

STATE BIRTH DEFECTS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

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Alabama

Alabama Birth Defects Program (ABDP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1995

Earliest year of available data: 1998

Organizational location: University

Population covered annually: 8,000

Statewide: no

Current legislation or rule: none

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and genetic disorders

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<less than 20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: Mobile and Baldwin counties

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment, population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, Congenital Anomaly reporting form

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, Congenital Anomaly reporting form

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period:**

any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all elective abortions, all infants with low APGAR scores, all infants in NICU or special care nursery, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases, 5 minute apgar <7

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, failure to thrive, developmental delay, CNS

condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity), childhood deaths between 1 and 6, ocular conditions, auditory/hearing conditions, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: California's coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, bd diagnostic info

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

Database storage/management: Epi-Info, Clipper

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info

Quality assurance: double-checking of assigned codes, clinical review

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Other

Web site: www.usouthal.edu/genetics/ (Site linked to international birth defect information systems.)

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: Birth Defects Syndromes fact sheets

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Alaska

Alaska Birth Defects Registry (ABDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1996

Earliest year of available data: 1996

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 10,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: 7 AAC 27.012

Legislation year enacted: 1996

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: ICD-9 Codes 237.7, 243, 255.2, 277, 279, 282, 284.0, 331, 334, 335, 343, 359, 362.74, 740-760, 760.71

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: Birth to age one; Birth to age six for alcohol related birth defects (including fetal alcohol syndrome)

Residence: Alaska residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive case ascertainment, population based; active case ascertainment for alcohol related birth defects (including fetal alcohol syndrome)

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth and fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: reportable ICD-9 code reports are received from the health information management department

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: reportable ICD-9 code reports are received from the health information management department

Third party payers: Medicaid databases, Indian health services

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn**

period: Any chart with an ICD-9 code of 760.71 or 742.1

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic

information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.)

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SPSS, SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), needs assessment, service delivery, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 80%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 20%

Other

Web site: in development

Surveillance reports on file: Family Health Dataline

Procedure manual available: yes

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Arizona

Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program (ABDMP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1986

Earliest year of available data: 1986

Organizational location: Bureau of Public Health Statistics/Office of Health Registries

Population covered annually: 80,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: ARS § 36-133 statute Title 9, Chapter 4, Articles 1 and 5, Adopted effective 1991

Legislation year enacted: 1988

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: 44 composite categories covering the major birth defects and genetic diseases, as defined by the BPA/MACDP codes

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: in-state birth to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment, population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, specifically these are the Children Rehabilitation Services facilities, which is part of the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, ultrasound reports, cytogenetic reports, stillborn logs, mother's charts for stillborns

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, laboratory logs, ultrasound reports, cytogenetic reports, stillborn logs, mother's charts for stillborns

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories

Other sources: children receiving services from Children Rehabilitation Services (CRS) facilities, whose diagnosis falls within the ABDMP case-finding criteria.

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

Database storage/management: Oracle

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), grant proposals

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 57%, genetic screening revenues 43%

Other**Web site:**

www.hs.state.az.us/phs/phstats/bdr/index.htm

Surveillance reports on file: Annual Reports, 1986 through 1992.

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: procedures manual, copy of legislation, case record form, case finding log, abstraction forms, quality assurance procedures.

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Arkansas Reproductive Health Monitoring System (ARHMS)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1980

Earliest year of available data: 1980

Organizational location: University, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Population covered annually: 37,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Senate Bill Act 214

Legislation year enacted: 1985

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major structural birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation)

Age: two years after delivery

Residence: in/out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates, elective termination certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities

Case AscertainmentConditions warranting chart review in newborn

period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, all stillborn infants, and neonatal deaths

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: all infant deaths (excluding prematurity), any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth

measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal diagnostic information, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic scanning of printed records

Database storage/management: Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, Access

Quality assurance: re-abstraction of cases, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 80%, CDC grant 20%

Other

Web site: under development

Surveillance reports on file: Annual reports

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California

California Birth Defects Monitoring Program (CBDMP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1983

Earliest year of available data: 1983

Organizational location: Occupational and Environmental Disease Control, March of Dimes under contract with the State Department of Health Services, Environmental and Occupational Disease Control.

Population covered annually: 251,000

Statewide: no

Current legislation or rule: Health and Safety Code, Division 102, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 103825-103855, effective 1982, recodified 1996.

Legislation year enacted: 1982

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major structural birth defects, primarily encompassed within ICD codes 740-759

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation)

Age: one year

Residence: In-state births to residents of 1 of the 11 registry counties. Does not include births in military hospitals.

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment, population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, laboratory logs

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with selected procedure

codes, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all elective abortions, Apgar 0-0

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, cardiovascular condition, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity), ocular conditions

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, computerized reporting system

Database storage/management: FoxPro

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, time-space cluster analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 64%, CDC grant 19%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 15%, private foundations 2%

Other

Web site: www.cbdmp.org

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Surveillance reports on file: Birth Defects in California (1983-90 data); Birth Defects in 11 California Counties (1990-92 data); Birth Defects in California Counties (1995 data); current data on web site.

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: Publications Index, summaries of research findings, Collaboration Protocol, Confidentiality Procedures, Cluster Investigation Protocol, statutes, video.

Comments: The Program currently monitors a sampling of California births that are demographically similar to the state as a whole and whose birth defects rates and trends have been reflective of those throughout California.

Furthermore, the Program has statutory authority to do active surveillance anywhere in the state when warranted by environmental incidents or concerns.

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Colorado

*Colorado Responds to Children with Special Needs:**Colorado's Public Health Program for Monitoring and Preventing Birth Defects (CRCSN)*

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1988

Earliest year of available data: 1989

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: 60,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) 25-1-107

Legislation year enacted: 1985

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: all birth defects, some genetic diseases, developmental disabilities, very low birth weight (less than 1500 grams), others with medical and maternal risk factors for developmental delay

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20 week gestation, ≥20 weeks gestation), fetal deaths (diagnoses made prenatally are ascertained), elective terminations (<20 week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: 3 years of age (7 yrs for fetal alcohol syndrome)

Residence: State resident at time of diagnosis

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive, population based, multiple sources; active for special projects

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, Infectious disease reporting database (meningitis, congenital infections)

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, postmortem/pathology logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, physician reports

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn**

period: 14 selected conditions for CUSUM monitoring or other designated reason. Review is performed for 12 additional conditions based on a data quality analysis.

