



City Health Dashboard

Downloadable Data Codebook

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SECTION 1: Overview

The City Health Dashboard (the Dashboard) is a one-stop resource allowing users to view and compare data from multiple sources on health and the factors that shape health to guide local solutions. Through a vigorous selection process, the City Health Dashboard selected over 40 metrics spanning five domains — clinical care, health behaviors, health outcomes, physical environment and social and economic factors — to quantify health, health determinants, and equity at the city level and, where available, census tract level.

Metrics are derived from both private and publicly available data sources, with some data sources contributing several metrics and others contributing only a single metric.

Document Mission

This document is written for an audience interested in using the data available for download. It should be used in conjunction with the City Health Dashboard Technical Document, which outlines technical attributes of the data sources used on the Dashboard.

Users are invited to contact the Dashboard (info@cityhealthdashboard.com) with general feedback or questions not addressed below.

Downloading Dashboard Data

Dashboard data are available for free download at <http://cityhealthdashboard.com/data-downloads>. Data are released through an API (<https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api>) and available for download in CSV and .txt formats. This codebook provides information about using data released in any of these formats.

Citing Dashboard Data and Technical Document

City Health Dashboard should be cited when the data or graphics are used, including in published presentations, articles, research, blogs, policy documents, and other print or digital media.

We encourage use of Dashboard data and visualizations, and suggest the following citation:

Department of Population Health, NYU Langone Health. City Health Dashboard.
<https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/>. Accessed [INSERT DATE OF ACCESS].

Data Updates

Dashboard data – both as displayed online and available for download –are updated periodically as underlying datasets are refreshed. Data release updates are announced by email and data versioning is tracked by the release date which is listed in the file name of downloadable data files. Please email info@cityhealthdashboard.com with any questions or concerns.

Only data that are displayed on the Dashboard is available for download; older versions of Dashboard data are not available. Users in need of archived data should contact info@cityhealthdashboard.com.

Feedback or Errors

Users are encouraged to contact the Dashboard with comments or questions regarding cityhealthdashboard.com and any documents available for download from it, including this Codebook, at info@cityhealthdashboard.com.

SECTION 2: Key Notes on Downloadable Data and API

Data Available for Download

The Dashboard's data are accessible in two modes; see later sections for more details:

- 1) Downloadable CSV and .txt files
- 2) API

A list of metrics and years of data available for download are provided in Appendix A.

Accessing Multi-Year Data

The Dashboard displays more than one year of data for most metrics. Due to file size constraints, the downloadable CSV and .txt files contain only the most recently available year of data for each metric (12 months of data for monthly metrics). See Appendix A for a listing of data years available for each metric.

Please note that multi-year data is available only through the Dashboard's API.

For some cities, a metric estimate may not be available in the most recent year of data, but estimates are available in prior years of data. Users can confirm data availability for prior years for specific cities by consulting the website.

Requests for multi-year data in CSV or .txt format may be emailed to info@cityhealthdashboard.com. Email requests for multi-year data in CSV or .txt format should specify metrics, years and geographic levels (city, tract).

Data Unavailable for Download

Data for the following metrics are unavailable for download:

- Tract-level **walkability** data are unavailable for download as per the terms of the Dashboard's data use agreement (*NOTE: city-level walkability data are included in downloadable data files*)

Data for cities not on the Dashboard are not available for download. A list of all cities on the Dashboard is available in the Geographic Identifiers List.

Metrics with Demographic Breakdown

Metric data for specific demographic groups available on the website are also released in downloadable data. Demographic group-specific data are released at the city level only; tract-level estimates are never disaggregated by demographic subgroup.

Technical Documentation

Users are strongly encouraged to review the Technical Documentation available at <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/technical-documentation> in conjunction with this Codebook prior to data analysis.

Note on Geographic Identifiers

The Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS), formerly Federal Information Processing Standards, are codes for geographic entities maintained and issued by the Census Bureau. When concatenated (linked together) as State-County-County Subdivision, State-Place, or State-County-Tract, FIPS codes function as unique identifiers for geographic entities. Note that FIPS codes for cities can be different lengths (10 characters for county subdivisions vs. 7 for places). For more detailed information, refer to the [Technical Document](#), Appendix Section B.

Note on census tract unique identifiers

A minority of census tracts cross the boundaries of more than one city. In this case, Dashboard data reports values for each tract-city combination as separate rows, causing duplication of the geo_fips variable within Dashboard tract datasets. The variable parent_fips represents the unique identifier of the city in which that tract resides. To establish unique identifiers within downloadable data, use the geo_fips and parent_fips variables in conjunction. For more information, see this Dashboard blog post: <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/blog-media/what-exactly-is-a-census-tract> .

Note on Honolulu, HI FIPS code

As per the CDC 500 Cities Project,¹ which guided the Dashboard's launch in 2018, the Dashboard uses the FIPS code for the county of Honolulu, Hawaii (15-003) to represent the geographic area associated with the city of Honolulu. Users should note that in downloadable data, when leading 0's are retained, this FIPS is represented as "0015003".

Note on Macon, GA FIPS code

As of 2014, Macon, GA consolidated with its county (Bibb County). To maintain consistency over time in the underlying population represented within the Macon-Bibb area, the Dashboard uses data from both Bibb County (13-021) and Macon-Bibb County (13-49008) to represent the consolidated city and county government, depending on data source availability.^{2,3} When only pre-consolidated Macon boundaries (FIPS 13-49000) are available from a data source, users are notified by a data indicator and on the website. For standardization purposes over time, all FIPS codes for Macon in our data for download are listed as 13-49008. See Coding of Variables: Data Indicators section below for more detail.

Note on Versioning

The following entities are versioned by the date of the most recent data release when that entity was updated. Versioning of each entity is independent, and not all will necessarily be updated each data release.

1. Data
2. Technical Document
3. Codebook
4. Geographic Identifiers List

SECTION 3: Coding of Variables

Not Applicable versus Unavailable/Censored

Our data variables distinguish between (a) data that are not released because the value was *not applicable* to the metric and (b) data that are missing because they were *censored or unavailable in an underlying dataset*.

