

NACDD

Building Resilient Inclusive Communities (BRIC)
Community Selection Model and State Profile

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Executive Summary

This Project

Our work supported NACDD and the CDC in identifying high potential DNPAO Ambassador states for funding and will support existing State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) states in identifying priority communities for improving health among high-risk and vulnerable populations, as well as providing additional support and resources **to increase nutrition security, access to safe physical activity, and social connectedness** in the COVID-19 environment.

Phase 1: Selection of 4 DNPAO Ambassador States for Additional Funding

- Developed an approach to select four (4) DNPAO Ambassador states to receive additional funding, using criteria to both identify need and determine capacity to implement programs, while considering COVID-19 burden and vulnerability.

Phase 2: State Profile to Support State Selection of Communities

- Developed state-specific profiles for sixteen (16) SPAN states and four (4) DNPAO Ambassador states to support identification of priority communities. State profiles will provide a holistic picture of state need in the COVID-19 context and insights around partner selection.

Phase 3: State Technical Assistance and Funding Implementation

- The National Technical Assistance Partnership (NTAP) will provide technical assistance to support states in understanding their data, further assessing community health, and directing funding to communities with need and existing public health initiatives.



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Model Overview

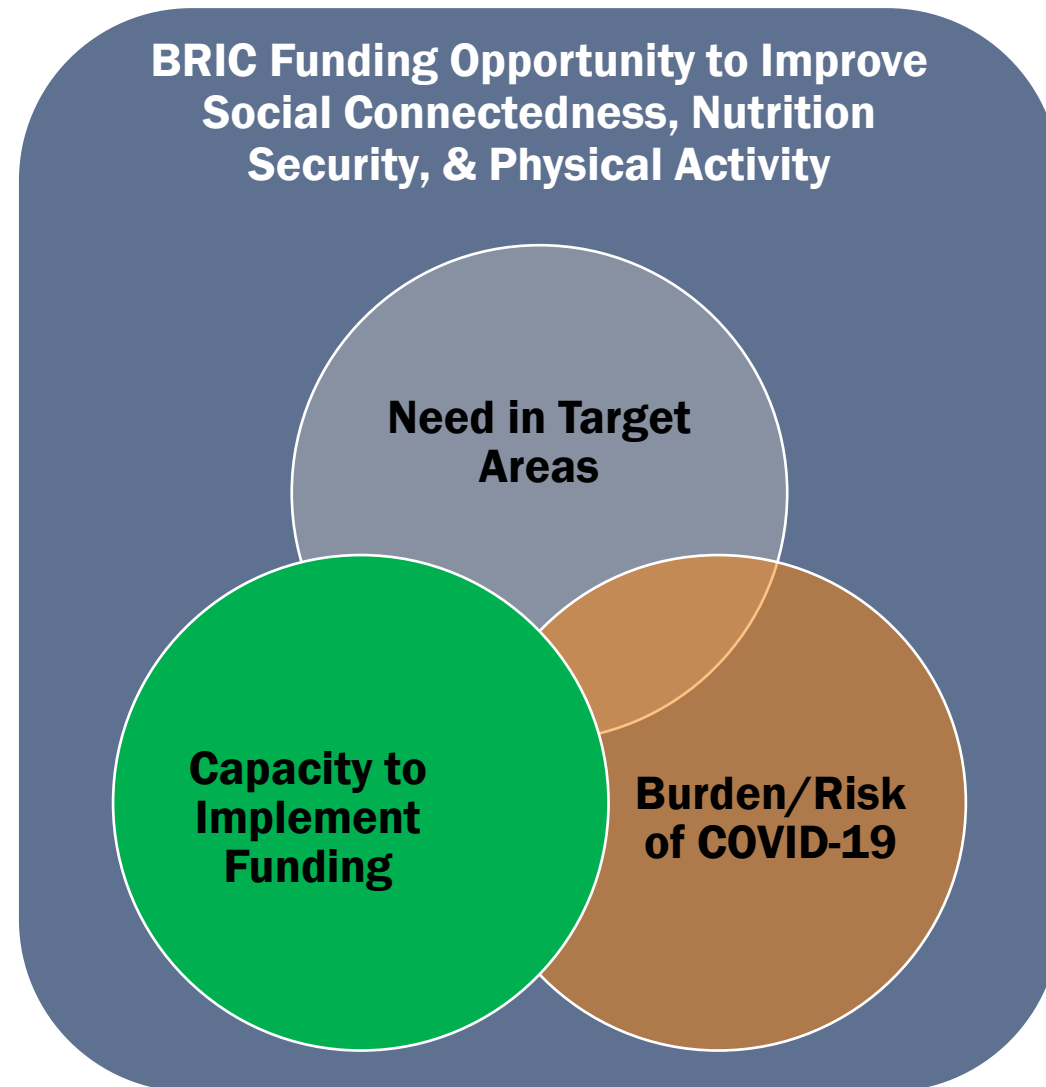


Prioritizing BRIC Funding Across States

To quickly and effectively deploy new BRIC funding to improve social connectedness, nutrition security, and physical activity in the time of COVID-19:

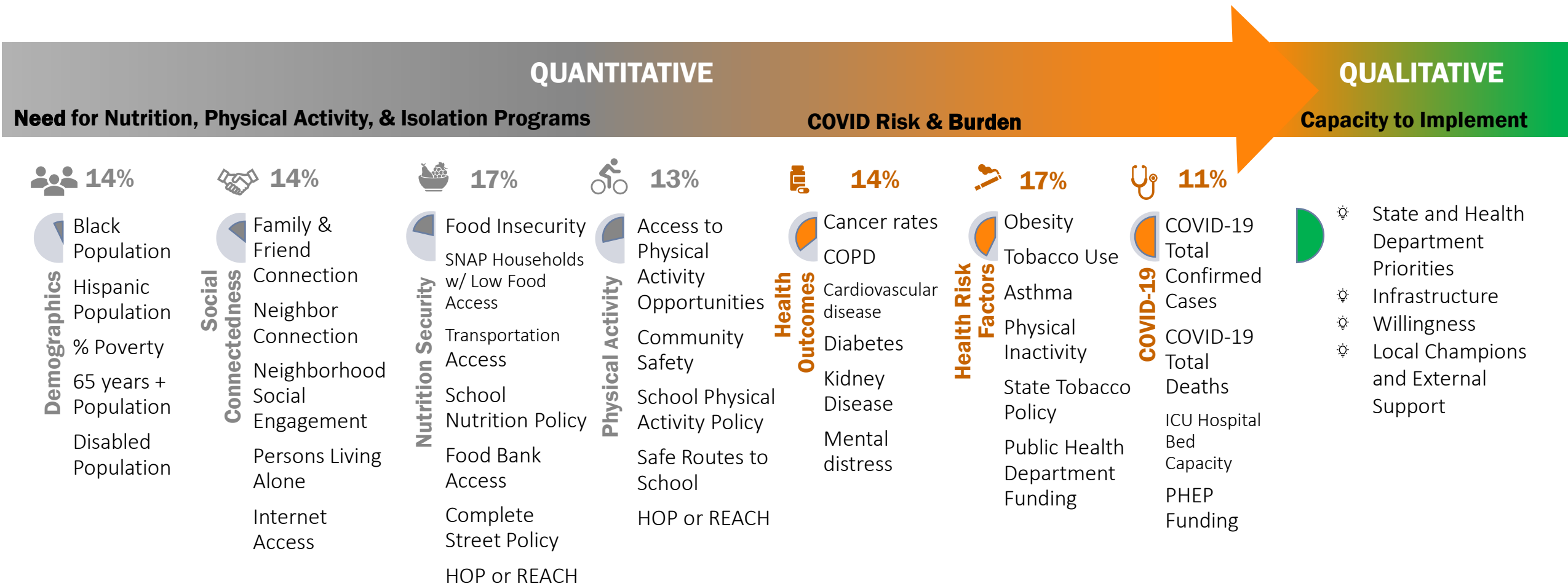
We created a model of state data to assess needs, burden (COVID-19 burden and chronic disease risk), and capacity to implement the funds among the four Ambassador states.

