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The National Association of Planning Councils (NAPC) has created this new web site as an online source of comparative health and social indicator data for urban areas in the United States. The site provides data on health and social conditions in the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the country, and profiles initiatives and interventions to address them.

Three sets of indicators are presented: Deprivation Index (factors impacting health status), Child Well-being Index, and NAPC's Leading Health and Social Indicators. The Deprivation and Child Well-being Indexes were developed by Dennis P. Andrulis, Ph.D., Research Professor at the State University of New York Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

NAPC's list of Leading Health and Social Indicators was developed by the association's Social Indicators Committee, which is comprised of professional researchers from member organizations. The selected Health and Social Indicators, when considered as a whole, are reflective of the general health and social well-being of a community relative to national standards and other communities.

NAPC members have been involved in the development and use of social indicators for more than a decade and in 2002 issued "From the Bottom Up: A Report on the NAPC Social Indicator Project." This report documents local contributions and emphasizes the importance of developing a national set of social indicators starting with local concerns for and expertise on the issues addressed by such indicators. (See: www.communityplanning.org.)

NAPC (www.communityplanning.org) is a non-profit national organization which promotes quality community planning, supporting its member organizations as they provide leadership on community-based human services and health planning and action. Planning councils bring people together to identify needs and work toward solutions, mobilizing community involvement, developing and coordinating services, advocating for informed decisions by funders and policy makers, and linking people with community resources.

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Quick Links to Data

- Deprivation Index
- Child Well-Being Index
- NAPC's Leading Health and Social Indicators

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