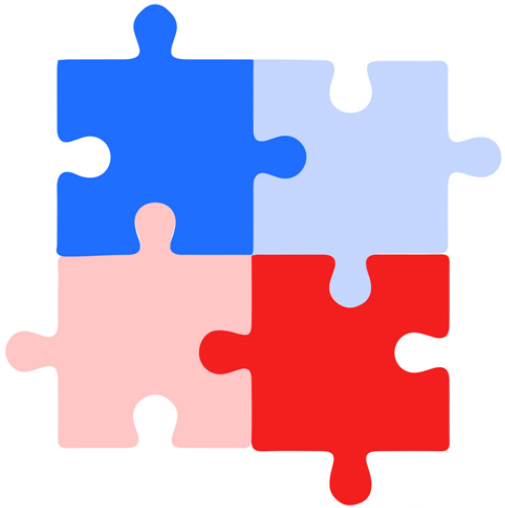
TOPEKA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH



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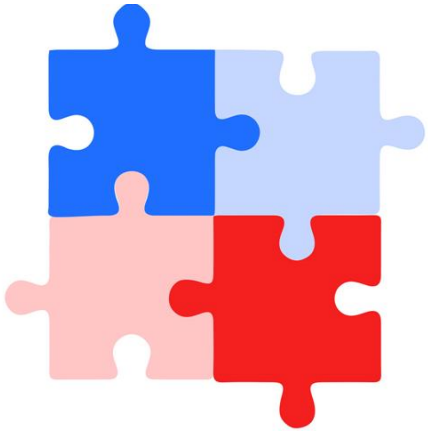
WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH?

1 PLANNING TOOL

- Triage metric for Neighborhoods
- Residential-based indicators
- Measures Progress
- Guides Investment Decisions and helps prioritize resources