Coding: ICD-9-CM, Extended code utilized to describe syndromes and further specify condition

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: FoxPro

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, ArcView (GIS software)

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, timeliness, data audits performed for problematic conditions; clinical review performed when necessary

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, time-space cluster analyses, capture-recapture analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), needs assessment, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 61%, CDC grant 31%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 8%

Other

Web site:

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/crcsnhome.asp>

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Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: CRCSN Reference Guide; CRCSN Community Notification and Referral Program Site Manual; fact sheets (available on web site)

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Connecticut

Connecticut Birth Defect Prevention and Surveillance Program (CBDPSP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1995

Earliest year of available data: 1993

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: 45,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Sec. 10a-132b transferred to Sec 19a-56a in 1999

Legislation year enacted: 1991

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: ICD-9 codes 740 thru 759.9 and 760.71

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights, PDA GE to 2500 gms birth weight)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: in and out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, ambulatory surgery and emergency room visits during first year

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, first three years did various combinations of chart review. No longer have resources to continue and the three years of data identified the sensitivity and specificity of the data sources.

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.)

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/

ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: SPSS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SPSS

Quality assurance: comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, prevention projects, provider education

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Delaware

Delaware Birth Defects Surveillance Project

Program status: Currently collecting data
Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)
Population covered annually: 10,574
Statewide: yes
Current legislation or rule: House Bill No. 197, an
act to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating
to Birth Defects
Legislation year enacted: 1997

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Case Definition

Outcomes covered: Birth Defects Registry - All
birth defects for passive surveillance, selected birth
defects for active surveillance, developmental
disabilities if due to a birth defect, selected
metabolic defects, genetic diseases, infant mortality,
congenital infections that cause birth defects, neural
tube defects.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages
and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths,
spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: in-state and out-of-state birth to state
resident, and in-state birth to state non-resident

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active and passive surveillance,
population-based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM, six-digit modified BPA/ICD-9
codes

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name,
address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic
information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Mother: demographic information (race/ethnicity,
sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: electronic file/report submitted by
other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: electronic birth
certificate

Data Analysis

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, time trends, time-
space cluster analyses, observed vs expected analyses

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Program status: No surveillance program

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Florida Birth Defects Registry (FBDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1998

Earliest year of available data: 1996

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: ~ 200,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Section 381.0031(1,2) F.S., allows for development of a list of reportable conditions. Birth defects were added to the list in July 1999.

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major structural malformations and selected genetic disorders

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: until age 1

Residence: Florida

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: discharge summaries

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Access, SAS, Excel

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SPSS, SAS, Access, Excel

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 100%

Other

Web site: fbdr.med.usf.edu

Surveillance reports on file: 1996 Annual Report, Neural Tube Defects Report, Data Quality Assurance Report, Active Surveillance Report, website

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: grants, progress reports, educational and health promotion materials, and video tapes

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Georgia

Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program (MACDP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1967

Earliest year of available data: 1968

Organizational location: CDC, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

Population covered annually: 44933

Statewide: no

Current legislation or rule: Official Code of Georgia (OCGA) 31-12-2

Legislation year enacted: 1994

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major structural or genetic birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (≥ 20 weeks or birth weight ≥ 500 grams), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: before 6 years of age

Residence: Births to mothers resident in five metropolitan Atlanta counties

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active surveillance; population-based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, cardiac catheterization laboratories, Stillbirth reports

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, Laboratory logs

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code, any chart with selected procedure codes, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, ≥ 20 weeks or birth weight ≥ 500 grams, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all infants with low APGAR scores, all infants in NICU or special care nursery, Elective abortions occurring ≥ 20 weeks

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, developmental delay, recurrent infections, CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity), childhood deaths between 1 and 6, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), Electronic report filled out by staff at facility as of 2/1/2000

Database storage/management: MS Access, SAS, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SPSS, SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: double-checking of assigned codes, data/hospital audits, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, capture-recapture analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies

Funding

Funding source: federal funding 100%

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Other

Web site: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/bd

Surveillance reports on file: numerous reports and bibliography

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: rate tables by defect by year

Comments: For surveillance reports and other information regarding the MACDP, contact CDC.

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Hawaii

Hawaii Birth Defects Program (HBDP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1988

Earliest year of available data: 1986

Organizational location: University

Population covered annually: 17,000+

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Hawaii Revised Statutes, Sections 321-31 and 338-2 in conjunction per Executive Chamber ruling by Governor on June 16, 1989. Hawaii Revised Statutes 324-1 and 324-2 (1990 Amendments) for additional legislative authority.

Legislation year enacted: 1989

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: all 1154+ recommended by CDC

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: all in-state births (resident and non-resident)

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment, population-based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: Vital records are used to supplement information collected from other data sources but are not used to identify potential cases.

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects, publication in peer reviewed professional journals

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 7%, CDC grant 65%, private foundations 5%, Contractual- State 11%, Contractual- Regional 1%

Other**Web site:**

<http://members.aol.com/entropynot/hbdp.html>

Surveillance reports on file: (7) Hawaii Birth Defects Program Statewide Surveillance Data Reports - 1) = 1989-1991, 2) = 1988-1993, 3) = 1988-1994, 4) = 1988-1995, 5) = 1987-1996, 6) = 1986-1997, 7) = 1986-1998, with 8) 1986-1999 to be published in summer 2000.

Procedure manual available: yes

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Additional information on file: HBDP informational brochure; organizational chart; copy of legislation; original abstraction forms; revised abstraction forms; revised mini-manual; annual report (FY 88-89); sample of quarterly reports; slides of HBDP data; quality assurance report (completeness, accuracy, timeliness); special study reports (4).

