



Grenada County Needs Assessment



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Abstract

The needs and key issues of a community in regards to health care play a very important role in Mississippi health care.



General Assessment

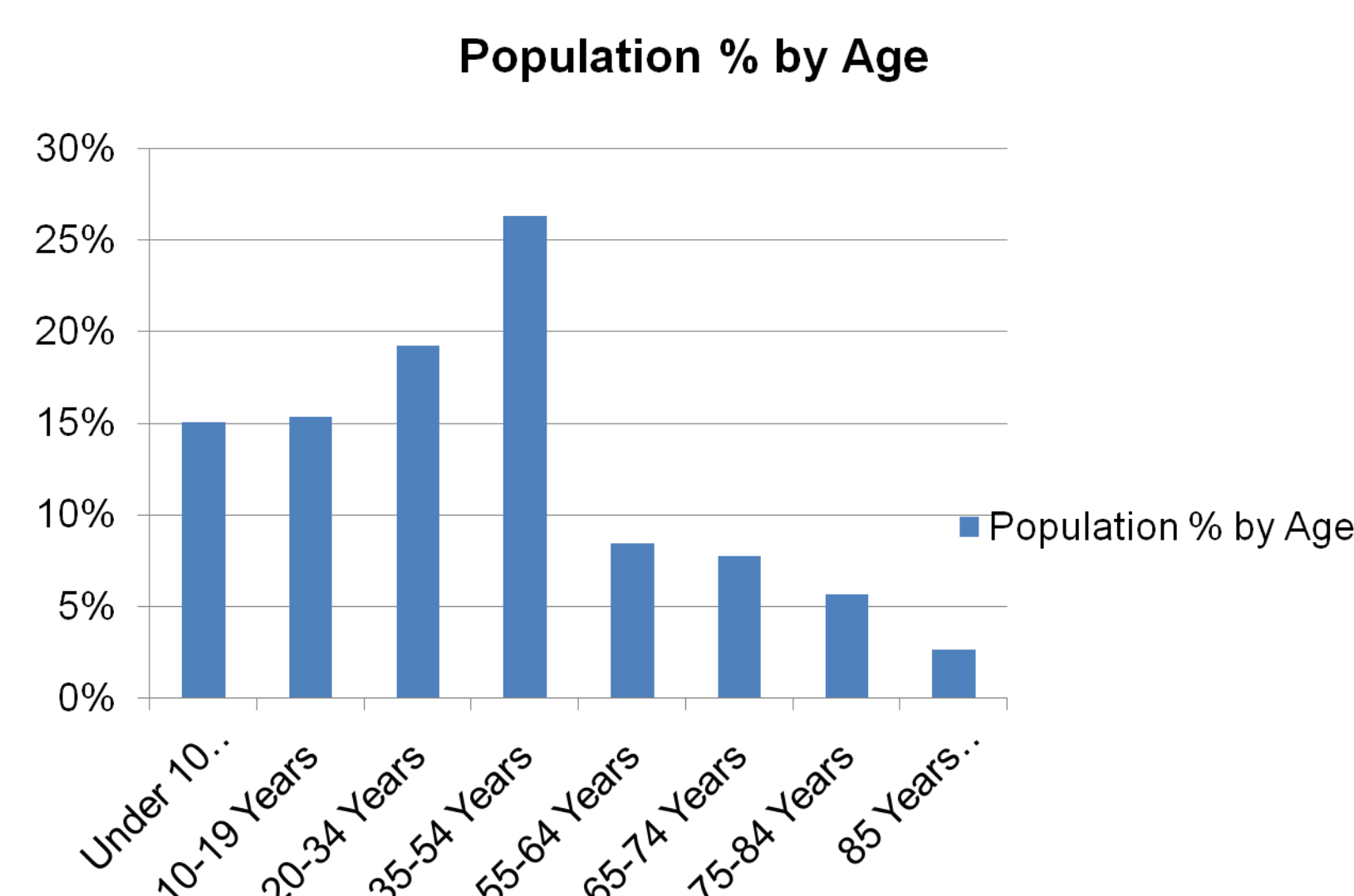
Demographics :

Most recent census data shows an estimated 14,879 residents in Grenada. These statistics show an increase of 36.8% over the previous 10 years.

