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INTRODUCTION

In 2001, the Mexican Ministry of Health and Foreign Affairs and the California-Mexico Health Initiative established a partnership supporting Binational Health Week (BHW) initiatives in the United States and Mexico. That collaboration extended to other states within the United States and in 2004, Missouri joined the BHW partnership. Missouri hosted BHW events throughout the State in 2008. Health fairs, health promotions and health education activities commenced in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area, Saint Joseph, and Wentzville, Missouri. This report articulates the findings of the surveys administered during the October 7, 2008, BHW event held at InterServ Wesley Center in Saint Joseph, Missouri and we express our sincere gratitude to their staff and all the collaborators that supported BHW 2008 in the Saint Joseph.

Activities for BHW included: health screenings, health promotions and health education intended to improve the health and well-being of Mexican and other Latin American immigrants living in the United States. The national BHW timeline was October 6 - 15, 2008, and this event was held within that national schedule.

A goal of BHW is to increase public awareness, understanding, and knowledge of services available at the local level regardless of healthcare coverage or immigration status. In addition, to provide basic healthcare screenings and health related information for participants that promote and support healthier lifestyles for all residents in the United States.

The Mexican Consulate in Kansas City, Missouri, is the Regional Coordinator supporting Missouri, Kansas and part of Oklahoma. Alianzas, a program of the University of Missouri Extension and the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Institute for Human Development is the Statewide Coordinator that collaborates with the Mexican Consulate and Local BHW Councils throughout Missouri. Local BHW Councils are community partners and collaborators from networks of local health professionals, service providers, community leaders, and advocates interested in promoting and supporting BHW activities in their regions and local communities.

Since 2004, a growing network of both local and statewide community organizations and healthcare providers share information and resources supporting the need to improve healthcare service to Hispanic/Latino newcomers. The Local BHW Councils are instrumental in planning, coordinating and implementing BHW activities in their respective communities.

Program effectiveness is an integral part of evaluating and improving services for BHW activities in Missouri, which is why questionnaires are administered during the event. Surveyors obtain oral consent from BHW participants who are 18 years and older that volunteered to an interview. The surveyors are Bilingual (Spanish and English) volunteers that administer the questionnaire with the BHW participant. The surveys are in Spanish; however, some surveyors conduct interviews in English, if the person being surveyed prefers to speak English. The Mexican Ministry of Health and Foreign Affairs and the California-Mexico Health Initiative team initiated an official BHW survey. In 2008, the Mexican Consulate provided Alianzas, the statewide coordinator, the official survey. Alianzas initiated an addendum that supplemented the national questionnaire during the 2008 BHW events in Missouri. Overall, on average, each interview took approximately 15 minutes to complete.

The findings and analyses provided in this report follow the logic of the questions asked during the interview. The report is divided into four sections entitled: General Information, About Today's Event, About Seeking Healthcare, and Health Insurance – Your Health Information.

On behalf of the Regional and State BHW Coordinators' and the Local BHW Council, we would like to thank all the volunteers and agencies that donated resources, time, funding, supplies, and personnel in making the 2008 BHW event in Saint Joseph as success. A detailed list of these organizations is available in Table 1, page 6 of this report.

Table 1: Local Binational Health Week Council

Regional/Statewide

Alianzas/UME/UMKC-IHD (Statewide Coordinator)
 Mexican Consulate of Kansas City – Institute for Mexicans Abroad (Regional Coordinator)
 Missouri Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health and Senior Services
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Public Health and Science, Region VII
 University of Missouri Extension

Saint Joseph

Social Welfare Board	St. Joseph School District/ESOL
Northwest Health Services	Triumph Foods
Circle of Hope	Ruth Huston Learning Center
Buchanan County Department of Health	InterServ Wesley Center
Buchanan County Family Support Division	Meril
Wyatt Park Baptist Church	Missouri Department of Conservation
Community Action Partners	University of Missouri Extension
YWCA	Local BHW Council

Source: BHW Coordinators and BHW Local Councils

NOTE: This list was compiled from information provided the community chairperson(s). We apologize if anyone was inadvertently omitted. We thank all of the agencies and volunteers that participated in the 2008 Binational Health Week events across Missouri.

Quick Summary of Results
Health Fair in St. Joseph, Missouri
October 07, 2008

- ✓ A total of 35 participants registered during this event.
- ✓ Of those that attended this event, 12 participants were surveyed.
- ✓ The average age overall was...36 years
- ✓ Most were women...66.7%
- ✓ Most...58.3% were born in Mexico
- ✓ When asked about race, all (100%) considered themselves as “Other.”
- ✓ Most...75% preferred to speak Spanish.
- ✓ All...100% currently resided in St. Joseph, Missouri.
- ✓ Most...54.5% said that their main reason for attending this event was for medical screenings.
- ✓ All...100% considered the services they received at this event very helpful.
- ✓ Most... (45.5%) indicated that they were more aware of healthcare agencies and services in the U.S. after attending this event.
- ✓ Most...42% said they get their healthcare needs met at a community health center.
- ✓ The majority (83%) noted that they did not have medical insurance.
- ✓ As for healthcare concerns, these are the greatest percentages:
 - Cancer 33.3%
 - Allergies 25%
 - Vision 16.7%
 - Work related injuries 16.7%

Health Fair in Saint Joseph, Missouri October 7, 2008

The InterServ Wesley Center hosted this health fair that attracted residents living in Saint Joseph, Missouri and the surrounding areas. The Community Cultural Diversity Committee and collaborative partners from member agencies sponsored the event. The Local Binational Health Week (BHW) Council reported that approximately 35 people, including children, attended this event. The following health screenings and services were provided: weight/height, glucose, cholesterol, hemoglobin, blood pressure, mammogram referral, vision, nutrition, and pain management. In addition, a physical therapist was available to demonstrate proper lifting techniques and to consult with the BHW participant.

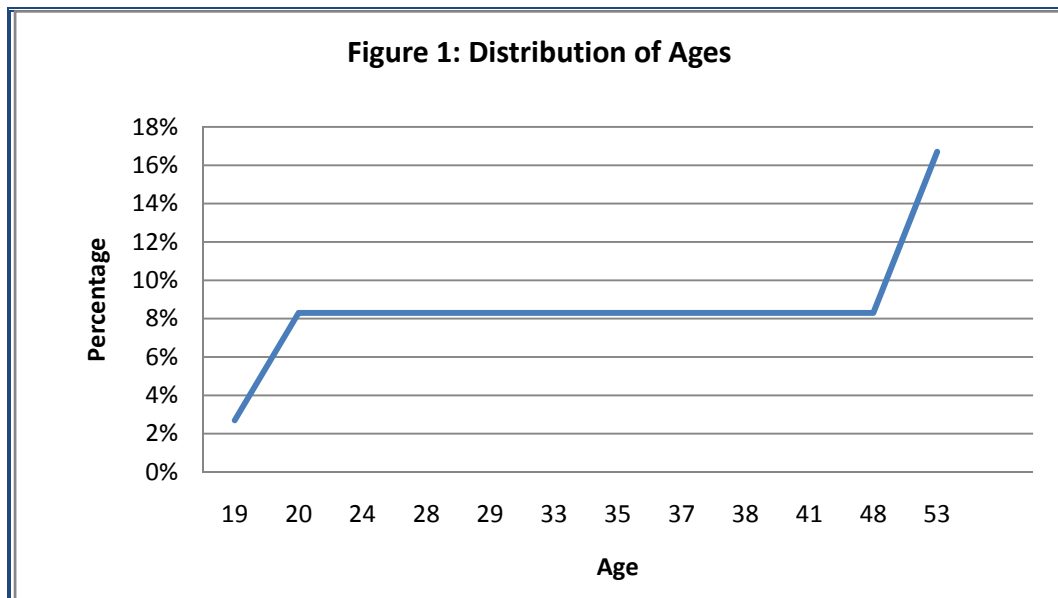
Twelve surveys were administered with participant volunteers during this BHW event. The BHW volunteers that responded to the survey were 18 years of age and older. The findings and analyses to the surveys are as follows:

A. General Information:

Age

How old are you? Of the 12 participants that responded to this question the average (mean) age was 36 years old. Participants' ages ranged from 20 to 53, with the greatest frequency reflected in those who were 53 years old (2) or 16.7%.

