



Introduction and Data Utilization Resources

Here are four resources to review and to help support your knowledge and understanding of this topic prior to the discussion.

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This TASC 90 webinar covered different topics regarding population health and features updates from the Technical Assistance and Services Center ([TASC](#)), Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance ([RQITA](#)), the Flex Monitoring Team ([FMT](#)), and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy ([FORHP](#)), to include both the Flex Program and policies impacting critical access hospitals (CAHs).

Following this TASC 90 webinar, participants were able to:

- Recognize the return on investment ([ROI](#)) of population health
- Recall different scenarios from the [Population Health Toolkit](#) and how to use them
- Discuss the purpose and benefits of the [Population Health Readiness Assessment](#) to critical access hospitals and other safety net providers

Using Population Health Measures to Evaluate the Environmental Burden of Cancer at the County Level

Author: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Burden of disease is often defined by using epidemiologic measures. However, there may be latent aspects of disease burden that are not factored into these types of estimates. This study quantified the environmental burden of disease by using population health indicators and exploratory factor analysis at the county level across the United States.



Put Data to Use – Population Health Toolkit

This tool provides users the ability to extract data from multiple federal, publicly available datasets to use for population health planning. The toolkit also provides users with educational resources about working with the datasets in Microsoft Excel.

The purpose of this tool is to provide a web-based dashboard to educate state Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program Coordinators, state office of rural health staff, critical access hospitals, rural health networks and other rural health stakeholders on population health data analytics.

Health Care Data 101

Author: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

This guide provides an overview of common terms used when discussing health care data to promote a shared vocabulary across sectors. Given the diversity and complexity in health care data systems, this guide serves as a starting point for non-health sector professionals who want to further investigate the health care data available in their local communities and consider how to best leverage it to tackle priorities identified by multi-sector partnerships.

This guide answers questions such as:

- Who collects and uses health care data?
- What are some common types of health care data?
- How is health care data stored and what systems are used to store it?
- What are typical uses of health care data?
- How can different organizations access health care data?
- What data are available in my local community?