Building a Culture of Health, County by County

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 six-county stretch of Northern Mississippi, life expectancy can differ by as much as seven years. No single factor alone can explain the differences in life expectancy in these counties, but data from the 2016 <u>County Health Rankings</u> 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 across the following six counties in Mississippi:

LIFE EXPECTANCY:



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

