



WISDOM Data Source Descriptions

NH Vital Records Birth Certificate Data

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Health Statistics & Data Management (HSDM):

- Receives access to birth data via the Bureau of Data and Systems Management in DHHS from the Division of Vital Records Administration under NH state law;
- Analyzes information from reported birth records for NH DHHS programs and for external community customers;
- Works collaboratively and in partnership with the [NH Birth Conditions Program](#) to provide surveillance data on birth conditions;
- Distributes statistical reports to government agencies and other requesting public and private organizations; and
- Prepares reports that contain tabulations of birth data.

Methodology:

The Division of Vital Records Administration in the Office of the Secretary of State collects:

- NH Birth information from hospital and midwife reporters;
- NH resident out-of-state births through an interstate exchange agreement; and
- Birth certificate data information, which includes:
 - Newborn's sex, weight, period of gestation, date of birth and congenital anomalies;
 - Mother's and father's residence, age, race and ancestry; and
 - Many characteristics of the pregnancy and birth including maternal smoking and alcohol use, method of delivery, use of prenatal care and complications of the pregnancy.

References:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/hsdm/birth/index.htm>

http://sos.nh.gov/vital_records.aspx

<http://nhvrinweb.sos.nh.gov/Default.aspx>