

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 lives.

The **Utah Healthy Places Index (HPI)** can help community leaders understand how different neighborhoods experience the community conditions 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 HPI 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 inequity 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 HPI

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 measures of equity, diversity, and inclusion; schools and education; and health outcomes
- Data views by zip code, unincorporated areas, Utah small areas, counties, cities, and other meaningful geographic units
- Side-by-side map comparisons
- Policy guides tailored to the needs of communities

Partnerships

The Office of Health Promotion and Prevention led the development of the Utah HPI in collaboration with nearly 100 multi-sector partners. Partners provided input on indicators and policies and helped ensure the tool is relevant to Utah communities.

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