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Illinois

Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Reporting System (APORS)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1988

Earliest year of available data: 1988

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: 182,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Illinois Health and Hazardous Substances Registry Act (410 ILCS 525)

Legislation year enacted: 1985

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: ICD-9-CM Codes 740.0 through 759.9; infants positive for controlled substances; serious congenital infections; congenital endocrine, metabolic or immune disorders; congenital blood disorders; other conditions such as retinopathy of prematurity, fetal alcohol syndrome, intrauterine growth retardation; very low birth weights; neonatal or fetal deaths

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: end of newborn hospitalization

Residence: in-state births mandatory

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive case ascertainment with mandatory hospital reporting

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: fetal death certificates, mandatory hospital reporting

Other state based registries: newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry, Childhood lead poisoning, Occupational Disease

Delivery hospitals: Maternal charts with 5% of infants reviewed for clarification not case ascertainment

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.)

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity,

illnesses/conditions, prenatal care,

pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, FoxPro, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access, SAS

Quality assurance: timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), service delivery, referral

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 78%, CDC grant 19%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 5%

Other

Web site: idph.state.il.us/about/epi/aporsrpt.htm

Surveillance reports on file: Epi Report 94:8-Birth Defects Surveillance Report Epi Report 97:6-Birth Defects in Illinois: A report on mortality and county-specific prevalence at birth Epi Report 99:4-Trends in the Prevalence of Birth Defects in Illinois and Chicago 1989 to 1997 Epi Report 2000:4-Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes in Illinois: County-specific Prevalence and Related Infant Mortality-1989-1998

Comments: APORS is transition to more active ascertainment and expand case age to 2 years.

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Indiana***Indiana Birth Problems Registry***

Program status: Interested in developing a surveillance program

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Iowa

Iowa Birth Defects Registry (IBDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1983

Earliest year of available data: 1983

Organizational location: University

Population covered annually: 37,831 avg 10 yr

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Administrative Code of Iowa, Volume I, Chapter 135.37, Section 40, Division III

Legislation year enacted: 1986

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: 1 year

Residence: maternal residence in Iowa at time of delivery

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based, active case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, laboratory logs

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code, any chart with selected procedure codes, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie

abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all elective abortions, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases
Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie intestinal blockage), cardiovascular condition, childhood deaths between 1 and 6, ocular conditions, auditory/hearing conditions, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, Oracle, SAS, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SAS, MS Access, Oracle

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service

delivery, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

itFunding source: general state funds 7%, CDC grant 69%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 24%

Other

Web site:

<http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/birth.html>

Surveillance reports on file: Iowa Birth Defects Registry Annual Report 2000

Procedure manual available: yes

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Kansas

Birth Defects Reporting system

Program status: No surveillance program

Start year: 1985

Earliest year of available data: 1985

Organizational location: Department of Health (Vital Statistics), Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 38,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: KSA 65-102

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: No surveillance system is in place, sources below relate to birth defect reporting system.

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: Birth Defect reporting form - sent by hospitals for infants up to one year of age.

Case Ascertainment

Coding: 25 conditions/categories are listed on the birth certificate and birth defect reporting form.

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.)

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.)

Database storage/management: AS 400 / Crystal Reports

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, ad-hoc summary reports developed as needed from Crystal Reports and SAS.

Quality assurance: No surveillance program is in place. Verification is conducted on birth certificate data.

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, ad-hoc upon request.

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Kentucky

Kentucky Birth Surveillance Registry (KBSR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1996

Earliest year of available data: 1997

Organizational location: Department for Public Health, Division of Adult and Child Health

Population covered annually: 52,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: KRS 211.651-211.670

Legislation year enacted: 1992

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects, genetic diseases, fetal mortality

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation or 350 gms)

Age: up to fifth birthday

Residence: In-state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive, hospital based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case AscertainmentConditions warranting chart review in newborn period:

any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, small for gestational age, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, failure to thrive, CNS condition (ie seizure), cardiovascular condition, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 60%, CDC grant 40%

Other

Web site: <http://publichealth.state.ky.us/kbsr.htm>

Surveillance reports on file: legislation and regulation; Hospital Reporting Administrative Manual; draft confidentiality guidelines; conditions definitions, KBSR fact sheet, KBSR brochure

Procedure manual available: yes

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Louisiana***Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network (LBDMN)***

Program status: Program has not started collecting data yet

Start year: 2002

Earliest year of available data: 2003–2005

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health, Children's Special Health Services)

Population covered annually: 65,000 +

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: R.S. 40:31.41-40:31.48, Act No. 194

Legislation year enacted: 2001

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major structural, functional, or genetic birth defect

Pregnancy outcome: in progress

Age: up to 3 years

Residence: in and out of state births to state residents (tentative criteria)

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources: in progress

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Maine

Maine Birth Defects Program

Program status: Program has not started collecting data yet

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 13,800

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: 22 MRSA c. 1687

Legislation year enacted: 1999

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: selected major birth defects: NTD, clefts, gastroschisis, major heart defects, trisomy 13,18 and 21

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation), fetal deaths (prenatally diagnosed at any gestation), elective terminations (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (prenatally diagnosed at any gestation)

Age: through age one

Residence: all in-state births

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive case ascertainment, population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, specialty outpatient clinics

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities, physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all infants in NICU or special care nursery, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, cardiovascular condition, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity)

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 5%, genetic screening revenues 25%, CDC grant 70%

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Maryland

Maryland Birth Defects Reporting and Information System (BDRIS)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1983

Earliest year of available data: 1984

Organizational location: Community & Public Health Administration, Office for Genetics & Children with Special Health Care Needs

Population covered annually: 68,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Health-General Article, Section 18-206; Annotated Code of Maryland

Legislation year enacted: 1982

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: selected birth defects - anencephaly, spina bifida, hydrocephaly, cleft Lip, cleft lip with cleft palate, cleft palate, esophageal atresia/stenosis, rectal/anal atresia, hypospadias, reduction deformity - upper limb, reduction deformity - lower limb, congenital dislocation of the hip, and Down syndrome

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, or ≥ 500 grams weight. We do accept reports on fetal deaths = 500 grams weight.) We do accept reports on terminations < 500 grams or < 20 weeks if reported to us.

Age: Newborn

Residence: All in-state births

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive surveillance, population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn hearing screening program, Infant newborn screening (for metabolic disorders)

Delivery hospitals: obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, Sentinel Birth Defects hospital report form is our primary source.

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, midwifery facilities, Sentinel Birth Defects hospital report form is our primary source.