Grenada is ethnically diverse with 49.3% White, 49.3 % African American, .7% Hispanic and .7% other races.

Graph of population age breakdown is shown below.

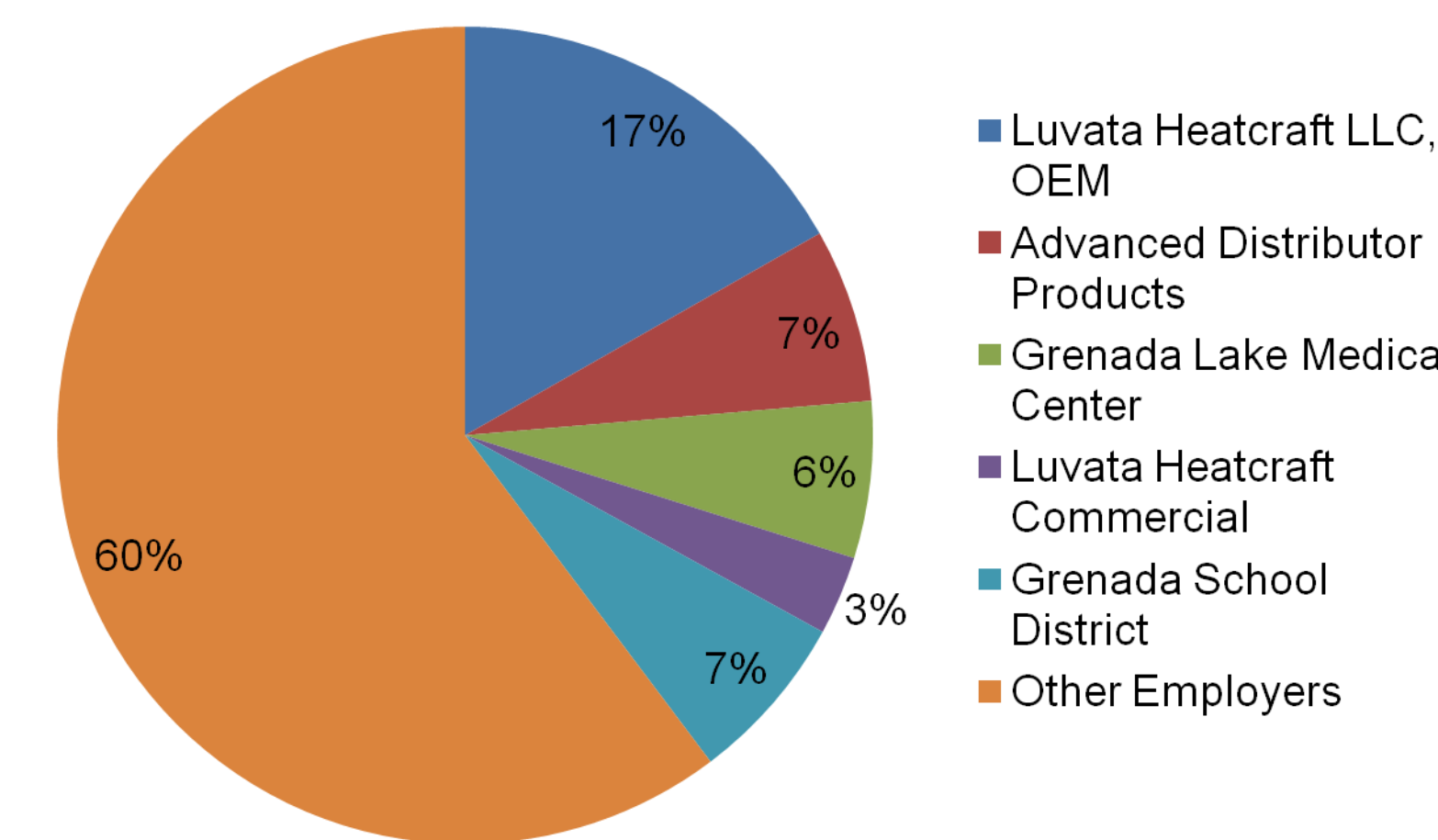
Grenada Population



Economy:

