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# INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy is in the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The Bureau's primary responsibilities are to:

- Collect, maintain and provide vital records for the citizens of the state;
- Integrate and manage major public health-related information systems;
- Collect, protect, disseminate and analyze health care and population-based health data needed to conduct critical state business; and
- Support a Division-wide planning and policy focus on population health that will result in achieving the goals set out in the state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2010, and provide leadership to develop Healthiest Wisconsin 2020.

The Bureau has four sections: Vital Records, Population Health Information, Health Care Information, and Policy. A chief epidemiologist in the Director's Office provides bureau-wide support.

## **Vital Records Section**

Carries out state vital statistics functions as established in Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes.

### *Registration and Statistics Unit:*

- Registers all vital events (births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages and divorces).
- Manages vital records statistical databases.
- Provides statistical information from these records to public and private agencies.
- Provides statistical and individual record data to the Social Security Administration and other federal government agencies.
- Prepares annual reports summarizing vital statistics.
- Trains personnel in local vital records offices to assure that vital records policies and procedures are followed uniformly throughout the state.

### *Special Records and Preservation Unit:*

- Files, amends, preserves, stores and issues copies of all Wisconsin vital records.
- Assures that proper procedures are followed by state and local vital records offices to register records which were not filed timely; to correct, change, and amend records; to release copies of records; and to release legal information from records.
- Conducts the Historical Records Preservation Project.
- Manages vital record legal databases.
- Creates and updates record indexes.

### *Customer Service and Records Search Unit:*

- Accepts and processes applications for copies of vital records.
- Daily responds to 300 phone calls, 400 pieces of mail, 100 fax requests and 50 in-person customers; and receives 1,600 visits to the Vital Records Services Web site.

## **Population Health Information Section**

- Provides demographic data and constructs population estimates.
- Conducts two population surveys (Behavioral Risk Factor Survey and Family Health Survey), and provides analysis and reports.
- Conducts the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) in partnership with the Bureau of Community Health Promotion.
- Provides health status and health care information for state and local public health agencies.
- Develops and maintains WISH and other Web-based interactive query systems providing local and statewide health information from multiple data sources.
- Maintains the Wisconsin Consumer Guide to Health Care, an online resource for consumers.
- Provides expertise on topics such as the uninsured, health outcomes analysis, long-term care, managed care, Medicaid program evaluation, and research methods and statistics.
- Responds to complex data and analysis requests from state agencies and other public and private organizations, using all Bureau and Department data sources.
- Creates new information by linking records from multiple data sources (vital records, Medicaid, WIC, and hospital and physician health care data).
- Provides information to support maternal and child health-related programs.
- Provides research and data support to program bureaus in the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and the Division of Long-Term Care using population survey and linked record data.
- Edits and reviews all Bureau publications (Web and paper).
- Writes, organizes and oversees all Bureau Web sites.

## **Health Care Information Section**

- Maintains the Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System (WCRS) and the Cancer Registry Enhancement Program.
- Collects, edits and analyzes WCRS data.
- Prepares reports based on WCRS data and other related sources.
- Collects and abstracts Wisconsin violent death data.
- Maintains the Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System.
- Develops and maintains archives of hospital inpatient, hospital facility, hospital emergency department, ambulatory surgery, and physician office visit data for epidemiological and administrative use by DHS and other Wisconsin agencies.

## **Policy Section**

- Conducts strategic planning for the Division of Public Health, including oversight of State Health Plan 2010 coordination.
- Provides leadership to develop the State Health Plan 2020.
- Develops minority health initiatives through the Minority Health Program.
- Provides support for the Department's Healthy Birth Outcomes initiative.
- Provides staff support to the Department's Minority Health Leadership Council.
- Provides public health nursing leadership.
- Provides epidemiological expertise.
- Provides staff support to the Governor's Public Health Council and its committees.

