Who was the General?
Newark, NJ 1935  Men wait in line to apply for work wielding a pick and shovel on Newark subway excavation project for $4 for a 10-hour day.

Image: U.S. Department of State

Image: Library of Congress
Foundation House
142 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick  NJ
Legacy Grants

Campers playing harmonica
Circa 1930 or 1940
Courtesy of Camp Kiddie Keep-Well
Strengthening Institutions in NJ

The **only** National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center **in New Jersey**
Rutgers Center for State Health Policy

• Provides impartial research and analysis
• Facilitates and convenes on health policy issues
• Is a trusted source across political spectrum
Building a Culture of Health in New Jersey
Partnership for Healthy Kids

- Working with the Y’s
- Making the healthy choice the easy choice
- Policy and environmental change
- Grown from 5 to 66 communities
- 200 policies and environmental changes
New Jersey Health Initiatives

$9.6 million currently invested in building healthier communities

Our Active Grantees
- 2018 Upstream Action Acceleration (12)
- 2018 NJ Healthy Communities Network (5)
- 2017 Next Generation Community Leaders (10)
- 2017 BUILD Health Challenge (3)
- 2016 Communities Moving to Action (10)
- 2015 Communities Moving to Action (10)
Great Things About New Jersey

- Ranked 11th healthiest state
- Ranked #2 in education
- Diverse residents
- 3rd wealthiest state
- Fewer children living in poverty
- More people insured
Place Impacts Health

County Health Rankings
Health Outcomes

NJ Department of Community Affairs
Municipal Revitalization Index (MRI),
formerly Municipal Distress Index
Premature death rates of Black New Jerseyans are even higher than our lowest ranked counties.
● 37% of New Jersey residents cannot afford basic needs

● 68% of New Jersey children in poverty were living in a household that spends more than half of its income on housing costs

● Median net worth for white families is $271,402; median net worth for black families is $5,900
Historical Policies and Practices have shaped NJ

Redlining in Trenton, NJ
Discrimination Pervades Daily Life, Affects Health Across Groups in the U.S., NPR/Harvard/RWJF Poll Shows

- RWJF Press Release about “Discrimination in America” report
Who Experiences Discrimination?

Percent of Each Group Saying Discrimination Against Their Own Group Exists in America Today

- African Americans: 92%
- Latinos: 78%
- Native Americans: 75%
- Asian Americans: 61%
- Whites (Non-Hispanic): 55%
- LGBTQ: 90%

31% of Latinos say they've experienced discrimination when trying to rent an apartment or buy a home.
22% of African Americans have avoided medical care due to concern of racial discrimination.
35% of African Americans have avoided calling police when in need due to concern of racial discrimination.
Most white boys raised in wealthy families will stay rich or upper middle class as adults, but black boys raised in similarly rich households will not.

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Adult outcomes reflect household incomes in 2014 and 2015.

Based on data from Race and Economic Opportunity in the United States report.
Equality

Equity
Building a Culture of Health: A Policy Roadmap to Help All New Jerseyans Live Their Healthiest Lives

- 13 policy priorities
- 3 policy areas:
  - Children & families
  - Healthy communities
  - High-quality health and social service systems
- Goal: Advance equity-promoting, evidence-based policies to help all New Jerseyans live their healthiest lives.
A healthy New Jersey is a proud pre-k graduate.

Let’s build an educated New Jersey together. rwjf.org/NJ
A healthy New Jersey is sidewalks that work for all of us.

Let’s build an accessible New Jersey together.

rwjf.org/NJ

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
A healthy New Jersey is a good job with fair pay.

Let's build an affordable New Jersey together.
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Healthy Children and Families

1. Improve maternal and infant health outcomes by enhancing care, supports, and prevention
2. Ensure maximum uptake of the recently expanded paid family leave benefit, particularly among low-income workers
3. Increase access to high-quality early education for all of New Jersey’s 3- and 4-year-olds, with a continued focus on children living in poverty
4. Boost the incomes of families support by low- and moderate-wage workers to promote financial stability and economic opportunity
5. Ensure New Jerseyans have equitable access to safe, affordable, and stable housing in the communities where they choose to live

6. Prevent childhood lead poisoning by maximizing state and federal funding and ensuring properties are lead-safe through inspection, remediation, and enforcement

7. Expand equitable access to healthy food in communities and schools

8. Ensure all roads, sidewalks, and public transit systems are safe and accessible to all potential users

9. Reduce tobacco use disparities through price increases and cessation programs
10. Shift the health care system’s focus toward delivering whole-person care, working with other systems to promote overall health and well-being

11. Ensure access to comprehensive, integrated mental health and addiction services

12. Improve access to health and social services throughout the state by leveraging technology

13. Foster collaboration within and across state agencies to improve health equity
Defining Health Equity

Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible.

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.

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US Median Household Income and Race, 2015

Racial Differences in Income

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*Native American Heritage Month, 2014, Bureau of Indian Affairs.