How Healthy is YOUR Community?

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How healthy is your county? The County Health Rankings (http://www.countyhealthrankings.org), a valuable on-line data tool and resource, can help communities better understand the factors influencing the health outcomes of their residents, and how their county ranks in comparison to other counties in the state. For example, Nassau County ranks first in NYS among all health factors (an index that includes such influences on health as behavior, clinical care, socio-economics, and the physical environment), while Bronx County ranks last (see diagram below, left). With regard to health outcomes (length and quality of life), Livingston County ranks first in NYS, while Bronx County ranks last (see map below, right). In addition to providing a snapshot of a community’s health, the site, through its Roadmaps to Health Program (http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps), provides communities a starting point for investigating and implementing evidence-informed policies, programs, and system changes that will improve the variety of factors known to affect health.

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Additional Resources:
NYS Department of Health, Data and Reports:
http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/
Health Indicators Warehouse:
http://healthindicators.gov/
NYS Community Health Indicator Reports: