



# Learn More About Public Health Data

## Some websites where you can learn about programs shown to improve health are:

The Guide to Community Preventive Services:

<https://www.thecommunityguide.org/>

CDC Community Health Improvement Navigator Database of Interventions:

<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/chidatabase>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center>

Cochrane Public Health Library:

<https://ph.cochrane.org/>

## Some websites where you can see national public health data are:

Healthy People 2020:

<https://www.healthypeople.gov/>

County Health Rankings:

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

Annie E. Case Foundation (Kids Count):

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Neighborhood Life Expectancy tool:

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/interactives/>

There are lots of types of data that can be used to learn about the health of your community. Some words used to describe data are:

- **Primary** data (data collected by *you*),
- **Secondary** data (data collected by *someone else*),
- **Qualitative** data (words, like focus groups and interviews), and
- **Quantitative** data (numbers, like surveys).

Public health departments have access to *secondary quantitative* data that can tell you about your community in terms of chronic disease and disability, communicable and infectious disease, behavioral health, and more.

**The Montana Public Health Data Resource Guide** explains what data the Public Health and Safety Division of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services collects, uses, and shares.

- [https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/Epidemiology/MT\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/Epidemiology/MT_Resource_Guide.pdf)

**Montana IBIS** is a go-to source for data on Montana's top public health issues where you can build custom reports to learn more about your community's health.

- <http://ibis.mt.gov/>

**The State Health Assessment (SHA)** is a resource made every five years to provide an up-to-date picture of the health of Montanans. **The State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)** tracks progress to improve five top health issues that impact our state.

- <https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/ahhealthiermontana>

### Montana Public Health System Improvement Office

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/buildinghealthysystems>

### Montana Office of Epidemiology and Scientific Support

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/Epidemiology>

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