Not Applicable is Represented by -999

An entry of -999 indicates “not applicable”.

For example, a value of -999 under the variables “lci” and “uci” means that confidence intervals are not calculated for this value (see Example A).

| K | L | M | N | O |
|------|-------|-----|------|------|
| num | denom | est | lci | uci |
| -999 | -999 | 9.9 | -999 | -999 |
| -999 | -999 | 10 | -999 | -999 |

Example A: Screenshot of CSV output

Here, only the estimate is relevant for the metric. The numerator, denominator, and confidence intervals are not applicable, as indicated by the -999 values.

Unavailable/Censored is Represented by NA or NULL

A value of *NA* in downloadable files, and *NULL* in the API, indicates that there is no associated value for that variable. For the “est” variable a value of *NA/NULL* means the estimate was unavailable in an underlying dataset OR was censored by the Dashboard. The variable “data_indicator” (or, “indicator” in the API) gives additional information about unavailable or censored data (see section below). For other variables a value of *NA/NULL* means there is no additional information relevant for that estimate.

For example, a value of “*NA*” under the variable “est” and a value of “censor_3” under the variable “data_indicator” means that this estimate is censored (see Example B).

| num | denom | est | lci | uci | data_period | period_type | source_name | census_parent_shape_year | data_indicator |
|------|-------|------|------|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 4723 | 15141 | 31.2 | 26.5 | 35.9 | 2021 | 5 year estimate | ACS | 2020 | NA |
| NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 2021 | 5 year estimate | ACS | 2020 | censor_3 |

Example B: Screenshot of CSV output

Here, the estimate is not released due to censorship.

Data Indicators

In downloadable data files, additional information about city data can be found under the variables “data_indicator”, “county_indicator”, “map_indicator”, “agg_indicator”, and “multiplier_indicator.” In the API, these variables are combined into one variable, “indicators”, which is a list of indicators separated by commas. Data indicators are not provided for tract data.

The following values may be present under “data_indicator”:

- censor_1 = Estimate was suppressed by the Dashboard team due to insufficient contributing data.
- censor_2 = Estimate was suppressed by the Dashboard team due to an insufficient number of contributing events, in accordance with NCHS suppression criteria.

- censor_3 = Estimate was suppressed by the Dashboard team due to insufficient sample size.
- cautions_1 = Use caution when interpreting this estimate, as some contributing data are missing which may impact its accuracy.
- cautions_2 = Use caution when interpreting this estimate, as underlying events are rare which may impact its accuracy.
- cautions_3 = Use caution when interpreting this estimate, as sample size is small which may impact its accuracy.
- missing_1 = Estimate is unavailable from the data source for this city and year.

Please consult the technical document for more detail on data censorship and data source information.

The following values may be present under “county_indicator”:

- county_1 = Because some city-level data are unavailable or suppressed due to low numbers, this estimate is calculated from an average of the counties associated with this city.
- county_2 = Because some city-level data are unavailable or suppressed due to low numbers, this estimate is an estimate for the county associated with this city.

Please consult the technical document for more detail on using county estimates.

The following values may be present under “map_indicator”:

- map_1 = Due to Macon city boundary changes over time, the estimate for this year represents FIPS code 1349000 and does not capture all populations represented on the website map and in the consolidated Macon-Bibb county.

The following values may be present under “agg_indicator”:

- aggregation_1 = This estimate is calculated by aggregating estimates from smaller geographies.

The following values may be present under “multiplier_indicator”:

(Note: these indicators are only relevant to NVSS metrics)

- multiplier_1 = Only one year of data was used to calculate this multi-year estimate instead of the typical number of years for this metric
- multiplier_2 = Only two years of data were used to calculate this multi-year estimate instead of the typical number of years for this metric
- multiplier_3 = Only three years of data were used to calculate this multi-year estimate instead of the typical number of years for this metric
- multiplier_4 = Only four years of data were used to calculate this multi-year estimate instead of the typical number of years for this metric

Data Time Periods

The Dashboard includes metrics with different types of data time periods including data for a single year, pooled data from multiple years, and monthly data. The variable “data_period” represents the year (formatted as yyyy, i.e. 2022) or month (formatted as yyyyymm, i.e. 202201) of the data used in calculation. Additional information about the data period type can be found under the variable

“period_type”. Please note that “period_type” is not available in the API; you can find details about data period types by metric in *Appendix A*.

The following values may be present under “period_type”:

- 3 year estimate = Estimates are calculated based on data from a 3-year period
- 5 year estimate = Estimates are calculated based on data from a 5-year period
- 1 year modeled estimate = Estimates are modeled based on data from a single year
- 6 year modeled estimate = Estimates are modeled based on data from a 6-year period
- School year ending in = Estimates are from the school year ending in the specified year (i.e. 2017 means from the 2016-2017 school year)
- 1 month modeled estimate = Estimates are modeled based on data from a 1-month period
- 1 month average estimate = Estimates are averaged based on data from a 1-month period
- -999 = Estimates are from the year specified in “data_period” with no additional relevant details

Please consult the technical document for more detail on these calculations.

Data Sources

For some metrics, data sources differ by year. The variable “source_name” in downloadable data files, and “source_id” in the API, provides information about the data source for metrics in each dataset. Full source names can be found in *Appendix B*.

Geographic Boundaries and Census Vintages

The Dashboard presents metric data for census tracts from the 2010 and 2020 Census, depending on the underlying Census vintage of the data source. Census tract boundaries and FIPS codes can change significantly between decennial Censuses. Cities are generally more stable. See this Dashboard blog post for more information: <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/blog-media/2020-census>.

Users are encouraged to note the underlying Census vintage when working with data across years and metrics. The “census_parent_shape_year” variable specifies which census boundaries (2010 or 2020) are used. For more detailed information, refer to the [Technical Document](#), Appendix Section B.

The following values may be present under “census_parent_shape_year”:

- 2010 – geographic boundaries and tract lists are from the 2010 census
- 2020 – geographic boundaries and tract lists are from the 2020 census

Note that to maintain consistency across the website, minor Census tract changes that occurred between 2010 and 2019 (and were differentially incorporated by data sources) are standardized back into 2010 Census tract geographies on the Dashboard when census_parent_shape_year = “2010”, with the exception of updates made in Pima County, AZ⁴. Please email info@cityhealthdashboard.com with questions.

