

Subject Guide

Urban Health

Urban health refers to the study and practice of health and well-being in urban environments, focusing on the health issues and challenges specific to populations living in cities and metropolitan areas. Urban health is increasingly recognised as a critical area of public health concern due to rapid urbanisation across the globe. With more than half of the world's population living in urban areas, the unique health challenges they face require immediate attention and innovative solutions. ([What is Urban Health](#))

Keywords: Urban Public Health, Healthcare Accessibility, Environmental Health, Urbanisation and Well-being, Health Equity

Background Sources

The Annual [Review of Public Health](#) highlights key developments in public health, including epidemiology, environmental health, and health policy. It also addresses social, behavioural, and systemic factors influencing health outcomes.

[Urban Health](#) examines how city environments shape health, addressing challenges like healthcare access, environmental risks, and social factors while highlighting improvement initiatives.

[From Health in All Policies to Health for All Policies](#) advocates a shift toward integrating health into all sectors through collaborative policies to achieve equitable health outcomes.

[Urban Health](#) analyses health challenges in cities, focusing on urbanisation's impact on disease, healthcare access, and public health policies.

[Urban Health in India: From Smaller Steps to a Big Leap](#) explores the progress, challenges, and policy interventions shaping urban health in India.

[Urban Health: An Urgent Global Priority](#) highlights the impact of rapid urbanisation on health and the need for policy reforms, innovation, and sustainable planning.

[Urban Health: Needs Urgent Attention](#) highlights growing health disparities in cities, emphasising infrastructure gaps, environmental risks, and policy solutions.

[Health and Urban Transition](#) examines how urbanisation shapes health, focusing on disease patterns, healthcare access, and policy strategies.

Subjects: urban public health, healthcare accessibility, environmental health, urbanization and well-being, health equity

Tags: urban, health, public health, healthcare, health policy

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Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- [A Dictionary of Epidemiology](#) offers comprehensive definitions of epidemiological terms, many of which are pertinent to urban health studies.
- [Dictionary of Public Health](#) provides definitions and explanations of terms commonly used in public health, including those relevant to urban health.
- [Encyclopedia of Environmental Health](#) addresses various environmental factors affecting health, including urban environments.
- [Encyclopedia of Health and Aging](#) explores health issues related to aging populations, including those in urban areas.
- [Encyclopedia of Human Geography](#) includes entries on urbanisation and its effects on health.
- [Encyclopedia of Public Health](#) covers a broad spectrum of public health topics, with entries relevant to urban health issues.
- [International Encyclopedia of Public Health](#) includes articles on global public health concerns, including those specific to urban settings.

Journals

- [American Journal of Public Health \(AJPH\)](#)

- [BMC Public Health](#)
- [City Health Journal](#)
- [Environmental Health Perspectives \(EHP\)](#)
- [Global Social Policy](#)
- [Globalization and Health](#)
- [Indian Journal of Medical Research](#)
- [Indian Journal of Public Health](#)
- [International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health \(IJERPH\)](#)
- [International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health](#)
- [International Journal of Social Determinants of Health and Health Services](#)
- [Journal of Global Health Economics and Policy](#)
- [Journal of Public Health](#)
- [Journal of urban health: bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine](#)
- [Modern Asian Studies](#)
- [Social Science & Medicine](#)
- [The Lancet](#)
- [The Lancet Global Health](#)
- [Urban Studies](#)

For more resources, check Google Scholar listings of [Public Health](#), [Health Policy & Medical Law](#) and [Health Policy & Medical Law](#).

Visit the [IIHS library journals database](#) to access subscribed journals.

