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Employment Roadblock Fact Sheet



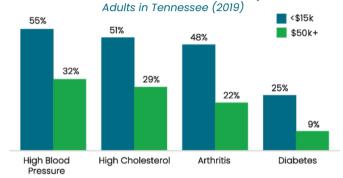


Chronic and untreated health conditions can reduce participation and persistence in training and job opportunities

1 in 2 adult Tennesseans earning less than \$15,000 live with arthritis while 1 in 4 have diabetes. Underserved neighborhoods have few primary care providers, increasing the probability of health complications that make consistent employment difficult.

People in Tennessee earning less than \$15,000 per year deal with chronic health conditions at nearly twice the rates of those earning \$50,000 or more

Prevalence of chronic health conditions by income level





Davidson County has **nearly 2.5x as many healthcare providers** per TennCare recipient as Shelby County



Shelby County has less than half as many mental health providers per adult than Davidson County



Over 40 percent of Memphis' primary health clinics are located along the Poplar Avenue corridor, limiting access for those in neighborhoods not located in that corridor

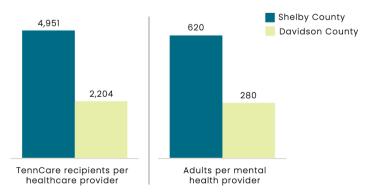


The five most prevalent chronic health conditions in Shelby County each **impact nearly 100,000 people or more**: high blood pressure (269,000), obesity (258,000), high cholesterol (210,000), arthritis (181,000), and diabetes (95,000)



Crisis services responded to 1.5x more mental health emergencies in Shelby County than Davidson County in 2022

Healthcare providers per capita





"Low incomes limit access to healthcare and hinder healthy lifestyles. Only 15% of a person's health is determined by the care they receive, while 60% is determined by the environment in which they live, work, and play due to social risk factors such as food, shelter, safety, and transportation insecurities, all of which are exacerbated by poverty."

- Pedro Velasquez, Executive Director



