



HPD Library Pathfinders – Health Statistics

SCOPE: This guide is designed to aid the beginning medical or allied health student in finding online and print resources in the HPD Library. It is not meant to be comprehensive. To find these and other resources, always start at the HPD Library homepage. www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary.

PRINT MATERIALS: Books and multimedia about Health Statistics are classified, for the most part, in the **WA 900-950** sections of the library. For related medical topics, look in [Novacat](#), NSU’s online catalog of all electronic, print, and other materials. Circulating books are shelved on the north-west side of the library (these can be checked out for four weeks), reference books reside in front on low shelves (for library use only), and reserve books are kept behind the circulation desk (these can be used for three hours in the library). Study rooms can be occupied for three hours, both in the library and Assembly II Building.

REFERENCE and RESERVE BOOKS: A partial list.

Basic & Clinical Biostatistics. Res. WA 950 D272b.
Biostatistics: a Foundation for Analysis in the Health Sciences. 8th ed. Res. WA 950 D184b 2005.
Florida County Rankings 1997. HA 311 F6312 1997. (On Circulation Shelf).
Florida Statistical Abstract 2006. 40th ed. Ref. HA 311 F635 2006.
Fundamentals of Biostatistics. 5th ed. Res. WA 950 R674f 2000.
Health, United States: with Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans. Ref. WA 900.1 H346. 2004.
Health Care State Rankings. Ref. WA 900.1 H4343 2006.
Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health. 2 vols. Res. WA 540.1 H4345 2000. [Also available online.]
Measuring Health: a Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires. 3rd ed. Res. WA 900.1 M878m 2006.
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007. 126th ed. Ref. HA 202 S797 2006. [Also available online.]
Statistical Methods for Health Care Research. 5th ed. Res. WA 950 M968S 2005.

RESEARCH DATABASES: The databases listed here are not primary resources for medical statistics, but they do provide access to statistics by way of using filters or limiters. These are indicated in brackets with examples.

CINAHL. Developed primarily for the nursing and allied health personnel, this database indexes more than 500 nursing and 600 biomedical journals. From 1982. [On the limits page click on “Questionnaire/Scale” in the Publication Type limiter; alternatively, click on “Public Health” in either or both of the limiters Journal Subset and/or Special Interest, then do search.]
EMBASE.com. More than 18 million records covering the years 1974 to the present taken from more than 7,000 journals originating from over 70 countries. Coverage includes pharmacological as well as biomedical literature. [Use advanced search; add single quotation marks if condition is phrase; follow phrase with “/dm_ep” e.g. ‘parkinson disease’/dm_ep]
MEDLINE. Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. The premier source for bibliographic coverage of biomedical literature. Almost 16 million records from 4,800 journals are indexed and abstracted. From 1966 to the present. [For statistics type in the disease state and add “/ep,” as for example “heart diseases/ep.”]
ScienceDirect. Electronic books from Elsevier and over 2,000 online journals. [Type the disease state, e.g. “colon cancer,” in the top query box and the term “statistics” in the second box, then click on search.]
Wiley InterScience: Medicine and Healthcare. Gateway to the top journals, books, and most-read articles. [For statistics type in the disease state, e.g. “diabetes mellitus,” the term “statistics” next, and then click on search.]

ONLINE FULLTEXT JOURNALS:

Advance Data from Vital & Health Statistics of the National Center for Health Statistics
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: MMWR/Center for Disease Control

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: CDC Surveillance Summaries MMWR
MMWR Recommendations & Reports

National Vital Statistics Reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports
Vital and Health Statistics Series

NSU subscribes to over 21,000 online full text journals.

ONLINE BOOKS. Click on the following link to access electronic books pertaining to health statistics: [Books](#):

SOME USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES: For other valuable online resources go to:

Duke University Medical Center Library's online tutorial on Locating Health Statistics. Excellent guide to gathering health statistics. Offers large number of resources. <http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/training/statclass.html>
Country Health Profiles. Provided by the Pan American Health Organization. Vital statistics, healthcare estimates, disease incidence, epidemiological data and vaccination rates. Also gives information of each of the Americas' challenges and barriers with respect to healthcare. Somewhat dated. <http://www.paho.org/english/sha/profiles.htm>
Health, United States, 2006. A NCHS publication. An annual report on trends in the health of the U.S. population. There are 156 detailed data tables illustrating the health trends. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>
Healthy People 2010. Provides, among many other health statistical data, information on the leading health indicators such as obesity, substance abuse, mental health, and much more. Also indicates goals for a healthy nation are to be implemented. <http://www.healthypeople.gov/document/> [Also in book form. See the book section on this guide.]
Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce: Health Data Tools and Statistics. An almost endless list of statistical resources both on the national and state level. http://phpartners.org/health_stats.html
WHOSIS: WHO Statistical Information System. The World Health Organization's site for epidemiological and statistical information gathered from a variety of international sources. <http://www.who.int/whosis/en/>

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES and AGENCIES.

Bureau of the Census. Portal to statistics involving all aspects of life in the U.S.A. Search "health" in the upper query box to find statistics about topics in medicine. <http://www.census.gov/>
CDC Wonder. "Provides a single point of access to a variety of reports and numeric public health data. <http://wonder.cdc.gov/>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Entrance to different health statistics, including national and state data. Use the query box to obtain statistics on specific diseases and conditions. <http://www.cdc.gov/>
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Gateway to a wealth of government health statistics. Enter the condition in the search box and add the term "statistics," as in "kidney diseases statistics." <http://www.hhs.gov/resource/index.shtml>
NCHSFastStats. Long list of access points to concise statistical data. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/Default.htm>
Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Statistics about Medicare, Medicaid, and quality assurance activities. <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/about/opdivs/hcfa.html>
National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Provides access to health statistics of all kinds and to links to other statistics-producing government agencies. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about.htm>
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Statistics on most known infectious both common and rare. <http://niaid.nih.gov/publications>

OTHER PATHFINDERS and ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED LINKS

Boston University. Extensive and well-ordered list of sources of health statistics. Many not covered in this guide. <http://medlib.bu.edu/webcollections/subject.cfm?id=55>
Indiana University Ruth Lilly Medical Library. Well organized and full guide. <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/info/faqstatistics.html>
University of Maryland Libraries. One of the most comprehensive subject guides of the subject of health statistics. http://www.lib.umd.edu/guides/health_statistics.html#one

TUTORIALS for NSU DATABASES:

HPD produced tutorials:

<http://www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary/tutorials.html>

Tutorials developed by the Main Library:

<http://www.nova.edu/library/help/techhelp.html>

EBSCOhost tutorials and knowledge base.

<http://support.epnet.com/CustSupport/Tutorials/Tutorials.asp>

Ovid Technologies, Inc. tutorials.

http://www.ovid.com/site/help/sp_tutorials.jsp?top=28&mid=29&bottom=31&subsection=58

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