

Community Status Assessment Summary

Introduction

The Community Status Assessment (CSA) is a community-driven quantitative data assessment aimed at understanding the community's status. It helps communities move upstream and identify inequities beyond health behaviors and outcomes, including their association with social determinants of health and systems of power, privilege, and oppression.

Specifically, the CSA seeks to understand:

- What does the status of your community look like, including key health, socio-economic, environmental, and quality-of-life outcomes?
- What populations are experiencing inequities across health, socio-economic, environmental, and quality-of-life outcomes?
- How do systems influence outcomes?

Major Activities

1. Assess the value of existing data for the CSA
2. Identify indicators to use in the assessment
3. Collect data using primary and secondary [data collection methods](#), including:
 - a. Survey
 - b. Extract publicly available data
 - c. Obtaining surveillance data from health systems or health departments
4. Organize, analyze, and interpret data
5. Compile results and share with the community

Resources and Skills Needed

Resources will differ based on the methodologies used, the size of your sample, and number of data collection activities you facilitate. See CSA [Data Collection Plan](#) to estimate costs.

Recommended Roles	Potential Funding Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate assessment activities (2-3 individuals)• Data collection and analysis• Engage community members in the CSA process• Evaluate the CSA process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incentives to invite participation in data collection (e.g., gift cards, gas cards, food)• Compensate those coordinating activities• Travel costs to engage the community in data collection• Printing of paper surveys and associated resources
Strongly recommended (but not required) skills:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary and secondary quantitative data collection, analysis, and interpretation• Community engagement• Continuous quality improvement	

Note: This document includes links to tools from the CSA. Follow the instructions on naccho.org/mapp to download the assessment materials.