



Anne Arundel County Partnership
for Children, Youth & Families



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Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment



The Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment was created using quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data was collected from the U.S. Census Bureau, Maryland Report Card, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and from our partners at the Health Department. The Community Quarterback, Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, is responsible for writing and researching the county's community needs assessment every three years. The most recent version, [Poverty Amidst Plenty](#) VIII was released on September 4, 2025, and is linked here. The relationships we have built across the county allows us to crosswalk multiple, quantitative, data sources and integrate existing insights with new data. Qualitative data was collected from those with local lived experience in Brooklyn Park through focus groups, interviews, and surveys in partnership with residents, youth and local, grassroots nonprofits. In all we collected data from over 850 residents.

Introduction

The eligible census tract for the ENOUGH initiative is 7502.0, the Pumphrey neighborhood within Brooklyn Park (Zip Code 21225). Brooklyn Park Community of Hope stakeholders agreed to extend the ENOUGH initiative boundaries to the four square miles of Brooklyn Park, North Anne Arundel County. The area shares a boundary with Baltimore City. The geographic boundaries of Brooklyn Park are bordered on the west by Route 684 (Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard), to the south of I-895 and the Patapsco River, north of I-695, and ending on the east at the Baltimore City line that crosses Route 2. Route 2, also known as Ritchie Highway, runs north and south through Brooklyn Park. It is a very busy, four lane highway with no safe place to cross. It acts as a barrier for cooperation between the neighborhoods on the east and west sides of the road. The county line between Baltimore City and Brooklyn Park runs right through a residential street. Increased residential mobility related to economic issues means that families

are constantly moving between Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City without any knowledge they have done so.

Brooklyn Park is composed of several smaller neighborhoods: Olde Brooklyn Park (west of Gov. Ritchie Highway – Maryland Route 2), Brooklyn Heights (east of Gov. Ritchie Highway), Arundel Village (along and north of Church Street), Roland Terrace (along and south of Church Street), Arundel Gardens (southwest of Gov. Ritchie Highway and south of Hammonds Lane), and Pumphrey, which lies along Belle Grove Road, south of the Patapsco River. The population was 34,469 according to the 2023 American Community Survey (U.S. Census, 2023).

Brooklyn Park continues to be an extremely diverse area. The African American population is still the highest demographic but the Hispanic community is growing faster than all other races and ethnicities (See Table 1 below).

Table 1: Brooklyn Park (21225) Demographics

Brooklyn Park (21225) Demographics				
Race	2012	2022	2023	2024
White	47.8%	40.5%	40.1%	30.5%
Black	49.2%	46.6%	45.6	41.6%
Hispanic	5.4%	16.3%	19.7%	21.4%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012 & 2022, 2023, 2024				

Brooklyn Park (zip code 21225) has three times the poverty rate of the rest of the county at 20.4 percent and child poverty stands at 29.2 percent according to the most recent US census data (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2024). In 2017, the poverty rate in Brooklyn Park was 27.3% which means we can report an almost 10% decrease in overall poverty numbers reported in the 2018 version of Poverty Amidst Plenty. The median income for the zip code is \$54,020, under half of the county’s average median income of \$128,242 (US Census, 2024). There are at least six rising socio-economic indicators of need including the percent of families living at or below poverty, percent of the population without a high school diploma, the percent of households receiving food stamps (SNAP), the emergency department visit rate, the percent of low birth weight infants, the preventable hospitalization rate and the percentage of minorities (Table 2). The entire area is classified as a food desert and a childcare desert (Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 2024). Life expectancy is fifteen years shorter for residents of Brooklyn Park than it is for those in Arnold, just 15 miles down the road (Figure 13).

Brooklyn Park is located in the watershed of the non-tidal portion of the Patapsco River. The sub watersheds that include Brooklyn Park have high levels of impervious surface, a low percentage of forest cover and low water quality that does not meet federal Clean Water Act standards. The primary water quality impacts are from excessive inputs of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediments (Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 2025). Brooklyn Park has a tree equity score of 72 out of 100, which is the lowest in the county, whereas Severna Park has a tree equity score of 96 (American Forests Tree Equity Score, 2021). Trees can play a significant role in the health of people, as tree covers provide shade and help cool neighborhoods. Lower temperatures also mean lower energy consumption and lower electricity bills.

Table 2: Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Health Indicators by ZIP Code In Anne Arundel County, 2023

Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Health Indicators by ZIP Code in Anne Arundel County, 2023							
ZIP Code	Area	Poverty Percentage	Percentage Without High School Diploma	Percentage of Households with SNAP	2023 ED Visit Rate per 1,000	Percentage Low Birthweight Infants (2018-2022)	Minority Population
20711	Lothian	13.4%	17.6%	7.8%	289.4	9.1%	40.4%
20724	Laurel	10.1%	7.5%	8.6%	220.6	9.5%	76.0%
20765	Galesville	9.8%	6.9%	19.0%	188.7	Suppressed	30.7%
20776	Harwood	7%	9.0%	11.0%	271.7	5.2%	23.9%
21060	Glen Burnie (East)	8.8%	8.8%	12.8%	298.0	8.3%	45.2%
21061	Glen Burnie (West)	9.0%	10.2%	13.2%	317.6	9.1%	50.0%
21122	Pasadena	5.0%	6.5%	6.5%	225.0	7.0%	19.5%
21144	Severn	4.7%	5.4%	7.4%	232.3	8.6%	56.9%
21225	Brooklyn Park	22.3%	21.0%	25.7%	379.9	12.1%	68.3%
21226	Curtis Bay	15.5%	12.6%	21.6%	250.3	9.5%	41.3%
21401	Annapolis	7.1%	4.4%	7.5%	276.0	6.6%	31.3%
21403	Eastport	4.9%	9.3%	4.8%	245.8	8.2%	35.4%
	Anne Arundel	5.5%	6.2%	6.5%	229.9	7.7%	37.3%
Red = Higher than county average U.S. Census American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2019-2023; HUD USPS ZIP code crosswalk files accessed 5/6/25; Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission Outpatient Files, 2023; Maryland Vital Statistics Administration Birth Files, 2018-2022							



Secondary Data by ENOUGH Pillar

Economically Secure Families

The highest percentage of poverty in Anne Arundel County is in the zip code that contains Brooklyn Park at 22.3 percent (more than 4 times the rate of the county average). Economic security is hampered by lack of childcare, lack of transportation, lack of internet access and low healthy food access, all of which act as barriers to a living wage.

Table 3: Selected Poverty Percentage Percentages by Zip Code, Anne Arundel County

Selected Poverty Percentages by ZIP Code, Anne Arundel County			
		2021	2023
ZIP Code	Area	Poverty Percentage	Poverty Percentage
21225	Brooklyn Park	25.1%	22.3%
21226	Curtis Bay	13.9%	15.5%
21060	Glen Burnie (East)	7%	8.8%
21061	Glen Burnie (West)	7.7%	9%
20714	North Beach	3.2%	6%
20751	Deale	1.8%	1.6%
20711	Lothian	11.5%	13.4%
21401	Annapolis	7.5%	7.1%
21403	Annapolis	8.6%	4.9%
20764	Shady Side	6%	6.9%
	Anne Arundel County	6.2%	5.7%
U.S Census Bureau American Community Survey 2021 5 Year Estimates, 2023 5 Year Estimates			

The median income for the Brooklyn Park zip code is \$50,069, under half of the county's average median income of \$116,548 (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Median Household Income, Anne Arundel County, 2023