- The 16 SPAN states have existing public health initiatives, particularly with HOP and REACH programs.
- Among the 34 non-SPAN states, four were chosen that demonstrated capacity (evaluated qualitatively and quantitatively) to implement funding, as well as meeting criteria for needs and burden.



BRIC Opportunity Model & Domains

To best deploy BRIC funds and maximize the opportunity, Leavitt Partners developed a model and calculated a composite score using seven specific domains measuring aspects of need, burden, and capacity, weighted for appropriate influence.











Note: Proportional weights for each domain are listed as a percentage above each domain in the graphic (ex. Demographics represents 14% of the total composite score). Each variable is standardized to the national average.



BRIC Opportunity Geographic Ranking Model

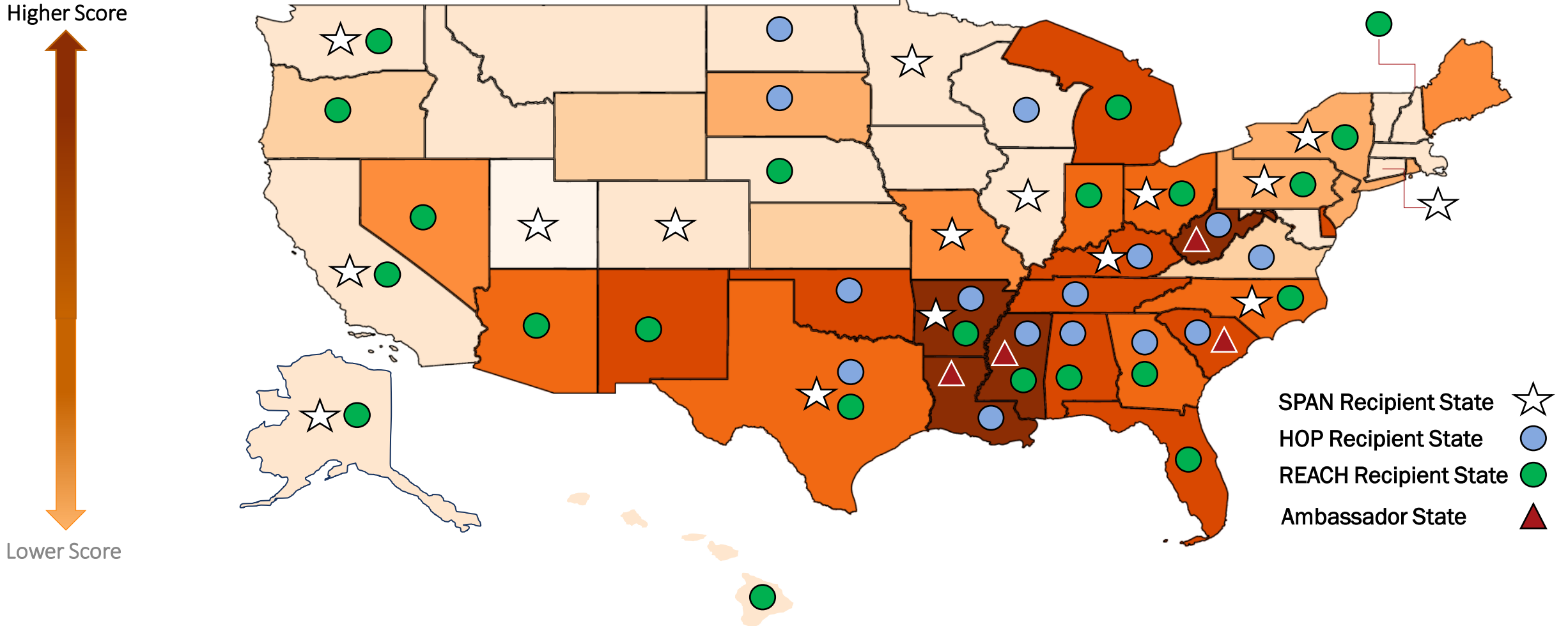
The quantitative model used combinations of variables and weights for the relative importance of those variables to produce a Composite Opportunity Score illustrating a confluence of all factors of interest across all states, inclusive of SPAN and Ambassador states.

