Introduction: In 2023, CAP OC conducted a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to understand the emerging & ongoing needs in Orange County.

2023 CNA RESULTS
1,221 responses 83% completion rate

RACE & ETHNICITY

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GENDER

- Male: 357
- Female: 846

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

- 61% resided in a household ranging from 3-5 individuals
- 84% of those living with 3-5 individuals resided in a household with 1-2 children
- 34% reported no children living in the household

INCOME

- 76.8% earned a yearly income of $80,000 or less
- 34% earned a yearly income under $30,000

WORK STATUS

- Employed*
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Students

EDUCATION

- 80.18% had a high school diploma or more
- 32.27% had a college degree or more
FINDINGS

Our findings are organized into the following 4 topics ranked based on community input:

1. Finance  
2. Housing  
3. Employment  
4. Health

FINANCE

More than 60% of respondents struggle with paying for basic essentials, debt and saving money.

62% of respondents lack financial skills – difficulty budgeting, managing credit scores, and accessing a bank.

76.8% of respondents earn $80,000 or less – significantly lower than OC’s median income of $100,559 (U.S. Census Bureau).

HOUSING

61% of respondents have difficulty paying for rent or mortgage and utilities.

Renters must earn $51.39/hour to afford the avg. monthly rent of $2,672 (OC 2023 Affordable Housing Needs Report).

OC has the 2nd lowest crime index compared to neighboring counties (2022-2023 OC Community Indicators Report).

Yet, 51% of respondents state feeling unsafe in their community.

EMPLOYMENT

61% of respondents report difficulty finding and keeping a job that pays a living wage.

The living wage in OC is $23.66, yet the minimum wage is $15.50 (Living Wage Calculator).

53% of respondents express difficulty having the necessary education and skills to get a well paying job.

HEALTH

More than half of respondents indicate difficulty navigating the healthcare system and accessing affordable health insurance, medical care and prescription medicines.

Almost 1 in 6 OC residents do not have a usual place to go when sick (OC Health Improvement Plan 2020-2022).