Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map

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Front and Centered 2017 Community Listening Sessions:

Pollution, Climate Change, and the Puget Sound



Community listening sessions took places in geographically diverse areas throughout the state.

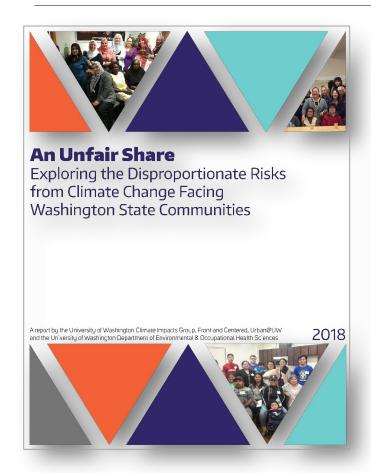


Figure 1. Locations of the eleven community listening sessions with 178 participants in Washington from July to November 2017.



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Unfair Share Report





The bottom line: People of color, indigenous peoples, and people with lower incomes frequently face greater risks from climate change.

Environmental Health Disparities Map















THE INDICATORS

Environmental exposures

Environmental effects

Sensitive populations

Socioeconomic factors

Environmental Exposures & Effects

















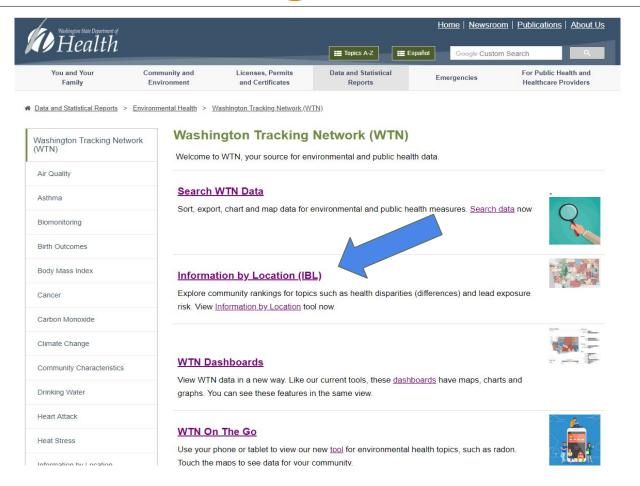




*Icons shown do not represent all 19 indicators on the map.

Wastewater discharge

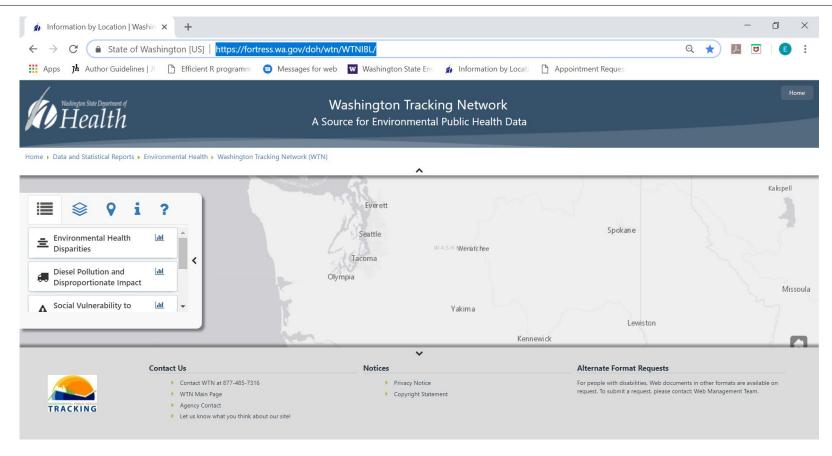
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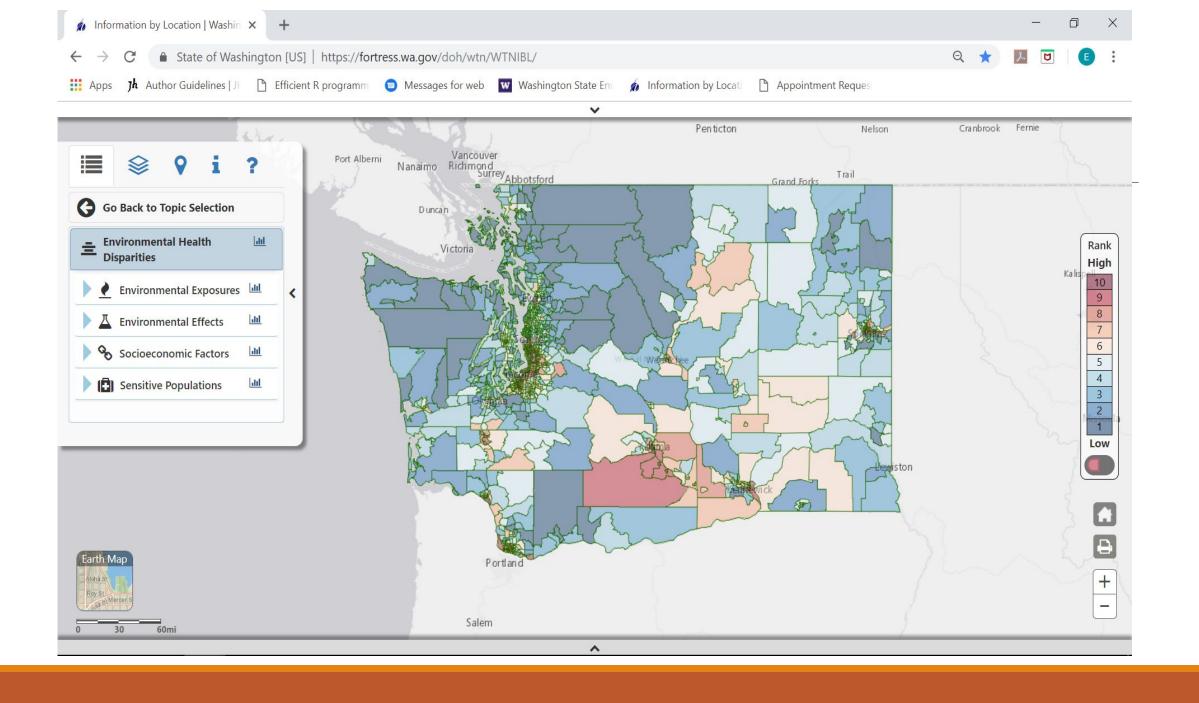


