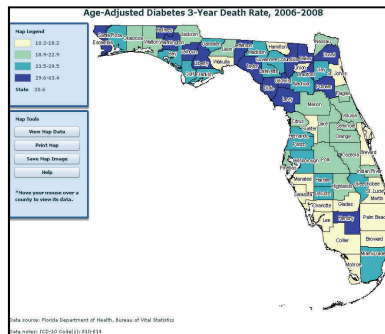


New county maps added to Florida CHARTS

Updated county maps are now available for health indicators. After finding your desired indicator, you now have the option to display a county-level map in addition to data tables and trend graphs. These maps display the county-level results for your indicator request in quartiles, along with the statewide average. Users have the option to print, export as images or view the source data in a table. These maps are available for most indicators found on Florida CHARTS related to births, deaths, behavioral risk factors, communicable diseases and U.S. Census data.



Florida CHARTS functionality reminders

Did you know that after running a report for a health indicator, you can get even more information? The column headings for the numerator, denominator and rates are frequently hyperlinked - which means these columns can be sorted from low to high, or high to low. This feature enables users to find how their county ranks among others. The county names are also hyperlinked and when clicked, will open a trend graph of historical data for that county. Above the results column, users will also find a link "how is this calculated?" which will open a detailed explanation of the calculation for your selected rate.

Community health assessment news

The Trust for America's Health maintains a valuable website for community health assessment. The site provides a compilation of key health and socio-demographic indicators for states and ranks the 50 states where possible. The site also includes the corresponding values for the United States. Topic areas include infectious and chronic disease morbidity, risk behaviors, public health preparedness, obesity, health professionals demand and economy. Florida's profile can be found <http://healthyamericans.org/states/?stateid=FL>.



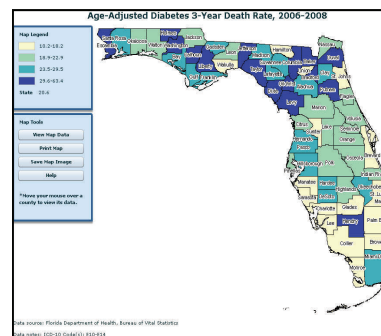
Statistical Notes—Maps

Florida CHARTS provides valuable public health information to a diverse group of users in a variety of formats. Maps and interactive mapping applications are becoming a popular tool for users and offer unique advantages over other formats.

Both the Interactive Community Maps application and the county maps of health indicators provide public health data with corresponding geography. County maps are designed to show where and with what frequency certain health events occur across Florida's 67 counties. This information can be useful for state and county level health officials who want to know what counties experience similar levels of health problems. The Interactive Community Maps provide similar information with a finer level of detail. These maps display data for selected indicators at the census tract level in five-year groupings. Sub-county maps can provide the same benefits as the county map, only for a more specific area. Local health officials may use the maps to determine where targeted health interventions may work best.

Both maps use quartiles (where possible) to divide the geographic areas. The data values for the indicator are divided into four equal groups based on the distribution of the data values. The colors on all maps are darker where values are less favorable. The legend is supplied on the screen, in the printed version and exportable image versions.

County level map



Census tract level map

