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WHO WE ARE

Part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and one of 13 federal statistical agencies, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is uniquely charged with measuring the nation's health

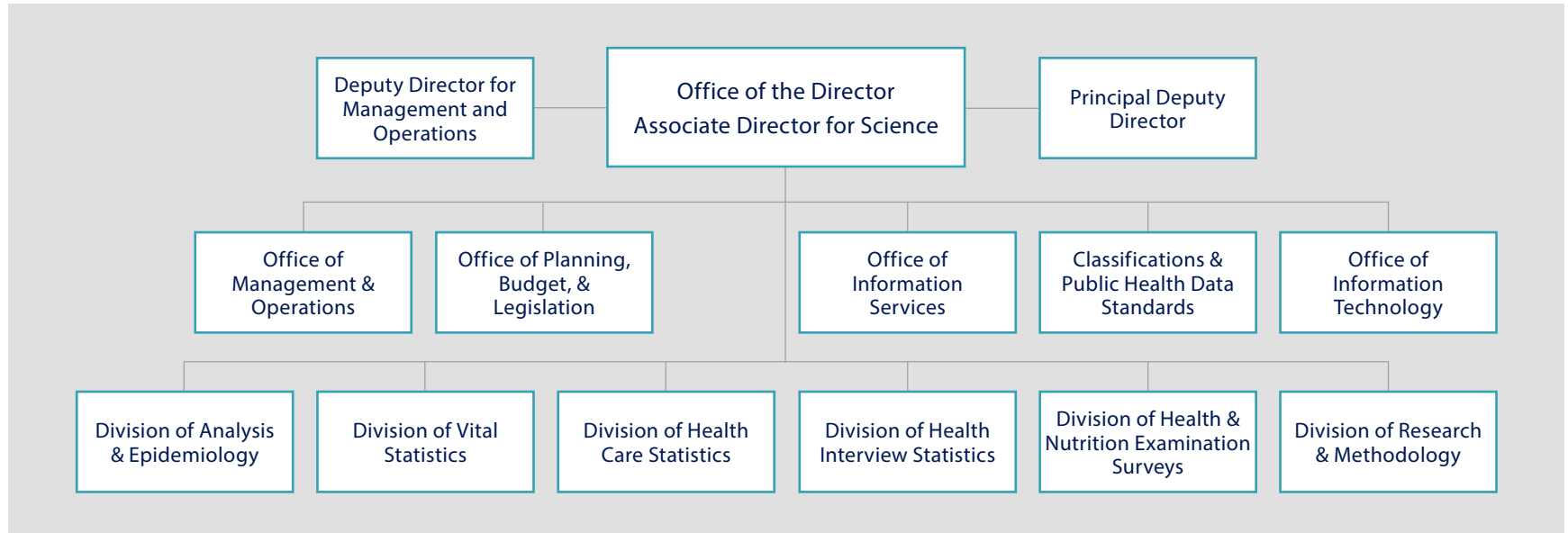


OUR ORGANIZATION

NCHS comprises six distinct divisions and five mission-support offices



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WHAT WE DO

More than just numbers, NCHS data have the power to improve public health in profound and meaningful ways



OUR VISION

To be a world-class innovator and provider of health statistics

OUR MISSION

To collect, analyze, and disseminate timely, relevant, and accurate health statistics.

Our statistics inform the public and guide program and policy decisions to improve our nation's health.

THE WHY BEHIND OUR WORK

Because of NCHS, we know more now about health and wellness in the United States than ever before



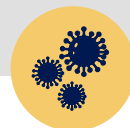
Health insurance coverage is at an all-time high



Drug overdose deaths are on the rise again



Women are more likely than men to receive treatment for mental health issues



People of color are more likely to die from COVID-19



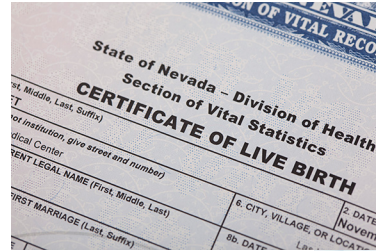
Hypertension in adults is on the rise



The teen birth rate is at a record low

HOW WE GET DATA

NCHS collects data through surveys, vital and medical records, interviews, physical examinations, and laboratory tests



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Emergency Department Visits for Influenza and Pneumonia: United States, 2016–2018

Lorenae Smith, M.D., M.P.H., Susan M. Schoppert, M.A., and Jill J. Ahman, Ph.D.

