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Introduction

This is the second edition of the Minnesota County Health Tables (MCHT) which replace the County Health Profiles (CHP). The County Health Profiles for 1996, 1998 and 2000 are still available on the Minnesota Planning website, www.mnplan.state.mn.us/datanetweb/health.html.

Users of the Minnesota County Health Tables must be aware that all data are subject to potential error. Sources of these errors include under-registration, informant or respondent errors, sampling errors, and data processing errors. Every effort has been made to minimize these errors. However, the most dangerous error remains that of the inaccurate interpretation of data that has been provided.

The user should review the definitions of terms used in the Minnesota County Health Tables. The data included in this publication are from the most recently available year(s). In an area of small population the presence or absence of a relatively rare health event should not be used to confirm or deny a specific public health problem.

Section Descriptions and Notes

Section A: Demographics Tables

This section includes selected demographic statistics from various sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau, Minnesota State Demographer's Office, the Minnesota Departments of Human Services, Economic Security and Children, Families and Learning.

Section B: Natality Tables

This section includes various birth statistics collected from Minnesota birth certificates which are filed with the Section of Vital Statistics Registration, Minnesota Department of Health. The majority of data are from the calendar year 2002.

All birth data in this section are by county of residence.

Section C: Mortality Tables

This section includes various death statistics collected from Minnesota death certificates which are filed with the Section of Vital Statistics Registration, Minnesota Department of Health. Mortality data in this publication are classified using the International Classification of Diseases, version 10 (ICD-10). Version 10 has been used since 1999. From 1979-1998, ICD-9 was used for coding deaths. The ICD-10 differs from ICD-9 in a number of respects although the overall content is similar. The change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 should be taken in consideration when comparing 1999-2002 mortality data to previous years. For more information on ICD-10, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/icd10des.htm>.

All death data in this section are by county of residence.

Section D: Morbidity and Service Utilization Tables

Included in this section are surveillance data on cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, traumatic brain injuries, survey data on behavioral risk factors and utilization data. The 2001 Minnesota Student Survey results are not included in this section but can be found on the Coordinated School Health website, <http://www.mnschoolhealth.com/resources.html?ac=data>

Section E: Chemical Health

The Chemical Health section focuses on alcohol use. Data in this section include percent of motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities in which alcohol use was involved and driving while intoxicated. Unless specified these data are by county of occurrence. Adult chemical health use data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System are in Section D, Table 7a. Youth chemical use data from the 2001 Minnesota Student Survey are located on the Coordinated School Health website, <http://www.mnschoolhealth.com/resources.html?ac=data>

Section F: Environmental Health Tables

The Environmental Health Section includes county-specific summary data from the following Environmental Health programs: blood lead; fish consumption advisory; food, beverage, and lodging; foodborne/waterborne disease outbreaks; hazardous substance emergency events surveillance; radioactivity and radiation; and radon. This section contains a description of the health hazard; the most current data available, generally summarized by county and state; and any limitations or biases to be considered before using the data.

Section G: Maternal and Child Health Tables

This section of the Minnesota County Health Tables consists of supplemental information related to the Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs program. These data are provided by the Minnesota Department of Health, Family Health Division.

Section H: Selected Public Health Data Websites

The section provides a list of other public health data resources that might be useful in public health assessment. This list is by no means exhaustive.