

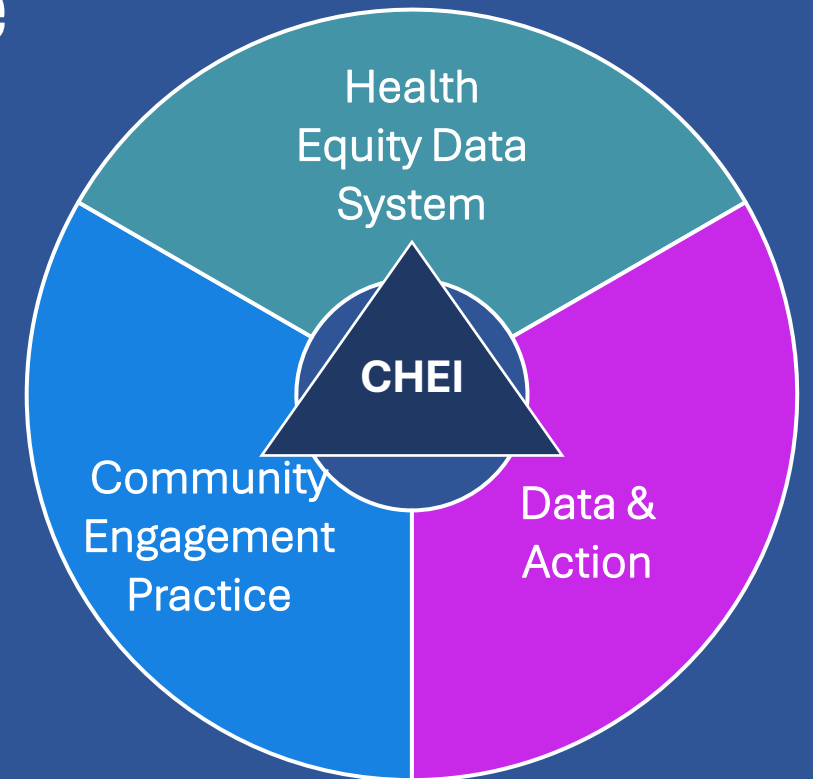


Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Community Health Equity Initiative (CHEI)

Community Health Equity Survey 2023
Housing Spotlight

Part 1: CHEI Overview



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Part 1 of the 2023 CHES Housing Spotlight provides a brief overview of the Community Health Equity Initiative. In addition to the information presented here, you are encouraged to view our [CHES Background & Resources](#) and [Racial Justice Framing Resources](#). These resources and more can be found on our web page: www.mass.gov/CHEI

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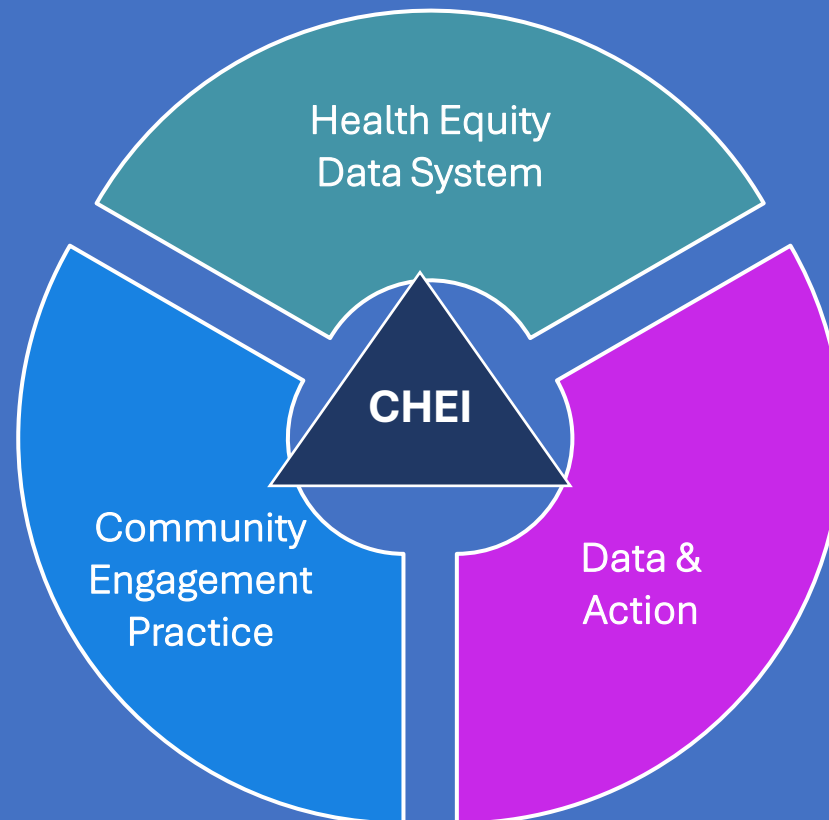
Community Health Equity Initiative (CHEI) Background

