PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH EQUITY ANALYSIS TOOL

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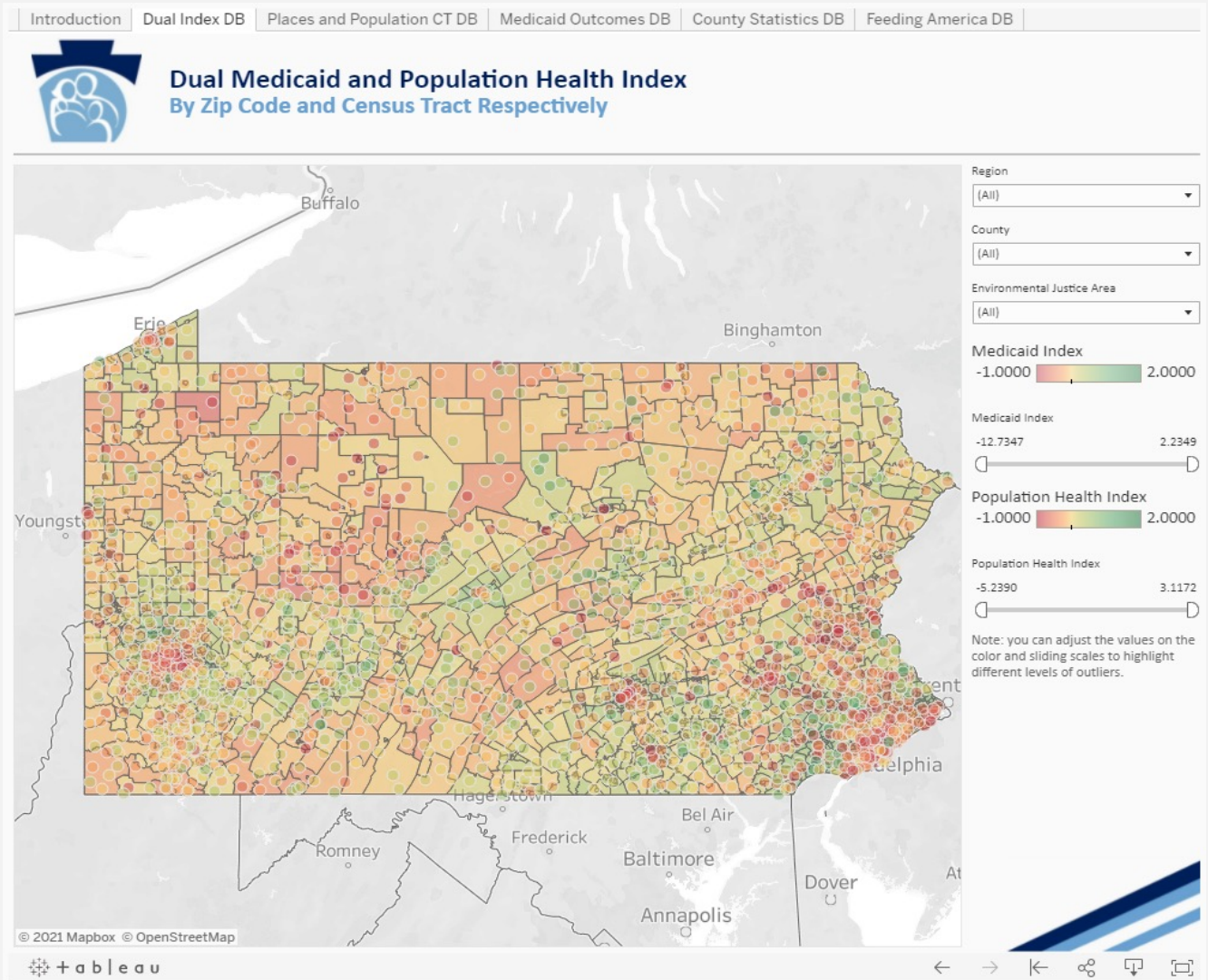- Live Demonstration
- Discussion/Questions

PROJECT CONTEXT

- PA DHS worked with the Center for Evidence-based Policy to develop a health care transformation plan

- Key component of the plan was the implementation of Regional Accountable Health Councils (RAHCs)

- RAHCs are entities charged with identifying health equity zone, areas with marked disparities in health outcomes, and taking action to remediate the health equities therein

To support the RAHCs in identifying health equity zones and crafting appropriate community specific strategies for improving outcomes, the Pennsylvania Health Equity Analysis Tool was implemented. The tool is publicly available here: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/HealthInnovation/Pages/HealthEquity.aspx