Key Findings

Data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

- The emergency department (ED) visit rate for 1,000 patients with influenza, pneumonia, and COVID-19 was 7.9 for patients with influenza, 4.4 for patients with pneumonia, and 12.2 for patients with COVID-19.
- The ED visit rate for patients with influenza and pneumonia was higher among people aged 18 and older, children and increased with age among adults.
- The ED visit rate for patients with influenza and pneumonia was higher among non-Hispanic Black persons compared with persons from other race and ethnicity groups.
- The ED visit rate for patients with influenza and pneumonia was higher for persons with Medicaid (17.9 per 1,000 persons) and Medicare (12.9 per 1,000 persons) compared with persons with private insurance or no insurance.

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NCHS Data Visualization Gallery

Leading Causes of Death in the United States, 1999–2017

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Figure 1. Emergency department visit rates for patients with influenza and pneumonia—United States, 2016–2018

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DATA SHARING

NCHS data are analyzed and shared with the public in different ways

Learn more about our data dissemination methods

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OUR IMPACT

Findings from NCHS often headline national news and can lead to positive change in high-impact areas like funding, policy, and activism



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Rural Communities Fall Further Behind In COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

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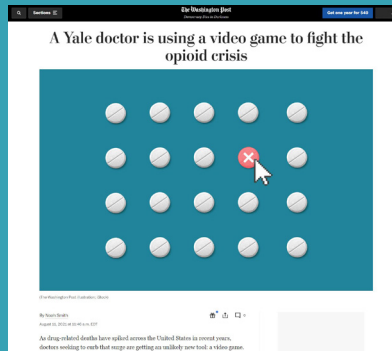
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People with disabilities are likely to have vaccination rates in some rural communities. The Vaccination Transportation Initiative sponsored and helps rural residents get the COVID-19 vaccine in safe technology. The other works to overcome the lack of transportation and access to technology for rural residents.

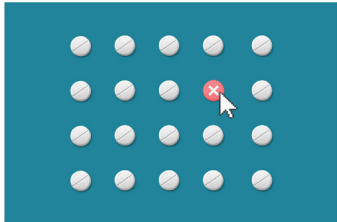
Rural communities outside America's cities are falling further behind in the race to vaccinate against COVID-19 as President Joe Biden's Fourth of July goal to reach 70% of American adults looms over the horizon.

Alaska is the state where average rural rates of fully vaccinated people have grown faster than urban rates since April 19, when every state opened clinics for anybody 16 and older, according to NPR's latest analysis of county-level vaccination data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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A Yale doctor is using a video game to fight the opioid crisis



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By Ryan Davis
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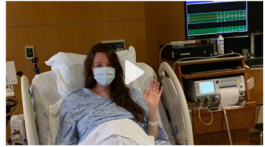
An opioid overdose has spilled across the United States to record rates, doctors working to curb that surge are getting an unlikely new tool: a video game.



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US births fell during the pandemic, CDC data show

By **Jacqueline Rose**, CNN
Updated 10:48 AM ET, Wed, June 23, 2021



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Four, partly as women navigate pregnancy during a pandemic. (CNN)

(CNN) — The number of births in the United States fell by 4% last year, according to a new report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the pandemic may have prevented the "perfect storm" for accelerated declines.

It's "the largest annual decline in the number of births since 1973," CDC researchers write in their report.

Births had been falling by about 2% a year already, but 2020 brought a greater decline, the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics reports.

CDC researchers counted 3.8 million births in 2020, based on provisional data. That's a decrease from about 3.75 million births in 2019 and 3.8 million births in 2018.

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Fear of COVID-19 in Kids Is Getting Ahead of the Data

Shielding children from danger is a functional instinct. Tolerating risk for them is hard—but necessary—emotional work.

By **Luz McBride**



Published on June 16, 2021



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Overscheduled: The Dilemma of Working From Home And Why Breaks Are The Solution

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OUR FOOTPRINT

NCHS's mission is carried out by a multidisciplinary team with unique skills, backgrounds, and perspectives