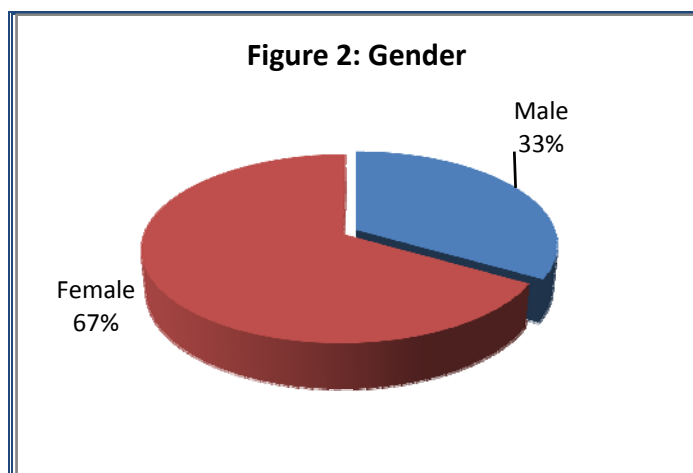
See Figure 1: "Age Distribution."



Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Gender

Gender: Male or Female. Of the 12 participants that responded to the self-identification of gender, (4) 33.3% were male and (8) 66.7% were female. Figure 2: “Gender” reflects that more women participated in this event.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Occupation

What type of job do you perform? Occupations are categorized using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Classification System Manual¹. Two additional categories were added to include jobs performed in private households and students /unemployed participants. See Table 2: Occupations Titles for the list of jobs held by BHW participants.

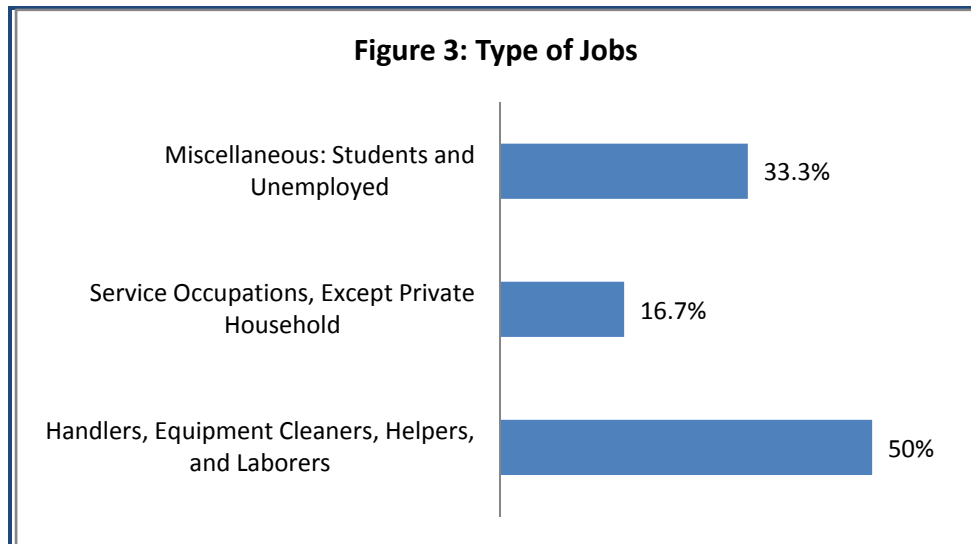
Table 2: Occupation Titles	
Jobs 1	Professional, Technical, and Related Occupations.
Jobs 2	Executive, Administrative, and Managerial Occupations.
Jobs 3	Sales Occupations.
Jobs 4	Administrative Support such as clerks, bank tellers, and dispatchers.
Jobs 5	Precision Production, Craft, and Repair Occupations including but not limited to electricians, painters, plumbers, and automobile body and related repairs.
Jobs 6	Machine Operators, Assemblers, and Inspectors.
Jobs 7	Transportation and Moving Occupations.
Jobs 8	Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers, and Laborers such as nursery workers, construction laborers, production helpers, and garage and service station related occupations.
Jobs 9	Service Occupations except private household including but not limited to cleaning jobs, health aides, and food service such as cooks and kitchen workers.
Jobs 10	Private Household Occupations such as homemakers and babysitters.
Jobs 11	Miscellaneous: Students and Unemployed.

Source: <http://www.bls.gov/ocsm/commain.htm> – for Jobs 1-9

Of the 12 respondents, the majority of the individuals interviewed noted that they worked as “Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers, and Laborers,” which total (6) 50% participants.

Additionally, (4) 33.3% indicated “Miscellaneous: Students and Unemployed” and (2) 16.7% said “Service Occupations, Except Private Household.”

See Figure 3: “Type of Jobs” that illustrates the distribution by percentage.

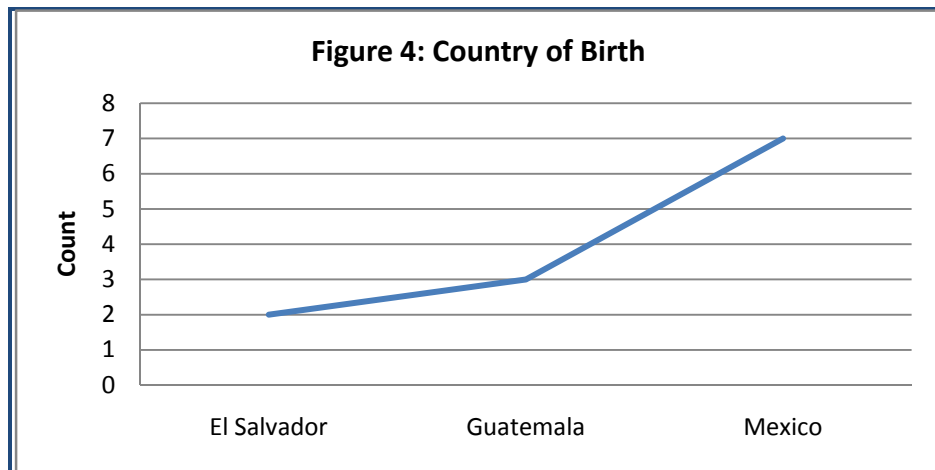


Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Country of Birth

In which country were you born? Of the 12 respondents, (7) 58.3% indicated Mexico, (3) 25% said Guatemala, and (2) 16.7% stated El Salvador.

Figure 4: “Country of Birth” shows the distribution of countries and the frequency.

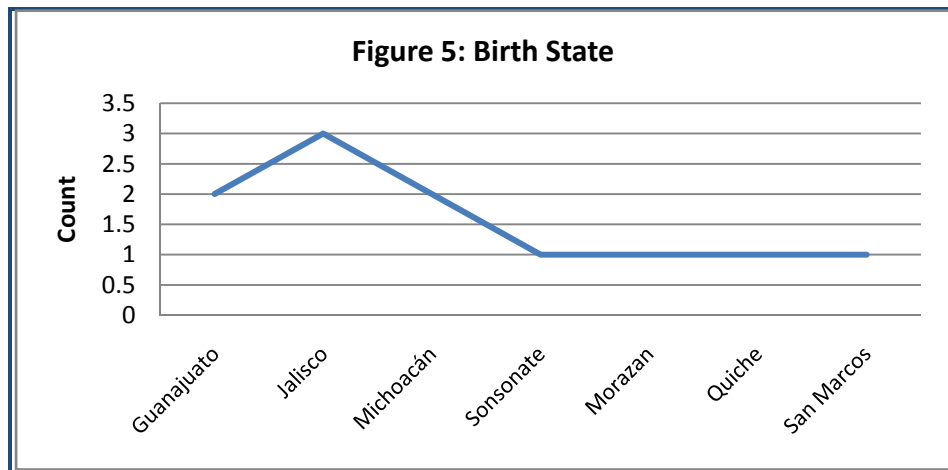


Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Birth State

In which state were you born? Of the 11 respondents, (7) indicated the following states in Mexico: (3) Jalisco, (2) Michoacán, and (2) Guanajuato. Two participants mentioned these states in El Salvador: (1) Sonsonate and (1) Morazán. Two indicated these states in Guatemala: (1) San Marcos and (1) Quiche.

Figure 5: “Birth State” shows the distribution of states and the frequency.

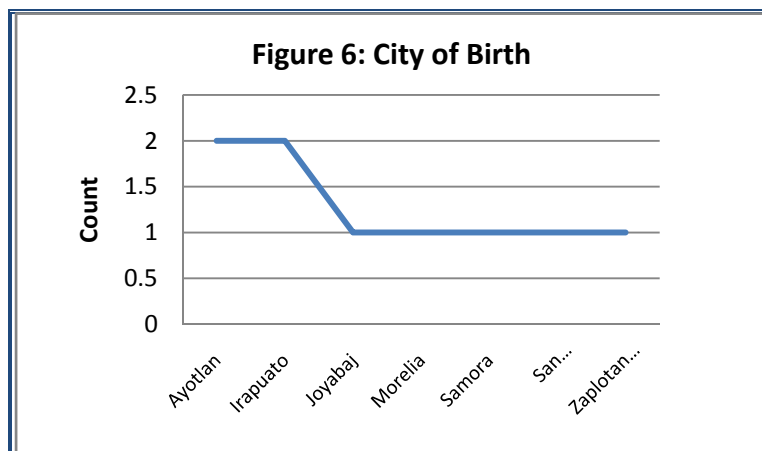


Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Place of Birth by City or Village

In which city or village were you born? Of the 9 participants that responded to this question, (7) indicated the following cities in Mexico: (2) Ayotlan, (2) Irapuato, (1) Morelia, (1) Samora, and (1) Zaplotanejo. Additionally, (2) participants mentioned these cities in Guatemala: (1) Joyabaj and (1) San Marcos.