# CONSULTATION, ANALYSIS, AND DATA REQUESTS

The Bureau provides consultation and data analysis on many health-related topics. These services are provided at a cost determined at the time of the request. (Responses to requests for assistance in using published information are provided at no charge if the staff time involved is one-quarter hour or less.) The following table lists names and phone numbers of staff, organized by topic.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>E-mail Prefix*</b>	<b>Phone**</b>
<b>Access to care</b>	Eleanor Cautley	(Eleanor.Cautley)	267-9545
	Audrey Nohel	(Audrey.Nohel)	267-0244
<b>Activity limitations</b>	Audrey Nohel	(Audrey.Nohel)	267-0244
<b>Behavioral risks</b>	Anne Ziege	(Anne.Ziege)	267-9821
<b>Births, teen births and infant deaths</b>	Laura Ninneman	(Laura.Ninneman)	266-2838
<b>Birth/newborn-related analysis from a linked file of births, hospital discharges, and Medicaid</b>	Richard Miller	(Richard.Miller)	267-3858
<b>Cancer</b>	Laura Stephenson	(Laura.Stephenson)	266-8926
	Mary Foote	(Mary.Foote)	261-8874
<b>Deaths</b>	Joyce Knapton	(Joyce.Knapton)	267-7815
<b>Demographic issues</b>	Karl Pearson	(KarlT.Pearson)	266-1920
<b>Fetal deaths (published data only)</b>	Laura Ninneman	(Laura.Ninneman)	266-2838
<b>Health insurance and uninsured</b>	Eleanor Cautley	(Eleanor.Cautley)	267-9545
	Audrey Nohel	(Audrey.Nohel)	267-0244

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<b>Health status and health services use</b>			
General population	Audrey Nohel	(Audrey.Nohel)	267-0244
Infants/pregnant women	Laura Ninneman	(Laura.Ninneman)	266-2838
<b>Hospital-based health care data and reports (for Wisconsin state and local agencies only)</b> (hospital inpatient, emergency department, and ambulatory surgery records)			
	Richard Miller	(Richard.Miller)	267-3858
<b>Induced terminations of pregnancy (published data only)</b>			
	Laura Ninneman	(Laura.Ninneman)	266-2838
<b>Linked health care records</b> (hospital inpatient, emergency department and ambulatory surgery records)			
	Richard Miller	(Richard.Miller)	267-3858
<b>Local data (also see specific topics)</b>			
	Yiwu Zhang	(Yiwu.Zhang)	267-0334
<b>Marriages and divorces</b>	Joyce Knapton	(Joyce.Knapton)	267-7815
<b>Minority health</b>	Karl Pearson	(KarlT.Pearson)	266-1920
<b>Physician office visits</b>	Audrey Nohel ( <i>interim</i> )	(Audrey.Nohel)	267-0244
<b>Population estimates</b>	Karl Pearson	(KarlT.Pearson)	266-1920
<b>Preventive health services use (mammograms, etc.)</b>	Anne Ziege	(Anne.Ziege)	267-9821

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# **P**UBLIC HEALTH POLICY ISSUES

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy provides policy support to the Division and Department in several topical areas. The following table lists names and phone numbers of policy staff, organized by topic.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>E-mail Prefix*</b>	<b>Phone**</b>
<b>Healthiest Wisconsin 2010— State Health Plan</b>	Margaret Schmelzer	(MargaretO.Schmelzer)	266-0877
<b>Measuring State Health Plan goals</b>	Patricia Guhleman	(Patricia.Guhleman)	266-1347
<b>Minority health initiatives</b>	Michelle DeBose	(Michelle.DeBose)	267-2173
<b>Public Health Council support</b>	Patricia Guhleman	(Patricia.Guhleman)	266-1347
<b>Public health nursing</b>	Margaret Schmelzer	(MargaretO.Schmelzer)	266-0877
<b>Public health workforce</b>	Nancy McKenney	(Nancy.McKenney)	266-7901

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# VITAL RECORDS SERVICES

The Vital Records Section issues copies of vital records (certificates of birth, death, marriage and divorce). It also creates replacement records due to parental changes (from paternity acknowledgment and judgments, acknowledgment of marital child, and adoptions) and makes other legal changes to records.

## Purchasing Information

For information on how to apply for a copy of a vital record, please call the recorded voice mail message at (608) 266-1371 (see below). Instructions on how to apply for a vital record in person, by mail or by fax are also posted on the Department of Health Services Web site at: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/VitalRecords/>. Regulations and fees for obtaining copies of vital records are established by state law.