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Employees
and
contractors

More than
60%

Have
post-graduate
degrees

71%

Of staff are
women

38%

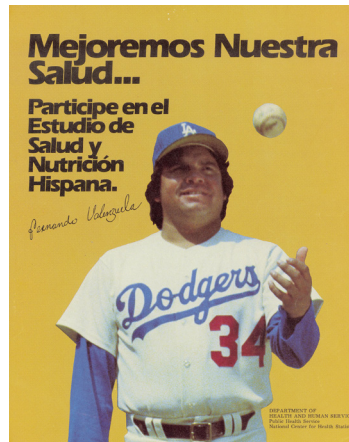
Of our leaders
are people
of color

37%

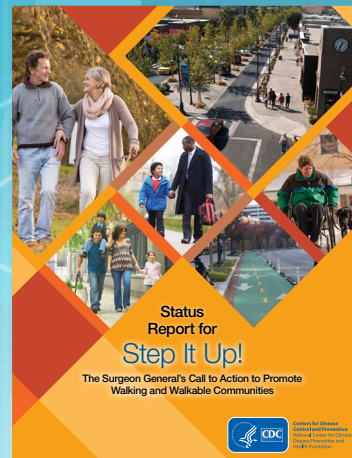
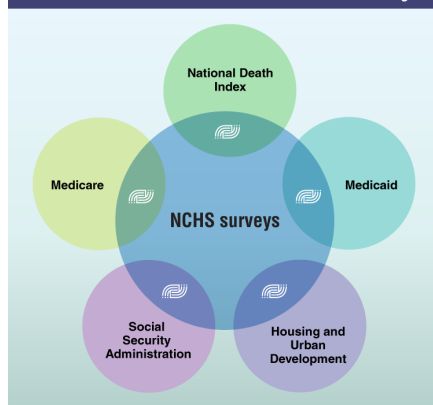
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OUR DOMESTIC REACH

NCHS' work is used by other CDC centers and government agencies, public health groups, and private industry

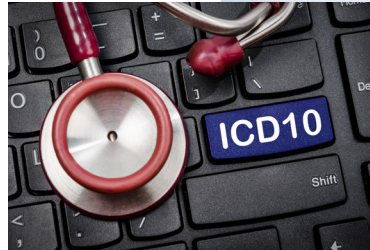


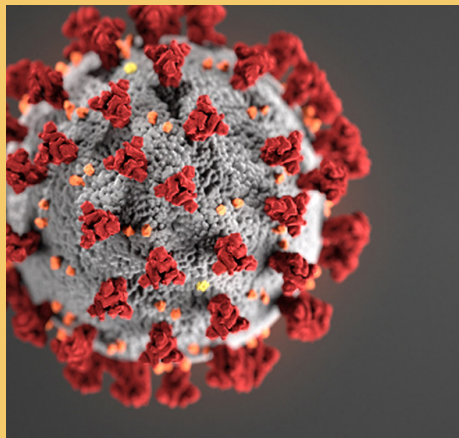
Current National Center for Health Statistics Data Linkages



OUR INTERNATIONAL REACH

NCHS partners with international groups to raise awareness about global issues and to improve world health





BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

NCHS staff are frequently called upon to lend their skills and expertise when unique or challenging public health needs arise



EMPLOYEE MORALE

Workplace satisfaction is high at NCHS

Data from the 2020 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey

89.1%

I know how my work relates to the agency's goals

88.5%

My supervisor supports my need to balance work and other life issues

87.3%

My supervisor treats me with respect

81.8%

My work gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment

RENOWNED EXPERTISE

NCHS staff are frequently recognized for their public health achievements

Recent staff awards:

- Award for Contributions to 2020 Surgeon General's Call to Action to Improve Maternal Health
- APHA Injury Control and Emergency Health Section's 2019 Excellence in Science Award
- American Statistical Association 2019 Outstanding Chapter Service Award
- DC Department of Forensic Sciences 2020 Director's Award
- 2019 Outstanding Research Paper Award from the Seniors Housing and Care Journal

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

NCHS believes a diverse team is the best team and actively seeks ways to strengthen equity and inclusion at the Center



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MISSION

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GOAL 3

Build on NCHS' workforce and operational excellence

Objective 3.1: Strengthen NCHS' workforce management

- Build and implement a workforce strategy
- Foster a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce
- Refine NCHS recruitment strategies

Objective 3.2: Improve internal advancement

- Build and maintain strategic partnerships with public and private entities
- Further collaboration with current partners
- Broaden engagement with new partners

GOAL 2

Accelerate NCHS' health data capabilities

- Objective 2.1: Modernize data systems and infrastructure
 - Maintain and enhance current data systems
 - Improve integration of data to update infrastructure to support new capabilities
- Objective 2.2: Expand data collection methods
 - Identify new and non-traditional data sources
 - Modernize and innovate NCHS surveys to acquire health data
 - Leverage enterprise services to identify and aggregate health data
- Objective 2.3: Enhance analytical tools and techniques
 - Strengthen current modeling, projections, and other capabilities
 - Identify and implement innovative analytical methods

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Objective 3.2: Improve professional development, leadership, and capacity of staff

- Expand technical and leadership skills for all NCHS staff
- Emphasize on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in trainings, programming, and policies
- Advance succession planning efforts and processes

Objective 3.3: Improve internal coordination, collaboration, and operations

- Improve speed and agility of internal operations
- Increase transparency of work and collaboration across NCHS
- Address barriers to internal knowledge sharing, communication and collaboration

ACCURACY | QUALITY | TRUST | INTEGRITY | OBJECTIVITY

EMPLOYEE-FOCUSED WORKPLACE

NCHS promotes a positive work–life balance through robust telework opportunities, flexible work schedule, an onsite fitness center, and many opportunities for professional development





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