

Making the Connection Between Life Expectancy and Health Factors

Babies born just a few counties apart face vastly different chances of living a long and healthy life

A new map released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Virginia Commonwealth University show that along one four-county stretch in Kentucky, life expectancy can differ by as much as eight years. No single factor alone can explain the differences in life expectancy in these counties, but data from the 2016 *County Health Rankings* help explain further how communities that are close geographically are actually far apart when it comes to how well and how long people live. Below we show differences in health factors across the following four counties in Kentucky:

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

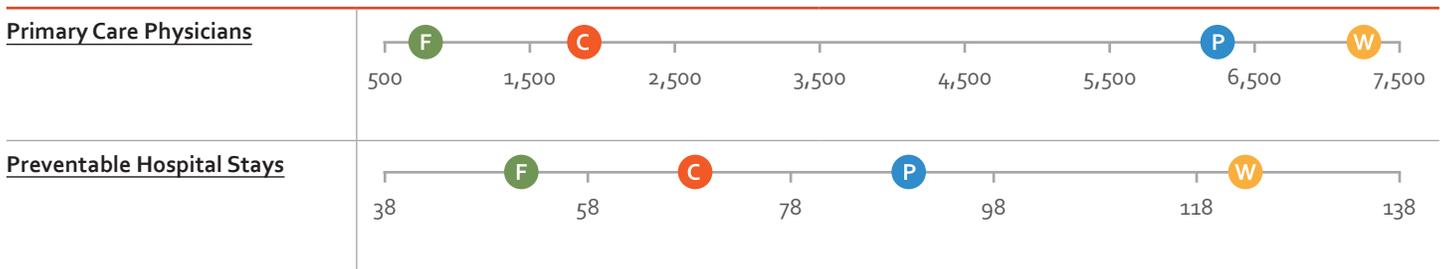


As the chart shows, health factors and life expectancy often go hand-in-hand.

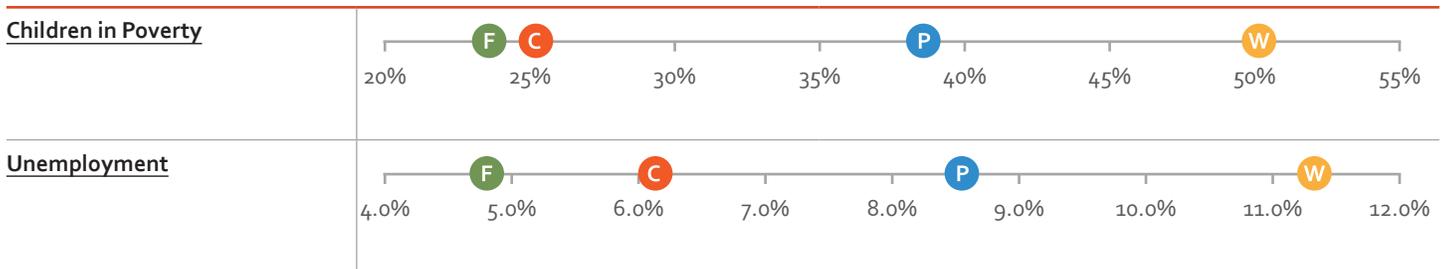
Health Behaviors



Clinical Care



Social & Economic Factors



Physical Environment

