

WHAT IS HEALTHY CHICAGO?



Every Chicagoan deserves to live a safe, healthy life.

But too often, Chicagoans have limited access to resources and their voices are undervalued. Our Black and Latinx communities are most impacted by these inequities, and as a result, their life spans are shorter.

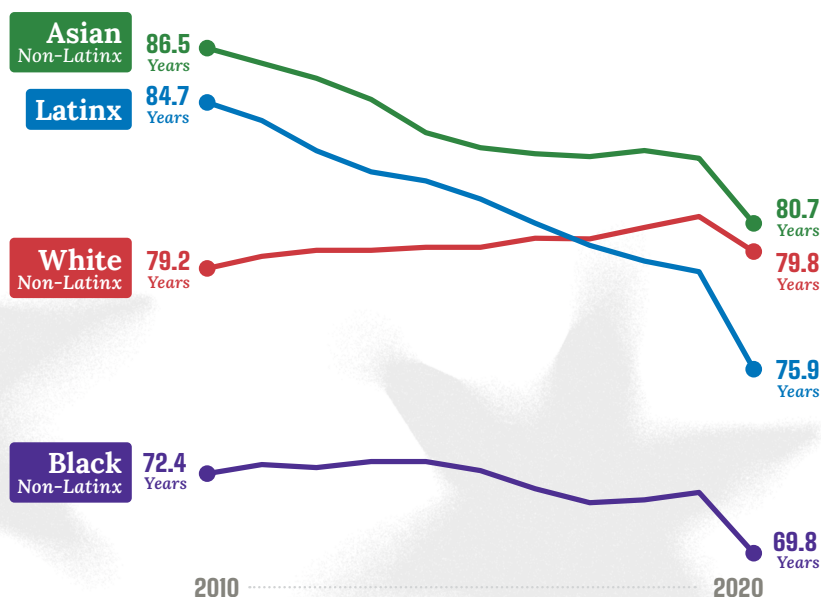
Healthy Chicago 2025 is the movement toward addressing health disparities and improving community health for all Chicagoans. We're working with community leaders—folks living in areas most affected by inequitable health—to understand the daily reality. Together, we're building and executing a plan for measurable change. This includes ensuring power and resources are available where they're most needed at the local level.

Healthy Chicago 2025 regularly collects data and listens to Chicagoans about their daily experiences. This feedback directs our work into seven priority areas, so we invest the greatest resources where they're most needed. Every 5 years, we publish an actionable city-wide plan of steps we can *all* take to make our communities stronger and healthier, and improve our quality of life.

THE LIFE EXPECTANCY GAP

The life expectancy gap measures the difference between how long two groups expect to live. Chicago's life expectancy gap exists in part due to a historic lack of access to resources and power among Black and Latinx communities.

The life expectancy gap is the difference between how long two groups of people expect to live. Today, the average white Chicagoan lives 10 years longer than the average Black Chicagoan. And in the 10 years between 2010 and 2020, Latinx Chicagoans had the biggest decline in life expectancy. That's unacceptable. The color of your skin or the neighborhood you live in should never determine how long or well you live.



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PROGRESS UPDATE: PRIORITY AREAS

Our current Healthy Chicago 2025 plan supports all communities, particularly Black and Latinx Chicagoans, in working toward seven long-term priorities to reach our vision of a city where all people and all communities have power, are free from oppression, and are strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments, and opportunities that promote optimal health and well-being.

Here are some progress highlights in each area.



**Breathe clean air,
drink clean water**

Microsoft's Project Eclipse placed **100+ low-cost air pollution sensors across the city**. Residents can scan QR codes at select bus stops for real-time air quality.



**The care every Chicagoan
needs and deserves**

211 Metro Chicago, a new website and call center, serves an **all-in-one source for health and human services information and referrals**.



**Safe, affordable homes
for everyone**

A 2021 assessment helped the city change how it gives out housing subsidies. **These changes focus on racial and geographic equity**.



**Safe public spaces that
serve all Chicagoans**

Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (C.A.R.E.) program **integrates behavioral healthcare professionals into the city's 911 system**.



**Healthy food,
close to home**

Launched Food Equity Council, a **community co-led group focused on food policy and systems change**.



**Creating vibrant neighborhoods that
reflect Chicagoans' identities**

With leadership from the city and Elevated Chicago, we work toward **fairer development of public spaces, buildings and vacant land near transit**.



**Equitable and accountable
institutions**

The Healthy Chicago Equity Zones initiative funds local and community organizations to build **partnerships that address health and racial equity**.

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