Health, Health-related, and Demographic Data Sources

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Health Data

**National**

Major source of U.S. and state-level health and health-related data (aging, births, deaths, injuries, health care, health insurance).

Annual report on trends in health statistics. The report consists of two main sections: A chart book containing text and figures that illustrates major trends in the health of Americans; and a trend tables section that contains 147 detailed data tables. The two main components are supplemented by an executive summary, a highlights section, an extensive appendix and reference section, and an index. All sections available as PDFs, some charts available as PowerPoint slides.

Interactive database for tracking progress toward Healthy People 2010 objectives. Most data is at national level, some state level.

Healthy People 2020 provides a framework for prevention for the Nation. It is a statement of national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable threats to health and to establish national goals to reduce these threats. Many goals and objectives are quantified with references to data sources.

**CDC's, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report** provides up-to-date information on mortality from particular causes of death, injuries and notifiable diseases. Surveillance summaries and topical reports.
North Carolina Division of Public Health, within the Department of Health and Human Services, provides a wide array of data. For an overview, consult the biannual Health Profile of North Carolinians, the 2007 version of which is linked here.

Statistics on communicable disease (TB, STDs, HIV, rabies, influenza, etc.) are available from the Epidemiology Section.

Data on racial and ethnic disparities are available from the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. An annual report card is published.

Public Health Workforce Report. Provides description of the current public health workforce and a survey of perceived competencies and training needs.

State Center for Health Statistics is the collector and primary source of vital statistics (mortality and morbidity data) in North Carolina, as well as data on births, birth defects, cancer incidence, Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), Child Health Assessment Monitoring Program (CHAMP), and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Special studies and reports are frequently published.

2014 County Health Data Book Provides 2008-2012 county-level data on population, pregnancy and birth, mortality and morbidity for use in the Community Health Assessment Initiative (NC-CHAI)

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey System provides data from annual state-level survey on a variety of health behaviors and preventive health practices related to the leading causes of death and disability such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and injuries.
The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research seeks to improve the health of individuals, families, and populations by understanding the problems, issues and alternatives in the design and delivery of health care services. This is accomplished through an interdisciplinary program of research, consultation, technical assistance and training that focuses on timely and policy-relevant questions concerning the accessibility, adequacy, organization, cost and effectiveness of health care services and the dissemination of this information to policy makers and the general public.

Central Cancer Registry provides cancer incidence rates and profiles of counties.

**N.C. YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS)** An annual statewide survey to assess behaviors in youth that impact their health now and in the future. Topics include violence, personal safety, physical activity, nutrition, mental health, tobacco, drugs and alcohol, protective factors and sexual behavior questions (for high school students only). YRBS is part of the [Healthy Schools Initiative](#).

The Nutrition Services Branch provides county-specific data and state data on maternal and child health indicators of nutritional status such as overweight, underweight, anemia, breastfeeding initiation and duration, as well as physical activity.

Downloadable files of North Carolina Vital Statistics along with documentation.

**Southeastern Kidney Council** Data on End-Stage Renal Disease (kidney failure).

**Division of Medical Assistance** Data on enrollment and services provided by the [Medicaid](#) program.
NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services Statistics and publications on the use, expense, and outcomes of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services.

North Carolina EMS Participating hospitals (trauma centers) provide information on mechanisms of injury, injury severity, and treatment.

The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center Can provide data on motor vehicle injuries.

North Carolina Industrial Commission Data on work-related injuries and fatalities.

Occupational Illnesses & Injuries The Occupational Health Surveillance Unit (OHSU) is responsible for monitoring trends in work-related injury and illness for the state. Data available on farm injuries and exposures to lead and pesticides.

National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research The National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research collects and disseminates death and permanent disability sports injury data that involve brain and/or spinal cord injuries.

North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Reports on all deaths due to injury or violence as well as suspicious and medically unattended deaths. Reports may be requested online.

Crime statistics from the State Bureau of Investigation.
Insurance information.