Key articles:

- [Health Implications of Diverse Visions of Urban Spaces: Bridging the Formal-Informal Divide](#)
- [Migrants to urban India: Need for public health action](#)
- [Urban health in developing countries: What do we know and where do we go?](#)
- [Urban health in India: many challenges, few solutions](#)

Open Access e-Journals

[Journal of Urban Health Research](#)

Publisher: Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia
Country: Indonesia
Language: English
Keywords: Urban health, public health, epidemiology, healthcare access, environmental health
Start Year: 1998

[BMJ Public Health](#)

Publisher: BMJ Publishing Group
Country: United Kingdom
Language: English
Keywords: Health policy, health systems, gender issues

in health, mental and behavioural health
Start Year: 2023

[Journal of Urban Health](#)

Publisher: Springer
Country: United States
Language: English
Keywords: Urban health, public health, social determinants of health, health disparities
Start Year: 1851

[PLOS Global Public Health](#)

Publisher: Public Library of Science (PLOS)
Country: United States
Language: English
Keywords: Public health
Start Year: 2021

[The Open Public Health Journal](#)

Publisher: Bentham Open
Country: United Arab Emirates
Language: English
Keywords: Urban health, public health, urban planning, health equity, environmental health
Start Year: 2017

[Cites & Health](#)

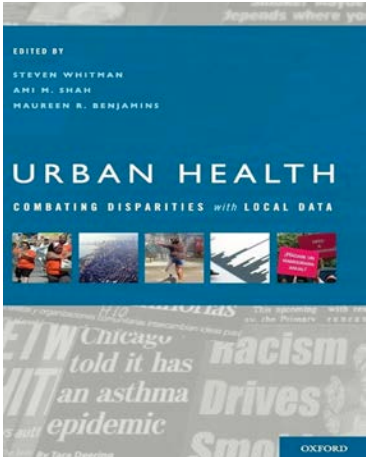
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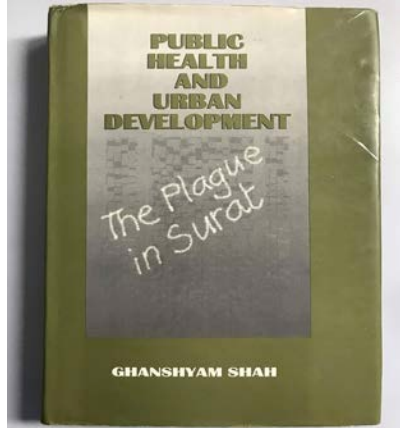
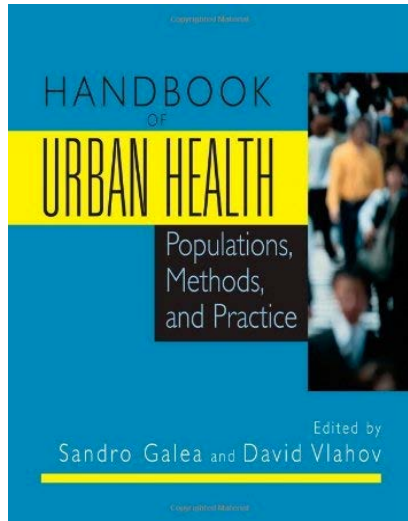
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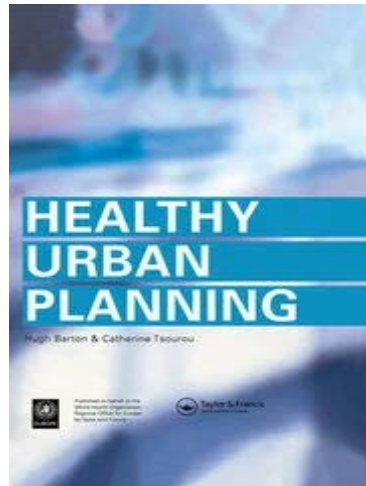
Working Papers

- [Centre for Social and Economic Progress \(CSEP\) - Health and Human Development](#)
- [OECD Health Working Papers](#)
- [National Bureau of Economic Research Working Papers](#)
- [Urban Institute's Latest Research](#)

