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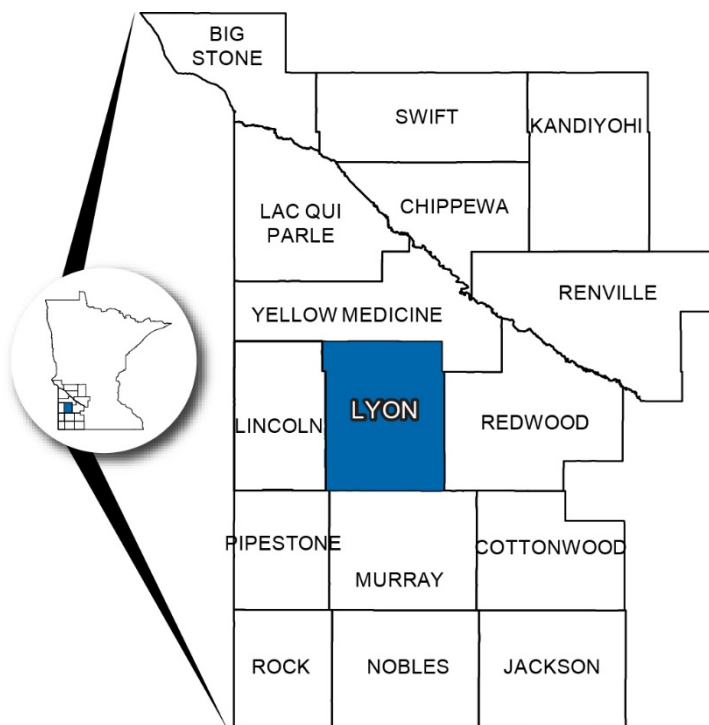
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#### MAP OF THE 16-COUNTY REGION



#### Overall health

Based on a scale that ranks from excellent to poor, most Lyon County residents say their health is "very good" or "good." Lyon County residents' overall health ratings are comparable to the region and the state as a whole.

#### RESPONDENTS' RATINGS OF THEIR OVERALL HEALTH

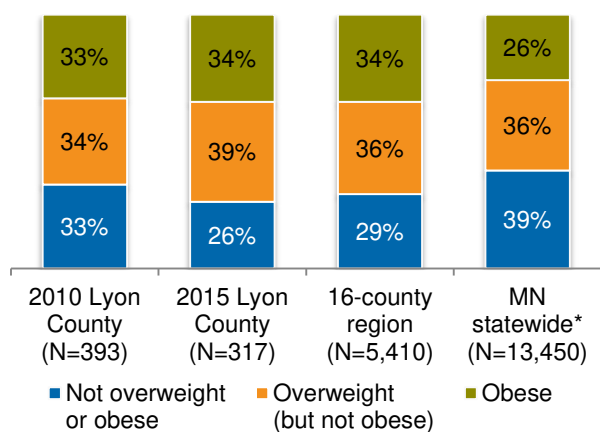
	Lyon County (N=314)	16-county region (N=5,623)	MN statewide* (N=12,896)
Excellent	16%	13%	22%
Very good	39%	40%	36%
Good	37%	36%	29%
Fair	8%	10%	10%
Poor	1%	2%	3%

\* Source: 2013 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) MN data

## Obesity

Respondents' Body Mass Index, or BMI (which was calculated based on their self-reported height and weight), indicates that about three-fourths (73%) of Lyon County residents are overweight or obese. The percentage of Lyon County residents who are not overweight or obese is lower and the percentage of residents who are overweight or obese is higher than that of Minnesotans statewide. There have been no significant changes in the percentage of overweight and obese residents in Lyon County since 2010.

### RESPONDENTS' BODY MASS INDEX



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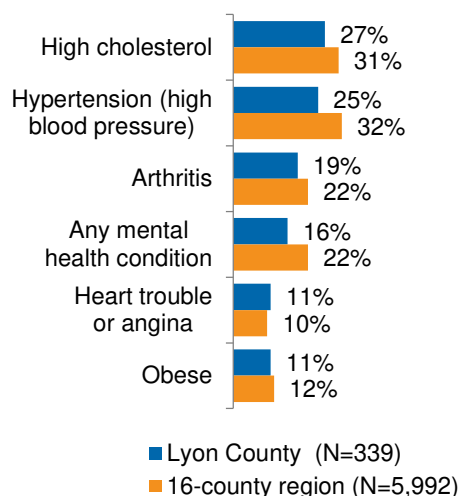
Although 34 percent of all Lyon County respondents are obese, 12 percent of Lyon County respondents have ever been told by a doctor or other health care professional that they are obese. Over half (56%) of respondents consider themselves to be about the right weight.

