

# NYS Health Connector

## Dashboard Updates

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## **January 2021**

- **Jan 12** - Two views were updated: Deaths by Suicide and Deaths by Suicide by County for the Suicide and Self-Harm Dashboard. The updates include removing the 2015 Vital Statistics mortality data and including the 2018 Vital Statistics mortality data.

## **Nov – Dec 2020**

- No Update

## **October 2020**

- **Oct 16** - The NYS Flu tracker – weekly has been updated for the flu season. The dashboard looks at influenza activity during the current week; influenza activity for the current season; and influenza activity compared to previous seasons. Dashboard data represents laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza which meet a standardized case definition and are reported to the New York State Department of Health during the influenza season. Weekly and season-to-date data are displayed for the current (2020-21) and the previous three influenza seasons: 2019-20; 2018-19, 2017-18.

## **September 2020**

- **Sept 3** - Student Weight Data Explorer was updated to include data from the 2018-2019 school year. Enhancements include the additional category of Healthy Weight for the weight status category selections. Additionally, a new dropdown was implemented which allows users to filter on males, females, or the entire population.

## **August 2020**

- No Updates

## **July 2020**

- **July 16** - Emergency Department Visits in New York State was updated to include 2017 and 2018 SPARCS data. 2015 and 2016 data was removed from the dashboard. Information on the time of day and day of the week was temporarily removed from the dashboard due to

reporting inconsistencies. This information will be made available once the inconsistencies are resolved.

## **June 2020**

- No Updates

## **May 2020**

- **May 19** - Suicide and Self-Harm was updated to include 2018 SPARCS data for hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-harm. 2016 data for self-harm was removed from the dashboard.

## **February 2020**

- **Feb 6** - Volume and Estimated Cost of Hospital Services was updated to include 2017 SPARCS data. 2014 data was removed from the dashboard. Due to a new APR-DRG version, some of the APR-DRG descriptions changed with the 2017 update. The Overview document provides further details on the APR-DRG changes between 2017 and previous years.

## **January 2020**

- No Updates

## **December 2019**

- No Updates

## **November 2019**

- **Nov 21** - Two views were updated: Deaths by Suicide and Deaths by Suicide by County for the Suicide and Self-Harm Dashboard. The updates include removing the 2014 Vital Statistics mortality data and including the 2017 Vital Statistics mortality data.

## **October 2019**

- **Oct 17** - The New York State flu Tracker has been updated for the flu season. The tracker looks at influenza activity during the current week;

influenza activity for the current season; and influenza activity compared to previous seasons. Dashboard data represents laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza which meet a standardized case definition and are reported to the New York State Department of Health during the influenza season. Weekly and season-to-date data are displayed for the current and the previous three influenza seasons: 2019-20; 2017-18; 2016-17.

## **September 2019**

- **Sept 17** - The Measles Watch dashboard has been added to the NYS Health Connector and includes data from October 2018 through the current week. The goal of this dashboard is to provide timely information about local, regional, and statewide measles activity throughout the outbreak. The data represent laboratory-confirmed and epidemiologically-linked cases of measles reported to the New York State Department of Health during the outbreak. Data are updated weekly.

## **July – Aug 2019**

- No updates.

## **June 2019**

- **June 27** – Student Weight Data Explorer dashboard added. Data is from 2010-11 through 2017-18 school years.

## **January – May 2019**

- No updates.

## **December 2018**

- **Dec 20** – NYS Health Connector adds the New York State Flu Tracker. The tracker looks at influenza activity during the current week; influenza activity for the current season; and influenza activity compared to previous seasons. Dashboard data represents laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza which meet a standardized case definition and are reported to the New York State Department of Health during the influenza season. Weekly and season-to-date data are displayed for the current and the previous three influenza seasons: 2018-19; 2017-18; 2016-17; 2015-16.

## **November 2018**

- No updates.

## **October 2018**

- No updates.

## September 2018

- **Sept 20** – Volume and Estimated Cost of Hospital Services Dashboard added Bariatric Surgery and Spinal Surgery. Hospital regions were changed to reflect the 10 Economic Development Council Regions in New York State.
- **Sept 20** – Suicides in New York Dashboard is renamed “Suicide and Self-Harm.” New de-identification logic was applied to all county level dashboards. This allows dashboards to appropriately show de-identified demographic characteristics at the county level. Three new dashboards were created using SPARCS data: Hospitalizations and ED Visits due to Self-Harm Statewide, 2016; Hospitalizations due to Self-Harm, 2016; Emergency Department Visits due to Self-Harm, 2016. Data on all dashboards is current to 2016.
- **Sept 20** – Emergency Department Visits in New York State added visualizations showing results from the New York University (NYU) algorithm classifying ED use. The “How often did people visit the emergency department in 2016” and “Why did people visit the emergency department in 2016” dashboards now have additional charts showing the NYU ED Category percentages. The “Definitions” page on this dashboard was discontinued. In its place, we have created an “Overview of ED Visits Dashboard.”
- **Sept 20** – All dashboards now have an “Overview” document. The overview document provides data sources, methods, calculations, data elements, ICD-9/10 codes used (if applicable), de-identification methods, and limitations of using the data.

## August 2018

- **Aug 28** –The Suicide Death Demographics by County dashboard was publishing incorrect counts and rates for Suicide Deaths by Age. The issue was corrected.

## July 2018

- No updates.

## June 2018

- No updates.

## May 2018

- **May 16** – NYS Health Connector launches with three dashboards: Suicides in New York State (data from 2014 to 2015); Volume and Estimated Cost of Hospital Services (data from 2014, 2015, 2016); Emergency Department Visits in New York State (data from 2016).

- **May 16** – Video tutorials on how to use Volume and Estimated Cost of Hospital Services and Emergency Department Visits in New York are launched.

## **Contact Information**

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