

“What if the data I’m looking for aren’t available on www.sumn.org?”

- Contact your **county or city health department** for needs assessment reports, community health profiles, and data on demand and use of services. For contact information, go to: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/ophp/system/administration/chb.cfm
- Contact your **local human services or social services department** for data on economic supports, children’s services and state health care programs. For contact information, go to: www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_000297

Note: Contact information for local health and human services departments can also be found on www.sumn.org: click on ‘Tools’ in the upper right-hand corner, then select ‘Community Resources.’

- Contact your local **sheriff’s department or law enforcement agency** for statistics on alcohol and drug related crimes and arrests: www.mnchiefs.org/
- The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s **Kids Count Data Center** provides county, state and national statistics on over one hundred child well-being indicators, including children in poverty, child abuse and neglect, children born to teen mothers, out of home placements, and more. Go to <http://datacenter.kidscount.org> and select ‘Data

by State’, then click on Minnesota. Another source for data on child well-being is the Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota KIDS COUNT Data Book available at www.cdf-mn.org/kidscount.htm.

- The National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect contains data for counties with over 1,000 cases. Variables include **child alcohol abuse, child drug abuse, caretaker alcohol abuse and caretaker drug abuse**. However, access to the dataset is limited. www.ndacan.cornell.edu/
- There are national sources for information on substance use and **domestic violence** that can be used to estimate the extent of the problem in Minnesota:
 - o The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics produced a report in 1998 on Alcohol and Crime. This report looks at national statistics on crime, and provides estimates of the extent to which various crimes are alcohol related. Sources of these estimates come from blood alcohol tests, victims’ perceptions of offenders’ substance use, arresting or investigating officers’ perceptions of offenders’ substance use, and self-report of use by offenders. www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ac.pdf
 - o Another potential source of information on domestic violence and alcohol is the

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Alcohol Research & Health. See Alcohol and Violence Volume 25, Number 1, 2001: <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/arh25-1/toc25-1.htm>

- o The National Women’s Health Indicators Database provides Minnesota data on violence and on substance abuse, but not on substance-related violence: www.healthstatus2010.com/owh/select_variables.aspx?VARIABLE_TYPE=8 (use Internet Explorer only)
- National statistics on **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)**, and state estimates based on these data, can be found from a couple of sources: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <http://cdc.gov/ncbddd/fas/monitor.htm>, and from the March of Dimes PeriStats, www.marchofdimes.com/peristats/tlanding.aspx?reg=27&lev=0&top=9&slev=4&dv=qf.
- **University and college health departments** can be sources for data on enrolled students. For example, the University of Minnesota’s Boynton Health Service provides data from the College Student Health Survey from 14 Minnesota colleges and universities, as well as data from the Core Survey and the Student Health Assessment Survey. These data and statistics can be found at: www.bhs.umn.edu/healthdata/index.htm

- **Safe and Healthy Minnesota Students (SAHMS) Portal.** This portal provides school district level Minnesota Student Survey data, district-level information from the Disciplinary Incidents Reporting System, and information on ATOD prevention programming. Access the portal via <http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>. Select 'Data' from the top of the page, then 'Data Submission.' Scroll down to SAHMS Portal and click on it. You can then create a 'New MDE Account' and request access to SAHMS data.
- **Minnesota State High School League violations** are policed by member schools, not by the Minnesota State High School League itself. They only receive information when violations are contested. Try contacting your local school district for alcohol, tobacco and other drug violation information.
- The **Search Institute** produces reports containing statistics on youth development, parent involvement, community service and more: www.search-institute.org/
- Contact **local hospitals and insurance companies** for prevalence data, mortality data, and hospital and medical utilization figures
- **Minnesota Injury Data Access System (MIDAS)** provides injury and violence data for Minnesotans, whether for a specific county, for a type of injury, or by gender, timeframe, or other factor. www.health.state.mn.us/injury/midas/index.cfm
- **STD and HIV cases**, reported by county, are available annually since 2002 from the Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics. These data can be found in the 'Morbidity and Utilization' tables of the Minnesota County Health Tables www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/countytables/profiles2008/dmorb07.pdf. In addition, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Reports are also available—number and rate of persons living with HIV (non-AIDS) and AIDS by county, and mode of exposure by state. www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/stats/pmtables.html
- The **Department of Labor** keeps records of unemployment, productivity, workplace injuries and more: www.bls.gov/data/
- The Minnesota Department of Revenue has statistics on the taxation of beverage alcohol in the state. **Alcohol sales taxes** are available for beer, wine and spirits. www.taxes.state.mn.us/
- The Minnesota County Attorneys Association suggests contacting your County Attorney to determine if there is a **pretrial diversion** program and to request statistics. Neither the Minnesota Department of Corrections nor the Council on Crime and Justice has statistics on numbers of juveniles or adults entering pretrial diversion programs.
- **Liquor licenses**, liquor license changes, and 2 a.m. license approvals (by city) can be found on the Minnesota Department of Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division at www.dps.state.mn.us/alc-gamb/alcgamb.aspx
- Some Minnesota counties and cities provide statistics on **compliance checks** for illegal tobacco and alcohol sales to minors. Contact your local health department to inquire about compliance checks in your area. County Board meeting minutes can also be a source of compliance check statistics.