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Welcome to the 2005 Iowa Health Fact Book!

This book is the fifth in a series of Iowa Health Fact Book biennial publications and has been produced as a collaborative effort between The University of Iowa College of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Public Health. This book adds to the Iowa Great Places initiative by compiling information related to the health of Iowans. Much of this information is presented for each of Iowa's 99 counties and includes such knowledge as data on disease incidence and mortality, health and social behaviors, health resources, and environmental factors. With this book, we present a tool that is useful to Iowa's health care providers, health policy-makers, public health practitioners, and health researchers alike.

The Iowa Health Fact Books in 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003 were distributed to registrants at the Governor's Conference on Public Health (Barn Raisings I, II, III, and IV) in either print or CD-ROM format. This year, all participants of the Barn Raising V, to be held in July 2005, will again receive the CD-ROM version free. This version and previous versions are posted on our college website. A limited number of printed copies of the 2005 edition will be available at a moderate cost for those who prefer a bound book. Note that the pages of the book can be printed from the PDF files or from the website.

The format of the 2005 Fact Book follows closely to that of the past editions, allowing users the ability to track changes over time. As we continue this effort over the years, we are in a better position to track changes longitudinally. Like the previous editions, we present the data in a descriptive format, without analysis and interpretation of trends. The interested reader is free to use these data in his/her own analyses, and is encouraged to do so with care and attention paid to analytic issues such as small counts and possible changes in the way the data are collected. The data source is given for each type of information presented, and those responsible for collecting the data can address any questions you may have. You will also find a list of other health information resources and their contact information in the Appendix.

We are pleased to make this rich source of health information available to the public and hope that you find it useful.

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