HEALTH = 5 VITAL SIGNS

POVERTY

CRIMES

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES

HOME OWNERSHIP

UNSAFE STRUCTURES

NOTE: Influenced by larger market trends

Vital signs

average

Classifications

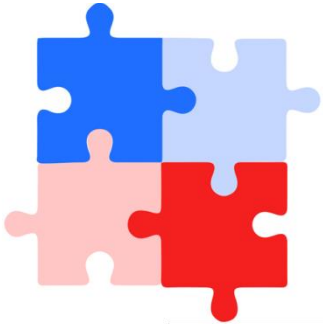
HEALTHY — optimal

OUT PATIENT — favorable

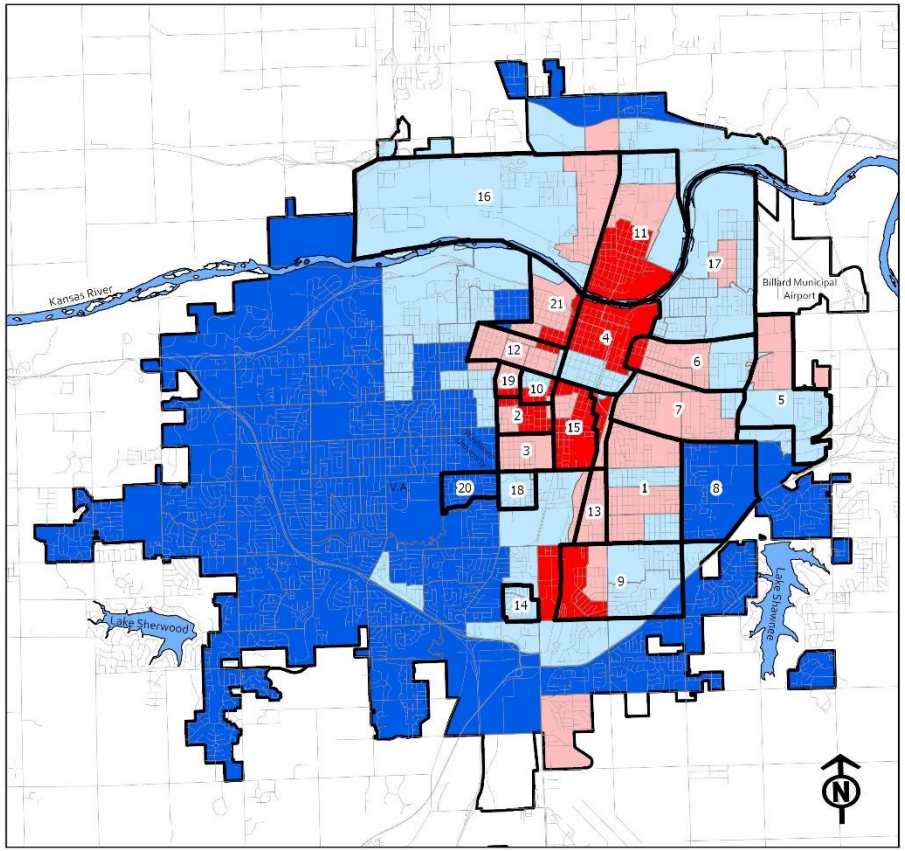
AT RISK — emerging negative

INTENSIVE CARE — seriously distressed

WHAT CHANGED FOR 2020?



NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH 2017-2020



117 block groups

11 block groups
Better Health Rating

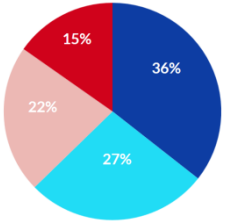
1 block groups
fell into Out Patient

3 block groups
fell into At Risk

3 block group
fell into Intensive Care

CITY-WIDE HEALTH TRENDING UP

Census block groups



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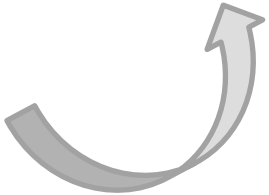
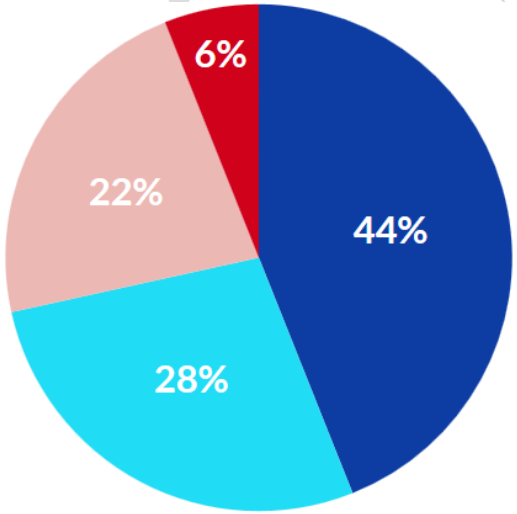
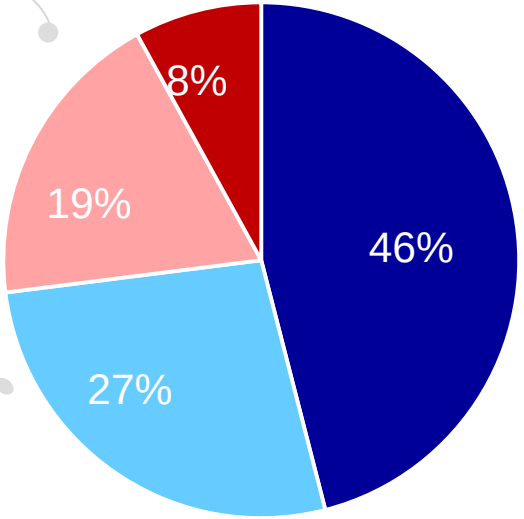




2017

Intensive Care/At Risk cut from:
28% to 27%(2017)
37% to 27% (2000)

Healthy/OP improved from:
72% to 73% (2017)
63% to 73% (2000)



