## Health, United States: History and Future Directions

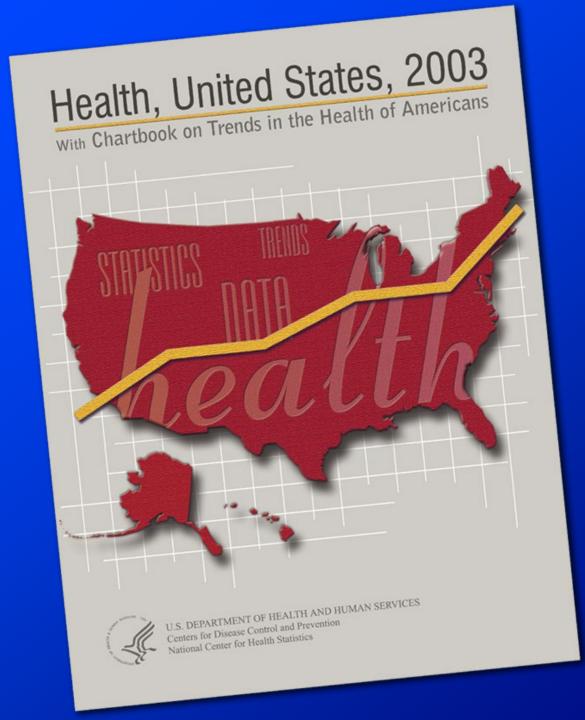
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- Legislation
- Goals/audiences
- 2003 edition: content, format, dissemination, marketing
- Content of past editions
- Sources of input on content
- Constraints

• Questions for consideration by BSC

# Health, US is Mandated by the Public Health Service Act

Each year the Secretary shall submit to the President and Congress reports on: • Health care costs and financing trends • Health resources by geographic area Utilization of health resources by age, sex, income, geographic area • The health of the Nation's people by age, sex, income, geographic area



 Comprehensive source on national trends in health statistics

- Useful to a wide audience
- Timely
- Accurate
- Easy to access



- Policymakers
- Researchers
- Public health professionals
- Educators/students
- Librarians

## **Content & Format of Health US 2003**

Highlights summarize major findings
Chartbook:

**Trends in the health of Americans** 

 Tables on trends in 4 areas in legislation

**150 tables/60 data sources** 

Appendixes : I - Data sources

**II - Definitions and methods** 

III - Additional data years on web

Index to tables

## Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans

- Population (age, race/ethnicity, poverty)
- Health insurance
- Preventive health care
- Health risk factors
- Limitation of activity
- Mortality

Diabetes (special topic for 2003)

**Report Includes Extensive Technical Notes to Help Interpret Data** 

- Change in ICD revision from 9 to 10
- Change to 2000 population standard for age adjustment
- Change in OMB standards for race/ethnicity groups
- Change to 2000-based population estimates bridged to single race groups
- Data reliability
- Changes in surveys

### **Health US 2003 Dissemination**

### Printed report

**11,500 distributed by NCHS also sold by GPO** 

- Web site
- CD-ROM

 Printed special excerpt: Trend tables on 65 and Older Population (50 tables) – distributed at selected meetings

### **Health US Web Site**

- Complete report as pdf file
- Tables in separate pdf files
- Chartbook in separate pdf file
- Excel spreadsheets with additional data
- Table updates

• All previous editions back to 1975

**Marketing Health US 2003** 

News release by DHHS

- Postcards 30,000 mailed
- Listserv
- Announcement in MMWR
- Meeting exhibits
- Magnets/ bookmarks

History of Report Content (see handout)

- Trend tables on 4 areas in legislation appear in all editions
- 1975-1983:
  - Chapters/short articles on selected heath topics
- 1984-2003:

Chartbook section in most years

### **Selected Chartbook Topics**

- Minority health (1990)
- Women's health (1995)
- Socioeconomic status and health (1998)
- Aging (1999)
- Adolescent health (2000)
- Urban and rural health (2001)

 Trends in the health of Americans (2002 forward with special topic section each year)

## **Sources of Input on Content**

- NCHS staff/reviewers
- CDC reviewers
- DHHS reviewers
- NCVHS
- External experts on special focus areas
- Other sources such as
  - AJE 2000 book review
  - User email

### Constraints

- Legislative requirements
- Clearance process
- Annual schedule
- Resources

## **Review and Clearance**

**Draft highlights/chartbook reviewed by:** • NCHS senior staff • CDC CIOs • DHHS Data Council • NCVHS Other selected experts **Clearance book reviewed by:** • DHHS OS DHHS agencies

**Timeline for 2004 Edition** Sept-Dec 03 **Jan 04** Feb-Mar 04 Apr-Jun 04 Jul-Aug 04 Sept 04 **Nov 04** 

**Prepare draft** Review (1 mo.) **Revise/update** Clearance (3 mo.) Printing (2 mo.) Release Web update

### **Questions for Consideration**

- How should we decide on future directions for Health US?
- Should we conduct a review outside of the annual clearance?
- On what aspects of the report?

target audience, content, format?

- What process should be used?
- Who should provide the input?

**Some Possible Areas for Input** Audience Whom should we be targeting? Content Should the mix of topics be changed? Should it be more/less technical? Format Should the format be modified? How can the web site be improved?

Who Should Provide the Input on a Comprehensive Report?

- Experts from each audience/content area?
- Experts from most important audience(s)?
- Experts on statistical reports?
- Selected users of the report?