

**GLOSSARY of TERMS**

**AHRQ** – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**AIDS** – acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

**At-risk Behavior** – activities related to sexual activity, injuries and violence, and drug and alcohol use, which place young people at risk for serious injury, sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, and chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer.

**BHPr** – Bureau of Health Professions, a division of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

**Birth Rate** – number of births per 1,000 total population.

**BRFSS** – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; a random-digit-dialed telephone survey of the non-institutionalized civilian population 18 years and older, conducted annually by a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**CDC** – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Cerebrovascular Disease** – involves the hardening and narrowing of arteries and blood vessels within and leading to the brain; a risk factor for stroke.

**CHD** – Coronary Heart Disease, or Coronary Artery Disease; involves a “hardening” (atherosclerosis) of the coronary arteries which may cause heart attack.

**Chronic Disease** – an illness which persists for a long period of time, is frequently recurring or progresses slowly.

**CLRD** – Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases; comprised of many conditions such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

**CMHC** – Community Mental Health Centers.

**CMS** – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Congenital Anomaly** – structural defect present at birth.

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**C-Section** – Cesarean Section; surgical incision through the abdomen and uterus for removal of a fetus.

**Demographics** – the characteristics of human populations and population segments.

**DHHS** – Department of Health and Human Services.

**DO** – Doctor of Osteopathy.

**DSM** – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

**Eclampsia** – a rare pregnancy disorder characterized by convulsions, coma, high blood pressure, protein in the urine, and collection of fluid between cells.

**EEO** – Equal Employment Opportunity Tabulation section of the US Census.

**Ethnicity** – characteristic of a group of people sharing a distinctive culture, nationality, or background.

**FBI** – Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Fertility Rate** – number of births per 1,000 women of childbearing age (15-44 years).

**Frontier** – designation of a county with a population density less than or equal to 6 people per square mile.

**HCUP** – Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project; healthcare databases and software tools, sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

**Healthy People 2010** – (HP) a document prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services to identify the most significant preventable threats to health and outline national health objectives and goals to reduce these threats.

**HHA** – home health agencies.

**HIV** – human immunodeficiency virus

**Homicide** – the killing of one human being by another.

**HPSA** – Health Professional Shortage Areas, designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration, indicates shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers and may be urban or rural areas, population groups or medical or other public.

**HRSA** – Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Hypertension** – high blood pressure.

**ICD** – International Classification of Diseases, created by the World Health Organization.

**Incidence** – number of times an event occurs during a given period of time, such as the number of cases of a given disease that have their onset during a year.

**Infectious Disease** – disorder with recognizable symptoms caused by a pathogenic agent, such as a bacterium or virus.

**ITOP** – induced termination of pregnancy; abortion.

**Linguistic Isolation** – a household in which all members 14 years and older speak a non-English language and have difficulty with English (speak English less than “very well”).

**Malignant Neoplasm** – tumor that tends to grow and spread to other body parts; cancerous tumor.

**MCO** – managed care organization.

**MD** – Doctor of Medicine.

**MMWR** – Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Morbidity** – state of being diseased; ratio of persons who are diseased to those who are well in a given community.

**Mortality** – the number of deaths occurring per the number of units in the population at risk for the occurrence (e.g., per 100,000 population); death rate.

**Murder** – the unlawful killing of one human by another.

**NAACR** – North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

**Nativity** – the number of births in the population.

**NCHS** – National Center for Health Statistics, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**NCI** – National Cancer Institute, an institute within the National Institutes of Health.

**NCSL** – National Conference of State Legislatures.

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**NHIS** – National Health Interview Survey, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics.

**NPCR** – National Program of Cancer Registries, created by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Cancer Institute to provide standardized cancer incidence data.

**NVSS** – National Vital Statistics System, part of the National Center for Health Statistics.

**OMB** – US Office of Management and Budget.

**OSOPHS** – Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, under the US Department of Health and Human Services.

**Overweight** – based on Body Mass Index (BMI), which is a measure that adjusts bodyweight for height using a calculation of weight divided by height. Overweight for children and adolescents is defined as BMI at or above the sex and age-specific 95<sup>th</sup> percentile BMI cutpoints of the CDC Growth Charts. Overweight for adults is a BMI greater than or equal to 25.

**OWH** – Office on Women’s Health, part of the Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services.

**PAI** – Public Assistance Income.

**Population Density** – the number of people living per square unit of an area (e.g., per square mile).

**PRAMS** – Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Pregnancy Rate** – the number of births, abortions and fetal deaths, per 1,000 women of childbearing age (15-44 years).

**Prevalence** – number of total cases of a disease or event, infected persons, or persons with some other attribute present during a particular period of time; usually expressed as a ratio, the number of events occurring per the number of units in the population at risk for the occurrence.

**Primary Care Providers (PCP)** – provider responsible for the general medical care of a patient; in this report, includes general/family practitioners, pediatricians, internists, and ob/gyns.

**Race** – a human population distinguished as a more or less distinct group by genetically transmitted physical characteristics.

**Rural/Urban Continuum Code** – code established by the US Department of Agriculture, designates counties as rural (having fewer than 2,500 persons), non-metropolitan urban (having

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more than 2,500 but less than 250,000 persons), and metropolitan (having more than 250,000 persons or in a metro area).

**SAMHSA** – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**SEER** – Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results, a program of the National Cancer Institute.

**SIDS** – Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

**SSI** – Supplemental Security Income.

**STD/STI** – Sexually transmitted disease, also referred to as sexually transmitted infections; in this report, these include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and primary and secondary syphilis.

**Underservice** – describing a population or geographic having inadequate health delivery resources.

**Underutilized** – indicating an excess of health delivery resources or resources not utilized appropriately.

**YRBS** – Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance; biennial survey conducted by a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.