## Chronic health conditions

Respondents were asked if they have ever been told by a health care provider that they have any of several chronic health conditions, all of which are related to poor nutrition, inadequate physical activity, or tobacco use. The data from this survey will serve as a baseline against which SHIP initiatives and related efforts can be evaluated for their impact on these chronic conditions, and associated factors, such as quality of life and health care costs.

The chart below shows the six most common chronic health conditions among adults in Lyon County.

### HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TOLD BY A DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL THAT YOU HAVE...



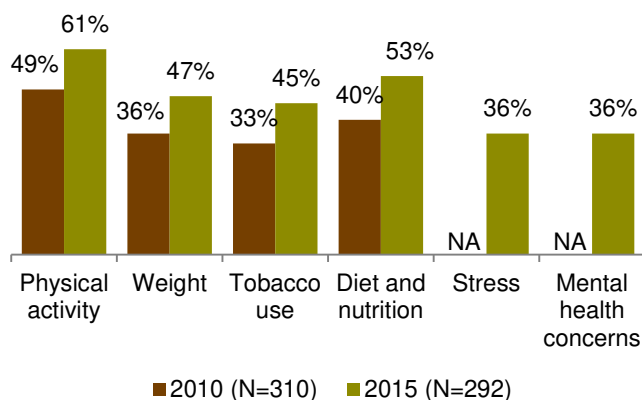
## Support provided by health care providers

Eighty-three percent of respondents from Lyon County said they have seen a health care provider about their own health in the past 12 months.

Respondents who had visited a health care provider in the past year were asked if the provider talked with them about their physical activity, diet and nutrition, weight, tobacco use, stress, and mental health concerns. Since 2010, there has been an increase in the proportion of respondents who said they were asked about all of these health indicators. Stress and mental health concerns were not asked about on the 2010 survey. However, in 2015, 36 percent were asked about stress and mental health concerns.

The results indicate that, despite a significant improvement since 2010, a considerable proportion of adults do not recall speaking with their health care provider about any of these issues, which are related to prevention and maintenance of chronic diseases and conditions.

**OF THOSE WHO VISITED A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, DID THE PROVIDER ASK  
ABOUT YOUR...**



### *Nutrition*

Thirty-six percent of Lyon County residents ate five or more servings of fruits and vegetables on the day prior to taking the survey. While respondents report that there is a large selection of fruits and vegetables and that the fruits and vegetables are of high quality where they shop, over half (56%) of residents report that they are too expensive.

There have been no significant changes in fruit and vegetable consumption or beverage consumption since 2010.

Nearly all Lyon County respondents eat at least one home-cooked meal in a typical week, but only about half eat a home-cooked meal every day. However, since 2010, there has been an increase in the percentage of respondents in Lyon County who eat a home-cooked meal 7 or more times per week. Fifty-eight percent of respondents eat fast food at least once per week.

For more information about adult nutrition in Lyon County, please see the fact sheet on this topic.

### *Physical activity*

The recommended amount of physical activity per week for adults is at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on 5 or more days or at least 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity on 3 or more days. In Lyon County, 18 percent of respondents met both moderate and vigorous physical activity recommendations while 62 percent met neither.

Fifty-three percent of respondents reported over two hours of “screen time” (time spent watching TV or movies or using the computer for non-work purposes) per day), down from 75 percent in 2010.

Since 2010, respondents indicate an increase in availability and use of walking paths or trails and bike paths, shared use paths, and bike lanes. The biggest self-reported barriers to getting more physical activity are: lack of time, lack of self-discipline or willpower, and the cost of programs.

For more information about adult physical activity in Lyon County, please see the fact sheet on this topic.

### *Tobacco use*

Sixty-seven percent of Lyon County residents have never smoked, 25 percent no longer smoke, and 9 percent are current smokers. Since 2010, Lyon County residents are less likely to have stopped smoking for one day or longer because they were trying to quit. The most common and successful quitting method used was to quit without any assistance from nicotine-replacement medications, counseling, or other forms of quitting support.

For more information about adult tobacco use in Lyon County, please see the fact sheet on this topic.

### *Alcohol use*

Thirty-one percent of Lyon County residents reported they have engaged in binge drinking in the past 30 days (5+ drinks for males and 4+ drinks for females on an occasion). According to responses, 5 percent participate in heavy drinking (60+ drinks for males and 30+ drinks for females in the past 30 days). Respondents age 18-34 are more likely to participate in drinking, but not heavy drinking, than older respondents. Alcohol use in Lyon County is comparable to alcohol use in the 16-county region.

### *Mental health*

Eighteen percent of Lyon County residents have been told by a doctor that they have depression, 16 percent have been told they have anxiety or panic attacks, and 4 percent have been told they have other mental health problems. In the past year, nearly 1 in 10 respondents

said that they did not get or delayed getting needed mental health care.