### Voicemail Message System: (608) 266-1371

#### Menu Options for Vital Records:

##### Copies of vital records (by mail):

Birth .....Press 1

Death .....Press 3

Marriage .....Press 2

Divorce .....Press 4

**Change to a birth certificate due to adoptions, corrections, paternity actions, and other changes:** .....Press 5

**Copies of vital records (expedited service):** .....Press 6

#### Special Records and Preservation Unit Supervisor:

Linda Langlois .....(608) 267-7817

#### Customer Services and Record Search Unit Supervisor:

Mark Alfred .....(608) 266-0330

#### Registration and Statistics Unit Supervisor:

Jane Kraus .....(608) 267-7814

#### Field Representatives (for local office services):

Peggy Peterson .....(608) 267-7812

Jeff Argelander .....(608) 266-5822

#### Special Records Unit Lead Worker (adoptions, paternitys, legal changes, etc.):

Hal Hart .....(608) 267-0914

Per Wisconsin statutes, government and private research organizations may be granted limited access to certain vital records data. Cost is determined at the time of the data request. To inquire about data availability, please use the contact information provided on pages 6 and 7.

# DATA FILES

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy produces data files that may be purchased by the public. File descriptions and ordering information are listed below.

## Data Files from Ongoing Surveys

### Behavioral Risk Factor Survey Data

This file contains data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey collected by telephone from Wisconsin household residents age 18 and older. Some of the data elements include health-risking behaviors such as cigarette smoking and alcohol use, and health screening practices such as mammography and blood cholesterol checks. Demographic data are also included in this file. To order this data file, please contact Anne Ziege at (608) 267-9821 or e-mail [Anne.Ziege@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Anne.Ziege@wisconsin.gov).

### Family Health Survey Data

This file contains data from the Family Health Survey, a telephone survey of Wisconsin household residents. The adult most knowledgeable about the health status of all household members is interviewed about all members of the household. Some of the data elements include health insurance coverage, utilization of health care services, chronic conditions, physical limitations and demographic information. To order this data file, please contact Ann Spooner at (608) 267-7264 or e-mail [Ann.Spooner@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Ann.Spooner@wisconsin.gov).

## Other Available Data Files

### Home Health Agency Data

This file contains data from the Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies; the years of data available are 2005 and earlier years. To order this data file, please contact Kitty Klement at (608) 267-9490 or e-mail [Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov).

### Hospice Data

This file contains data from the Annual Survey of Hospices; the years of data available are 1999-2005. To order this data file, please contact Kitty Klement at (608) 267-9490 or e-mail [Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov).

### Nursing Home Data

This file contains service and utilization data about Wisconsin facilities licensed to provide nursing home services (skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, facilities serving people with developmental disabilities, and institutions for mental disease). The data are from the Annual Survey of Nursing Homes; the years of data available are 2005 and earlier years. To order this file, please contact Kitty Klement at (608) 267-9490 or e-mail [Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Klement@wisconsin.gov).

# WEB QUERY SYSTEMS

The Bureau of Health Information and Policy makes information available through query systems on the Department's Web site. By using these interactive query systems, users can get immediate answers to questions about health and health care in Wisconsin.

## Data on Births, Deaths, Population, Injuries, Behavioral Risk Factors, Violent Death

### Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH)

This query system provides online statistical information about health in Wisconsin. It allows policymakers, health professionals, and the public to make interactive searches of multiple data sources.

For counties, regions, and selected other locations in Wisconsin, information is available in the following modules:

Birth counts	General mortality
Low birthweight	Injury-related mortality
Teen births	Injury-related hospitalizations
Prenatal care	Injury-related emergency department visits
Fertility (birth rates)	Behavioral risk factors
Infant mortality	Violent death
Population	

WISH data sets are updated annually; most modules contain data for the years 1989 to the present. See <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish>.

## State Health Plan 2010

### Tracking the State Health Plan 2010: State-Level Data

This Web site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/track2010/>) provides access to state-level data on indicators that track progress toward meeting many of the plan's objectives for 2010. For each indicator, you will see the 2010 target, baseline data (usually for 2000), and years of data subsequent to the baseline as they become available. When possible, data by age and by race/ethnicity is included. The "Track 2010" site is updated twice a year, in January and July.

### Tracking Health Conditions: County-Level Data for the State Health Plan

This site provides population-based data for the *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* priority health conditions on the county, regional and state level. Many of the conditions are measured by mortality data; however, some links redirect the user to external sites that provide other kinds of data. See <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/conditions/>.