CHEI Model: Foundational Pillars



CHEI promotes the health of Massachusetts residents and reduces health inequities through a **Health Equity Data and Response System**.

This public health system is built upon **Three Foundational Pillars**:



CHES 2023 Methodology Overview



Take the Community Health Equity Survey

A healthier community starts with your voice.



- CHES is an innovative, community-based survey open to **residents aged 14 and older**.
- It uses a **non-probability quota sampling** methodology
 - Identifying **Communities of Focus** (communities underrepresented in data systems and impacted by health inequities) and setting response goals from each community.
 - Partnering with community organizations working in and from Communities of Focus to do non-random sampling through engagement and outreach to meet response goals.
 - This approach centers representation of Communities of Focus in the data, so there are enough responses to do identity-specific and intersectional analyses*.
- Online data collection was open from **July 31 through October 31, 2023**.

*Pearson's chi-square test was used to assess statistical significance (differences are reported as significant at $p < 0.05$).

CHES 2023: Who Responded to the Survey



CHES engagement & outreach strategies helped reach Communities of Focus

- **18,379 Massachusetts residents** completed the 2023 CHES, exceeding the goal of 12,000.
- In collaboration with **over 100 community partners**, outreach strategies reached residents in all Communities of Focus (see Appendix for sample characteristics).
 - CHES exceeded goals for the number of responses in most communities.
- The CHES 2023 sample is not representative of the Massachusetts population; it does not match all demographic characteristics
- **Sample weights** were created to better align the survey sample to statewide race & ethnicity, gender, age, and education distribution*.

More information about our **engagement strategies** and **Communities of Focus** is available [here](#).

Resources, Acknowledgments, References

CHES 2023: More Information



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For more information about the Community Health Equity Initiative (CHEI) and more information about the Community Health Equity Survey (CHES) please visit our Background & Resources page:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ches-2023-background-resources>

You can access many more resources, including supports on how you can use our data for action, on our website:

www.mass.gov/CHEI

CHEI Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC)



CHEI would not have been possible without the collaboration of the CEAC. Member organizations collaborated with DPH to make decisions around survey development and outreach strategies.

- Allston Brighton Health Collaborative Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
- Authentic Caribbean Foundation
- Black Literacy and Arts Collaborative
- Boston Children's Hospital Office of Community Health
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association
- Casa Project of Worcester County
- Health Equity Partnership of North Central Massachusetts (CHNA 9)
- DEAF, Inc.
- Dignity Alliance Massachusetts
- Disability Policy Consortium
- Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
- Haitian Community Partners
- Immigrants' Assistance Center
- Justice 4 Housing
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

- Massachusetts Councils on Aging
- Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations
- Multicultural AIDS Coalition
- New American Association of Massachusetts
- New England Rural Health Association
- North American Indian Center of Boston
- Ohketeau Cultural Center
- Outer Cape Health Services
- PureSpark
- Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance
- Revitalize CDC
- Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education
- Springfield Family Resource Center
- Springfield Mass in Motion
- Stavros
- YMCA of Greater Boston

CHES Survey Dissemination Mini-Grantees



CHES would not have been possible without the efforts of mini-grantees. These organizations received funding to conduct outreach to their community members, and their success is reflected in response rates among communities of focus.

