

*Monitoring Health Inequalities in Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse
Listing of Available Datasets*

Dataset	Variables Available	Geographic Level	Owner and Access Issues	Last Year Available	Race/Ethnicity Specification
Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) contains Ambulatory Surgery (AS), Emergency Department (ED) and Inpatient (IP) discharges from acute care hospitals and free-standing ambulatory surgery centers	Race, ethnicity, age, zip code, primary diagnosis and secondary diagnoses	County, Zip Code, (Address through special access)	Bureau of Biometrics and Health Statistics (BBHS) within the Information Systems and Health Statistics Group (ISHSG) located in the NYSDOH Division of Administration. Through DOH SPARCS request form	2004?	01 = White 02 = Black 03 = Native American or Alaskan Native 04 = Asian 05 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 88 = Other Race 99 = Unknown 1 = Spanish/Hispanic Origin 2 = Not of Spanish/Hispanic Origin 9 = Unknown
Vital Statistics Birth Files	Demographic variables, prenatal care, risk factors for poor birth outcome such as low birthweight, prematurity, small for gestational	County, Zip code	Bureau of Biometrics and Health Statistics, NYS DOH for entire state. Upstate data available from CMATCH at Upstate Medical University	2005	01 = White 02 = Black 03 = Native American or Alaskan Native 04 = Asian 05 = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Infant Mortality Files	age. Linked Infant birth/death files	County, Zip code??	Request through CMATCH or NYS DOH Bureau of Biometrics and Health Statistics, NYS DOH Request Dataset through NYS DOH	2004?	Ethnicity was designated by mother Same as SPARCS
Mortality (Death) files	Based on Death Certificates	County, Zip code??	Bureau of Biometrics and Health Statistics, NYS DOH Request Dataset through NYS DOH	2004?	Same as SPARCS
Community Tracking Study: Syracuse	N=2,277 Syracuse random sample of households. Areas of data collection Household composition and demographic characteristics; Health insurance coverage; Health care resource use; Usual source of care and patient trust; Health care satisfaction; Last physician visit and	City of Syracuse (not sure how defined). Zip code available through special access procedures.	Request Dataset through NYS DOH Available through formal request application through the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research	2003	White, Black, Other Hispanic Origin

NYS Community Health Dataset	activity limitations; Employment; Family income and race.	Health indicators by county ^b	County	Tables available online at the NYS DOH website under Statistics and Data	2006	Not available by race/ethnicity
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^a The Community Tracking Study (CTS) is the core research effort of the Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC), a nonpartisan policy research organization in Washington, DC, that is principally funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). HSC's mission is to inform health care decision makers about changes in the health care system at the local and national levels, as well as about how such changes will affect people. HSC conducts surveys of those affected by changes in the health care system—households, physicians, and employers—and interviews with health care leaders in 12 communities. The focus on markets is central to the design of the CTS. Understanding market changes requires studying local markets, including their culture and history, and public policies relating to health care. To track change across the United States, 60 nationally representative, randomly selected communities stratified by region, community size, and whether metropolitan or nonmetropolitan. The CTS examines 12 of the 60 communities in depth by conducting site visits and using survey samples large enough to draw conclusions about health system change in each community. The 12 communities make up a randomly selected subset of sites that are metropolitan areas with more than 200,000 people (as of July 1992). Referred to as *high intensity* sites.

^b Demographic & Socioeconomic Characteristics, Physical Activity and Fitness, Nutrition, Tobacco Use, Substance Abuse: Alcohol and Other Drugs, Family Planning, Violent & Abusive Behavior, Unintentional Injuries, Oral Health, Maternal and Infant Health, Child & Adolescent Health, Heart Disease & Stroke, Cancer, Chronic Conditions, HIV Infection, Sexually Transmitted Disease, Immunization, Infectious Diseases