



Equity Information Sheet

Equity Priority can be determined by analyzing five key indicators of community health and well-being, as defined by Wake County Human Services' *Community Vulnerability Index*:



1. Unemployment: Population age 16 and over who are unemployed in the civilian labor force;



2. Low Educational Attainment: Population over age 25 who have less than a high school diploma;



3. Age Dependency: Population under the age of 18 and over the age of 64 combined;



4. Housing Vacancy: The total number of vacant or unoccupied housing units in a block group;



5. Poverty Rate: The population living below the federal poverty threshold in Wake County;

Communities exhibiting a high concentration of these five demographic and socioeconomic indicators are more likely to experience negative health outcomes such as heart disease, obesity, chronic stress, and depression—outcomes which can be mitigated with better access to high-quality open spaces, outdoor recreation, and safe places to play and exercise.

Prioritizing investments in these communities helps ensure that PRCR sites, facilities, and programs are more accessible to the communities that will benefit most from these public resources.