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, Law mandates reporting of 12, All fetal death certificates

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, SAS, Mainframe, Visual dBASE, ASCII files

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, time-space cluster analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 100%

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Other

Web site: <http://mdpublichealth.org> (then select Hereditary Disorders)

Surveillance reports on file: Provisional surveillance reports 1984-1992; 1995-1998

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: Copies of publications, legislation, miscellaneous booklets and other information related to birth defects surveillance in Maryland.

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Massachusetts

*Massachusetts Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention Monitoring Program,
Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MCBDRP)*

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1997

Earliest year of available data: 1998

Organizational location: Bureau of Health Statistics,
Research and Evaluation

Population covered annually: 81,404 for 1998

Statewide: yes, statewide coverage started October
1998

Current legislation or rule: Massachusetts General
Laws, Chapter 111, Section 67E. March of Dimes
has introduced an amendment in 2000 to expand
ascertainment sources from birthing hospitals to
physicians. Waiting approval.

Legislation year enacted: 1963

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and
chromosomal anomalies

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages
and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths,
spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, or
 ≥ 350 gms)

Age: up to one year

Residence: in and out of state births to state
residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based, state-wide,
combination of active case ascertainment and
administrative review

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates,
matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or
discharge index, regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU
logs or charts, postmortem/pathology logs

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review,
disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or
charts, postmortem/pathology logs

Case Ascertainment

**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn
period:** any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759,
any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes
outside 740-759, all charts that have selected ICD9-
CM codes within the range of 740-759, all charts of
infants reported from nursery or NICU with an
identified birth defect, all stillborn infants

**Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the
newborn period:** facial dysmorphism or abnormal
facies, auditory/hearing conditions, any infant with a
codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-
CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name,
address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic
information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth
measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests
and procedures, infant complications, birth defect
diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address,
date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/
ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity,

illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal
diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery
complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address,
date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/
ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by
staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other
agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic scanning of
printed records, Data from printed hospital reporting
form is entered into electronic surveillance data
base.

Database storage/management: MS Access, SAS,
Mainframe, Microsoft Excel

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, MS Access, Microsoft
Excel

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of
cases, double-checking of assigned codes,
comparison/verification between multiple data
sources, data/hospital audits, clinical review,
timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical
monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and
other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster
investigations, time trends, observed vs expected
analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program
data), identification of potential cases for other
epidemiologic studies, grant proposals, Selected
cases from surveillance are eligible for CDC study,
National Birth Defects Prevention Study

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Funding

Funding source: CDC grant 100%

Other

Web site: website in development

Surveillance reports on file: first surveillance report to be published in July 2001

Procedure manual available: yes

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Michigan

Michigan Birth Defects Registry (MBDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1992

Earliest year of available data: 1992

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Vital Statistics)

Population covered annually: 133,500

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Public Act 236 of 1988

Legislation year enacted: 1988

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: congenital anomalies, certain infectious diseases, conditions caused by maternal exposures and other diseases of major organ systems

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: up to two years after delivery

Residence: resident births, in and out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive, population-based.

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates, cytogenetic laboratories

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, cancer registry

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, specialty outpatient clinics

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period:**

any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity,

illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: FoxPro

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SPSS, MS Access, Fox-pro

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 85%, CDC grant 15%

Other**Web site:**

www.mdch.state.mi.us/PHA/OSR/index.htm

Surveillance reports on file: birth defects incidence and mortality

Procedure manual available: yes

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Minnesota

Program status: Interested in developing a surveillance program

Start year: 2002

Earliest year of available data: 2002

Organizational location: Environmental Health

Population covered annually: 66,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: MS 144.2215

Legislation year enacted: 1996

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: not determined at this time

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: not determined at this time

Other

Web site: www.health.state.mn.us

Comments: no formal program currently in place

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Mississippi

Mississippi Birth Defects Registry (MBDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 2000

Earliest year of available data: 2001

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health), Mississippi State Department of Health

Population covered annually: 42,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Section 41-21-205 of the Mississippi Code

Legislation year enacted: 1997

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: A birth defect is an abnormality of structure, function or metabolism, whether genetically determined or a result of environmental influences during embryonic or fetal life. A birth defect may present from the time of conception through one year after birth, or later in life.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights, fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, ≥ 350 grams), elective terminations (≥ 20 weeks gestation, ≥ 350 grams))

Age: 21

Residence: in and out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry, birth and death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, regular nursery logs, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759,

any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, developmental delay, CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity), ocular conditions, auditory/hearing conditions, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, data/hospital audits, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, time-space cluster analyses, capture-recapture analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment,

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service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/
public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 10%, MCH
funds 90%

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Missouri

Missouri Birth Defect Registry

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1985

Earliest year of available data: 1980

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Vital Statistics)

Population covered annually: 75,000

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: ICD9 codes 740-759, plus additional diagnoses

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, fetal death certificates are only source of data), elective terminations (< 20 week gestation, ≥ 20 weeks gestation, surveillance of terminations currently limited to NTDs)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: in and out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive, multi-source

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: discharge summaries

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: SAS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 24%, CDC grant 76%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: Missouri Birth Defects 1993-95

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Montana

Montana Birth Outcomes Monitoring System (MBOMS)

Program status: Program has not started collecting data yet

Start year: 2000

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 11,000

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (>500g and 20 weeks gestation), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, >500g)

Age: 21 years

Residence: in-state births and out of state births to MT residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, fetal death certificates, referrals

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Oracle

Funding

Funding source: CDC grant 100%

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Nebraska

Nebraska Birth Defects Registry

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1973

Organizational location: Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulation & Licensure Data Management Section

Population covered annually: Statewide, 24,000+ births annually

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Laws 1972, LB 1203, §1, §2, §3, §4 (alternate citation: Public Health and Welfare [Codes] §71-645, §71-646, §71-647, §71-648, §71-649)

Legislation year enacted: 1972

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: all birth defects, exclusions according to CDC exclusion list

Pregnancy outcome: live births (>20 weeks and >500 grams), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc.(≥20 weeks gestation)

Age: birth to 1 year

Residence: in-state and out-of-state birth to state resident

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive case ascertainment.