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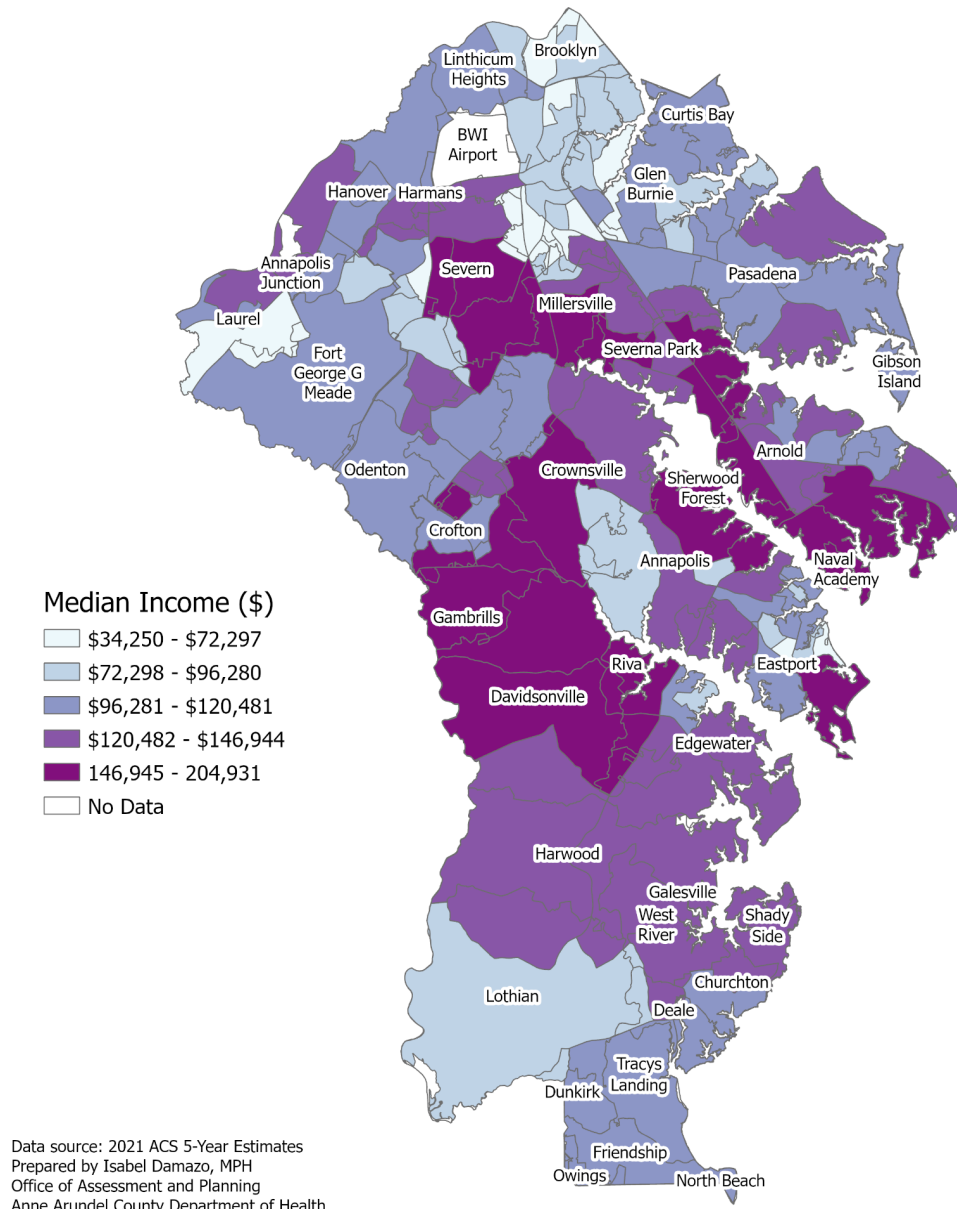
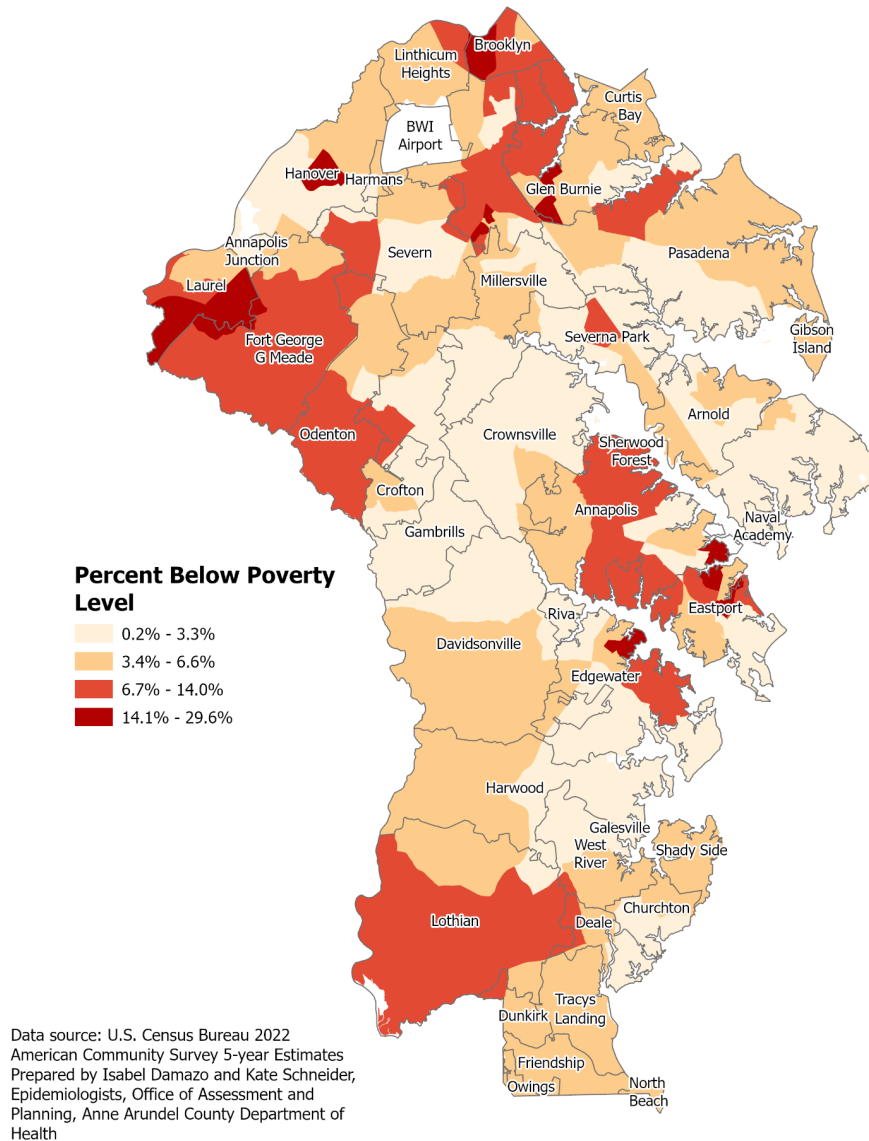


Figure 2: Percent of Population with Income Below Poverty Level, Anne Arundel County, 2022

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Pumphrey Census Tract

In the Pumphrey census tract, 40.1% of those under 18 are in poverty with an overall poverty rate of 22.7%. The median income is \$65,279.

Table 4: Census Tract 750201 (Pumphrey) and Overall County Poverty Data Comparison, 2023

Census Tract 750201 (Pumphrey) Overall County Poverty Data Comparison , 2023		
	2023	
	Census Tract 750201 (Pumphrey)	Anne Arundel
Children (Under 18) in Poverty	40.1%	7.1%
Overall Poverty	22.7%	5.6%
Percent with less than a high school diploma	6.5%	6.6%
Median income	\$65,279	\$103,255
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 - 2023		

Brooklyn Park has a higher percentage of renters. Of those renting, many find themselves rent overburdened, meaning that they spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing (Table 5).

Table 5: Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units Household Income and Monthly Housing Costs as Percentage of Income, 21225

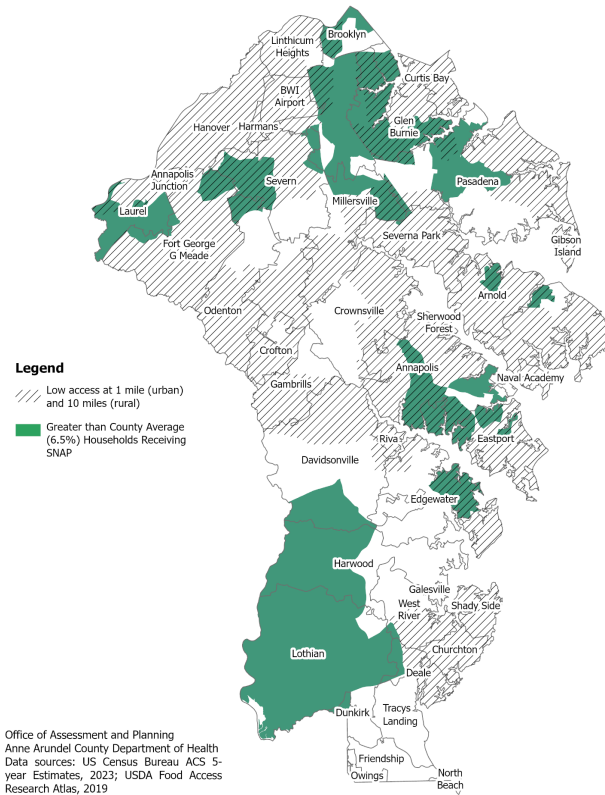
Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units Household Income and Monthly Housing Costs as Percentage of Income, 21225		
Income	% of renters	30% or more of income
\$20,000 to \$34,999	22.2%	16.5%
\$35,000 to \$44,999	12.9%	9.3%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.7%	3.4%
U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5 Year Estimates		

Food

Almost 25.7% or 3,326 households receive food stamps (SNAP) (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2023). The entire area is classed as a food desert; defined as an area without ready access to fresh, healthy and affordable food. There is one grocery store (Save-A-Lot) in Brooklyn Park and many residents rely on convenience stores and fast food options.

Figure 3: Households Receiving SNAP (2023) Access to Food (2019) Anne Arundel County

Households Receiving SNAP (2023) and Access to Food (2019),
Anne Arundel County



FARMS Numbers for Brooklyn Park Schools

The Free and Reduced Meals numbers for Brooklyn Park schools tell a similar story. They are higher than anywhere else in the county (Table 6).

Table 6: FARMS Percentage for Brooklyn Park Schools, 2023-2026 School Year

FARMS Percentage for Brooklyn Park Schools, 2023-2026			
	2023 - 2024	2024 -2025	2025 - 2026
Belle Grove Elementary	88.9%	91.5%	90.2%
Park Elementary	87.4%	88.4%	82.6%
Brooklyn Park Elementary	79.8%	84%	85.7%
Brooklyn Park Middle	70.8%	70.1%	69.6%
North County High	65%	65.3%	65.4%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023 - 2026			

Internet Access in Brooklyn Park

According to research, internet access increases neighborhood economic mobility by connecting people to higher-paying jobs, online education, entrepreneurship opportunities, and essential services like telehealth and government assistance. Expanding broadband access and training promotes workforce development and economic growth in underserved communities. Census tracts in Brooklyn Park are among the highest for households without a device and lowest for access to Broadband (Figures 4 and 5).

Figure 4: Households Without Broadband* by Census Tract, Anne Arundel County, 2023

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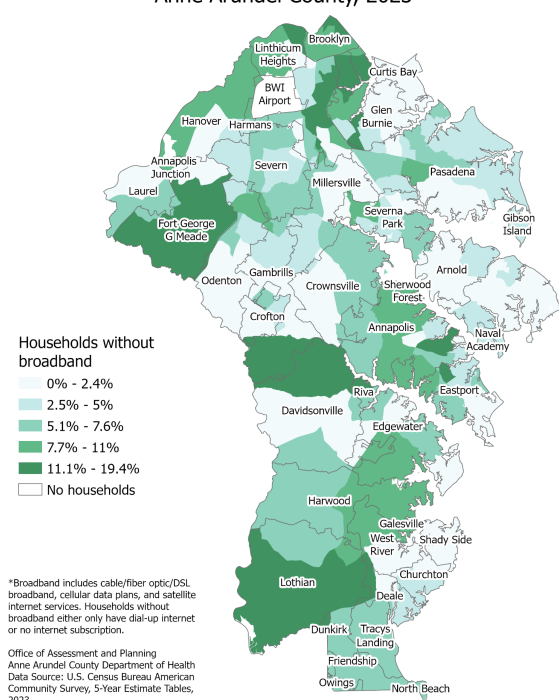
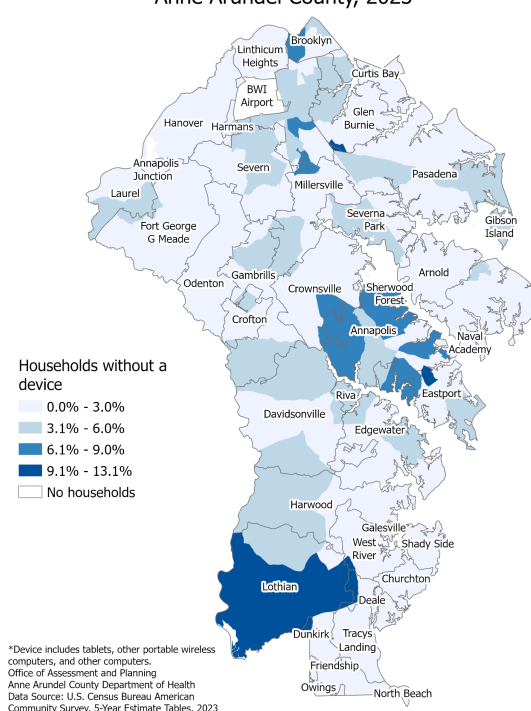


