

GRIMES COUNTY

Community Description

Grimes County residents describe their community as friendly, helpful, generous, and welcoming to outsiders. The rural atmosphere is still present and appealing for those who wish to live away from the big city, although there is growth as well with more retirees. Although there are some expressed issues in terms of access to care and housing, the community is a diverse one with multiple potential resources that can be utilized.

Community Issues

Top concerns expressed in Grimes County Community Discussion Groups were:

- Transportation
- Lack of recreational activities for youth
- Need local healthcare specialists
- Unemployment
- Public housing not kept up to standard
- Need more senior housing options
- Lack of retail and grocery store variety



According to Community Health Status Indicators, the greatest concerns faced by Grimes County were that of diabetic deaths (30.6 per 100,000) and motor vehicle deaths (35.3 per 100,000). The diabetic deaths appear to be linked to the leading morbidity issues which consisted of adult diabetes (11.0%) and adult obesity (53.0%). Morbidity for Grimes County included Alzheimer's disease/dementia (11.4%), gonorrhea (122.7 per 100,000), HIV (166.3 per 100,000), and older adult depression (14.5%). The main issue for health care access and quality was that of the population being uninsured (28.1%), with no alarming unhealthy behaviors to report. Social factors that were of concern included single parent households (40.1%) and violent crime (341.7 per 100,000); physical environment concerns included access to parks and limited access to healthy food.