

Lecture 01 What is Public Health?

General overview and introduction Michal Koščík

Public health

"the science and art of preventing disease", prolonging life and improving quality of life through organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, communities and individuals.

Public Health as a Social Effort

What the society should do:

- Make sure people do not get ill in the first place
- Make sure infectious diseases do not spread too quickly
- Make sure people have access to healthcare when needed

What Individuals should do

• make responsible lifestyle choices

What healthcare providers should do

- Organize health services in an efficient way
- Improve quality of healthcare

Public health as a school subject

Traditional Central-European concept

- "preventive disciplines"
 - hygiene,
 - epidemiology,
 - microbiology
 - occupational medicine.

Western European concept

Health protection

• To protect the health of populations against communicable disease and environmental hazards

Health improvement

• To instil key principles of population health and prevention in managing and preventing clinical conditions.

Organization of health services

• To understand the framework within which health care is delivered

Improving the quality of health services

Improving the quality of health services

Public health at Masaryk university

Public health I – Epidemiology (1st semester)

- Basic Concepts
- Epidemiology
- Social medicine
- Fundamental research skills

Public health II – Health protection (3rd semester)

- Population health
- Protection of health from environmental hazards

Public health III – Health improvement (9th semester)

- Prevention of communitable diseases
- Public health promotion
- Nutrition
- Healthy lifestyle

Public health IV – Management of healthcare (10th semester)

- Health law
- Health economics
- Management of quality



Public Health at Masaryk university

- Lectures
 - This semester only on-line
 - Not compulsory
- Seminars
 - Attendance compulsory
 - Active participation and completion of tasks and assignments
- Final test
 - After each semester written test
- State exam
 - Synthetic state exam in your last year (6th year).



Public Health as a combination of disciplines

Social medicine

Analyzes the health situation in the society

• Population health

Assesses impacts of societal circumstances of the population health (health determinants)

- Biological
- Social (cultural)
- Environmental

The goal is healthier society overall

The study and analysis of the distribution (who, when, and where), patterns and determinants of health and disease conditions in defined populations

Epidemiology

Basic skill and independent discipline

The goal is to understand how to identify disease outbreak and intervene

Preventive medicine

Primary prevention

• Health promotion

Secondary prevention

 prevent an asymptomatic disease from progressing to symptomatic disease

Tertiary prevention

• Reduce the damage caused by the disease

Hygiene

Practices to protect human health

- Desinfection
- Waste disposal
- Sanitization
- Sterilization
- Laundry safety
- Food safety

Health policy

Health in all policies principle

Legislative, economic and actual measures taken to protect population health

On global, national and regional levels

Health Management

Organisation of healthcare provider,

• to efficiently allocate sources within the institution,

The objective is quality and cost-efficiency

Health Economics

Resources are limited in every society

Healthcare rationing

• using resources where they are needed the most

The objective is the "cost benefit" of healthcare

Health law

Regulates behaviour of all actors

- Patients
- Physicians
- Institutions
- Insurance companies

The objective

• functioning and transparent system and respect to individual rights of a patient

Public health

Collective effort of everyone

- Individual
- Political
- Institutional

Physician

- Has to understand the context in order to make informed decisions
- Has to be able to understand the system to collaborate

Determinants of health

What keeps population healthy?

Health

WHO:

• state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity

bio-medical model of health

- is body that operates efficiently just like a machine. Any breakdown in the body system means that the latter is not healthy
- Disease: set of signs and symptoms and medically diagnosed pathological abnormalities.
- Ilness: how individuals experience disease.

Socioecological model of health

• a wide range of factors that are individual, interpersonal, organizational, social, environmental, political, and economic



See definitions in:



noun

noun: determinant; plural noun: determinants

- a factor which decisively affects the nature or outcome of something.
 "pure force of will was the main determinant of his success"
 - BIOLOGY
 a gene or other factor which determines the character and development of a cell or cells in an organism, a set of which forms an individual's idiotype.
- MATHEMATICS

 a quantity obtained by the addition of products of the elements of a square matrix according to a given rule.

adjective

adjective: determinant

serving to determine or decide something.

Origin



early 17th century: from Latin determinant-'determining', from the verb determinare (see determine).

Major groups of health determinants

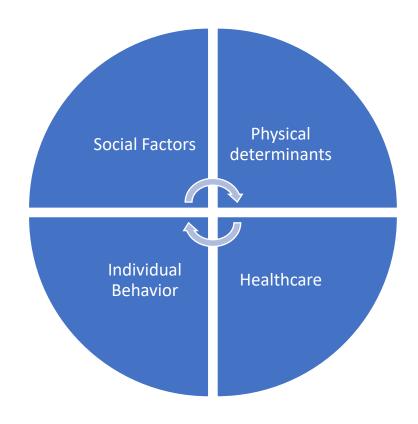
Biology and genetics Physical determinants Social determinants Health services Public policies Individual behaviour

Taxonomy of health determinants

- Not universal
- Each country/reagion agency has its own terminology
- The concept of determinants is not contested and questioned