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## Dental health

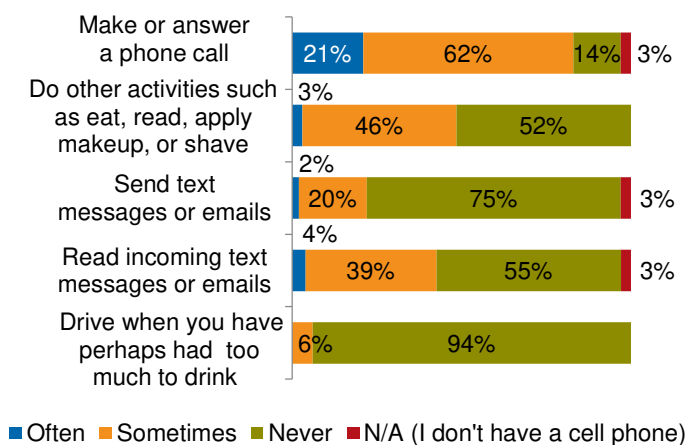
Almost three-quarters (71%) of Lyon County residents reported that they had their last dental exam or teeth cleaning within the past year. Nearly one-quarter (21%) of respondents said that during the past 12 months, there was a time when they needed dental care, but did not get it or delayed getting it. The most common reasons for not getting dental care were because it cost too much and they did not have insurance.

For more information about dental health in Lyon County, please see the fact sheet on this topic.

## Distracted or impaired driving

The majority of Lyon County residents make or answer phone calls while they are driving and nearly half do other activities such as eat, read, apply makeup, or shave.

### WHEN DRIVING A CAR OR OTHER VEHICLE, HOW OFTEN DO YOU...(N=296-302)



## Methods

The survey was conducted by mail. Households were randomly selected using Address-Based Sampling, and the “most recent birthday” method of within-household respondent selection was used to randomly select one adult from each sampled household. Incentives were not offered to participate in this survey. A total of 1,200 people in Lyon County were invited to participate and 339 completed the survey, for a response rate of 28 percent. This results in a sampling error of +/- 7 percent. Survey respondents are representative of the adult population of Lyon County. Post-stratification weighting was used, based on gender and age, to ensure representativeness.

Respondent characteristics (weighted)	Lyon County (N=339)
<b>Gender</b>	
Female	54%
Male	46%
<b>Age</b>	
18-34	32%
35-44	15%
45-54	19%
55-64	15%
65-74	9%
75+	10%
<b>Education</b>	
Less than HS diploma, no GED	4%
High school diploma or GED	22%
Some college/trade school or associate degree	33%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42%
<b>Household income</b>	
Less than \$20,000	14%
\$20,000 - \$34,999	13%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	17%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21%
\$75,000 or more	35%



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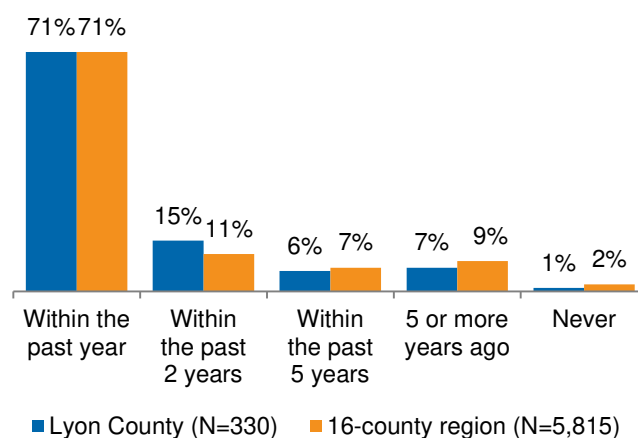
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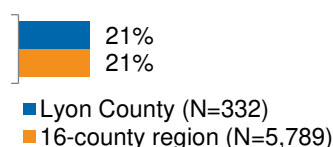
#### LAST TIME RESPONDENTS HAD A DENTAL EXAM OR TEETH CLEANING