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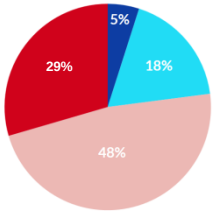
NIA HEALTH TRENDING UP

Census block groups



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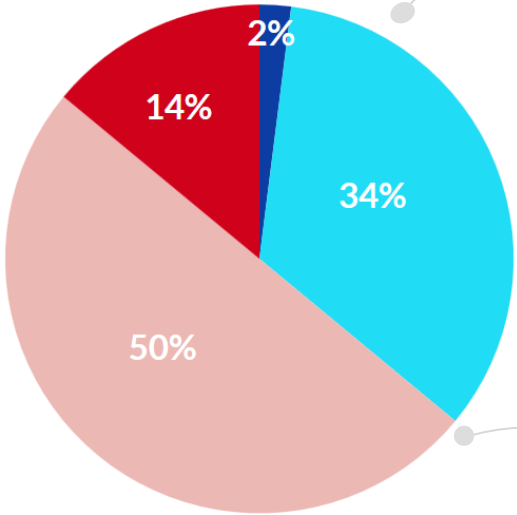
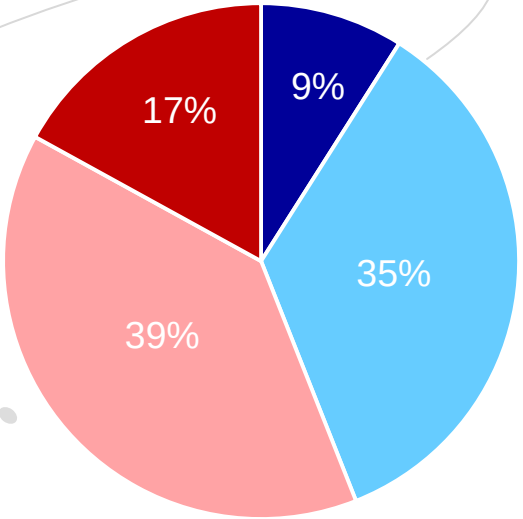


2017

Healthy/OP improved from:
36% to 44% (2017)
23% to 44% (2000)

Intensive Care/At Risk cut from:
64% to 56% (2017)
77% to 56%(2000)



2020

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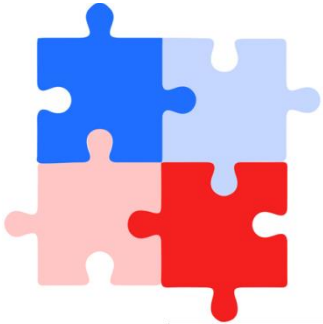
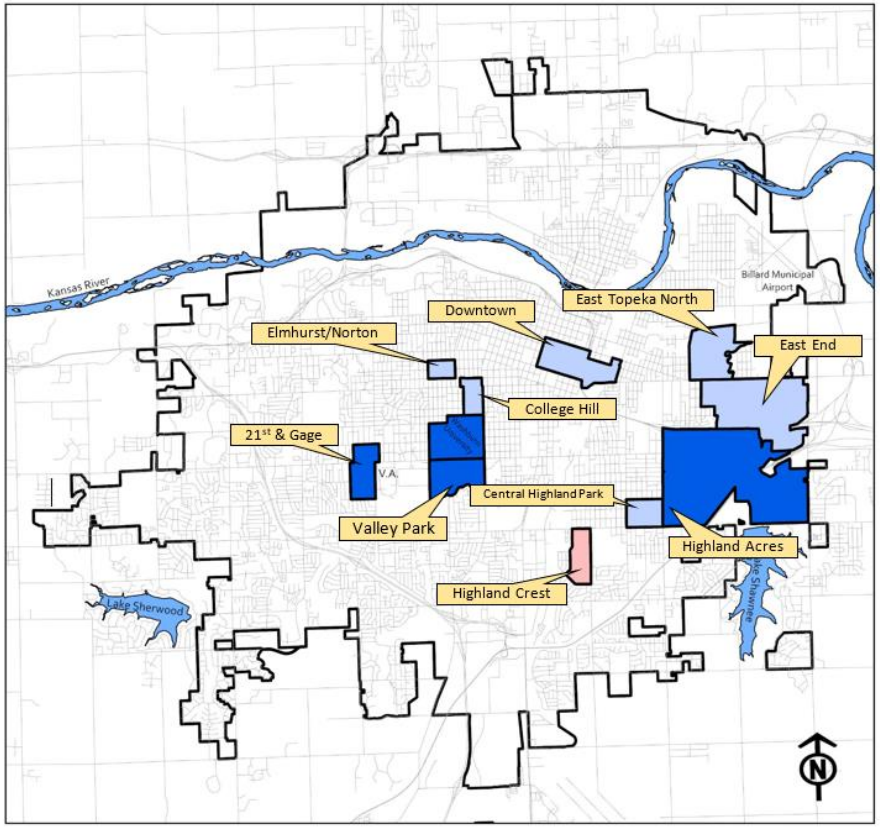


