



# National, State, and Local Data Sources Quick Reference Sheet

## *Demographic Characteristics*

### **The American Community Survey (ACS)**

#### **U.S. Census Bureau**

ACS is a mandatory, ongoing statistical survey that samples a small percentage of the population every year and provides detailed population and housing information

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/#>

### **PLACES Project**

#### **Multiple Sponsors**

Provides model-based population-level analysis and community estimates to all counties, places (incorporated and census designated places), census tracts, and ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) across the United States <https://www.cdc.gov/places/>

### **Williams Institute**

#### **University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law**

The UCLA Williams Institute provides state and regional demographic data on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations. <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/quick-facts/us-state-data/>

## *Socioeconomic Characteristics*

### **Atlas of Rural and Small-Town America**

#### **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service**

Provides county level maps and statistics by broad categories of socioeconomic factors from USDA <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/atlas-of-rural-and-small-town-america/>

### **City Health Dashboard**

#### **Multiple Sponsors**

A tool that allows users to see correlations between community-level factors that shape health in cities, such as housing affordability, unemployment, children in poverty, and access to nutritious foods. <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/>



## **The Local Area Unemployment Statistics**

### **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

The LAUS program produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, States, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence. <http://www.bls.gov/lau/#tables>

## **Livability of Communities**

### **American Association of Retired Persons**

The Livability Index scores neighborhoods and communities across the U.S. for the services and amenities including housing, transportation, health, neighborhood, environment, engagement, and opportunity. <http://livabilityindex.aarp.org>

## *Quality of Life*

## **The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps**

### **University of Wisconsin, Population Health Institute**

The annual rankings provide a snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, learn, work, and play. They provide a starting point for change in communities.

<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

## **Opportunity Index**

### **Jointly developed by Child Trends and the Forum for Youth Investments**

Provides zip code level information on 16 indicators related to opportunities for individuals

<https://opportunityindex.org/>

## *Behavioral Risk and Protective Factors*

## **National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)**

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

The NSDUH is a major source of statistical information on the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and on mental health issues among members of the U.S. civilian, non-institutional population aged 12 or older. The survey records trends in specific substance use and mental illness measures and assesses the consequences of these conditions by examining mental and/or substance use disorders and treatment for these disorders.

<https://nsduhweb.rti.org/respweb/homepage.cfm>

## **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)**

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

The BRFSS collects state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services. BRFSS completes more



than 400,000 adult interviews each year, making it the largest continuously conducted health survey system in the world. <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.html>

### **National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) Sub-state Estimates Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

NSDUH Sub-state Region Estimates provide prevalence estimates for 15 measures of substance use and mental illness along with 95% confidence intervals for persons aged 12 or older for the substance use measures, persons aged 18 or older for the mental illness measures, and persons aged 12-20 for one alcohol measure.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/data/report/2016-2018-nsduh-substate-region-estimates-tables>

### **The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

YRBSS monitors six categories of health-related behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults, including—

- Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence
- Sexual behaviors related to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection
- Alcohol and other drug use
- Tobacco use
- Unhealthy dietary behaviors
- Inadequate physical activity

YRBSS also measures the prevalence of obesity and asthma and other health-related behaviors plus sexual identity and gender of sexual contacts.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm>

### **Monitoring the Future University of Michigan**

Monitoring the Future is an ongoing study of the behaviors, attitudes, and values of Americans from adolescence through adulthood. Each year, a total of approximately 50,000 8th, 10th and 12th grade students are surveyed. <http://monitoringthefuture.org/>

### **CDC Wonder Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

CDC Wonder is an online database that provides a system for querying incidence and prevalence of substance abuse and mental health issues. <http://wonder.cdc.gov/>



## *Crime*

### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

#### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

The UCR compiles official data on crime in the United States, published by the FBI. UCR is "a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of nearly 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. <https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/explorer/national/united-states/prelim-quarter>

### **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)**

#### **U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (DOJ, OJP)**

The BJS provides crime and drug data to federal, state, and local jurisdictions.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

## *Hospital*

### **Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)**

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

DAWN is a nationwide public health surveillance system administered SAMHSA's Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ). DAWN captures data on emergency department visits related to recent substance use and misuse, such as alcohol use, illicit drug use, suicide attempts, and nonmedical use of pharmaceuticals.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/data/data-we-collect/dawn-drug-abuse-warning-network>

### **Health Resource Availability**

#### **The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)**

#### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**

The HCUP has recently released county- and region-level statistics on hospital stays involving alcohol, opioids, and other drugs. <https://www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/co-level-stats.html>

## *Maternal and Child Health*

### **PeriStats**

#### **March of Dimes**

March of Dimes provides access to maternal and infant health-related data at the U.S., state, county, and city level. Choose state data first then access county or city data.

<https://www.marchofdimes.org/peristats/Peristats.aspx>



## *Alcohol*

### **Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)**

#### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

FARS is a nationwide census providing NHTSA, Congress and the American public yearly data regarding fatal injuries suffered in motor vehicle traffic crashes.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/FARS>

### **Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS)**

#### **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)**

The APIS provides detailed information on a wide variety of alcohol-related policies in the U.S. at both state and federal levels. It also covers policy information regarding pregnancy and drugs and the recreational use of cannabis. <https://alcoholpolicy.niaaa.nih.gov/>

## *Poison*

### **National Poison Data System (NPDS)**

The NPDS is the data warehouse for the nation's 55 poison control centers. Each poison control center submits de-identified case data to NPDS after providing necessary poison exposure management and information services to callers. This case information is uploaded to NPDS in near real time, making NPDS one of the few operational systems of its kind. Currently, the time to upload data for all poison control centers is 9.50 minutes

## *Injury*

### **Web Based Statistics Query Reporting System (WISQRS)**

#### **Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

WISQRS is an interactive database system that provides customized reports and maps of injury-related data by county. <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>