Figure 5: Households Without A Device* by Census Tract, Anne Arundel County, 2023

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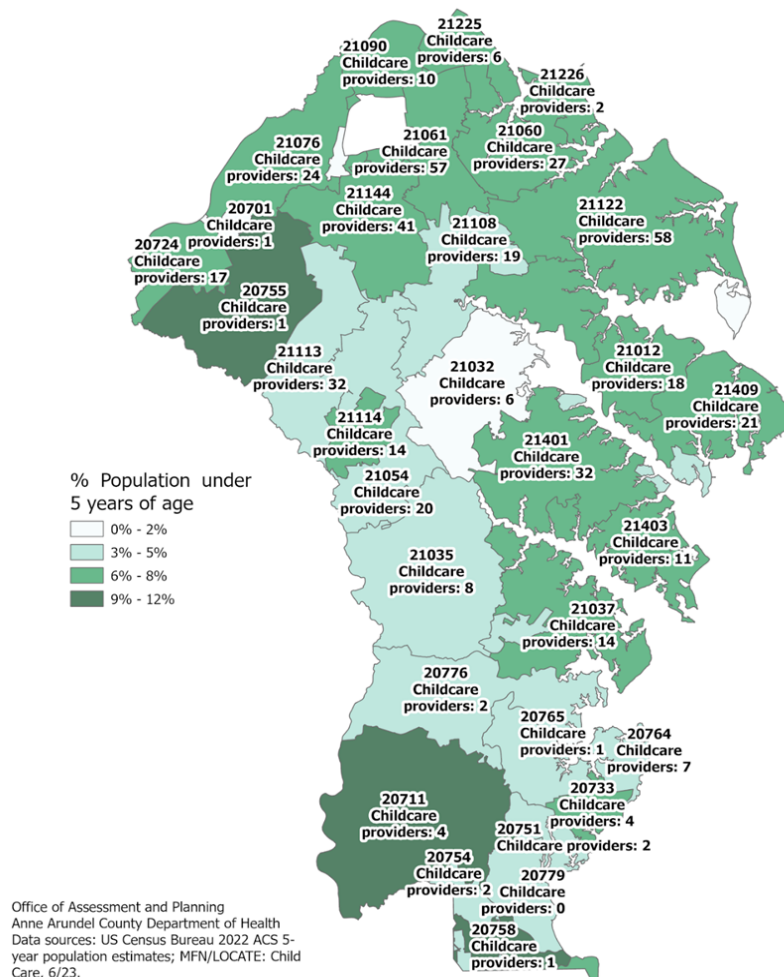


Number of Childcare Providers in Brooklyn Park

Brooklyn Park is a childcare desert and has the lowest facility and family childcare numbers in the county (Figure 6). There is one Head Start center at Lloyd Keaser Community Center, one childcare center and four family childcare providers. The lack of childcare creates issues for low income families where caregivers and sometimes older siblings need to work to ensure the family is economically stable.

Figure 6: Proportion of Population Under 5 Years of Age and Total Number of Childcare Providers By ZIP Code

Proportion of population under 5 years of age and total number of childcare providers by ZIP code, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Transportation

While Brooklyn Park is one of the most densely populated areas in the county, it has very few resources and services. Previously, there was only one bus route in Brooklyn Park, the number 69, that ran hourly and was not connected to employment routes. There have been small improvements like the addition of route number 70 that runs from Baltimore to Annapolis, and the county has added the Brooklyn Park connector, a small route from Brooklyn Park to Ferndale, connecting to the Cromwell Light Rail station in Glen Burnie. While there are improvements to transportation, it is still a struggle for those living in the area as many families either have no car or a shared vehicle that is old and unreliable. In Brooklyn Park, only 2 percent of residents work at home as opposed to the county average of 23 percent. That means residents are spending more dollars on childcare and transportation (Tables 7 and 8).

Table 7: Mode Split and Average Time to Work Comparison Table

	Brooklyn Park	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City
Average Travel Time to Work⁷	28.3 minutes	27 minutes	27.3 minutes
Drove Alone	82%	66%	54%
Carpooled	8%	7%	6%
Public Transit	6%	1%	8%
Bicycle	0%	0%	0%
Walk	2%	2%	5%
Other	1%	1%	3%
Worked at Home	2%	23%	24%

Table 2 Mode Split and Average Travel Time to Work Comparison Table⁸

Table 8: Anne Arundel County Households with no Vehicle Available by Zip Code, 2022 and 2023

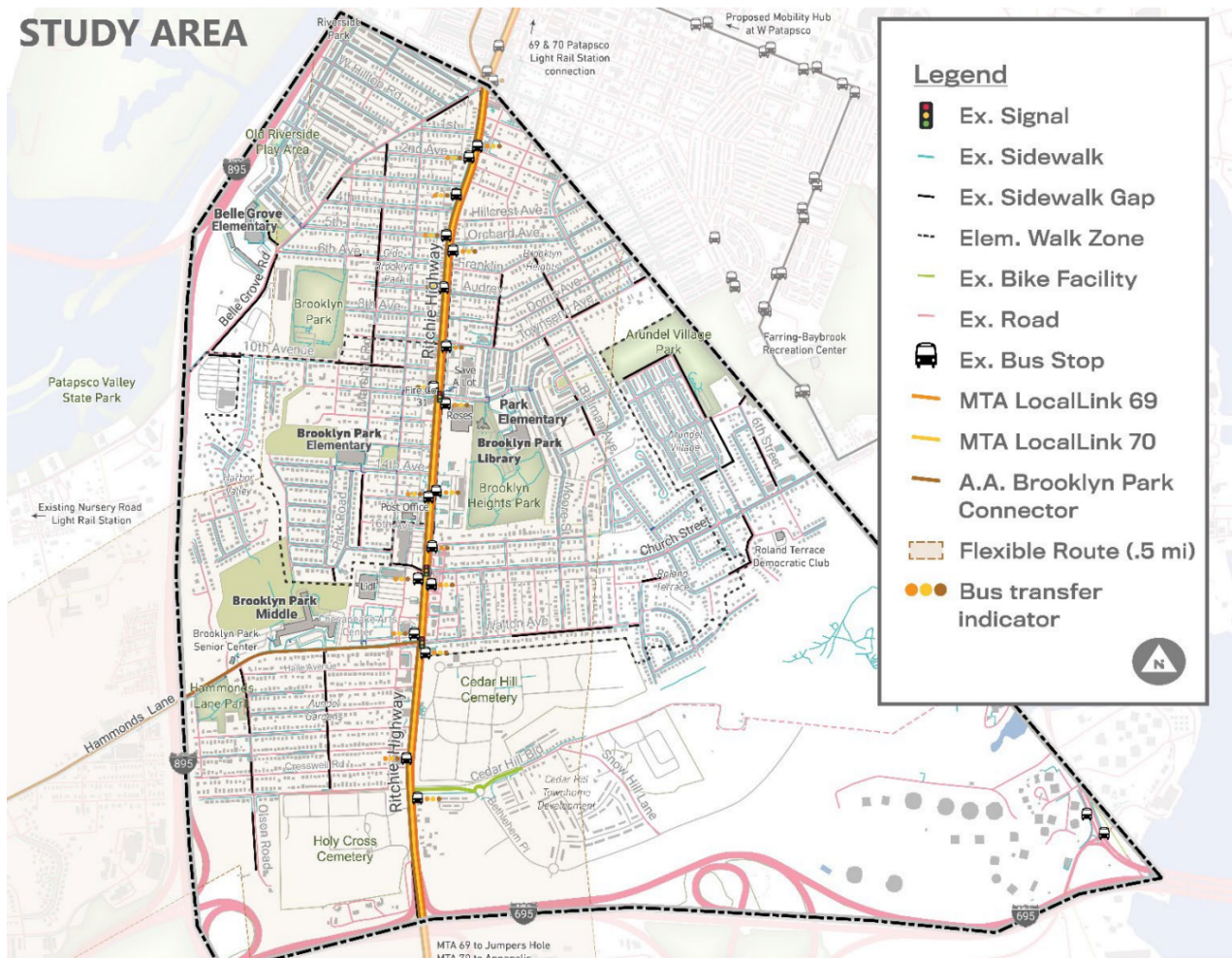
Households with No Vehicles by Zip Code				
2022			2023	
ZIP Code	# of Households without a car	% No vehicle available	# of Households without a car	% No vehicle available
21225	1,378	10.8%	1,550	12%
21226	110	4.4%	96	3.4%
21061	772	3.5%	754	3.4%
21401	554	3.1%	665	3.7%
20701	15	4.5%	25	6.5%
21054	294	5.6%	281	5.3%
21060	231	1.5%	220	1.4%
20716	237	2.7%	250	2.7%
Anne Arundel	4,212	1.9%	4,304	1.9%

American Community Survey 2023 1-year Estimate

Sidewalk issues in Brooklyn Park

Participants in this needs assessment commented on the lack of well-maintained sidewalks for families who need to walk for food, to take their children to school and to access appointments. (Figure 7). There are no school buses for elementary and middle school because the schools are within the 1.5-mile radius required by the public school system for a school bus pick up. Anecdotally, this increases the chronic absence rate - especially in winter.

Figure 7: Study Area Existing Conditions and Gap in Sidewalk Location



Healthy Families Pillar

Prenatal to 5

Brooklyn Park has the worst prenatal to 5 years old outcomes in the county, according to the most recent maternal health report completed by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health in 2025. The proportion of live births with late or no prenatal care is the highest in the county (Figure 8). The zip code has a 12% low birth weight compared to 7.7% for the County and highest rate of preterm births is 14% (Figures 9 and 10).

