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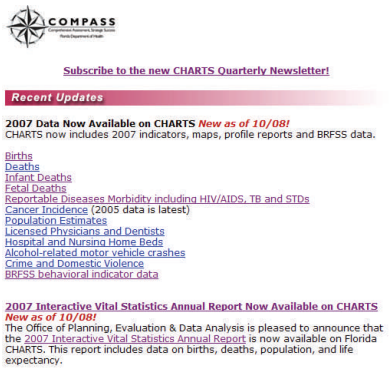
Annual CHARTS data update completed

The 2007 Vital Statistics data are now available on FloridaCHARTS. This includes products such as the 2007 Vital Statistics Annual Report, updated county and census tract maps, county and state health profiles, and school aged child profile reports. The update also includes new data for health indicators in the following subject areas: births, deaths, infant deaths, fetal deaths, reportable diseases (including HIV/AIDS and TB data), licensed health practitioners, population estimates, crime and domestic violence, hospital and nursing home data. The latest (from 2005) cancer incidence data from the Florida Cancer Data Registry is included in the update.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Recent Updates

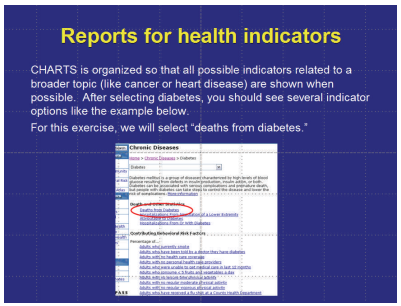
2007 Data Now Available on CHARTS *New as of 10/08!*
CHARTS now includes 2007 indicators, maps, profile reports and BRFSS data.

Births
Deaths
Infant Deaths
Fetal Deaths
Reportable Diseases Morbidity including HIV/AIDS, TB and STDs
Cancer Incidence (2005 data is latest)
Population Estimates
Licensed Physicians and Dentists
Hospital and Nursing Home Beds
Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes
Crime and Domestic Violence
BRFSS behavioral indicator data

2007 Interactive Vital Statistics Annual Report Now Available on CHARTS *New as of 10/08!*
The Office of Planning, Evaluation & Data Analysis is pleased to announce that the 2007 Interactive Vital Statistics Annual Report is now available on Florida CHARTS. This report includes data on births, deaths, population, and life expectancy.

FloridaCHARTS training modules now available on the web

Whether you are using CHARTS for the first time or mastering your skills with a specific feature, the new CHARTS training modules will enhance your experience. Beginning with an introductory module, each training introduces features, data, and products found throughout the website. These modules are provided as both a training resource for Florida Department of Health staff and the public. Over the next few months, the FloridaCHARTS team will continue to post new training modules that cover the basic functions and data available on the website.



Grants awarded to five county health departments

Congratulations to Bradford, Hardee, Glades, Jefferson, and Union counties for receiving Community Development Grants for Rural Counties from the Florida Department of Health. The Medical Rural Hospital Flexibility Program issues these grants to promote local awareness and involvement in identifying and addressing priority health issues using the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process. Over the past four years, twenty-one of Florida's thirty-three rural counties have received funding under this program.

Statistical notes

Many FloridaCHARTS users have asked: why does it take 10 months (on average) after the end of a calendar year before Florida's Vital Statistics data are available? Florida's Bureau of Vital Statistics usually has all births or deaths occurring in Florida ready for year-end reporting in the spring, but these in-state events do not include all vital events of Florida's residents. Many of our residents are born or die in other states. Each year there are approximately 800 births and 4,500 deaths involving Florida's residents in other states. At the time of a birth or death, the state where the event occurs is responsible for issuing a birth or death certificate and sending this information to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

Florida receives the birth and death records involving Florida residents from NCHS that occurred in other states by the end of the summer. When these data arrive, they are often in different data formats and must be converted. After conversion and incorporation with the events that occurred in Florida, the data are ready for the Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report and FloridaCHARTS.com. As this data is being prepared, information from various Department of Health program offices, other state agencies, and the Florida Legislature is also prepared for release. By early October, the public has access to all of the updated data.