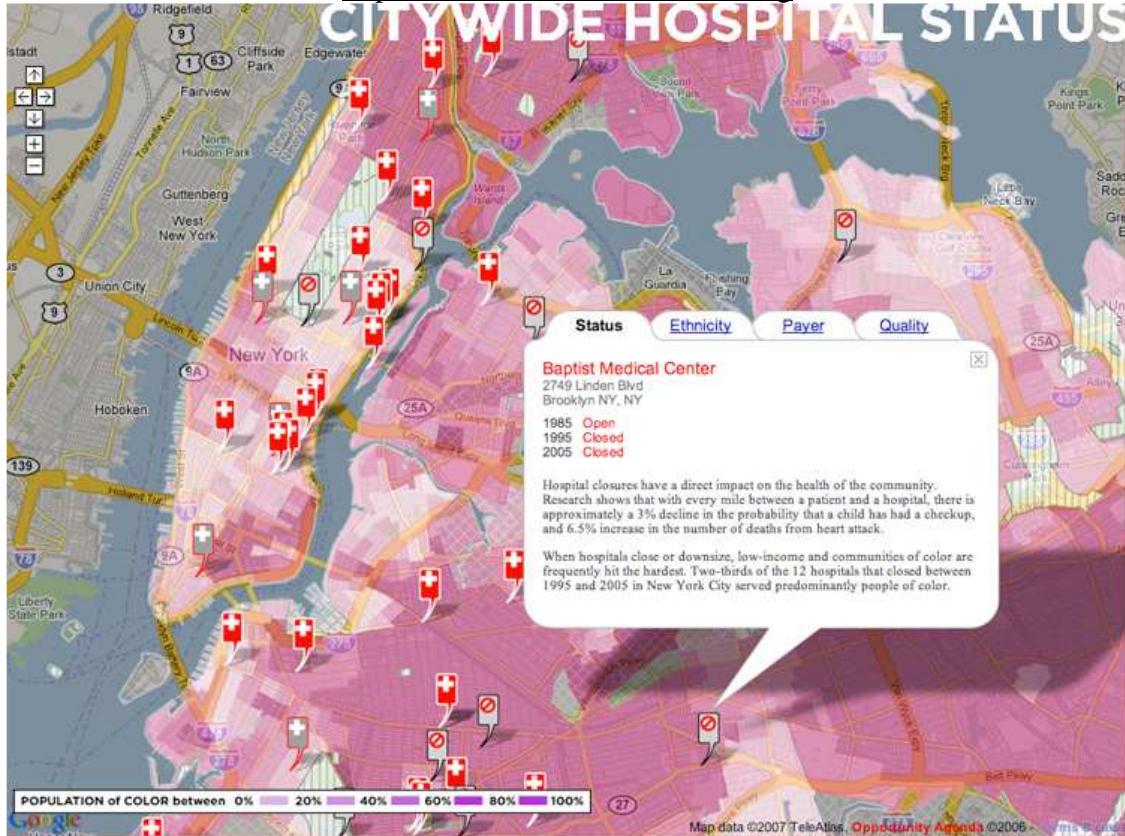


(Google) Mapping New York City Hospital Closures

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Health Care That Works (<http://www.healthcarethatworks.org>) is a Google Map mash-up designed to visually illustrate the economic and racial disparities that exist in New York City's health care system, and drive all New Yorker's of conscience to take action by emailing their elected officials.

With this tool you can:

- Educate your members, legislators, and policy makers about hospitals closures and the ways in which those closures impact low-income communities and communities of color.
- Direct your supporters to ACT NOW by directly emailing their legislators through our tool.
- Post news and updates on your advocacy or legal efforts, and encourage your supporters/members to share their stories in the Health Care That Works forums.

The website takes data on NYC hospital closures between 1985 and 2007, and overlays it on an interactive city-wide map that can display either the racial or economic demographics of the Five Boroughs during three periods: 1985, 1995, and 2005. The site is also a data-rich resource for researchers and advocates, containing information on the patient demographics, payer source, and quality scores for each hospital, and links to relevant reports, polling data, legal analysis, fact sheets, podcasts, and videos.

All data on the site is from the Census Bureau, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Planning and Research Cooperative System. The data were analyzed by Darrel Gaskin of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.