

Recommended Data Sets for Planning/Public Health Collaborations



Planning Healthy Iowa Communities

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| Data Source | Type | Level data available | Link | Limitations or Comments |
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| American Community Survey (ACS) – 5 year estimates | Population characteristics, poverty level, unemployment, single parent household, public assistance, transportation, housing conditions, etc. | National, State, County, Census Tract, Block Group | http://factfinder.census.gov/face/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml | 5 year estimates are the most reliable, representing the largest sample size. |
| Community Commons | Key health indicators and mapping capability | County | http://www.communitycommons.org/chna/ | Will provide full quantitative CHNA report. However, some data is old, be sure to look at data source for proper citation |
| Kids Count Data | Demographic, employment and income, public assistance, housing, poverty, education indicators, family and community indicators | National, State, County | http://datacenter.kidscount.org/ | Indicators available by age group, race and ethnicity, and family nativity |
| Food Access Research Atlas | Food access, food deserts, low access children and elderly | State, County, Census Tract | http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/download-the-data.aspx | |
| Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal | Health snapshots, health at a glance (births, inpatient hospitalizations, emergency department visits, top causes of death, environmental indicators) | State, County | https://pht.idph.state.ia.us/Pages/default.aspx | Dataset is not complete and combines multiple years, which does not inform current state of indicator. |
| WONDER | Deaths, disability, health promotion, | National, State, | http://wonder.cdc.gov/ | Data is old |

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| | communicable disease, environmental health, health practice and prevention, injury, occupational health | County | | |
| Health Indicators Warehouse | Health indicators | National, State, County, hospital referral region | http://www.healthindicators.gov/Indicators/Selection | |
| County Health Rankings and Roadmaps | Length of life, quality of life, tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol and drug use, sexual activity, access to care, quality of care, education, employment, income, family and social support, community safety, air and water quality, housing and transit | County | http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/ | Brings together multiple sources, indicators are 1 or more years old by the time of release; be sure to check sources to properly cite. |
| Cancer Control PLANET | Cancer incidence, prevalence, mortality | National, State, County | http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov/ | Data is at least 3 years old |
| Community Health Status Indicators | Rating of key indicators of health outcomes, such as health care access and quality, health behaviors, social factors and the physical environment. | County | http://wwwn.cdc.gov/CommunityHealth/ | |