

## FloridaCHARTS Newsletter - Fall 2009

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### 2008 Vital Statistics added to Florida CHARTS

The [2008 Vital Statistics data](#) are now available on Florida CHARTS. This includes products such as the 2008 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 2006) cancer incidence data from the Florida Cancer Data Registry is included in the update.



### New environmental public health tracking portal

Florida's new [Environmental Public Health Tracking portal](#) is a dynamic web site that provides health and environmental data in one easy to find location. The portal provides information about health conditions such as asthma, cancer, carbon monoxide poisoning, childhood lead poisoning and more. Environmental data is displayed about air quality (ozone and particulate pollution) and drinking water. The web portal is a part of a nationally funded project with the Centers for Disease Control to promote state efforts to display common indicators to inform communities about health and environmental hazard issues.



### Community health assessment news

The Community Agenda initiative in Flagler and Volusia counties is a community engagement process to examine data and establish priorities to improve local health and human services. Key representatives from community groups established the initiative in 2004 and recently released the [Community Agenda Snapshot 2009](#). The document uses data from Florida CHARTS and other sources to paint a picture of health and social trends and conditions. The collaborative data collection and reporting processes are great examples of community health improvement efforts.



### Statistical Notes

Each year the Florida CHARTS website is updated with vitals statistics and other data from the previous year. A great resource with similar information is the Vital Statistics Standard Reports. This resource includes annual vital statistics tables as well as provisional data and can be accessed from the Florida CHARTS homepage.

For several indicators related to births, deaths, marriages and dissolutions of marriage, users can access provisional tables **before** their release on Florida CHARTS. To access the data, follow the link from the left hand menu on any CHARTS page. On the vital statistics main page, annual data is organized by topic area with a pull down menu for the year. The provisional data link is located below the topic areas at the bottom of the list.

The annual reports on this page also include tables and indicators which can not be found on CHARTS. Some examples of available data are: population indicators, data for marriages and dissolutions of marriage (divorce) and life expectancy data. Graphs, charts and tables for mid-year population estimates for race, gender and counties are also available. Other data available include natural increase (births minus deaths for the given year) and life expectancy for Florida and the United States from 1919 to the present.

To view the standard tables or provisional data, visit <http://www.flpublichealth.com/VSBOOK/VSBOOK.aspx> or click on the vitals book icon in the left hand menu from the Florida CHARTS homepage.