

Community Description

Instructions

This form provides a “snapshot” of the geographic location and demographic make-up of your Systems of Care community. Possible sources of information for this section might include U.S. Census Data, local and state planning offices, reference librarian, State university data center, local government, Kids Count Data Book (Annie E. Casey Foundation), the Chamber of Commerce, and a recent data-driven community assessment.

- 1. Geographic Boundaries of Target Community:** What are the specific geographic boundaries of your community (i.e. the town, city, county where your System of Care efforts will be targeted)? Specify whether the community is defined by the boundaries of a neighborhood, school district, county, township, city, tribe, or other jurisdiction.
- 2. Community Boundaries:** Provide a list of or highlighted map with all of the counties and townships that fall entirely or partially within your target community boundaries. Specify if there are multiple municipalities/jurisdictions within your Systems of Care community.
- 3. Brief Community Description:** Provide a brief description of some of the primary economic, social, or demographic characteristics of your target community. This description may include comments on the current economic conditions of the community, principal racial or socioeconomic groups who live in the target community, dominant cultural norms or values of community members, geographic features, major employers, recent trends, or other factors that help define your target community.
- 4. Community Setting:** Classify your target community as urban, suburban, or rural, or describe the combination of settings targeted.
- 5. Total Community Population:** Using the most recent data available, provide the total number of residents in your target community, including the **year** to which the population number refers.
- 6. Median Annual Household Income:** Using the most recent data available, provide the median annual income for households in your target community, including the **year** to which the income data refer. (The median level is the dollar amount which is exactly in the middle when all the amounts are listed in order.)

7. Population **percentages by Ethnic/Racial Background:** For each ethnic/racial group listed, provide the population percentage in the target community of that ancestry or origin (report on only those that apply), including the **year** and **data source** to which the data refer.

Ethnic/Racial Background	Percentage
White	
Black or African American	
Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	
Mexican, Mexican American	
Puerto Rican	
Cuban	
Other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian Indian	
Chinese	
Filipino	
Japanese	
Korean	
Vietnamese	
Native Hawaiian	
Samoan	
Other Pacific Islander	

8. **Other significant and descriptive community information:** Please provide any additional information that would inform and create a better understanding of your Systems of Care community that has not been discussed in the above items.

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Year these data reflect: _____

Data source: _____

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