Getting Started Guide –
500 Cities Project

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500 Cities: Local Data for Better Health

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The 500 Cities project is a collaboration between CDC, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the CDC Foundation. The purpose of the 500 Cities Project is to provide city- and census tract-level small area estimates for chronic disease risk factors, health outcomes, and clinical preventive service use for the largest 500 cities in the United States. These small area estimates will allow cities and local health departments to better understand the burden and geographic distribution of health-related variables in their jurisdictions, and assist them in planning public health interventions. See bottom of page for the note for data users. Learn more about the 500 Cities Project.
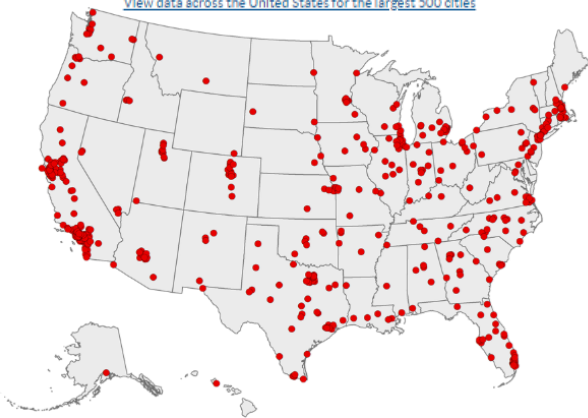
How are you using 500 Cities data?

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→ **Overview includes project purpose, cities served, and unique value of project**

500 Cities Project Interactive Map

View data across the United States for the largest 500 cities

→ **Interactive map allows you to compare health measures by state or city**

Select a State ▾ Go

View data by measure

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Measure
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Measure definitions

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Download Maps for All Measures by City (PDF)

Select a state to view map books for available cities. Each map book contains census-tract data for all 28 measures for one city.

Select one ▾
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→ **Users may download geographic maps based on search query (in PDF)**

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→ **Datasets and figures available for download based on health topic**

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→ **Users may select complete datasets, compare health measures by geographic level, and access related links**

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- Behavioral Risk Factors
- Chronic Disease Indicators
- Health-Related Quality of Life
- Healthy Aging
- Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
- Maternal & Child Health
- Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity
- Oral Health
- Tobacco Use
- Vision & Eye Health
- Youth Risk Behaviors

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➢ **500 Cities Data Portal – example**

Q 500 Cities: Obesity among adults aged >=18 years

Categories		141 Results		Sort by Most Relevant

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Alcohol-Related Disease Impact

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Chronic Disease Indicators

Health-Related Quality of Life

Healthy Aging

Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

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Year	State..	State..	City..	Geograp..	Data..	Cate..	Uniq..	Measure	Data_Va..
2015	US	United St..		US	BRFSS	Unhealth..	59	Obesity amon..	%
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2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	City	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000	Obesity amon..	%
2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	City	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000	Obesity amon..	%
2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	Census Tract	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000-..	Obesity amon..	%
2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	Census Tract	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000-..	Obesity amon..	%
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2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	Census Tract	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000-..	Obesity amon..	%
2015	AL	Alabama	Birmingh..	Census Tract	BRFSS	Unhealth..	0107000-..	Obesity amon..	%

Filter ✕

Conditional Formatting ◄

Sort & Roll-Up ◄

Filter ⌄

Filter this dataset based on contents.

You are in simplified mode. Go advanced now?

GeographicLevel is
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StateAbbr is
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	Chicago	City	BRFSS	Unhealth...	1714000	Obesity amon...	%	AgeAdjPrv	Age-adjusted ...
	Chicago	City	BRFSS	Unhealth...	1714000	Obesity amon...	%	CrdPrv	Crude preva...
	Chicago	Census Tract	BRFSS	Unhealth...	1714000-...	Obesity amon...	%	CrdPrv	Crude prevale...
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→ The crude and age-adjusted prevalence estimates are returned for our specified search criteria

→ In the 'Filter' fields, we specify IL and Chicago for our state and city

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Filter

StateAbbr is
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With the following base filters

Category is Unhealthy Behaviors

and

MeasureId is OBESITY

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→ In the 'Export' tab, we can also download the dataset in different formats

→ In this example, we selected to export the dataset as a CSV for Excel

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4	2015	IL	Illinois	Chicago	Census Tr	BRFSS	Unhealthy	1714000-1	Obesity ar	%	CrdPrv	Crude pre	36.1			34.7
5	2015	IL	Illinois	Chicago	Census Tr	BRFSS	Unhealthy	1714000-1	Obesity ar	%	CrdPrv	Crude pre	37.5			36.5
6	2015	IL	Illinois	Chicago	Census Tr	BRFSS	Unhealthy	1714000-1	Obesity ar	%	CrdPrv	Crude pre	35.9			34.7
7	2015	IL	Illinois	Chicago	Census Tr	BRFSS	Unhealthy	1714000-1	Obesity ar	%	CrdPrv	Crude pre	32.9			31.7
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The initial set of MapBooks released in December 2016 contained errors in the titles for the maps of arthritis, cancer, and heart disease. Incorrect age-ranges were listed in the titles. All data and maps, however, were correct and were unaffected. CDC revised the MapBooks to correct the map titles, and the...