Appropriate Data Use

See the Dashboard's [Using Multi-year Data: Tips and Cautions](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/multi-year-data) at <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/multi-year-data> for more information on appropriate use of multi-year data.

See the Dashboard's [FAQ](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/faq) at <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/faq> for more information.

SECTION 4: File Layout for Downloadable Data (CSV and .txt files)

Overview

The most recent year of Dashboard data are provided for download by users in both CSV and .txt file format within zipped files. All corresponding CSV and .txt files have identical contents. The Dashboard provides both CSV and .txt file formats for download to maximize flexibility for users.

Users are cautioned that leading zeroes are dropped in CSV files but not .txt files. For example, a FIPS code of 01 will appear as 1 in a CSV file and 01 in its corresponding .txt file; a FIPS code of 040703 will appear as 40703 in a CSV file and 040703 in its corresponding .txt file.

The following data tables are available for download:

Geographic Identifiers List

- List of all cities presented on the Dashboard
- List of all tracts presented on the Dashboard (*note: tract list varies between 2010 or 2020 Censuses – see section “Geographic Boundaries and Census Vintages” for more information*)

Datasets of all Metrics

- Metric data for all cities presented on the Dashboard (*metric data for all tracts are only available on the API due to file size constraints*)

Datasets of all Metrics, by State

- Metric data for all cities presented on the Dashboard, separated by US state
- Metric data for all tracts presented on the Dashboard, separated by US state

Geographic Identifiers List

Geographic identifiers lists are available as CSV and .txt files with the names:

- City_geographic_identifiers_[version]
- Tract_city_geographic_identifiers_[census_parent_shape_year]_[version]

Variable Information (10 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| geo_fips | FIPS code for the city or census tract | <i>numeric</i> | 7 or 10 digits for city 11 digits for tract <i>(note that CSV drops leading zero)</i> |
| geo_name | Name of the city or tract (ex: Olympia, 054689) | <i>string</i> | Tracts are named with 6-digit codes <i>(note that CSV drops leading zero)</i> |
| geo_level | The geographic level of geo_fips (ex: city, tract) | <i>string</i> | |
| parent_fips | FIPS code for the city in which the tract resides | <i>numeric</i> | <i>Only included in tract file</i> |
| parent_name | Name of the city in which the tract resides | <i>string</i> | <i>Only included in tract file</i> |
| parent_level | The geographic level of parent_fips (ex: city) | <i>string</i> | <i>Only included in tract file</i> |
| state_fips | State FIPS code | <i>numeric</i> | 2 digits <i>(note that CSV drops leading zero)</i> |
| state_abbr | State abbreviation | <i>string</i> | |
| state_name | State name | <i>string</i> | |
| census_parent_shape_year | Year of the census that correlates with geographic boundaries (ex: 2010, 2020) | <i>string</i> | <i>Only included in tract file</i> <i>See Coding of Variables: Geographic Boundaries and Census Vintages section for details</i> |

City Data

City metric datasets are available in both .txt and CSV format with the names:

- All_states_City_[version] for full-Dashboard data
- [state_abbrev]_City_[version] for data by state (ex: “AL_City_07-26-2023” for Alabama cities)

Variable Information (22 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| state_abbrev | State abbreviation | string | |
| state_fips | State FIPS code | numeric | 2 digits (note that CSV drops leading zero) |
| geo_fips | FIPS code for the city | numeric | 7 or 10 digits (note that CSV drops leading zero) |
| geo_level | The geographic level of geo_fips (ex: city) | string | |
| geo_name | Name of the city (ex: Olympia) | string | |
| metric_name | Metric name | string | |
| group_name | Demographic group | string | |
| num | Numerator | numeric | NA = censored or unavailable value |
| denom | Denominator | numeric | -999 = not applicable |
| est | Estimate | numeric | NA = censored or unavailable value |
| lci | Lower confidence interval | numeric | NA = censored or unavailable value |
| uci | Upper confidence interval | numeric | -999 = not applicable |
| period_type | Estimate type (ex: 5 year estimate) | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Data Time Periods</i> section for details |
| data_period | Year of data | numeric | |
| source_name | Source name abbreviation | string | See <i>Appendix B</i> for details |
| census_parent_shape_year | Year of the census that correlates with geographic boundaries (ex: 2020) | numeric | See <i>Coding of Variables: Geographic Boundaries</i> section for details |
| data_indicator | Information about unavailable data or data cautions | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Data Indicators</i> section for details |
| county_indicator | Information about county data | string | |
| map_indicator | Information about Macon FIPS | string | |
| agg_indicator | Information about data aggregation | string | |
| multiplier_indicator | Information about data year | string | |

Important note regarding column labelled “NOTE - NCHS Disclaimer”

The text in this column appears on the first line of all city data files and in this codebook (see Section 8). Users should be aware that the text is a disclaimer regarding data calculated using National Center for Health Statistics at Research Data Centers. The text is *not* an estimate or observation associated with the other data reported on the row. This disclaimer is exclusively presented in city-level files because NCHS data are only calculated at the city level. Please contact info@cityhealthdashboard.com with any questions.

Tract Data

Tract metric datasets are available in both .txt and CSV format with the names:

- [state_abbr]_Tract_City_[version] for data by state (ex: “AL_Tract_City_07-26-2023” for Alabama cities)

Tract data are only available by state due to file size constraints.

