Over the next few minutes, this video will show you how to find data resources by location.

First, let's visit the Health Data by Location section.

To get there, Find Health Data in this bar at the top of our home page.

Select Health Data by Location from the drop down menu.

There are three ways to access data on this page.

We can search by typing a state, county, or zip code.

We can search by selecting a state from the interactive map, and we can download full data sets.

In this video, we focus on finding data by using the search box.

You can search by county, state, and zip code.

Type in the county you’re interested in, select the correct one, and you’ll be taken to that county’s health snapshot.

Let’s look at data from Montgomery County in Alabama.

At the top of the page, you can access state level data, including maps.

Just below this you will find a link to download state data sets.

The next section contains demographic information.

Here you can find out about population density and context on the location.
Examples include which Indigenous nations are native to the land and whether neighborhoods in the county have been impacted by redlining.

To find demographic data, click the Show Demographic Data button, here.

You’ll find data by age, gender, and race.

Click the button again to close this drawer.

We can see more detailed data as we move down the page, and you can use these links to jump to health outcomes and health factors data.

Each county health snapshot includes 2 graphics.

These graphics indicate how the county fares relative to other counties in the state and the nation on health outcomes and health factors.

Let's first look at the Health outcomes graphic.

There are many counties across the United States with health outcomes similar to your county.

The graphic below allows you to see the range of health outcomes among counties in your state.

You can also get a sense of how your state is doing overall compared to the rest of the nation.

Each dot represents a county in your state, with those experiencing the best health outcomes toward the right and in darker shades of green.

Counties with similar health outcomes will be in the same shade of yellow or green.

Your selected county, in this case Montgomery County, is outlined in purple.
Note that some counties do not have sufficient data to create this graphic, and for those places, this space will be blank.

Moving down the page, we can see more detailed data in the County Health Snapshot. This table provides county, state, and national level data for each measure included in our model of health, organized first by health outcomes and then by health factors.

Next, we have the health Factor graphic. This provides an indication of how Montgomery County, in this case fares relative to other counties in Alabama and the nation.

Note that just as with health outcomes, places faring better will be toward the right of the graphic and indicated in darker shades of blue.

Let’s take a closer look at the Children in Poverty measure. We can see that it has a trend graph as well as county, state, and national values.

Click on the measure and a drawer opens offering more detailed information. At the top you’ll see a definition of the measure and some context for your county of choice.

Below this are the years of data used.

In the left column of this drawer you will find three additional resources.

View Methods and Limitations will take you to a different page with more information about the measure methods.
Find Strategies will take you to a listing of evidence informed strategies that can help address this specific measure.

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And clicking View Map will take you to a state map showing how all of the counties in the selected state compare on this measure.

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Many measures offer disaggregated data to represent racialized groups of people.

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Disaggregated data can reveal inequities that are otherwise hidden.

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Allow us to better understand where people and places are excluded from opportunities to be healthy and illuminate how communities can target resources where they are most needed.

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Finally, some measures have downloadable trend graphs that show county, state, and national data overtime.

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Under your snapshot, you’ll find a link to our Compare Counties tool.

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Now you're ready to start exploring your county's health snapshot.