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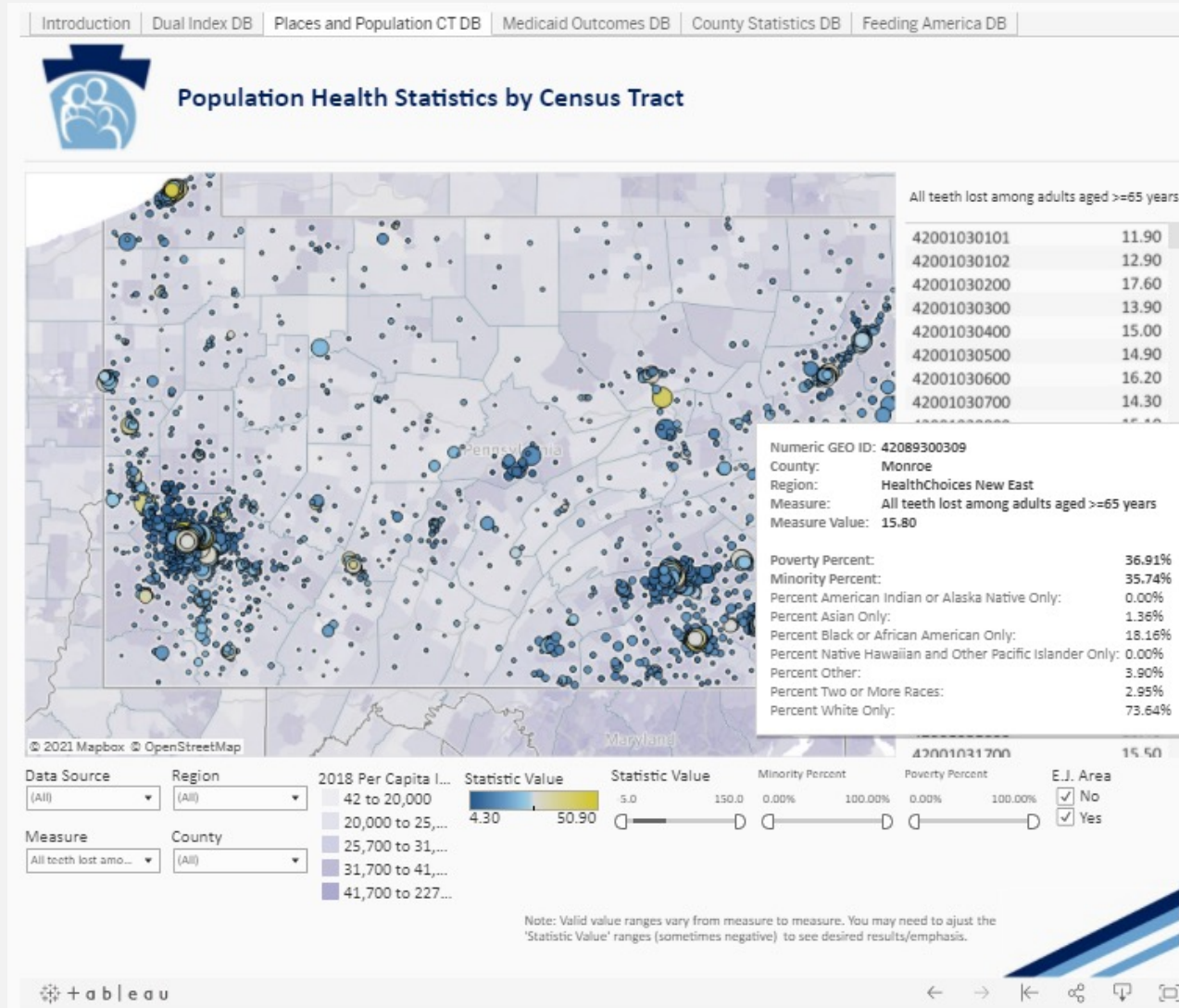

Dual Medicaid and Population Health Index

Data Sources:
- Medicaid claims
- CDC PLACES
- Child Opportunity Index

Content:
This dashboard view allows users to view a combination of Medicaid and population health outcomes. The filers allow the user to easily identify areas with relatively poorer outcomes across two indices that represent a composite of numerous measures.