Figure 8: Proportion of Live Births with Late or No Prenatal Care Initiation by Zip Code, Arundel County, (2018-2022)

Proportion of Live Births with Late or No Prenatal Care Initiation,
Anne Arundel County, 2018-2022

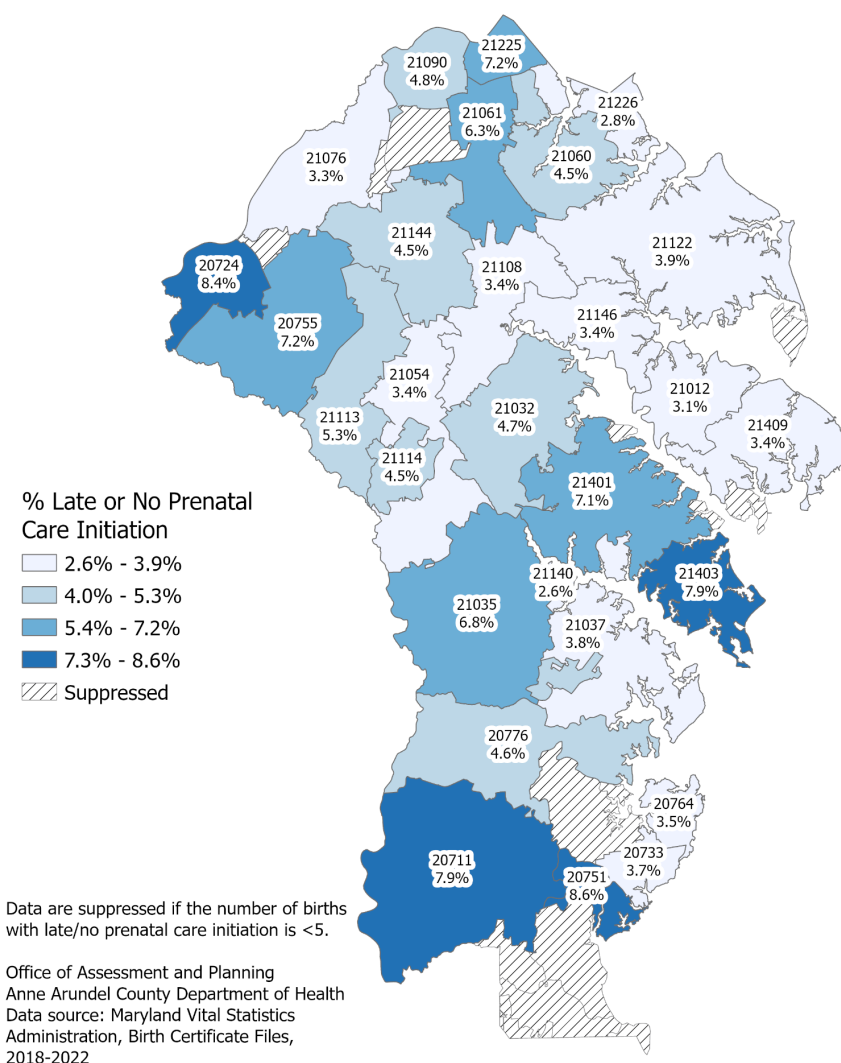


Figure 9: Above County Proportion of Births with Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams) by Zip Code, Arundel County, (2018-2022)

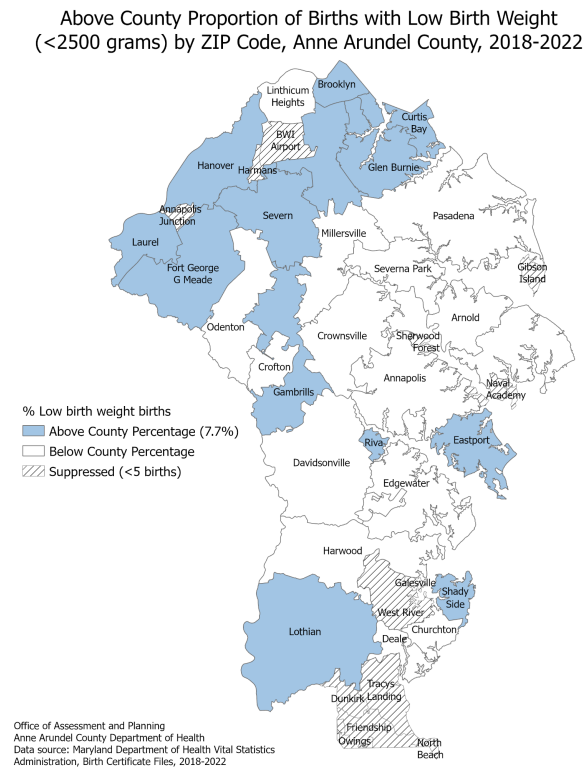
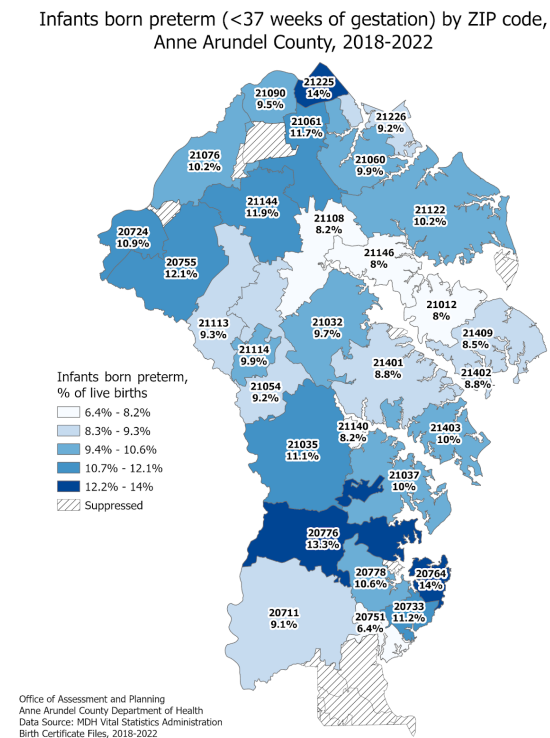


Figure 10: Infants Born Preterm (<37 Weeks of Gestation) by Zip Code, Arundel County, (2018-2022)



Environmental issues further inhibit the healthy development of Brooklyn Park children. The childhood lead registry shows that children in the Brooklyn Park zip code have five times the lead in blood levels compared with Severna Park children, our wealthiest zip code (Table 9).

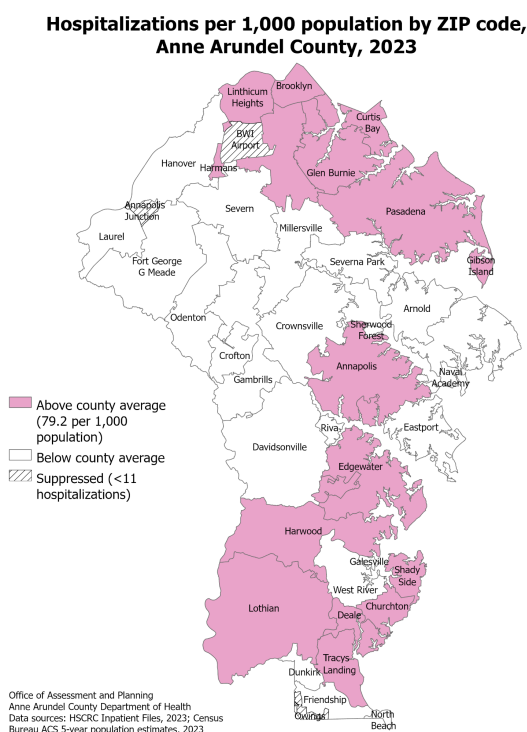
Table 9: Children with Elevated Blood Levels, New Cases (2019 - 2024)

Children with Elevated Blood Levels, New Cases (2019 - 2024)	
21225	23
21146	<5
Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 2025	

General Health Care

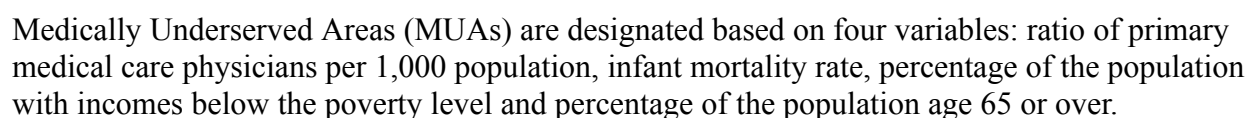
The nearest hospital in Brooklyn Park is Harbor in Baltimore. The lack of primary care and the rising social determinants of health for the neighborhood generally result in less preventive medicine and more hospital visits. When patterns of hospitalization are examined by ZIP code (Figure 11), they generally reflect the social determinants illustrated in Table 2. Zip code 21225, which contains Brooklyn Park, has the highest hospitalization rate of anywhere else in the county, most likely due to the lack of accessible primary health care and therefore lack of preventative care. Residents may wait until their health issue is more serious to seek care, especially those without access to health insurance. The only federally approved health center closed over six years ago. There are now two urgent care facilities. In 2025, Total Health Care opened a Federally Qualified Health Clinic in Brooklyn, less than two miles from Brooklyn Park, which will offer more health resources to Brooklyn Park residents, including primary care.

Figure 11: Hospitalizations per 1,000 Population by ZIP code, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as having shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers and may be geographic or facility-based. Brooklyn Park is both a Health Professional Shortage Area and a Medically Underserved Area (Figure 12).

Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas and/or Populations, Anne Arundel County, 2024



Substance Use

Substance Use is significantly more prevalent in neighborhoods like Brooklyn Park, often driven by a complex mix of risk factors and systemic inequities. Residents face chronic stress, economic instability, and limited access to healthcare, which creates a destructive cycle where poverty increases the risk of substance use, and addiction deepens poverty. Brooklyn Park has the third highest incidence of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses in the county (Table 10). It is among the top six areas in the county that have residents receiving state supported aid for substance and/or alcohol treatment. There are very few behavioral health facilities. In fact, most human services, including eligibility for benefits, public housing and workforce development, are located in Glen Burnie; a distance of almost 8 miles. There is already a treatment center in Brooklyn Park on Richie Highway. Community residents expressed the need to fix the underlying issues related to poverty rather than add more treatment centers to their neighborhood.

Table 10: Total Opioid Overdoses by Incident Zip Code Anne Arundel County, 2024

Incident ZIP Code	Total Opioid Overdoses by Incident ZIP Code Anne Arundel County, 2024					
	Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses		Fatal Opioid Overdoses		All Opioid Overdoses	
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
21061, Glen Burnie	52	16.6	16	18.6	68	17.0
21401, Annapolis	55	17.5	11	12.8	66	16.5
21225, Brooklyn	35	11.1	15	17.4	50	12.5
21122, Pasadena	38	12.1	7	8.1	45	11.3
21060, Glen Burnie	33	10.5	10	11.6	43	10.8
21403, Annapolis	20	6.4	4	4.7	24	6.0
21090, Linthicum	17	5.4	5	5.8	22	5.5
21032, Crownsville	9	2.9	2	2.3	11	2.8
21144, Severn	6	1.9	4	4.7	10	2.5
21037, Edgewater	5	1.6	2	2.3	7	1.8
21076, Hanover	6	1.9	1	1.2	7	1.8
Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Police Departments, 2024						

The number of EMS Naloxone doses administered over a 12 month period from July 2024 to June 2025 shows Brooklyn Park has over twice the number of anywhere else in the county (Table 11).