Variable Information (20 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| state_abbr | State abbreviation | string | |
| state_fips | State FIPS code | numeric | 2 digits (note that CSV drops leading zero) |
| geo_fips | FIPS code for the tract | numeric | 11 digits (note that CSV drops leading zero) |
| geo_level | The geographic level of geo_fips (ex: tract) | string | |
| geo_name | Name of the tract (ex: 020100) | numeric | Tracts are named with 6-digit codes (note that CSV drops leading zeros) |
| parent_fips | FIPS code for the city in which the tract resides | numeric | 7 or 10 digits (note that CSV drops leading zero) |
| parent_level | The geographic level of parent_fips (ex: city) | string | |
| parent_name | Name of the city in which the tract resides (ex: Olympia) | string | |
| metric_name | Metric name | string | |
| group_name | Demographic group | string | |
| num | Numerator | numeric | -999 = not applicable NA = censored or unavailable value |
| denom | Denominator | numeric | |
| est | Estimate | numeric | NA = censored or unavailable value |
| lci | Lower confidence interval | numeric | -999 = not applicable NA = censored or unavailable value |
| uci | Upper confidence interval | numeric | |
| period_type | Estimate type (ex: 5 year estimate) | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Data Time Periods</i> section for details |
| data_period | Year of data | numeric | |
| source_name | Source name abbreviation | string | See <i>Appendix B</i> for details |
| census_parent_shape_year | Year of the census that correlates with geographic boundaries (ex: 2010) | numeric | See <i>Coding of Variables: Geographic Boundaries</i> section for details |

Note: indicator columns are not applicable to tract outputs so are not included in downloadable data

SECTION 5: File Layout for API

Overview

The Dashboard's API can be accessed at <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api>. Users are invited to contact info@cityhealthdashboard.com with comments or feedback about the API's functionality or documentation.

The following endpoints are available; see sections below for more details:

- Geographic Identifiers ("Geographies")
- Metric Data
- Metrics

General Notes

You can test the API by entering a sample request URL into your web browser. Be sure to replace [api_key] with your actual API key without the brackets. API keys can be requested at <https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api>.

- `https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metrics?token=[api_key]`

Spaces in arguments are separated by a plus sign (+), not an underscore (e.g., New York is queried as New+York, not New_York). For example:

- `https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/4?token=[api_key]&geo_name=New+York`

Queries that yield over 1,000 results will be paginated to increase the efficiency of the query. You can use an optional "page" argument to move through result pages. For example:

- `https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/4?token=[api_key]&page=2`

Geographic Identifiers

The geographies endpoint provides users with information about census tract and city geographies included on the Dashboard.

- `https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/geographies?token=[api_key]`

Optional arguments for geographies include:

- unique_geo, geo_fips, geo_level, geo_name, parent_fips, parent_level, parent_name, state_fips, state_abbr, state_name, census_parent_shape_year, page

The following example requests all geography information for Alabama for the 2020 Census (both cities and census tracts):

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/geographies?token=\[api_key\]&state_abbr=AL&census_parent_shape_year=2020](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/geographies?token=[api_key]&state_abbr=AL&census_parent_shape_year=2020)

This example shows how to limit the geographies query to only 2010 census tracts in New York City, using the city's FIPS code:

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/geographies?token=\[api_key\]&geo_level=tract&parent_fips=3651000&census_parent_shape_year=2010](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/geographies?token=[api_key]&geo_level=tract&parent_fips=3651000&census_parent_shape_year=2010)

Variable Information (11 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| unique_geo | Concatenation of geo_fips, parent_fips, census_parent_shape_year | string | Uniquely identifies geographies |
| geo_fips | FIPS code for the city or census tract | string | 7 or 10 digits for city, 11 digits for tract |
| geo_level | The geographic level of geo_fips (ex: city, tract) | string | |
| geo_name | Name of the city or tract (ex: Olympia, 054689) | string | Tracts are named with 6-digit codes |
| parent_fips | FIPS code for the city in which the tract resides | string | -999 = not applicable |
| parent_level | The geographic level of parent_fips (ex: city) | string | -999 = not applicable |
| parent_name | Name of the city in which the tract resides | string | -999 = not applicable |
| state_fips | State FIPS code | string | 2 digits |
| state_abbr | State abbreviation | string | 2 letters |
| state_name | State name | string | |
| census_parent_shape_year | Year of the census that correlates with geographic boundaries (ex: 2010, 2020) | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Geographic Boundaries and Census Vintages</i> section for details |

Metrics

The metrics endpoint provides users with information about Dashboard metrics.

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metrics?token=\[api_key\]](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metrics?token=[api_key])

Optional arguments for Metrics include:

- metric_name, metric_id, domain_name

The following example requests metric information for the Smoking metric:

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metrics?token=\[api_key\]&metric_name=Smoking](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metrics?token=[api_key]&metric_name=Smoking)

Variable Information (5 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| metric_name | Metric name | string | |
| metric_id | ID of metric | string | See <i>Appendix C</i> for metrics associated with the metric ID |
| metric_long_name | Description of metric | string | |
| domain_name | Health Outcomes Social and Economic Factors Health Behavior Physical Environment Clinical Care | string | If using as parameter in API request, add a "+" between words |
| scale_direction | Whether a "higher" or "lower" value is better | string | |

Metric Data

The metric data endpoints provide users with data at the city or census tract level for the specified metric. Users must specify *metric_id* in the API call (removing the < >) for the metric of interest. Please see the *Metrics* endpoint, or *Appendix C*, to find a crosswalk between metric names and metric IDs.

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/<metric_id>?token=\[api_key\]](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/<metric_id>?token=[api_key])

Optional arguments for metric data include:

- data_period, unique_geo, geo_fips, geo_level, geo_name, parent_fips, parent_name, state_fips, state_abbr, state_name, census_parent_shape_year, page

The following example requests all years and geographies of data for the binge drinking metric:

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/3?token=\[api_key\]](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/3?token=[api_key])

Arguments to limit the data by geography or year can be called as shown in the following example for Ann Arbor, MI Children in Poverty city-level data for 2020:

- [https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/4?token=\[api_key\]&geo_level=city&geo_name=Ann+Arbor&data_period=2020](https://www.cityhealthdashboard.com/api/data/metric-data/4?token=[api_key]&geo_level=city&geo_name=Ann+Arbor&data_period=2020)

Variable Information (23 variables)

