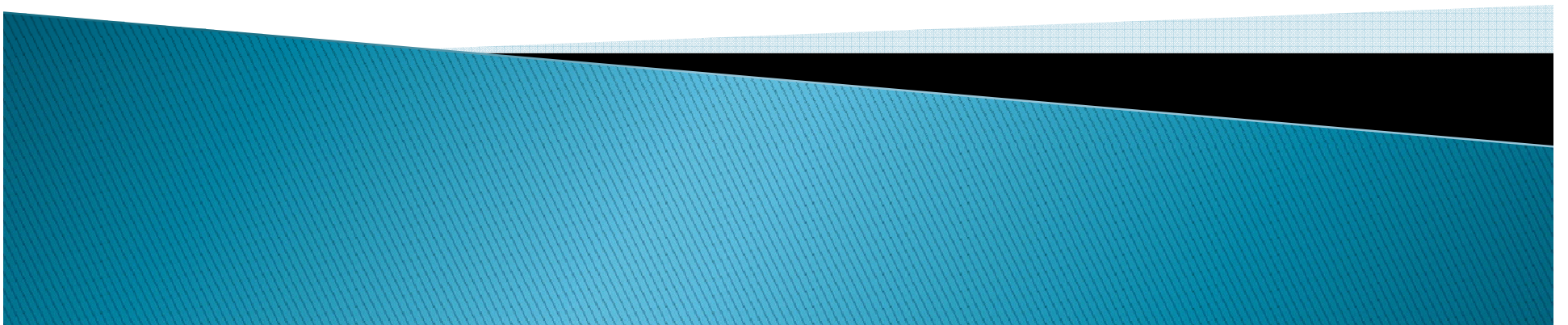


# Public Health

What we as a society do collectively  
to ensure the conditions in which  
people can be healthy





**Core Public Health Functions  
Assurance, Assessment and Policy Development**

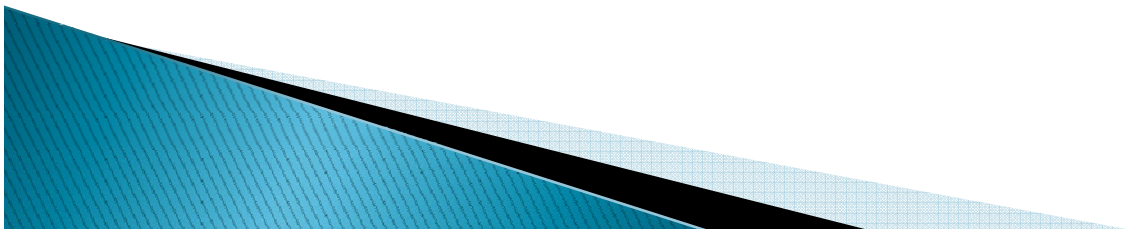
# Buncombe County Health Priorities for 2010–2014

The Areas of Emphasis or Priorities were chosen by a diverse group of community stakeholders who drew from data and information gathered during the Community Health Assessment to make their decisions. It should be noted that these priorities do not negate the importance of other areas of contribution, yet they offer opportunities for dramatically improving health impact based on the data that was collected and analyzed.

