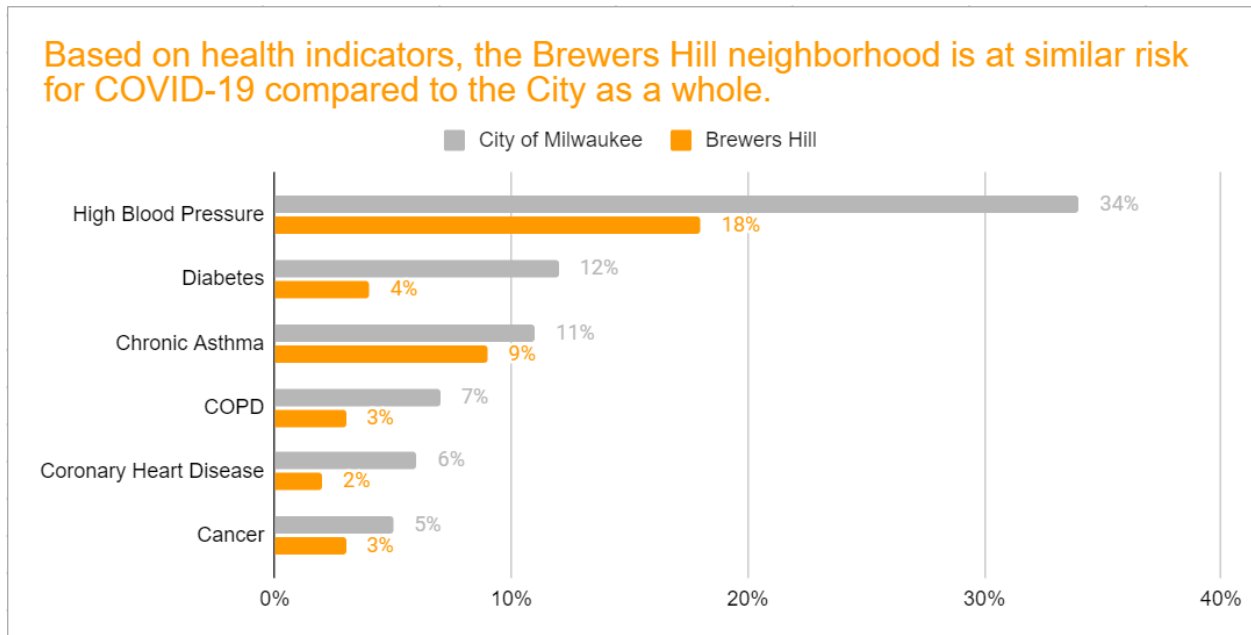


Health Conditions in the Brewers Hill Neighborhood A data digest from Data You Can Use

While we should all be taking extreme precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19, some factors put people in certain areas at greater risk. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified certain things that put people at higher risk for severe illness.¹ These include people of any age who have serious **underlying medical conditions** such as asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, COPD, and those who are immunocompromised including those being treated for cancer.

For those conditions, people in the Brewers Hill neighborhood have prevalence rates that are very similar to the average rate for the City of Milwaukee. The chart below shows the rate in Brewers Hill (orange) and for the City of Milwaukee (gray).



While the prevalence rates for these health conditions in Brewers Hill are no worse than the city averages, residents should still take extra precautions to avoid severe illness.

While people of all ages should follow the CDC guidelines, older people may be at risk for more severe complications from COVID-19. In Brewers Hill, 14% of the residents are age 55 or older, which is similar to the proportion of **older adults** in the City of Milwaukee as a whole (19%).

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

More recent data are indicating that people of any age with **severe obesity** might also be at risk. In Brewers Hill, 25% of the population are reported to be obese compared to 37% citywide

In addition to these health conditions, people's occupations can also affect their exposure to the virus. In the Brewers Hill neighborhood, 8% of employed residents work in the **service industry** – they may be in healthcare, food service, or be first responders and be more likely to be exposed to COVID-19.

Access to health care and testing can also be affected by **race and ethnicity**. The African American population has been disproportionately harmed by the coronavirus. **In the Brewers Hill neighborhood 48% of the population is African American** compared to 39% city wide. Health disparities mean this population may be overrepresented and underserved in this pandemic.

Finally, where uncertainty, fear, disruption of routine, and social isolation associated with the virus can negatively affect all of us, we need to be especially concerned about people with poor mental health. Eleven percent of residents of the Brewers Hill neighborhood report poor **mental health**. As with other health indicators, this is similar to the city average, which is 15%. Sharing support, resources, and suggestions for coping can be especially important for this population.

This "data digest" was prepared for the Thrive On collaboration with the hope that the information helps target your response in assisting those most vulnerable. It is based on 2014 census data from the American Community Survey, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the CDC Foundation who produce the 500 Cities report. You can find an interactive map with the data as well as the raw data at datayoucanuse.org Alex LaMarche, Katie Pritchard and Amy Rohan contributed to this report. January 2021. Your questions and feedback are welcome.