Books

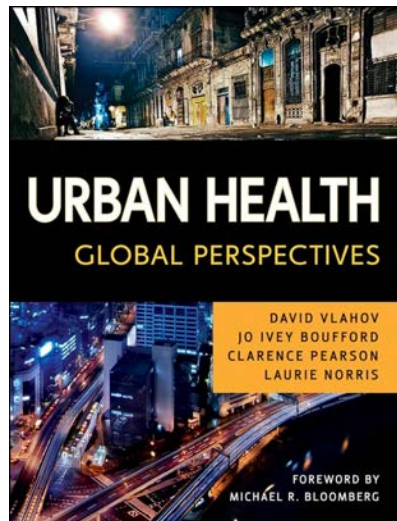
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	<p>Public Health and Urban Development : The Plague in Surat by Ghanshyam Shah</p> <p>Call Number: 614.5732095475 SHA 005678</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0803993860</p> <p>Publication Date: 1997</p>
	<p>Handbook of Urban Health: Populations, Methods, and Practice edited by Sandro Galea and David Vlahov</p> <p>Call Number: 362.1042 HAN 012159</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0199731190</p> <p>Publication Date: 2010</p>



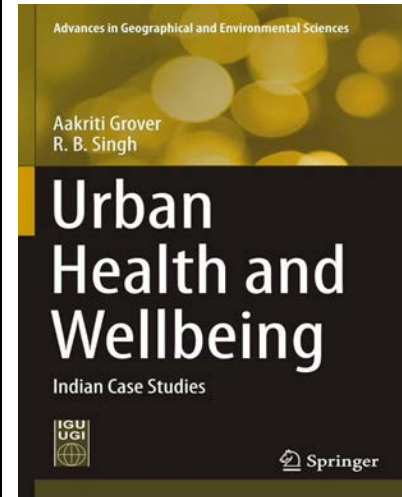
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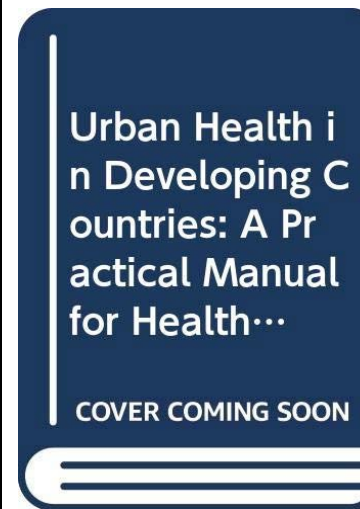
[Urban Health : Global Perspectives](#) by David Vlahov

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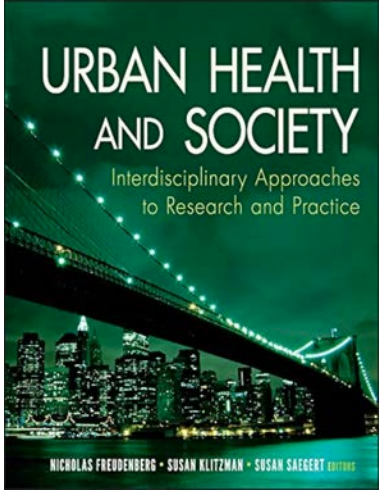
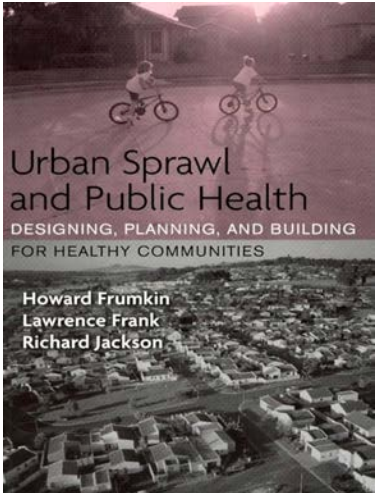

[Urban Health and Wellbeing : Indian Case Studies](#) by Aakriti Grover and R.B. Singh