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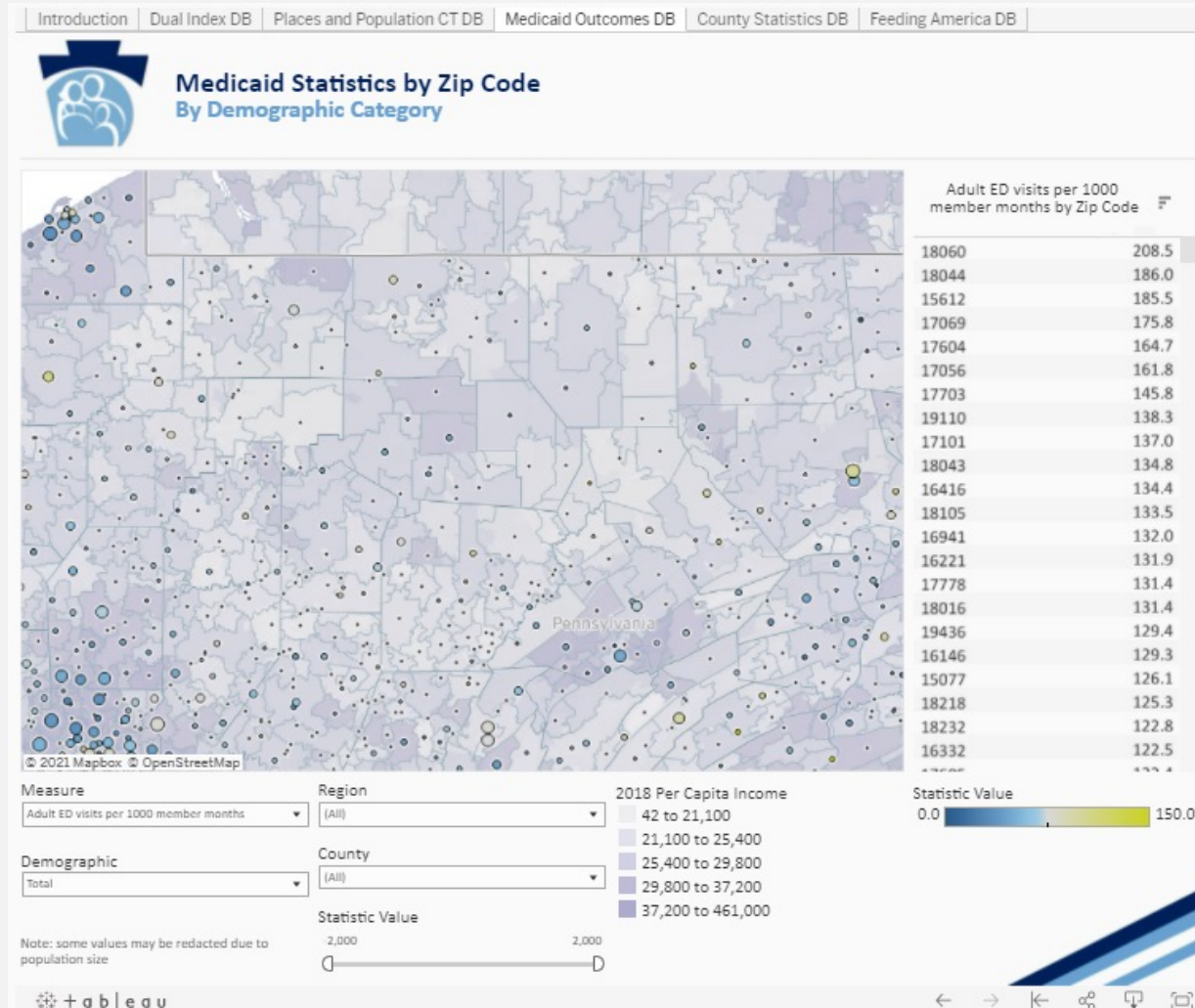**Population Health Statistics by Census Tract**

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Content:
This dashboard view allows the user to explore the individual measures in the PLACES and Child Opportunity Index dataset with filters for poverty and minority status. In concept, this dashboard can be used to drill down on areas identified with the prior dashboard.

