Health Statistics Online

An introduction on where to find data on population, diseases, trends, costs and other health related issues.

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The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care

For more than 20 years, the Dartmouth Atlas Project has documented glaring variations in how medical resources are distributed and used in the United States. The project uses Medicare data to provide comprehensive information and analysis about national, regional, and local markets, as well as individual hospitals and their affiliated physicians.

These reports, used by policymakers, the media, health care analysts and others, have radically changed our understanding of the efficiency and effectiveness of our health care system. This valuable data forms the foundation for many of the ongoing efforts to improve health and health systems across America.

This website provides access to all Atlas reports and publications, as well as interactive tools to allow visitors to view specific regions and perform their own comparisons and analyses.

Further studies and data created with the support of the National Institute on Aging can be found here. The goal of one study was to develop an instrument and conduct a survey of Medicare beneficiaries, and to better understand the causes and consequences of geographic variation in per capita expenditures for Medicare beneficiaries.

http://www.dartmouthatlas.org

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Provides comprehensive information using Medicare data of the distribution and uses of medical resources in the U.S.
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs

Provides tools and resources related to health statistics and has FastStat, statistics available by topic.
Reference materials, research and guidelines based on public health data from the CDC.
Part of the Department of Health & Human Services, provides health services research information, including health care quality, costs, outcomes and patient safety.
Also from the Dept. H&HS, has statistics, trends and reports available for download,
The 2009 Statistical Abstract

What is the Statistical Abstract?

The Statistical Abstract of the United States, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States.

Use the Abstract as a convenient volume for statistical reference, and as a guide to sources of more information both in print and on the Web.

Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations.

Tables of Interest

151 - Retail Prescription Drug Sales [Excel 26k] [PDF 464k]
175 - Selected Notifiable Diseases—Cases Reported [Excel 38k] [PDF 468k]
346 - U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico Border Lengths [Excel 24k] [PDF 465k]
1057 - Alternative Fueled Vehicles and Estimated Consumption of Vehicle Fuels by Fuel Type [Excel 27k] [PDF 465k]
1209 - Participation in Selected Sports Activities: 2006 [Excel 38k] [PDF 902k]

Sources of Data

The Abstract is also your guide to sources of other data from the Census Bureau, other Federal agencies, and private organizations:

- Guide to Sources
- Federal Agency Statistical Reports
- State Abstracts

http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab

Contains comprehensive summaries of statistics on social, political and economic aspects of the U.S. Contains information from both governmental and private organizations.
http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook

Reference and statistical information based on country or topic.
http://www.statehealthfacts.org

Health statistics available by state.