

Outcomes in Family Medicine



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Problem Statement



SDH and DoD can play a key role in predicting patient outcomes and improving patient care, yet they are typically invisible to health care providers. Where such data does exist, it is not in a readily useable format.

Project Scope

Broken down into two components:

1. Data Visualization



Visualize available community-level SDH data in a way that allows the client to better anticipate health outcomes and better understand the circumstances of her patients.

2. Data Standardization



Establish a mechanism to allow the client to collect SDH data on her patients in a standardized way such that the data is appropriately granular and useable in future initiatives.

Acronyms & Definitions

SDH: Social Determinant of Health -> The non-medical factors that influence health outcomes.

DoD: Dimensions of Diversity -> Personal characteristics or attributes which vary and distinguish individuals from one another.

DA: Dissemination Area -> The smallest standard geographic area in which census data is disseminated throughout Nova Scotia.

Dependency Ratio: Number of dependents (20 to 64 years old) divided by number of non-dependents (0 to 19 years old and 65 years and older)

DIDDA: Diversity Inclusion Dashboard by Dissemination Area.

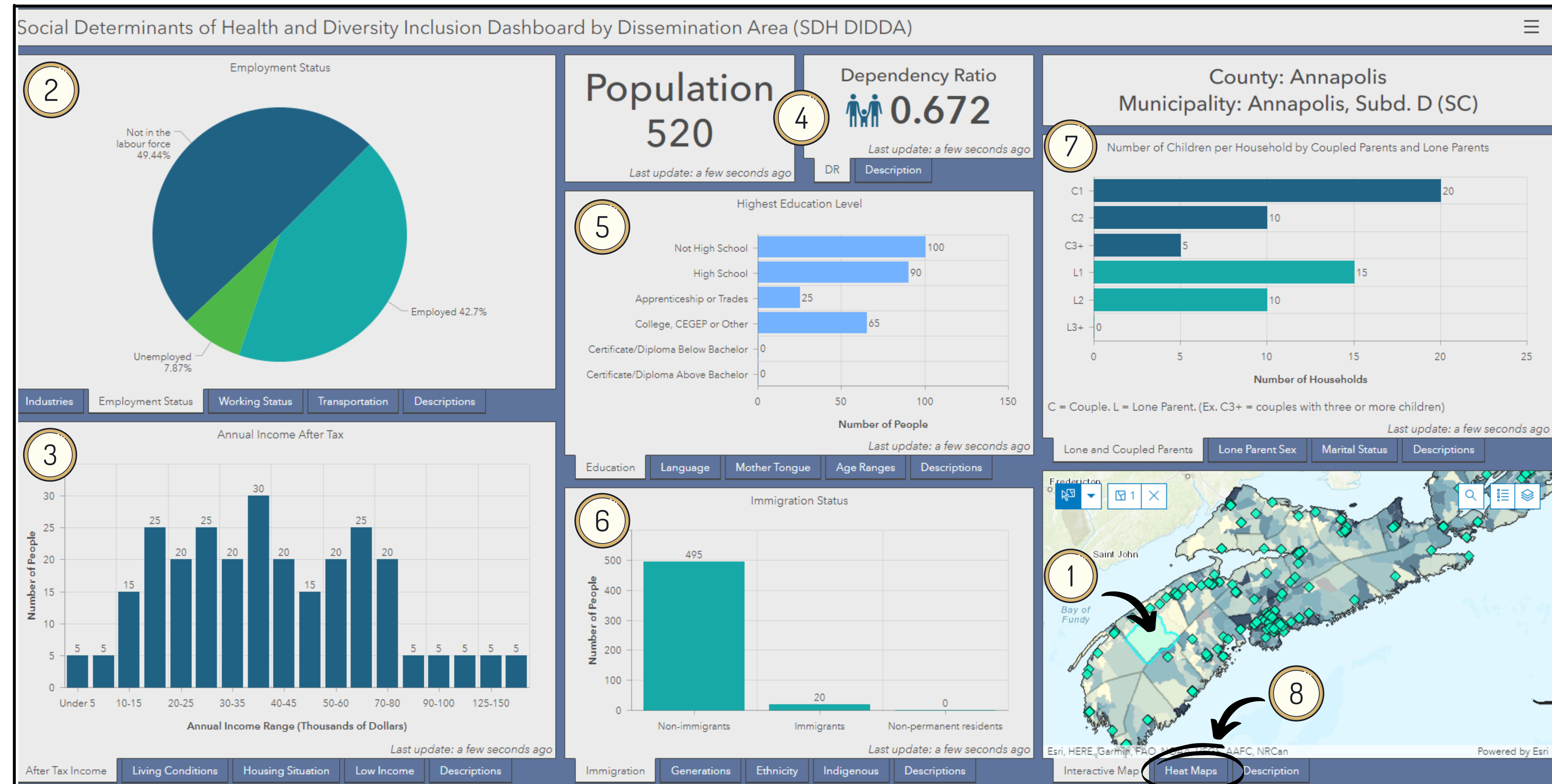


SDH and DoD examples

- Primary language
- Age
- Gender identity
- Marital Status
- Employment
- Nutrition
- Income
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Security
- Disabilities
- Housing
- Children
- Dependencies
- Substance use

Solution 1: Data Visualization - SDH DIDDA

The interactive dashboard below can be utilized to evaluate communities in which patients reside by viewing associated SDH and DoD statistics on the DA level.



SDH DIDDA Features:

1. Interactive Map
2. Employment
3. Income & Housing
4. Population & Dependency Ratio Status
5. Education, Language & Age
6. Immigration, Ethnicity Groups & Indigenous Population
7. Parents & Marital Status
8. Heat Maps

Solution 2: Data Standardization

SCOPECAN

A patient questionnaire that standardizes the collection of SDH and DoD data.

Below are the features of the questionnaire:

- Can be distributed physically, electronically, or administered through a physician.
- Designed for the data to be stored in a standardized format.
- Built into the existing workflow for physician administration.
- Introduces SDH concepts and justifications to patients.
- Several sections including:
 - Lifestyle and Habits
 - Financial and Material Security
 - Housing and Income
 - Relationships and Children
 - Identity
 - Disabilities
 - Language and Dependency



SCOPECAN

Standardizing the Collection Of Patient Experiences, Characteristics, and Attributes