Table 11: Number of EMS Naloxone Administration Encounters by Zip Code July 2024-June 2025

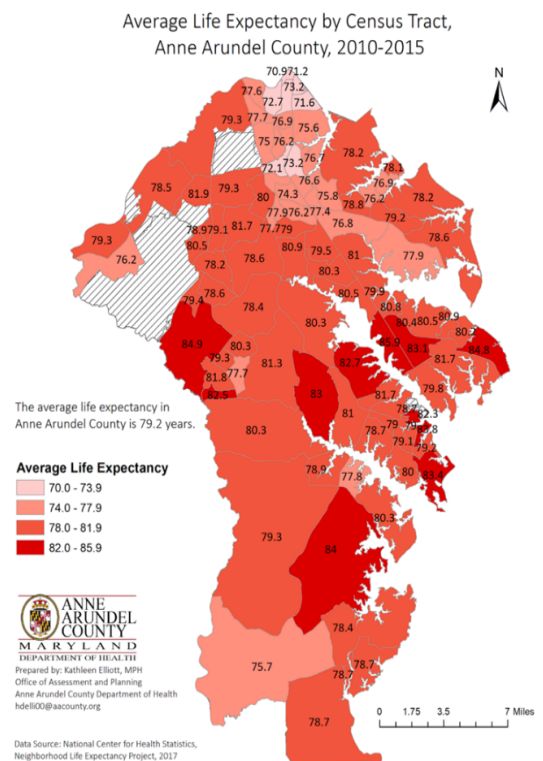
Number of EMS Naloxone Administration Encounters by Zip Code July 2024-June 2025	
Zip Code	Number of Encounters
21225	94
21060	32
21060	46
21144	12
21113	10
21122	42
21401	44
21403	30
21037	10
20711	11
Total	417

Maryland Institute for Emergency Services, 2025

Life Expectancy

Given the low prenatal care, birth outcomes, environmental issues and lack of health care, it's not surprising that life expectancy is lower in Brooklyn Park. According to the University of Florida Department of Physiology and Aging (2024), access to healthcare is one of the important indicators of life expectancy because it increases the likelihood of detecting and treating health conditions early. In contrast, those living in rural areas or without insurance are less likely to seek treatment, whether for preventative care or to address current health conditions. Other researchers have noted that factors such as poverty, food insecurity, and lack of access to education and employment opportunities can negatively impact health and life expectancy. According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2025), where we live may affect our chances of living a long, healthy life. Life expectancy can be up to 15 years longer for a resident living in Arnold as opposed to someone who lives in Brooklyn Park (Figure 13).

Figure 13: Anne Arundel County Average Life Expectancy by Census Tract, 2010-2015



Cradle to Career Education Pillar

K-12 Information

Brooklyn Park Schools

Belle Grove Elementary School serves the Pumphrey and Olde Brooklyn Park communities. As with the other Brooklyn Park schools, the student population is very diverse (Table 14 below). As well as being a community school, Belle Grove also has a Judy Center. Park Elementary serves the communities on the east side of Ritchie Highway (Brooklyn Heights and

Arundel Village). Brooklyn Park Elementary serves students in the Arundel Gardens neighborhoods. Third grade test scores are low for all elementary schools, especially Brooklyn Park Elementary (Tables 12 and 13).

Table 12: Third Grade English Proficient Test Scores by School

Third Grade English Proficient Test Scores by School			
School	2023	2024	2025
Belle Grove	26.6%	22.9%	29.7%
Brooklyn Park Elementary	31.4%	13%	28.8%
Park	46.5%	34.9%	39%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2026			

Table 13: Third Grade Math Proficient Test Scores by School

Third Grade Math Proficient Test Scores by School			
School	2023	2024	2025
Belle Grove	15.4%	16.7%	18.9%
Brooklyn Park Elementary	24.3%	14.5%	18.9%
Park	25.3%	30.1%	30.1%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025			

The designated community school in the Pumphrey Census Tract, Brooklyn Park Elementary, is highly diverse with a growing Hispanic population (Table 14).

Table 14: Belle Grove Elementary School Enrollment by Race

Belle Grove Elementary School Enrollment by Race						
	2023		2024		2025	
	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students
African American	69	22%	60	19%	68	22%
White	89	29%	91	29%	76	24.9%
Hispanic	113	36%	125	40%	129	42.2%
Asian	12	4%	11	3%	*	*
Total	311	100%	312	100%	305	100%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023 - 2025						

Table 15: Brooklyn Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race

Brooklyn Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race						
	2023		2024		2025	
	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students
African American	120	24.7%	111	22.8%	87	18.7%
White	155	32%	147	30.3%	133	28.7%
Hispanic	175	36.1%	188	38.7%	207	44.7%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	484	100%	485	100%	463	100%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023 - 2025						

Table 16: Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race

Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race						
	2023		2024		2025	
	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students
African American	119	23.4%	127	23%	130	24.1%
White	139	27.4%	133	24.1%	118	21.9%
Hispanic	191	37.6%	226	41%	230	42.7%
Asian	*	*	15	2.7%	*	*
Total	507	100%	551	100%	538	100%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023 - 2025						

Students are considered habitually or chronically absent if they are absent for 20 or more days during the school year. Students who miss more than 20 days of school in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the third grade. Students who cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school. According to Gubbels, van der Put, and Assink (2019), missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason (excused, unexcused or suspensions) in kindergarten leads to worse achievement in later grades. The impact was greatest on the children living in poverty with less resources to make up for lost time to learn in the classroom. Maryland Report Card shows percentages of not chronically absent, rather than percentages of chronically absent. However, it is clear that the chronic absence rate between 25 and 35 percent increases at the middle and high school level to almost 40% (Table 17).

Table 17: Students Not Chronically Absent, 2024

Students Not Chronically Absent, 2024-2025		
School	2024	2025
Belle Grove Elementary	70.1%	72.5%
Park Elementary	75.8%	70.9%
Brooklyn Park Elementary	72.9%	75.4%
Brooklyn Park Middle	60.2%	69.1%
North County High	60.5%	64.8%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025		

Brooklyn Park Middle School serves all children in Brooklyn Park. The 2024 eight grade proficiency tests show that under half the students are scoring at the proficient level in English, and only 5% of eighth grade students are scoring at the proficient level in Math.

Table 18: Brooklyn Park Middle School Enrollment by Race

Brooklyn Park Middle School Enrollment by Race						
	2023		2024		2025	
	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students
African American	196	25.2%	186	25%	196	25%
White	293	37.8%	238	31.9%	238	30.3%
Hispanic	194	25%	232	31.1%	268	34.1%
Asian	21	2.7%	21	2.8%	20	2.5%
Total	775	100%	744	100%	784	100%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023-2025						

Table 19: Eighth Grade English Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024

Eighth Grade English Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2025	
2024	2025
41.7%	43.2%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025	

Table 20: Eighth Grade Math Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024

Eighth Grade Math Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2025	
2024	2025
5%	13.2%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025	

North County High School serves Brooklyn Park children. When comparing overall school scores with Severna Park High School (situated in one of our wealthy neighborhoods) it is clear how the social determinants of health impact every level of success for Brooklyn Park children, including academic achievement and post secondary success. Only 64 percent of North County High School students are on track to graduate (Marland Report Card, 2025). The higher percentage of children with less than a high school education in Brooklyn Park is clearly illustrated in figure 14.

Table 21: North County High School Enrollment by Race

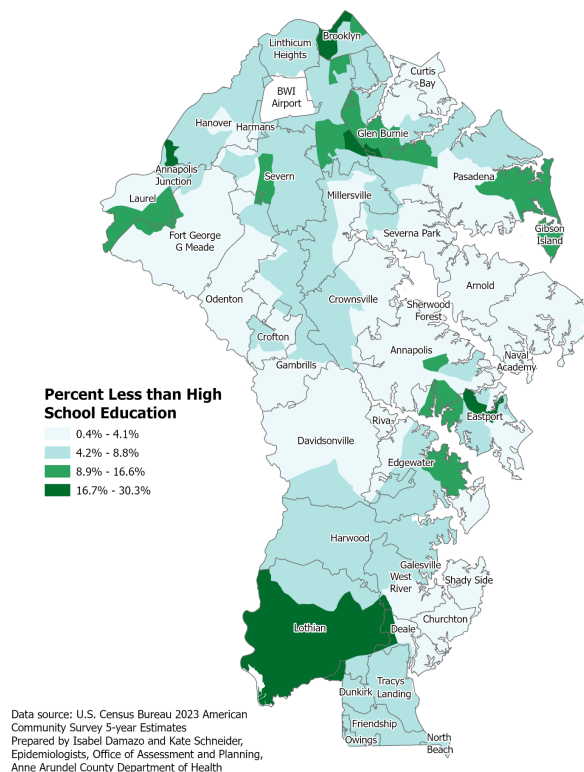
North County High School Enrollment by Race						
	2023		2024		2025	
	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students	# of Students	% of Students
African American	657	26.8%	677	27%	587	27.1%
White	881	35.9%	858	34.2%	697	32.2%
Hispanic	629	25.6%	707	28.2%	639	29.5%
Asian	122	4.9%	111	4.4%	92	4.2%
Total	2,451	100%	2,507	100%	2,161	100%
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2023-2025						

Table 22: How Did This School Do Overall? For North County High School 2023 - 2024

How Did This School Do Overall? For North County High School And Severna Park High School 2023 - 2024			
Indicator	Potential Points	North County Earned Points	Severna Park Earned Points
Academic Achievement	30.0	12.5	20.5
Graduation Rate	15.0	11.8	14.7
Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency	10.0	2.3	3.3
Readiness for Post-Secondary Success	10.0	7.2	9.8
School Quality and Student Success	35.0	12.4	25.5
Total	100.0	46.3	73.9
Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025			

Figure 14: Percent of Population with Less than High School Education, 25 Years or Older, Anne Arundel County, 2023

Percent of Population with Less than High School Education, 25 Years and Older, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Homeless Youth

According to the National Network for Youth (2025), youth from low income neighborhoods, where there is a lack of safe spaces and social support, are more likely to become homeless. The numbers of homeless youth in each Anne Arundel County Public Schools cluster follow the same geographic pattern as other social determinants of health for the county and is unevenly distributed. The numbers are higher in school feeders that cover zip codes that are disproportionately African American and low income (Table 23). The North County Feeder System, which includes the Brooklyn Park zip code, has the most homeless youth at 219, an almost 21 percent increase since 2022 (Table 23 and Figure 15).