#### *Barriers to accessing dental care*

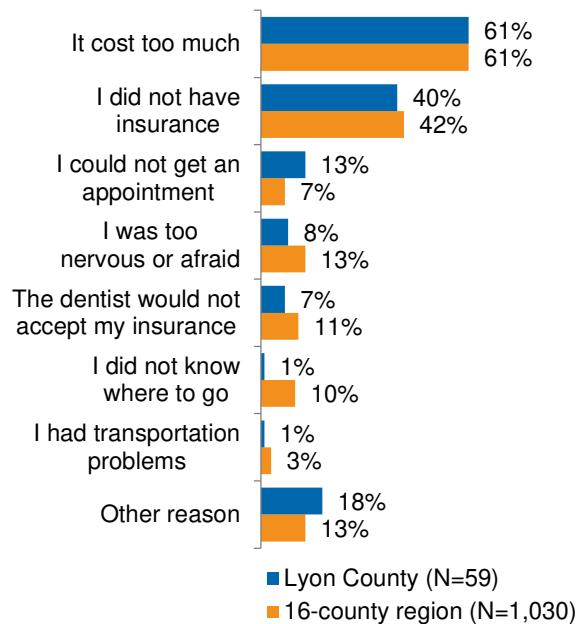
Twenty-one percent of respondents from Lyon County reported that during the past 12 months, there was a time they needed dental care but did not get it or delayed getting it. There is no difference in delayed dental care between the county and region.

#### RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT GET OR DELAYED GETTING DENTAL CARE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS



Of those who did not get or delayed getting dental care in the past 12 months, the most common reasons were because it cost too much and because they did not have insurance.

#### REASONS FOR NOT GETTING OR DELAYING DENTAL CARE



#### *Compared with the region...*

Overall, there is no significant difference between the dental health of Lyon County residents compared to the dental health of residents of the region.



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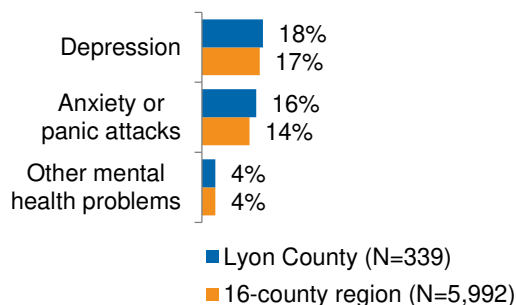
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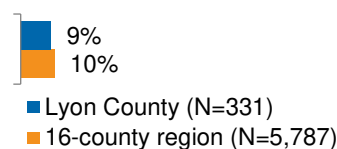
#### HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TOLD BY A DOCTOR THAT YOU HAD...



### *Barriers to accessing mental health care*

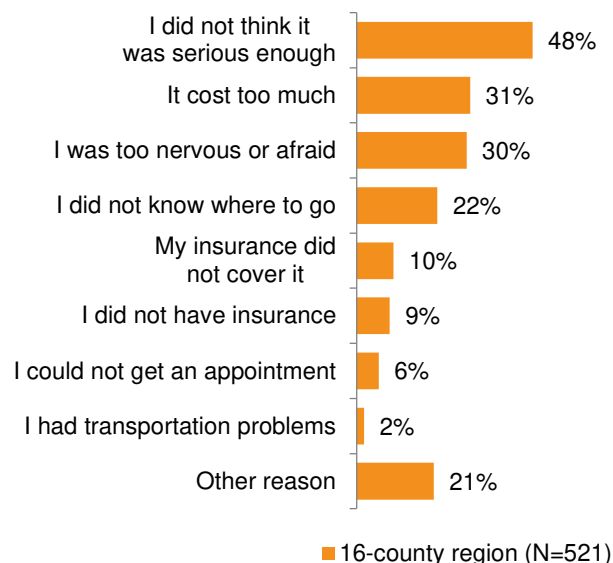
Nine percent of Lyon County residents said that they did not get or delayed getting mental health care when they wanted to talk or seek help in the past year.

#### OF THOSE WHO FELT THEY NEEDED TO TALK TO SOMEONE - RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT GET OR DELAYED GETTING MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS



When asked about reasons for not getting or delaying mental health care, the number of Lyon County residents who answered was not large enough to be conclusive. Below is data from the 16-county region.

#### REASONS FOR NOT GETTING OR DELAYING MENTAL HEALTH CARE



Survey respondents who had seen a doctor, nurse, or other health professional about their own health in the past 12 months were asked whether they were asked by their health professional about a series of topics. Thirty-six percent said their doctor asked them about their stress and 36 percent were asked about mental health concerns.

### *Compared with the region...*

Overall, the mental health of residents in Lyon County is comparable to the mental health of residents in the region. However, the response rate is not high enough to understand with confidence the reasons why Lyon County residents do not get or delay mental health care.



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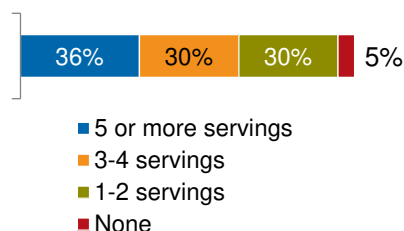
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#### *Eating habits*

##### **Fruits and vegetables**

The CDC recommends that most adults eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables every day. On the day prior to taking the survey, over one-third of Lyon County residents ate five or more servings of fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately, 2015 data regarding fruit and vegetable consumption is not comparable to 2010 data due to question wording.