• Natural environment, such as plants, • Availability of resources to meet daily needs, such weather, or climate change as educational and job opportunities, living wages, • Built environment, such as buildings or or healthful foods transportation • Social norms and attitudes, such as discrimination Worksites, schools, and recreational • Exposure to crime, violence, and social disorder, settings such as the presence of trash • Housing, homes, and neighborhoods • Social support and social interactions • Exposure to toxic substances and • Exposure to mass media other physical hazards • Socioeconomic conditions, poverty Physical Physical barriers, especially for people Quality schools **Social Factors** with disabilities • Transportation options determinants Aesthetic elements, such as good Public safety ighting, trees, or benches • Residential segregation Individual Healthcare Diet Lack of availability Behavior Physical activity • High cost Alcohol, cigarette, and other drug use • Lack of insurance coverage Hand washing Limited language access

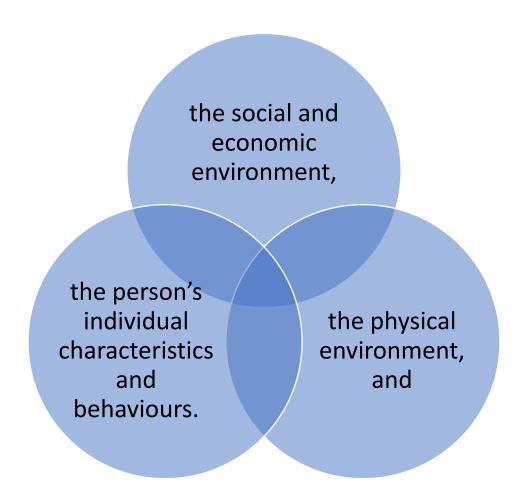
USA (healthypeople.gov)



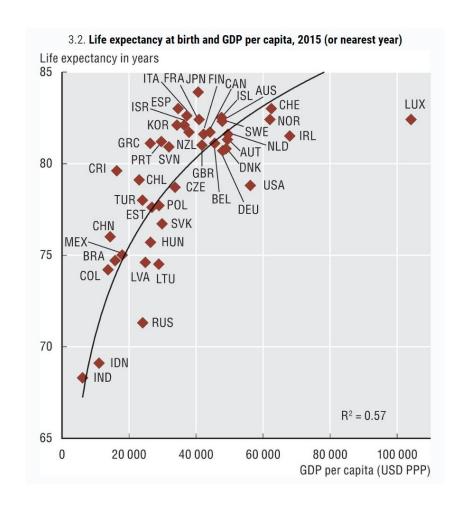
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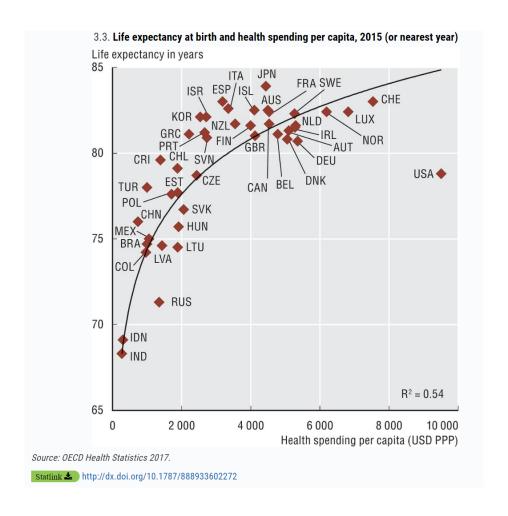
Income and social status Employment and working conditions Education and literacy Childhood experiences Physical environments Social supports and coping skills Healthy behaviours Access to health services Biology and genetic endowment Gender Culture Race / Racism

WHO taxonomy



OECD Data





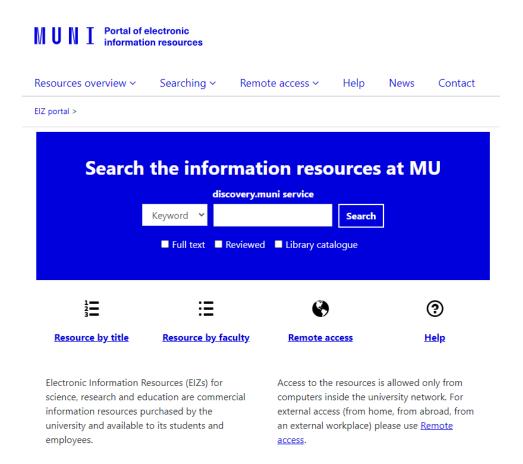
Social determinants of health in accordance to WHO

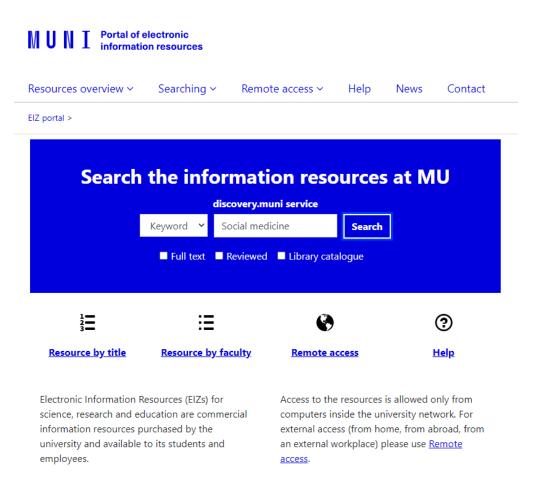
Income and social protection Education Unemployment and job security Working life conditions Food insecurity Housing, basic amenities and the environment Early childhood development Social support and inclusion Structural conflict Access to affordable health services of decent quality.

