

HEALTH EQUITY DATASETS INVENTORY

PURPOSE

The Centre for Healthy Communities (CHC) Health Equity thematic area, led by Dr. Roman Pabayo, developed an inventory of health equity datasets that are focused in Alberta. The purpose of this Inventory is to support researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders who are interested in health equity and its relationship with population health.

INVENTORY DESCRIPTION

This Inventory consists of a list of:



Datasets



Data Resources



Interactive
Dashboards

Common health equity stratifiers identified from the datasets include:



Gender



Race/
Ethnicity



Indigenous
Identity



Immigration
Status



Education



Income



Housing



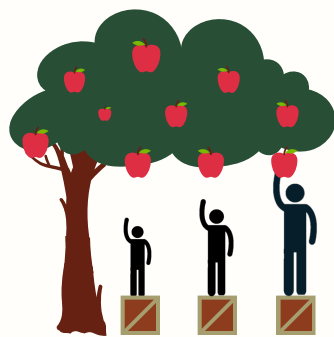
Employment

WHY HEALTH EQUITY DATA IS IMPORTANT

Health and wellness are more than just the result of the absence or presence of diseases. Instead, our social, cultural, economic, and environmental conditions, known as the social determinants of health, may produce and perpetuate avoidable and unfair differences in health and well-being between population groups.¹ Therefore, monitoring and evaluating health inequity is crucial to understand relationships, inform decision-making, set priorities for action, and promote equity.

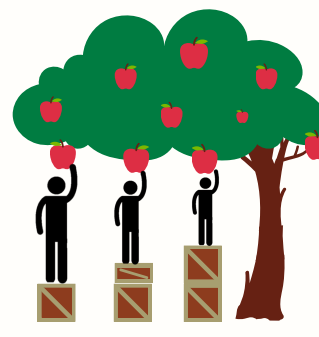
Difference between health equality and health equity:

Equality



- Exists when all individuals and groups of people are given **equal treatment**, regardless of need or outcome.

Equity



- Health equity is "the **absence of unfair and avoidable** or remediable differences in health among population groups defined socially, economically, demographically or geographically".²

ACCESS TO THE INVENTORY

To learn more about the Inventory, go to [Centre for Healthy Communities Resources Page \(https://www.ualberta.ca/public-health/research/centres/centre-for-healthy-communities/resources/index.html\)](https://www.ualberta.ca/public-health/research/centres/centre-for-healthy-communities/resources/index.html)

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