# PUBLICATIONS ON THE WEB

The following publications are listed by topic. All are available on the Web at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/>. Some of the publications contain information by county; local information is also available through interactive query (see “Web Query Systems,” page 11).

## Alcohol and Other Drug Use

### **Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 2008** (Special Report)

This report compiles the most recent available information from multiple sources on the consumption and consequences of alcohol and other drugs in Wisconsin. Data show trends at the statewide level, with comparisons to United States data when available. County-level data included will assist in developing local needs assessments.

## Access to Care

### **Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage** (Annual Report)

See description of this report under “Health Insurance Coverage.”

## Behavioral Risks

### **Health Counts in Wisconsin: Behavioral Risk Factors** (Annual Tables)

This brochure provides brief tables showing summary information from the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey for a given year, as well as some comparisons with previous years. The tables present estimates of the prevalence of smoking, drinking and driving, and other behavioral risks to health, as well as the use of preventive health screening, such as mammograms.

### **Health-Related Quality of Life: Using the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey to Examine How Wisconsin Adults View Their Health** (Special Report)

This report addresses connections between self-perceived health and demographic, chronic-disease, and health-risk characteristics.

## **Linking Mental and Physical Health: Results from the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey**

(Special Report)

This report, prepared in collaboration with the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, presents findings from the 2006 and 2007 BRFSS mental health modules, analyzed with relevant demographic, health risk, chronic disease, functioning and quality of life variables. It shows the individual-level burden and diminished quality of life experienced by Wisconsin adults who have serious psychological distress (2007) or depression (2006). The report includes an afterword describing several models of integrated mental and physical health treatment.

More data on behavioral risks: See the WISH module on behavioral risk factors (page 11) and many of the data tables in *Tracking the State Health Plan 2010* (also page 11).

## **Births and Infant Deaths**

### **Health Counts in Wisconsin: Infant Health**

(Annual Tables)

This brochure provides brief tables showing summary birth information for a given year, as well as comparisons with previous years.

### **Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths**

(Annual Report)

This reference publication provides statewide, county-specific, and trend information based on the 72,000 Wisconsin births that occur annually, as well as related information on infant deaths. It includes information about the number and rate of live births, demographic characteristics of the mother (such as age, race, and marital status), characteristics of the pregnancy and delivery (such as prenatal care and cigarette use during pregnancy), and infant health outcomes (such as birthweight and congenital anomalies). The main source of data for this report is birth certificates.

### **Births to Teens in Wisconsin**

(Annual Tables)

This set of reference tables is prepared annually for use in planning and monitoring teen pregnancy prevention efforts in the state. It provides statewide and local data on births to Wisconsin teens, including numbers and rates of births to younger and older teens, national comparisons, births to teens by race/ethnicity and marital status, and prenatal care use among teens who gave birth.

### **Births to Wisconsin Residents by County**

(Annual Web Table)

Birth counts by county for the previous year are available on our Web pages to assist community agencies that offer programs for infants. Births that occurred outside Wisconsin may not be included in these counts.

### **Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality**

See "Minority Health," page 16.

More data on Wisconsin births and infant deaths is available in several modules of the WISH data query system, page 11.

## Cancer

### Wisconsin Cancer Incidence and Mortality

(Biennial Report)

This report presents information about Wisconsin cancer incidence (new cancer cases) and mortality (deaths from cancer). Incidence data are collected by the Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System from Wisconsin hospitals, clinics, physician offices, and cooperating out-of-state cancer registries. Mortality data are drawn from death certificates. Among the topics addressed are the demographic characteristics of cancer incidence, numbers and rates of cases by cancer site, stage at diagnosis, and age-adjusted mortality rates.

### Health Counts in Wisconsin: Cancer

(Biennial Tables)

This brochure provides brief tables showing summary cancer incidence and mortality information, based on findings in the biennial report.

Also see Wisconsin cancer data by race/ethnicity in the *Wisconsin Minority Health Report, 2001-2005*. See “Minority Health,” page 16.

## Deaths

### Wisconsin Deaths

(Annual Report)

Each year mortality data for the Wisconsin resident population is presented in this report. It includes statewide and county-specific information on deaths that occurred during the reference year, including the number and rate of deaths overall and by age, sex, and cause. The source of data is death certificates.

