

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM (NVSS)

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The National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) is a collaborative effort in the United States that collects and compiles data on vital events such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and fetal deaths. The NVSS, coordinated by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), works in partnership with state and local governments to ensure accurate and timely reporting of these events.

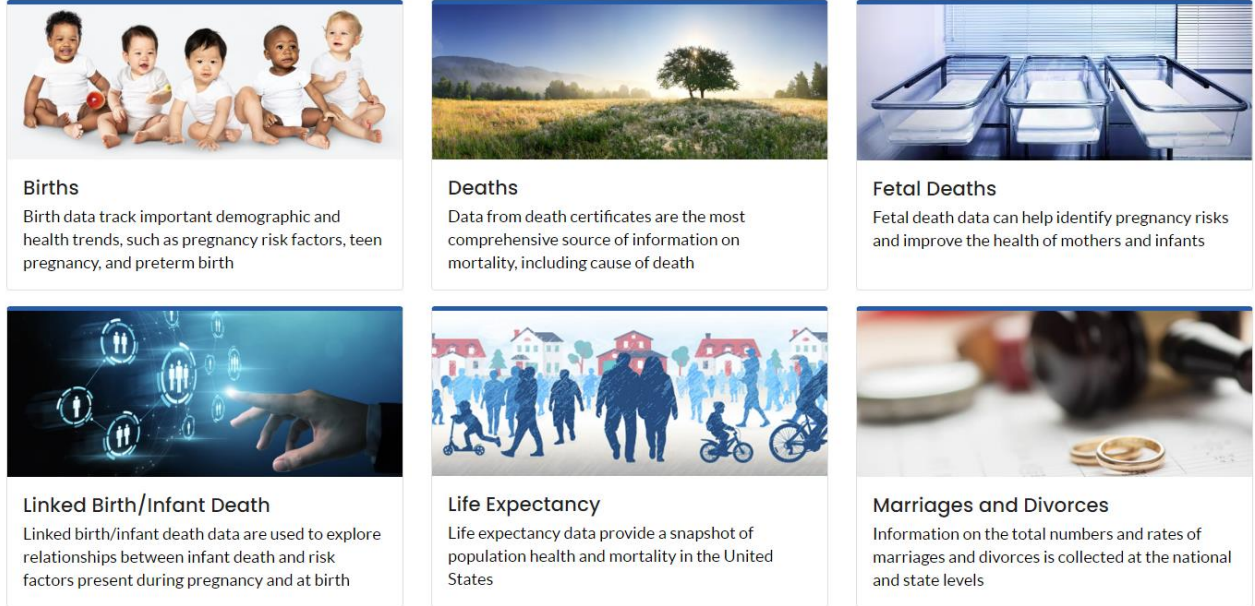
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2. Review:
 - Datasets and Related Documentation
 - Results and Publications
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3. [Downloadable Data Files](#)
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Additional Programs Related to the NVSS:

- [Linked Birth and Infant Death Data Set](#)
- [National Survey of Family Growth](#)
- [Matched Multiple Birth Data Set](#)
- [National Death Index](#)
- [National Maternal and Infant Health Survey](#)
- [National Mortality and Followback Survey](#)

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 <p>Births Birth data track important demographic and health trends, such as pregnancy risk factors, teen pregnancy, and preterm birth</p>	 <p>Deaths Data from death certificates are the most comprehensive source of information on mortality, including cause of death</p>	 <p>Fetal Deaths Fetal death data can help identify pregnancy risks and improve the health of mothers and infants</p>
 <p>Linked Birth/Infant Death Linked birth/infant death data are used to explore relationships between infant death and risk factors present during pregnancy and at birth</p>	 <p>Life Expectancy Life expectancy data provide a snapshot of population health and mortality in the United States</p>	 <p>Marriages and Divorces Information on the total numbers and rates of marriages and divorces is collected at the national and state levels</p>

Helpful Resources:

- Every Life is Vital in the National Vital Statistics System (Part 1):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofs4mzFk9DM>
- Every Life is Vital in the National Vital Statistics System (Part 2):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBTpGEYuodk>
- NCHS Data Visualization Gallery:
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-visualization/>

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