



Resources for health data

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When searching for health data, consider multiple sources. In addition to typical sources of health data search and review research reports and policy papers from multiple sources including governmental and organization databases, university research, and non-profit agencies, foundations and think tanks.

Subject Gateways: Internet sites that save time when data searching. Staff evaluate websites before linking and point to quality information resources.

Resources for local and county data

- **Centers for Disease Control** Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
CDC.gov provides users with credible, reliable health information and linkages to related health organizations. <http://www.cdc.gov/>
- **Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services** <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/>
Wisconsin Department of Health Services—cardiovascular facts for Wisconsin
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/cardiovascular/facts.htm>
- **Wisconsin Population Health Institute**—The Institute serves as a focal point for applied public health and health policy within the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health as well as a bridge to public health and health policy practitioners in the state. <http://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/index.htm>
- **Wisconsin State Health Plan 2010** <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/>

Resources for state and national data

US Agencies

- **Medline Plus** data sources—a subject gateway
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/otherresources.html>

- **USDA Economic Research Service** <http://www.ers.usda.gov>
- **Amber Waves**—publication of the Dept. of Agriculture, Economic Research Service <http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/September09/Features/RuralHealth.htm>
- **National Institute of Health** has 27 Institutes and Centers. For example the National Institute on Aging leads a broad scientific effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life. NIA provides leadership in aging research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs relevant to aging and older people. The NIA as the primary Federal agency on Alzheimer's disease research. <http://www.nia.nih.gov/>
- **Food and Drug Administration/ Office of Women's Health**
website: www.fda.gov/womens
- **Child Welfare Information Gateway** A service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, we provide access to print and electronic publications, websites, and online databases covering a wide range of topics from prevention to permanency, including child welfare, child abuse and neglect, adoption, search and reunion, and much more. <http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/statistics/>
- **U.S. Hospitalizations Involving Osteoporosis and Injury, 2006**
The U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Statistical Brief, entitled "U.S. Hospitalizations Involving Osteoporosis and Injury, 2006." <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb76.pdf>
- **HCUP** The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP, pronounced "H-Cup") is a family of health care databases and related software tools and products developed through a Federal-State-Industry partnership and sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/>
- The Federal Interagency **Forum on Child and Family Statistics'** primary mission is to enhance the practice of and improve consistency in data collection and reporting on children and families. *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2009* continues to follow the restructured format of the 10th anniversary edition (2007), providing the Nation with a summary of national indicators of children's well-being and monitoring changes in these indicators. The purposes of the report are to improve Federal data on children and families and make these data available in an easy-to-use, non-technical format, as well as to stimulate discussions among policymakers and the public and spur exchanges between data providers and policy communities. The Forum, which now has participants from 22 Federal agencies as well as partners in private research organizations, fosters coordination, collaboration, and integration of Federal efforts to collect and report data on conditions and trends for children and

families and calls attention to needs for new data about them.

<http://childstats.gov/americaschildren/index.asp> \

- Reports about issues surrounding **comprehensive health reform** is on U.S. Government Web site managed by the [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](http://www.healthreform.gov/reports/).
<http://www.healthreform.gov/reports/>
- The **Office on Women's Health (OWH)** is within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Its Vision is to ensure that "All Women and Girls are Healthier and Have a Better Sense of Well Being." Its mission is to "provide leadership to promote health equity for women and girls through sex/gender-specific approaches." The strategy OWH uses to achieve its mission and vision is through the development of innovative programs, by educating health professionals, and motivating behavior change in consumers through the dissemination of health information. Most recent publications and action steps for improving "women's mental health". <http://www.womenshealth.gov/> and Quick Health Data Online <http://www.healthstatus2010.com/owh/>

University Supported/affiliated organizations

- The **Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars** provides policymakers and professionals with nonpartisan, solution-oriented research and a family impact perspective on many of the complex issues being debated in state legislatures across the country. The Institute was founded in 1999 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension and continues the family impact mission of the federal Family Impact Seminar, which operated from 1976 to 1998 in Washington DC. Provides research data on a variety of family topics including health.
<http://familyimpactseminars.org/index.asp?p=1&page=data>
- **eXtension** is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from the smartest land-grant university minds across America.
<http://www.extension.org/>
- **Netwellness.com** supported by University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University
<http://www.netwellness.com> Identify a topic and go to additional information and facts/figures or research
- **The Future of Children** is a collaboration of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and the Brookings Institution. The mission of *The Future of Children* is to translate the best social science research about children and youth into information that is useful to policymakers, practitioners, grant-makers, advocates, the media, and students of public policy. The project publishes two journals

and policy briefs each year, and provides various short summaries of work. Topics range widely -- from income policy to family issues to education and health – with children’s policy as the unifying element. The senior editorial team is diverse, representing two institutions and multiple disciplines. Their publications include tables and data on a national basis for each subject.