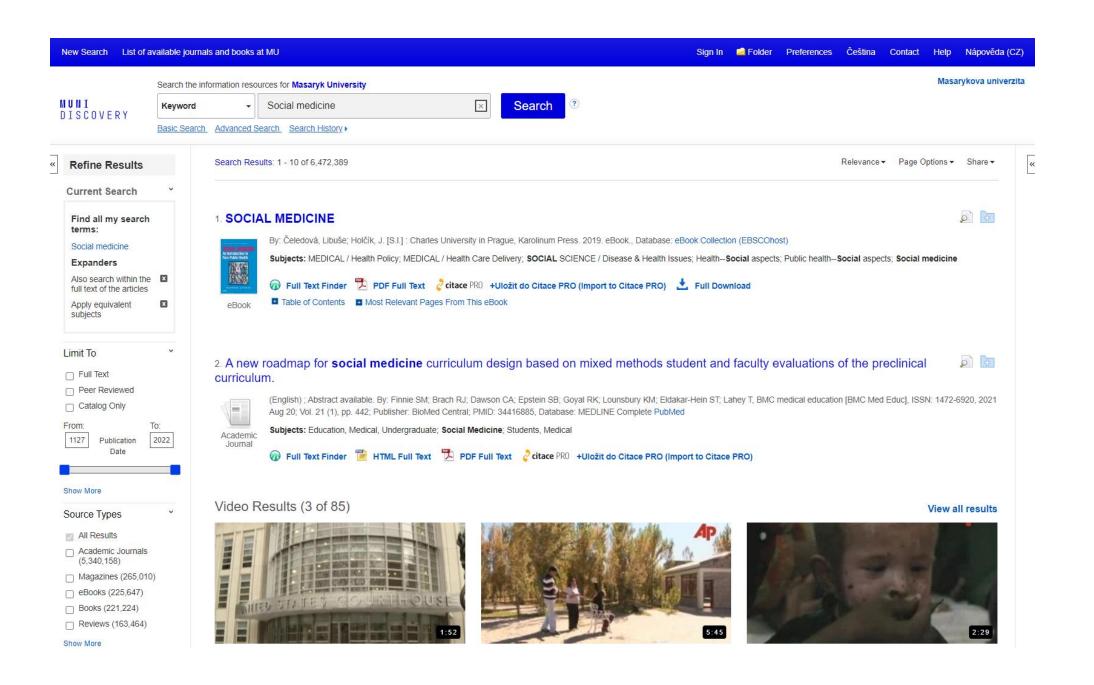
Social determinants of health (Holcik)

Social gradient in heath	•refers to the fact that inequalities in the population health status are related to inequalities in the social status.
Stress	•Continuing anxiety, inse -curity, low self-esteem, social isolation, and lack of control over worl
Early life	•Slow growth, emotional support, pregnancy, maternal stress, •Lifestyle habits development
Social exclusion	•unemployed, ethnic minority, guest workers, disabled people, refugees, and homeless people •living on less than 60% of the national median income
Work	•Income, social relationships •Stress, working conditions
Unemployment	•and the risk is higher in those regions where unemploy-ment is wides
Social support	•emotional and practical resources they need
Food	• Diet and food suply. Food safety
Transport	 Cycling, walking, and the use of public transport promote health. They provide exercise, reduce fatal accidents, increase social contact, and reduce air pollution

Where to find literature







SOC	IAL MEDICINE	
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-	7 HEALTH SYSTEMS	+
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-	11 BIOSTATISTICS	
>	12 STUDY OF HEALTH STATUS	
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15	CZECH MEDICAL CHAMBER	+
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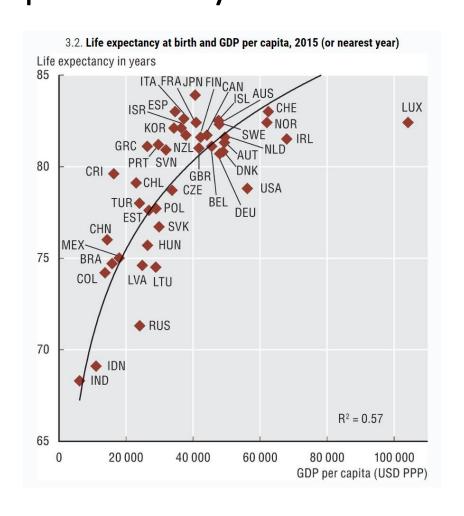
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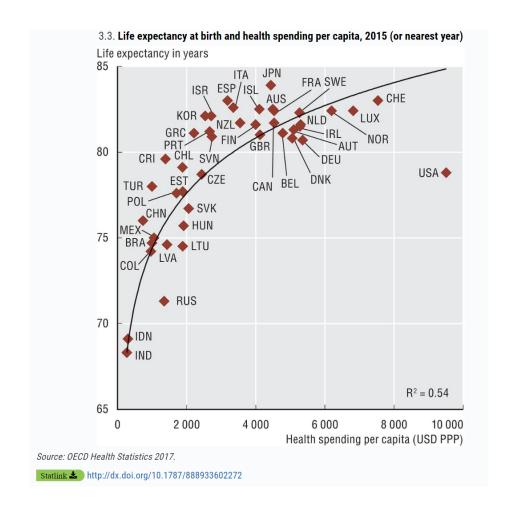


HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Between countries

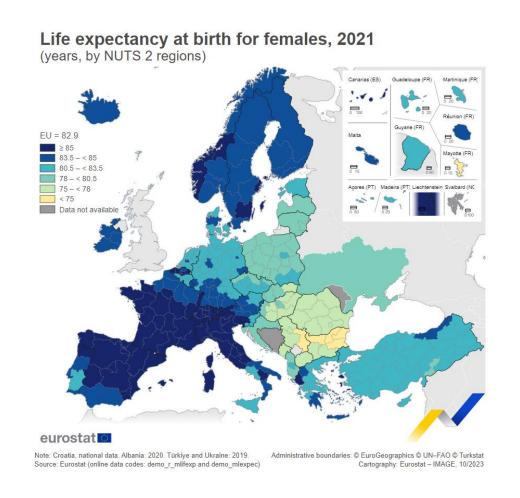
OECD – The richer contries have better life expectancy





Life expectancy

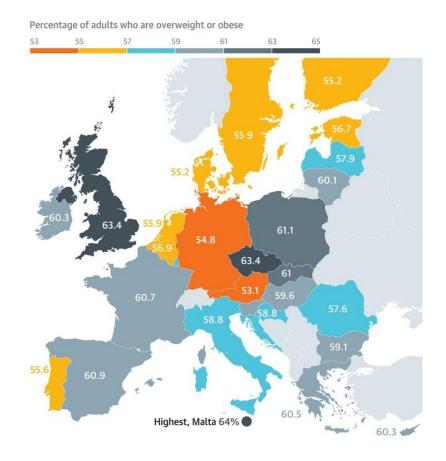
VS average income





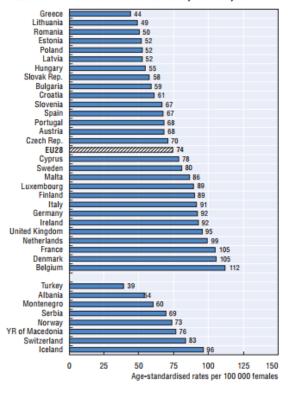
Lifestyle differences



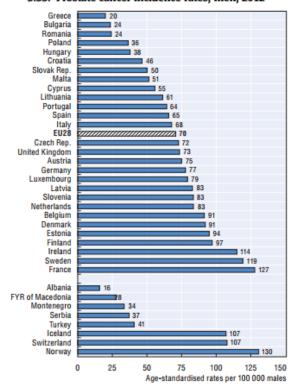


Regional differences

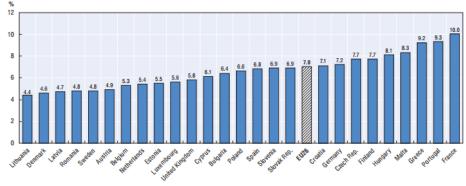
3.32. Breast cancer incidence rates, women, 2012



3.33. Prostate cancer incidence rates, men, 2012



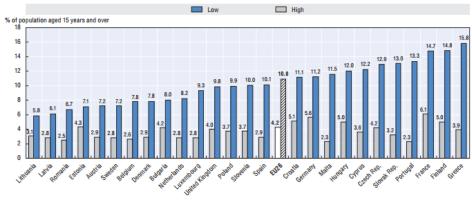
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Source: Eurostat Database, based on Health Interview Surveys.

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3.35. Self-reported diabetes by level of education, 2014 (or nearest year)



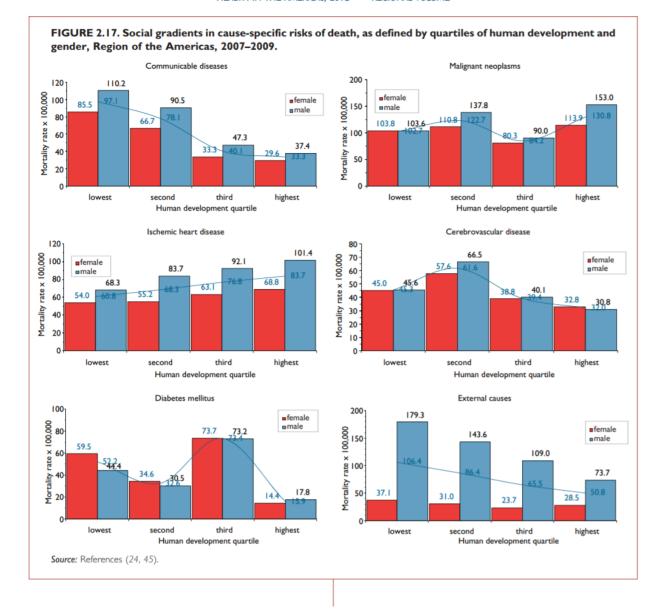
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Health inequalities

