

Passage 4

The wealth of nations is a strong indicator of population health. But within nations, socio-economic position is a powerful predictor of health as it is an indicator of material advantage or disadvantage over the lifespan. Material conditions of life determine health by influencing the quality of individual development, family life and interaction, and community environments. Material conditions of life lead to differing likelihood of physical (infections, malnutrition, chronic diseases, and injuries) developmental (delayed or impaired cognitive, personality, and social development), educational (learning disabilities, poor learning, early school leaving), and social (socialization, preparation for work, and family life) problems. Overall, wealth of nations is a strong indicator of population health. But within nations, socio-economic position is a powerful predictor of health as it is an indicator of material advantage or disadvantage over the lifespan. Material conditions of life also lead to differences in psychosocial stress. The fight- or- flight reaction—chronically elicited in response to threats such as income, housing, and food insecurity, among others—weakens the immune system, leads to increased insulin resistance, greater incidence of lipid and clotting disorders, and other biomedical insults that are precursors to adult disease.

- 136 . One way to estimate the of a nation is through its socio-economic status.
- fight- or- flight reaction
 - work preparation rates
 - average health
 - unique lifespan
- 137 . The presence of chronic diseases in a society can be a good indicator of
- an infections ailment
 - delayed cognitive development
 - prevalence of physical disabilities
 - unfair wealth distribution
- 138 . In response to social and economic problems, people may exhibit the
- fight- or- flight reaction
 - immune system boosting
 - lipid dissolution increase
 - adverse material condition
- 139 . It is understood that certain adult ailments, namely insulin resistance, may result from some
- immune system deficiency
 - lipid or clotting problems
 - biomedical disturbances
 - limited lifespan
- 140 . To promote the health status of citizens, it is implied that social authorities should monitor people's
- immune system features
 - fight- or- flight reaction
 - infectious diseases
 - economic status