

# 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment

CaroMont Health  
Implementation Strategy

2025 - 2027

# Leading Causes of Death (Disease)

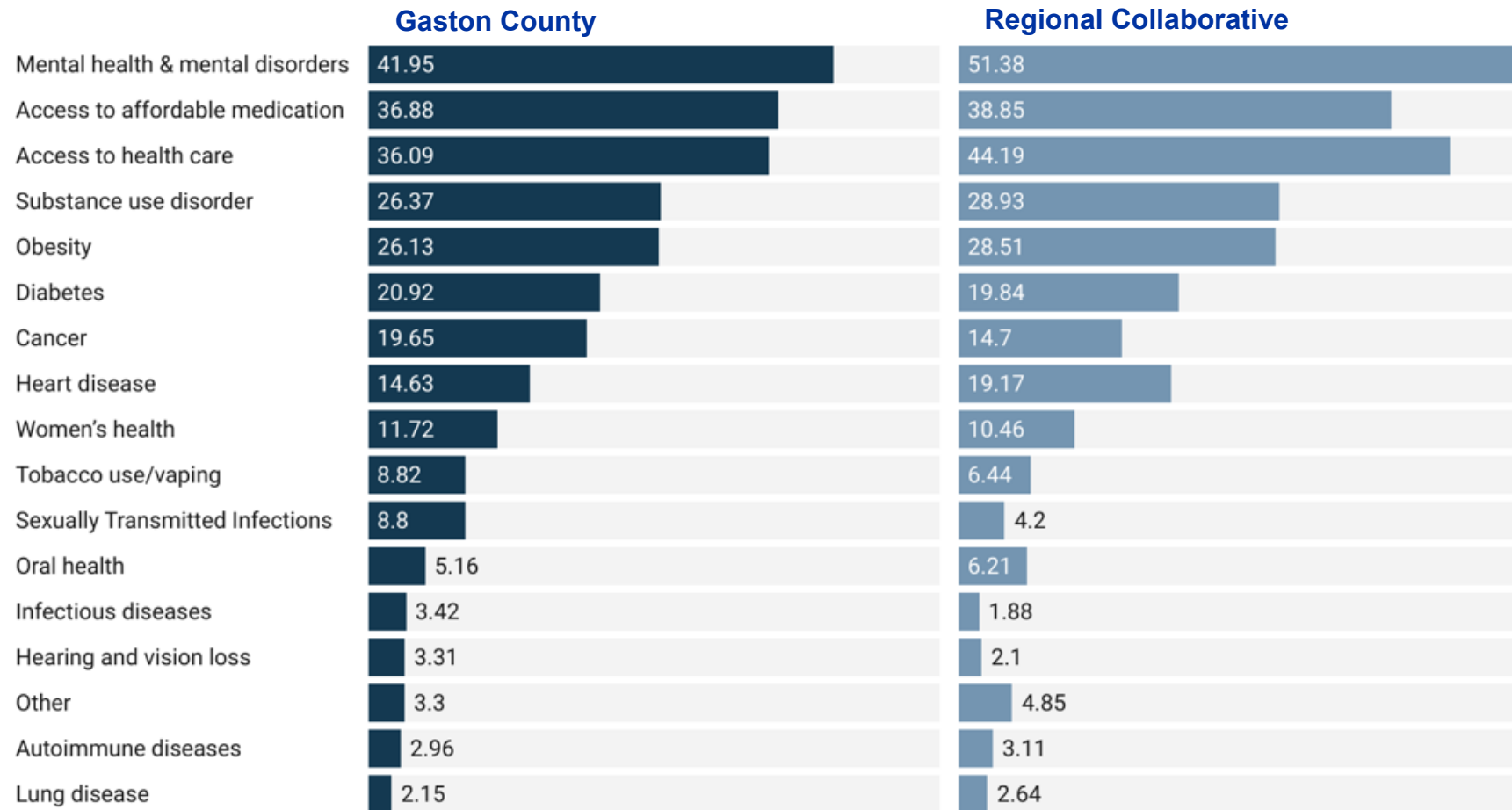
## Gaston County, Rate per 100,000 Population

Rank	2015 - 2020	2017 - 2021	2018 - 2022	2019 - 2023
1	Cancer / 219.9	Cancer / 220.6	Heart / 210.8	Heart / 226.8
2	Heart / 213.4	Heart / 220.4	Cancer / 205.0	Cancer / 218.9
3	Respiratory / 65.8	Respiratory / 63.4	COVID-19 / 78.8	Accidents / 63.7
4	Accidents / 56.8	Accidents / 62.0	Respiratory / 75.5	Respiratory / 60.5
5	Cerebrovascular / 55.1	Cerebrovascular / 54.1	Alzheimer's / 55.2	Cerebrovascular / 56.6

Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics; Gaston County Public Health Department.

# Most Important Health Issues

## 1,127 Gaston County Resident Surveys, 2025



Source: Gaston County Public Health Department.

# Top Health Issues – Gaston County

## Quality of Life Surveys, 2025

Rank	Past Surveys				Current Survey 2025
	2012	2015	2018	2021	
1	Obesity	Obesity	Mental Health	Access to Healthcare	Mental Health
2	Illegal Drug Use	Illegal Drug Use	Illegal Drug Abuse	Infant and Maternal Health	Affordable Medications
3	Teen Pregnancy	Teen Pregnancy	Prescription Drug Abuse	Substance Abuse	Access to Healthcare
4	Alcohol Abuse	Alcohol Abuse	Homelessness and Safe Housing	Not Applicable	Substance Abuse
5	Prescription Drug Abuse	Prescription Drug Abuse	Lack of Healthcare for the Uninsured		Obesity

Source: Gaston County Public Health Department.

# CaroMont Health Priorities / Implementation Strategy 2025-2027

1. Increase access to care among the following specialties:
  - a) Cardiovascular/pulmonary care
  - b) Family and internal medicine/urgent care
  - c) Oncology
  - d) Surgery
  - e) Women's health
2. Improve the quality of care provided among the following specialties:
  - a) Cardiovascular/pulmonary care
  - b) Family and internal medicine/urgent care
  - c) Oncology
  - d) Surgery
  - e) Women's health