## A Window into Social Determinants of Health in Cincinnati

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### Agenda

- Background: Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities
- City of Cincinnati Health and SDoH Challenges: from the Cities Health Dashboard
- Inside Cincinnati a very brief look at how health outcomes can vary across our neighborhoods
- Focus on life expectancy as a health outcome and addressing preventable deaths
- Why Cardiovascular disease is an area of opportunity
- Highlight on CHD programs that address SDoH
- Key Takeaways
- Questions



### Background

- Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and qualityof-life outcomes and risks
- Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations



### Cincinnati health outcomes challenges

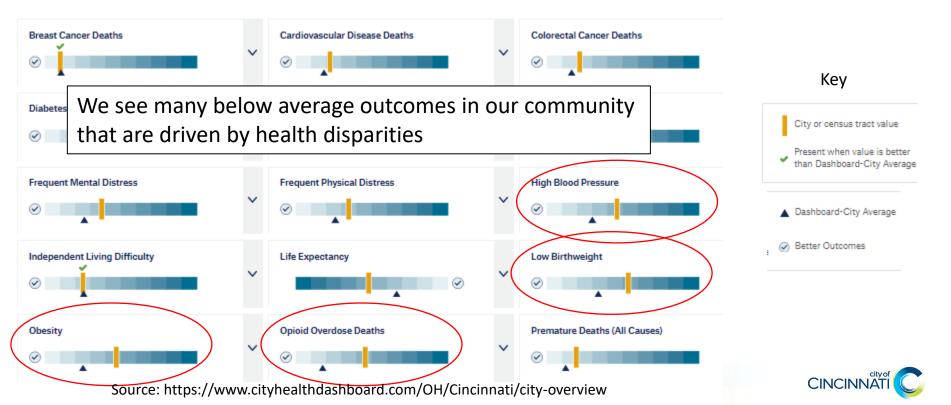
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Source: https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/OH/Cincinnati/city-overview

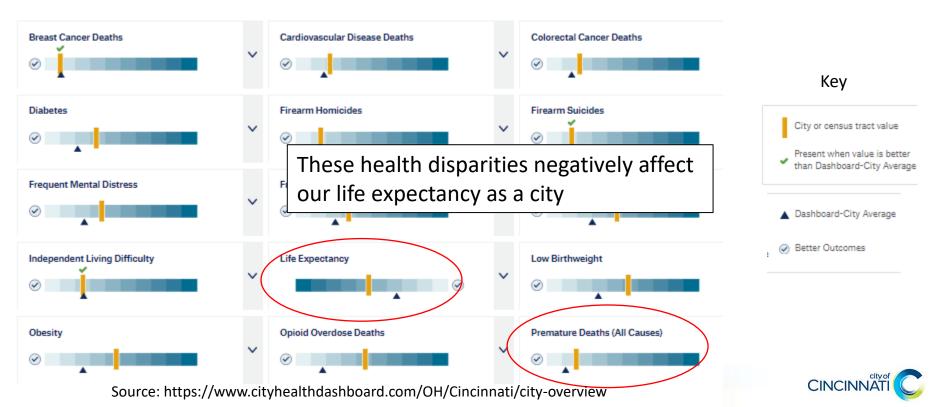
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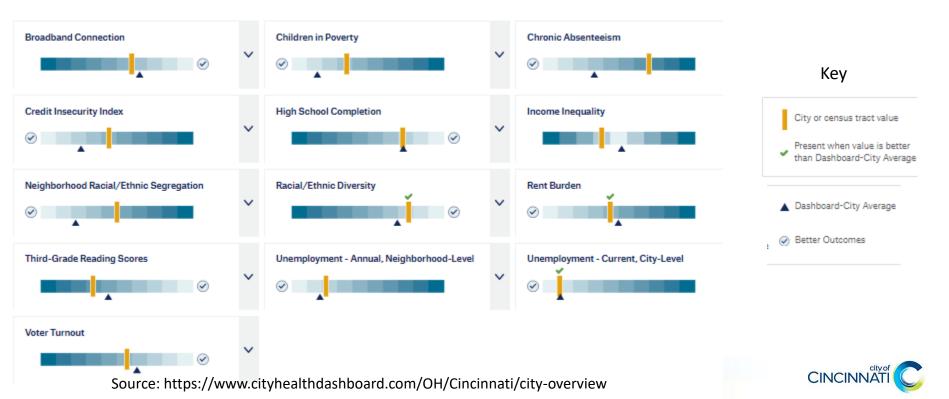
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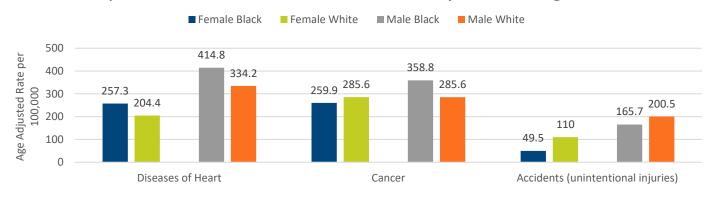
## Social and economic factors, including social determinants of health, play a role in health outcomes

