

## Why Place Matters: Understanding the Role of Social Determinants of Health

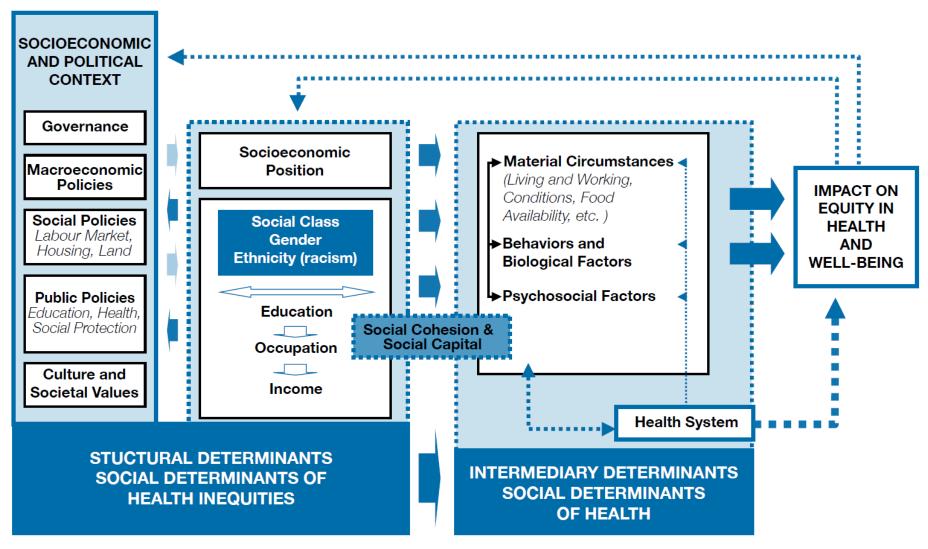
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#### World Health Organization Conceptual Model



<u>Source</u>: A Conceptual Model for Taking Action on the Social Determinants of Health. Geneva: World Health Organization, 2010