- Advocates
- Authentic Caribbean Foundation Inc.
- Berkshire Area Health Education Center, Inc
- Black Autism Coalition
- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
- Boston Lesbian Gay Urban Foundation
- Breaktime United, Inc.
- Cambiando el mundo de personas con Discapacidades
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc.
- Center for Living and Working
- Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores
- Chappaquiddick Tribe of The Wampanoag Indian Nation Corporation
- CHD's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County
- Chelsea Black Community
- Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester
- Community Action Agency of Somerville
- Community Economic Development Center
- Developmental Evaluation and Adjustment Facilities, Inc. (DEAF, Inc.)
- Disability Policy Consortium
- Enlace de Familias de Holyoke/ Holyoke Family Network Inc.
- Greater Fall River RE-CREATION
- Haitian Community Partners Foundation
- Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA (CHNA9)
- Health Imperatives
- Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe
- Hilltown CDC
- Immigrants' Assistance Center
- Islamic Society of Boston
- JAHAN Women and Youth Intercultural, Inc
- Justice For Housing Inc
- La Colaborativa
- Latino Education Institute
- Latinx In Action
- Lawrence Prospera
- LEO Inc.
- LGBT Asylum Task Force
- Making Opportunity Count
- Mary Lyon Foundation
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
- Montague Catholic Social Ministries
- Mystic Valley YMCA
- Native American Lifelines
- New American Association of MA
- Nipmuc Nation Tribal Council
- North Quabbin Community Coalition
- Ohketeau Cultural Center
- Open Sky – Safe Homes Program
- Outer Cape Health Services
- Out at Home - The Home for Little Wanderers
- Out MetroWest
- Out Now
- Partners for Youth with Disabilities
- Pioneer Valley Workers Center
- PureSpark
- Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation
- Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)
- Roca Inc.
- Saheli
- Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education (SPACE)
- Somerville Public Schools - Somerville Family Learning Collaborative
- Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA
- Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing at UMass Chan Medical School
- Tapestry Health Systems, Inc.
- The Association of Haitian Women in Boston
- The Care Center
- The Vietnamese American Civic Association
- Uhai for Health Inc
- Viability
- Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID)
- Vim Berkshires
- Voices of The Community
- Volunteers in Medicine
- Waltham Partnership for Youth
- WestMass ElderCare, Inc.
- Wildflower Alliance (under the umbrella of the Western Mass Training Consortium)
- Youth on Fire
- YWCA Central Massachusetts

2023 CHES TOTAL SAMPLE (N=18379)

	Demographics	Freq.	Percent
Age	14-17	2073	11.3
	18-24	1175	6.4
	25-34	2142	11.7
	35-44	2858	15.6
	45-64	5897	32.1
	65-74	3003	16.3
	75+	1231	6.7
Race/ Ethnicity	American Indian/Alaska Native	386	2.2
	Asian/Pacific Islander, nH/nL	1048	6.0
	Black, nH/nL	1232	7.1
	Hispanic or Latine/a/o	1916	11.0
	Middle Eastern/North African	161	0.9
	Multiracial, nH/nL	307	1.8
	White, nH/nL	12208	70.3
	Other, nH/nL	108	0.6
Gender	Female, woman, girl	12864	72.9
	Male, man, boy	4137	23.4
	Nonbinary	459	2.6
	Questioning/undecided	80	0.5
	Other gender identity	7	0.04
Transgender Identity	Of transgender experience	463	2.7
	Not of transgender experience	16596	95.3
	Not sure	163	0.9
	Don't understand question	185	1.1

	Demographics	Freq.	Percent	
Sexual Orientation	Asexual	390	2.3	
	Bisexual/Pansexual	1153	6.8	
	Gay/Lesbian	798	4.7	
	Heterosexual/Straight	13723	81.1	
	Queer	441	2.6	
	Questioning	157	0.9	
	Other	27	0.2	
	Don't understand question	229	1.4	
Disability Status	Blind/Vision impairment	463	2.7	
	Cognitive disability	1684	9.8	
	Deaf/Hard of hearing	813	4.7	
	Learning/Intellectual disability	483	2.8	
	Mental health disability	1154	6.7	
	Mobility disability	1154	6.7	
	Self-care/Independent living disability	955	5.6	
	No disability	13347	75.1	
	Rurality	Most rural (Rural Level 2)	1397	9.1
		Less rural (Rural Level 1)	1663	10.8
Urban		12308	80.1	
Nativity	Born in the US	15329	84.5	
	Born outside the US	2805	15.5	
Preferred Language	English	15282	85.4	
	Language other than English	2608	14.6	
Survey Language	English	17351	94.4	
	Other language	1028	5.6	

This table includes unweighted frequencies and percentages;

nH/nL = non-Hispanic/non-Latino-a-e; American Indian/Alaskan Native and Middle Eastern or North African include Hispanic/Latine respondents as these groups were given primacy in coding if multiple options were selected to increase reportability of these groups;

“Don't understand question” responses are not reported in graphs