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| id | Concatenation of geo_fips, parent_fips, census_parent_shape_year, metric_id, demographic_id, data_period | string | Uniquely identifies metric data rows |
| metric_id | ID of metric | string | Required argument Query the Metrics endpoint, or see <i>Appendix C</i> , for metrics associated with the metric ID |
| unique_geo | Concatenation of geo_fips, parent_fips, census_parent_shape_year | string | Uniquely identifies geographies |
| geo_fips | FIPS code for the city | string | 7 or 10 digits for city, 11 digits for tract |
| geo_level | The geographic level of geo_fips (ex: city) | string | |
| geo_name | Name of the city (ex: Olympia) | string | |
| state_fips | State FIPS code | string | 2 digits |
| state_abbr | State abbreviation | string | 2 letters |
| state_name | State name | string | |
| parent_fips | FIPS code for the city in which the tract resides | numeric | 7 or 10 digits for city, -999 = not applicable |
| parent_level | The geographic level of parent_fips (ex: city) | string | -999 = not applicable |

| Variable Name | Variable Definition | Variable Type | Notes |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| parent_name | Name of the city in which the tract resides (ex: Olympia) | string | -999 = not applicable |
| demographic_id | 1 = Total 2 = Female 3 = Male 4 = Asian 5 = Black 6 = Hispanic 7 = White 8 = Other 9 = Age 0-17 11 = Age 0-18 12 = Age 19-25 13 = Age 26-34 14 = Age 35-44 15 = Age 45-64 16 = Age 18-24 17 = Age 25-34 | string | If using as parameter in API request, use associated numeric ID |
| source_id | 1 = CDC 500 2 = ACS 3 = NVSS ND 4 = NVSS MCDD 5 = USALEEP 7 = NCES 9 = ParkServe 10 = SEDA 11 = BLS 13 = Walk Score 14 = PLACES 16 = NJSHAD 17 = NY Fed 18 = GMU | string | See <i>Appendix B</i> for more details If using as parameter in API request, use associated numeric ID |
| data_period | Year of data | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Data Time Periods</i> section for details |
| census_parent_shape_year | Year of the census that correlates with geographic boundaries (ex: 2020) | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Geographic Boundaries</i> section for details |
| est | Estimate | numeric | NULL = censored or unavailable |
| num | Numerator | numeric | NULL = censored or unavailable value -999 = not applicable |
| denom | Denominator | numeric | |
| lci | Lower confidence interval | numeric | NULL = censored or unavailable -999 = not applicable |
| uci | Upper confidence interval | numeric | |
| indicators | List of indicators containing information about unavailable data or data cautions | string | See <i>Coding of Variables: Data Indicators</i> section for details NULL = no indicators associated |

SECTION 6: Notes on Specific Metrics

Chronic Absenteeism

The Dashboard changed data sources and methodology in December 2023 and changed the metric name from “Absenteeism” to “Chronic Absenteeism” to reflect this change. Comparison of data in this release to data versions released before 12/05/2023 are inappropriate. Please refer to the Technical Document for more details on this metric’s calculation methods as well as guidelines for interpreting the data appropriately.

Air Pollution – Ozone & Air Pollution – PM_{2.5}

Air pollution data on the Dashboard are provided by George Mason University (GMU) using North America Chemical Reanalysis (NACR). EPA CMAQ RSIG and GMU North America Chemical Reanalysis (NACR) are commonly used, publicly available data sources for ozone and PM_{2.5} pollution. While the RSIG presently include a longer data period, NACR uses more up-to-date emission and real-time forecasting data to provide air pollution data in a timelier manner (up to yesterday). Both RSIG and NACR provide ozone (parts per billion (ppb)) and PM_{2.5} (microgram per cubic meter (mg/m³)) data for 12 kilometer square areas, which is larger than many census tracts. EPA CMAQ RSIG further smooths the data to provide census tract-level estimates, while NACR are provided at the 12-kilometer square area level only. As such, adjacent census tracts might share the same ozone pollution value (ppb) or PM_{2.5} pollution value (mg/m³).

High School Completion

The Dashboard changed data sources and methodology in October 2020 and changed the metric name from “High School Graduation” to “High School Completion” to reflect this change. Comparison of data to versions before v10.1 are inappropriate.

Life Expectancy

The Dashboard does not recommend comparing current life expectancy data with data released in prior downloadable data versions, as calculation methodologies change over time.

The Dashboard reports tract-level data as received from National Center for Health Statistics/USALEEP; tract-level data and documentation files are available for free download.⁶ A flag to indicate the source of the age-specific death rates used to calculate the abridged period life tables is included in the data downloaded directly from USALEEP. However, this variable is **not** included in the Dashboard downloadable data. Users requiring this information should refer to the National Center for Health Statistics/USALEEP dataset.

Third-Grade Reading Scores

The Dashboard changed data sources and methodology in September 2021 and changed the metric name from “Third-Grade Reading Proficiency” to “Third-Grade Reading Scores” to reflect this change. Comparison of data to versions before v13.0 are inappropriate.

Neighborhood Racial/Ethnic Segregation

Due to the nature of how this metric is calculated, changes in the number of tracts in a given area will impact the segregation score, regardless of demographic shifts. Therefore, because census tract boundaries may change after a decennial census, estimates are not always comparable before and after 2020. Please refer to the [Technical Document](#) for more details on this metric's calculation methods.

Note on metrics calculated using National Center for Health/Research Data Center Statistics Data

The following metrics were calculated by City Health Dashboard analytic staff at the Research Data Center using National Center for Health Statistics data: breast cancer deaths, cardiovascular disease deaths, colorectal cancer deaths, low birthweight, opioid overdose deaths, premature deaths (all causes), firearm homicides, firearm suicides, prenatal care, and teen births.

The downloadable data tables shared on the City Health Dashboard website were not released as a micro-level downloadable datasets from NCHS/RDC, rather .csv aggregated data tables whose analyses were conducted per NCHS disclosure requirements in a secure environment and released as approved output. The findings and conclusions on this website are those of the author(s) and do not represent the views of the Research Data Center, the National Center for Health Statistics, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NCHS does not recommend further analysis of these tables because linking them to individually identifiable data from other NCHS or non-NCHS datasets could potentially cause disclosure. If you believe a disclosure has occurred please contact info@cityhealthdashboard.com and RDCA@cdc.gov.