## Health Insurance

### Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage

(Annual Report)

This report presents Family Health Survey estimates of the number and proportion of Wisconsin residents who have health insurance and who do not, with tabulations by various characteristics such as age, race or ethnicity, poverty status and employment. This report has been produced annually since the 1999 data year; before then, findings on this topic were included in an annual Family Health Survey report.

## **Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin**

(Web Tables)

Web tables for 44 counties, five regions, and the state that provide estimates of the number and percent of the population by poverty status, health insurance coverage over the past year, and type of health insurance.

## **Induced Terminations of Pregnancy**

### **Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy in Wisconsin**

(Annual Report)

This report presents tables that summarize information collected by the Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System (ITOP), established by State Statute. The ITOP reporting form collects only statutorily required information. For data collection purposes, patients and medical facilities are identified only by code numbers and reporting forms are destroyed after data entry. The tables in this report cross-classify induced terminations of pregnancy by patient characteristics (such as age, education, and county of residence); by gestational age; and by reported complications. This report represents the only published ITOP data; no data requests are accepted.

## **Life Expectancy**

### **Wisconsin Life Expectancy Tables**

(Annual Web Tables)

These tables show current life expectancies at various ages for Wisconsin's total population and for males and females. They are based on age-specific death rates that occurred during a specified three-year period. The most recent time period shown is 2004-2006, and the earliest is 1989-1991. These tables provide a "snapshot" of the mortality experience of Wisconsin residents during each three-year period. See <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/lifeexpectancy.htm> to view these tables.

## **Local Data**

### **Public Health Profiles**

(Annual Report)

This publication is an annual compilation of four-page profiles, one for each county, the five Department of Health Services regions, the seven perinatal regions, and Wisconsin as a whole. Each profile presents data on population characteristics, births, deaths, morbidity, local health departments, long-term care, and hospitalizations for the calendar year. The Public Health Profiles are prepared for the use of local public health professionals and others needing information about the health of Wisconsin's population.

## **Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin**

(Web Tables)

Web tables for 44 counties, five regions, and the state that provide estimates of the number and percent of the population by poverty status, health insurance coverage over the past year, and type of health insurance.

## **Wisconsin Local Health Department Survey**

(Annual Report)

This report is compiled from the responses of local health departments to annual surveys of their finances and staffing. Included are tables showing financial data (revenues, expenses, local tax levies and per capita expenditures) and staffing information (staffing numbers by occupational category and per 10,000 population). All data shown are self-reported by the local health departments.

## **Births to Wisconsin Residents by County**

See description of this table under “Births and Infant Deaths,” page 13.

**More local data:** Please see “Web Query Systems,” page 11. For an index to local data products, including an index by county, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/localdata/>.

## **Marriages and Divorces**

### **Wisconsin Marriages and Divorces**

(Annual Report)

This publication presents information about marriages and divorces that occurred in Wisconsin during a given year, as well as information from selected previous years. Information includes numbers and rates of marriages, median age at first marriage and all remarriages, monthly marriage totals by county, numbers and rates of divorces, divorces by county, and divorces affecting children.

## **Minority Health**

### **Wisconsin Minority Health Report, 2001-2005**

(Special Report)

This report, released in January 2008, presents recent statistics on the health of African American, American Indian, Asian, and Hispanic/Latino populations in Wisconsin. Its purpose is to make health information more readily available to the communities and policymakers working to eliminate health disparities in Wisconsin. Most of the data in this report are for the time period 2001-2005.

### **Detailed Tables for the Minority Health Report**

(Web Tables)

These detailed tables provided the basis for many of the figures in the Minority Health Report (see above). Tables are available at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/MinorityHealth/mhdata/>.

### **Wisconsin Health Facts: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality**

(Special Report)

This fact sheet was prepared in January 2006 for the Department’s Healthy Birth Outcomes Initiative. It examines continuing disparities in infant mortality rates by race/ethnicity in Wisconsin, and summarizes Department initiatives to eliminate those disparities to meet the Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 goal. The fact sheet and more

frequently updated information about this initiative are available at:  
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/healthybirths/>

Minority health data can also be found in the *WISH data query system*.