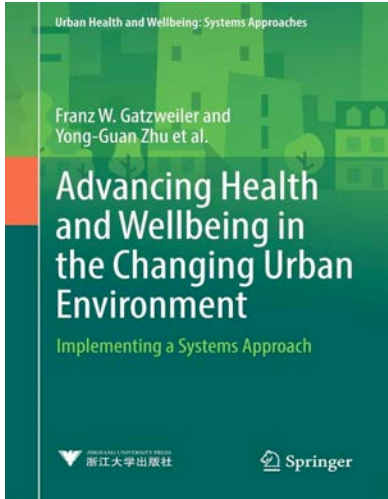
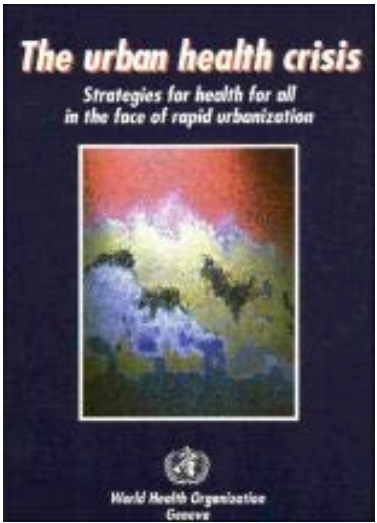
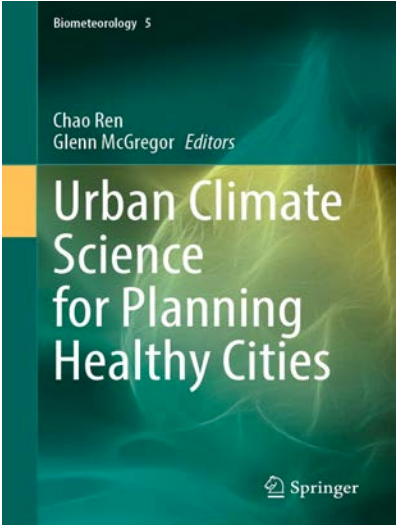
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[Urban Health & Development : A Practical Manual for Use in Developing Countries](#) by Beverley E Booth; Kiran Martin; Ted Lankester; Tearfund

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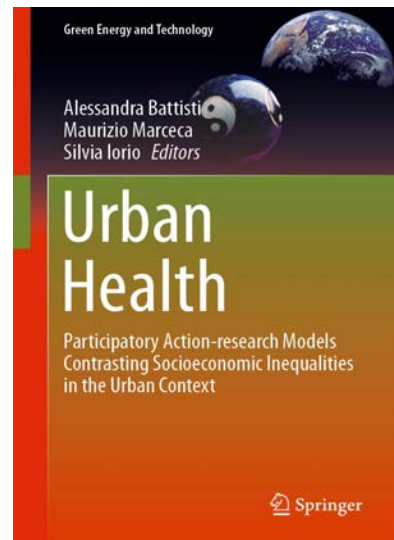
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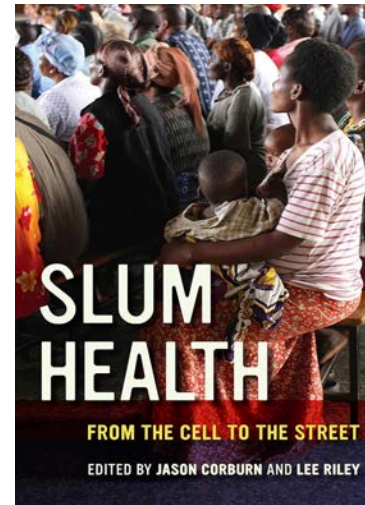
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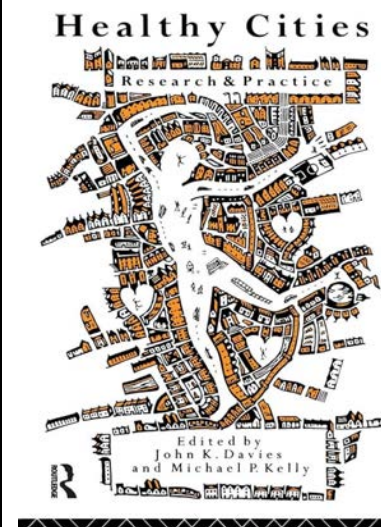
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Action-Research Models
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Socioeconomic
Inequalities in the Urban
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[Slum Health : From the
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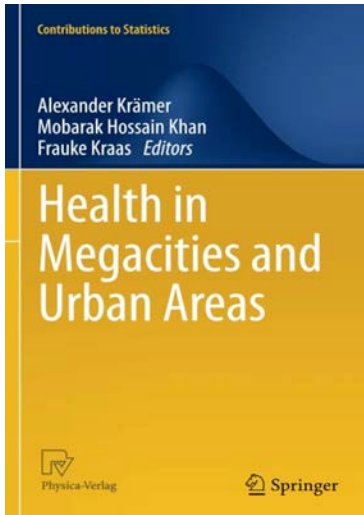
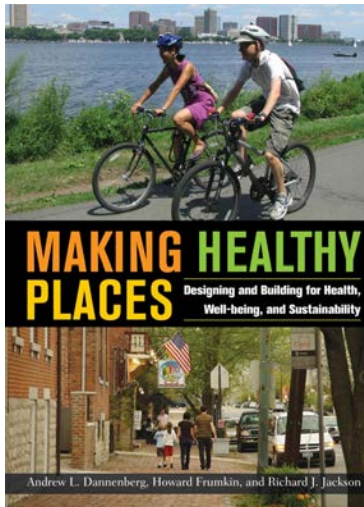
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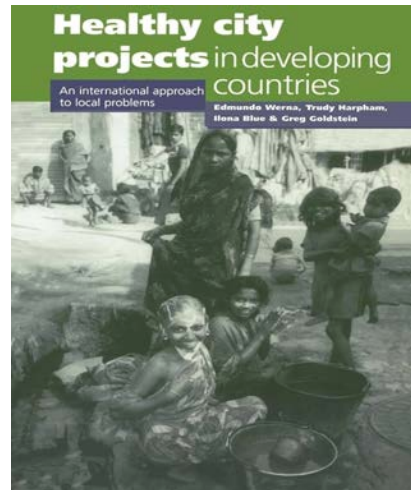