Figure 6: “City of Birth” illustrates the distribution of these frequencies by city.

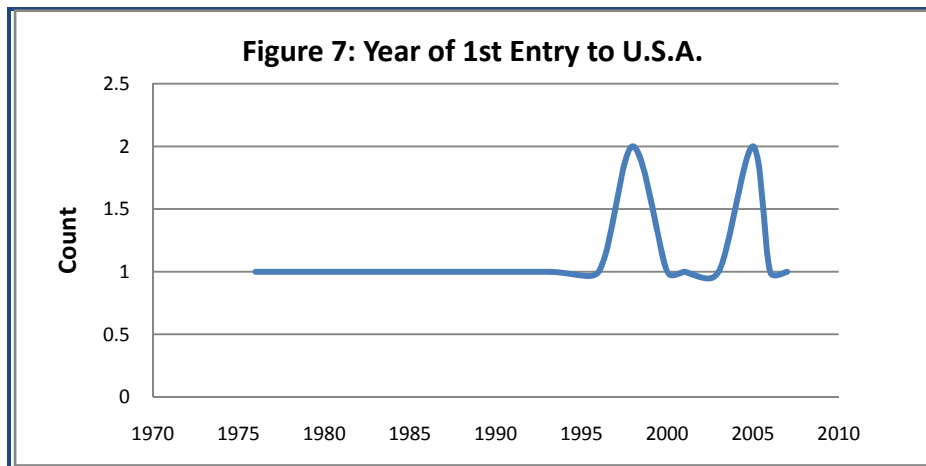


Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Year of First Entry into the U.S.A.

If you were born outside the USA, what year did you first enter the U.S.? Of the 12 respondents, (4) indicated either 1998 or 2005, and (8) noted one of the one of the following years: 1976, 1993, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2007.

Figure 7: “Year of 1st Entry to USA” shows that respondents first entered the U.S between 1976 and 2007.

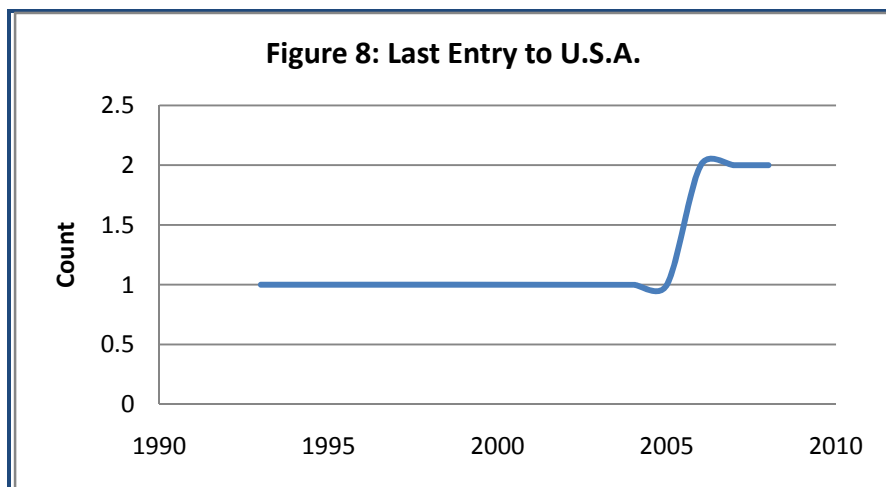


Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Year of Last Entry into the U.S.A.

If you were born outside of the U.S.A., think about the last time you went abroad and then returned to the U.S. What year did you last return to the U.S.? Of the 12 respondents, (6) indicated 2008 (2), 2007 (2), and 2006 (2). Moreover, (6) mentioned one of the following years: 1993, 1996, 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Figure 8: “Last Entry to U.S.” illustrates that respondents returned to the U.S between 1993 and 2008 and have stayed here since.



Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Country of Residence

Where is your primary country of residence? Of the 12 respondents, all (100%) indicated the U.S. is their country of residence.

Place of Residence by State

In what state do you reside? Of the 12 participants that responded to this question, all (100%) indicated that they live in the state of Missouri.

Place of Residence by City or Village

In what city do you live? Of the 12 respondents, all (100%) indicated Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Preferred Language

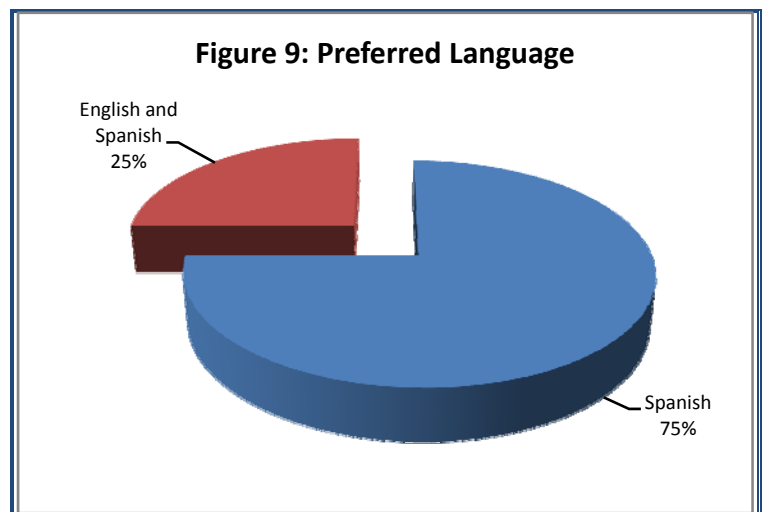
Question - Annex:

Preferred Language:

- *English,*
- *Spanish,*
- *English or Spanish (I am bilingual), or*
- *Other.*

Of the 12 participants that responded to this question (9) 75% preferred Spanish, (3) 25% affirmed that they were bilingual (English and Spanish).

Figure 9: “Preferred Language” shows that most respondents preferred speaking Spanish.



Source: 2008 Binational Health Week Surveys

Are you Hispanic/Latino?

Question - Annex:

Participants were asked if they consider themselves as Hispanic/Latino or not. Of the 12 surveyed, all indicated they were Hispanic/Latino.

Race

Question – Annex:

Participants were asked to indicate their race among the following options:

- *White,*
- *Black/African American,*
- *Asian,*
- *American Indian, and*
- *Other.*

Of those that responded to this question, 100% (5) indicated “Other,” which is consistent when surveying Hispanic populations.

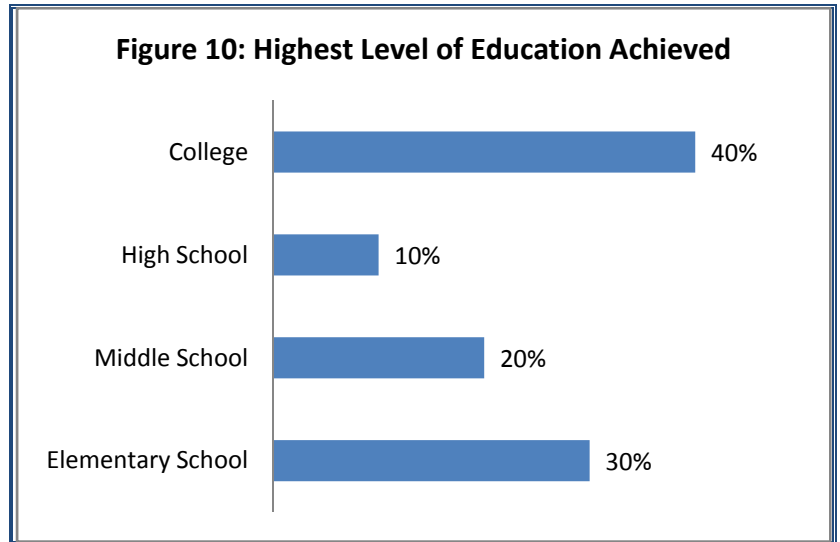
Highest Level of Education Completed

Question – Annex:

Participants were asked to indicate their highest level of education completed among the following options:

- *Elementary School,*
- *Middle School,*
- *High School,*
- *Bachelor's,*
- *Master's,*
- *Ph.D., and*
- *Other.*

Of the 10 participants that responded to this question, (4) 40% indicated College, (3) 30% noted Elementary School, (2) 20% indicated Middle School, and (1) 10% said High School.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 10: “Highest Level of Education Achieved” shows that (4) 40% respondents completed college.