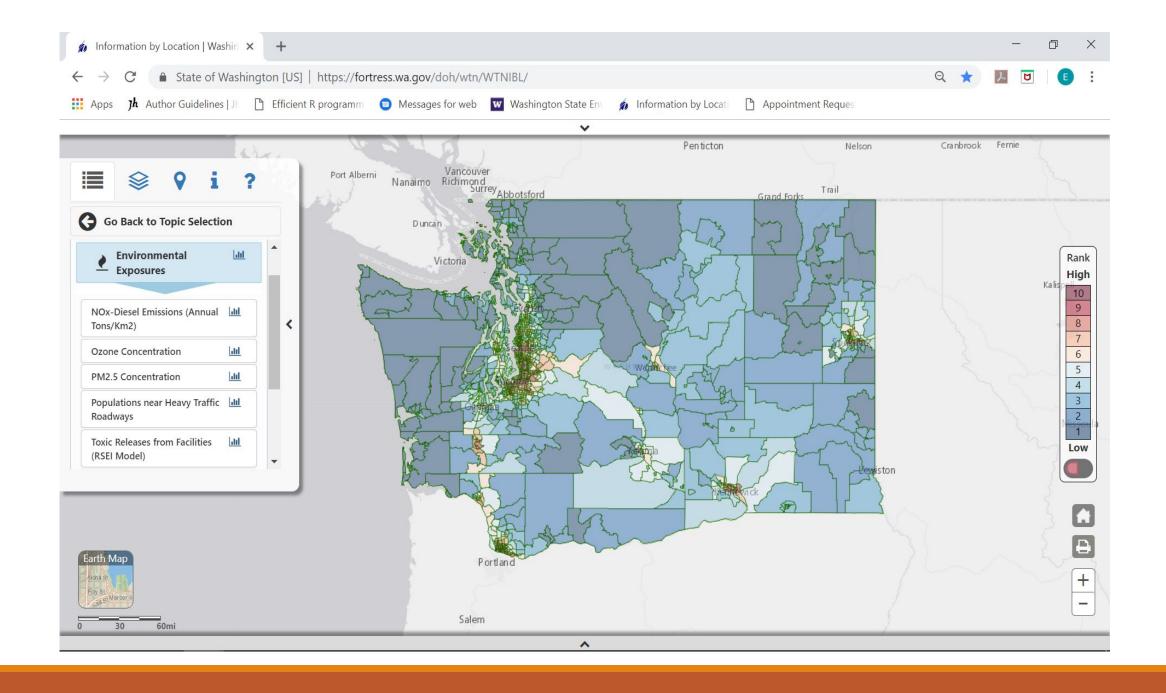
Ranking

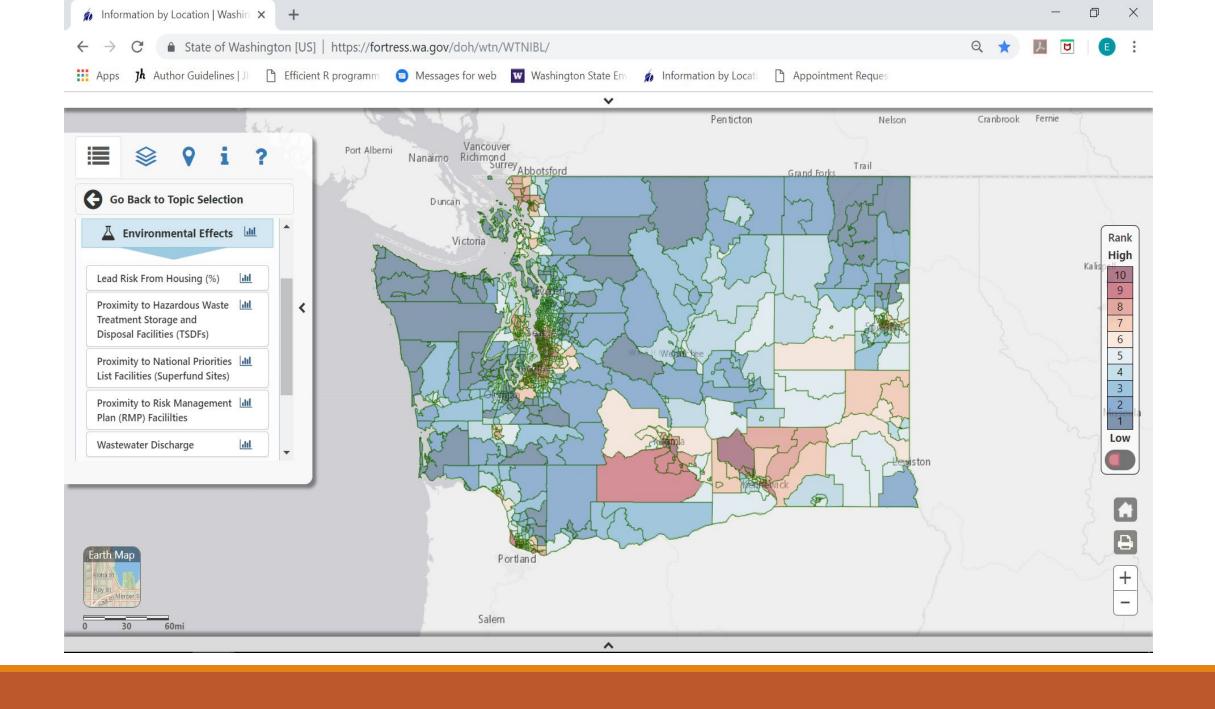
Least impacted Most impac								impacted	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities	10% of communities
70% of communities are less impacted							are similarly impacted	20% of communities are more impacted	

