Injury Data and Surveillance Systems at NJDOH Center for Health Statistics

OVERVIEW

- New Jersey Department of Health does not have a centralized injury or violence prevention **program**

- Injury and violence prevention activities are performed by several other State agencies, local health departments, Safe Kids NJ, community coalitions, and academic institutions

- New Jersey Department of Health does have injury **data**

INJURY SURVEILLANCE DATA

- Public health data used for state injury surveillance:

    o Death certificates

    o Hospital Discharge Data Collection System

    o Medical Examiner data

    o Syndromic Surveillance data

    o Behavioral Risk Factor Survey and Trauma Registry data are being explored as potential data sources

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI) and spinal cord injury (SCI) surveillance, unintentional injuries, non-fatal violence and overdose

- Center for Health Statistics staff voluntarily contribute time and summary data to:

    o CDC State Injury Indicators Reports

    o Regional Injury Prevention Network

    o National epidemiology working groups

- Results are generally publicly available

NJ VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

- CDC has funded the New Jersey Violent Death Reporting System (NJVDRS) since 2002

  o Part of the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)

  o Links death certificate, medical examiner, and law enforcement data for suicides and homicides

NJ STATE UNINTENTIONAL DRUG OVERDOSE REPORTING SYSTEM

- CDC has funded the New Jersey State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (NJ SUDORS) since 2017

  o Part of Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) Mortality Surveillance

  o Links situational characteristics, detailed toxicology, and extended demographics for fatal drug overdoses

DATA ACCESS

- NJVDRS data from 2002 through present:

  o National Restricted Access Database (RAD) through CDC

  o Summary, queryable data through NJSHAD (summer 2025)

  o NJVDRS Data Explorer (late 2025)

- NJ SUDORS data from 2012 through present:

  o NJ SUDORS Data Explorer launched January 2024

  o Summary, queryable data through NJSHAD (summer 2025)

- CDC's Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)

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