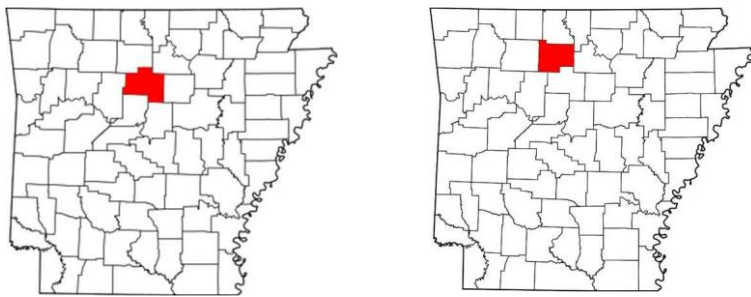


2026



Community Health Needs Assessment



Van Buren & Searcy Counties

Ozark Health, Inc. providers have come together to support the community in ways that go above and beyond providing care within their walls. To help determine the most critical health needs facing the area, these providers have performed a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that brings together county-level data and viewpoints throughout Van Buren and Searcy counties. They then developed a plan for how it can help address the top health needs (see below).

Process

Statistical data and trends are gathered from top industry sources and include:

- Population Analysis
- State Rankings
- Peer Rankings
- National Rankings

DATA

Surveys were sent out via Survey Monkey and social media.

Respondents were given approximately 20 questions. All members of the geographic service area were targeted.

SURVEY

Once the data and surveys are complete and the top health needs are determined; an implementation plan is created for each need.

The plan includes activities to educate the community and bring more awareness to the health risks identified. Progress will be tracked and identified.

IMPLEMENTATION

Data

Arkansas is the 27th largest state by area.

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Arkansas	Searcy County	Van Buren County
Population	3,114,791	7,848	16,238
Income Average	\$60,773	\$44,426	\$50,354
Poverty %	15.5%	21%	16.7%
Unemployment %	4.3%	3.1%	4.5%
Disability %	13.3%	18.6%	17.8%
without Health Insurance %	11.4%	10.2%	11.9%
Total Households	1,205,987	3,197	7,432

2026 Focus Areas:

1

Stroke

2

Diabetes

3

Alzheimer's

Data

Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability In Arkansas, with **nearly 32 Arkansans hospitalized daily – roughly one every hour.** As of 2023, Arkansas ranked 4th highest in the nation for stroke related deaths. A significant increase from 10th highest in 2020.

Currently over 60,000 Arkansans aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's deaths have increased by over 250% since 2000.

Approximately 13% (over 345,000) of Arkansas adults have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes management costs Arkansas an estimated \$5 billion each year.

An estimated 70,000 people in Arkansas have diabetes, but do not know it.

Top 10 Causes of Death in Arkansas

01. Heart Disease
02. Cancer
03. Respiratory Disease
04. Accidents
05. Stroke
06. Alzheimer's Disease
07. Diabetes
08. Kidney Disease
09. Septicemia
10. Suicide

Survey

The Community Health Needs Assessment Survey was put together for quality data in support of the quantitative data collected from 2019 to 2020. The survey was made available via social media and emails.

2026 Significant Health Needs According to Our Communities

Top 3 Health Concerns: Stroke, Diabetes, & Alzheimer's Disease

A total of 144 individuals responded to the survey

Summary of Health Needs

Section 501(r)(3)(A) requires a hospital organization to conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years and to adoption implementation strategy to meet the community health needs identified through the CHNA. Section 501(r)(3)(B) provides that the CHNA must:

- Take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital facility, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health, and
- Be made widely available to the public.

The survey was made available via public social media and emails. A total of 144 patrons participated in the survey. Over the next three years, Ozark Health, Inc. will focus on the following in the community.

1 Stroke

2 Diabetes

3 Alzheimer's

Ozark Health, Inc. will be present at health fairs, school events, business events and other activities in the community educating the people of Van Buren and Searcy Counties. As a partner with UAMS AR Saves, additional information will be made available through them. Ozark Health, Inc. has a Respiratory Therapist and Registered Dietician on staff that will help with other community needs.

Goals

Goal 1: Increase knowledge of Stroke & Cardiovascular Disease awareness

Objective 1: Educate the community and local providers about Ozark Health, Inc. stroke and cardiovascular disease services available beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 2: Partner with UAMS AR Saves to provide community education in the form of handouts and other literature beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 3: Encourage whole family participation in events so that the community knows what to do in case of a stroke. Reiterate the F.A.S.T. program beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Goal 2: Increase community awareness of diabetes in the Van Buren and Searcy County areas

Objective 1: Educate the community regarding the importance of health and wellness beginning July 1, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 2: Encourage whole family diabetes awareness by attending events in the community with the focus on diabetes and spreading awareness via social media beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 3: Utilize social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and web pages, to educate youth and adults on the dangers of diabetes and unhealthy lifestyle choices beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Goal 3: Promote resources available to patients and family caregivers for navigating Dementia related diseases, specifically Alzheimer's

Objective 1: Coordinate with local businesses to educate and inform community members of different resources available to Dementia or Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 2: Ozark Health, Inc. will provide community education and attend events to help spread awareness of Alzheimer's and disease management options beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.

Objective 3: Communicate possible resources for family caregivers and Alzheimer patients via social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029.



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