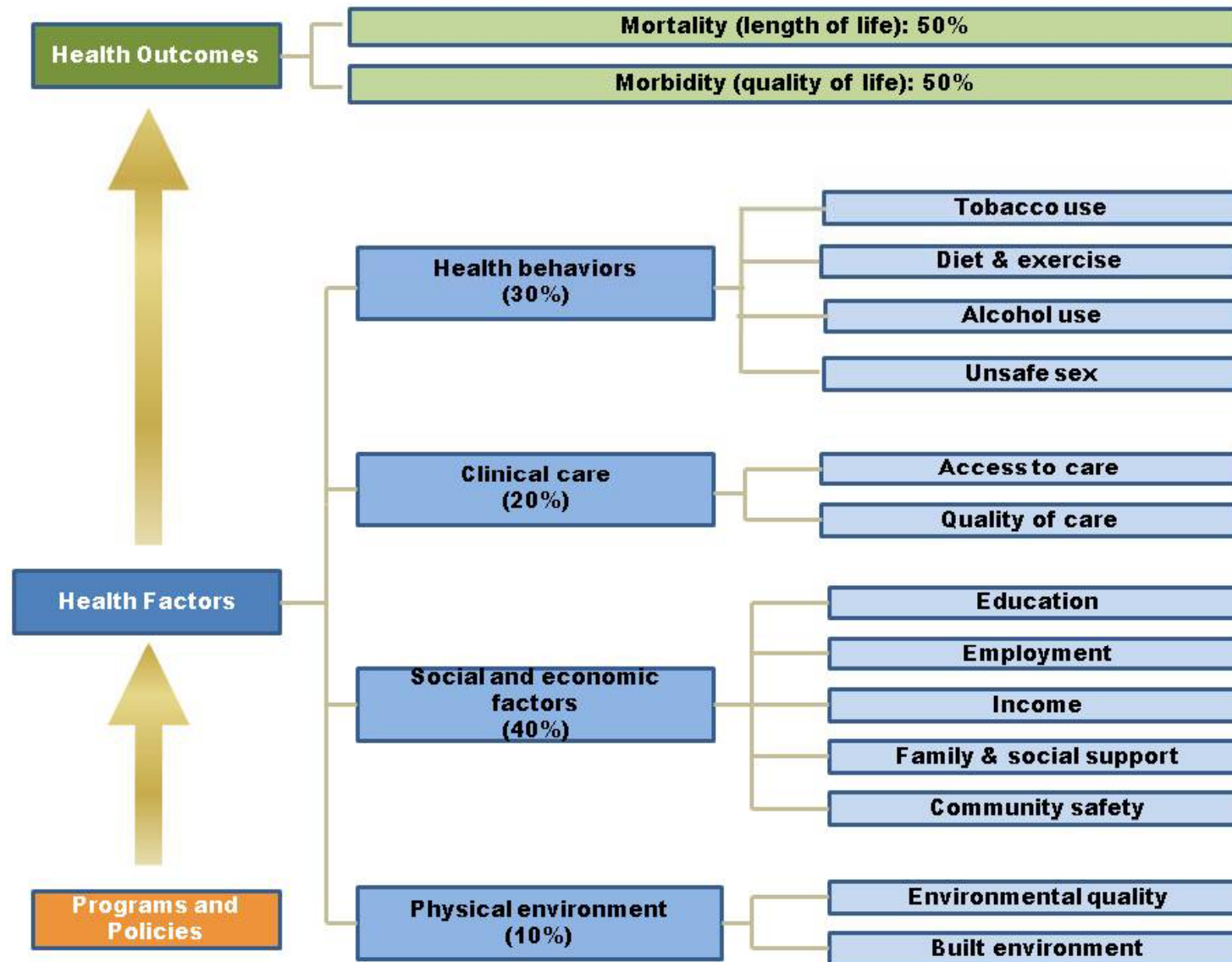
- 4 Promote Healthy Weights Through Healthy Living
- 2 Improve Women's Health During Childbearing Years
- 3 Increase the Access to and the Quality of Education from Cradle to College
- 4 Improve Children's Health Outcomes through a focus on Family Support and Education
- 5 Access to and Continuity of a Mental Health Home

# *Why County Health Rankings?*

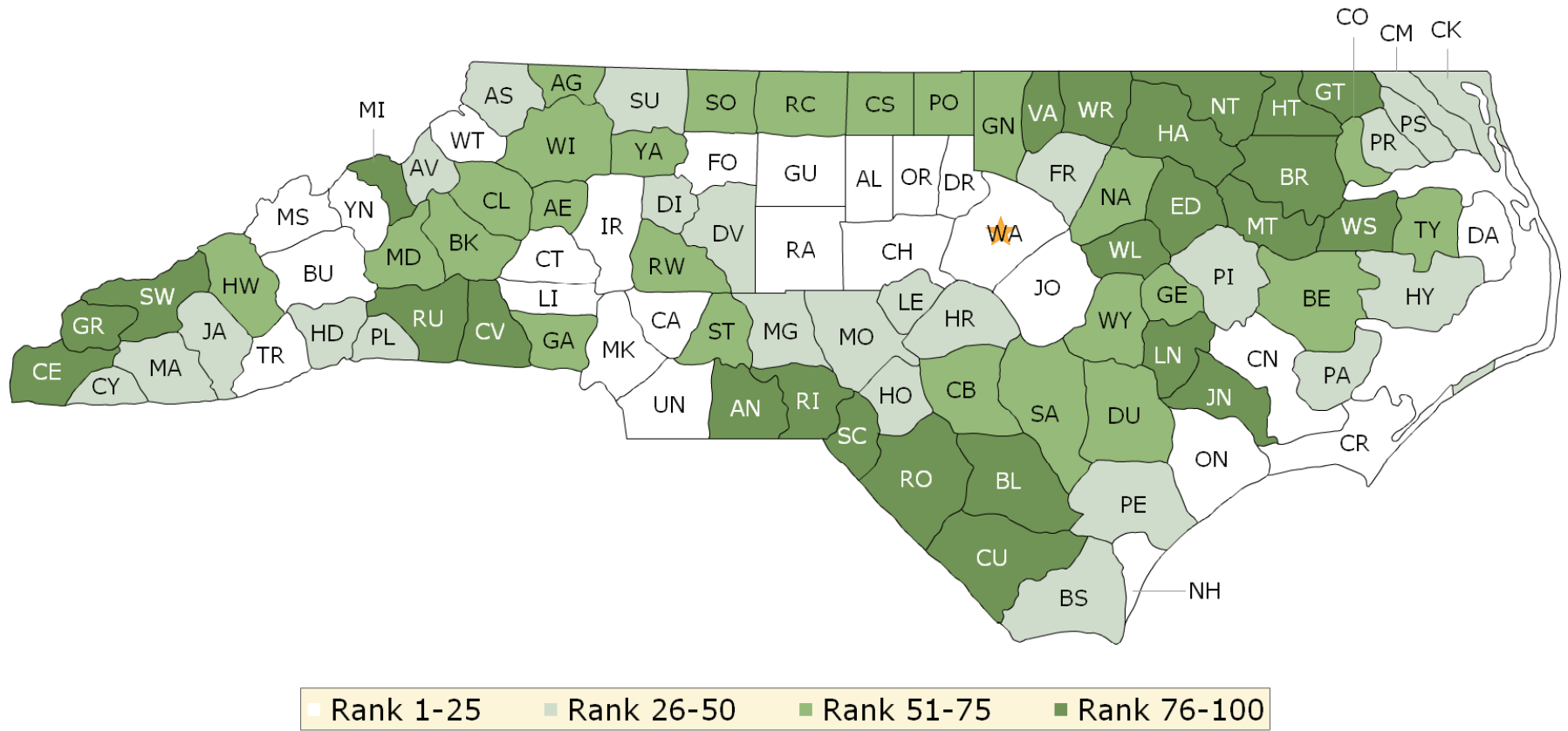
- ▶ Where we live matters to our health.
- ▶ Some communities are less healthy than others because they have not removed obstacles that we know keep residents from making healthier choices.
- ▶ Health is everyone's responsibility.