Uninsured

Age 0-17 and age 18-64 were associated with the uninsured metric in downloadable data versions prior to v5.0. Age strata for this metric were revised to more granular age breakdowns in downloadable data v5.0 and subsequent downloadable data versions. Between downloadable data versions v5.0 and 16.0 more granular age breakdowns were released for 2013 and 2014, however these were removed in version 07-26-2023 due to identification of an error in the data. Granular age breakdowns for 2013 and 2014 are no longer available. Please email info@cityhealthdashboard.com with any questions.

Walkability

The Dashboard does not recommend comparing current walkability data with other years of walkability data released in prior downloadable data versions, as calculation methodologies change over time.

SECTION 7: Appendix

Appendix A: Data Year (data_period) Availability, by Metric

The following table outlines the data_period entries available on the website. CSV and .txt files contain only the most recent year of data (or, most recent 12 months for monthly metrics) as indicated in data_period. Requests for mutli-year data can be made by email. See section “Accessing Multi-Year Data” above for more detail.

| Metric ID | Metric Name | Years Available | Estimate Type (period_type*) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 45 | Air Pollution - Ozone | 01/2018 - 12/2022 | 1 Month Average Estimate |
| 2 | Air Pollution - Particulate Matter | 01/2022 - 12/2022 | 1 Month Average Estimate |
| 3 | Binge Drinking | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 28 | Breast Cancer Deaths | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 40 | Broadband Connection | 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 29 | Cardiovascular Disease Deaths | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 4 | Children in Poverty | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 1 | Chronic Absenteeism | 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022 | School Year Ending In |
| 30 | Colorectal Cancer Deaths | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 44 | Credit Insecurity Index | 2020 | Not Applicable |
| 5 | Dental Care | 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 6 | Diabetes | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 42 | Firearm Homicides | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 43 | Firearm Suicides | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 7 | Frequent Mental Distress | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 8 | Frequent Physical Distress | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 9 | High Blood Pressure | 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 10 | High School Completion | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 12 | Housing with Potential Lead Risk | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |

| Metric ID | Metric Name | Years Available | Estimate Type (period_type*) |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 13 | Income Inequality | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 14 | Lead Exposure Risk Index | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 37 | Life Expectancy | 2015 | 6 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 35 | Low Birthweight | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 16 | Neighborhood Racial/Ethnic Segregation | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 17 | Obesity | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 32 | Opioid Overdose Deaths | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 36 | Park Access | 2022 | Not Applicable |
| 18 | Physical Inactivity | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 31 | Premature Deaths (All Causes) | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 34 | Prenatal Care | 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 19 | Preventive Services, 65+ | 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 21 | Racial/Ethnic Diversity | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 11 | Rent Burden | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 41 | Routine Checkup, 18+ | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 22 | Smoking | 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 1 Year Modeled Estimate |
| 33 | Teen Births | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 | 3 Year Estimate |
| 23 | Third-Grade Reading Scores | 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 | School Year Ending In |
| 24 | Unemployment - Annual, Neighborhood-Level | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 39 | Unemployment - Current, City-Level | 01/2018 - 07/2023 | 1 Month Modeled Estimate |
| 25 | Uninsured | 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 | 5 Year Estimate |
| 27 | Walkability | 2022 | Not Applicable |

*See *Coding of Variables: Data Time Periods* section for details

Appendix B: Data Source Full Names (by source_name and source_id)

| Source ID (source_id) | Source name abbreviation (source_name) | Full source name |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | CDC 500 | 500 Cities Project, Centers for Disease Control |
| 2 | ACS | American Community Survey |
| 3 | NVSS ND | Nativity Data, National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics |
| 4 | NVSS MCDD | Multiple Cause of Death Data, national Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics |
| 5 | USALEEP | U.S. Small-Area Life Expectancy estimates Project |
| 7 | NCES | National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education |
| 9 | ParkServe | ParkServe® |
| 10 | SEDA | Stanford Education Data Archive |
| 11 | BLS | Local Area Unemployment Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics |
| 13 | Walk Score | Walk Score® |
| 14 | PLACES | PLACES Project, Centers for Disease Control |
| 16 | NJSHAD | New Jersey State Health Assessment |
| 17 | NY Fed | New York Fed Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax |
| 18 | GMU | George Mason University |

SECTION 8: Dataset Versioning Log

Starting with the 07-26-2023 release, the Dashboard now versions the codebook and downloadable data with the date the data were released on the website.

