

## Clinical Site Assessment

<p><b>Signs of Decay</b>          Is the area well maintained or in disrepair? Is there garbage strewn? Are there trashed/abandoned cars, places for rodents or other wildlife to hide, vacant lots?</p>	<p>Truman high school is located close to the center of Independence, Missouri. Near by is shopping and suburban housing. There is a park that contains tennis courts, walking trails, along with off leash dog park. There is also a golf course near the backend of the high school. There is no significant signs of decay. There is some wildlife because of the park, but no vacant lots or trashed/abandoned areas.</p>
<p><b>Parks and Recreational Areas</b>          Are there play areas for children and adults? Are they safe and maintained?</p>	<p>There are multiple parks near by that are well maintained for children to be in. It seems as though leaving children in the park would not be considered safe, but with parent supervision the park would be great place to play. There is a conservation area, picnic pavilion, hiking trails, dog park, lakes, and many playgrounds near by.</p>
<p><b>Environmental/Safety Conditions</b>          Single family or apartment/condos and what is the general condition and appearance of dwellings? Are pavements/curbs/crosswalks clearly marked and in good condition with adequate street lighting? What is the air quality reading? Is the area free of litter with adequate sanitation? Are there individuals or groups outside on streets or yards? Do you notice any stray animals?</p>	<p>The living around is a suburban area that contains both housing and apartment. There seems to be more single-family housing. From the outside the appearance of the housing is that it is older and has been around for multiple decades. Most of the roads are well paved, but the paint could be redone there are some pot holes and cracks within the road around, but the roads seem to be in good condition. The lighting of the roads are well lit with street lights within the neighborhoods there are many trees that block some of the sunlight. The air quality reading is at moderate. I do not notice any groups or individuals on the</p>

	<p>street. There are no homeless people around nor tents built. I have not seen any stray animals, but cats have said to be seen. There is not any litter to be noticed, but it may happen from time to time.</p>
<p><b>Stores</b>          What stores (grocery, retail, drug/pharmacy, dry cleaning, etc.) are in the area? Are there banks/credit unions/loan services in the area? How do residents travel to them?</p>	<p>The stores in this area are cargo largo, Walmart, QuikTrip, Walgreens, AutoZone, and US Bank. There is a mall that contains clothing stores and there are some fast-food restaurants including Hawaiian bros and Andy's frozen custard, and smoothie king. Residents could walk to them or drive their car. All stores are down the main road from the high school would take long to get to although it would not recommend to walk because of the dangers that come walking down the road.</p>
<p><b>Transportation</b>          How do most people get around the area? Is there public transportation? If so what kind and does it appear to be used? Who uses it? What is the condition of the streets, roads, highways?</p>	<p>In this area most people drive their cars, but there is a public transportation bus that many can use. I have noticed some walking and riding their bikes to and from their destination. Adults are typically those who are taking the public transportation. The highways are heavy with traffic during peak times of 8 am and 5 pm. The roads are intact but could be repaved considering there are cracks and potholes from weather conditions. The side roads are pretty clear of traffic and easy to get around. There many speedbumps placed in the neighborhoods around the schools considering there are children crossing often.</p>

<p><b>Service Centers</b>  What services are available in the community – health care (hospitals/clinics/treatment centers), home care services, dentists, social services, schools, employment offices, car repair/gas stations, public library?</p>	<p>The services in this community has it all including schools, gas stations that being QuikTrip and the midcontinent library. The nearest hospitals are within 20 mins Center point, Truman Hospital, Children’s Mercy. They do have urgent care clinics that are within the community that are easy to reach. There is AutoZone, Midas, and firestone auto repair near by. A laundry mat called oldtown coin laundry for those who need it. Multiple hotels within walking distance including Days Inn, Americas best value inn, and Super 8 by Wyndham. Grocery stores including Walmart and Hy-Vee. Also, a Social Security building within 5 miles of the high school. There are plumbing services and hardwood stores for the improvement of homes.</p>
<p><b>People in the Community</b>  Who is in the area during the day? What evidence is there of particular “classes” of people – upper, middle, working, lower? What is the average income of the zip code?</p>	<p>During the day there is not very many people on the roads. It seems that every is at work in school. The class of people seem to be working class and partial lower class. The median household income recorded in 2021 was \$53,996 and the per capita income in 2021 was \$29,042 with 14.3% in poverty.</p>
<p><b>Industries</b>  What are the major industries located in the area? What types of occupations are evident?</p>	<p>The majority of industries located in Independence, Missouri are health care, education, retail, social services, and manufacturing. Majority of the employees work in the public containing the School district and healthcare being CenterPoint Medical Center which is a trauma hospital. Other major employers include Burd</p>

