

Data Sources

The data used in this report were derived from a variety of primary and secondary sources. The demographic data comes from Census 2010, while birth, death, and hospital related information were extracted and interpreted from data sets provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Primary data came from the Kansas City Health Department programs and from community health assessments and telephone surveys conducted by the Health Department. The sources of other data are cited throughout this report. When appropriate, rates were age-adjusted to Census 2010.

As appropriate, local, state, and national data are compared to Healthy People 2020 targets. The national initiative Healthy People 2020 identifies important areas to target in helping people live long, healthy lives. Goals include 1) reducing preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death; 2) improving the health of all groups, regardless of gender, race or ethnicity, education or income, disability, geographic location, or sexual orientation; 3) creating social and physical environments that promote good health; and, 4) promoting quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages.

This document is not inclusive of all health issues that Kansas City residents experience or feel passionately about. It does, however, attempt to address the more pertinent issues as well as those topics for which partnerships between the community and Health Department exist. Draft copies of all sections of this report were posted on the Kansas City Health Department's website as they were completed, along with any significant revisions, for review and comment by the community. In addition, the Kansas City Health Commission members reviewed the draft sections and provided feedback.

Suggestions for topics or information as to where more relevant data may exist within the community are welcome and very much encouraged. This should be communicated to:

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