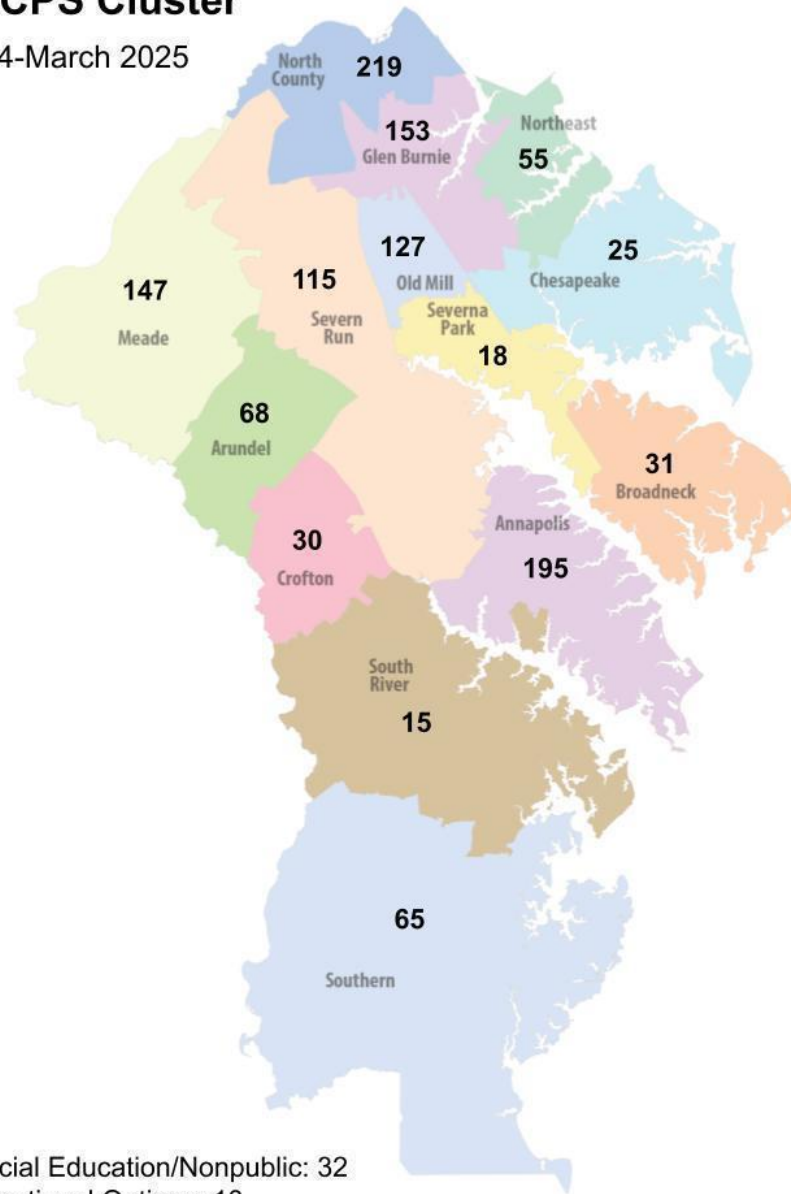
Table 23: Homeless Youth by School Feeder

Homeless Youth by School Feeder			
	2022	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	July 1, 2024 - March, 2025
Annapolis	144	173	195
Arundel	38	48	68
Broadneck	47	45	31
Charter	12	7	10
Chesapeake	33	23	25
Crofton	20	30	30
Glen Burnie	140	161	153
Meade	155	171	147
North County	173	209	219
Northeast	61	56	55
Old Mill	55	132	127
Severna Park	17	18	18
Severn Run	-	-	115
South River	25	14	15
Southern	71	97	65
Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2025			

Figure 15: County Homeless Public School Students by School Cluster

McKinney-Vento Students by AACPS Cluster

July 2024-March 2025



Safe and Thriving Communities

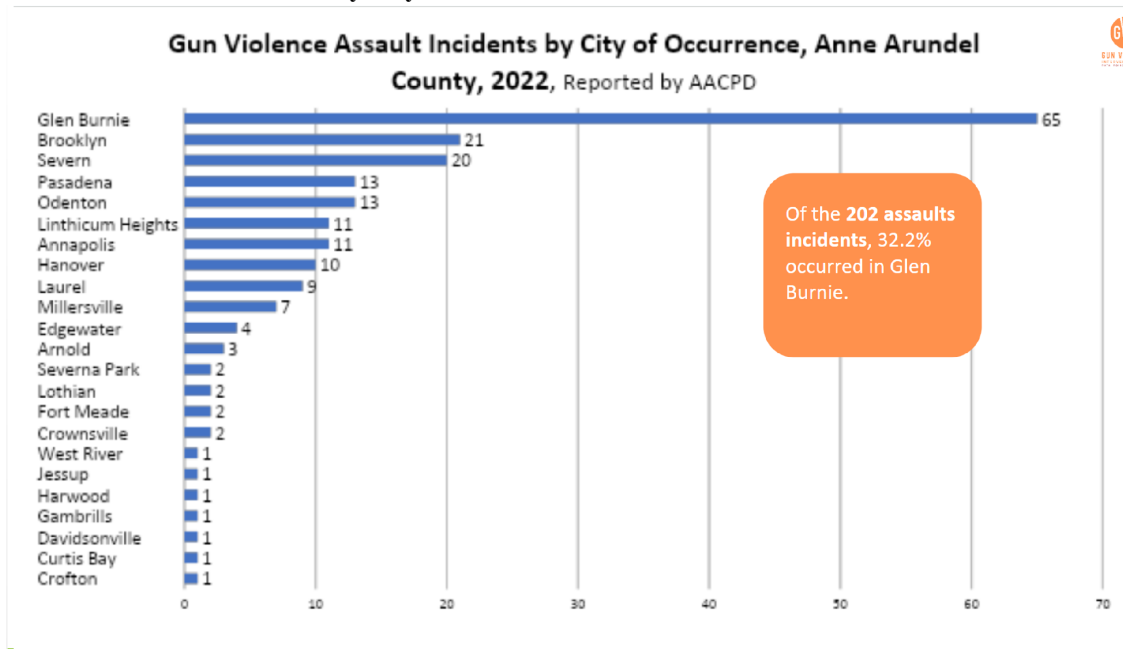
Brooklyn Park is in Police District 2, which has the highest arrest rate in the county. The Anne Arundel County Department of Health, through its Gun Violence Intervention Team (of which the Partnership is a member) has been tracking recovered gun and ERPO data. For both issues, North District is far higher than the rest of the county (Table 24). The Gun Violence Intervention Team has asked Cure Violence to conduct an assessment in Northern Anne Arundel County to determine if a Violence Interruption Program could be successfully implemented and 78 youth participated in a survey on school and community violence. The results will not be available until October 2025 but youth stressed the need for prevention measures, youth involvement and school based programming.

Table 24: Guns Recovered, ERPO's Filed, 2024

Guns recovered, ERPO's filed, 2024		
Police District	ERPOs Filed	Guns Recovered
Northern	21	88
Southern	15	34
Eastern	25	39
Western	10	14
Annapolis City	0	0
Anne Arundel County Gun Violence Intervention Team, 2025		

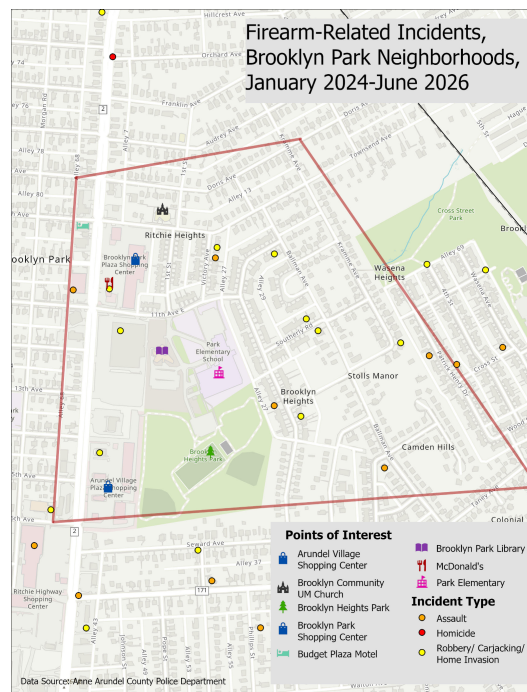
Brooklyn Park has the second highest rate of gun violence in the county (Figure 16) yet many community residents said they felt safe in their community and neighborhood.

Figure 16: Gun Violence Incidents by City of Occurrence



We worked with the epidemiologists at the Department of Health who are working on the CURE Violence program to generate a map of firearm incidents so we can pinpoint the most likely neighborhoods. See map below:

Figure 17: Firearm - Related Incidents, Brooklyn Park Neighborhoods, January 2024 - June 2026



The juvenile arrest rate at North County High School is among the highest in the county as can be seen from the map and chart below. Nearly half of all arrests for FY 2024-25 occurred in North County and Glen Burnie High Schools.