#### Social and Economic Factors



# Within Cincinnati, health outcomes can vary by race and gender

Top 3 causes of death in Cincinnati, by race and gender



Source: https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sites/health/assets/CHD%20Community%20Health%20Assessments/Cincinnati-Health-Department-2023-Community-Health-Needs-Assessment---December-2023-Update.pdf



# We especially see a difference in how health outcomes vary by geography (neighborhood)

Cincinnati Residents Below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level by Census Tract (%) (2021)

#### Excess Years of Life Lost Legend Dycasa Years Cincinnati City Boundary East Price IIII Cincinnati Statistical Neighborhood Approximation (SNA) Boundaries 10,279 1,295 **Census Tract** 0,510 2,279 West Price IIII 7,609 Percent below Poverty Line 7,375 6,005 0.8% - 12.5% Walnus IIIIle 6,477 5,402 Excess Years of Life Lost by Neighborhood 12.6% - 26.5% 4,700 4,731 26 6% - 45 5% 4,705 4,307 45.6% - 73.1% 4,079 outh Falrmoun 3,979 3,774 3,492 Mad konville 3,217 2,921 2,502 2,575 2,545 2,507 2,313 2,307 2,303 2,213 1,049 1,795 Cause of Beath Irend (i) ummineville Introvall owntown 22.844 orth Avondale 1,694 Infant mortality Drug overdose 19.696 amyville. 1,510 Rages at Roll III Heart disease 1,376 Source: American Community Survey 2021 5-Year Estimates 1,305 Hoon Assault (homicide) 15,312 1,000

Premature Death in Cincinnati Neighborhoods 2010-2023

# Cincinnati has an abnormally high difference in life expectancy between neighborhoods

- Cincinnati has had a 25-year life expectancy difference between neighborhoods since at least 2009
  - Cincinnati is 16<sup>th</sup> worst out of the 500 largest cities in the United States
  - Columbus has a gap of 10 years, Cleveland has a gap of 14 years (99th worst)
- The facts that other cities have much lower gaps, and there is so much variation between neighborhoods, suggests that many of these deaths are <u>preventable</u>
- 50% of life expectancy disparity in Cincinnati is due to Opioid overdose, infant mortality, homicide, and heart disease
- Addressing health disparities in those four diseases would halve our life expectancy gap.



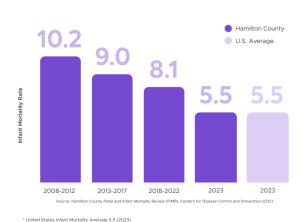
# Vision: Imagine a Cincinnati after a 50% reduction in life expectancy disparities

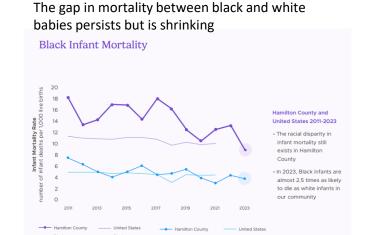
- 6,000 years of life returned to our most vulnerable neighborhoods every year
  - More social support and social cohesion
  - Lowering the stress of disease burden, healthcare costs
  - Economic vitality a more productive Cincinnati
  - Healthier future generations
  - A more just, equitable, and prosperous society for all residents
- Incremental improvement to start a snowball effect
  - Chain reaction of positive changes
  - Build momentum over time
  - Leading to broader improvements in health and well-being
- Every citizen benefits, not just some neighborhoods
  - Personally important to me as a citizen, a father, a physician, and a health commissioner



## Addressing health disparities driven by SDoH is hard ... but not impossible

Overall infant mortality has improved ...





