



## Health, Economic Growth and Policy Implications

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Health and economics are inextricably linked; the Preston curve has shown the correlation between GDP and life expectancy across countries and years. This potential causal relationship is bidirectional; increases in health can lead to increases in productivity and economic growth can facilitate investment in a robust public health system. While most associations are positive, there is also a potential for negative associations as well, especially as global development tends to increase levels of pollution, the burden of which is disproportionately borne by those of lower economic and social status.

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