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, Nebraska Birth Defects Prevention Program Congenital Defects Case Record

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, specialty outpatient clinics, Nebraska Birth Defects Prevention Program Congenital Defects Case Record

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie

intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, ocular conditions, auditory/hearing conditions, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: SAS, Key-entry 3

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, Case finding, data coding and entry

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, grant proposals, incidence rates, trend analysis, birth defect registry

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 100%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: 1998 report in Vital Statistics Report

Additional information on file: Copy of legislation, congenital defects case record form

Comments: State legislation introduced to allow release of patient-identifying information to approved researcher for the purpose of research; development of a system so that hospitals may use the electronic birth certificate to initially alert the surveillance program of the birth of a child with an anomaly.

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Nevada

Nevada Birth Defects Registry

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 2000

Earliest year of available data: NA

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 29,000

Statewide: no, currently in Las Vegas only

Current legislation or rule: NRS 442.300 - 442.330
- Birth Defects Registry Legislation ***

Regulation = NAC 442

Legislation year enacted: 1999

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and genetic diseases

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: cover from 0-7 years of age

Residence: In-state births

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: Combination of active and passive ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, matched birth/death file, Hospital medical records

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts

Third party payers: Medicaid databases

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports, state sponsored specialty clinics

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal facies, CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie

intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, Oracle, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SPSS, SAS

Quality assurance: double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 5%, CDC grant 95%

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New Hampshire
New Hampshire Birth Defects Registry (NHBDR)

Program status: Program has not started collecting data yet

Start year: 2000

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health), Bureau of WIC Nutrition Services

Population covered annually: 14,150

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: neural tube defects, possibly other major defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights)

Surveillance methods

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry

Delivery hospitals: discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: discharge summaries

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, timeliness

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: CDC grant 95%

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New Jersey

Special Child Health Services: Birth Defects and Special Needs Registry (SCHS Regis)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1928

Earliest year of available data: 1985

Organizational location: Department of Health & Senior Services - Special Child, Adult, and Early Intervention Services

Population covered annually: 113,500

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: NJSA 26:8 et seq., NJAC 8:20 - Enacted 08-04-1983, with effective date of 03-04-1985. Changes to legislation 1990, 1991, 1992. Readopted 05/2000.

Legislation year enacted: 1983

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: All birth defects, including structural, genetic, and biochemical are required to be reported. While not mandated, all special needs and any condition which places a child at risk, eg. prematurity, asthma, cancer, developmental delay, are also reported.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights)

Age: birth defects \leq age 1, special Needs \leq 21 yrs.

Residence: in/out NJ births to NJ res; anyone becoming NJ res

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: Passive, population based reporting system with annual quality assurance visits by BDR staff to birthing hospitals, birthing centers and, pediatric care facilities.

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, cardiac catheterization laboratories, specialty outpatient clinics, quality assurance visit consisting of chart review of 3 month period

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, laboratory logs, cardiac catheterization laboratories, specialty

outpatient clinics, quality assurance visit consisting of chart review of 3 month period

Other specialty facilities: cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, physician reports

Other sources: Special Child Health Services county based Case Management units, parents, schools, medical examiners

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn

period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: SAS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits, timeliness, merge registry with birth certificate registry and the death certificate registry

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 90%, dedicated state funds 10%

Other***Web site:***

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/scregis.htm>

Surveillance reports on file: Special Child Health Services Registry; 1985-1989. Special Child Health Services Registry; 1985-1991. Special Child Health Services Registry; 1985-1994.

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: information sheet, case record form, copy of legislation, quality assurance audit information

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New Mexico

New Mexico Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance System (NMBDPASS)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1995

Earliest year of available data: 1995

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 27,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: None

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: 740-760.72

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: age 14

Residence: In and out of state births to state residents, New Mexico

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment for NTDs and oral facial clefts; passive for other defects

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, cancer registry

Delivery hospitals: chart review, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), ICU/NICU logs or charts, specialty outpatient clinics

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, ICU/NICU logs or charts, specialty outpatient clinics, midwifery facilities

Third party payers: Medicaid databases, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), Indian health services

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.)

Other sources: physician reports, Children's Chronic Condition's Register

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Stata

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, capture-recapture analyses, observed vs expected analyses, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 16%, MCH funds 25%, CDC grant 59%

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New York

New York State Congenital Malformations Registry (CMR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1983

Earliest year of available data: 1997

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: 260,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Public Health Law Art. @, Tit, II, Sect 225(5)(t) and art. 2 Tit I, sect 206(1)(j): Codes, Rules and Regulations, Chap 1, State Sanitary Code, part 22.3

Legislation year enacted: 1982

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major malformations, detailed list available upon request.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights)

Age: 2 years

Residence: in-state and out-of-state birth to state resident; in-state birth to nonresident; all children born in or residing in New York, up to age 2.

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or charts

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, ICU/NICU logs or charts

Other sources: physician reports, hospital discharge data

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn**

period: charts with selected ICD-9CM codes in the 740-759

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Access, FoxPro, SAS, Sybase

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SAS, Access

Quality assurance: comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, time-space cluster analyses, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 48%, CDC grant 29%, other federal funding (non-CDC) 23%

Other**Web site:**

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Surveillance reports on file: Reports for '93-'95.

Procedure manual available: yes

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North Carolina

North Carolina Birth Defects Monitoring Program (NCBDMP)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1987

Earliest year of available data: 1989

Organizational location: DOH (Vital Statistics)

Population covered annually: >110,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: NCGS 130A-131

Legislation year enacted: 1995

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and genetic diseases

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (< 20 week gestation, ≥ 20 weeks gestation, terminations for NTDs only)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: NC resident births, both in-state and out-of-state occurrence

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population-based, combined active and passive ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease or discharge index, discharge summaries

Third party payers: Medicaid databases

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment**Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period:**

any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with selected procedure codes, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all stillborn infants, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM, modification of ICD-9-CM, ICD-10

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Access, SAS, Mainframe, Mainframe used for file back-up

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/ verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, capture-recapture analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), ID potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/ public awareness, prevention projects, advocacy

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 67%, CDC grant 33%

Other

Web site: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS

Surveillance reports on file: Annual reports, Special studies

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North Dakota

Program status: Interested in developing a surveillance program

Organization location: Department of Health (Vital Statistics), Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health), ND Department of Human Services (Children's Special Health Services)

Population covered annually: 7675

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: Major Birth Defects and other risk factors that may lead to health and developmental problems.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights, numbers collected and reported via Vital Records), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, numbers collected and reported via Vital Records), elective terminations (< 20 week gestation, ≥ 20 weeks gestation, numbers collected and reported via Vital Records)

Age: Newborn period

Residence: In-state resident births

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry, FAS

Delivery hospitals: Birth certificate completion

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: specialty outpatient clinics

Third party payers: Medicaid databases, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), private insurers

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM, ICD 10

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/

ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, Mainframe, Db2

Data Analysis

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: No funding specifically directed to birth defects

Other

Web site:

www.health.state.nd.us/ndhd/admin/vital/

Procedure manual available: yes

Comments: Birth Review Program only

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Ohio

Program status: Interested in developing a surveillance program

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Oklahoma

Oklahoma Birth Defects Registry (OBDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1992

Earliest year of available data: 1992

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 50,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: 63 O.S. Sec. 1-550.2

Legislation year enacted: 1992

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: modified 6-digit ICD-9-CM codes for birth defects and genetic diseases

Pregnancy outcome: live births (≥ 20 weeks gestation), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: 2 years

Residence: in-state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based, active case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, surgery logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, pediatric logs, surgery logs, specialty outpatient clinics, midwifery facilities

Third party payers: Indian health services, Military hospitals delivering babies

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

Database storage/management: Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, Access, ArcView

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, timeliness, editing of all completed abstracts

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time-space cluster analyses, needs assessment, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects, Program quality assurance

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 25%, MCH funds 58%, CDC grant 17%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: 1992 & 1993 Annual Report - combined for Oklahoma, Tulsa and Cleveland Counties

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: PRAMS Gram Vol 8 No 3: Folic Acid Knowledge and Multivitamin Use Among Oklahoma Women; provisional rate tables for 1994-1997.

Comments: Additional information for case definitions residence: 1995 began abstraction of Oklahoma residents born in Fort Smith

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Oregon

Program status: No surveillance program

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Birth Defects Surveillance System

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1999

Earliest year of available data:

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 145,000

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: 740-759 ICD-9

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc.

Age: one year of age

Residence: in-state birth to state resident

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, HC4 data

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program will be added.

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals:

Third party payers: Medicaid databases

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Database storage/management: Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access

Quality assurance: comparison/verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, needs assessment, service delivery, referral

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 100%

Other

Comments: Pennsylvania is in the process of collecting data from birth certificates and data from children enrolled in programs in the Bureau of Family Health. This includes the genetics program, metabolic program, newborn hearing screening program, and special health care needs programs. We are also reviewing data available through the Health Care Cost Containment Council for possible usage.

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Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Birth Defects Surveillance System (PRBDSS)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1995

Earliest year of available data: 1995

Organizational location: DOH (Maternal and Child Health), Folic Acid Campaign, Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs

Population covered annually: 60,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Not mandatory

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: neural tube defects (anencephaly, encephalocele, myelomeningocele and Meningocele), cleft lip and/or cleft palate, gastroschisis, club foot, limb reduction defects, Down syndrome

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation), elective terminations (< 20 week gestation, ≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: 1 year old

Residence: in state birth to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: Active case ascertainment and population based

Case finding/identification sources:

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: chart review, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, specialty outpatient clinics Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals; ICU/NICU logs or charts

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, all elective abortions, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the new period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification info (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), test and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification info (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal diagnostic information, exposures

Father: identification info (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic info (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, SPSS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SPSS, MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstracting of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 39%, CDC grant 41%, CDC Visiting Fellowship Program 20%

Other

Web site: <http://www.defectoscongenito.spr.org>

Surveillance reports on file: Description of Registry Development, Case Report Form, manual for case report form

Procedure manual available: yes

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Rhode Island

Under development. We have received a cooperative agreement from CDC.

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 2000

Earliest year of available data: 1999

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 12,500

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and genetic diseases

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights)

Residence: RI residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: currently, passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn hearing screening program. RI has an integrated database called KIDS NET, which links data from 8 programs including: Universal Newborn Developmental Risk Screening, Universal Newborn Hearing, Newborn Metabolic Screening, Early Intervention, Immunization, Lead Poisoning, WIC, and Home Visiting.

Delivery hospitals: discharge summaries

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father:

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: birth and death data were entered into ACCESS database

Database storage/management: MS Access

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/public awareness

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 30%, CDC grant 70%

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South Carolina

South Carolina Birth Defects Surveillance and Prevention Program

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1992

Earliest year of available data: 1993

Organizational location: Greenwood Genetic Center

Population covered annually: 54,140

Statewide: yes

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: neural tube defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: up to one year after delivery

Residence: in and out of state births to residents of South Carolina

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combination of active and passive case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates, elective termination certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, autopsy

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, postmortem/pathology logs, ICD-9 Codes

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, discharge summaries, specialty outpatient clinics

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, maternal serum screening facilities

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn

period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth

measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, exposures, family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

Database storage/management: MS Access, SAS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 60%, CDC grant 10%, other federal funding 30%

Other

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Tennessee

Tennessee Birth Defects Registry (TN BDR)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 2000

Earliest year of available data:

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Vital Statistics)

Population covered annually: 6000

Statewide: no

Legislation year enacted: 2000

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 500 grams, or in the absence of weight, of 22 completed weeks of gestation or more. Induced abortions are not included.)

Age: diagnosed up to age 5

Residence: in-state birth to state resident

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: hospital based matched to vital records

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries

Other sources: Regional Perinatal Centers (hospitals that oversee other hospitals)

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: MS Access, SAS, Mainframe

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, time trends, observed vs expected analyses, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 100%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: Reports from the 1991-1993 registry are available. Pilot project reports are not yet available.

Comments: Tennessee's Birth Defects Registry lasted from 1991 to 1993 and covered the entire state. For the year 2000, we have a new registry pilot project that covers one region of the state.

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Texas

Texas Birth Defects Monitoring Division (TBDMD)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1994

Earliest year of available data: 1995

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment)

Population covered annually: 350,000

Statewide: yes, Statewide as of 1999 deliveries

Current legislation or rule: Health and Safety Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Section 1, Chapter 87.

