

FloridaCHARTS Newsletter - Spring 2010

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Updates to the Florida CHARTS search function

Visitors to the Florida CHARTS homepage will notice a new look for the search function. To connect users and their data faster, the search bar has been moved to a more prominent location in the center of the homepage. This move should assist the growing number of new users who are unfamiliar with the organization of Florida CHARTS indicators find their data quickly. Also, the search function now provides a dynamic list of known topics as you type, which can be utilized with the arrow keys on a keyboard. As always, if there are common search terms not shown in the list that users believe should be included - please use the feedback link to let us know.



Florida counties receive over \$20 million in prevention funds

This month, both the Miami-Dade and Orange County Health Departments were awarded grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) program. Miami-Dade received \$14.7 million which will fund obesity prevention efforts and the \$6.6 million awarded to Orange County will fund tobacco prevention efforts. CPPW uses evidence-based strategies and programs, mobilizes local resources at the community level and strengthens the capacity of states.



Florida community health assessment news

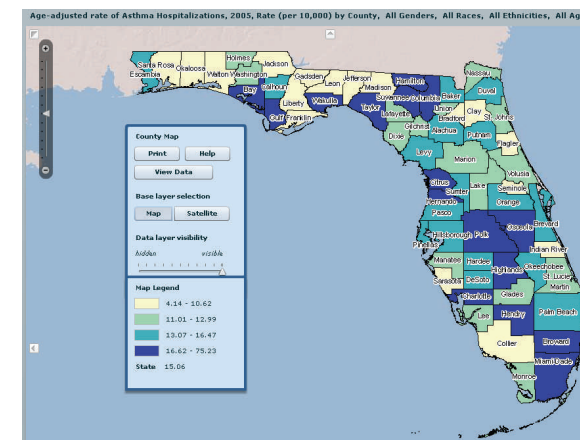
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin have collaborated on a new community health based web site: www.countyhealthrankings.org. The site provides reports for the 50 states, ranking each county within the 50 states according to its health outcomes and the multiple health factors. Each county receives a summary rank and individual rankings for: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. Counties can drill down to see specific county-level data (as well as state benchmarks) for the measures upon which the rankings are based.



Environmental Public Health Tracking

In the Fall 2009 newsletter, Florida launched the [Environmental Public Health Tracking \(EPHT\)](#) portal. This site is part of a national network created in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide health, exposure and environmental hazard information that communities can use to improve their health.

A new mapping application associated with the EPHT portal was just released.



Maps are available for indicators such as: asthma hospitalizations, deaths from carbon monoxide exposure, incidence of various birth defects, childhood lead screenings and more. As with maps found on Florida CHARTS, users may print or export the maps as well as the corresponding data tables. The EPHT portal can be accessed directly from the link above or through the Environmental Health link on the Florida CHARTS homepage