

Racial and Social Equity Index

The Racial and Social Equity Index, produced by the Office of Planning & Community Development, is a tool to aid in the identification of City planning, program, and investment priorities.

The index is best used as a starting point to be considered with other information relevant to the intended purpose.

The index includes:

- Race, ELL, and Origins**
 (shares of population who are)
 - Persons of color
 - English language learners
 - Foreign born
- Socioeconomic Disadvantage**
 (shares of population with)
 - Income below 200 percent of poverty level
 - Educational attainment less than a bachelor's degree
- Health Disadvantage**
 - No leisure-time physical activity
 - Diagnosed diabetes
 - Obesity
 - Mental health not good
 - Asthma
 - Low life expectancy at birth
 - Disability

Legend
(map numbers are tract identifiers)

- Lower disadvantage and priority
- Higher disadvantage and priority

Sources: Estimates from the 2012-2016 five-year American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau; 2014 and 2015 small area estimates from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) published in the "The 500 Cities Project," U.S. Centers for Disease Control; 2011-2015 averages from the Washington Tracking Network (WTN), WA State Department of Health; and estimates from Public Health – Seattle & King County.

Notes: Language is for population age 5 and older. Educational attainment is for the population age 25 and over. Life expectancy refers to life expectancy at birth. Other health measures based on percentages of the adult population.

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