| Codebook and Data Version | Geographic Identifiers Version | Update Notes |
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| 12-05-2023 | 07-26-2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02-07-2024 revision: Refined Chronic Absenteeism school inclusion criteria resulted in minor changes of estimates in four cities in California and Utah, and some newly available demographic subgroup estimates in 2019, 2021 and 2022 for several cities. PLACES Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add 2021 data for 9 metrics Updated methods for Honolulu preventive services calculation Chronic Absenteeism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add 2020 – 2022 school years using updated data sources Replace 2018 data with updated data sources Expanded data availability for cities below 66,000 population, including “Put Us On the Map” cities Change to metric name Unemployment – current, city-level: Add data through July 2023 |
| 10-25-2023 | 07-26-2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to API structure |
| 07-26-2023 | 07-26-2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACS metrics: Add 2021 (5 year estimate) data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uninsured: removal of age breakdowns in 2013, 2014 Minor change to confidence interval calculation methods Air pollution – Ozone: Add 2022 monthly data Air pollution – PM2.5: New data source (monthly data for 2022); Removal of existing multi-year metric COVID Local Risk Index: Removal of metric Credit insecurity index: New method for generating some city-level estimates Life expectancy: New method for generating city-level estimates Limited access to healthy foods: Removal of metric NVSS/NJSHAD: Correction of 2014 and 2017 estimates for breast cancer deaths, colorectal cancer deaths, cardiovascular disease deaths, premature deaths (all cause), and 2012, 2015, 2018 estimates for low birthweight and teen births. These corrections were applied to 10 New Jersey cities using New Jersey State Health Assessment. County estimates for these metrics for these cities were unintentionally posted on the website between 7/27/2022 – 08-02-2023. This error was also in downloadable data version 15.0, 15.1 and 16.0. NVSS Breast Cancer Deaths 2013: We discovered our breast cancer deaths for 2013 was a complete duplication of 2012 data from 1/13/2020 (version 8.0) to 7/21/22 (version 15.0). This error has been fixed in version 15.0 release. Park Access: Update to 2022 data PLACES Project: Add 2020 data for 10 metrics Unemployment – current, city-level: Add data through December 2022 Walkability: Update to 2022 data; New method for generating city-level estimates Addition of new city estimate censorship criteria Addition of 67 smaller cities from the 2023 “Put Us On the Map” Challenge |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of prior years of data for small cities for most metrics, where available • Modification of FIPS code for Macon, GA • City overview, demographic estimates: Update to 2021 data |
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| Codebook Version | Downloadable Data Version | Approx. Date Data Posted Online | Update Notes |
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| 16.0 | 16.0 | 3/28/2023 | <p>Housing cost, excessive: replace housing cost, excessive with new metric Rent burden (ACS)</p> <p>Air pollution - ozone: Add 2021</p> <p>Violent Crime: Removal of metric</p> <p>Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of September 2022- November 2022 data</p> |
| 15.1 | 15.1 | 9/6/2022 | <p>Firearm suicides: Release of new metric; 2014 – 2020 data (5 year estimate)</p> <p>Firearm homicides: Release of new metric; 2014 – 2020 data (5 year estimate)</p> <p>Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of March 2022-May 2022 data</p> |
| 15.0 | 15.0 | 7/27/2022 | <p>ACS metrics: Add 2020 (5 year estimate) data</p> <p>NVSS metrics: Add 2018, 2019, and 2020 (3 year estimate) data</p> <p>Addition of 140 new cities, including 69 represented by a new Census geography: County Subdivisions (Minor Civil Divisions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of <i>city_fips</i> and <i>stcosub_fips</i> variables <p>Addition of 2020 tract and city geographies to support metric data from 2020 Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of <i>census_year</i> variable <p>Addition of <i>data_yr</i> variable</p> <p>Geographic Identifiers: Update to v2.0</p> |
| 14.1 | 14.1 | 5/17/22 | <p>Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of December 2021-February 2022 data</p> <p>Income inequality: Correction of 2019 tract data. <i>Income bracket \$25k-\$29,999 was unintentionally excluded in versions 12.0 and later.</i></p> <p>Uninsured: Correction of 2018 and 2019 city data. <i>“2 or more races” category was unintentionally excluded from the “Other” race/ethnicity demographic group.</i></p> |
| 14.0 | 14.0 | 3/29/22 | <p>PLACES Project: Addition of 2019, 1 Year Modeled Estimates</p> <p>Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of November 2021 data</p> <p>Air pollution – particulate matter: Addition of 2018 data</p> <p>Credit Insecurity Index: Release of new metric; 2020 NY Fed/Equifax data</p> <p>Air pollution – ozone: Release of new metric; 01/2018-12/2020 George Mason University data</p> |

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| 13.1 | 13.1 | 1/11/22 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of July-October 2021 data High blood pressure: Correction of tract data_yr_type variable from “2018, 1 Year Modeled Estimate” to “2017, 1 Year Modeled Estimate” |
| 13.0 | 13.0 | 11/1/21 | Absenteeism: Update to 2017-2018 data; Update data source to incorporate data from ED Facts Third-grade reading scores: Replace Third-grade reading proficiency with new data source (Stanford Education Data Archive); addition of years 2011-2018 Limited access to healthy food: Addition of 2019 data Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of June 2021 data Routine checkup, 18+: Release of new metric; 2014-2018 500 Cities/PLACES data |
| 12.3 | 12.3 | 9/6/21 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of May 2021 data |
| 12.2 | 12.2 | 8/2/21 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of April 2021 data |
| 12.1 | 12.1 | 7/12/21 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of February and March 2021 data |
| 12.0 | 12.0 | 6/1/21 | ACS metrics: Add 2019 (5 year estimate) data Unemployment – annual, neighborhood-level: Slight revision of estimates to improve precision; see Technical Documentation, page 41 for more details. Air pollution: Add 2017 CMAQ data Violent crime: Add 2019 UCR data Broadband connection: Release of new metric; 2017, 2018, 2019 ACS (5 year estimate) data |
| 11.0 | 11.0 | 3/1/21 | COVID Local Risk Index: Replace with updated Index estimates; Newly available for download and via API PLACES Project (formerly 500 Cities Project): Addition of 2020 release Preventive services, 65+: Name changed from “Preventive services”; Revision of 2014, 2016 estimates to improve accuracy Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of November 2020 data |
| 10.4 | 10.4 | 2/1/21 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of October 2020 data Income inequality: 20 th and 80 th percentile cut points updated for 2013, 2014 to more closely approximate underlying distribution |
| 10.3 | 10.3 | 1/7/21 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of September 2020 data Unemployment – annual, neighborhood-level: Metric added back to website; still available for download |
| 10.2 | 10.2 | 12/1/20 | Unemployment – current, city-level: Addition of August 2020 data |
| 10.1 | 10.1 | 11/10/20 | Unemployment – current, city-level : Addition of new metric Unemployment – annual, neighborhood-level: Temporarily removal from website; still available for download; name changed from “Unemployment” High school completion: Replace High school graduation with new data source, multi-year data, and tract-level data |