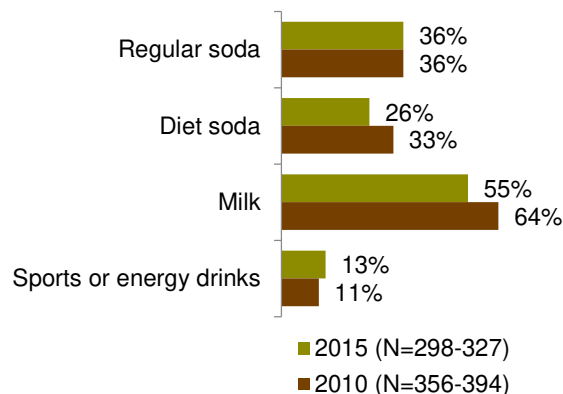
##### **NUMBER OF SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ATE YESTERDAY (N=317)**



##### **Beverages**

Soda consumption has been linked to lower levels of calcium in the body, which is a contributing factor in osteoporosis in adults and broken bones in children. Many sodas have large amounts of caffeine, and regular soda has approximately 150 calories per serving, with no nutritional value. In addition, the high amount of sugar in regular soda has become a health concern. Thirty-six percent of Lyon County residents drank regular soda on the day prior to taking the survey. Since 2010, the proportion of respondents who drank milk the day prior to taking the survey has decreased.

##### **BEVERAGES CONSUMED YESTERDAY**

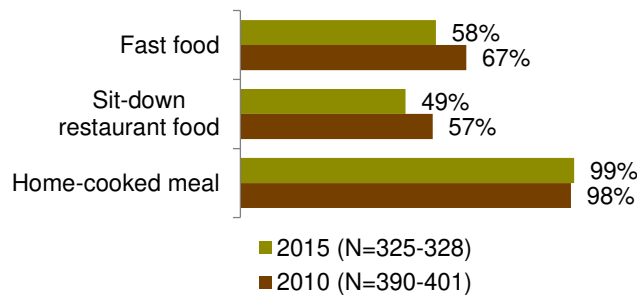


##### **Eating out and eating in**

Over one-half of Lyon County residents eat fast food at least once in a typical week. About half (49%) eat at least once per week at a restaurant that is not fast food. The vast majority of residents who eat out do so only once or twice per week.

Nearly all of Lyon County residents eat at least one home-cooked meal in a typical week, but only half (52%) eat a home-cooked meal every day. Seventeen percent of Lyon County residents watch TV while eating a meal daily, while 24 percent of residents never watch TV while eating a meal. All of these factors are related to the degree to which an individual is likely to meet their nutritional needs.

#### EATING OUT AND EATING IN ONE TIME OR MORE IN AN AVERAGE WEEK



#### Access to nutritious food

One focus of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) is to increase access to community resources and support by improving policies, systems, and environments. Nutrition and healthy eating is a key focus area of SHIP.

#### Grocery shopping

Ninety-eight percent of residents agree with the statement, “There is a large selection of fresh fruits and vegetables where I usually shop.” And 89 percent of residents agree that “The fresh fruits and vegetables where I usually shop are of high quality.” However, 56 percent of residents also agree with the statement, “The fresh fruits and vegetables where I shop are too expensive.”

Ten percent of Lyon County residents travel more than 20 miles (one way) to get their groceries. Most respondents reported shopping for groceries at a supermarket or large grocery store once a week or more often.



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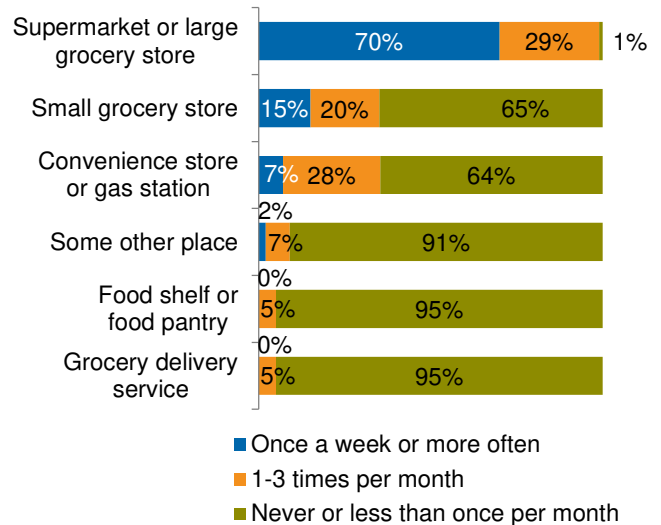
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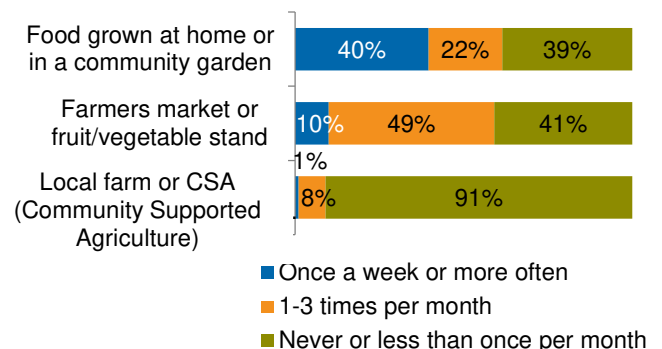
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#### IN A TYPICAL MONTH, HOW OFTEN DO YOU BUY OR GET FOOD FROM A...(N=304-331)



