# Health Equity

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“Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.” Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

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| Health ImpactsIncreased risk of:* Lower life expectancy
* Poor health outcomes
* Lack of access to care
 | ComparisonLife Expectancy, Marion Co. vs. other locations, 2016Source: Marion County Death Certificates, US Census Estimates, & Big Cities Health Coalition, [www.savi.org](http://www.savi.org), & [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) |
| Treatment* Reduce Poverty and other obstacles to health.
* Provide quality education and housing.
* Provide a safe environment for all.
 | TrendMarion Co. Life Expectancy, 2007-2016Source: Source: Marion County Death Certificates & US Census Estimates, DR3568 |

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| Risk Factors |
| * Poverty.
* Discrimination.
* Lack of Fair Pay and Jobs.
 | * Lack of Access to Health Care.
* Lack of Policies to ensure safe and quality housing

Source: RWJF |
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| Marion County Life Expectancy, 2016Life Expectancy varies by race and by location* All Residents: 77.3
* Black non-Hispanic: 73.7
* White non-Hispanic: 78.3

Source: Marion County Death and Birth Certificates | Life Expectancy by ZIP Code, Marion Co. 2016C:\Users\jzuker\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\OO775DCY\Life_Expectancy.pngSource: Marion County Death and Birth Certificates |
| Other DetailsThere is not one single metric for health equity. Instead, health inequities affect most indicators in public health. To try and succinctly show how health inequities can impact Marion County residents’ lives, life expectancy has been chosen as the main metric for this fact sheet. Other examples of health indicators impacted by health equity are highlighted in the area below.  |
| Diabetes Mortality Rate, 2016:* Black, non-Latino: 39 per 100,000
* White, non-Latino: 25 per 100,000

Source: MCPHD Epidemiology Department, DR3563 | Breastfeeding Initiation (early Postpartum), 2016: * White, non-Hispanic: 78.2%
* Black, non-Hispanic: 67.3%
* Hispanic: 85.7%

Source: MCPHD Epidemiology Department, DR3484 |