

A guide to using the Determinants of Equity tool

Introduction

This website uses a tool called "Story Map" to help tell the stories of equity in King County. "Story Map" is a web-based, multimedia application that allows users to share context, including geographical maps, data charts, videos, graphics, etc. The 15 Determinants of Equity presented in this tool are grouped in a "Story Collection." Each determinant has individual story maps for each of the indicators within the determinant.

How to explore the content

Click start in the front page. Take a look at the main menu of Story Collections page. From there, click on the various topics to explore the specific determinants.

- **Introduction to the determinant:** Each determinant contains three elements—definition, significance, and interconnectedness with other determinants. Data visualizations appear below with the indicators specific to that determinant. Tips on how to view the data and enlarge charts are positioned throughout the visuals.
- **Navigation bands:** Navigate the collection by clicking in each subtitle, which allows you to jump from one section of the Story Map to another. Links to other data sources with specific information about how we are doing, initiatives that are currently underway, and other helpful information are also available in each Story Map.
- **Maps:** When available, maps will be under the "Geography" tab. By clicking in the geographical area of interest, small pop-up boxes will appear with a description of the data specific for the area.
- **Data:** The data presented in this tool are intended to be used to identify, evaluate and communicate the potential impact of policies, programs, and initiatives across King County. Along with other tools and resources that the county has developed, this tool is also designed to help increase equity and social justice work, both in our community and within the services King County government provides.
- **Resources:** Links to other data resources are available in the individual Story Maps.
- **Download data:** Options to download data that was used for these presentations are available under King County equity data hub.

Equity analysis

While there is no single approach for equity analyses using the Determinants of Equity tool, key elements to explore include:

- **Identify which determinant** will be affected by the proposed action/program or initiative.
- Navigate through the **Community Engagement** findings page to learn about what King County communities deem important across all the determinants.
- **Reach:** Identify which communities will be affected. Special consideration should be placed on marginalized and historically oppressed communities, including low-income residents, communities of colors, recent immigrants and people with disabilities.
- **Intensity:** What effects, impacts and/or outcomes will your action have on people and places?

- **Duration:** How long will the action have an effect—short, medium, and/or long-term?
- **Interdependencies:** What other indicators are associated with the proposed action?
Browse through the various Story Maps and look for associated determinants to learn how some decisions can also impact other factors in people’s lives. For example: Low-income adults have highest prevalence of obesity, and access to healthy and affordable food are key contributors to chronic disease such as diabetes, hypertension. Policies, program and initiatives that contribute to healthy living through exercise, healthy nutrition would lead better health outcomes.
- **Systemic Racism:** Give special consideration when looking into other social, environmental, and community factors that align with the impacts of systemic racism that often result in intensifying stressors that impact the quality of life for many residents.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS [THE EQUITY REVIEW PROCESS AND TOOL](#).

Legislative Analysis

The King County Council will also be using this tool as part of their Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) Legislative Analysis Methodology to conduct ESJ analysis on most proposed legislation taken up by the King County Council. [Click here to learn more about the Methodology](#).