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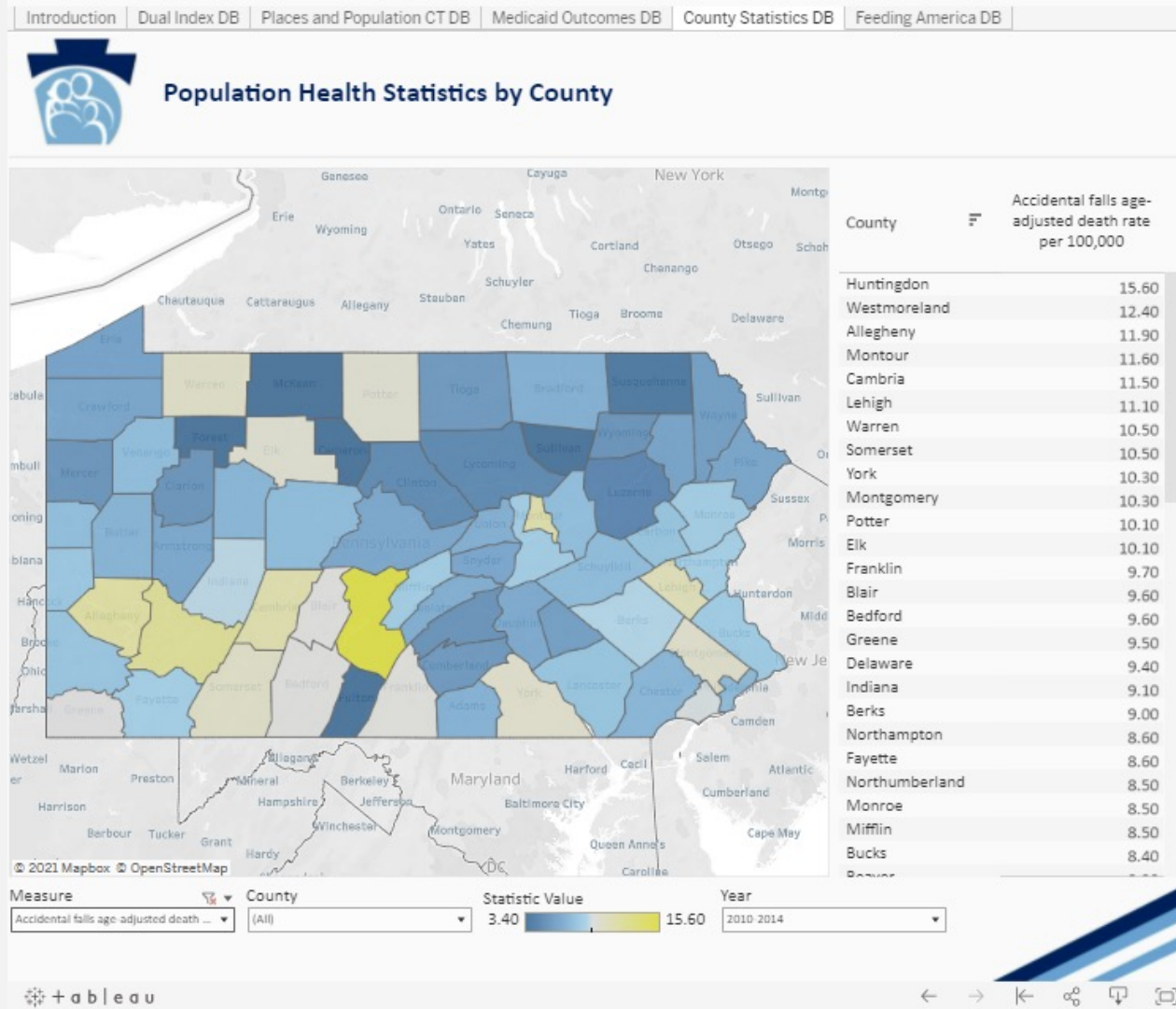

Medicaid Statistics by Zip Code

Data Sources:
- Medicaid Utilization data 2017-2019 provided by the University of Pittsburgh

Content:
This dashboard view allows the user to explore the individual measures in the Medicaid dataset and to look at differences in outcomes by different race/ethnicity.

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Population Health Statistics by County

Data Sources:
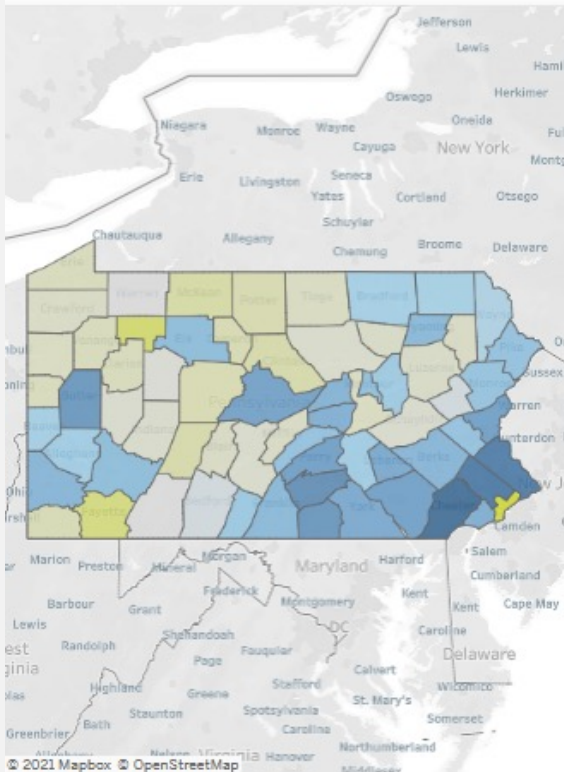- Select BRFSS Measures found in Healthy People 2020
- Census data

Content:
This dashboard allows users to explore different population health statistics at the county level and across different periods.

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Feeding America

Data Sources:
- Feeding America

Content:
This dashboard shows levels of food insecurity and the estimated cost of closing the food gap by county.

DEMONSTRATION

To the PA HEAT

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE PA HEAT?

- Other state agencies beginning to collaborate and may contribute their data to the tool.

- The tool will be updated in late July/early August to include the full set of social determinate of health data from the Child Opportunity Index.

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
DISCUSSION?

THANK YOU

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