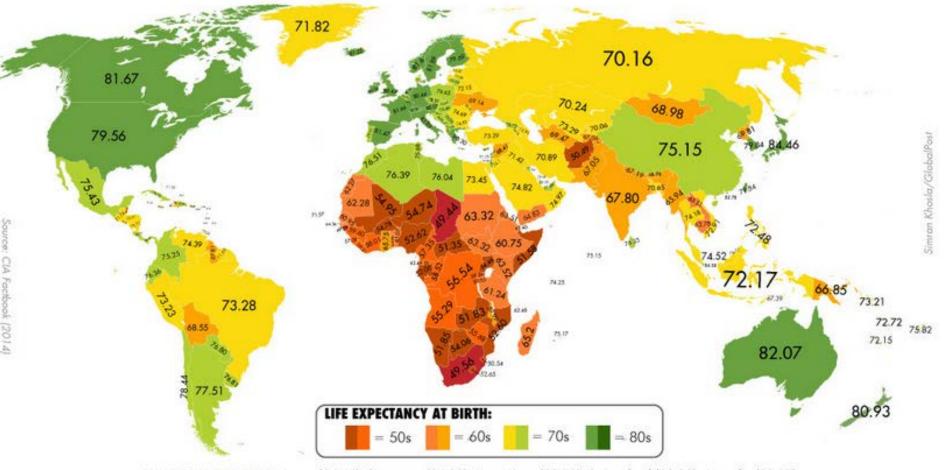
#### **Place Matters!**





#### GLOBAL LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH:



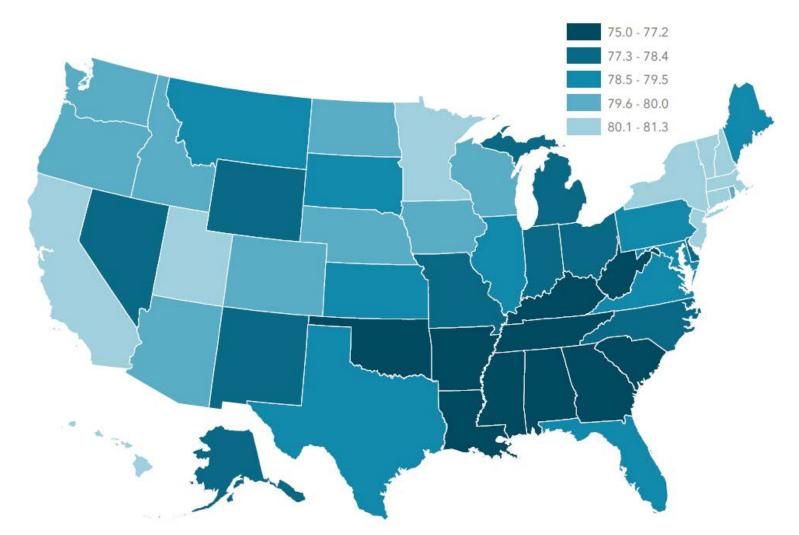


LONGEST LIFE EXPECTANCY: Japan (84.46), Singapore (84.38), Hong Kong (82.78), Switzerland (82.39), Australia (82.07)

SHORTEST LIFE EXPECTANCY: Chad (49.44), South Africa (49.56), Guinea-Bissau (49.87), Afghanistan (50.49), Swaziland (50.54)

https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-10-09/these-maps-reveal-how-long-you-probably-have-live