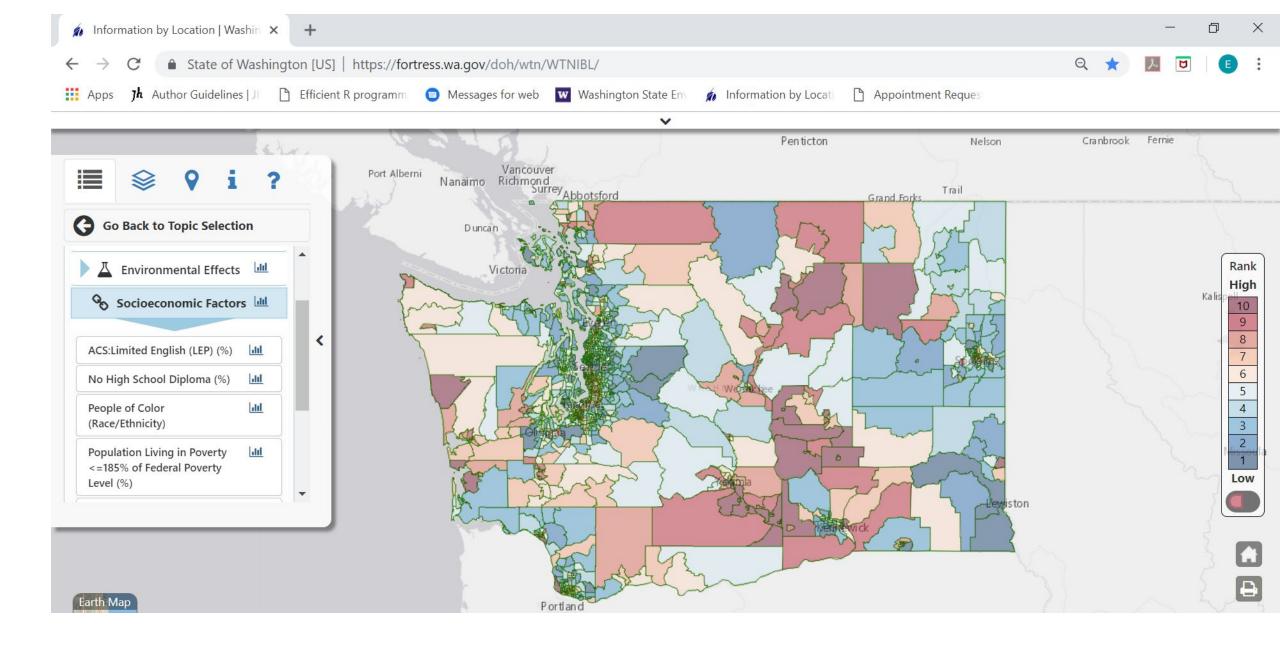
Environmental Health Disparities Topic

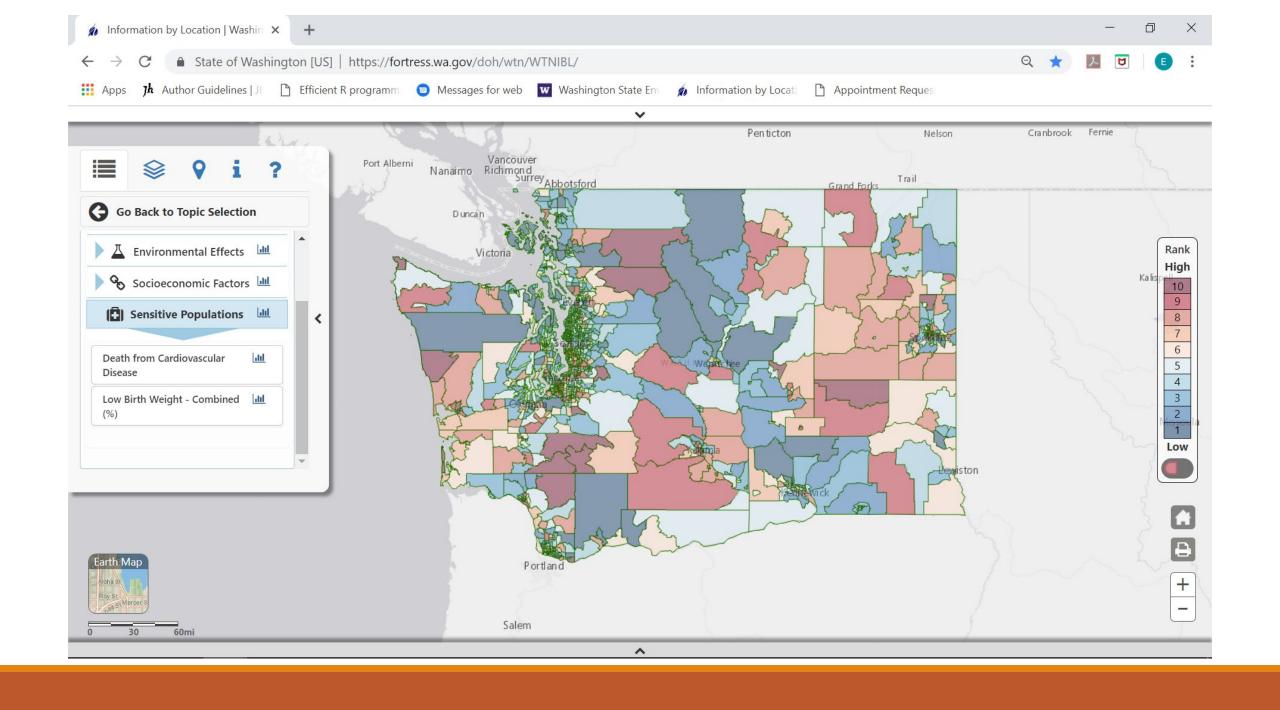












OTHER INDICATORS

- Asthma
- Built environment indicators and tree canopy
- Climate change, health risk and vulnerability
- Drinking water contaminants
- Food access
- Marine water quality
- Noise pollution
- Occupational risk
- Pesticide exposure
- Proximity to state-specific cleanup sites
- Surface water quality
 Biological vs chemical
- Wealth inequality

Policy Applications of the Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map

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Key Points

- In Washington, state and local agencies are starting to use environmental impacts mapping for investments, policies, and program decisions.
- The new Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map is a sciencebased tool that combines data on pollution and vulnerability to pollution to compare the cumulative impacts for Washington communities statewide.
- The Map has many applications, including designating communities with cumulative impacts, prioritizing resources, hiring, and enforcement; and improving land use regulation, public participation and accountability, and data accuracy.
- States like California have used a similar cumulative impacts map to prioritize billions of dollars in environmental investments and to improve the effectiveness of their policies.

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