	Domain	Weights	Proportion Model Weight
	Nutrition Security	23	17%
	Health Risk Factors	22	17%
	At-Risk Demographics	18	14%
	Social Connectedness	19	14%
	Chronic Disease	19	14%
	Physical Activity	17	13%
	COVID-19 Burden	15	11%
	Full Model	133	100%



BRIC Opportunity Model Results: National View of All States

Using the BRIC Composite Opportunity Score, we ranked states according to specific BRIC funding criteria. Overlaid below are indicators for HOP, REACH, SPAN, and the four new Ambassador states for reference.





Adapting the BRIC Opportunity Model to Prioritize State Funding Using County Indicators

To help all 20 states prioritize funding to address need and burden within the state, we created a similar BRIC Composite Opportunity Score at the county level to identify preliminary targets; leveraging this score, states can then look at specific need and burden domains to refine choices for investment. Note that not all data from the BRIC Opportunity Model is available at the county level.

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Need for Nutrition, Physical Activity, & Isolation Programs

COVID Risk & Burden

14%

Demographics

- Black Population
- Hispanic Population
- % Poverty
- 65 years + Population
- Disabled Population

14%

Social Connectedness

- Persons Living Alone
- Social Associations per 10,000 pop.
- % population receiving emotional support

17%

Nutrition Security

- SNAP Households w/ Low Food Access
- REACH or HOP Recipient County

13%

Physical Activity

- Access to Physical Activity Opportunities
- Violent Crime
- REACH or HOP Recipient County

14%

Health Outcomes

- Diabetes
- Mental distress

17%

Health Risk Factors

- Obesity
- Tobacco Use
- Physical activity

11%

COVID-19

- COVID-19 Total Confirmed Cases
- COVID-19 Total Deaths
- ICU Hospital Bed Capacity

Indicators not available at a city/county level:

- School Physical Activity Policy
- Safe Routes to School
- Family & Friend Connection
- Neighborhood Social Engagement
- Internet Access
- PHEP Funding
- Public Health Department Funding
- Kidney Disease
- Cancer Rates
- COPD
- Transportation Access
- Food Bank Access
- Complete Street Policy
- State Tobacco Policy
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Asthma

*Percentages reflect weights by domain in the final composite score



State Profile Orientation: Using Model Results

Leavitt Partners State Profiles provide county level data from the BRIC Opportunity model inputs. To help all 20 states prioritize funding to address need and burden within the state, the Composite Opportunity Score by county allows us to find preliminary targets and look at specific need and burden domains to refine choices for investment.

- The purpose of the state profile is to provide **actionable guidance** to prioritize funding between one and five communities in a state to help residents **improve their health** during the Coronavirus pandemic
- Our team has provided **state-specific** health burden and health outcome data for **seven key domains**
- Counties of greatest opportunity, as it pertains to **nutrition security, access to safe spaces for physical activity, and social connectedness**, are highlighted in this state profile



State Profile Charts

- Domain Analysis of States
- County Ranking by Composite Opportunity Score and Key Need Domains
- Top Five Counties Performance Across All Seven Domains
- Highest Need Counties by Key Need Domains



State Profile Companion Data

- All Indicators Used to Generate Domain Scores and BRIC Opportunity Score for Counties
- Detailed Description of Each Indicator, Source, and Year of Data
- Indicators Presented by Domain to Inform Understanding of Key Domain Composition