	and Fletcher, City of Independence, and palliative/ hospice care.
<p><b>Protective Services</b>  Where are fire and police stations located? Is there evidence of police and fire protection in the area?  *Provide crime statistics for the county</p>	<p>There is 10 different fire department locations that fall on spring street, E 39<sup>th</sup> st, E. Winner Road, W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St, E 35<sup>th</sup> St, E. Bundschu Road, Hub Drive, E. Truman Road, N M-7 Hwy, and R.D. Mize Road. The Independence police department is located on N. Memorial Dr. The violent crime stat being 31.4 and property crime being 77. The crime rate in Independence ranks higher than the U.S. Average it was ranked higher than 96% of the U.S. Cities. Over the past 5 years Independence has seen an increase in violent crime and decreasing property crime, but the majority of the crimes have been car theft and robbery.</p>
<p><b>Ethnicity</b>  What is the predominant ethnic group? Are there residents from a variety of ethnic backgrounds or is the community mostly one group? Which one? Are there stores, restaurants, churches, schools, or languages that indicate a particular ethnic group(s)?</p>	<p>The predominant ethic group is white population standing at 77.4%. Second being African Americans at 9.6% and Hispanics at 9.5%. There does not seem to be specific places that tail towards a specific ethnicity. Majority of the population is English speaking.</p>
<p><b>Religion</b>  What churches and church-run schools are in the area (denomination)? How many are there of each denomination?</p>	<p>The different religions that fall in independence is Baptist at 13.4%, Methodist at 5.3% and Catholic at 10.6%. There are other religions like Lutheran at 1.6%, 11.1% that have other Christian faith. Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, and eastern faith and some that affiliates with Islam. There are approximately 30 different Methodist churches, approximately 40 different Baptist churches those being the main churches.</p>

<p><b>Health and Morbidity</b>  Is there evidence of any health problems such as drug/alcohol abuse, communicable or chronic diseases, mental illness (etc)? Are there options to obtain health food choices in grocery or places to eat?  What is the leading cause of death in the state?</p>	<p>A study was done in Independence in 2015 stating that in the past 30 days 49% of those surveyed have had an alcoholic drink. The use of tobacco and nicotine products have increased to 25 out of 100 high school students use some sort of tobacco or nicotine product. Substance abuse has also increased over the years highly being used between the ages of 18-25 and overdoses have increased by 3.4% Overall health concerns are drug use being 70%, Obesity being 48%, Mental health being 45%, Domestic Violence at 42%. The leading cause of death in the state is heart disease and second being cancer. There healthy options in the grocery store that can be obtained but education needs to be given for those to understand portions and what is considered healthy.</p>
<p><b>Describe two strengths of the community as determined by the assessment.</b></p>	<p>A strength that I have noticed within Independence is the amount of parks and outdoor recreation along with the school district. Another strength would be the services they provide to the community for example salvation army. There are weekly food banks at the churches and there are many other resources to help people with everyday living for example transportation, and food stamps.</p>
<p><b>Describe two weaknesses of the community as determined by the assessment.</b></p>	<p>A weakness would be the amount of crime that happens on the western side. The crime that majority happens is theft. A second weakness would be the amount of homeless people within downtown Independence and off 40</p>

	Hwy. There is also increase of drug use and overdosing.
<b>Generate one community health nursing diagnosis based on the assessment:</b> Nursing Diagnosis includes: 1 Risk of...(Problems) 2. Among...(Population) 3. Related to...(Etiology) 4. As evidenced by...(Health Data)	Risk for self care deficit among the community for the population of the westside of Independence r/t the drug abuse, self-emancipation, inadequate nutrition AEB the increasing numbers of overdose, homeless increasing, and community resources being extensively used.