

Health, United States: History and Future Directions

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With Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans



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Outline

- **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**

Goals

- **Comprehensive source on national trends in health statistics**
- **Useful to a wide audience**
- **Timely**
- **Accurate**
- **Easy to access**

Audiences

- **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 health 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

Prepare draft

Jan 04

Review (1 mo.)

Feb-Mar 04

Revise/update

Apr-Jun 04

Clearance (3 mo.)

Jul-Aug 04

Printing (2 mo.)

Sept 04

Release

Nov 04

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?**