

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

WHAT IS THE *NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS*?

- Supported and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Provides comprehensive data and information related to health and vital statistics in the US
- Compiles statistical information to help guide public health decisions

DATA COLLECTION SOURCES:

Birth and death
certificates

Patient medical
records

Personal interviews

Standardized
physical
examinations and
laboratory tests

Health care facilities
administrator and
providers interviews

HOW TO ACCESS DATASETS, REPORTS, AND TOOLS:



Exploring Data and Statistics:

- From the home page, navigate to the Topics section
- Select a category under FastStats
- Browse through the available datasets, reports and tools



Accessing Datasets:

- Within a given category, click the link associated with a dataset of interest
- Review the documentation to examine details, variable, data collections methods, etc.
- Click the dataset link to download the data in a format that is compatible to your needs (CSV, XLSX, PDF)



Using Reports and Publications

- From the home page, navigate to Publications
- Explore the different report types available
- Select a report that aligns with your interest and click to view the PDF



Utilizing Data and Tools

- From the home page, navigate to Data and Tools
- Explore the various tools available, data visualization tools, that allow you to create customized tables and visuals
- If necessary, register or create an account to access restricted datasets

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- *NCHS TV/Video Gallery*
https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/videos/video_gallery.htm
- *Data Visualizations Gallery*
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-visualization/>
- *Resources for Researchers*
https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nchs_for_you/researchers.htm

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