## Population Estimates

### Wisconsin Population Estimates

(Annual Tables)

These Web tables (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/population/>) present mid-year population estimates for the counties and the state of Wisconsin by age and sex categories for non-Census years. These estimates can be used to calculate population-based health statistics, such as mortality rates. If you are unable to access the Web, please call (608) 266-1920.

## Poverty and Health

### Wisconsin Health Facts: Poverty and Health, 2006

(Special Report)

This fact sheet provides an overview of statistics on poverty in Wisconsin. It uses Family Health Survey data to examine poverty rates by age, race/ethnicity, and other characteristics. It also demonstrates how health status and health care coverage vary by poverty status.

### Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin

See description of these Web tables under “Local Data.”

## U.S. – Wisconsin Comparisons

### On Wisconsin’s Health

(Special Report)

This report, formerly titled *A Report on the Health and Well-Being of Wisconsin Citizens*, provides trend information on selected measures of health and socioeconomic status for Wisconsin and the U.S. It draws upon a variety of data sources.

## Youth

### Wisconsin Youth Sexual Behavior and Outcomes

(Annual Report)

This publication summarizes data for Wisconsin teenagers on the following topics: sexual behavior and abstinence; sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS; and births. The report is available at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/s-behyouth.htm> on the Department of Health Services site.

# WISCONSIN

## CONSUMER GUIDE TO HEALTH CARE

This Web site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide>) is designed to assist Wisconsin residents in making better health care choices by providing easy access to useful information. The Guide provides links to both Wisconsin-based resources and national sites that offer information about health care in Wisconsin.

Chapter 153, Wisconsin Statutes, requires the Department of Health Services to produce a guide to help Wisconsin consumers choose health care providers and health plans. This Guide fulfills that goal and provides additional information to help people make better health care choices. It contains information about:

- **Finding and choosing health care providers:** How to find and choose doctors, dentists, hospitals, nursing homes, substance abuse treatment, home health care, hospice care, and other providers.
- **Paying for health care:** How to choose insurance; information about state and federal insurance programs; and options if you are a senior or on Medicare, a veteran, running a small business, buying your own insurance or losing your group insurance.
- **Dealing with special health care situations:** Finding free or low-cost health care; dealing with problems with a provider, your insurance, or medical debt; and coping with a disability or chronic illness.
- **Becoming an informed health care consumer:** Finding safe and high-quality health care, self-care, treatment options, how to find reliable help on the Web, and other government and private sources of help and information.

# WISCONSIN STATE HEALTH PLAN 2010

*Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public* is the Wisconsin state health plan for the decade 2000-2010. The state health plan and its detailed implementation plan were developed in a collaborative process involving many partners across Wisconsin.

This site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan>) provides access to a variety of resources related to achieving the goals and objectives of the Wisconsin State Health Plan for the decade 2000-2010. Materials available from this site include:

- *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public* (the “State Health Plan”)
- *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: Implementation Plan Summary*
- *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: Community Stakeholders Report*
- *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: Status Reports*
- *Tracking the State Health Plan 2010* (Web site—updated with new data twice a year)
- *Evidence-Based Practices for Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* (Web site)
- *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 and Supporting Documents* (CD-ROM)
- *Tracking Health Conditions for the State Health Plan 2010 – Local and Statewide Data* (Web site)

## Planning for Healthiest Wisconsin 2020

Planning for the next state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020, is now under way. Information about the process, the partners, and supporting documents is available at: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/hw2020/>.

# **SUMMARY: ONLINE HEALTH INFORMATION**

## **from the BUREAU OF HEALTH INFORMATION AND POLICY**

### **Health Statistics**

To access information on health statistics in Wisconsin, visit the Health Statistics pages of the Department of Health Services Web site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats>). Topics include the following:

- Health Statistics A-Z (index to BHIP health statistics)
- Cancer
- Data Query Systems
- Health Insurance Status
- Health Surveys
- Local Data
- Minority Health
- Population Estimates
- Quick Facts
- Tracking the State Health Plan 2010
- Vital Statistics (births, deaths, life expectancy, marriages, divorces, and induced terminations of pregnancy)

### **Consumer Guide to Health Care**

This Web site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide>) is designed to assist Wisconsin residents in making better health care choices by providing easy access to useful information. The Guide provides links to both Wisconsin-based resources and national sites that offer information about health care in Wisconsin. It contains information about:

- Finding and choosing health care providers
- Paying for health care
- Dealing with special health care situations
- Becoming an informed health care consumer

### **State Health Plan**

This site (<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan>) provides access to a variety of resources related to achieving the goals and objectives of the Wisconsin State Health Plan for the decade 2000-2010. It also provides a link to resources for planning the next state health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020.

