



WISDOM Data Source Descriptions

NH Vital Records Death 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 death data via the NH DHHS Bureau of Data & Systems Management from the NH Division of Vital Records Administration under NH state law;
- Analyzes information from the records of reported deaths for NH DHHS and external community customers;
- Prepares reports that contain tabulations of death data; and,
- Distributes statistical reports to government agencies and other requesting public and private organizations.

Methodology:

The NH Division of Vital Records Administration in the Office of the Secretary of State is responsible for collecting information on deaths of NH residents and deaths occurring in NH. Funeral home directors and the medical examiner report the information to the Division of Vital Records Administration. Information about NH resident out-of-state deaths is reported to NH through an interstate exchange agreement.

This dataset is complete and available for analysis approximately 24-48 months after the close of a calendar year.

References:

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

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

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