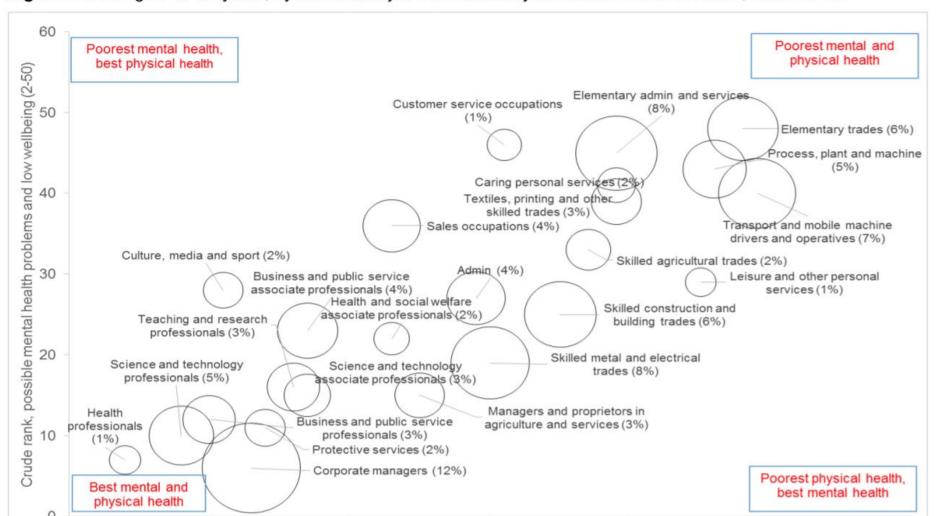
Between people

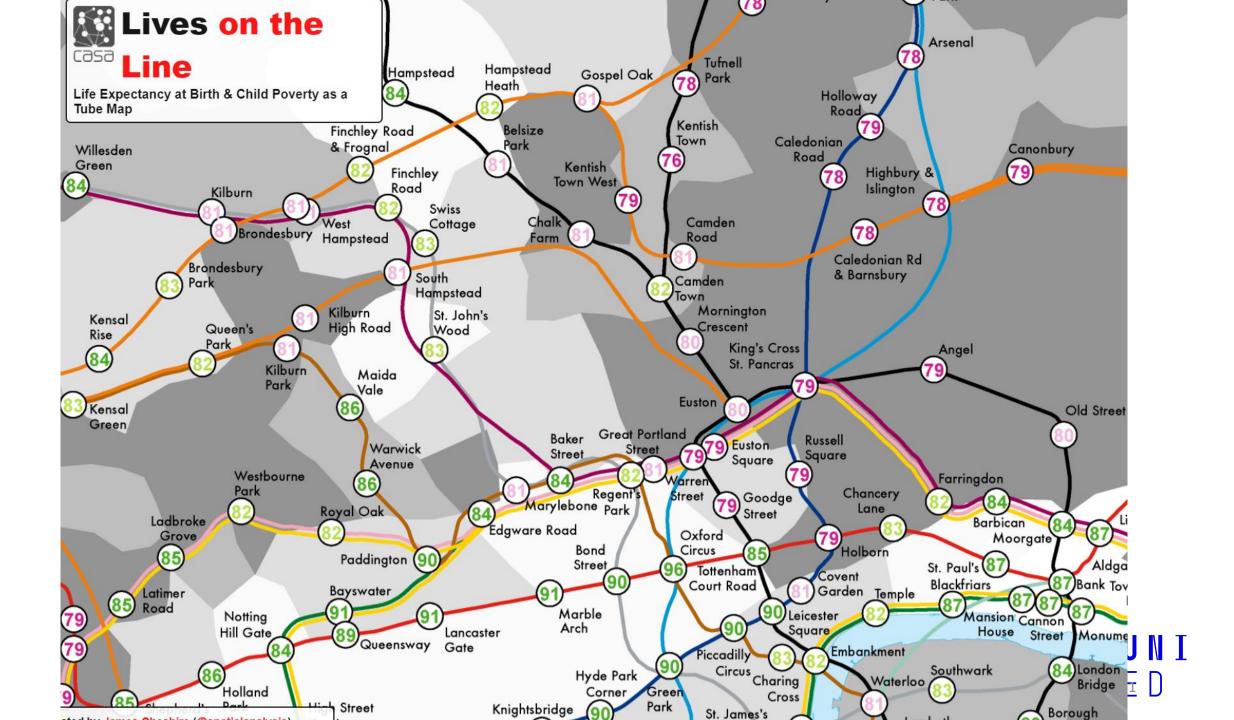
Social Gradient



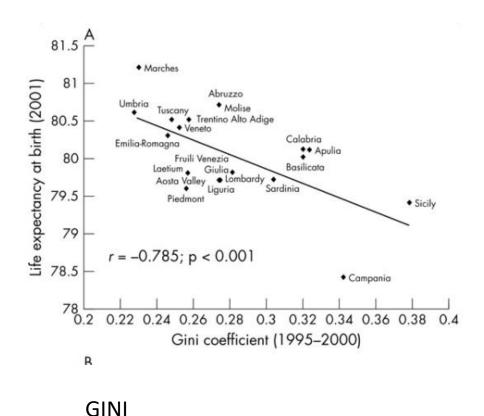
Job (example)

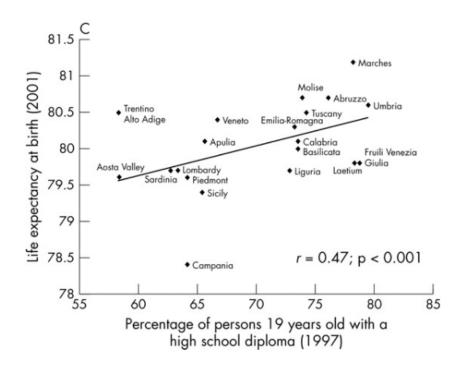
Figure 3: Men aged 16–64 years, by current/last job SOC summary health outcomes: Scotland, 2008–2011.





