

PRACTICE LAB

From the Course Syllabus...

Major Assignment

PRACTICE LAB: Integrated Lead Poisoning Prevention Assignment – worth 30% of final grade

MPH 613 includes a **Practice Lab** where students take the knowledge and skills acquired in the course and apply them to a practical public health problem similar to what might be found in the real world. The Practice Lab is one of a continuing series of problem or scenario-based activities in the MPH program aimed at providing students with applied practice experience. These practice activities, which are guided by MPH competencies, progressively prepare students for the second-year practicum process, provide opportunities to apply track-specific coursework, and help ensure that MPH graduates are well equipped for the real world of public health practice when they assume positions as public health professionals.

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For the MPH 613 Practice Lab, students complete an Integrated Lead Poisoning Prevention Assignment. Students will be given a mock community with a variety of potential lead sources and a richly diverse population. In this individual, written assignment, students must utilize what they have learned about lead and lead poisoning, risk communication, and cultural competence to design a community lead poisoning education and prevention effort (including a communication strategy) that is inclusive. The first component of the assignment involves identifying and being cognizant of cultural values and practices in the assignment's mock community, and applying this awareness to the design of an inclusive lead poisoning education and prevention program. The second major component of the assignment involves describing the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content. The third major component involves selecting specific risk communication strategies for different audiences and sectors in the mock community and explaining how those choices contribute to an effective and inclusive lead poisoning prevention program. By integrating the various components (lead information, cultural values and practices, risk communication) into an integrated assignment, students not only cover the three foundational competencies but employ them in the design of integrated, effective public health programs.

Content most relevant to the assignment is covered in the following course sessions: Lead and Lead Poisoning: A Continuing Threat to Public Health; Environmental Risk Communication, CERC; Environmental Justice and Vulnerable Populations, Cultural Competence and Inclusiveness in Policy and Program Design and Implementation.¹

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WELCOME TO HAPPYTOWN, USA !!!

Historic!

Friendly!

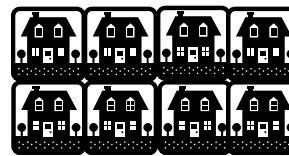
Welcoming!

Diverse!

Affordable housing!

Good schools!

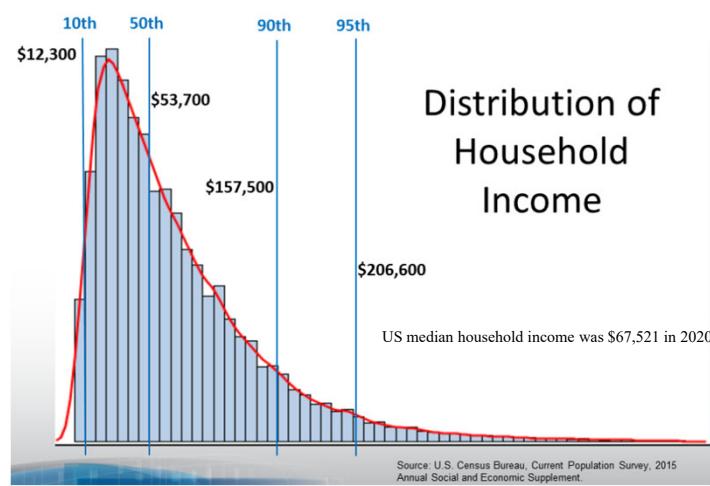
Filled with civic pride!



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A RICHLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY !!!