SECTION 3



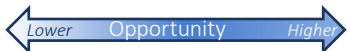
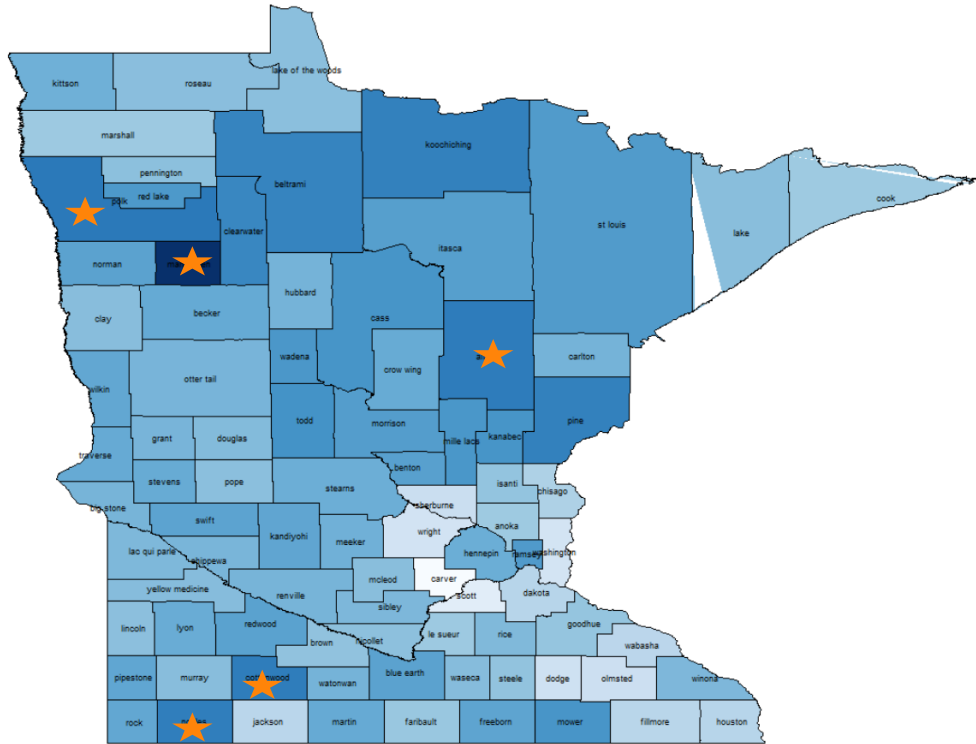
Minnesota State Profile

Minnesota – Key Takeaways from Domains

Domain	Key Domain Indicators (relative to all 50 states)	Areas of Highest Risk/Burden
At-Risk Demographic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota’s population is composed of a lower proportion of demographic groups at greater risk for complications of COVID-19 and chronic diseases. The state is relatively young and less likely to live in poverty compared to other states. Minnesota’s Hispanic population represents approximately 5% of the population, 37th among states and the Black population represents just 6% of the state, 30th among states. These groups are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. 	
Social Connectedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota ranks 15th among states in factors for social isolation. Residents of Minnesota report low rates of frequent connection with family and friends (35%). The state’s rates of centers for community engagement per capita (recreation center, community centers, senior centers) is above the national average. 	
Physical Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota residents report above average access to spaces for physical activity (88%) and below average rates of violent crime, creating greater opportunity for safe physical activity. While the state does not have a mandate on school recess or general activity requirements, compared to other Safe Route to School states, Minnesota is more advanced in the implementation of Safe Routes to School criteria. 	
Nutrition Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota reports below average rates of nutrition insecurity (10%). Among SNAP participants, Minnesota reports a relatively low proportion of SNAP participants with less access to grocers (<0.7% of total state population). The state does have above average food banks per capita and is a Complete Street policy state. 	
Health Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota reports below average rates of chronic disease prevalence compared to all other states. 	
Health Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota reports below average rates of health risk factors compared to all other states. Minnesota’s public health funding per capita is near the national average. 	
COVID-19 Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota is a state less impacted by COVID-19 in terms of total case count and deaths (as of November 1, 2020). Minnesota reports near the national average in ICU beds per capita and comparatively low Emergency Preparedness Funding per capita. 	

Minnesota – Quantitative Model Results

A county-level composite score was developed using a similar weighting scheme as the state-wide assessment. The map to the left reflects the scores, with darker coloring signifying greater opportunity across all domains.



- HOP Recipient County
- REACH Recipient County
- ★ Top 5 County

1. Mahnommen County

- Highest rate of food insecurity (14%). 2nd highest proportion of SNAP beneficiaries with low access to grocer (6.9%).
- High percentage of the population within at-risk demographic groups driven by; Highest poverty rate (20.4%).
- High health outcome score: highest diabetes prevalence (14%), Highest prevalence of frequent mental distress (14%).

