

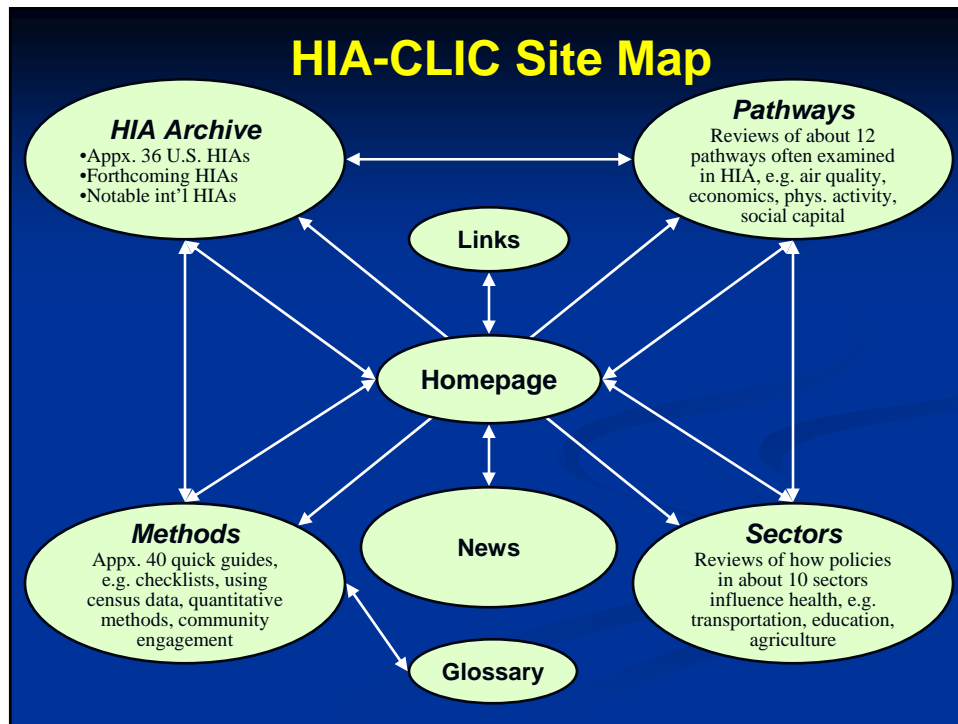
Health Impact Assessment Clearinghouse and Learning Center (HIA-CLIC)

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Goals of HIA-CLIC

- Broaden understanding of the multiple “upstream” determinants of population health among policy-makers, decision-makers and the public;
- Increase general understanding of HIA, including it’s purpose, scope and methods;
- Facilitate local and state efforts to conduct HIA and to engage in inter-sectoral action to address the upstream determinants of health.



What's on a "HIA Archive" page?

The HIA-CLIC "Archive" provides brief summaries of each of the HIAs completed in the U.S., and those key international HIAs that illustrate important pathways or methods that fill a gap in the body of U.S. HIA work. Each summary includes:

- HIA title, institutions, contact info, outside links to the full HIA report;
- Description of the policy or project examined by the HIA;
- Pertinent background on the decision context;
- Scope and methods;
- Summary of findings;
- Cross-referencing to other parts of HIA-CLIC for the pathways, sectors, methods addressed in the HIA.

NB: Recent HIAs for which summaries have not yet been written are listed in the "News" section of HIA-CLIC under "Recent HIAs"



What's on a "Pathway" page?

The "Pathway" pages of HIA-CLIC provide brief literature reviews of what's known about each of the determinants of health (i.e. pathway) that are commonly examined in HIAs. These pathways are what link projects and policy changes with downstream health outcomes. Each pathway page includes:

- Discussion of the logical links with health
- Summary of the evidence base
- Data sources for use in HIA
- Examples of policies affecting this pathway
- HIA-CLIC cross-referencing to summaries of HIAs that examine that pathway
- Examples of logic frameworks

Some pathway topics in HIA-CLIC

- Air pollution
- Community economic conditions
- Health care access/health insurance
- Housing
- Land-use patterns
- Mental health
- Noise pollution
- Nutrition
- Physical activity
- Social capital

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the HIA-CLIC website. The URL is http://www.ph.ucla.edu/test.temp.hiaclic/pathways_socialcapital.htm. The page header includes the UCLA Health Impact Assessment Clearinghouse Learning and Information Center logo and navigation links for Home and Contact Us. A menu bar contains: PATHWAYS, SECTORS, METHODS, ARCHIVE, HIA NEWS, LINKS, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled "HIA Pathway Summary: Social Capital". It includes a "Summary" section defining social capital, an "Outside Links" section with several references, and a "What is Social Capital?" section with a definition and a bulleted list of characteristics.

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HIA Pathway Summary:

Social Capital

Summary

Social capital, representing the level of social connectedness in a community, has been consistently shown to be associated with improved mental and physical health. It has been shown to deter unhealthy activities such as crime, drug use, and alcoholism. While the pathways through which social capital affects health are not fully understood, providing social support, encouraging healthy behaviors and providing improved access to goods and services probably play a role.