Figure 18: Juvenile Arrest Rate Data

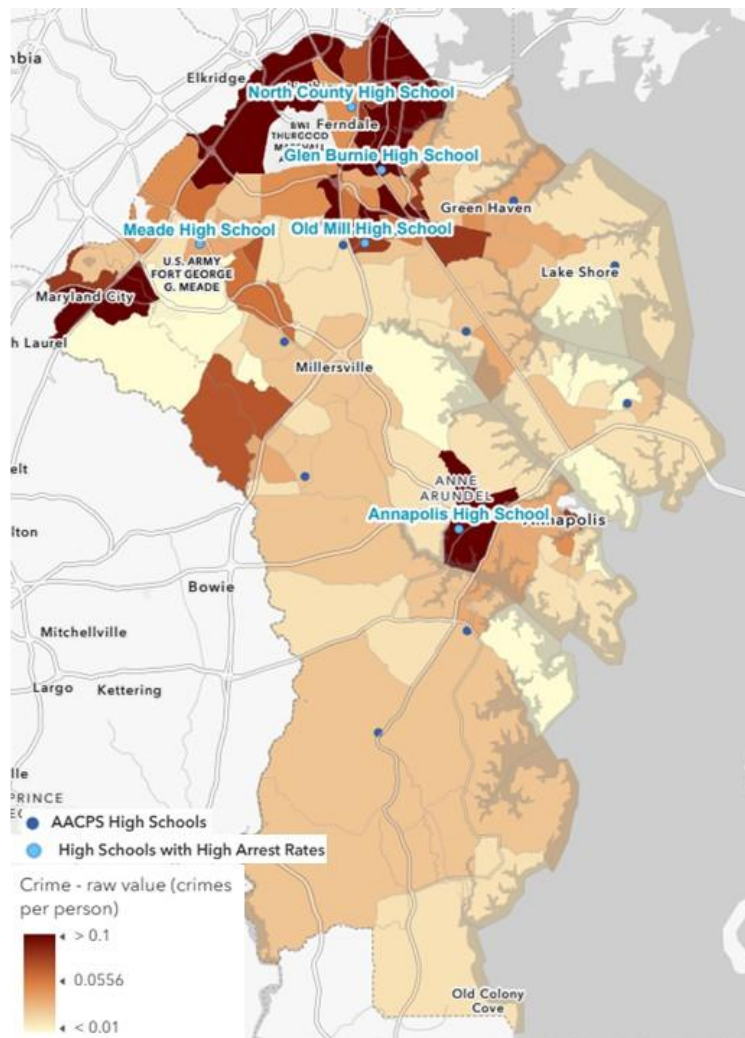
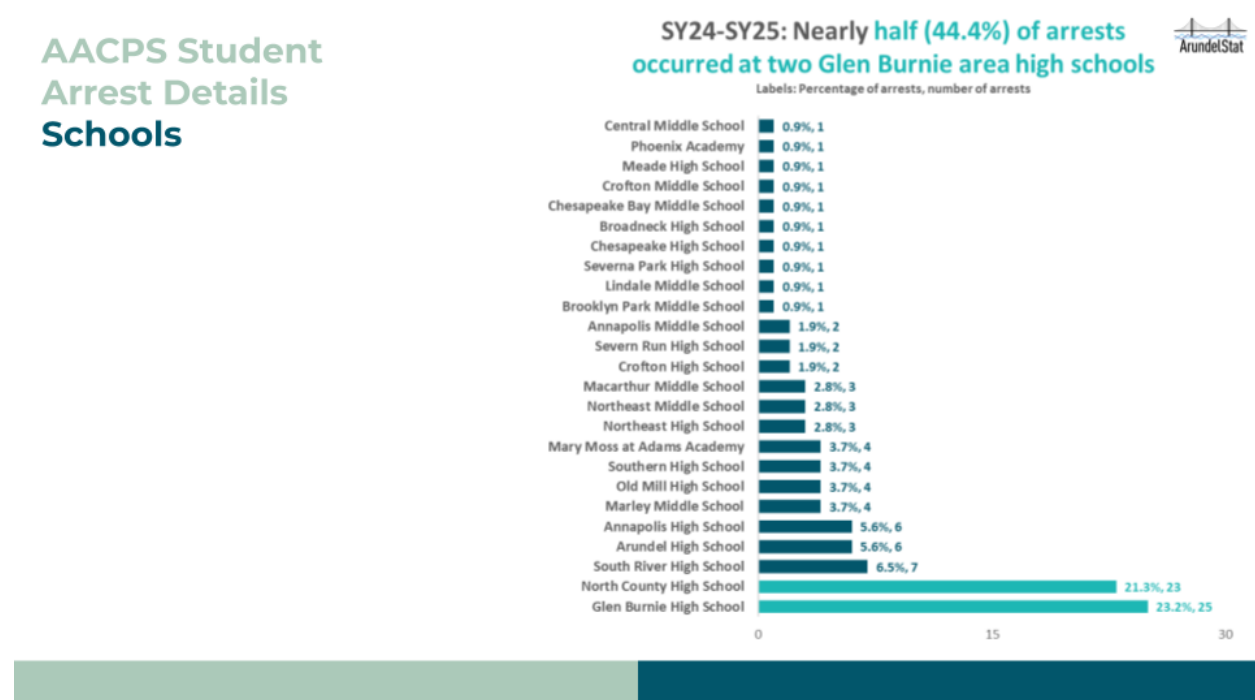


Figure 19: AACPS Student Arrest Details Schools SY24-SY25



In terms of sidewalk and road safety, serious incidents are commonplace related to the numbers of children and adults walking, the increase in traffic since the collapse of the Bay Bridge, and the unconnected and damaged sidewalks (Figure 20).

Figure 20: Sidewalk and Road Safety - Pedestrians and Drivers

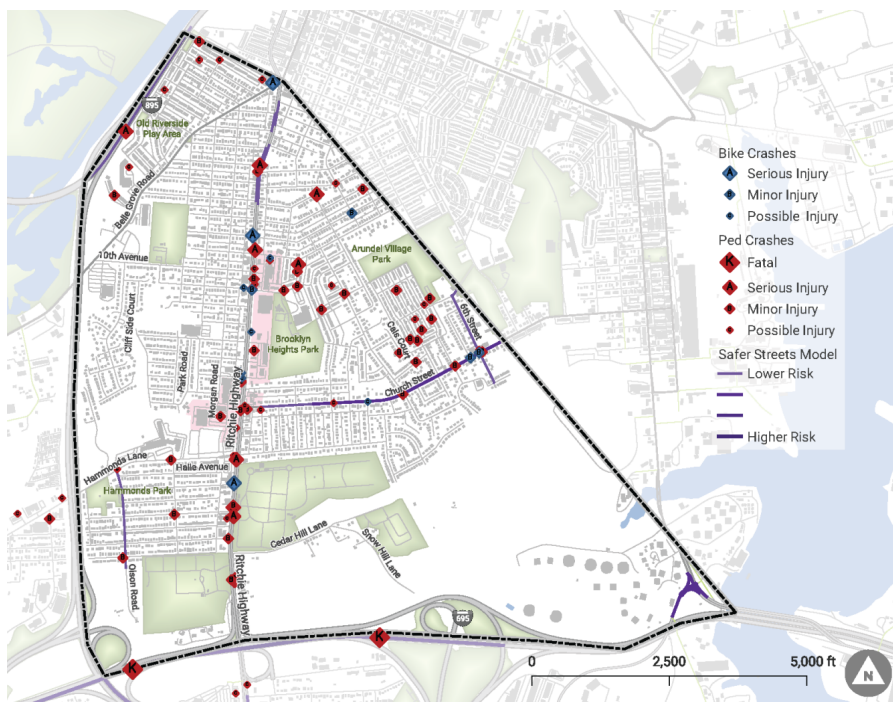


Figure 23 SSPF and Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes by Severity

Environmental Issues

Brooklyn Park is located in the watershed of the non-tidal portion of the Patapsco River. The sub watersheds that include Brooklyn Park have high levels of impervious surface, a low percentage of forest cover and low water quality that does not meet federal Clean Water Act standards. The primary water quality impacts are from excessive inputs of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediments. Brooklyn Park has a tree equity score of 72 out of 100, which is the lowest in the county, whereas Severna Park has a tree equity score of 96 (American Forests Tree Equity Score, 2021). Trees can play a significant role in the health of people, as tree covers provide shade and help cool neighborhoods. Lower temperatures also mean lower energy consumption and lower electricity bills.

One of our Youth Committee members, Jordan Plange, spent the summer looking at issues related to rainfall and bacteria in the water, particularly in neighborhoods like Brooklyn Park with poor and older sewer systems and made the comparison with some of the issues in Flint, Michigan. [Report linked here](#).

Other Assessments and Data leveraged

- [Governor's Office for Children data dashboard](#)
- [Asset mapping developed during the last three years of Community of Hope Meetings](#)
- [ArundelStat data dashboard](#)
- Epidemiologist mapping capacity at the Anne Arundel County Department of Health
- Secondary data gathered by the Anne Arundel County Food Council, the Early Childhood Taskforce, the [Gun Violence Taskforce](#), the Mental Health Taskforce, and the Maternal and Infant Health Task Force
- Data gathered for the [2025 Poverty Amidst Plenty Community Needs Assessment](#)
- [All Brooklyn Park Community schools ongoing needs assessment and analysis](#)

Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment Qualitative Section - What the Residents Said



Introduction

Using economic mobility and child poverty outcomes, we used open ended questions to gauge the opinions of residents of every age and race/ethnicity from a fourth grade class at Park Elementary to senior residents in the historically Black community of Patapsco Park/Pumphrey. Data collection began with our kick off meeting on January 23, 2025 and has continued over the last six months. Leadership team members used their own connections to hold neighborhood meetings and to talk with their neighbors. Our not-for-profit groups talked to youth and residents

they were connected to through their programming. We held focus groups with youth in afterschool programs. We gathered information at community events, food pantries and at community school meetings. We completed RBA turn-the-curves with the Leadership Team. Overall, using open-ended questions, we have gathered the opinions of over 850 residents related to improvements to the built environment, how to reduce poverty, and how to move residents to economic prosperity. The data came in through the following methods: handwritten on paper, in video format, in Excel spreadsheets, typed in Word and on turn-the-curve format. All data was read and reread using qualitative research techniques to search out families of data then themes. Overall, Brooklyn Park residents, young and old, like living in Brooklyn Park. It is quiet and peaceful, they know their neighbors, there's a sense of community, and some stores are walkable. Some had a sense that the neighborhood was part of Anne Arundel County, others described the area as a "suburb of Baltimore" or "South Baltimore." [Here is a file link to raw data collected.](#)

Brooklyn Park – Themes emerging from what they said

Youth

- **Give kids opportunities for sports:** Soccer, football, basketball court, volleyball, swimming - basically any sport
- **Things for kids to do:** Playground - especially with swings, indoor outdoor park, more community activities, field trips, roller skating, swimming pool (note lack of air conditioning mentioned several times)
- **Afterschool & weekends:** Tutoring, how to make money and be successful, student social hour, groups for young men, financial literacy
- **Services:** Transportation, Walmart, Air-conditioners, chrome books
- **Safety:** Police cameras
- **Barriers to success:** Driving schools cost, can't get to driving school.
- **Career:** No career readiness center, need help for those who don't see college in their future, access to apprenticeships. Need training help for cosmetology, hair, nails, streaming and social media
- **Opportunities for entrepreneurialism,** small business
- **Traffic Safety:** Roads are very dangerous. Hard for youth to play outside.
- **Food:** Community Kitchen at the Community Center to bring families/community together, turn old metro buses into mobile grocery stores