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	<p><u>Health in Megacities and Urban Areas</u> edited by Alexander Kramer, Mobarak Hossain Khan & Frauke Kraas</p> <p>Call Number: 362.10425 HEA 012160 ISBN: 9783790827323 Publication Date: 2013</p>
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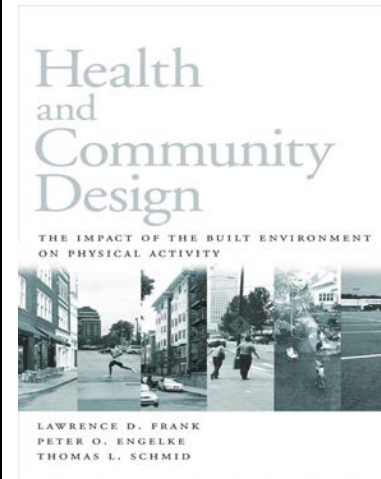
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[Thrive: Health and Wellbeing in the City we Need](#) by Matthew Williams

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[Health and Community Design : The Impact of the Built Environment on Physical Activity](#) by Lawrence D. Frank, Peter O. Engelke, Thomas L. Schmid

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Repositories/Datasets:

[GHDx - India:](#) The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) offers data for India, including estimates from the Global Burden of Disease study.

[Indiastat:](#) Provides statistical information on various aspects of urban health in India, including fund allocation and expenditure under the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM).

[Open Government Data \(OGD\) Platform India:](#) This platform offers datasets related to healthcare, including

details on fund expenditure for rural and urban healthcare delivery systems under the National Health Mission (NHM) from 2019–20 to 2024–25.

OpenCity Urban Data Portal: Provides datasets on public health for various Indian cities, such as annual births and deaths data for Chennai, Bengaluru, and Delhi.

PLACES Data Portal (CDC): The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides an online data repository designed for individuals to access and download datasets related to urban health in the United States.

WHO Urban Health Repository: The World Health Organization offers a repository that provides access to a broad range of resources aimed at enhancing local action for health in urban areas.

- [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation \(IHME\) – Reports](#)
- [Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Reports](#)
- [National Health Mission](#)
- [Report of the health survey and development Committee: Vol. II](#)
- [UN-Habitat Reports](#)
- [World Bank](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

Reports

- [Brookings Urban Health Reports](#)
- [Health Care Equity in Urban India](#)
- [Impact on Urban Health Reports](#)