Legislation year enacted: 1993

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: all major structural birth defects and fetal alcohol syndrome

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation, or birth weight of at least 500 grams.), elective terminations (< 20 week gestation, ≥ 20 weeks gestation, or birth weight of at least 500 grams)

Age: up to one year after delivery (FAS up to 6 years)

Residence: in-state & out-of-state births to Texas residents.

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active, population-based.

Case finding/identification sources:

Delivery hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, cardiac catheterization laboratories, specialty outpatient clinics, Genetics logs, stillbirth logs, radiology logs
Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: chart review, disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, pediatric logs, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, laboratory logs, cardiac catheterization laboratories, specialty outpatient clinics, genetics logs, radiology logs, midwifery facilities

Other sources: licensed birthing centers

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with a selected list of ICD9-CM codes outside 740-759, any chart with selected procedure codes, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital

heart disease, gestational age < 34 weeks, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: CNS condition (ie seizure), GI condition (ie intestinal blockage), GU condition (ie recurrent infections), cardiovascular condition, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

Database storage/management: FoxPro

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SAS, MS Access
Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, data/hospital audits, clinical review, timeliness, Re-casefinding, re-review of medical records

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, monitoring outbreaks and cluster investigations, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 38%, MCH funds 38%, CDC grant 24%

Other

Web site: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/tbdmd/index.htm>
Surveillance reports on file: Report of Birth Defects Among 1995 Deliveries. 1996 Birth Defects in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: copy of legislation; brochure on the Texas Birth Defects Monitoring Division (English and Spanish); brochure on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (English and Spanish); Recent Trends in Neural Tube Defects in Texas; Leading Causes of Infant Mortality in Texas, 1993 by Ethnicity; summary report on birth defect cluster investigations conducted, 1994-1997; newsletters

Comments: Until 2000, the Texas Department of Health also had the Texas Neural Tube Defect Surveillance and Intervention Project along the Texas border with Mexico, which conducted active surveillance and research on neural tube defects. It was working closely with the Texas Birth Defects Monitoring Division for effective coverage of the whole state, with concentrated effort in specific geographic areas.

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Utah

Utah Birth Defect Network (BDN)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1994

Earliest year of available data: 1994

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health), University

Population covered annually: 47,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Birth Defect Rule

Legislation year enacted: 1999

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: 742.000 - 759.000

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation), elective terminations (<20week gestation, ≥20weeks gestation)

Age: 2

Residence: maternal residence in Utah at time of delivery

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: combined active/passive all of which is population-based

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, fetal death certificates

Delivery hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, obstetrics logs (i.e., labor & delivery), regular nursery logs, ICU/NICU logs or charts, postmortem/pathology logs

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: disease index or discharge index, discharge summaries, ICU/NICU logs or charts, postmortem/pathology logs, surgery logs, specialty outpatient clinics

Other specialty facilities: prenatal diagnostic facilities (ultrasound, etc.), cytogenetic laboratories, genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities

Other sources: physician reports, lay midwives

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period:

any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a CDC/BPA code, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked, all prenatal diagnosed or suspected cases, all stillborn infants, all neonatal deaths, all infants in NICU or special care nursery, all fetal death certificates, NICU reports

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: facial dysmorphism or abnormal

facies, all infant deaths (excluding prematurity) GI condition, cardiovascular condition, any infant with a codable defect

Coding: CDC coding system based on BPA, also use codes for pregnancy terminator (600s)

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff

All cases reviewed clinically by M.

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Database storage/management: Epi-Info

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: Epi-Info, SPSS

Quality assurance: double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review, timeliness, reabstraction of cases

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service delivery, prevention projects, referral, education/public awareness

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 33%, CDC grant 66%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: 1994 NTD Surveillance, 1994-1996 registry report

Procedure manual available: yes

Additional information on file: draft form of Data Sharing Protocol

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Virginia

Virginia Congenital Anomalies Reporting and Education System (VaCARES)

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1989

Earliest year of available data: 1989

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 94000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Health Law 32.1.69.1,
Article 8 1985

Legislation year enacted: 1986

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: major birth defects and genetic diseases

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights)

Age: 2

Residence: in-state birth to state resident

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive, hospital report & birth certificate based information

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file

Other state based registries: newborn genetic screening program, newborn biochemical screening program

Delivery hospitals: VaCARES forms submitted by hospitals

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: VaCARES forms submitted by hospitals

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759, any chart with a ICD9-CM codes in addition to 740-759, any chart with selected defects or medical conditions ie abnormal facies, congenital heart disease, any birth certificate with a birth defect box checked

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/

ethnicity, sex, etc.), gravidity/parity, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), exposures

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Oracle

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS, MS Access

Quality assurance: validity checks, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, data/hospital audits, clinical review, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), needs assessment, service delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 100%

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Washington

Washington State Birth Defects Registry

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1986

Earliest year of available data: 1987

Organizational location: Department of Health
(Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 80,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: Notifiable Conditions:
WAC 246-101

Legislation year enacted: 2000

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: From 1987 to the current time, we receive Casefinding logs listing ICD-9CM codes 740-759; specific primary cancers; specific metabolic conditions; FAS/FAE. Over the next year the Registry will receive cases of anencephaly, spina bifida, limb reductions, cleft lip/palate; hypospadias; gastroschisis; omphalocele; and Down syndrome. We plan to explore ascertainment of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and FAS/FAE.

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (20 weeks gestation and greater)

Age: to age 4 years (transitioning to 1 year of age)

Residence: resident births; child born or diagnosed in state

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: passive ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Delivery hospitals: Casefinding Log completed by Medical Records staff, sometimes in conjunction with hospital Information Systems staff, discharge summaries

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: Casefinding Logs completed by Medical Records staff, sometimes in conjunction with hospital Information Systems staff, discharge summaries

Other specialty facilities: genetic counseling/clinical genetic facilities, physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), Reports are used to generate case lists and we are in the process of linking data to vital records for additional demographic and pregnancy risk information.