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Mobile, AL 📄 [PDF-27.1MB]

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› Alaska

› Arizona

› Arkansas

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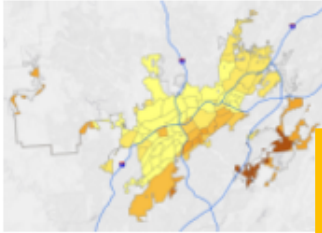
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Illinois ▾

View map books

→ In this example, we want to look at coronary heart disease prevalence estimates among adults in Chicago

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⌄ **Illinois**

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Bolingbrook, IL 📕 [PDF-18.4MB]

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Waukegan, IL 📕 [PDF-23.6MB]

→ **We first select Illinois and then click on the map book for Chicago**

Measure	Crude			Age-Adjusted			State Age-Adjusted	US Age-Adjusted
	Prevalence	Low 95% CI	High 95% CI	Prevalence	Low 95% CI	High 95% CI	Prevalence	Prevalence
Chicago *IL*								
Binge drinking prevalence among adults aged >=18 years				18.7		18.8	20.9	16.8
Current smoking among adults aged >=18 years				19.0		19.2	16.7	17.7
No leisure-time physical activity among adults aged >=18 years				27.5		27.7	23.6	23.3
Obesity among adults aged >=18 years				31.3		31.4	29.2	28.7
Sleeping less than 7 hours among adults aged >=18 years				37.3		37.4	34.4	35.1
Arthritis among adults aged >=18 years				24.1		24.2	23.7	23.5
Current asthma prevalence among adults aged >=18 years				10.2		10.2	9.1	8.8
High blood pressure among adults aged >=18 years				31.5		31.6	28.7	30.2
High cholesterol among adults aged >=18 years who have been screened i 5 years				31.5		31.6	32.1	33.2
Cancer among adults aged >=18 years				5.3		5.3	4.8	5.9
Diagnosed diabetes among adults aged >=18 years	11.2	11.2	11.2	12.4	12.3	12.4	9.4	9.4
Chronic kidney disease among adults aged >=18 years	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.6
Coronary heart disease among adults aged >=18 years	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.3	6.0
Mental health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years	12.3	12.2	12.3	12.1	12.0	12.2	10.5	11.5
Physical health not good for >=14 days among adults aged >=18 years	12.8	12.7	12.9	13.5	13.4	13.5	11.2	11.6
All teeth lost among adults aged >=65 years	18.5	18.2	18.7	18.5	18.2	18.7	17.0	15.4
Current lack of health insurance among adults aged 18-64 years				18.6		18.9	14.7	14.9
Visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adult years				69.9		70.0	68.1	68.7
Visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults aged >=18 years				56.2		56.5	63.6	64.1
Taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults > high blood pressure				62.8		62.9	59.9	58.2

→ Each map book contains a table of values

→ In this example, we locate the estimates for our topic of interest: coronary heart disease

→ We scroll down and locate our map depicting coronary heart disease among adults in Chicago by census tract

Coronary heart disease among adults aged 18-64 years by census tract, Chicago, IL, 2014

Percent (%)
- 0.3 - 3.1
- 3.2 - 4.5
- 4.6 - 5.7
- 5.8 - 6.9
- 7.0 - 8.2
- 8.3 - 9.8
- 9.9 - 12.3
- 12.4 - 16.7
- City boundary
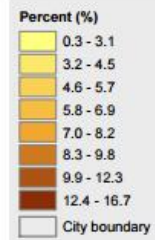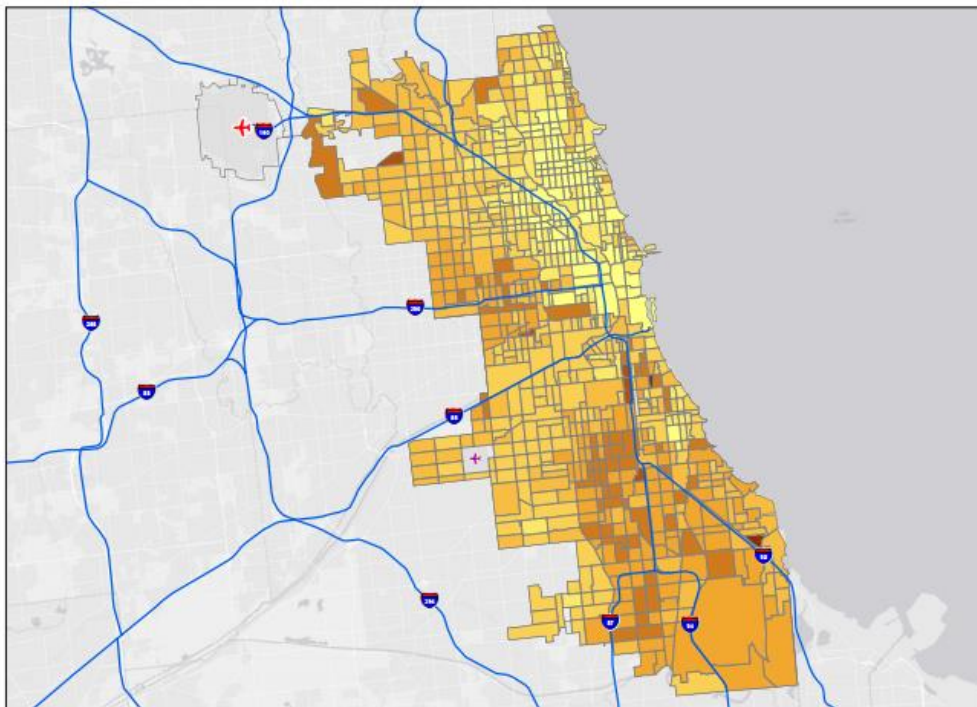
Classification:
Jenks natural breaks (9 classes) based on data for all 500 cities' census tracts. Legend depicts only those data classes within this map extent.

Census tracts with population less than 50 were excluded from the map.

Data sources:
CDC BRFSS 2014, US Census Bureau 2010 Census, ACS 2010-2014,

Map created by CDC/NCCDPHP/DPH/ESB-GIS

Date: 3/17/2016