A few examples from Italy

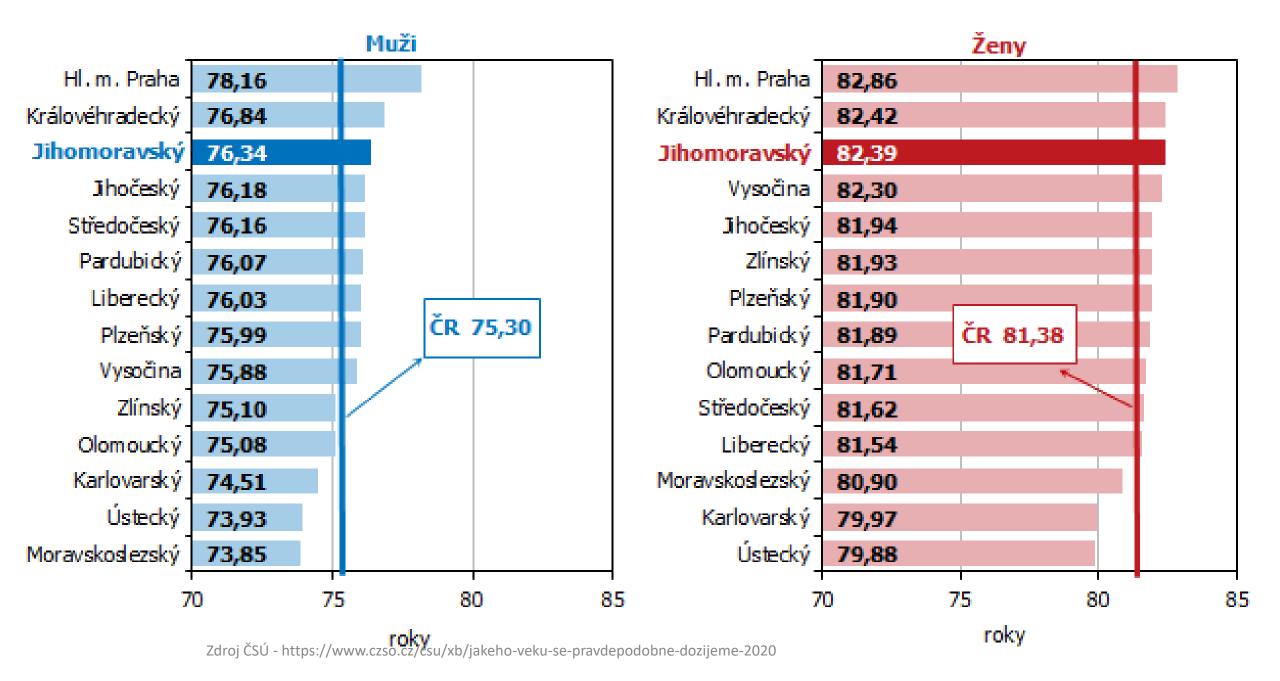




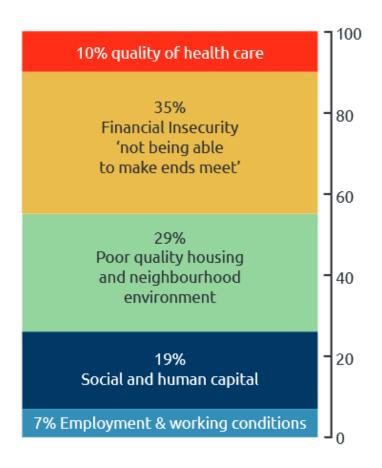
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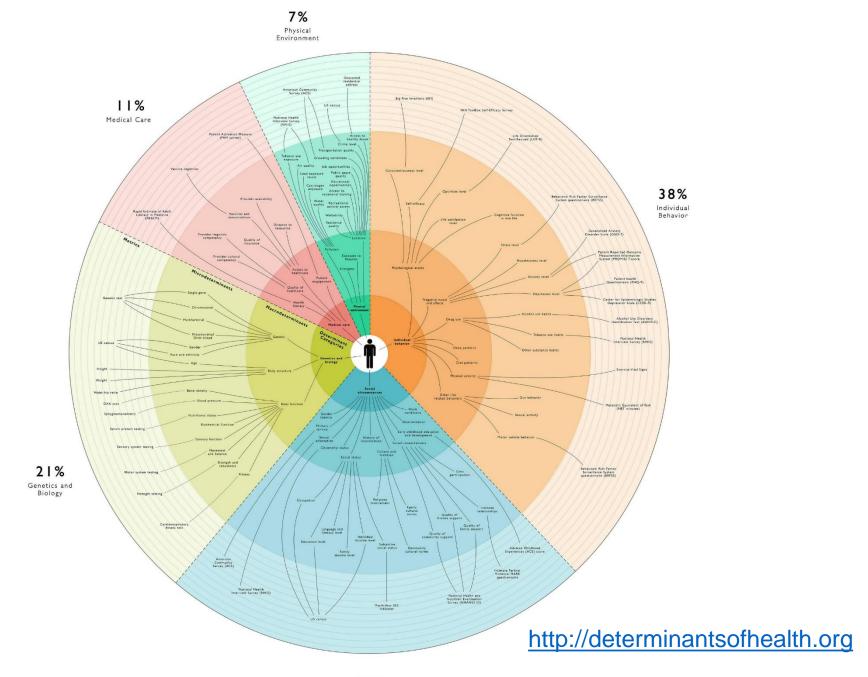
Causes of health unequalties





