UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?

MAPPING HEALTH AND INEQUITY ACROSS LOUISVILLE

The lives of the four characters featured in the first episode of UNNATURAL CAUSES help us see how wealth differences affect health in Louisville’s “council district” neighborhoods. Note the ten-year difference in life expectancy between the richest and the poorest districts. Even middle-class districts lag behind the wealthiest areas.

District 5
avg. life expectancy: 69.8 yrs
median income: $24,268

District 21
avg. life expectancy: 73.4 yrs
median income: $35,861

District 24
avg. life expectancy: 75.3 yrs
median income: $46,499

District 16
avg. life expectancy: 79.8 yrs
median income: $79,878
Life Expectancy
based on 2000-2004 death records

- Mary's district: 69.8
- Corey's district: 73.4
- Tondra's district: 75.3
- Jim's district: 79.8
Infant mortality
2001-2003 Louisville public health data

# deaths per 1,000 live births

- Mary's district: 12
- Corey's district: 8
- Tondra's district: 5
- Jim's district: 1
Demographic Information based on 2000 Census data

- Mary's district
- Corey's district
- Tondra's district
- Jim's district

- Percentage of population
- HS grads
- College grads
- Unemployed
- In poverty
- Minority population