# T ABLE OF PUBLICATIONS BY TOPIC

The publications in this table are listed by topic. All are available online at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats>. For questions regarding the contents of a publication, please call the person listed in the contact column. All telephone numbers listed are in the 608 area code.

Topic/Name of Publication	Contact Person	Report Frequency	Scheduled Release
<b>Alcohol and Other Drug Use</b>			
Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 2008	Chris Hill (267-5221)	Ad hoc	-----
<b>Access to Care</b>			
Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage	Audrey Nohel (267-0244)	Annual	Fall
<b>Behavioral Risks</b>			
Health Counts in Wisconsin: Behavioral Risk Factors	Anne Ziege (267-9821)	Annual	Summer
Health-Related Quality of Life: Using the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey to Examine How Wisconsin Adults View Their Health	Anne Ziege (267-9821)	Ad hoc	-----
Linking Mental and Physical Health: Results from the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey	Anne Ziege (267-9821)	Ad hoc	-----
<b>Births and Infant Deaths</b>			
Wisconsin Births and Infant Deaths	Laura Ninneman (266-2838)	Annual	Fall
Health Counts in Wisconsin: Infant Health	Laura Ninneman (266-2838)	Annual	Fall
Births to Teens in Wisconsin	Laura Ninneman (266-2838)	Annual	Fall
Births to Wisconsin Residents by County	Laura Ninneman (266-2838)	Annual	Winter

(Also see **Minority Health** publications; and the WISH data query system, p. 11.)

<b>Topic/Name of Publication</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Report Frequency</b>	<b>Scheduled Release</b>
<b>Cancer</b>			
Wisconsin Cancer Incidence and Mortality	Laura Stephenson (266-8926)	Biennial	Fall
Health Counts in Wisconsin: Cancer	Laura Stephenson (266-8926)	Biennial	Fall
<b>Deaths</b>			
Wisconsin Deaths	Joyce Knapton (267-7815)	Annual	Fall
<b>Health Insurance</b>			
Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage	Audrey Nohel (267-0244)	Annual	Fall
Local Data on Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin	Audrey Nohel (267-0244)	Annual	Spring
<b>Induced Terminations of Pregnancy</b>			
Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy in Wisconsin	Laura Ninneman (266-2838)	Annual	Summer
<b>Life Expectancy</b>			
Wisconsin Life Expectancy Tables	Karl Pearson (266-1920)	Annual	Summer
<b>Local Data</b>			
Public Health Profiles	Yiwu Zhang (267-0334)	Annual	Summer
Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage	Audrey Nohel (267-0244)	Annual	Spring
Local Health Department Survey	Yiwu Zhang (267-0334)	Annual	Summer
(Also see <b>Births and Infant Deaths</b> —“Births to Wisconsin Residents by County” and the WISH data query system, page 11).			
<b>Marriages and Divorces</b>			
Wisconsin Marriages and Divorces	Joyce Knapton (267-7815)	Annual	Summer

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<b>Minority Health</b>			
Wisconsin Minority Health Report, 2001-2005	Evelyn Cruz (266-3716)	Ad hoc	-----
Wisconsin Health Facts: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality	Eleanor Cautley (267-9545)	Ad hoc	-----
<b>Population Estimates</b>			
Wisconsin Population Estimates	Karl Pearson (266-1920)	Annual	Summer
<b>Poverty and Health</b>			
Wisconsin Health Facts: Poverty and Health, 2006	Eleanor Cautley (267-9545)	Ad hoc	-----
Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage	Audrey Nohel (267-0244)	Annual	
<b>U.S. – Wisconsin Comparisons</b>			
On Wisconsin's Health	Chris Hill ( <i>interim</i> ) (267-5221)	Ad hoc	-----
<b>Youth</b>			
Wisconsin Youth Sexual Behavior and Outcomes	Chris Hill ( <i>interim</i> ) (267-5221)	Ad hoc	-----

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