

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS SITE

The local public health indicators site is designed to present local data for each of Washington's local public health jurisdictions and to compare local data across Washington communities and with state and national averages.

The Data by Indicator show the 35 selected indicators in the general groups of Community Context, Communicable Disease, Prevention and Health Promotion, Maternal and Child Health, Access to Care, and Environmental Health. Each of the links in this section leads to a chart that shows where each of Washington's local health jurisdictions rank for that indicator, shows the state average for that indicator, and characterizes local data as better, similar, or worse than the state average. Indicators have two or three cycles of data available for review; users choose whether they want to look at baseline data (posted in 2007 for most indicators); update 1 (posted in 2009 for most indicators); update 2 (posted in 2011) or update 3 (posted in 2014).

To view local data in more detail, click on Data by Jurisdiction and select an individual county or local public health jurisdiction. The list of indicators will appear again. Local data are grouped in tables consistent with the five categories listed above. Users choose which category and cycle of data they wish to view. Each table shows individual indicators, the unit of measure for the data, the year the data were collected, the most recent data, and comparisons with state and national data for that indicator. Confidence intervals are also shown.

To compare data over time, click on Data Trends. The list of indicators will appear again. Choose any indicator. A table will appear that shows baseline and update data for this indicator, for each local health jurisdiction and the state as a whole. The data are shaded to indicate whether health jurisdictions and the state are doing better, similar or worse over time.

See Technical Notes for a more detailed discussion of data sources, terms, and methods.