

CDC—HEALTH STATISTICS

FY 2017 President's Budget Request | \$160 Million

Mission

As the nation's principal health statistics agency, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) provides statistical information that guides actions and policies to improve the health of the American people.

Major Programs

- National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)
- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
- National Health Care Surveys
- National Survey of Family Growth
- Office of Analysis and Epidemiology
- Office of Research and Methodology

Goal Highlights

- Collect, analyze, and disseminate timely and relevant statistical information on health, including access to and use of the health care system
- Compare data across time, populations, providers, and geographic areas
- Improve data quality and lower costs through improved survey methodologies and analytical techniques
- Use innovative technology to increase data accessibility

Why We're Here

High-quality health statistics are necessary to make evidence-based decisions to improve health and health care in the United States. As one of the nation's thirteen principal statistical agencies, NCHS collects, analyzes, and disseminates accurate, objective data to monitor long-term trends as well as detect short-term changes of public health importance.

These trusted statistics are used by HHS, CDC, public health partners, clinicians, businesses, researchers, students, and policymakers to plan and evaluate policies and programs, efficiently allocate resources, identify health disparities, conduct biomedical and health services research, and raise awareness of health issues.

Providing Health Statistics for the Nation

NVSS



7%

increase in the age-adjusted drug overdose death rate from 2013 to 2014

NHIS



9%

of the U.S. population were uninsured in the first 6 months of 2015

NHANES



36%
of adults

were obese in 2011–2014

National Health Care Surveys



1 in 2

physicians in the U.S. used a basic electronic health record (EHR) system in 2014

How We Work

- Present a complete picture of the United States population's health using a variety of data collection mechanisms, including:
 - Birth and death records from the 57 vital registration jurisdictions
 - In-person household interviews
 - Direct physical examinations and laboratory testing
 - Surveys of health care providers about their organization, services rendered, and patients served
- Conduct research on statistical methodology to ensure data quality and promote innovation
- Provide data access services and reports targeted to data users with varying needs



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Impact Highlights



Received 12.15 million hits to CDC's health statistics website, connecting users to data and reports on a variety of health and health-related topics



Launched the Vital Statistics Rapid Release program, providing more timely estimates of important health indicators for researchers, practitioners, and health policymakers



Increased the percentage of mortality records reported within 10 days from 14% in 2012 to 40% in 2015, following work with states to improve electronic reporting



Expanded the 2014 NHIS sample to produce estimates of health insurance coverage in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.



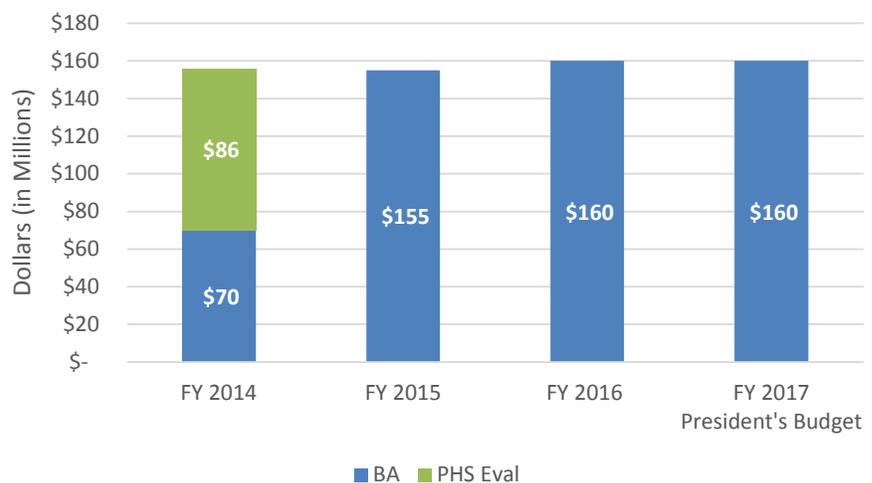
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The request of \$160 million for Health Statistics within the Public Health Scientific Services is in Budget Authority (BA) and is level with the FY 2016 Enacted level.

Budget Highlights

- Purchase, process, and analyze birth and death data from the vital registration jurisdictions to provide the nation's official birth, death, and fetal death statistics
- Continue working with states and partners on strategies to expand electronic death reporting to provide faster, better quality data on deaths of public health importance, including prescription drug overdose deaths
- Continue baseline data collection for the NHIS, NHANES, and National Health Care Surveys
- Streamline the 2018 NHIS questionnaire, reducing respondent burden while maintaining the ability to monitor trends
- Investigate ways to incorporate administrative data and electronic health record information into health care provider surveys
- Generate accessible data through mobile devices and easily interpretable interactive graphics, including an online data visualization gallery with national and state data on critical health topics

Health Statistics Funding History



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