

What is Health Equity?

Achieving Health Equity Begins
With us!

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OHE Mission

Provide leadership to promote public awareness of health disparities, advocate for programs to eliminate health disparities, and collaborate with stakeholders to achieve measurable and sustainable improvement in health status of underrepresented populations

Definitions

❑ **Health equity:**

Efforts to ensure that all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.

❑ **Vulnerable communities:**

Women/Children, inmates/ex-inmates, disabled, mentally disabled, racial and ethnic minorities, young adults, seniors, immigrants, LGBTQ, LEP

❑ **Vulnerable places:**

Places or communities with inequities in the social, economic, educational, or physical environment or environmental health and that have insufficient resources or capacity to protect and promote the health and well-being of their residents.

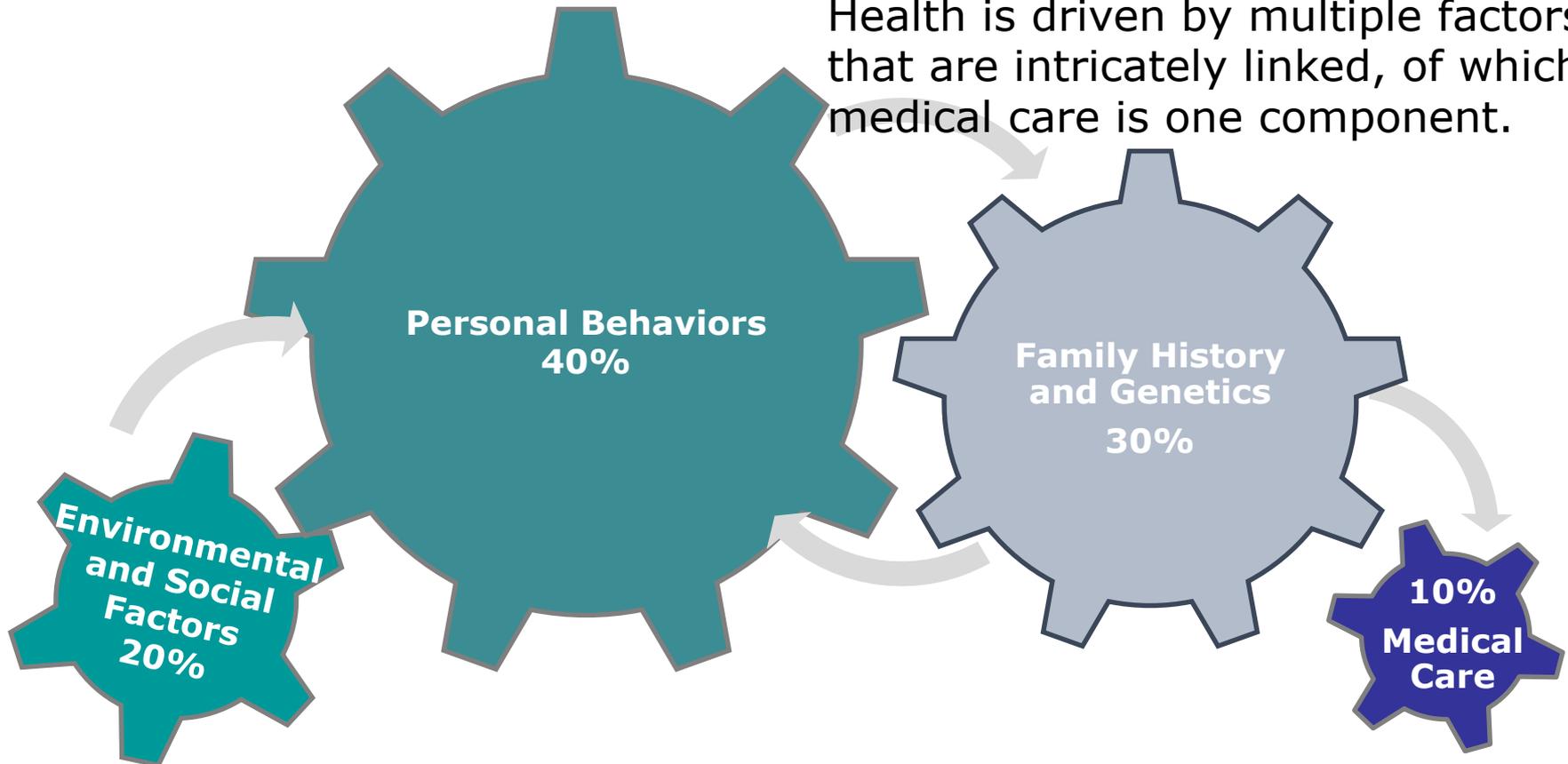
❑ **Social Determinants of Health (SDoH):**

Conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks

More Than Access to Care

Drivers of Health

Health is driven by multiple factors that are intricately linked, of which medical care is one component.