Database storage/management: MS Access, D-base
Data Analysis

Data analysis software: MS Access, SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, timeliness

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, observed vs expected analyses, grant proposals, education/public awareness, service delivery, monitor outbreaks and cluster investigations

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 20%, MCH funds 30%, CDC grant 50%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: Brighter Futures Report available for 1987-1988 data

Procedure manual available: yes

Comments: From 1986 through 1991, the Washington state birth defects registry was an active case ascertainment system; when funds were cut, the system became passive. Information concerning the active surveillance program profile is stated below. Outcomes covered: all birth defects, specific genetic diseases, FAS/E, fetal deaths with birth defects. Birth status: live births and stillbirths. Age, gestation, weight, and residence are same as passive surveillance. Case ascertainment: medical facility-generated log (medical records department personnel). Data sources: medical facility (birth and pediatric hospitals and out-patient clinics, including genetics) records. Vital Statistics Certificates (Birth, Death and Fetal Death) database. Coding: British Pediatric Association (BPA). Data collected: name, date of birth, demographic data, name of hospital, names of physicians, measurements at birth, diagnoses, syndromes, medical history, pertinent family history, cytogenetic analysis, discharge disposition, medical record number. Quality assurance: reabstraction of predetermined percentages of cases of each field worker. Data analysis: incidence rates. Data use same as passive system. Monitoring: yes Funding source: CDC

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Grant. Staff: Program director, quality assurance coordinator, 5 field state data abstractors, epidemiologist, secretarial support staff, data manager. Procedure manual: yes.

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West Virginia

West Virginia Birth Defects Surveillance System

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1989

Earliest year of available data: 1989

Organizational location: Department of Health (Epidemiology/Environment), Department of Health (Vital Statistics), Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 21,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: State Statute Section 16-5-12a

Legislation year enacted: 1991

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: congenital anomalies of ICD-9 codes 740-759

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (20 weeks gestation and greater)

Residence: in and out of state births to state residents

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: active case ascertainment

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates

Other state based registries: programs for children with special needs, newborn genetic screening program, newborn hearing screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759

Coding: ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), birth measurements (weight, gestation, Apgars, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, prenatal care, prenatal diagnostic information, pregnancy/delivery complications, family history

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), family history

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: printed abstract/report filled out by staff, printed abstract/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.)

Database storage/management: Mainframe, Visual D-Base

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: custom

Quality assurance: validity checks, comparison/verification between multiple data sources

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, rates by demographic and other variables, epidemiologic studies (using only program data)

Funding

Funding source: MCH funds 100%

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Wisconsin

Wisconsin Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance Program (WBDPSP)

Program status: Program has not started collecting data yet

Start year: 2001

Earliest year of available data: 2003

Organizational location: Department of Health (Maternal and Child Health)

Population covered annually: 67,000

Statewide: yes

Current legislation or rule: 1999 Wisconsin Act 114

Legislation year enacted: 2000

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: structural, genetic, biochemical defects; specific defects TBD

Pregnancy outcome: live births (all gestational ages and birth weights), fetal deaths-stillbirths, spontaneous abortions, etc. (≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Age: birth to 2 years

Residence: Wisconsin

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: population based, passive

Case finding/identification sources:

Vital records: birth certificates, death certificates, matched birth/death file, fetal death reports

Other state based registries: newborn hearing screening program, newborn biochemical screening program, cancer registry, AIDS/HIV registry

Third party payers: Medicaid databases

Other sources: physician reports

Case Ascertainment

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.)

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: TBD

Database storage/management: TBD

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: TBD

Quality assurance: TBD

Data use and analysis: baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, time trends, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, needs assessment, service

delivery, referral, grant proposals, education/public awareness, prevention projects, Items checked above are the ones likely to be used.

Funding

Funding source: general state funds 35%, MCH funds 23%, CDC grant 42%

Other

Surveillance reports on file: Birth and Developmental Outcome Monitoring Program 1990-91, Birth and Developmental Outcome Monitoring Program 1990-94

Comments: The new program will require complete specification through an Advisory Council and Administrative Rule.

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Department of Defense

United States Department of Defense (DoD) Birth Defects Registry

Program status: Currently collecting data

Start year: 1997

Earliest year of available data:

Organizational location: Department of Defense Center for Deployment Health Research, Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA

Population covered annually: 90,000

Statewide: no, nation/world

Current legislation or rule: Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs Policy Memorandum

Legislation year enacted: 1998

Case Definition

Outcomes covered: CDC-recommended severe birth defects

Pregnancy outcome: live births (≥ 20 weeks gestation and any birth weight)

Age: birth to 1 year

Residence: worldwide; any birth to a DoD beneficiary

Surveillance methods

Case ascertainment: electronic diagnostic codes from all inpatient and outpatient encounters of DoD beneficiaries

Case finding/identification sources:

Delivery hospitals: All inpatient and outpatient encounters are captured in standardized DoD data.

Pediatric & tertiary care hospitals: All inpatient and outpatient encounters are captured in standardized DoD data.

Third party payers: All inpatient and outpatient encounters are captured in standardized DoD data.

Other sources: Validation of standardized data performed by case review at one of the largest DoD hospitals (Naval Medical Center, San Diego)

Case Ascertainment

Conditions warranting chart review in newborn period: any chart with a ICD9-CM code 740-759

Conditions warranting a chart review beyond the newborn period: any infant with a codable defect

Coding: ICD-9-CM

Data Collected

Infant/fetus: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), tests and procedures, infant complications, birth defect diagnostic information

Mother: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, pregnancy/delivery complications, exposures

Father: identification information (name, address, date-of-birth, etc.), demographic information (race/ethnicity, sex, etc.), illnesses/conditions, exposures

Data Collection Methods and Storage

Data collection: electronic file/report filled out by staff at facility (laptop, web-based, etc.), electronic file/report submitted by other agencies (hospitals, etc.), All DoD inpatient and outpatient encounters require e-report with diagnostic coding

Database storage/management: SAS

Data Analysis

Data analysis software: SAS

Quality assurance: validity checks, re-abstraction of cases, double-checking of assigned codes, comparison/verification between multiple data sources, clinical review

Data use and analysis: routine statistical monitoring, baseline rates, rates by demographic and other variables, epidemiologic studies (using only program data), identification of potential cases for other epidemiologic studies, grant proposals

Funding

Funding source: other federal funding (non-CDC) 100%

Other

Web site: www.nhrc.navy.mil

Surveillance reports on file: DoD/HA policy memorandum; technical reports

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