The average household income for a family in Grenada is \$25,589.00 annually. The Housing Market is favorable towards single family housing which composes 61.3% of the housing market, while apartments and multi-family unit fulfill the remaining 38.7%. The city is home to many industries and large companies. Their workforce can be seen on the graph on the right:

Major Employers



Social Environment:

While social activities can be a very important part of a community, Grenada has many different options to participate in. Grenada Lake, which covers 40,000 acres, serves as one of the largest lakes in Mississippi and it offers activities such as boating, swimming, camping, and even hiking trails. A new addition to Grenada Lake's Hugh White State Park is the Dogwood's Golf Course. This golf course is ranked on a national level, and on many hole's a great view of the lake can be seen. Aside from the lake area, there is also a Country Club which offers swimming, tennis, and golf.

Recreation is not the only type of social activities in the city. There are also many different civic organizations to be affiliated with. Some of these include the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club, the Exchange Club, and the Pilot Club. Also, the Grenada Junior Auxiliary Club is a great group of ladies that hold charity fundraisers, including the well known annual "Charity Ball" that raises money for groups such as the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Religious Places of Worship are a great place to interact and fellowship with people that obtain similar ideas and values. There are Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Episcopal, Non-denominational, and many other places of worship in Grenada.

Local Government:

Grenada has a Council-Mayor form of government which provides leadership from elected council members and the mayor, as well as managerial experience from an appointed City Manager. Elected Supervisors provide services for each district represented in the county.

The local police force has a Captain that is in charge of the entire division which includes, Detectives, Patrolmen, and Drug Enforcement Officers.. The division as a whole is composed of 48 men and women who are considered fulltime, and another 24 persons that are on reserve status. These men and women deal with crimes such as larceny, aggregated assault, robbery, murder, rape, and theft. Even though these types of crimes have been recorded, the city is still ranked very low in crime rates for the state of Mississippi.

Health Care Assessment:

Grenada Lake Medical Center is the main hospital for Grenada and surrounding counties. It offers most all areas of care and has 66 doctors on staff. However, nine of these doctors are there on a limited basis. There are 12 Internal Medicine Physicians, 4 Family Physicians, 4 Obstetrics/Gynecology Physicians, and 2 Pediatricians. These doctors comprise the primary care doctors of the city. The Grenada Lake Medical Center receives 45,000 Emergency Room visits each year and over 650 babies are delivered there annually.

There are also health care services in the area that are composed of both physician and non-physician services. These providers include 6 Dentists, 1 Optometrist, 3 Nurse Practitioners, and 1 Physiatriest. Also, the city offers a mental health facility, the Mississippi State Hospital Crisis Intervention Center. Some of the main problems encountered by local employers includes: Obesity, Hypertension, and Diabetes.

Education:

Grenada has both public and private elementary and high schools to offer to its citizens. The public schools are composed of Grenada Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School, and High school. The only private school is Kirk Academy which is available for students in pre-school to twelfth grade. Grenada is also home to a branch of Holmes Community College, with the main campus being located in Holmes County.

The community high school graduation rate is 63.3% for people that are 25 years or older. The percentage of students that attend college is 11.3% and the percentage of people with a bachelor's degree or higher is 14.3%.

Assisted Living:

There are two nursing homes in the city:

- 1) Grace Health and Rehabilitation
- 2) Grenada Living Center

These two homes have a combined capacity of 255 beds.

There are two assisted living homes in the city:

- 1) Graceland of Grenada
- 2) Graceland of Grenada at Rosemont

These two homes have a combined capacity of 50 beds.



Pictured in the photo are Linda Jameson, nurse, William P. Bell, patient, and Hazel Bell, patient family member

Summary

Grenada County is a great environment for people of all ages. As for children, there are many parks and community activities to encourage young people to stay active. The walking/fitness trail located at Grenada Lake serves as an area for people of all ages to challenge themselves physically. For those who enjoy the outdoors, the trail provides a passive way to enjoy the outdoor scenery. The fitness trail is maintained by Hugh White State Park and is free to the public.

As far as health related concerns, the area is faced with obesity, hypertension and diabetes. These account for the main problems encountered by local employers and health officials. Grenada Lake Medical Center just finished remodeling and adding on to the facility, and serves as one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation.

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