- <http://www.futureofchildren.org/futureofchildren/publications/journals/>

Non-profit agencies

- **Healthy Wisconsin People**—a subject gateway
Supported by Area Health Education Centers in Wisconsin
<http://www.healthywisconsin.org/>
- BadgerLink for library resources—a subject gateway and database source
<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/badgerlink/>

demonstrate online
- **NOAH** provides access to high quality consumer health information in English and Spanish. <http://www.noah-health.org/en/search/health.html> NOAH New York Online Access to Health, click on a topic, click on statistics
- **American Cancer Society** <http://www.cancer.org/>
<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-statistics.jsp>
- **American Diabetes association** <http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-statistics.jsp>
- **American Heart Association** statistics by state
<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.ihtml?identifier=3055922>
- **Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin**
<http://www.preventchildabusewi.org/section.jsp?sectionid=2>
- **Kids Count Data** through the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
<http://www.wccf.org/>
Or Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center
<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/databook/2009/Default.aspx>
- Urban sprawl and health –**Smart Growth America** is a coalition of national, state and local organizations working to improve the ways we plan and build the towns, cities and metro areas we call home. <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/health.html>
- **Urban Institute** The Urban Institute gathers data, conducts research, evaluates programs, offers technical assistance overseas, and educates Americans on social and economic issues — to foster sound public policy and effective government.
<http://www.urban.org/health/index.cfm>
- **AARP Public Policy Institute** has released “Planning Complete Streets for an Aging America,” a report that addresses the need to create Complete Streets that are safe and convenient for travel by automobile, foot, bicycle and transit regardless of age or ability.

The study includes findings from original research. To learn more and for links to the complete report, please go to: <http://tm/m2rlne>

- **About Families and Work Institute** <http://familiesandwork.org/>
Families and Work Institute is a nonprofit center dedicated to providing research for living in today's changing workplace, changing family and changing community. Families and Work Institute's research takes on emerging issues before they crest and includes some of the most comprehensive research on the U.S. workforce available. The site includes an interactive quiz on "How effective is Your Workplace?" Newest research report on "The State of Health in the American Workforce" at <http://familiesandwork.org/site/research/reports/HealthReport.pdf>
- **The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)** focuses on advancing environmental knowledge among health professionals to improve health care and public health, with a special emphasis on children and other populations disproportionately impacted by environmental health disparities. Guidelines and training tools for health care providers are available. Environmental education for health professionals: A stronger public health safety net through environmentally educated health care givers. Program: [Health & Environment](http://www.neefusa.org/) initiative. <http://www.neefusa.org/>

Foundations

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- **Kaiser Family Foundation** Fast Facts <http://www.kff.org/>
Comparisons of state/US data <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/index.jsp>
- **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Efforts focus on improving both the *health* of everyone in America and their health *care*—how it's delivered, how it's paid for, and how well it does for patients and their families. <http://www.rwjf.org/>
- **The Pew Research Center** is a nonpartisan "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world. It does so by conducting public opinion polling and social science research; by reporting news and analyzing news coverage; and by holding forums and briefings. It does not take positions on policy issues. The Center's work is carried out by seven projects including Pew Internet & American Life Project, Pew Hispanic Center, and Social & Demographic Trends

The Pew Research Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation and was established in 2004 as a subsidiary of The Pew Charitable Trusts, a Philadelphia-based public charity. <http://pewresearch.org/>

The Pew Internet & American Life Project produces reports exploring the impact of the internet on families, communities, work and home, daily life, education, health care, and civic and political life. <http://www.pewinternet.org/>

- **Health Policy Watch: A Century Foundation Project** Following Important Trends, New Ideas, and Noteworthy Research in Health Care Policy.
<http://www.healthpolicywatch.org/>

Special Topics/Audiences

Multicultural Health

- **Healthy Wisconsin People-Multicultural Groups** supported through a joint project of the [Northern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center](#) and the [Southwest Wisconsin Area Health Education Center](#),
<http://www.healthywisconsin.org/Default.aspx?tabid=406>
- US Department of Health and Human Services, **Office of Minority Health**
<http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlID=2>
- **African American Health**
<http://www.netwellness.com/healthtopics/aahealth/default.cfm>

Rural health and farm safety

- **Marshfield Clinic Foundation-National Children's Center**
<http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/>
- **The National Rural Health Association** is a national nonprofit membership organization. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. <http://www.ruralhealthweb.org/>
- **Rural Policy Research Institute** supported by Iowa State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska. The Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) provides unbiased analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities facing rural America. <http://www.rupri.org/>

Dental Health

- Wisconsin Department of Human and Family Services—dental health research reports
http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/Reports.htm

Mental Health

- **National Institute on Mental Health**
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/statistics/index.shtml>
- **Medline Plus** data sources <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/otherresources.html>