

# 2022 Transportation Survey

## Southeastern Indiana

300 community members shared their perspectives about transportation and other community needs such as access or barriers to transportation, social determinants of health, and possible improvements to transportation systems. Lack of transportation is a consistent and pervasive barrier to basic life functions such as getting to the grocery store, work, school, or health services. Data from this survey was used to inform a flexible transportation fund for residents in Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties to support individual transportation needs, thanks to support from Interact for Health.

**87%**  
of community members own a personal vehicle

**Top 5 Barriers to Having a Vehicle**

- Gas Money
- Money for Car Repairs
- Car Payment(s)
- Insurance
- Car registration

Below are the top rankings of the transportation options available in the region, based on the percentage of people who responded **yes** or **no** to each rating.

Most Reliable	Most Affordable	Easiest to Use
Walking	Walking	Walking
Personal Bicycle	Personal Bicycle	Personal Bicycle
Personal Vehicle	Rides from friends + family	Personal Vehicle
Least Reliable	Least Affordable	Hardest to Use
Taxi	Taxi	Taxi
Franklin County Transit	Personal Vehicle	Franklin County Transit
Medicab	Ride-share Services	Ride-share Services

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** such as a bus as well as ride-share services emerged as the most common idea for improving transportation. Other ideas included system improvements to existing public options such as improved reliability, easier access, more affordability, improved scheduling options, and increased communication and awareness.

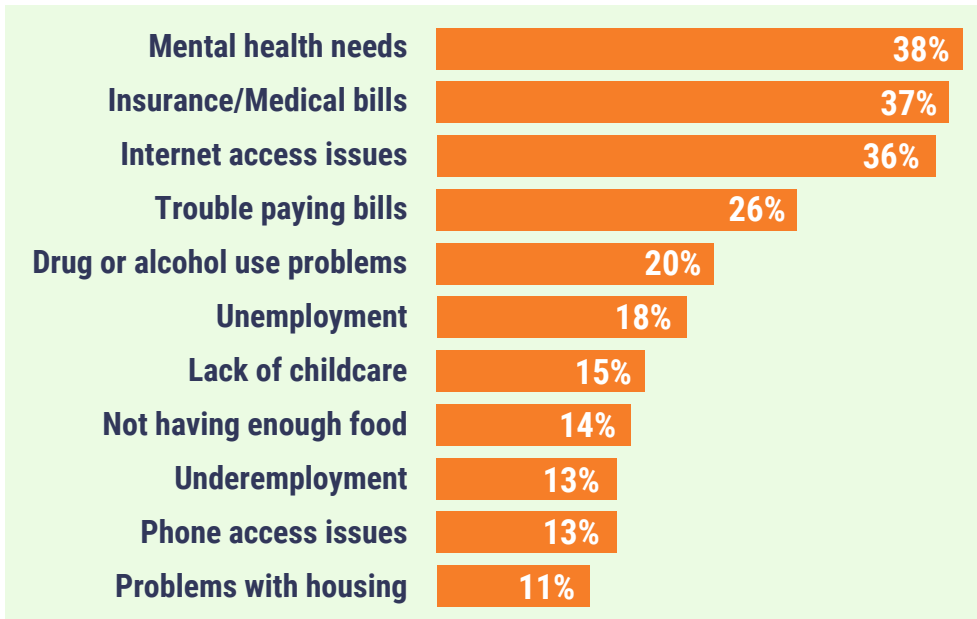
### DAILY COMMUTE

Do you travel more than 30 minutes to get to the places you need to go?



# Other Community Needs

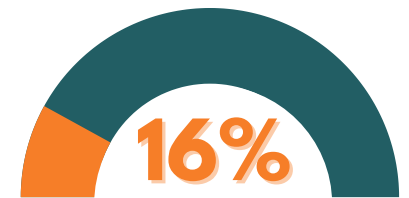
Community members were asked to identify any issues or barriers they or their family members encounter in their daily lives and what help they might need. The first chart below shows the percentages of the most common social determinants of health (SDOH) needs experienced. SDOH are “the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks” (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2021). The most common issues experienced



were **mental health needs**, followed by **insurance costs** and **medical bills**, as well as **internet access**. The “digital divide”, or lack of consistent, reliable internet access is prevalent in rural areas and is associated with barriers to school, health care access (scheduling and telehealth), as well as a variety of other ways that technology supports meeting one’s basic needs (Pew, 2019).

## Lack of Access

Community members who reported needing help with transportation were asked to identify places that they had trouble getting to because of transportation barriers. Below are the top five places where community members experienced access barriers.



**Community members who need transportation help**



**Grocery Store**  
55%



**Fun/Leisure Activities**  
37%



**Health Appointment**  
35%



**Work**  
33%



**Behavioral Health Services**  
16%

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