

## Design for Health



### Data and Sources of Information



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<http://www.ph.ucla.edu/hs/hiaclic/links.htm>

Demographic and health risk data for population profiling

United States National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health

Search NLM Web Site

National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/usestats/index.htm>

**INTRODUCTION**

**ABOUT HEALTH STATISTICS**

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**Finding and Using Health Statistics**

Health statistics provide information for understanding, monitoring, improving and planning the use of resources to improve the lives of people, provide services and promote their well-being.

This course describes the range of available health statistics, identifies their sources and helps you understand how to use information about their structure as you search.

This course links to numerous examples. Each example opens in a separate page of your browser. To return to the course close the new window -- the course window remains open and you can proceed.

**Parts of the Course**

The course is divided into 2 main parts:

- About Health Statistics** - which describes these sources and explores how they are created and
- Finding Health Statistics** - which presents strategies you can use to successfully search for the material

**Supporting Material**

The course also contains supporting material including:

- A **Glossary**
- Examples of **websites** where you can find health statistics
- Exercises**

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**EXAMPLE LIST**

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Example II Using the published Cause of Death Table

Example III Healthy People 2010

Example IV Examples of Uses

Example V CDC Biosense Program

Example VI Epi Info

Example VII Tracking Tobacco Activities

Example VIII Showing uncertainty due to sampling

Example IX Death Certificates

Example X Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project

Example XI National Health Care Surveys

Example XII Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

Example XIII

## Some Key Data Sources

1. US census (<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>)
2. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (<http://www.cdc.gov/BRFSS/>)
3. Public Use Microdata Sample (<http://www.census.gov/main/www/pums.html>)
4. Commercial Business Data (<http://www.deed.state.mn.us/index.htm>)
5. National Vital Statistics Reports (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm>)
6. National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>)

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