B. About Today's Event:

Learned about Event

How did you learn about this event? The following options were provided and participants were asked to indicate all that applied:

- *Friends and family,*
- *Community health clinic*
- *Local consulate*
- *Church*
- *School*
- *Newspaper or magazine*
- *Radio*
- *Television*
- *"I was in the area."*
- *Other.*

Of all the survey respondents, (6) indicated "friends and family", (3) stated "Other," which was a flyer for all three participants, and (1) said "a school."

Table 3: "Learned about Event" shows the methods and frequencies of how the respondents became aware of this health fair. Methods are listed by greatest frequencies. The greatest frequency learned about this event from family and friends.

Table 3: Learned about Event	
Method	Frequency by Number
Friends and Family	6
Other (flyer)	3
School	1
Church	
Community Health Clinic	0
Consulate	0
Newspaper	0
Radio	0
TV	0

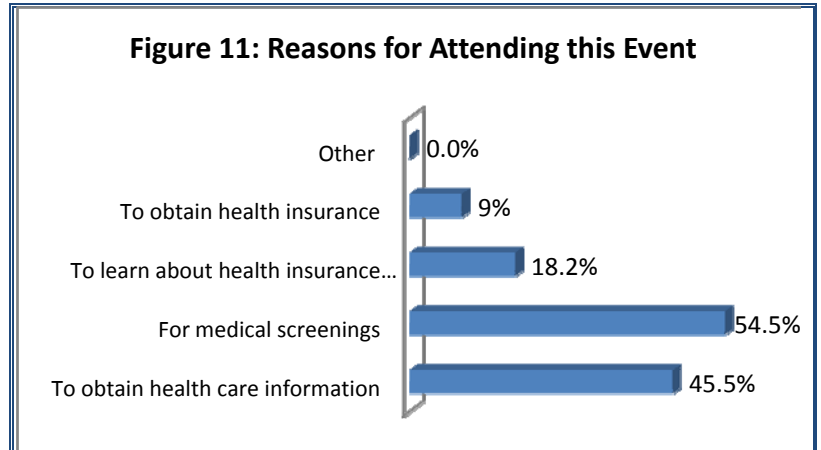
Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Reasons for attending this event

Select your three main reasons for attending this event:

- To obtain healthcare information,
- For medical screenings,
- To learn about health insurance programs,
- To obtain health insurance, and/or
- Other

The majority of the respondents affirmed they attended this event for medical screenings (6) 54.5% and to obtain healthcare information (5) 45.5%. Additionally, (2) 18.2% said to learn about health insurance programs, and (1) 9.1% said to obtain health insurance.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 11: “Reasons for Attending this Event” shows that the majority of the participants came to obtain healthcare information and receive medical screenings.

Rating of Services/Information Received

The services and/or information you received during this event were:

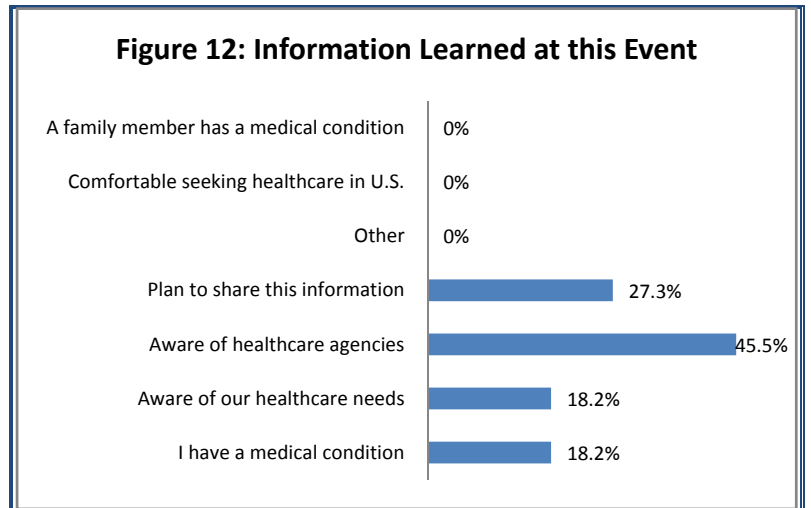
- Very helpful,
- Somewhat helpful, or
- Not helpful.

Of the 10 respondents that answered this question, all (100%) rated this event as very helpful.

Information Learned at this Event

What did you learn at this event? Select all that apply:

- I learned that I have a medical condition,
- A family member has a medical condition,
- I am more aware of our healthcare needs,
- I am more aware of healthcare agencies and services,
- I am more comfortable seeking healthcare in the U.S.,
- I plan to share this information with family, neighbors, and friends, and
- Other.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Of the respondents (5) 45.5% of the participants said “I am more aware of health care agencies and services,” (3) 27.3% indicated “I plan to share this information with family, neighbors, and friends,” (2) 18.2% indicated “I learned that I have a medical condition,” and (2) 18.2% “I am more aware of our healthcare needs.”

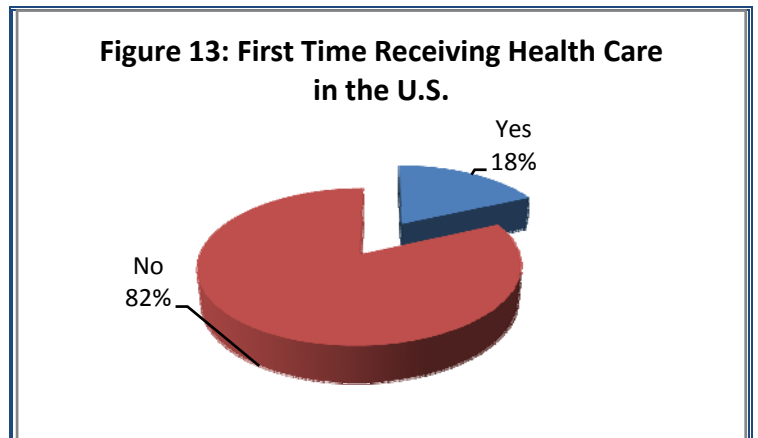
Figure 12: “Information Learned at this Event” shows that most of the survey participants were more aware of healthcare agencies.

First Time Receiving Healthcare in the U.S.?

Is this the first time you have seen a doctor, nurse, or health care provider in the U.S.? Participants were given these answers:

- Yes,
- No, and
- “I don’t know.”

Of the 11 respondents, (2) 18 % indicated “Yes”, and (9) 82% indicated “No.”



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

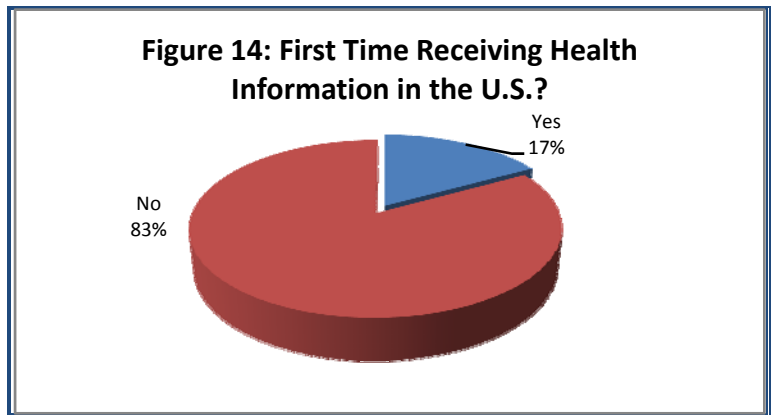
Figure 13: “First Time Receiving Healthcare in the U.S.?” shows that more than half of these participants had received healthcare in the U.S. prior to attending this event.

First Time Receiving Health Information in the U.S.?

Is this the first time you received medical information in the U.S? Participants were provided the following answers:

- Yes,
- No, and
- “I don’t know.”

Of the 12 participants that responded to this question (10) 83% indicated “No” and (2) 17% indicated “Yes.”



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 14: “First Time Receiving Health Information in the U.S.?” illustrates that the majority of the participants that attended this event had already received health information in the U.S.

Would YOU Attend a Healthcare Event in the Future?

Would you attend this type of event in the future? Participants were given these:

- Yes,
- No, and
- “I don’t know.”

All of the (12) participants responded “Yes”, 100.0% indicated they would attend a healthcare event in the future.

C. About Seeking Health Care

Visited a Healthcare Provider Outside the U.S.

