

FloridaCHARTS Newsletter - Summer 2007

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New user's guide for FloridaCHARTS

The [FloridaCHARTS user's guide](#) has been updated. Each chapter contains information on a certain function or area of CHARTS. Detailed instructions for report creation, data queries, and mapping functions are all included. Explanations of new features like the Florida Birth Query and county health status summaries have been added as well as updated information for existing sections. Each chapter also includes practice exercises to reinforce what has been described in the chapter and help users with real life examples of data that health professionals request from CHARTS.



Community Health Data in the News—Sarasota County

The [Sarasota County Community Health Improvement Partnership \(CHIP\)](#) continues to promote community collaboration through their efforts. Their membership includes local hospitals, organizations, and individuals with an interest in better health and wellness for Sarasota County. Recently, the partnership unveiled a film profiling the uninsured in Sarasota County. "[Uncovered: Health and the Uninsured in Sarasota County](#)" will be followed by a report on the same subject from CHIP.



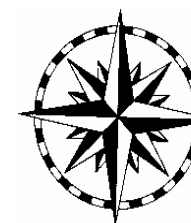
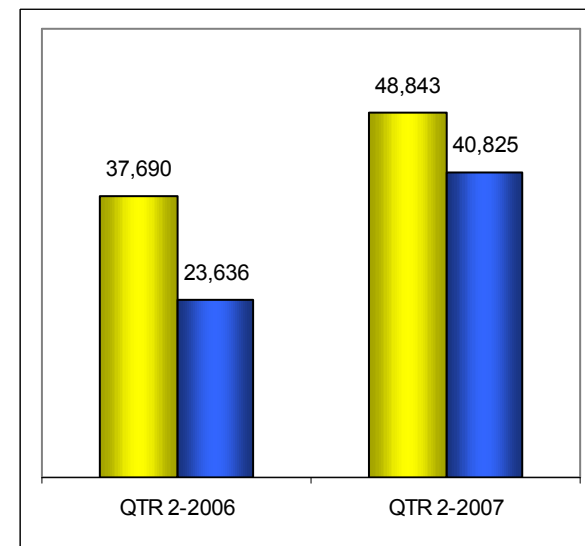
Did You Know?

CHARTS offers data for health indicators in both frequencies (counts) and rates. While the number of health events may be important, use of rates is crucial when comparing counties. Crude rates, age-adjusted rates, rolling multi-year rates, and discrete multi-year rates are all available on CHARTS. The CHARTS user's guide chapter six describes each of these rates, how they are calculated, and when it may be more valuable to use one rate versus another.



CHARTS usage data

The Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Data Analysis monitors the activity on FloridaCHARTS for number of visits, number of visitors, most popular downloads, and other information. The graph below shows the number of visits (gold) and number of unique visitors (blue) for the second quarters of 2006 and 2007.



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