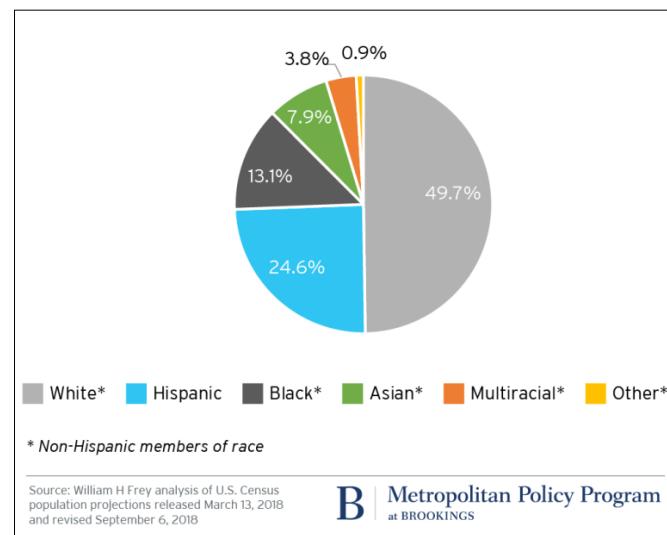
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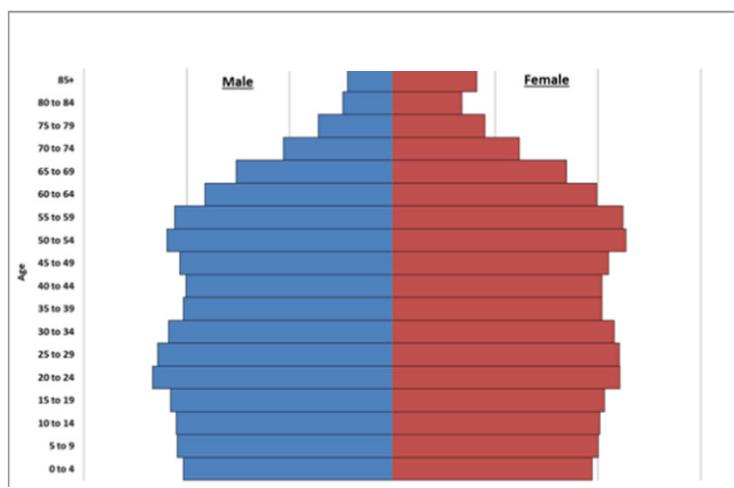
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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS DAY !!!

Warm welcome to newcomers from elsewhere in the U.S. and from abroad who have chosen to live in HappyTown

Young families, retirees, new immigrants

To help foster a festive atmosphere, thousands of plastic carnival necklaces are distributed across town – very popular with young kids!



Also very popular with young children: face painting with Tiro, the traditional eye cosmetic!

The kids love how it makes their eyes look cool!



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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS DAY!!!

Fostering learning and STEM education

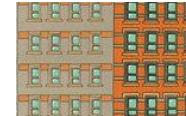
Every school-age child gets a free science kit from the HappyTown PTA!



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL !!!

Plenty of low-cost apartments from the region's apartment-building boom in the 1940s and 1950s



Jasper Rietman

Many lovely single-family homes from the 1930s



J Craven

Some newer apartments and single-family homes from early 1990s

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CIVIC PRIDE !!! KEEPING HAPPYTOWN BEAUTIFUL

Many of the financially better off families living in the more expensive historic homes downtown are renovating their own houses



Longtime resident: "It is definitely chic these days to fix your own historic home up. It is very much the fashion for those who can afford it."

To support this civic pride initiative, the town sponsors a semi-annual "renovate it yourself" class with tips on removing old interior and exterior paint, repainting, replacing window frames, etc.

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LOTS OF GREAT FOOD !!!

Many local restaurants with a wide variety of foods

Among the most popular:

Buford's Restaurant featuring fresh venison and small game from the town's own Buckshot Buddies Hunting Club



Happytown
Buckshot Buddies



Arturo's Place featuring specialties from around the world

One of the only places in the area where authentic, sweet Chapulines imported from Oaxaca, Mexico are available



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PLENTY FOR KIDS TO DO !!! THE HAPPYTOWN ANNUAL FUN FAIR

Thanks to donations from generous donors, all young children attending this year's Fun Fair event received THREE types of very popular second hand toys:

An 18-piece Musical Instrument Set, a set of Rubber Critter Toys, and an action Fishing Hero set with the cool 2 in 1 fishing slide!



HappyTown
Fun Fair !
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