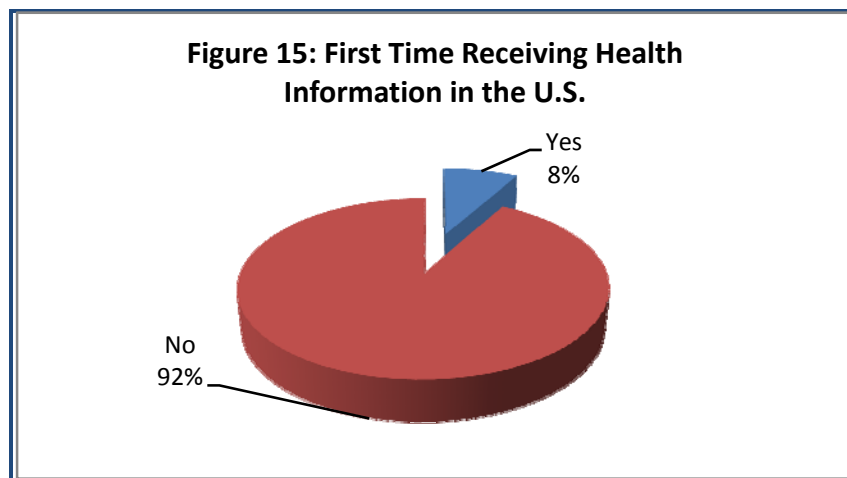
In the past 12 months, did you or a family member travel to Mexico or another Latin American country for medical care, dental care, to purchase medicines, or for any healthcare treatments?

Participants were provided the following answers:

- Yes,
- No, and
- “I don’t know.”

Of the 12 respondents, (11) 92% indicated “No”, (1) 8% indicated “Yes”.

Figure 15: “Visited a Health Provider Outside the U.S.” shows that most participants did not leave the U.S in the past 12 months to obtain healthcare.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Access Healthcare by Country

Question – Annex:

What country do you obtain most of your healthcare? The following options were provided:

- U.S.,
- Mexico, and
- Other.

Of the 12 respondents, all (100%) indicated the U.S.

Most Frequent Healthcare Services Used in the U.S.

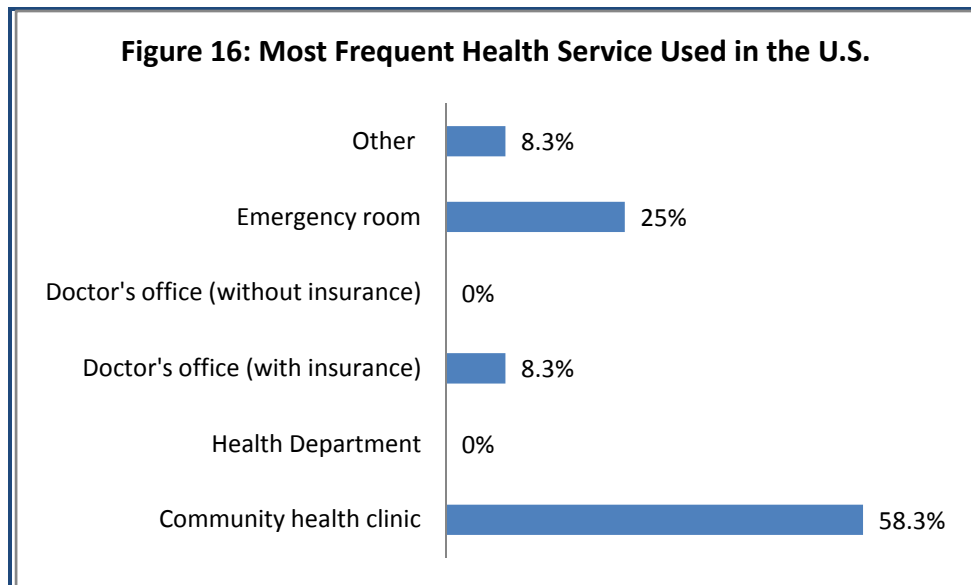
Question – Annex:

Only if you answered that you received health care in the U.S., which of the following do you most frequently use? Check one:

- Community health clinic
- Health Department
- Doctor's office (with insurance)
- Doctor's office (without insurance)
- Emergency room
- Other

Of the 12 respondents, (7) 58.3% indicated a community health clinic, (3) 25% said the Emergency Room, (1) 8.3% said a doctor's office (with insurance), and (1) 8.3% mentioned "Other", which was "the hospital in St. Joseph."

Figure 16: "Most Frequent Health Services Used in the U.S." shows that most participants access their healthcare in a community health clinic.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

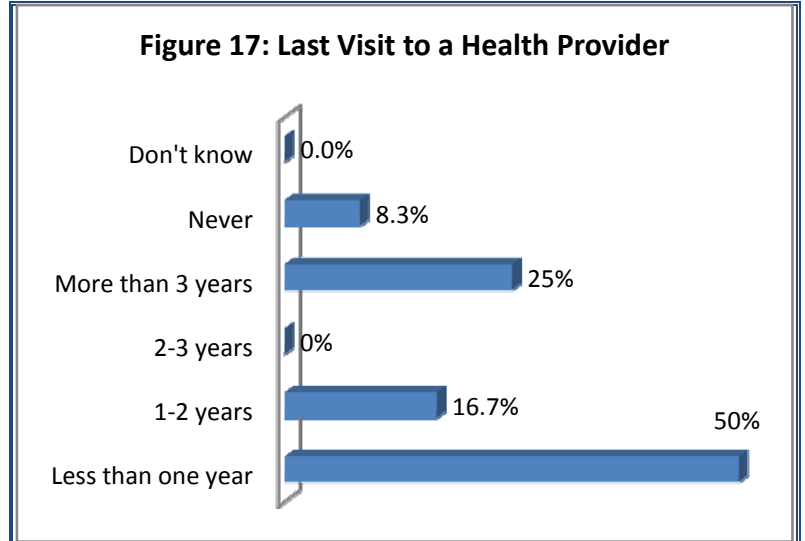
Last Visit to a Healthcare Provider

When was your last visit to a doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider in the U.S.?

Participants were provided the following answers:

- Less than one year,
- One to two years,
- Two to three years,
- More than three years,
- Never, or
- "I don't know".

Of the 12 respondents, (6) 50% indicated "less than 1 year," (3) 25% indicated "more than 3 years," (2) 16.7% indicated "1 to 2 years," and (1) 8.3% noted "Never."



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

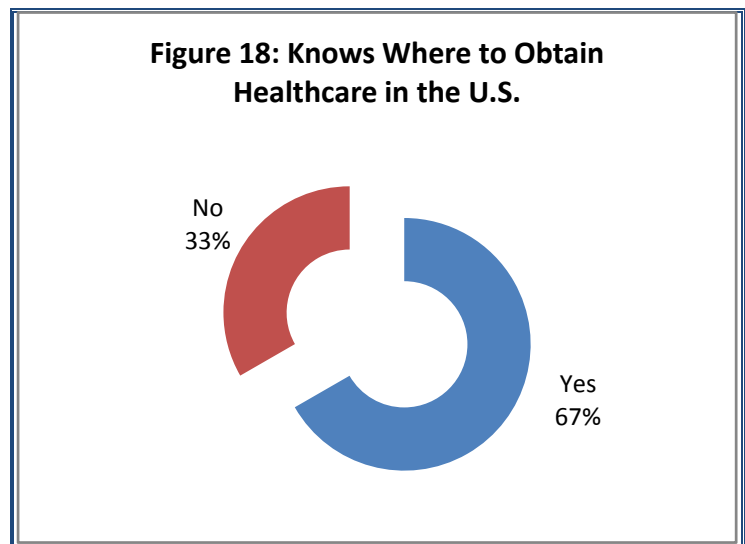
Figure 17: "Last Visit to a Health Provider" shows that half of the participants visited the doctor within the past year.

Know Where to Obtain Healthcare in the U.S.

Do you know where to go to receive healthcare in the U.S.?

- _ Yes, or
- No

Of the 12 participants that responded to this question, (8) 67% indicated "Yes," and (4) 33% indicated "No."



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 18: "Knows Where to Obtain Healthcare in the U.S." shows that most of the participants that attended this BHW event have a clear understanding where to access healthcare in the U.S.

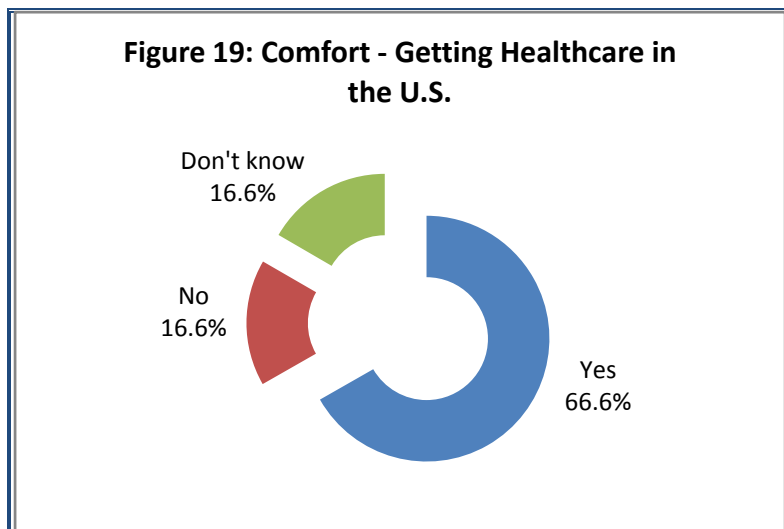
Comfort - Getting Healthcare in the U.S.