Outside Links

- [Bowling Alone \(Saguaro Seminar, Civic Engagement in America\)](#)
- [Promoting public health through Smart Growth: Building healthier communities through transportation and land use policies and practices \(SmartGrowthBC\)](#)
- [Social Capital as a Public Policy Tool: Project Report \(Policy Research Institute, Canada\)](#)
- [Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital: An interview with Robert Putnam, Journal of Democracy 8\(1\):65-78 \(Access may be restricted to certain institutions\).](#)

What is Social Capital?

Social capital can be defined as the degree of social connectedness in a community. The concept of social capital involves:

- Community members' familiarity with and involvement in community affairs,
- Knowledge and trust of neighbors, and
- The extent of community members' interactions with each other (Frank, Kavage & Litman, 2006).

What's on a "Sector" page?

In addition to the specific linkages between policies and projects and downstream health outcomes, HIA-CLIC also includes brief reviews of how actions in selected sectors influence health. Each "Sector" summary page includes:

- Examples of actions (i.e. policies or projects) affecting health in that sector;
- Cross-referencing to HIAs that have examined actions in that sector;
- Outside links to important data sources;
- Outside links to other reviews examining how this sector impacts health;
- Examples of logic frameworks.

Some sectors reviewed in HIA-CLIC

- Education
- Community Planning/Land-use
- Economic policy and taxation
- Transportation
- Environmental protection/pollution
- Parks and Recreation
- Food and agriculture

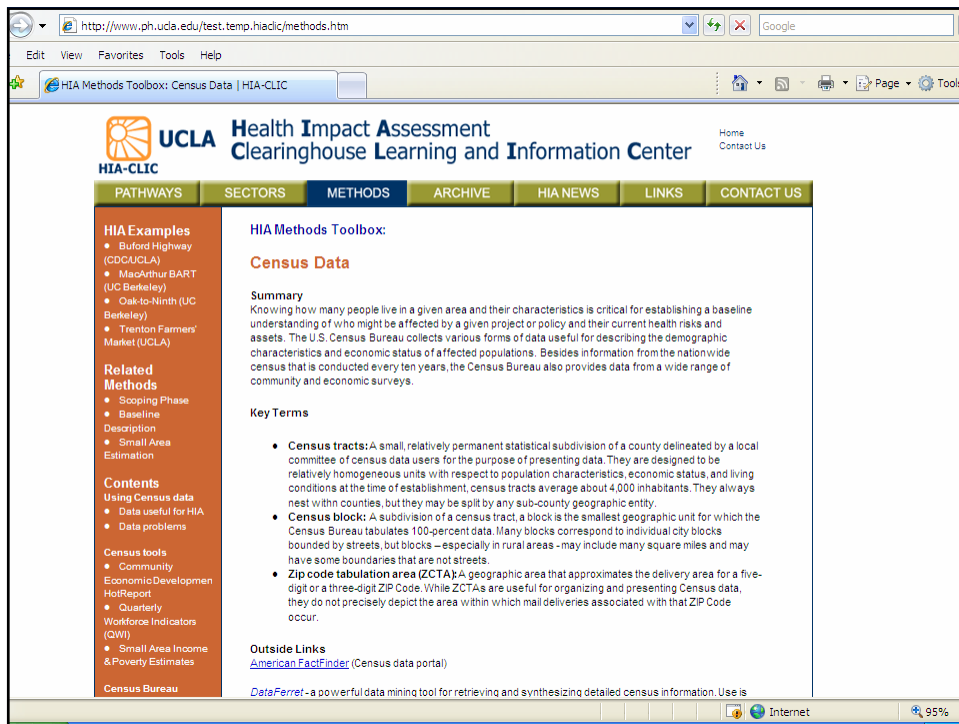
What's on a "Methods" page?

HIA-CLIC includes mini-tutorials about the various methods, tools and data sources used in HIA. While these mini-tutorials are not detailed enough to enable a novice to conduct an HIA, they are written to provide sufficient guidance to plan and organize an HIA. Each mini-tutorial includes:

- An overview of the method;
- How it is used in HIA;
- Discussion of limits or problems in applying it to HIA;
- HIA-CLIC cross-referencing to HIAs that use this method or tool;
- External links to data and more information about this method or tool.

Some methods in the HIA-CLIC toolbox

- Using census data
- Checklists for HIA screening and scoping
- Community engagement
- Integration into environmental impact analysis
- Equity analysis, examining differential impacts
- Using GIS data, Mapping
- Phases of HIA
- Small area estimation
- Finding and using transportation statistics



What's on the "News" Page?

Towards its goal of advancing HIA practice and understanding of how public policy decisions influence multiple determinants of health, HIA-CLIC provides up-to-date information on HIA legislation, news and resources. The "News" page of HIA-CLIC includes information on recent:

- HIA-related legislation;
- News articles and op-ed pieces published in the last two years;
- Recent journal articles on HIA practice in the U.S.;
- Recent HIAs;
- Training opportunities;
- Resources for technical assistance.

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