"Better" Health Rating 2017 - 2020
(Color Change)



Healthy | Out Patient | At Risk | Intensive Care

"Worse" Health Rating 2017 - 2020
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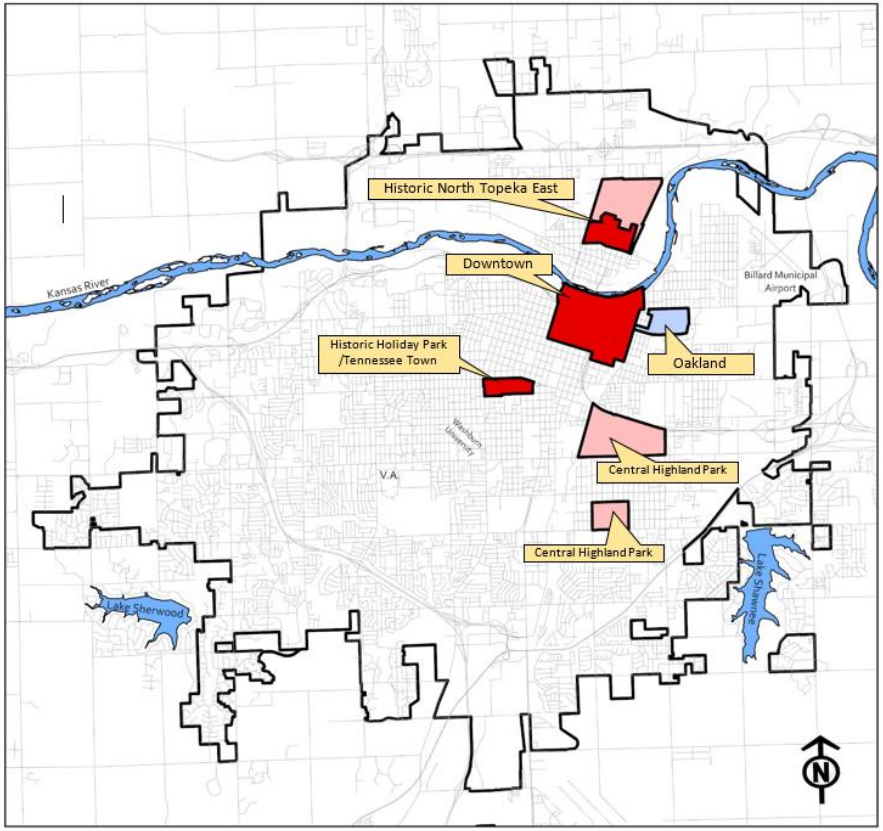

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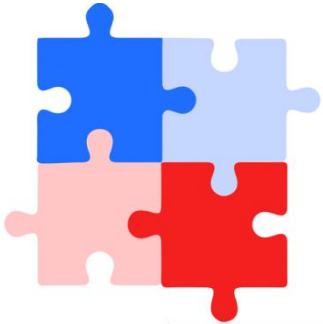