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| | | | <p>Geographic Identifiers – Master List.zip: Remove zip_code variable and update to v3.1</p> <p>Walkability: For cities with only one census tract, city-level values are set equal to tract-level values</p> |
| 9.1 | 9.0 | 5/11/20 | <p>COVID Local Risk Index released on 6/4/20; codebook v9.1 updated with references to this metric. COVID Local Risk Index is not included in downloadable data v9.0 or via API.</p> |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 5/11/20 | <p>Addition of 256 cities (see Technical Document, Part 1); metric data for these cities added where available.</p> <p>ACS metrics: Addition of 2018 data</p> <p>Life expectancy: Addition of estimates for Maine and Wisconsin as per updates to USALEEP</p> <p>NVSS metrics: Addition of data for some years and metrics for consolidated cities (Athens, GA; Augusta, GA; Indianapolis, IN; Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN)</p> <p>Walkability updated to 2019</p> <p>Geographic Identifiers – Master List.zip: Update of this file to v3.0 from v2.0</p> |
| 8.1 | 8.1 | 2/7/20 | <p>Correction of tract-level housing with potential lead risk and tract-level park access data. <i>Previous versions of downloadable data released a minority of confidence intervals less than 0% or greater than 100%. Version 8.1 corrects this error.</i></p> |
| 8.0 | 8.0 | 2/3/20 | <p>Addition of 10 cities (see Technical Document, Part 1); metric data for these cities added where available. <i>NOTE 1: NVSS metrics: Calculation uses NJSHAD data (see Technical Document, Part 1). NOTE 2: Low birthweight, teen births: 2016-2018 data is added for these 10 cities only; data for both 2015-2017 (initial release in v7.0) and 2016-2018 are released in .csv and .txt format for these metrics.</i></p> <p>500 Cities Project: addition of 2019 release</p> <p>Air pollution data: addition of 2016</p> <p>Park access city data: updated to 2018; addition of tract-level park access data</p> <p>Violent crime data: addition of 2018</p> <p>Tract data: Insertion of stpl_fips variable to downloadable data and API</p> <p>Geographic Identifiers – Master List.zip: Update of this file to v2.0 from v1.1; update of tract-ZIP crosswalk to 2019 Quarter 2</p> |
| 7.2 | 7.1 | 10/7/19 | <p>Geographic Identifiers – Master List.zip: Update of this file to v1.1 from v1.0 to correct place_FIPS variable. <i>This variable was incorrectly displayed for some cities.</i></p> <p>No changes were made to downloadable data v7.1. Codebook updated to v7.2 from v7.1 to note correction of Geographic Identifiers – Master List</p> |
| 7.0, 7.1 | 7.0, 7.1 | 8/29/19 | <p>NVSS metrics: Added 2010-2012, 2011-2013, 2012-2014, 2015-2017 data. <i>NOTE: Prenatal care: 2010-2012, 2011-2013, 2012-2014 not released.</i></p> <p>NVSS metrics: Revision to 2013-2015 and 2014-2016 estimates for improved accuracy</p> <p>NVSS metrics: Removal of county-level (county_indicator = 1,2) total population and sex estimates (except for Honolulu, HI and Macon, GA: see Technical Document Part 1)</p> |

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| 6.3 | 6.2 | 7/26/19 | <p>Tract data: Revision of variable city_name from “Honolulu County” to “Honolulu” where stpl_fips = 15003.</p> <p>City data: Correction of place_FIPS variable. <i>This variable was incorrectly displayed for some cities in data v6.0 and v6.1.</i></p> <p>.txt files: Correction of missing leading zeros for state_fips, place_fips, stpl_fips. <i>Leading zeroes were unintentionally dropped in v6.0 and v6.1.</i></p> |
| 6.2 | 6.1 | 7/16/19 | <p>Correction of South Carolina high school graduation data (LEP stratum only). <i>Downloadable data v6.0 provided an incorrect LEP estimate for cities in South Carolina only. These errors were corrected in data v6.1.</i></p> |
| 6.1 | 6.0 | 6/12/19 | <p>Minor clarifying revisions to codebook; no data changes</p> |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6/12/19 | <p>Launch of Beta API; release of multi-year data (API only)</p> <p>High school graduation estimates updated to June 2019 release; introduction of limited English proficiency stratum</p> <p>Air pollution data updated to 2015</p> <p>Removal of stratum educ_indicator = 3 (“estimate is a midpoint of a rate range”). <i>The data sources used in calculation of the high school graduation metric released in June 2019 do not include rate ranges.</i></p> <p>Correction of metric_name entries for uninsured (tract) from “Uninsurance” to “Uninsured”. <i>Downloadable data versions 1 to 5.2 mislabeled “2014, 2 year modelled estimates” tract-level dental care and preventive services estimates as “2015, 2 year modelled estimates” under variable “data_yr_type”. These errors are corrected in v6.0. (These 2014 data are available for download by API only.)</i></p> |
| 5.3 | 5.3 | 5/3/19 | <p>Correction of Honolulu walkability data. <i>Downloadable data versions 1 to 5.2 provided an incorrect city score for walkability in Honolulu and omitted tract-level walkability Honolulu data. These errors are corrected in v5.3.</i></p> |
| 5.2 | 5.2 | 3/21/19 | <p>Correction of city-level unemployment data. <i>Values for “Asian” and “other” subgroups were unintentionally omitted from v5.1 This error is corrected in v5.2.</i></p> |
| 5.1 | 5.1 | 2/26/19 | <p>Correction of tract-level preventive services data. <i>Downloadable data v4.0 and v5.0: (1) unintentionally included tract-level preventive services estimates for male and female subgroups from the 500 Cities Project 2018 release⁵ and (2) mislabeled “2016, 2 year modelled estimates” tract-level preventive services estimates for total population as “2015, 2 year modelled estimates” under variable “data_yr_type”. These errors are corrected in v5.1.</i></p> |
| 5.0 | 5.0 | 2/21/19 | <p>ACS data updated to 2017</p> <p>Air pollution data updated to 2014</p> <p>Revised age strata (see Section 8)</p> |
| 4.0 | 4.0 | 12/20/18 | <p>NVSS (NCHS) data updated to 2014-16</p> <p>NVSS (NCHS) disclaimer added to city CSV and .txt files – column “NOTE - NCHS Disclaimer”</p> <p>500 Cities Project updated to 2018 release</p> <p>Primary care physicians data removed from downloadable data (see Section 8)</p> |
| 3.0 | 3.0 | 10/29/18 | <p>Inclusion of park access data in downloadable dataset</p> <p>Inclusion of life expectancy data in downloadable dataset</p> <p>Absenteeism data updated to 2015-16 data</p> <p>Violent crime data updated to 2017 data</p> |

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| | | | Updated uninsured data (ACS replaces 500 Cities Project as data source; revised strata) |
| 2.1 | -- | 7/17/18 | Addition of the following metrics to downloadable data: teen births; breast cancer deaths; cardiovascular disease deaths; colorectal cancer deaths; low birthweight; opioid overdose deaths; premature deaths (all causes); prenatal care |
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