During the growing season, about half of Lyon County residents get food from a home or community garden, but far fewer get food from farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture.

#### DURING THE GROWING SEASON, HOW OFTEN DO YOU BUY OR GET FOOD FROM A...(N=314-324)



#### Food insecurity

Eleven percent of Lyon County residents reported that in the past 12 months they often or sometimes worried that their food would run out before they had money to buy more, and 7 percent said that they had used a community food shelf program in the past 12 months.

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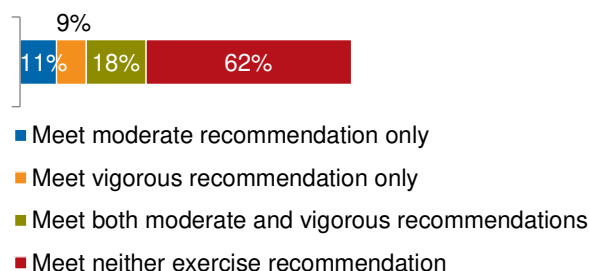
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### *Current levels of physical activity*

Regular physical activity helps improve one's overall health and fitness and reduces the risk of chronic disease. The recommended amount of physical activity per week for adults is at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on 5 or more days or at least 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity on 3 or more days.

In Lyon County, 18 percent of respondents met both moderate and vigorous physical activity recommendations while 62 percent met neither. Additionally, 16 percent of respondents said they did not participate in any physical activity or exercise other than their regular job in the past 30 days.

### RESPONDENTS' PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (N=320)



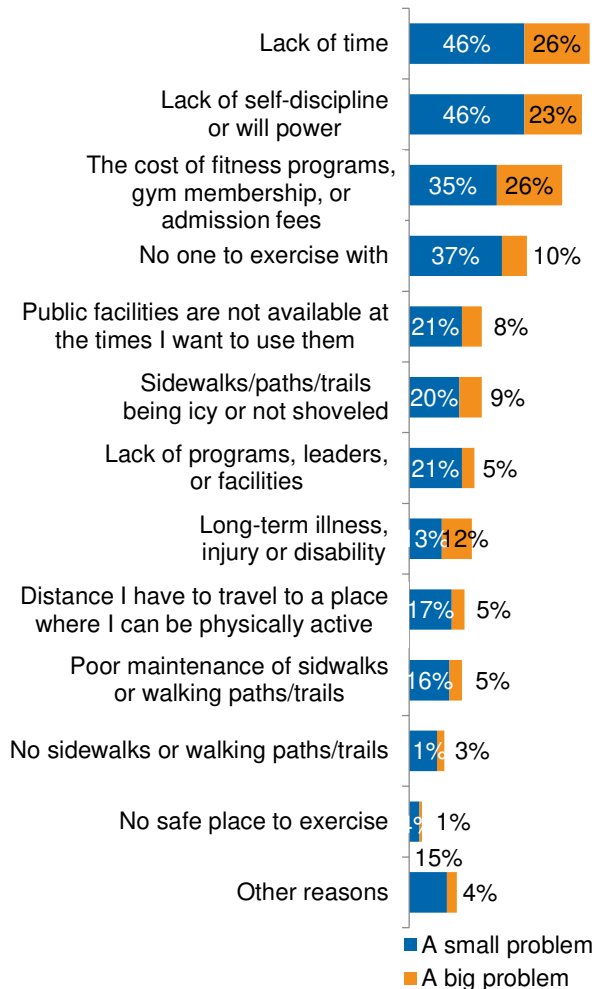
### *Screen time*

When asked about daily “screen time” – total time spent watching TV and using the computer for non-work-related purposes such as surfing the internet or social networking – over half (53%) of respondents reported over 2 hours of screen time per day, a decrease from 75 percent in 2010. Twenty-one percent of respondents reported 1 hour or less of screen time per day.

### *Barriers to physical activity*

The biggest self-reported barriers to getting physical activity are: lack of time, lack of self-discipline or will power, and the cost of fitness programs. These are the same top barriers that were reported in 2010.