LARGER TRENDS

COVID-19

Pandemic impacts not evident yet; 2020 indicators lagging

ECONOMY

Fewer people in poverty; improved job market

HOUSING MARKET

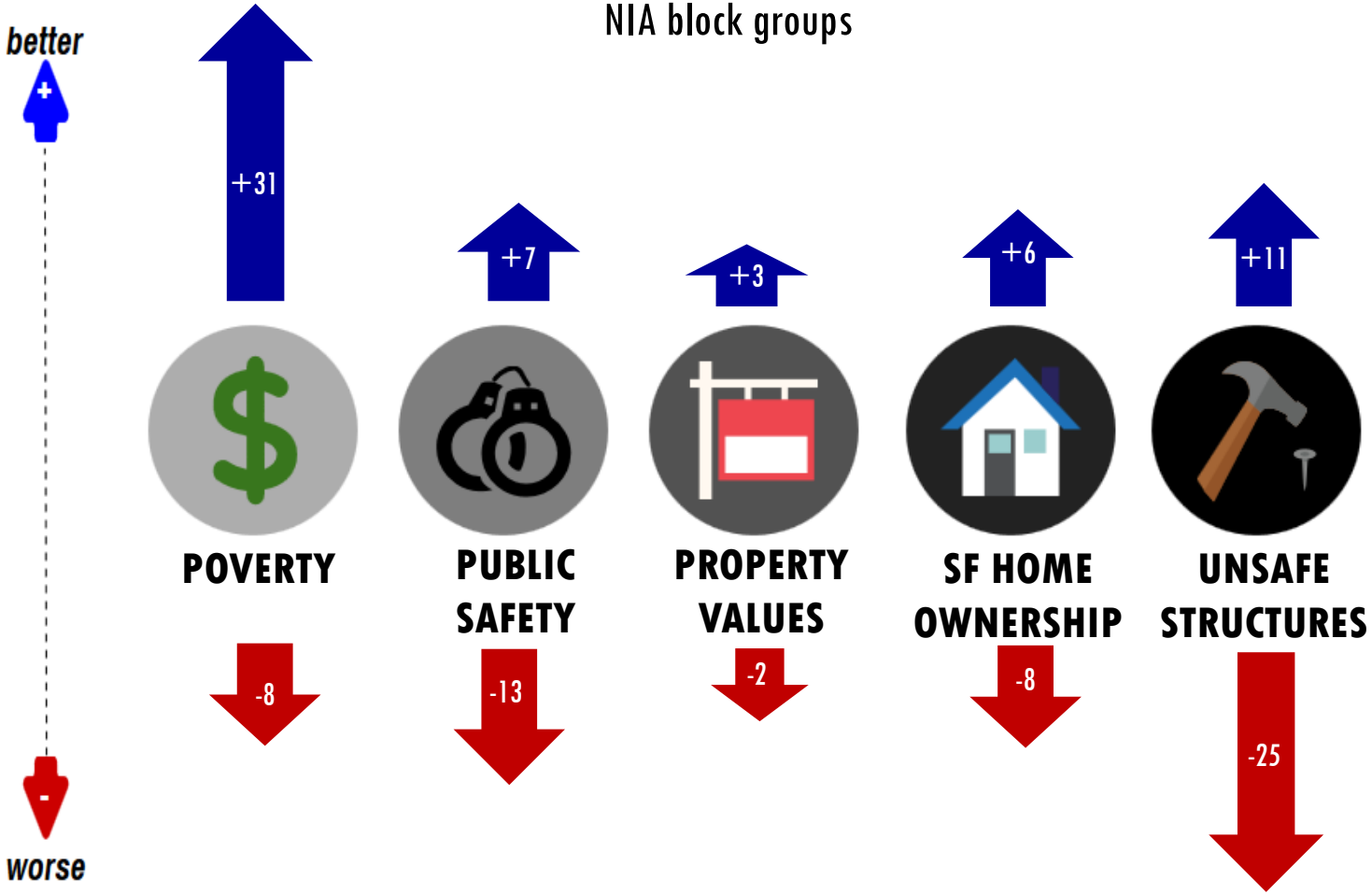
“For-sale” inventory very low; values appreciating; less desire to own

