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Male and female respondents have concerns about similar topics.

- **Top 10 Community Concerns 2018**

| #1 | Distracted driving | 78% |
| #2 | Unhealthy eating habits | 69% |
| #3 | Lack of physical activity or exercise | 67% |
| #4 | Obesity among adults | 66% |
| #5 | Obesity among children | 66% |
| #6 | Drinking and driving | 57% |
| #7 | Illegal drug use among youth | 58% |

- **Income**
  - Low-income respondents have different community concerns compared with moderate/high-income respondents.
  - Moderate/high-income respondents are concerned about:
    - unhealthy eating
    - lack of physical activity or exercise
    - obesity
  - Low-income respondents are concerned about:
    - affordability of health care and dental services
    - smoking

- **Age**
  - Many community concerns are shared across age, however, there are some differences.
  - Young respondents are concerned about:
    - mental health problems
  - Older respondents are concerned about:
    - drinking and driving
    - illegal drug use

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The survey was conducted in September and October 2018 and was funded by the Minnesota Department of Health’s Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP). The survey was conducted by mail with a web option. A total of 4,000 people were invited to participate and 857 completed the survey for a response rate of 21.8 percent. Survey data were adjusted using statistical weighting procedures to ensure that the data are representative of all residents of Anoka County.
Top community concerns by demographic groups (N=837)

From a list of 51 potential community concerns, respondents were asked to indicate whether they felt each is a concern for their community.

Distracted driving is the #1 community concern across all demographic groups.

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* Federal poverty level (FPL) is about $50,200 in 2018 for a family of 4.