Determinants of Health and Their Contribution to Premature Death. Adapted from McGinnis et al. Copyright 2007

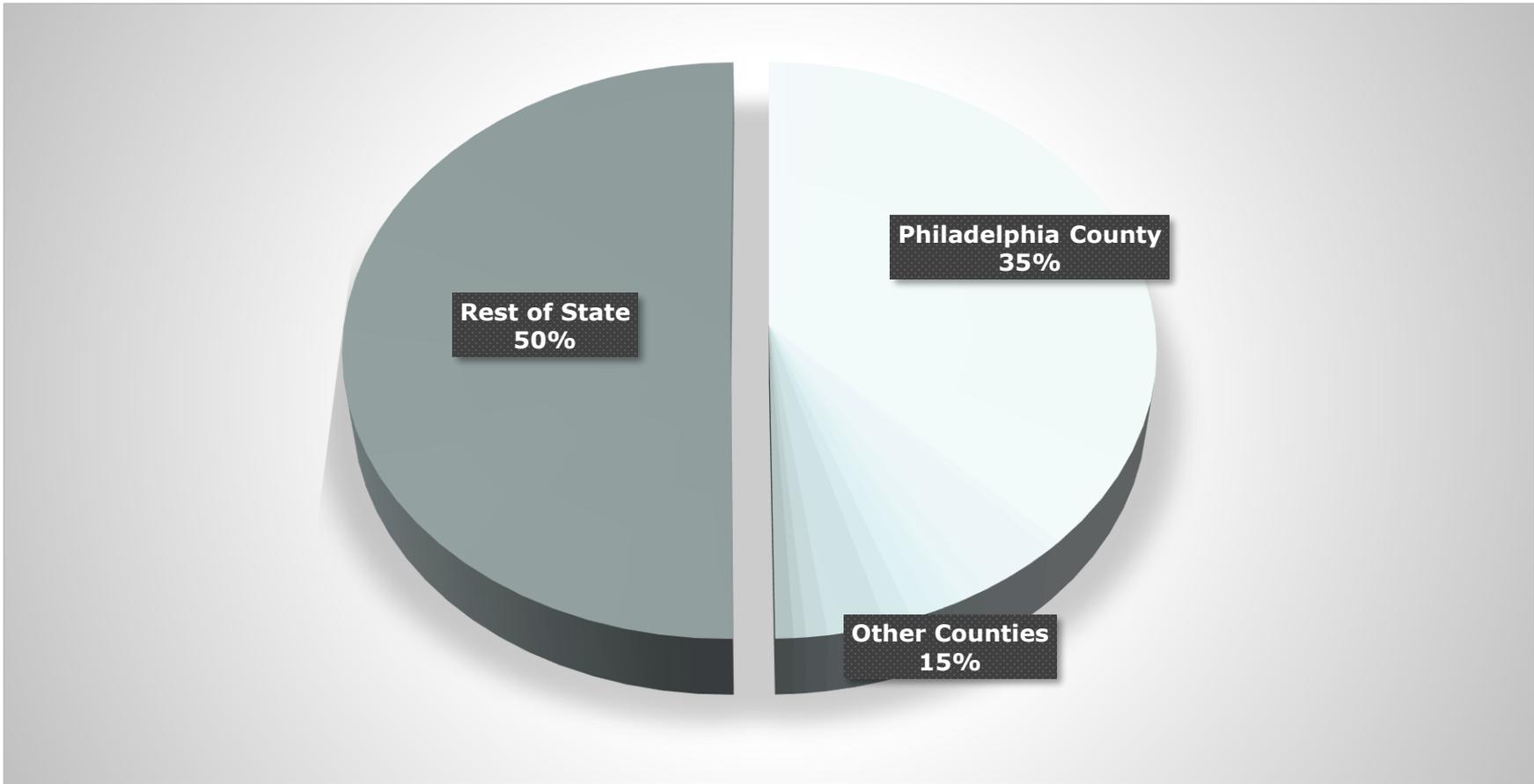
▶ Health Disparities

- Preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.

Environmental Justice Communities

Fayette County	22
Philadelphia County	298
Schuylkill County	5
Dauphin County	27
Luzerne County	9
Lackawanna County	3
Blair County	7
Crawford County	8
Lycoming County	9
Erie County	19
Cambria County	7
Franklin County	4
Mercer County	6
Northumberland County	0
Rest of State	428

