
Period	Average perspective	Deprivation perspective	Inequality perspective
One period (cross-sectional)	- What is the national average?	- Who shows the highest level of risk factors?	- What is the disparity between the least healthy and healthiest?
Over time (longitudinal)	- How has the national average changed over time?	- Has the situation of the most deprived improved over time?	- Has the difference between the least healthy and the healthiest narrowed or increased over time?

Adapted from: UNDP. (2000). Human Development Report. New York: Oxford University Press. See also De Maio et al [6].