## Life expectancy, by state, 2013-14

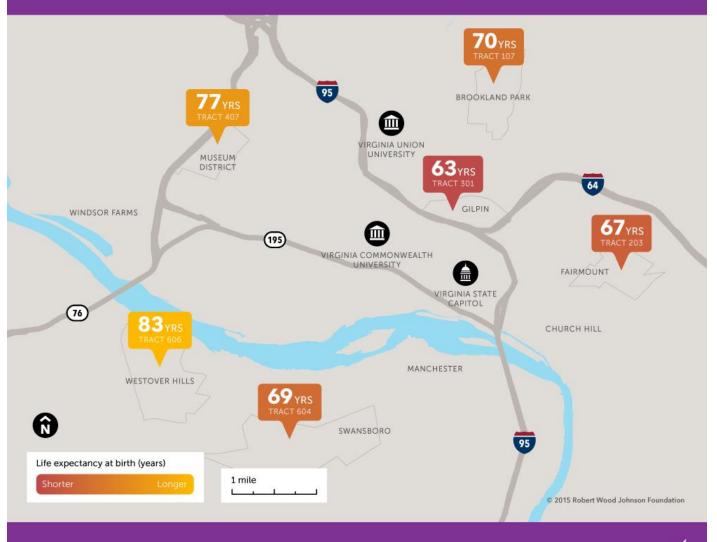


Source: http://www.measureofamerica.org/

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

#### Short Distances to Large Gaps in Health

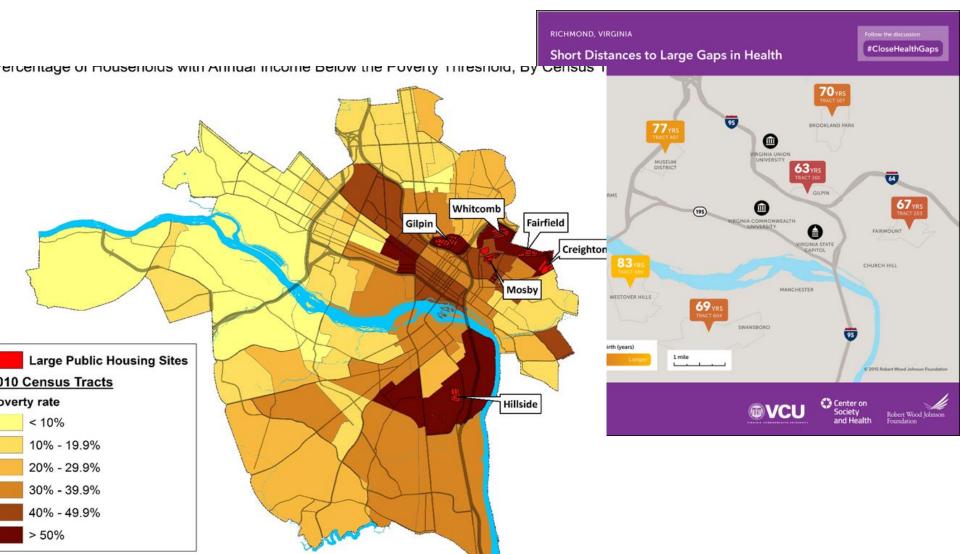








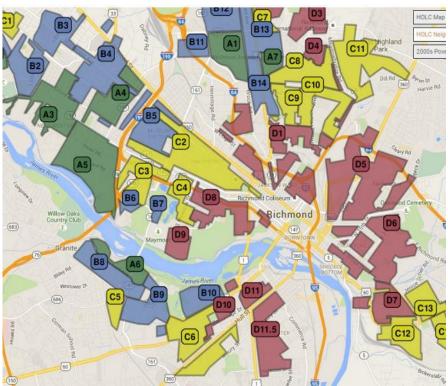




Source: Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia: Where You Live Makes All The Difference: An Opportunity Map of the

Richmond Region

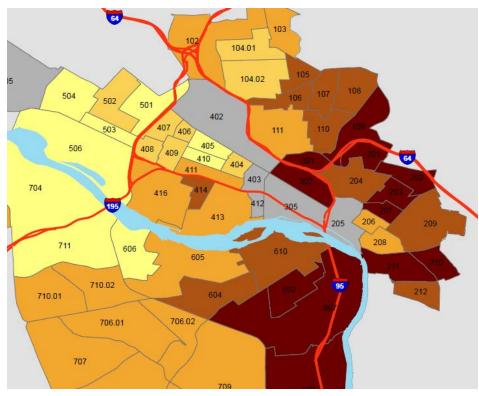
#### **HOLC** map, 1937

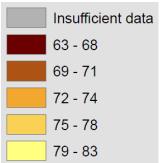


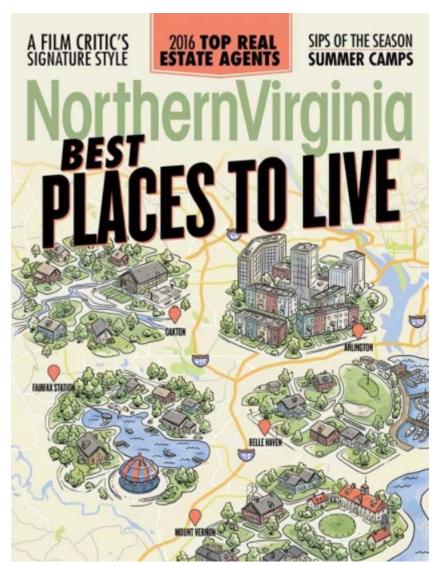
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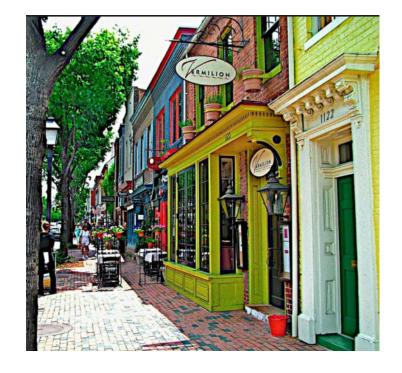
# Life Expectancy at Birth, 2002-11



