BLUE SPRINGS
COMMUNITY REPORT CARD
2017

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According to the 2011-2015 population estimates, the city of Blue Springs had 53,364 residents. Of these, 51% were female and 49% were male. 86% identified as White and 4% identified as Hispanic. In addition, 67% attended college and 11% had an income that was below the poverty level.
COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED CONCERNS

TOP HEALTH CONCERNS:

1. **44%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Distracted Driving* as a Top 3 Health Concern.

2. **35%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Overweight/Obesity* as a Top 3 Health Concern.

3. **34%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Alcohol and Drug Use* as a Top 3 Health Concern.

TOP FACTORS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY:

1. **49%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Safe Neighborhoods* as a Top 3 Healthy Community Factor.

2. **39%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Good Schools* as a Top 3 Healthy Community Factor.

3. **29%** of Blue Spring's residents identified *Good Jobs and a Healthy Economy* as a Top 3 Healthy Community Factor.

POLICY PERSPECTIVES:

**FLUORIDE:** 64% of Blue Springs residents say that safe amounts of fluoride should be added to the drinking water.

**TOBACCO 21:** 82% of Blue Springs residents say the minimum age of purchase and sale of tobacco products should be 21.

**CLEAN INDOOR AIR:** 82% of Blue Springs residents say tobacco products should not be allowed to be used inside all public places.

**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES:** 69% of Blue Springs residents say electronic cigarette use should not be allowed inside all public places.

**TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL RETAILERS:** 40% of Blue Springs residents say the city should limit the number of tobacco and alcohol retailers.

**FOOD INSPECTION SCORES:** 77% of Blue Springs residents say restaurants should be ranked or graded based on their food inspection score.
QUALITY OF LIFE:
89% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with their quality of life in Blue Springs.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:
78% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the number of health and social services in Blue Springs.

SENIOR SERVICES:
73% of Blue Springs residents say Blue Springs is a good place to age.

JOB AVAILABILITY:
65% of Blue Springs residents say there are jobs available in Blue Springs.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS:
87% of Blue Springs residents say Blue Springs is a safe place to live and raise children.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES:
83% of Blue Springs residents say there are enough housing choices in Blue Springs.

CITY SUPPORT:
60% of Blue Springs residents say there is help or assistance in Blue Springs in times of stress.

PRIDE AND RESPONSIBILITY:
81% of Blue Springs residents say people in Blue Springs have a sense of pride and shared responsibility.

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS:
95% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with places to buy fresh fruits and vegetables in Blue Springs.

NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS:
68% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the sidewalks in Blue Springs.

SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD TO WALK:
79% of Blue Springs residents feel safe walking in their neighborhood.

BIKE LAKES, TRAILS, AND PATHS:
81% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the bike trails, lanes, and paths in Blue Springs.

PARKS, TRAILS, AND PLAYGROUNDS:
92% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the parks, trails, and playgrounds in Blue Springs.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:
36% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the public transportation in Blue Springs.

SECONDHAND SMOKE:
87% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the level of protection from second-hand smoke in Blue Springs.

DENTAL CARE:
88% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the access to dental care in Blue Springs.

HEALTH CARE:
85% of Blue Springs residents are satisfied with the access to health care in Blue Springs.

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