# County Health Rankings: Factors Considered

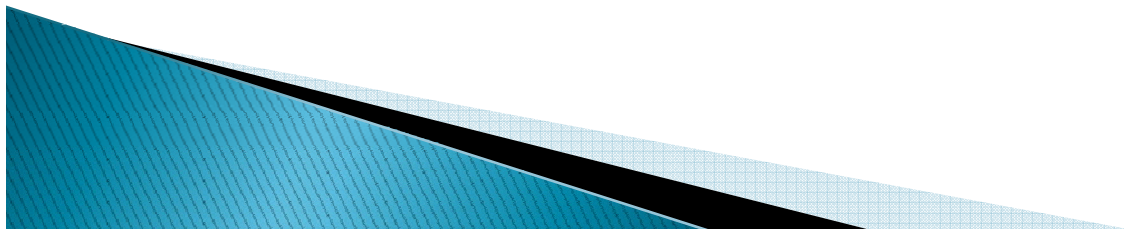


# 2011 Health Outcomes - North Carolina



# Buncombe County 2011

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC	Buncombe Value	National Benchmark	NC Value	Buncombe's NC Rank
HEALTH OUTCOMES				17th
<b>Mortality</b>				<b>15th</b>
Premature death [1]	7,686	☹ 5,564	8,108	
<b>Morbidity</b>				<b>35th</b>
Poor or fair health [2]	16%	☹ 10%	18%	
Poor physical health days [3]	3.6	☹ 2.6	3.6	
Poor mental health days [4]	3.5	☹ 2.3	3.3	
Low birthweight [5]	9.1%	☹ 6.0%	9.1%	



HEALTH FACTORS					3rd
<b>Health Behaviors</b>					<b>5th</b>
Adult smoking [6]	23%	☹️	15%	22%	
Adult obesity [7]	22%	😊	25%	29%	
Excessive drinking [8]	13%	☹️	8%	12%	
Motor vehicle crash death rate [9]	14	☹️	12	20	
Sexually transmitted infections [10]	290	☹️	83	414	
Teen birth rate [11]	46	☹️	22	50	
<b>Clinical Care</b>					<b>3rd</b>
Uninsured adults [12]	21%	☹️	13%	21%	
Primary care providers [13]	464:1	😊	631:1	859:1	
Preventable hospital stays [14]	47	😊	52	68	
Diabetic screening [15]	89%	😐	89%	86%	
Mammography screening [16]	66%	☹️	74%	67%	
<b>Social &amp; Economic Factors</b>					<b>13th</b>
High school graduation [17]	76%	☹️	92%	78%	
Some college [18]	64%	☹️	68%	60%	
Unemployment [19]	8.6%	☹️	5.3%	10.6%	
Children in poverty [20]	20%	☹️	11%	20%	
Inadequate social support [22]	16%	☹️	14%	21%	
Single-parent households [23]	31%	☹️	20%	34%	
Homicide rate [24]	6	☹️	1	7	
<b>Physical Environment</b>					<b>41st</b>
Air pollution-particulate matter days [25]	1	☹️	0	1	
Air pollution-ozone days [26]	2	☹️	0	6	
Access to healthy foods [27]	93%	😊	92%	66%	
Access to recreational facilities [28]	10	☹️	17	11	