EJC's in OHE Focus Counties



Social Determinants of Health

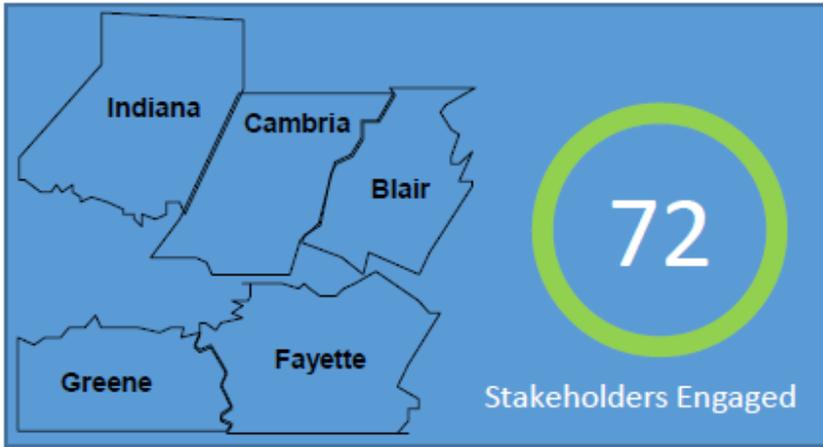
- Environmental
- Transportation
- Housing
- Education
- Employment
- Food
- Access To Care

What WE Are Doing

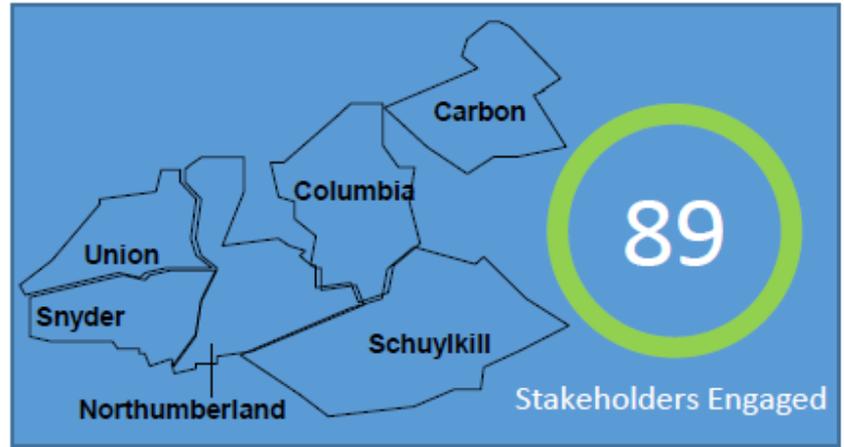
- Focus on vulnerable counties
- Public Health 3.0 events
- Pennsylvania Interagency Health Equity Team (PIHET)
- Health Equity Report

Local Focus

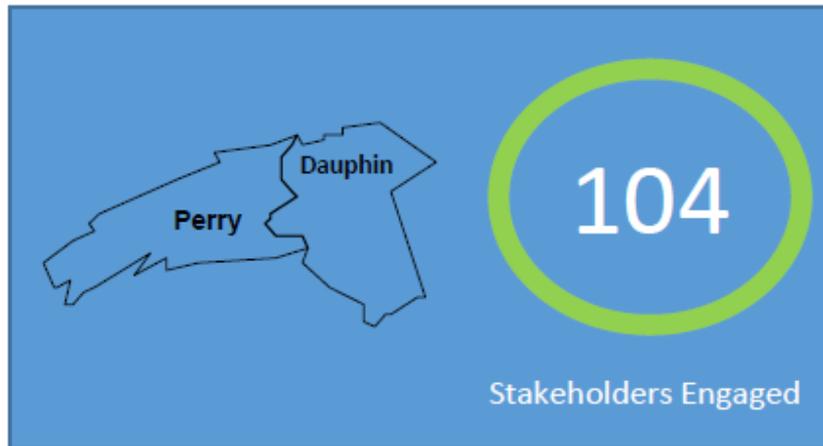
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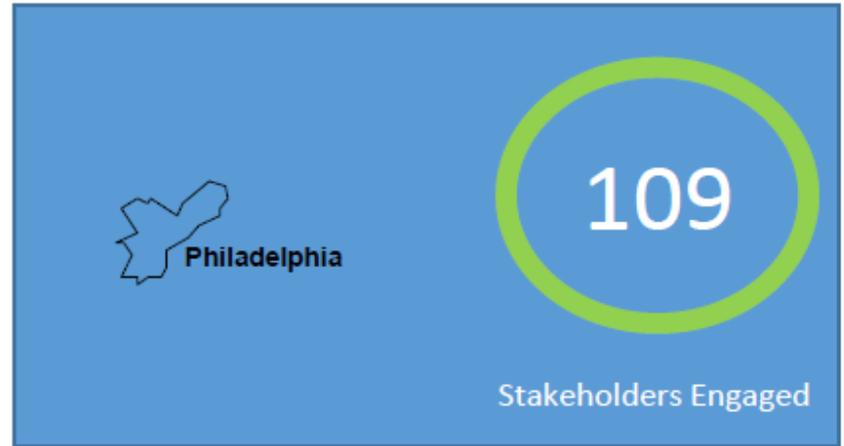
Northeast



Central



Southeast



▶ We can ensure Health Equity

- Eliminate discrimination
- Work across sectors
- Systemic, long term approach
- **Minimizing Adverse Environmental Impacts**
- **Empower Communities**



Thank You

Questions/Comments



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