Do you feel comfortable seeking healthcare in the U.S.?

- Yes,
- No, or
- “I don’t know.”

Of the 12 participants that responded to this question, (8) 63.6% indicated “Yes,” (2) 16.6% indicated “No,” and (2) 16.6% indicated “I don’t know”.

Figure 19: “Comfort - Getting Healthcare in the U.S.” shows that the majority of the participants felt comfortable seeking healthcare in the U.S. and/or their local community.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Receive Healthcare When Needed

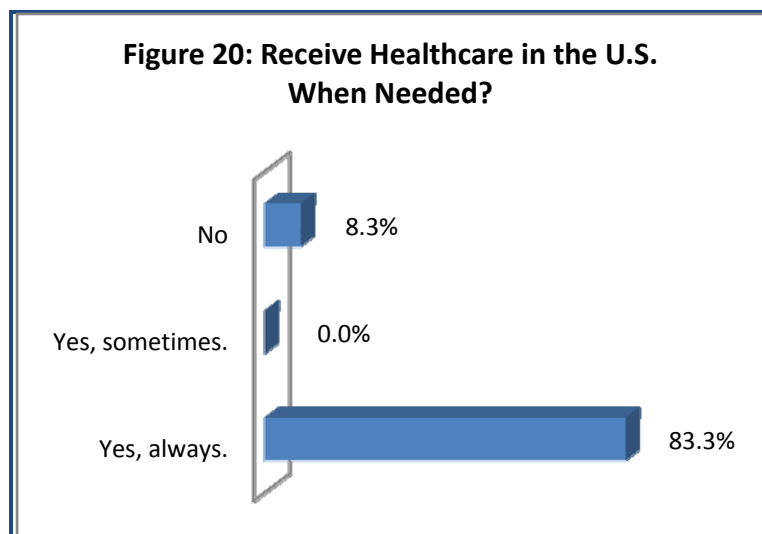
Question – Annex:

Do you receive healthcare in the U.S. when you need it? Participants were given the following answers:

- Yes, always,
- Yes, sometimes, or
- No

Only if you answered “NO”, check all the reasons that apply:

- Lack of transportation
- Don’t know where to get medical care
- Language difficulty
- Cost



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Of the 11 respondents, (10) 83.3% indicated that “Yes, always,” and (1) 8.3% said “No.”

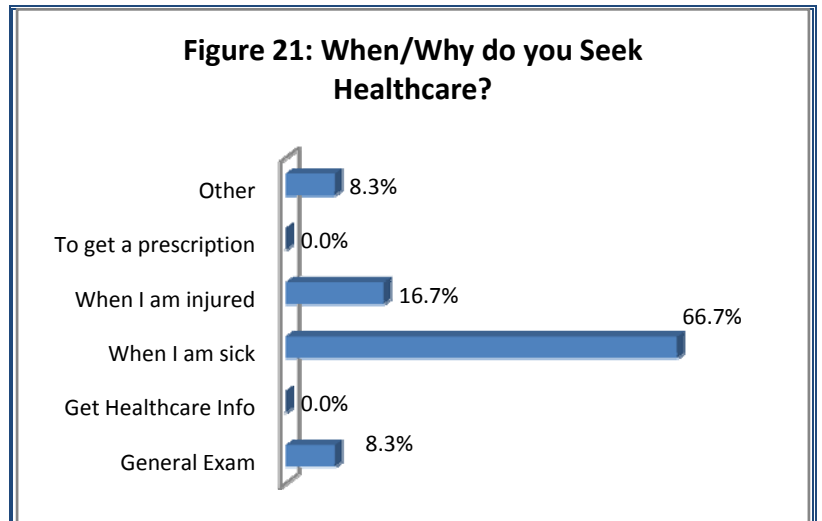
Figure 20: “Receive Healthcare in the U.S. when needed?” shows that most of the survey participants receive healthcare in the U.S. when needed; however, it is important to note that one respondent indicated “I don’t know where to go for medical care.”

Why do you Seek Healthcare?

When/why do you do you seek healthcare. Select all that apply:

- *For a general exam,*
- *To get healthcare information,*
- *“When I am sick”,*
- *“When I am injured”,*
- *To get a prescription, or*
- *Other*

Most (8) 66.7% of the respondents indicated when they are sick, (2) 16.7% responded they would seek healthcare if they were injured, (1) 8.3% indicated “for a general exam,” and (1) 8.3% noted “Other,” which was “for my cancer treatment.”



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

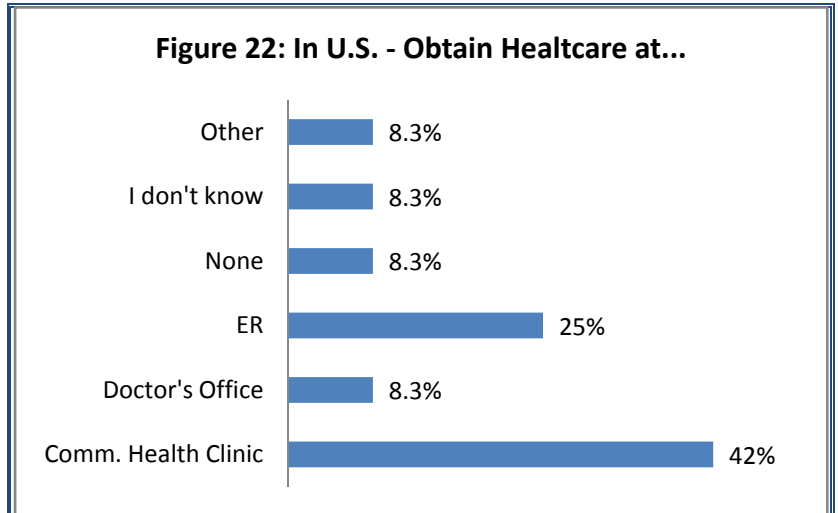
Figure 21: “Why do you Seek Healthcare?” shows that a large percentage of the participants obtain health care when they are ill.

Where do you Obtain Healthcare

Where in the U.S. do you go when you need medical care? Select all that apply:

- A community health clinic,
- A doctor's office,
- An emergency room,
- "None - I don't have a healthcare provider,"
- "I don't know," or
- Other.

Of all the respondents, (5) 41.7% indicated "a community health clinic," (3) 25% said "the emergency room," (1) 8.3% stated "None- I don't have a health care provider," (1) 8.3% said "Don't Know," and (1) 8.3% stated "Other," which was the hospital in St. Joseph.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

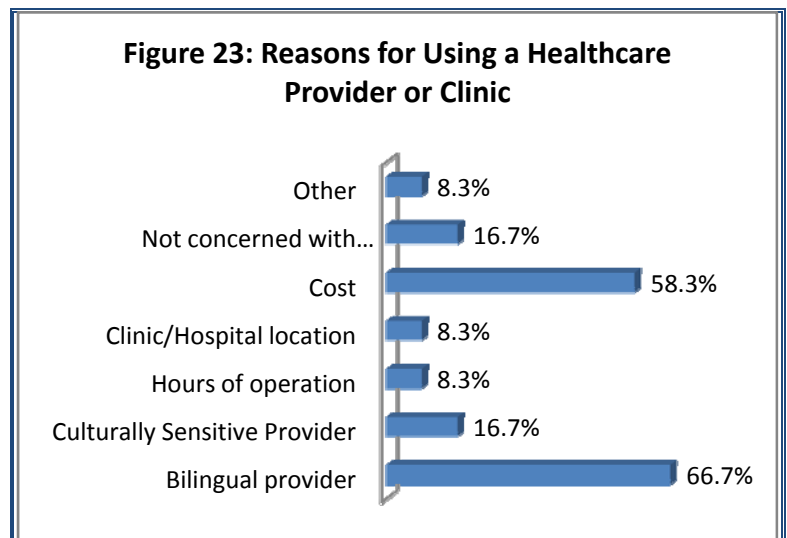
Figure 22: "In U.S. – Obtain Healthcare at..." shows that most healthcare needs are being met by community healthcare clinics.

Reasons for Using a Healthcare Provider or Clinic

Why do you frequent a healthcare provider or clinic? Select all that apply:

- Someone speaks my language (bilingual)
- They are a culturally sensitive provider,
- Hours of operation,
- Location,
- Cost,
- They do not ask about immigration papers,
- Other.