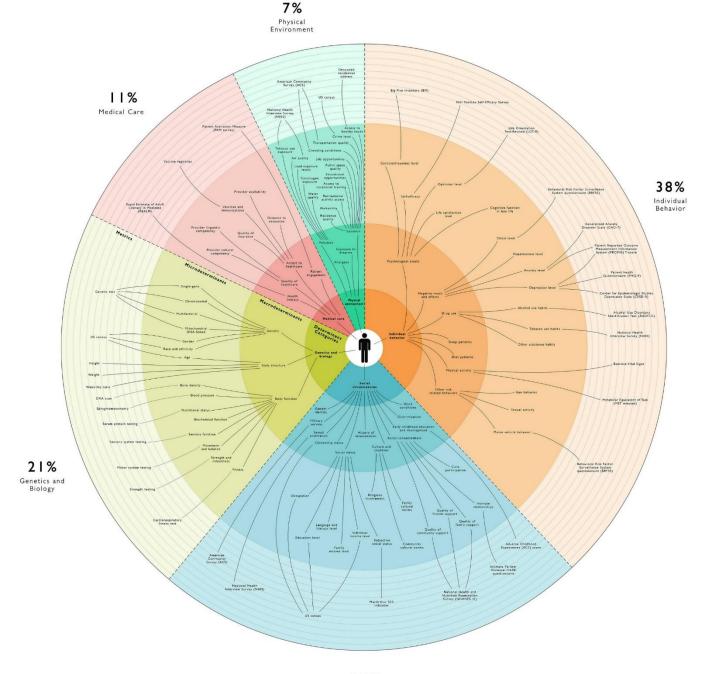
Are all health determinants equal?

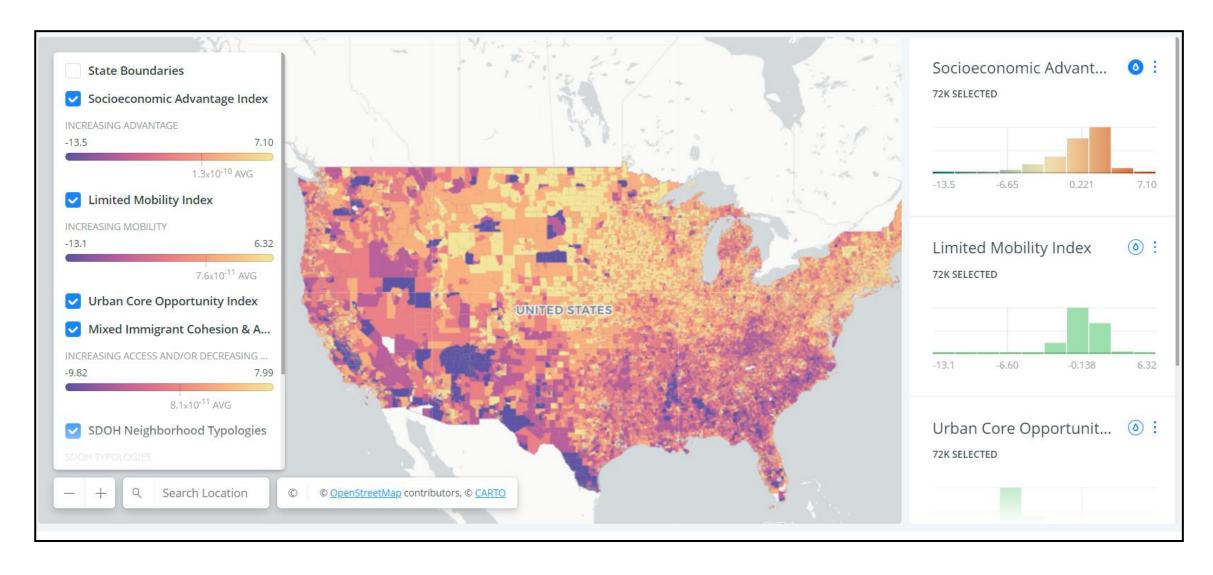
NO!



Statistical relevance of determinants:

- Ranking
 - Individual behaviour 38%
 - Social determinants 23%
 - Genetics and biology 21%
 - Medical care 11%
 - Physical environment 7%
- Be careful with generalisation!
 - Interprets the data of population (North America)
 - Little relevance to individual cases





Geographical variability

Quantification of Neighborhood-Level Social Determinants of Health in the Continental United States

Conclusions ...

