systems and community based social need organizations, decrease the burden of care for families of clients, reduce cost of care and enhance client satisfaction. Further, by connecting clients from the most vulnerable populations to community-based resources for their unmet social needs like food, housing, and transportation, a reduction in the social and economic factors that act as barriers to health and wellness and exacerbate health outcomes is expected. Given the partnerships that are being created and strengthened by VCCHIC, disparities in access to care and health outcomes are expected to decrease.