Of all the respondents, (8) 66.7% said someone at that facility speaks their language and they provide bilingual services, (7) 58.3% indicated cost, (2) 16.7% affirmed that they are a culturally sensitive provider, (1) 8.3% stated "hours of operation," (1) 8.3% said "location," (2) 16.7% responded that the provider does not ask about immigration papers, and (1) 8.3 mentioned "other." The one respondent that mentioned "Other" said "reducing the waiting time."



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 23: "Reasons for Using a Healthcare provider or clinic?" shows that the majority of the respondents frequent a healthcare provider because they have bilingual personnel when they get healthcare services.

D. Health Insurance – Your Health

Health Insurance

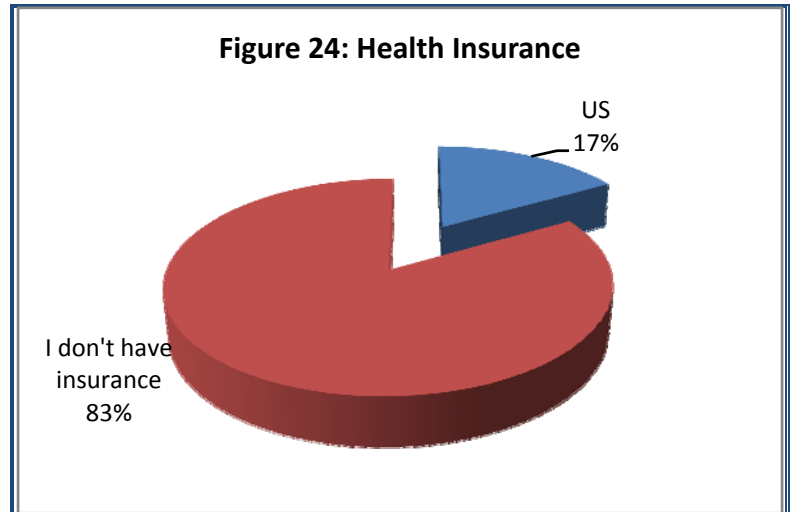
Do you have Medical Insurance?

In which country(ies) do you have health insurance? Select all that apply:

- U.S.,
- Country of Origin,
- Other,
- “I don’t have insurance”, and
- “I don’t know”.

Of the 12 respondents, (10) 83% indicated they did not have health insurance, and (2) 17% said “in the U.S.”

Figure 24: “Health Insurance” shows that most of the participants do not have medical insurance in the U.S.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Health Insurance in the U.S.: If you don't have it, why not?

Question – Annex

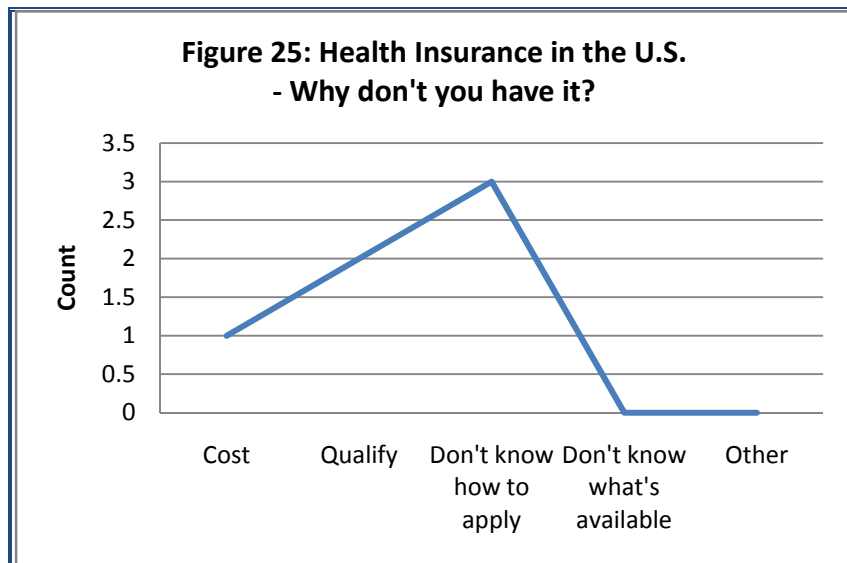
If the reply was “No, I do not have medical insurance,” a follow-up question was asked for additional clarification:

Why do you not have health insurance? Check all that apply:

- *“I don't believe I can afford it,”*
- *“I don't believe I qualify for it,”*
- *“I don't know how to apply for it.”*
- *“I'm not sure what types of health insurances are available,” and*
- *Other.*

Of the 6 respondents, (2) said they didn't think they qualify for it, (3) said they didn't know how to apply for it, and (1) indicated they cannot afford health insurance.

Figure 25: “Health Insurance in the U.S. – Why don't you have it?” shows that the majority of the respondents didn't believe they didn't know how to apply for it.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

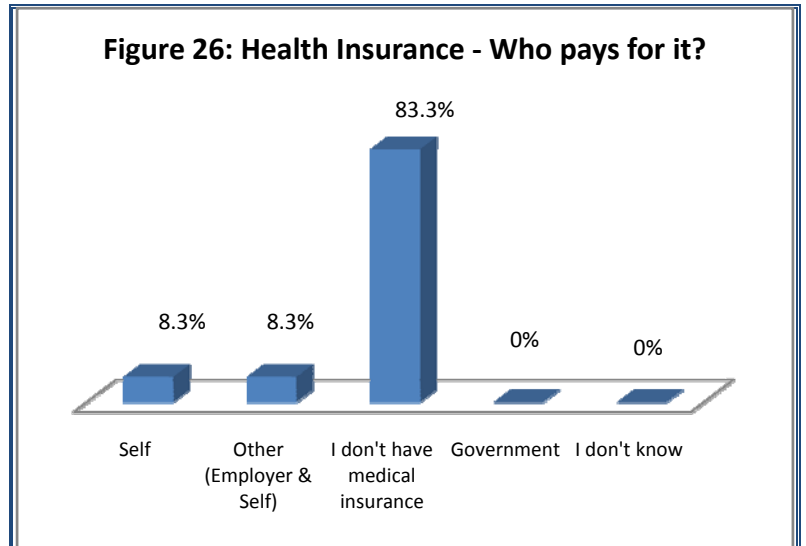
Health Insurance: Who pays for it?

Who pays for your medical insurance?

Select all that apply:

- Self,
- Employer,
- Government,
- Other,
- “I don’t have health insurance,” and
- “I don’t know”.

Two participants noted that they had health insurance: (1) 8.3% said s/he paid for health insurance and (1) 8.3% said s/he has insurance through his/her employer.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 26: “Health Insurance – Who pays for it?” shows that most participants did not have medical insurance, but of those that did, one paid for his/her own medical insurance and one’s employer paid for it.

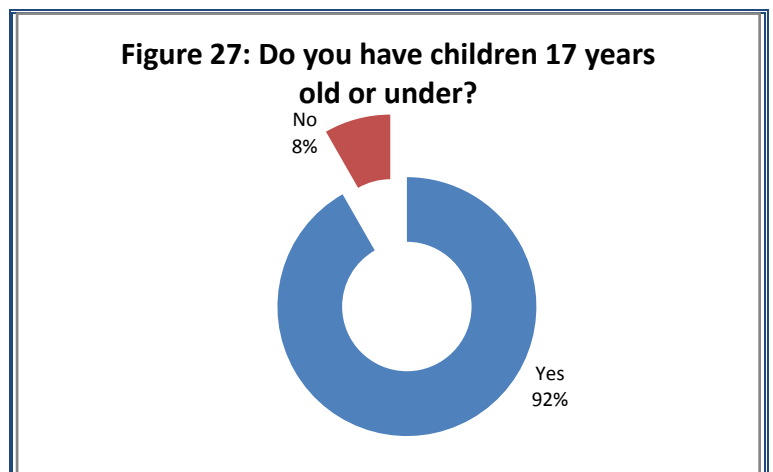
Health Insurance for Children

Do you have children under the age of 17? Of 12 participants, (11) 92% answered “Yes.” and (1) 8.3% said “No.”

See Figure 27: Do you have children 17 years of age or under?

If the participant noted that they had children 17 years or younger, a follow-up question was asked: How many children?

Three participants noted that they have (3) children; 2 participants said (3) children, and 1 indicated (4) children.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Health Insurance of Children 17 years or Younger.