The context of people's lives determine their health, and so

blaming individuals for having poor health or crediting them for good health is inappropriate!

Individuals are unlikely to be able to directly control many of the determinants of health.

• World health organisation https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/determinants-of-health

What can we do to change health determinants?

... we have to change society

Health in all policies (example)



- The developed countries go beyond physical infrastructure
 - Social programs
 - Cash transfers
 - Reduction of poverty
 - Educational programs
 - Improving social status of individuals
 - Promoting healthy lifestyle
 - Behavioural incentives
 - Tobacco, Alcohol regulations

Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health

Work across different sectors and levels of government

Develop policies that are inclusive and take account of the needs of the entire population

Specific attention to vulnerable groups and high-risk areas

Support comprehensive programmes of research

Promote awareness of policy-makers

Support all sectors to address social determinant

Foster collaboration with the private sector, safeguarding against conflict of interests,

Strengthen occupational health safety

Promote and strengthen universal access to social services and social protection floors

Give special attention to gender-related aspects

Access to affordable, safe, efficacious and quality medicines

Strengthen international cooperation



Balancing public health objectives against other societal/cultural values

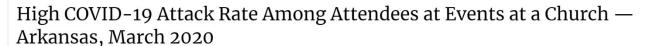
CDC











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On May 19, 2020, this report was posted online as an MMWR Early Release.

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Summary

What is already known about this topic?

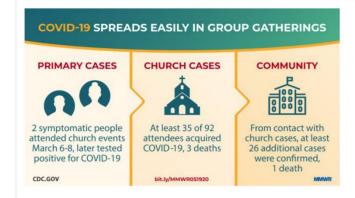
Large gatherings pose a risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission.

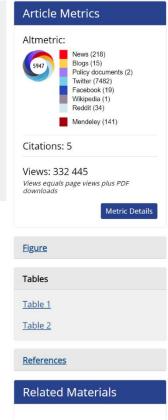
What is added by this report?

Among 92 attendees at a rural Arkansas church during March 6-11, 35 (38%) developed laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, and three persons died. Highest attack rates were in persons aged 19-64 years (59%) and ≥65 years (50%). An additional 26 cases linked to the church occurred in the community, including one death.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Faith-based organizations should work with local health officials to determine how to implement the U.S. Government guidelines for modifying activities during the COVID-19 pandemic to prevent transmission of the virus to their members and their communities.





On March 16, 2020, the day that national social distancing guidelines were released (1), the Arkansas Department of Health



THE BEST AND WORST COUNTRIES TO EAT, DRINK, SMOKE & VAPE IN THE EU

ABOUT

The Nanny State Index (NSI) is a league table of the worst places in the European Union to eat, drink, smoke and vape. The initiative was launched in March 2016 and was a media hit right across Europe. It is masterminded and led by IEA's Christopher Snowdon with partners from all over Europe.

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MINIMUM TO BEIGHTON



By Christopher Snowdon
Head of Lifestyle Economics, Institute of Economic Affairs





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CATEGORIES









ABOUT THE EDITOR

THE INDEX 2021

	LEAST FREE LESS FREE				F	FREEST	
	COUNTRIES	ALCOHOL	E- CIGARETTES	FOOD/SOFT DRINKS	TOBACCO	TOTAL	2019 RANKING
1	₩ NORWAY	22.4	13.9	5.3	9.9	51.5	-
2	LITHUANIA	24.1	9.9	3	9.2	46.2	2
3	+ FINLAND	20.4	10	1.7	9	41.1	1
5=	HUNGARY	6.9	10.4	10	11.9	39.2	5
5=	LATVIA	14.9	8.9	5	10.4	39.2	7
6	ESTONIA	16.5	10.6	3	9	39.1	3
7	## ICELAND	21.6	5	1.3	8.1	36	-
8	IRELAND	16.9	3	4.7	11.3	35.9	6
9	POLAND	12.2	9.2	5.7	8.6	35.7	12
10	SWEDEN	18.2	7.7	1	5.9	32.8	8
11	GREECE	9.6	10.1	1.3	10.7	31.7	11
12	MIK UK	11	3	5	12.4	31.4	4
13	CROATIA	10	7	3	9.4	29.4	15
14	SLOVENIA	9.5	7.2	1.3	10	28	9
15	FRANCE	9.6	4.5	3	10.5	27.6	10
16	ROMANIA	7.8	7.5	0	12	27.3	17
17	PORTUGAL	6.6	9.3	3.7	6.8	26.4	14
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21=	BELGIUM	3.3	7.6	2	8.3	21.2	16
22	BULGARIA	4.5	3.5	2	10.8	20.8	18
24=	* MALTA	7.3	3.3	0	8.6	19.2	19
24=	SLOVAKIA	5.9	5.3	0	8	19.2	26
25	DENMARK	3.6	3.7	3.3	6.9	17.5	20
26	■ ITALY	5	4.5	0.7	7	17.2	23
27	SPAIN	4.3	4.7	0.3	7.6	16.9	23
28	LUXEMBOURG	4	6.9	0	5.3	16.2	24
29	CZECHIA	4.2	3.3	0	7.7	15.2	27
30	GERMANY	3	3	0	4.7	10.7	28

Thank you for your attention