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Patient Name: _____ Health Number: _____

Language & Dependency Ratio

(1) Which language(s) can you comfortably use to read, write, and speak?

English Read Write Speak

Read Write Speak

Read Write Speak

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Read Write Speak

(2) How many family members, including yourself, live in your home? _____

How many 18 and under? _____

How many 65 and over? _____

(3) Do you offer housing to non-family members?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, how many total? _____

How many 18 and under? _____

How many 65 and over? _____

Education and Employment

(4) What education and training have you enrolled in or completed?

	Currently enrolled	Completed
High school or GED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training in a trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
University degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are in a trade, which one? _____ (please write)

I have not completed high school or GED

I prefer not to answer this question

(5) What is your current employment?

Unemployed and seeking work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployed and not seeking work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary work or casual work schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part-time work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full-time work	<input type="checkbox"/>

(6) How many hours do you work in a typical week? _____

(7) Do you work in an industry where toxins or hazardous chemicals are a concern?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

(8) Do you work in an industry where you are seated at a desk for most of the work day?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

(9) Do you currently or have you previously worked in the Air Force, Navy, or Infantry?

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

If so, for which country?

Canada

Other (please write) _____

Prefer not to answer

Relationships and Children

(10) What is your current marital status?

Never married	<input type="checkbox"/>
Married	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remarried	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common-law	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

How many times have you been married? _____

(11) Do you have any biological children?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, how many? _____

(12) Are you a parent or guardian to any individuals?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, how many? _____

Recommendations

Solution 1 - SDH DIDDA:

- Update SDH DIDDA with latest Census data when it becomes available

Solution 2 - SCOPE CAN:

- Begin collecting patient data using SCOPE CAN
- Future analysis on client's standardized patient data

