

PLACES

LOCAL DATA FOR BETTER HEALTH



Learn how PLACES can help improve public health.

What is PLACES?

Population Level Analysis and Community Estimates (PLACES) is a free CDC web tool that provides the first-of-its-kind chronic disease and other health data for all U.S. counties, incorporated and census-designated places, census tracts, and ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs). Users can view, explore, and download data for all populated areas of the United States with 50 or more adult residents.

What need does PLACES fill?

To understand and improve community health, we need comprehensive, accurate local health estimates. PLACES provides data for small cities and rural areas. With PLACES, we can use data to inform effective health solutions for the communities we serve – all across the country.

How can PLACES improve your health efforts?

PLACES helps state and local health officials, policy makers, and nonprofit groups better understand the health of their communities by:

- Identifying local health problems and priority health risk behaviors for action.
- Identifying communities with health disparities to help prioritize investments in areas with the greatest need.

Available for 39 states and the District of Columbia, PLACES now provides data on seven new non-medical factors that affect health:

- Social isolation
- Food stamps
- Food insecurity
- Housing insecurity
- Threat of utility shut-off
- Transportation barriers
- Lack of social and emotional support

The new data can help public health and community planners better identify overlapping health and social needs, as well as areas that need access to resources and services to address these non-medical needs that influence health.

How does PLACES work?

PLACES uses an innovative statistical approach to generate model-based estimates from the 2022 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, the 5-year American Community Survey, Census 2020 population counts, and annual census county population estimates.

Visit the PLACES website at <https://www.cdc.gov/places>.

PLACES Data

PLACES provides data for the entire United States for **49** chronic disease and other health measures:

- 12 health outcomes.
- 7 prevention practices.
- 4 health risk behaviors.
- 7 disabilities.
- 3 health statuses.
- 7 non-medical factors affecting health.
- 9 community factors.

These data represent:

3,144

Counties

29,923

Places (incorporated and census-designated)

83,522

Census Tracts

32,520

ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs)

