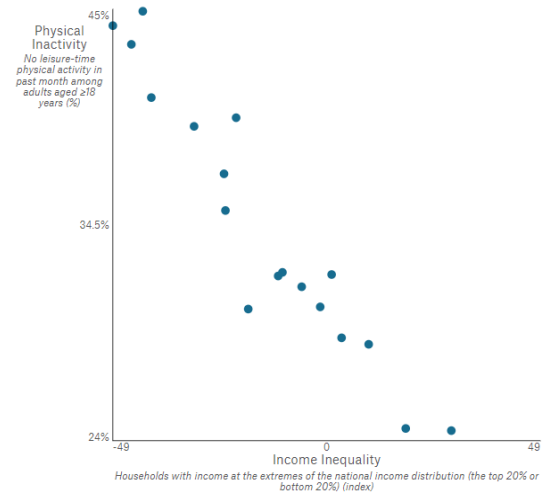
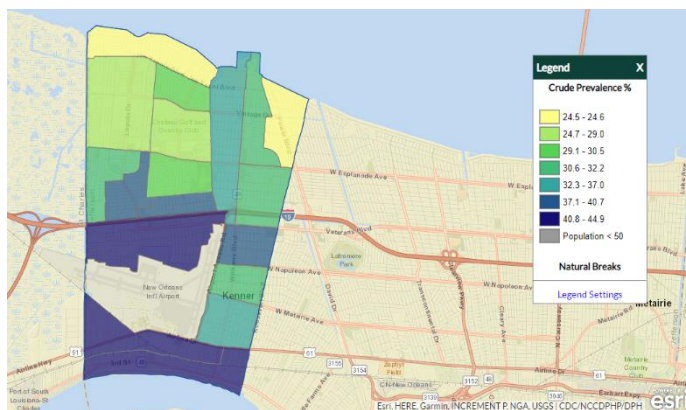


500 Cities Data Challenge: A Policy Resource

The Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) is collaborating with [Bike Easy](#) and others to **advance mobility and access strategies** for New Orleans, Kenner, and the larger region through its work as a [500 Cities Data Challenge](#) grantee. Led by the Healthy Communities Portfolio at LPHI, the 500 Cities project is one of several LPHI projects that support the development of communities that provide residents with the opportunities to obtain positive health outcomes.

500 Cities Data Challenge Overview

As part of the 500 Cities Project, LPHI provides data capacity assistance to nonprofit and government leaders to inform the many factors that impact health (e.g. housing, transportation, economic opportunity), and advocates for policies that promote vibrant, equitable, and adaptive environments. A partnership between the Urban Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Challenge encourages communities to utilize the [500 Cities dataset](#) and design innovative solutions to address the social and economic factors that influence health. Working with multiple coalitions and leaders in transportation and planning, LPHI will create visuals and fact sheets with 500 Cities and other data sources to provide evidence for local priorities and elevate census-tract health data as an essential ingredient to municipal planning and decision-making. Census-tract data can illustrate issues and trends often masked at the parish level, as well as highlight where services, solutions, or resources are most needed.



Sources: 500 Cities. (2018). [Map illustration No leisure-time activity for adults aged 18+ in Kenner, LA 2015]. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/500Cities/> & City Health Dashboard (2018). [Scatterplot illustration Physical Inactivity and Income Inequality by census tract in Kenner, LA]. Retrieved from <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/la/kenner/compare-metrics>

Census-Tract Level Data

- **500 Cities** (<https://www.cdc.gov/500cities/>) – Available at the city level for Baton Rouge, Kenner, Lake Charles, New Orleans, and Shreveport in Louisiana
- **City Health Dashboard** (<https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/>) - Data is available for the 500 largest cities in the U.S. at city level, by census tract, or demographic maps; includes 500 Cities Data and much more.
- **Other sources:** Community Commons, The Opportunity Atlas, Policy Map

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Census-Tract Level Indicators Available through 500 Cities and City Health Dashboard

500 cities	City Health Dashboard
<p>Unhealthy Behaviors Binge drinking Smoking Physical Activity Obesity Sleeping < 7hrs</p> <p>Health Outcomes Arthritis Asthma High Blood Pressure Cancer Chronic Kidney Disease Diagnosed Diabetes Poor Mental Health Poor Physical Health Tooth Loss High Cholesterol COPD Coronary Heart Disease Stroke</p> <p>Prevention Lack of insurance Annual checkup dentist visits Taking BP meds Mammography Pap-Smear Screenings Core Preventative Services</p>	<p>Physical Environment Walkability Park Access Air pollution particulates Lead exposure risk Limited Access to Healthy Foods</p> <p>Health Behaviors Binge Drinking Physical Activity Smoking Teen Births</p> <p>Clinical Care Core preventative services Prenatal Care dental visits Primary Care Physicians Lack of Health Insurance</p> <p>Health Outcomes 500 Cities indicators plus more i.e. Opioid Overdose Deaths</p> <p>Social Economic Factors High School Graduation Income Inequality 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency Violent Crime Unemployment Racial Ethnic diversity Neighborhood Segregation Children in Poverty Absenteeism Excessive Housing Cost</p>

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