

# Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health



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## What is Health?

- **World Health Organization**

*Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity*

- **Healthy People 2030 – U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

*Seeks to attain healthy, thriving lives and well-being free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death...improve the health and well-being of all*

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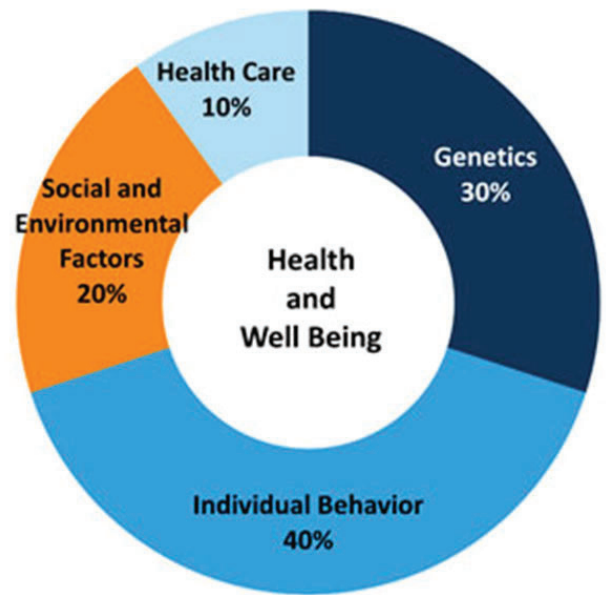


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# What Influences Health?

Our health is influenced by many variables, including categories including:

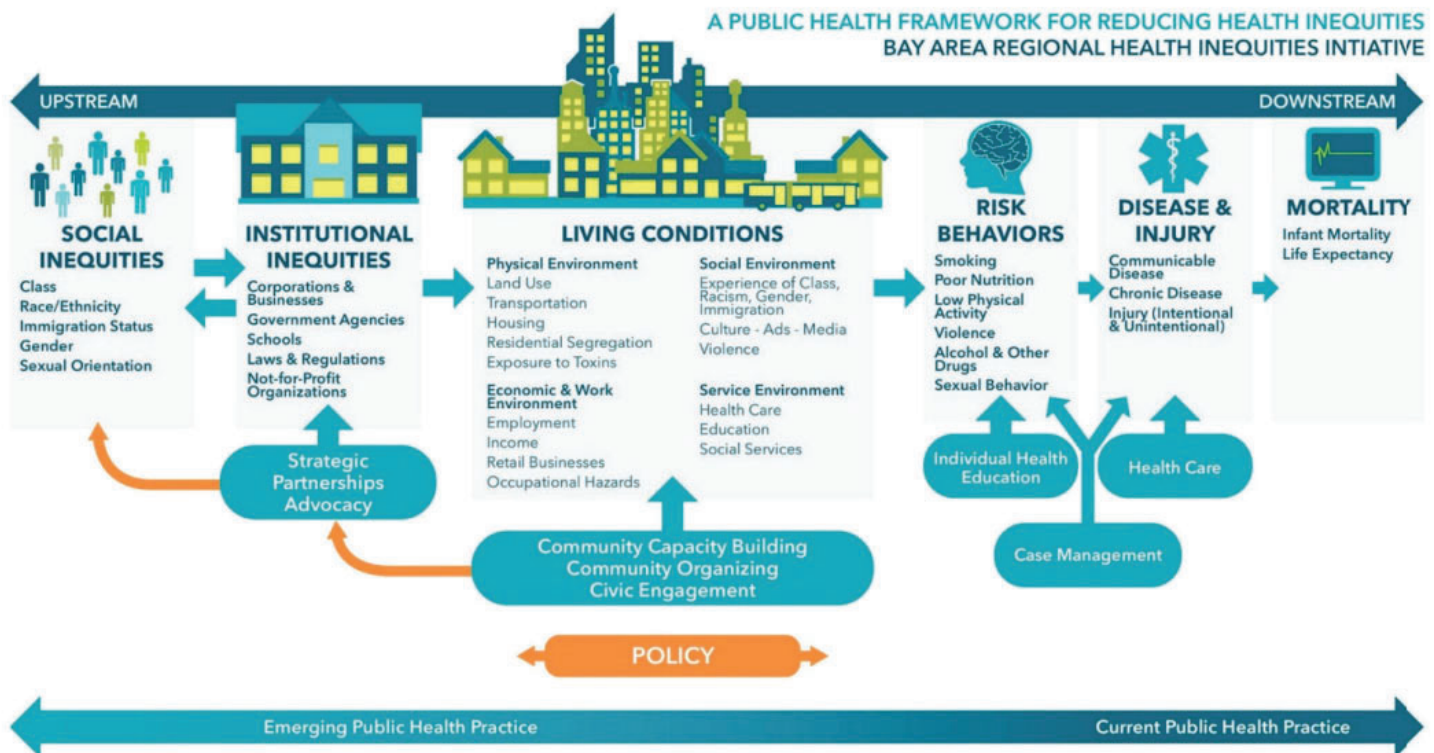
- Genetics
- Behavior
- Environmental exposures
- Healthcare
- Social factors



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# What are the Social Determinants of Health?

- **World Health Organization**

*Conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life*

- **Healthy People 2030**

*Conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks*

- “Social Drivers of Health”
- “Non-Medical Drivers of Health”
- “Health Related Social Needs”



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## Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Built Environment	Education Access and Quality	Social and Community Context	Health Care Access and Quality
Employment Housing Instability Food Insecurity Poverty  <u>HP 2030 Goal</u> Help people earn steady incomes that allow them to meet their health needs.	Access to Foods that Support Healthy Eating Patterns  Quality of Housing  Environmental Conditions  Crime & Violence  <u>HP 2030 Goal</u> Create neighborhoods that promote health & safety	Early Childhood Ed  High School Graduation  Enrollment in Higher Education  Literacy  <u>HP 2030 Goal</u> Increase educational opportunities and help children and adolescents do well in school.	Social Cohesion  Civic Participation  Discrimination  Incarceration   <u>HP2030 Goal</u> Increase social and community support.	Health Coverage  Access to Health Services & Quality  Health Literacy  Provider Linguistic and cultural competency  <u>HP2030 Goal</u> Increase access to comprehensive, high-quality health care services.

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**Health Outcomes**  
**Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations**

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