

COMMUNITY HEALTH **NEEDS ASSESSMENT** 2025-2027

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PRIMARY DATA: SURVEY RESULTS

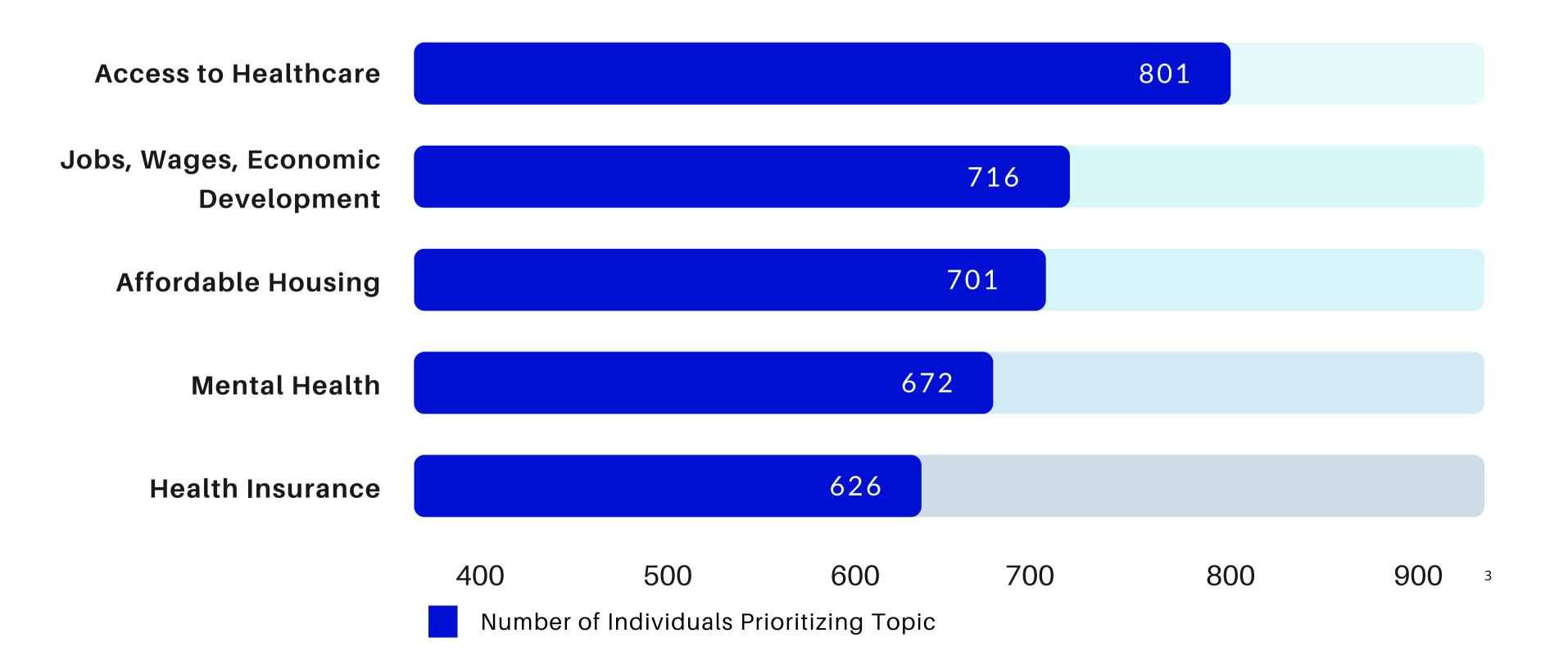
REGIONAL AREA

STAKEHOLDER RESPONSES GARRETT COUNTY, MD

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Primary Survey Results



FOCUS GROUP FINDINGS

What does a healthy community look and feel like for you?

AFFORDABILITY

Insufficient income forces people to make impossible choices with far-reaching consequences. This became an overarching theme that touched every other priority area.

Low wages and lack of opportunities perpetuate poverty.



Secondary Analysis: Indicators Report

Employment - Job Sectors, Largest

In the report area, the largest sector by employment size is Retail trade, which employs 2,219 people. The average wage for the industry is \$32,088. Health care and social assistance and Government and government enterprises are the next largest sectors, employing 1,848 and 1,776 workers, respectively.

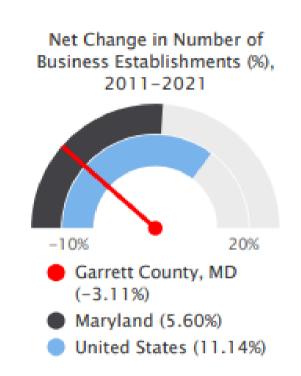
| Area Name | Rank (Size) | Job Sector | Total Employment | Average Wage |
|--------------------|-------------|--|------------------|--------------|
| Garrett County, MD | 1 | Retail trade | 2,219 | \$32,088 |
| Garrett County, MD | 2 | Health care and social assistance | 1,848 | \$55,503 |
| Garrett County, MD | 3 | Government and government enterprises | 1,776 | \$71,170 |
| Maryland | 1 | Health care and social assistance | 442,319 | \$66,777 |
| Maryland | 2 | Professional, scientific, and technical services | 401,156 | \$92,412 |
| Maryland | 3 | Retail trade | 351,570 | \$38,214 |

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2022.

Employment - Business Creation

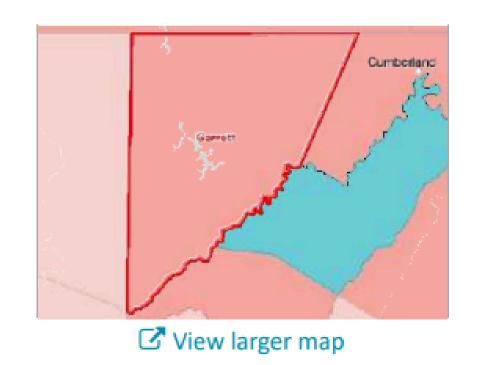
The rate of business change reflects the net gain or loss in total establishments. The report area saw a net loss of 26 businesses between 2011 and 2021. There were 805 establishment "births" and 831 "deaths" contributing to the change. The rate of change was -3.11% over the ten year period, which is lower than the state average of 5.60%.

| Report Area | Initial Year Establishments | Establishment "Births" | Establishment "Deaths" | Establishment Net Change | Establishment Net Change Rate |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Garrett County, MD | 836 | 805 | 831 | -26 | -3.11% |
| Maryland | 121,307 | 140,310 | 133,511 | 6,799 | 5.60% |
| United States | 6,668,497 | 8,428,939 | 7,686,377 | 742,707 | 11.14% |

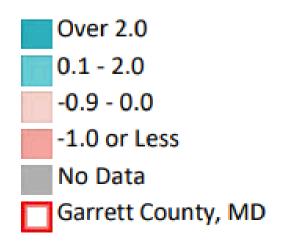


Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Business Dynamics Statistics. 2011-2022.



Net Change in Number of Establishments, Rate Per 100 Establishments (Initial Year) by County, Census BDS 2019-2020



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