CRADLE Cincinnati, a CHD partner, has reduced infant mortality from twice the national average to below the national average, by addressing SDoH in a rigorous, sustained fashion

6 Hamilton County Maternal and Infant Health Report



## Top 4 causes of life expectancy disparity in Cincinnati, and Stakeholder Coalitions addressing them

- Opioid Overdose -> Hamilton County Addition Response Coalition\*
- Infant Mortality -> CRADLE Cincinnati
- Violence Prevention -> City of Cincinnati
- Cardiovascular disease -> Future Work?

\* The City of Cincinnati is an active coalition member!

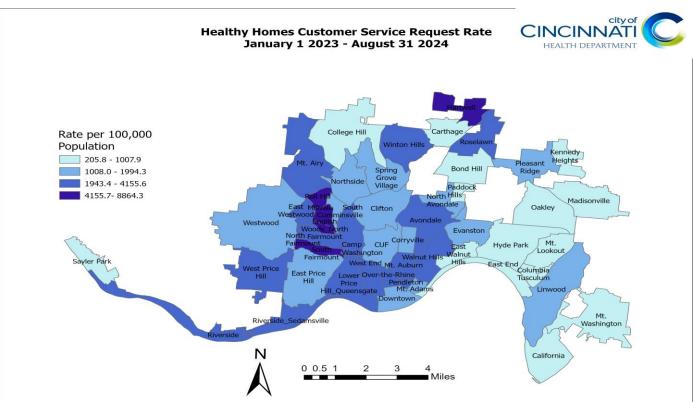


### CHD programs: Highlight on SDoH

- Environmental Health
  - Health Homes
  - CLEAR program (collaboration with Cincinnati Children's)
  - Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Healthy Communities
  - Cribs for Kids
  - Substance use disorders
  - Tobacco Licensure
- Community Nursing
  - Healthy pregnancies
  - School Health
- Primary Care Centers



## Program Spotlight: Healthy Homes





#### **Healthy Homes**









- □Defective plumbing, mold, and no heat
- ☐Unsanitary living, insects, and rodents
- ☐School and hotels
- ☐Smoking complaints



#### Program Spotlight: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

## Primary prevention/counseling for children with blood lead levels 5-9 ug/dL (since 2007):

 Voluntary interviews and nurse counseling for families of children with lead levels 5-9 μg/dL

#### **Investigation**:

 Interviews to determine potential sources of lead exposure for children with blood lead levels > 10 μg/dL

#### **Environmental Risk Assessment and Enforcement:**

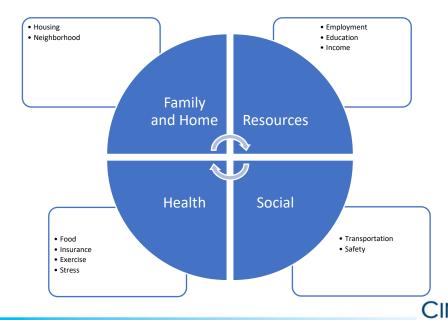
 Lead risk assessors conduct home assessment to determine the source of lead/ lead poisoning, test paint chips, soil, dust and children's toys



### **City of Cincinnati Primary Care**

**Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)** 

Patients are screened using the Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE).



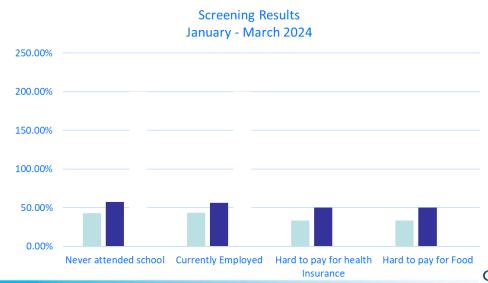


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**Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)** 

#### **SDOH screening is completed**

- On every new patient
- At each visit if patient has a positive SDOH score
- Yearly if patient has no concerns



No ■ Yes Declined



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## Takeaways

- Cincinnati is challenged by many health disparities that are difficult but not impossible to address with the help of our community members, leaders, and stakeholder organizations
- The Cincinnati Health Department is deeply committed to addressing health disparities with an approach strongly informed by Social Determinants of Health
- We partner with organizations across our community at many different levels, as a community leader, data provider, and provider of many services



## Thank you!

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