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

More blighted and vacant structures cited; improves property values and homeownership rates

2017-2020

NIA block groups



SORT ANALYSIS

Better Health Scores

76% (19) of NIA Target Areas saw a positive or neutral improvement to Health Scores

And a

16% increase in actual Health Classification

Worse Health Scores

24% (6) of NIA Target Areas saw a decrease in Health Scores

And a

3% in actual Health Classification

Overall

Cumulative 13% increase in all SORT Target Areas

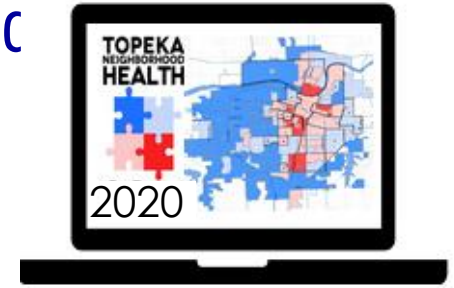
compared to

a 3% decline in Non-SORT "At-Risk" and all other City-wide Block Groups

HOW WILL FINDINGS BE USED?

- Help public understand trends/data
  - Open access to data online
  - Reach out to impacted neighborhoods & CAC

- Update programs and measures
  - NRP tax rebates
  - SORT/DREAMS
  - Property Maintenance
  - Neighborhood Partnerships
  - Affordable Housing
  - Other



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SUMMARY

HEALTHY GAINS FOR MOST

More areas improved than not since 2017; East Topeka continues it's rise

ECONOMY MATTERS

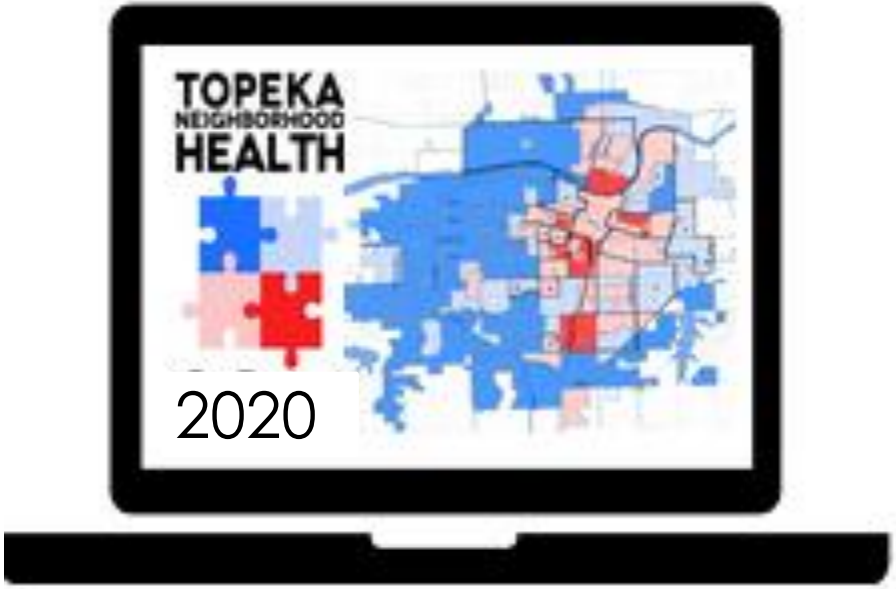
Property values and incomes positively impacted, COVID impacts TBD

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Ramped-up anti-blight initiatives will help overall ratings even as more properties are cited

LONG-TERM NIA HEALTH TRENDING UP

Healthy and OP blocks groups nearly double since 2000



More Information & Interactive Map

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