2. Polk County

- Social connectedness; highest number of residents reporting never or rarely receiving emotional support (19.3%).
- Health risk factors; Polk County consistently ranked in the top 10 counties across variables encompassing health risk factors.
- COVID-19 burden;

3. Aitkin County

- At-risk demographic groups; highest percentage of population aged 65+ (31%). 3rd highest adult disability rate (15.4%).

4. Cottonwood County

- Health risk factor score; Highest rate of physical inactivity (32%)
- Highest percentage of the population within at-risk demographic groups driven by; 6th highest poverty rate (16%).

5. Nobles County

- Highest at-risk demographic score driven by; highest Hispanic population (27%) and high poverty rate (14%).
- COVID-19 burden driven by; highest number of COVID-19 cases per 10,000 (1,413).

Social Connectedness	Physical Activity	Nutrition Security
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Minnesota – County Domain Results

The five notable counties from the model vary in performance across domains. The table displays how counties perform across the domains of interest – fuller ● reflects areas of higher opportunity.

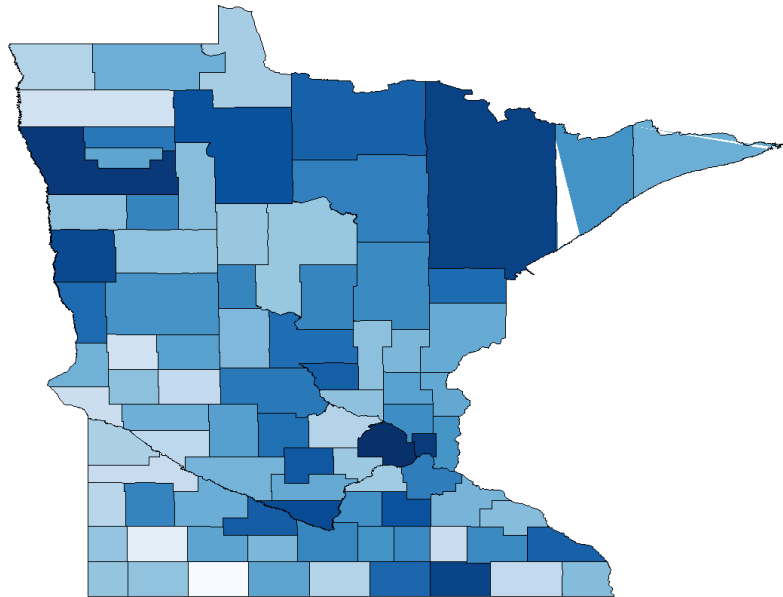
Rank	Notable Counties	At-Risk Demographic	Social Connectedness	Physical Activity	Nutrition Security	Health Outcomes	Health Behaviors	COVID-19 Impact
1.	Mahnomen County	●	◐	●	●	●	●	◐
2.	Polk County	◐	●	●	●	●	●	●
3.	Aitkin County	●	◐	●	●	●	◐	◐
4.	Cottonwood County	●	◐	◐	●	●	●	●
5.	Nobles County	●	◑	◐	◑	◐	●	●

Notes: * identifies counties with population less than 5,000 persons. ** identifies counties with population less than 1,000 persons.