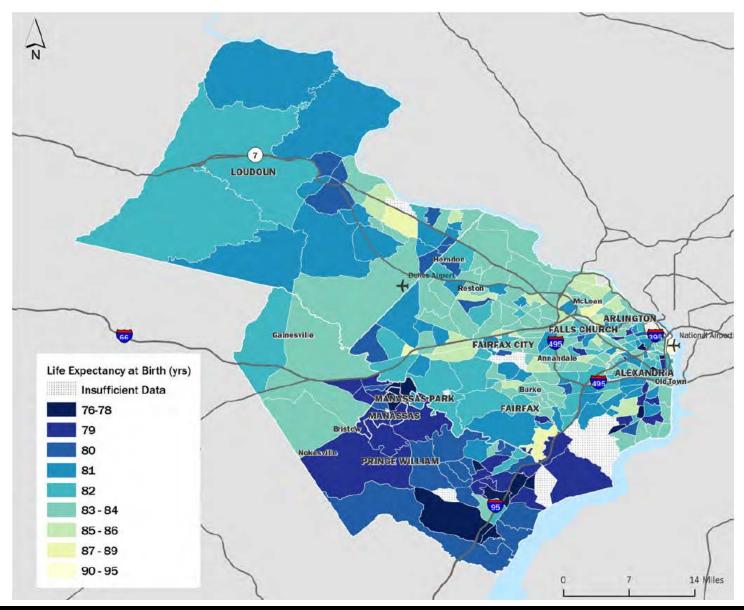




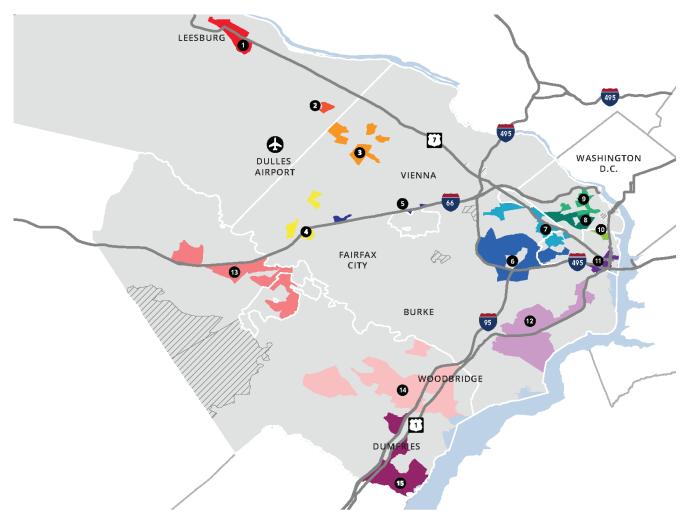


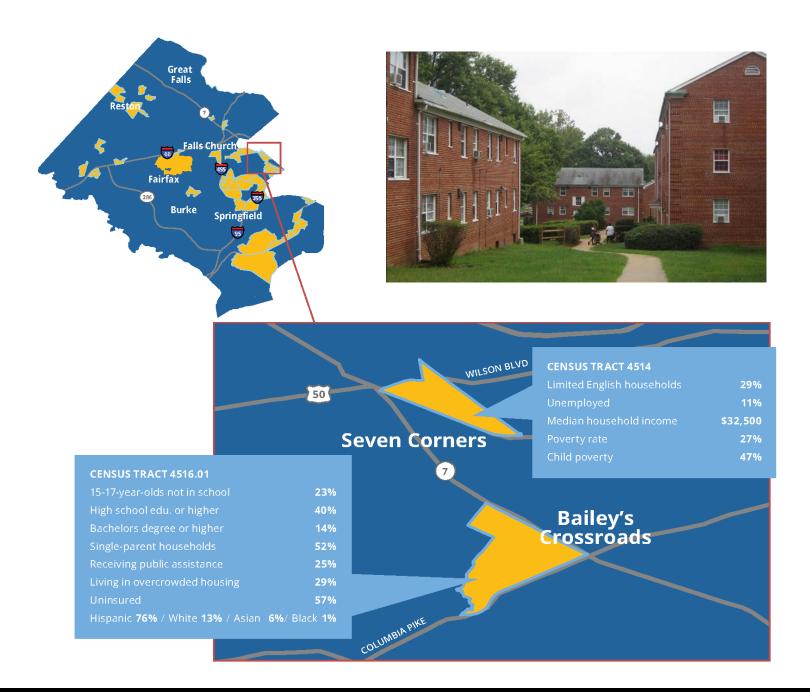


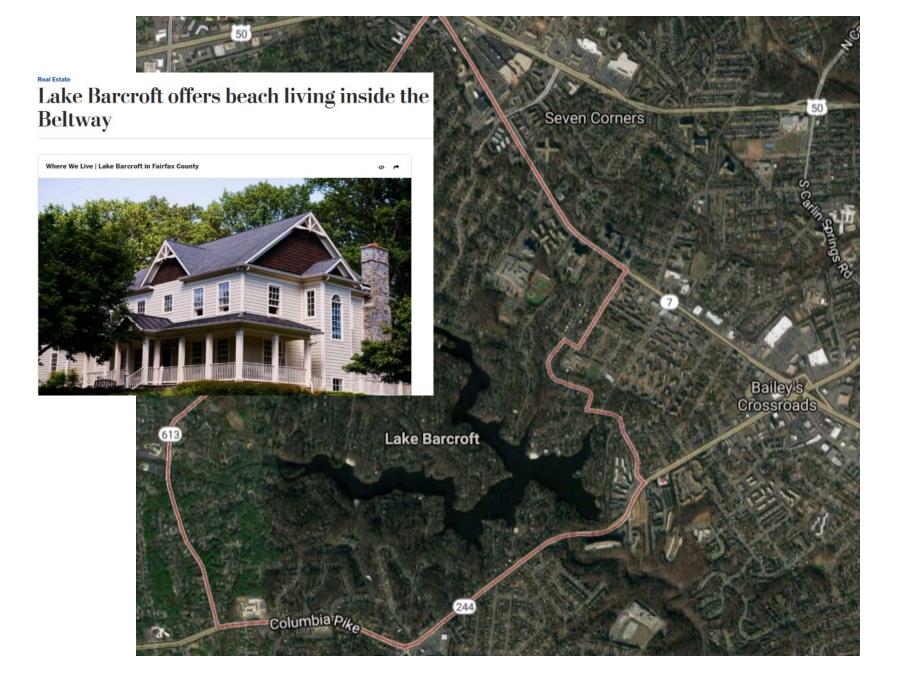
## Northern VA, LE by census tract, 2000-13

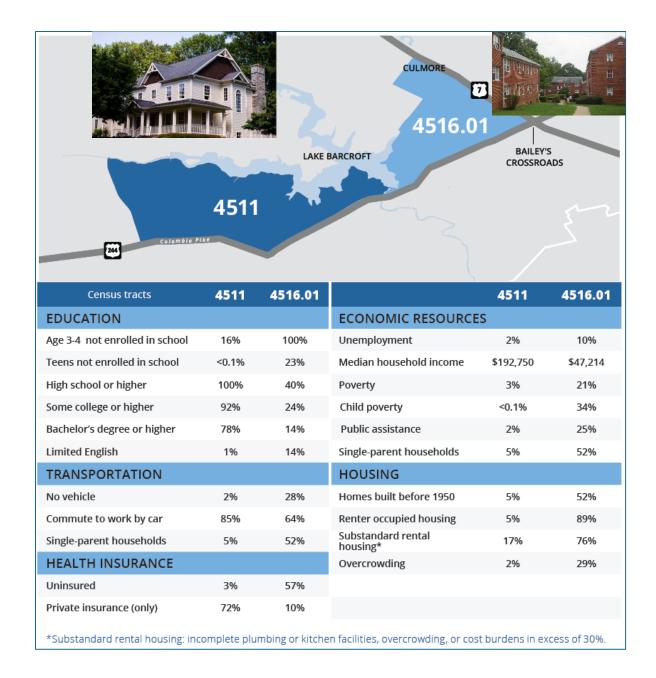


#### 15 "islands of disadvantage"









## Why the Differences?

- Education and income are directly linked to health: Communities
  with weak tax bases cannot support high-quality schools and jobs are
  often scare in neighborhoods with struggling economies.
- Unsafe or unhealthy housing exposes residents to allergens and other hazards like overcrowding.
- Stores and restaurants selling unhealthy food may outnumber markets with fresh produce or restaurants with nutritious food.
- Opportunities for residents to exercise, walk, or cycle may be limited and some neighborhoods are unsafe for children to play outside.
- Proximity to highways, factories, or other sources of toxic agents expose residents to pollutants.
- Access to primary care doctors and good hospitals may be limited.
- Unreliable or expensive public transit can isolate residents from good jobs, health and child care, and social services.
- Residential segregation and features that isolate communities (e.g., highways) can limit social cohesion, stifle economic growth,



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