

Non-medical determinants of health

Non-medical determinants of health are those that fall outside the sphere of medical/health care, generally speaking, but that have been shown to affect health status and, in some cases, access to health services.

Dimensions of this framework

- **[Environmental factors](#)**

Environmental factors with the potential to influence human health. Examples include water quality.

- **[Genetic factors](#)**

Factors outside those normally influenced by individual behaviours or by the social, economic or physical environment; genetic factors determine predisposition to certain conditions. Examples include rate of genetically determined diseases.

- **[Health behaviours](#)**

Aspects of personal behaviour and risk factors that epidemiological studies have shown to influence health status. Examples include smoking rate and physical activity.

- **[Social and community factors](#)**

Measures the prevalence of social and community factors, such as social support, life stress, or social capital that epidemiological studies have shown to be related to health.

Examples include school readiness, social support, housing affordability and literacy.

Indicators in this framework

- [National Disability Agreement: b\(1\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013
- [National Disability Agreement: b\(2\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013
- [National Disability Agreement: b\(3\)-Proportion of people with disability who participate in social and community activities, 2012 Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

- **[Socioeconomic factors](#)**

Indicators related to the socioeconomic characteristics of the population that epidemiological studies have shown to be related to health. Examples include unemployment rate, low income rate and high school graduation.