

- (4) Health care utilization data (TennCare encounters, TennCare surveys, hospital discharge records)
- (5) Environmental health data
- (6) Socio-economic and demographic data (population, income, and others), and
- (7) Community perception (survey, focus group, key informant interview)
- (8) US and Tennessee data.

(1) Vital Statistics

Metro Health Department's (MHD) Division of Vital Statistics collects Davidson County's original birth/death certificates. The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) compiles death and birth data, assigns ICD-9 codes to death certificates, and releases mortality and natality data annually in an electronic form. There are two sources for vital statistical data:

- a. Standardized dataset from the Office of Health Statistics and Information, Policy Planning and Assurance, TDH. The dataset for each year is available the following December.
- b. MHD Vital Statistics Division has residential birth records from 1949 and death records from 1966. These data are not digitized and not ICD coded, therefore, they are not suitable for population-based assessment. However, to obtain individual death/birth information for special study, this may be an alternative source.

TDH also provides population-based abortion data and fetal death data on request.

(2) Morbidity Data

- a. Notifiable diseases:
MHD Communicable Disease Control Program collects all notifiable disease data except STD, TB, and HIV/AIDS. Data are transferred electronically to TDH's National Electronic Surveillance System (NETSS). MHD has access to the data on a monthly basis.
- b. Sexual Transmitted Disease data (including HIV/AIDS)
MHD's STD/HIV/AIDS Program collects STD and HIV/AIDS data. Data are transferred electronically to TDH's REACTOR and HARS systems respectively. MHD has access to both database on a monthly basis.
- c. Tuberculosis (TB)
MHD's TB Program collects TB data. Data are transferred electronically to TDH's TB reporting system: TIMS. MHD has access to the database on a monthly basis.