



Healthy People 2020 Approach to Social Determinants of Health

A “place-based” organizing framework, reflecting five (5) key areas of social determinants of health (SDOH), was developed by Healthy People 2020.

These five key areas (determinants) include:

- Economic Stability
- Education
- Social and Community Context
- Health and Health Care
- Neighborhood and Built Environment

Each of these five determinant areas reflects a number of critical components/key issues that make up the underlying factors in the arena of SDOH.

- **Economic Stability**
 - Poverty
 - Employment
 - Food Security
 - Housing Stability
- **Education**
 - High School Graduation
 - Enrollment in Higher Education
 - Language and Literacy
 - Early Childhood Education and Development
- **Social and Community Context**
 - Social Cohesion
 - Civic Participation
 - Perceptions of Discrimination and Equity
 - Incarceration/Institutionalization
- **Health and Health Care**
 - Access to Health Care
 - Access to Primary Care
 - Health Literacy
- **Neighborhood and Built Environment**
 - Access to Healthy Foods
 - Quality of Housing
 - Crime and Violence
 - Environmental Conditions

This organizing framework has been used to establish an initial set of objectives for the topic area as well as to identify existing Healthy People objectives (i.e., in other topic areas) that are complementary and highly relevant to social determinants. It is anticipated that additional objectives will continue to be developed throughout the decade.

In addition, the organizing framework has been used to identify an initial set of evidence-based resources and other key tools/examples of how a social determinants approach is or may be implemented at a state and local level.