

Analyzing Data

Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership team • Community Needs Assessment workgroup
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key causes and conditions of poverty in the service area ○ Top needs and key findings ○ Gaps, barriers, and trends • Rank the needs based on data analysis • Determine the top 5 needs the agency has the resources and capacity to make an impact • Report how those needs will be addressed • Categorize the level of each need into family, community, or agency
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete within 4 weeks
Why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify top needs and key findings • Report how to best address each need (type of services, location of services, staffing, partners, etc.) <p>**The analysis is the most critical part of the assessment process.**</p>
How	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review qualitative and quantitative summaries • Compare agency performance reports to the data obtained • Rank and weigh the needs identified in the summaries • Look at internal data for demographics and services rendered

How to identify key findings of the causes (factors causing and/or impacting poverty) and conditions (what poverty/community need looks like) of poverty:

- **Causes of poverty** could be lack of jobs paying a decent wage, lack of jobs, lack of basic life skills, lack of completion of secondary education, lack of post-secondary education, lack of financial resources, institutional poverty, intergenerational poverty, single-parent households, lack of medical care, etc.
- **Conditions of poverty** are the living conditions at a household and community level of persons in poverty, such as sub-standard housing, lack of health care providers and facilities, lack of adequate nutrition, lack of a mass transit system, etc.

It is strongly recommended that the Community Needs Assessment describes the causes and conditions of each county in the CSBG service area since these vary for each community.

Example:

Causes within Service Area	Conditions within Service Area
Limited number of federally qualified health centers	19.76% of adults do not have medical insurance
Majority of service area is rural with limited resources available and limited transportation to reach resources in more urban areas	Most of the service area has experienced a decrease in population as people move to other areas with more/higher paying jobs
Aging community	Decrease in population by 1.17% from 2010 Census to 2016 ACS