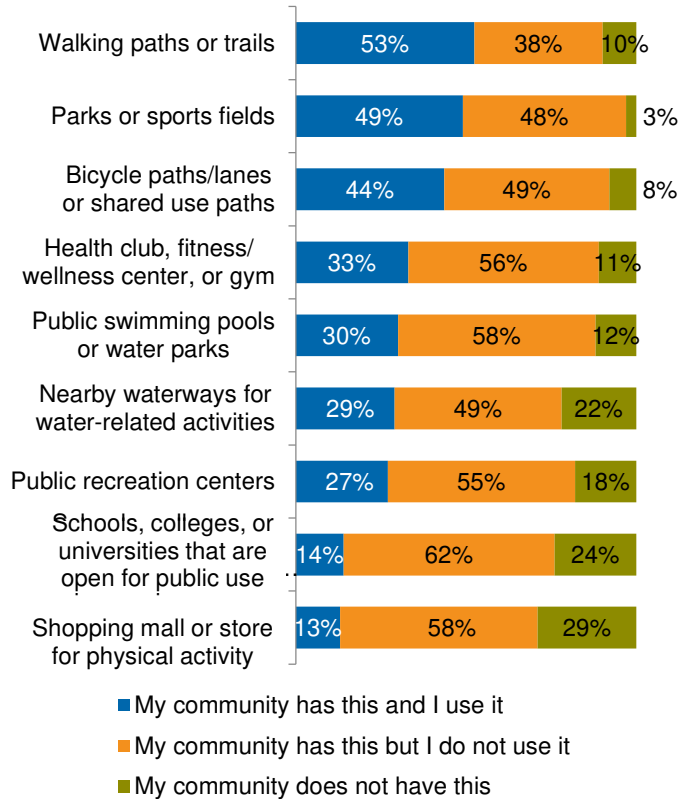
## RESPONDENTS' BARRIERS TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (N=241-319)



## Access to community resources

Respondents were asked about their access to and use of various public amenities. Most residents live in communities that have a limited variety of resources for physical activity. The most commonly used resources are walking paths or trails, parks or sport fields, and bicycle paths. Since 2010, Lyon County residents' use of walking paths and trails and bicycle paths has increased.

## RESPONDENTS' ACCESS TO AND USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (N=253-306)



## Compared with the region...

Lyon County residents are more likely than residents of the region to have: 1) walking paths or trails, 2) bicycle paths, 3) shared use paths or bike lanes, 4) public recreation or community centers, 5) and shopping malls or stores for physical activity, but are less likely to have nearby waterways for water-related activities.



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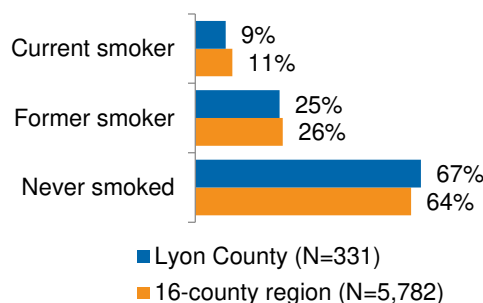
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### *Current tobacco use*

Sixty-seven percent of Lyon County residents have never smoked and 25 percent are former smokers. Nine percent of adults in Lyon County are current smokers.

### RESPONDENTS' SMOKING STATUS



### *E-cigarettes*

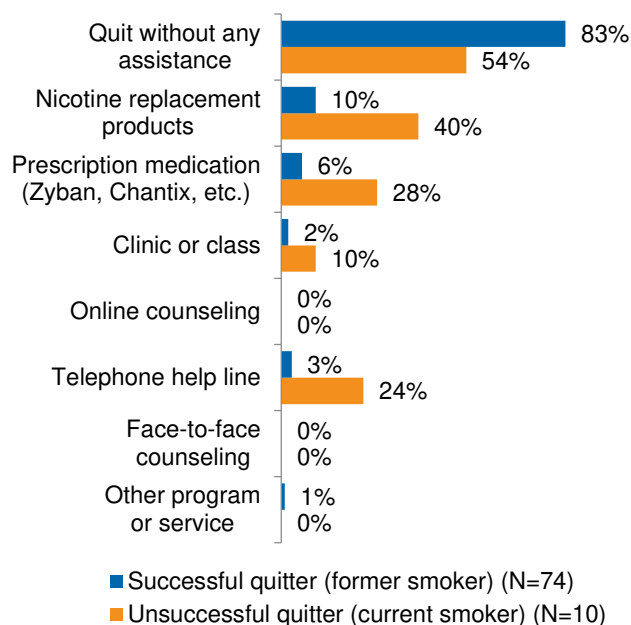
Three percent of respondents said they are e-cigarette users. More than half (57%) of respondents reported ever having seen someone smoke an e-cigarette in Minnesota. Younger respondents (age 18-54) were more likely than older respondents (age 55+) to have ever seen someone smoking e-cigarettes (66% vs. 38%).

