

Utah Healthy Places Index

Everyone deserves the opportunity to live a full and healthy life. The community conditions and neighborhood environments in which we are born, grow, live, work, and age can either support or undermine our health and well-being. We can work together to shape community conditions so that all Utahns have the opportunity to live healthy and safe lives.

The **Utah Healthy Places Index (HPI)** can help community leaders understand how different neighborhoods experience things known to impact health, such as education, job opportunities, and transportation. The Utah HPI includes policy guides that serve as a resource to identify policy solutions for healthier community conditions.



Addressing equity

The Utah Healthy Places Index helps address equity by:

- Properly framing equity issues facing communities as policy, systems, and environmental problems.
- Identifying neighborhoods where prevention efforts will make a difference.
- Highlighting upstream factors that contribute to poor outcomes.
- Applying a health equity lens to better target investments and resources.
- Bringing partners together around shared, accessible data to work together toward solutions.

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Using the Utah Healthy Places Index

Easy-to-use functionalities of the Utah HPI include:

- Comparing data across geographies.
- Filtering geographies by race, ethnicity, and country of origin.
- Accessing hundreds of decision-support layers, including health risk and protective factors; schools and education; and health outcomes.
- Data views by ZIP code, unincorporated areas, Utah Small Areas, counties, cities, and other geographic units.
- Side-by-side map comparisons.
- Policy guides tailored to the needs of communities.

Partnerships

The Utah Department of Health and Human Services Office of Health Promotion and Prevention led the development of the Utah HPI in collaboration with nearly 100 state, local, and community partners. Partners provided input on indicators and policies and helped make sure the tool is relevant to Utah communities.

The Utah HPI was developed in partnership with the [Public Health Alliance of Southern California](#), creators of the [California Healthy Places Index™](#).

