“Health Equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.”

— Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Where we call home can have a profound impact on how well and how long we live. One of the most tragic consequences of generational health disparities in the U.S. is in the adage: An individual’s ZIP code is a more powerful predictor of health than their genetic code. Health disparities and social inequities are ubiquitous in Missouri and throughout the U.S. They occur across diverse populations and geographies, and their universal common denominator is social determinants of health, or the conditions in which we are born, grow, work, live and age.
ST. LOUIS CITY AND COUNTY

AFRICAN AMERICAN ASTHMA
12.18%

AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSING INSTABILITY
1.23%

WHITE ASTHMA
5.39%

WHITE HOUSING INSTABILITY
0.54%

DISPARITY FACTOR
2.26

DISPARITY FACTOR
2.30

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
DUNKLIN AND PEMISCOT COUNTIES

HISPANIC STRESS 2.37%

DISPARITY FACTOR 1.38

HISPANIC UNINSURED 22.98%

DISPARITY FACTOR 2.58

WHITE STRESS 1.71%

WHITE UNINSURED 8.92%
ANDREW AND BUCHANAN COUNTIES

- Hispanic Learning Disability: 1.05%
- Hispanic Family Upbringing: 1.30%
- Disparity Factor: 1.51

- White Learning Disability: 0.69%
- White Family Upbringing: 0.44%
- Disparity Factor: 2.92

Health Equity

Community Needs Assessment

Community Health Improvement Plan
GREENE COUNTY

AI/AN* DIABETES 15.64%

AI/AN* HOUSING INSTABILITY 2.16%

WHITE DIABETES 10.09%

WHITE HOUSING INSTABILITY 1.13%

DISPARITY FACTOR 1.55

DISPARITY FACTOR 1.91

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

*AI/AN: American Indian or Alaskan Native
JASPER AND NEWTON COUNTIES

AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHIZO-AFFECTIVE DISORDERS 1.96%

AFRICAN AMERICAN HOUSING INSTABILITY 1.51%

WHITE SCHIZO-AFFECTIVE DISORDERS 0.66%

WHITE HOUSING INSTABILITY 0.64%

DISPARITY FACTOR 2.98

DISPARITY FACTOR 2.36

HEALTH EQUITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

STEP 2

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
AFRICAN AMERICAN ASTHMA: 10.37%

DISPARITY FACTOR: 2.03

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDICAID: 25.17%

DISPARITY FACTOR: 2.22

WHITE ASTHMA: 5.11%

WHITE MEDICAID: 11.34%
For more information on this and hundreds of other health factors, outcomes and social determinants of health, visit MHA’s Health Equity Dashboards at https://web.mhanet.com/health-equity-dashboards/