Adults

- **Connecting adults to livable wage jobs**
- **Affordable, accessible childcare**
- **Focus on jobs with a living wage for young adults new to the workforce:** training for youth: business workshops, tutoring, work study programs, financial management programs, coaching, apprenticeships

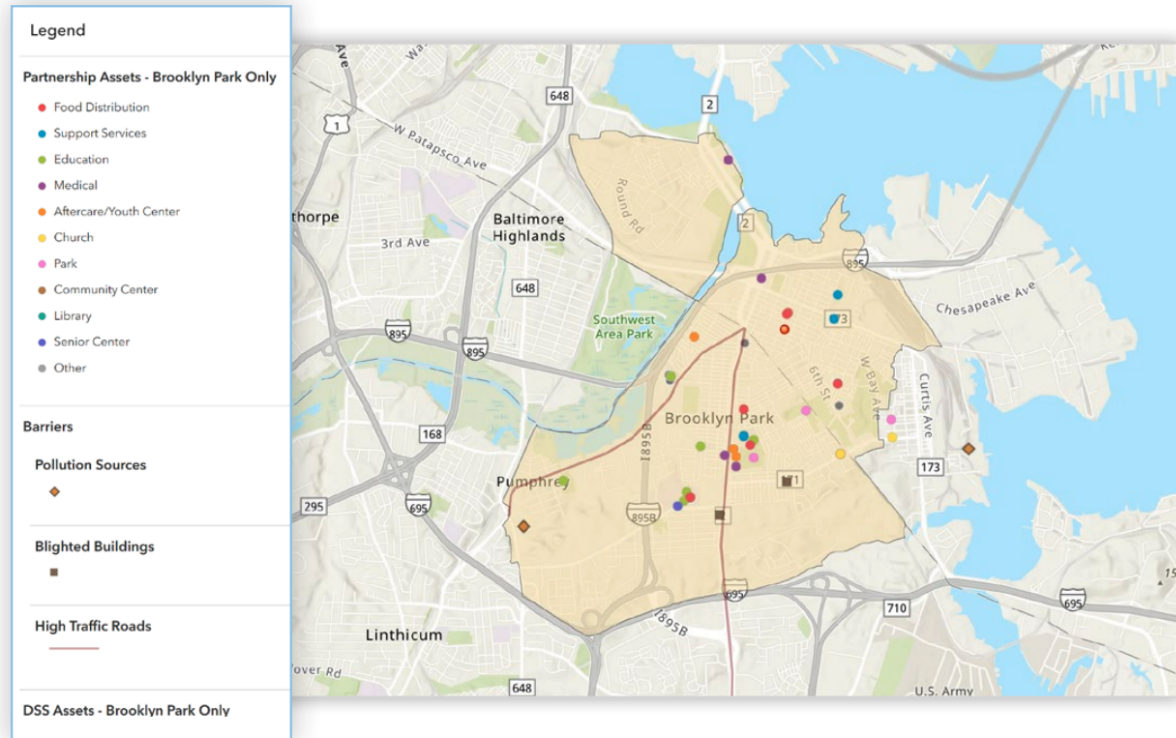
- **Soft skills:** Soft Skills, Money Skills, and Computer skills is mission critical for our neighbors (Youth Job Seekers)
- **0-5 population:** Free childcare, Pre-K, Headstart, Early Head Start
- **Things for youth to do:** After school, field trips, summer programs
- **Youth Life Coach:** Case management geared toward youth to fill in gaps that are missing in a single parent home or home with substance abuse, mentoring relationships who are bilingual and paid
- **Safety:** Speed bumps, traffic calming, police on bikes, Belle Grove Road. Traffic due to the Key Bridge.
- **Built Environment:** Upgrades to Lloyd Keaser Center
- **Health:** Rats, access to health care
- **Resources:** MH/SA, Help for homeless, elderly
- **Transportation**
- **Affordable, quality housing**
- **Youth and adult men groups**

Asset and Resource Mapping

The asset mapping for this project is an ongoing process that began in 2024 and uses several mechanisms to ensure that it is driven by community members, while incorporating ongoing engagement from critical partners and stakeholders. Needs assessment and asset mapping is an iterative process which will continue for the life of the project

- Initial inventory compiled by the partners in our Board and Guiding Coalition as part of our strategic planning sessions at the end of 2024.
- Assets were layered into a digital map with filters for specific asset types (like support services, education, parks, food distribution, church, medical, aftercare/youth center, library, community center, senior center, etc.).
- [Asset map](#) shared several times with Brooklyn Park Community of Hope members, ENOUGH leadership team and resident council
- Community and non-profit partners in the ENOUGH initiative began outreach to community members through local events, meetings, and community walks to gather information on resources not identified in the first iteration of the map, and to gather further details on intangible assets and resources that might be included in our inventory.
- Each iteration was reviewed by our Partner Team, Leadership Team, Resident Council and Youth Committee to ensure that our asset inventory and map were as comprehensive as possible and accurately reflected the community's collective assets and resources.
- Due East consultants worked with the Department of Social Services and the Behavioral Health Hub to overlay their services onto the asset map as part of their own planning processes. All 3 layers can be viewed separately or combined onto [a single, countywide asset map](#).

Figure 21: Brooklyn Park Asset and Barrier Map



Full Needs Assessment and Asset Map Summary

Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment Summary, January - August 2025

Pillar	Data: Summative	Data: Formative	Assets	Needs	Gaps
High Quality Childcare and Education	12% low birth weight compared to 7.7% for the County Highest percentage in the County of live births with no prenatal care initiation (14% in the ZIP Code) High preterm births 7.2% low birth weight Childcare desert (1 Center and 3 family providers) Low kindergarten readiness Low Academic achievement, math and english 3rd and eighth grade High chronic absence Graduation rates Sports Leagues (1) Homeless youth by school cluster (AACPS) Number of youth not in school and not working, 16-24 Lack of internet access and lack of equipment	After school and summer programs No outside educational tutoring No career support Drug use among youth Opportunities for sports (elementary school) Transportation to sports, programs, career, jobs Accessible career center Chrome books Job training for youth Soft Skills; money skills, and computer skills Youth life coach	2 strong after school programs Brooklyn Park library Brooklyn Park Youth Teams - Broncos for Football and Cyclones for Baseball North county high school community garden Judy Center Chesapeake Arts Center Youth Homelessness program and half way house Community center Lloyd Keaser building New fields and baseball courts at Brooklyn Park Middle School Recovery center Healthy Start program available but not necessarily for Brooklyn Park	Perinatal/birth programs Early Head Start Childcare Pre-K Tutoring Work Experience Job training Apprenticeships Entrepreneurial courses Transportation Youth sports Afterschool and weekend programming	Perinatal/birth programs Career programming Work opportunities Driving school Driving hours Small business training Sport and sport teams where youth live Swimming pool (splash pad ?) Parks to play in with swings

Healthy Families	12% low birth weight compared to 7.7% for the County Highest percentage in the County of live births with no prenatal care initiation (14% in the ZIP Code) High preterm births Poor access to healthy food Food desert Low access to primary care Low tree canopy (72% score), High opioid overdose rate Medically underserved area Health professional shortage area	Hard to access primary care Environmental issues at Pumphrey (Bellgrove Road) Rat problems More mental health services Substance use services Services for the elderly	Total FQRC in Brooklyn Maternal health task force Investing in Flourishing Design team and Model Telehealth in some community schools Rat task force School health center planning Substance use clinic Healthy food pantry Food pantry, Mobile food pantry Air conditioning Healthy start access School mental health clinics? School psychologist	Prenatal to three program Additional and flexible funding Community outreach and education program for families Better rat control Grocery store Primary care Prenatal care Healthy food Places outside to exercise Trees More mobile food pantries Substance use services Services for the elderly	Peer education and support for mothers Family centered, asset based life plans, supported by team Grocery store Rat contraception Healthy food Pregnancy/prenatal care/baby services Primary care Tree canopy planting Swimming pool/splash pad
Safe and Thriving Communities	Gun violence and fatalities Highest arrest rate Crash sites and pedestrian damage on Route 2 North County High School, (800 Brooklyn Park youth) Highest suspension rates in the county, highest rates of chronic absence Highest number of juvenile arrests	Environmental issues at Lloyd Keaser Lloyd Keaser building needs repair Roads dangerous - hard for kids to play outside Feeling of not being safe in some neighborhoods Outside lighting is an issue Unsafe streets	Police station Brooklyn park mobility study Sense of Neighborhood Thriving neighborhood associations Lloyd Keaser as a gathering place Community Center being built CEPTED study School and community events Community schools	Police on bikes Safety cameras Traffic calming Attend to Belle Grove Road Outdoor lighting Tree canopy	Community police officers Speed cushions, humps, bumps Parks
Economically Secure Families	Poverty rate Child poverty rate Median income FARMS rate Households receiving SNAP Internet access and equipment Numbers without a car	Lack of childcare Soaring rents High electricity bills Cost of childcare Liveable wage Transportation to get to a better job House repair	Library Lloyd Keaser Center Chesapeake Arts Center Career coach at library Mobility study North County Chamber of Commerce	Living wage Soft skills Computer skills Work study programs Financial management programs Upgrades to Lloyd Keaser Center Bank account Transportation	Centers closer to neighborhood Chrome books/internet access Deposit for house Grocery Store

	Numbers working at home		Strong Legislative support Service Coordinators at community schools - one speaks Spanish New portal for benefits	Living wage Affordable housing	
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Key Themes from Needs Assessment and Asset Mapping

Pillar	Themes
High Quality Childcare and Education	• Preschool to Kindergarten programming • Afterschool enrichment including academics • Work/career training • Entrepreneurialism • Chromebooks • Youth life coach/mentoring, boys and men's groups
Healthy Families	• Perinatal and parental support programs • Access to primary health care • Environmental issues impacting health - rats • Access to healthy food • Access to the outdoors - playgrounds, swings, pool • Sports for youth • Access to mental health and substance abuse resources, support for homeless, elderly
Safe and Thriving Communities	• Road and Traffic safety • Personal safety • Gun violence • Highest number of youth arrests • Air conditioners • Police Cameras • Upgrades to Lloyd Keaser
Economically Secure Families	• Achieving a living wage • Affordable housing • High cost of living • Cost of and access to child care • Lack of Transportation - barriers to transportation include driving school costs and driving hours