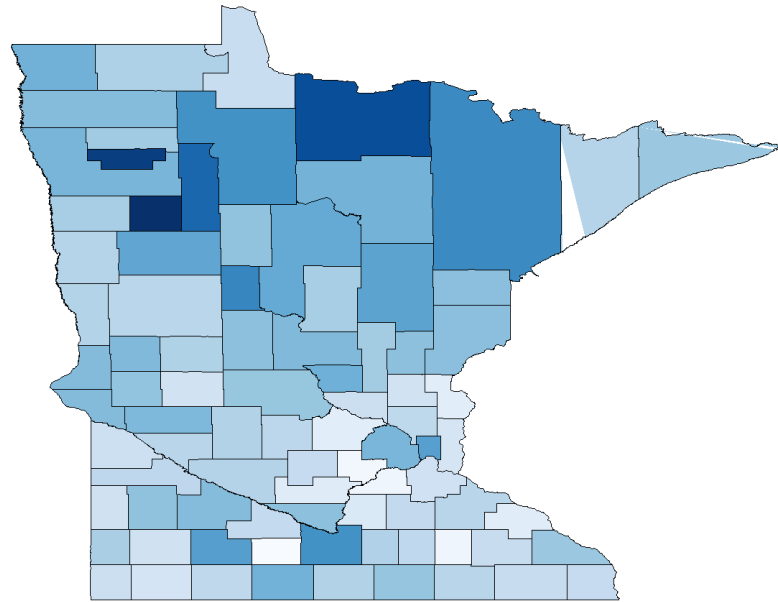
Minnesota – Quantitative Model Results

A county-level domain score was developed using a similar weighting scheme as the state-wide assessment. The maps reflect the aggregate scores in each of the three priority funding areas (Social Connectedness, Nutrition Security, and Access to Safe Physical Activity). The darker coloring of a county signifies greater opportunity.



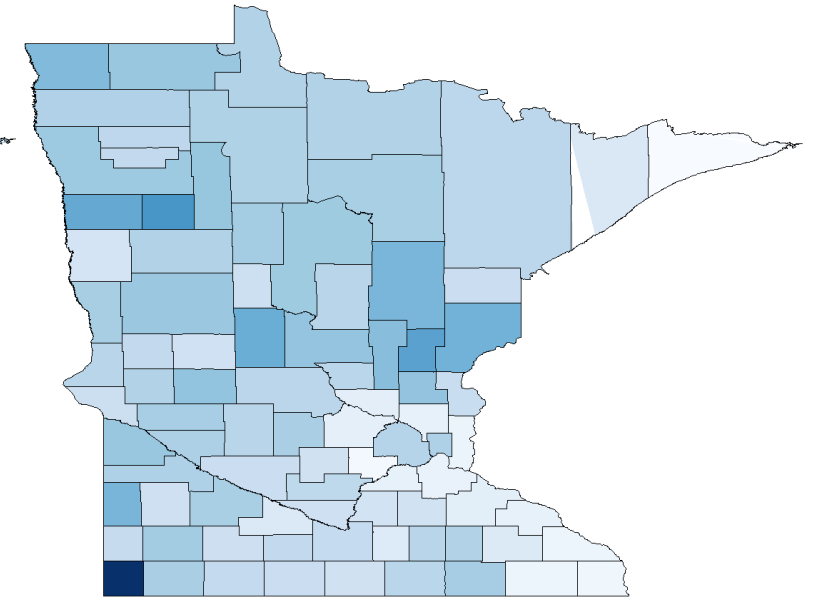
Social Connectedness Domain

1. Hennepin County
2. Polk County
3. Ramsey County
4. St. Louis County
5. Mower County



Nutrition Security Domain

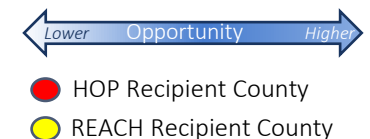
1. Mahnomon County
2. Red Lake County*
3. Koochiching County
4. Clearwater County
5. Wadena County



Physical Activity Domain

1. Rock County
2. Mahnomon County
3. Kanabec County
4. Norman County
5. Todd County

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SECTION 4



Next Steps

The BRIC partners stand ready to help you make decisions and implement funding to address challenges in advancing nutrition security, physical activity and social connectedness in a COVID-19 context.

Leavitt Partners Technical Assistance

- Additional support to use model and data to direct and implement funding within specific communities and programs in your state:
 - Facilitate opportunities to participate in small group Q&A and gain additional quantitative insight
 - Support one-off inquiries and requests from states as it relates to the use of data and utilizing their state profile
 - Provide updates on COVID-19 data regional burden in Q2

Other Technical Assistance Partners and Resources

- Other BRIC Partners
 - Mental Health America
 - Equitable Cities
 - Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
 - Healthy Places by Design
 - Dr. Angela Odoms-Young/UIC/Feeding America
- Resources for More Local Data
 - City Health Dashboard
 - 500 Cities
 - CDC PLACES database