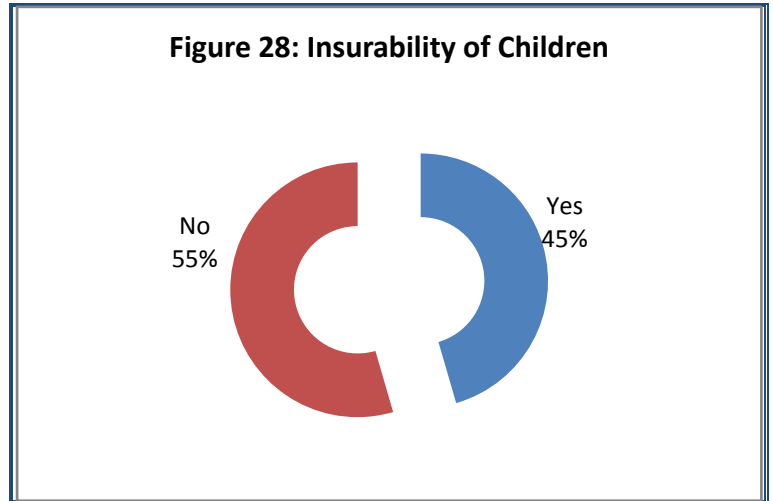
At this time, are there any children uninsured?

Of 11 respondent, (5) 45% answered “Yes”, and (6) 55% said “No.”

Figure 28: “Insurability of Children” shows most children have medical insurance.

If the participant noted that they had uninsured children 17 years or younger, a follow-up question was asked: How many uninsured children do you have?

Three participants noted that they have (1) uninsured child, and 2 participants said (2) uninsured children.



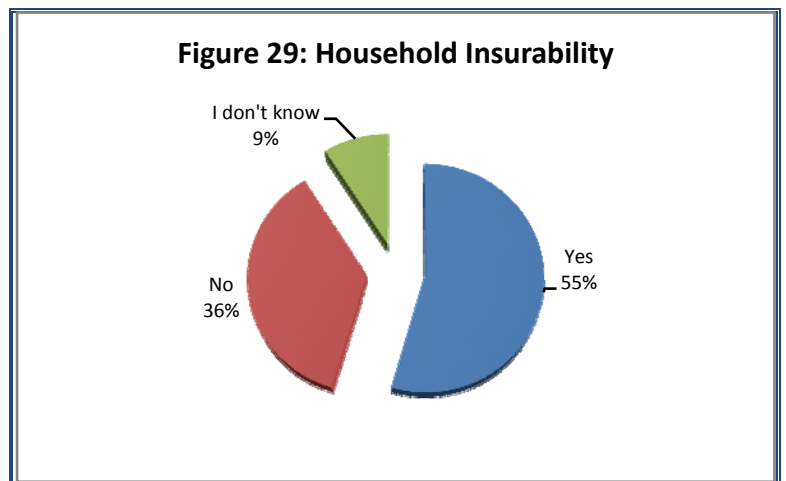
Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Health Insurance in your Household Question - Annex

Does someone in your household have health insurance? They were given the following answers:

- Yes,
- No,
- “I don’t know”

Of the 11 participants that responded to this question (6) 55% said “Yes,” (4) 36% indicated “No” and (1) indicated “I don’t know.”



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Figure 29: “Household Insurability” shows that most participants declared that someone in their household has medical insurance. Often respondents noted that some of their children and/or spouse are not medically insured; this supports the findings noted in Figure 28 above that shows that 45% of children 17 years or younger are uninsured.

Health Concerns

Which of the following health conditions do you consider to be of greatest concern? Select all that apply:

- Allergies,
- Asthma or respiratory diseases,
- Cancer,

- Dental health,
- Skin disease,
- Diabetes,
- Problems with digestive system,
- Cardiovascular disease,
- Mental health,
- Nutrition,
- OB/GYN and reproductive health,
- HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases,
- Substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco and drugs),
- Vision,
- Work-related injuries, and
- Other.

The greatest frequency of respondents (4) 33.3% indicated that **Cancer** is their greatest health concern. The second: (3) 25% participants noted that **Allergies** were of concern. The next primary concerns were **Vision** (2 or 16.7% participants) and **Work-related injuries** (2 or 16.7% participants). Table 4: “Health Concerns” shows the frequency and percentage

Table 4: Health Concerns			
Health Topic	Frequency by Number and Percentage	Health Topic	Frequency by Number and Percentage
Allergies	3 (25%)	Mental Health	1 (8.3%)
Asthma or Respiratory diseases	1 (8.3%)	Nutrition	1 (8.3%)
Cancer	4 (33.3%)	OB/GYN and reproductive health	1 (8.3%)
Cardiovascular Disease	0	Other	0
Dental health	1 (8.3%)	Skin Disease	0
Diabetes	1 (8.3%)	Substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco and drugs)	0
Digestive system	1 (8.3%)	Vision	2 (16.7%)
HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases	1 (8.3%)	Work-related injuries	2 (16.7%)

Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Self-Assessment of Health

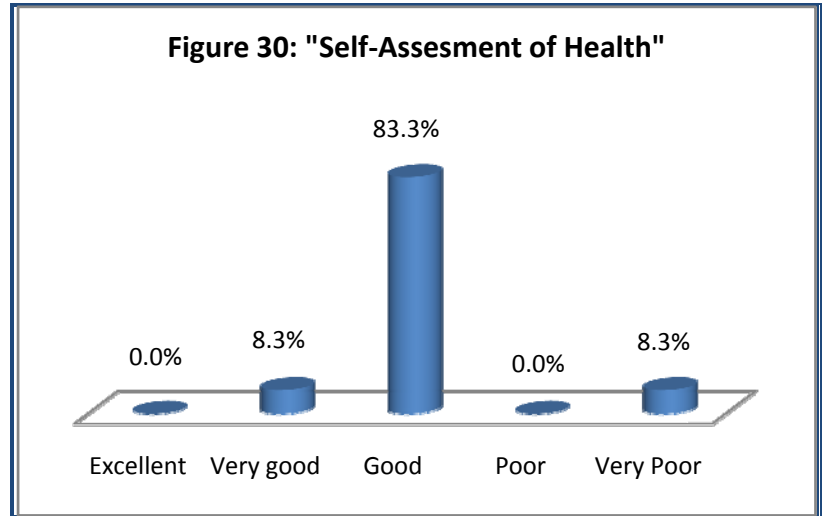
Today, how would you rate your health?

Select one:

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Poor
- Very Poor

Of the 12 respondents, (10) 83.3% believed his/her health was “good,” (1) 8.3% said “very good,” and (1) 8.3% said “bad” meaning “very poor.”

Figure 30: “Self-Assessment of Health” reflects that most of the participants believe they are overall in good health.



Source: Binational Health Week Surveys

Conclusion
Health Fair in Saint Joseph, Missouri
October 7, 2008

- Thirty-five (35) participants registered during this health fair and of those that attended, 12 adults volunteered to be surveyed. Of those surveyed the average age overall was 36 years; more than half (66.7%) were women; 58.3% were born in Mexico, and all of them currently resided in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

- The findings establish that more than three fourth's, 83%, of the participants did not have medical insurance. Forty two percent indicated that they get their healthcare needs met at a community health center. In addition, most of the participants, 54.5%, noted that they attended this health fair for medical screenings, which supports the need for these types of activities in Hispanic/Latino communities. Moreover, eligible female participants were referred to the Show Me Healthy Women program for free mammograms and yearly well woman examinations.

- During the interviews participants were asked to identify their greatest health concerns and of those that responded Cancer (33.3%) was the primary concern. That was followed by Allergies (25%), Vision (16.7%), and Work related injuries (16.7%).

- Alianzas, would like to thank all the volunteers and vendors that participated and supported this event. Those collaborators included healthcare professionals, community representatives, advocates, and other BHW supporters that ensured the success of BHW 2008 in their community. All registered volunteers received a Certificate of Appreciation for their support and commitment of this worthy cause. Again, thank you all...for a job well done!

APPENDIX A: SURVEY

APPENDIX B: MAP OF MEXICAN STATES



Legend key:

AGS	Aguascalientes	VER	Veracruz
BCA	Baja California	YUC	Yucatán
BCS	Baja California Sur	ZAC	Zacatecas
CAM	Campeche		
CHI	Chiapas		
CHH	Chihuahua		
COA	Coahuila		
COL	Colima		
DIF	Distrito Federal		
DGO	Durango		
GRO	Guerrero		
GTO	Guanajuato		
HGO	Hidalgo		
JAL	Jalisco		
MEX	México		
MIC	Michoacán		
MOR	Morelos		
NAY	Nayarit		
NLE	Nuevo León		
OAX	Oaxaca		
PUE	Puebla		
QRO	Querétaro		
ROO	Quintana Roo		
SIN	Sinaloa		
SLP	San Luis Potosí		
SON	Sonora		
TAB	Tabasco		
TMP	Tamaulipas		
TLA	Tlaxcala		

Source: "Flags of the World: Mexico States Map." Tour by Mexico and António Martins.
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