



# City Health Dashboard

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# Outline

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# Background

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# Need for the Dashboard

Mayors were interested in public health  
– but lacked health-related data



# City Health Dashboard

- Website with information on 500 largest cities in US
  - 37 measures of health and its drivers
  - Cities w/population >66,000
- Intuitive, easy to use, engaging
- Non-technical audiences
  - Non-profits
  - Government
- Valid & current data
- Analysis allows cross-city comparison



# Relationship to ACS

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# Metrics & Sources

## CLINICAL CARE

• Prenatal care	NVSS
• Primary care physicians	AMA
• Preventive services	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Dental care	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Uninsured	ACS

## HEALTH BEHAVIORS

• Teen births	NVSS
• Smoking	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Binge drinking	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Physical inactivity	500 Cities (BRFSS)

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

• Air pollution - particulate matter	ALA
• Park access	ParkServe®
• Walkability	Walk Score®
• Limited access to healthy foods	USDA
• Housing with potential lead risk	ACS
• Lead exposure risk index	ACS

## HEALTH OUTCOMES

• Breast cancer deaths	NVSS
• Premature deaths (all causes)	NVSS
• Cardiovascular disease deaths	NVSS
• Low birthweight	NVSS
• Colorectal cancer deaths	NVSS
• Opioid overdose deaths	NVSS
• Obesity	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Diabetes	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• High blood pressure	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Frequent physical distress	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Frequent mental distress	500 Cities (BRFSS)
• Life expectancy	USALEEP (NCHS)

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

• Absenteeism	NCES/Civil Rights
• Third-grade reading proficiency	State data
• High school graduation	State data
• Children in poverty	ACS
• Income inequality	ACS
• Neighborhood racial/ethnic segregation	ACS
• Racial/ethnic diversity	ACS
• Housing cost, excessive	ACS
• Unemployment	ACS
• Violent crime	UCR

# ACS Tables (American Fact Finder)

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Not listed: demographic information (DP05)

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DP04

Data Source	No. of metrics n (%)	Vintage	Demographic disaggregations (city-level)			Census tract data	Cost
			Race/ ethnicity	Sex	Age		
500 Cities Project Data, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	10 (27)	2018 Release				✓	
American Community Survey	9 (24)	2017, 5 Year Estimates (2013-2016 coming soon!)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Community Multiscale Air Quality model, US Environmental Protection Agency	1 (3)	2014				✓	
Uniform Crime Reporting, FBI	1 (3)	2017					
Multiple Cause of Death Data, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)	5 (14)	2014-2016	✓	✓			
Natality Data, NVSS, NCHS	3 (8)	2014-2016	✓				
Civil Rights Data Collection, National Center for Education Statistics	1 (3)	2015-16	✓	✓		✓	
ParkServe®	1 (3)	2017	✓				
State-based education data	2 (5)	Year varies by state	✓	✓			
U.S. Small-area Life Expectancy Estimates Project, NCHS	1 (3)	2010-15				✓	
Food Access Research Atlas, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture	1 (3)	2015	✓			✓	
Walk Score®	1 (3)	2018				✓	✓



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# Engaging with the Data: Two Highlights

1. Interactive Map
2. Data Visualizations – Metric Comparison

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*NOTE: This is a brief overview – check out the site for more!*

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  - [cityhealthdashboard.com/technical-documentation](https://cityhealthdashboard.com/technical-documentation)
  - [cityhealthdashboard.com/data-downloads](https://cityhealthdashboard.com/data-downloads)
    - .csv and .txt files
    - **API** coming soon!

# Interactive Map



# Data Visualizations – Metric Comparison