### *Quitting*

Of the 34 percent who are current and former smokers, 46 percent said they had tried to quit within the past 12 months.

Of former and current smokers who had stopped smoking for one day or longer during the past 12 months because they were trying to quit, the most common and successful quitting method used was to quit without any assistance from nicotine replacement medications, counseling, or other forms of quitting support.

## RESPONDENTS' USE OF VARIOUS TOBACCO CESSATION METHODS (OF CURRENT AND FORMER SMOKERS WHO HAD TRIED TO QUIT IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS)



“Quitting without any assistance” was more commonly used among successful quitters (those who are now former smokers and who quit within the past 12 months) than among unsuccessful quitters (current smokers who tried to quit at least once during the past 12 months).

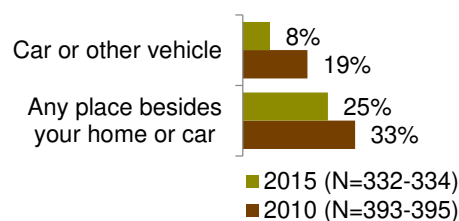
Regarding methods for quitting smoking, since 2010 Lyon County residents have decreased their use of nicotine replacement products and prescription medication. Since 2010, Lyon County residents are less likely to have stopped smoking for one day or longer because they were trying to quit.

## Exposure to smoking

Five percent of Lyon County respondents allow regular smoking in their homes (by themselves or someone else) compared with 8 percent of respondents from the region. Eight percent of Lyon County respondents report they rode in a vehicle with someone who was smoking in the past week and 25 percent say they were exposed to secondhand smoke in a public (outdoor) place in Minnesota during the past week.

Since 2010, exposure to secondhand smoke in cars or other vehicles has decreased.

## RESPONDENTS' EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE IN PAST 7 DAYS



## Compared with the region...

There are no significant differences in tobacco use in Lyon County compared with tobacco use in the 16-county region.



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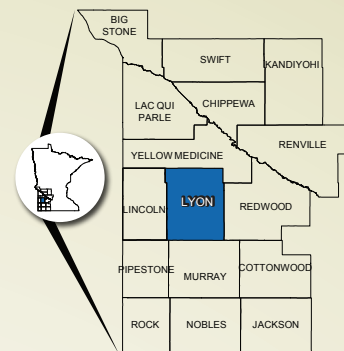
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# Adult Health in Lyon County

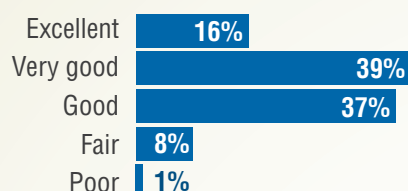
## 2015 Southwest Minnesota Healthy Communities Survey

The 2015 Southwest Minnesota Healthy Communities Survey was conducted to learn about the health and health habits of residents living in 16 counties in southwest Minnesota. This fact sheet shows the key findings from Lyon County.



## NUTRITION AND EXERCISE

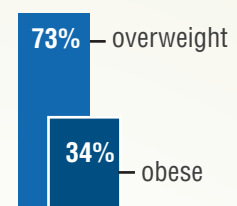
### Lyon County adult residents' ratings of their overall health:



Lyon County adult residents' overall health ratings are comparable to the region and the state as a whole.



**36%** ate **five or more servings of fruits and vegetables** on the day prior to taking the survey

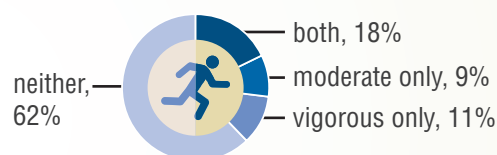


**73%** of adults in Lyon County **ARE OVERWEIGHT**  
Based on self-reported height and weight, including **34% WHO ARE OBESE**

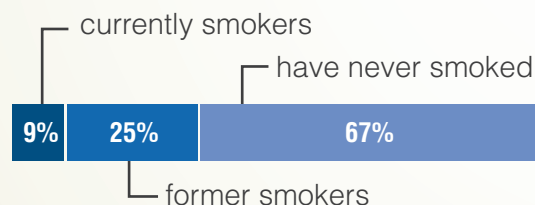


**56%** consider themselves to be **about the right weight**

### Did residents meet moderate and/or vigorous exercise recommendations?



## TOBACCO USE



## OTHER



**18%** have been told by a doctor that **they had depression**

**9%** delayed or did not get mental health care when they felt they needed it in the past year

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