

Connecticut Mortality Tables: Navigation Guide

The purpose of this narrative is orient users to how the mortality files are organized and how to make effective use of them. The CT Department of Public Health publishes two types of mortality statistics: Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates (AAMRs) and Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLLs). On this page, each type of mortality statistic is sub-categorized by the geographies or demographics used to tabulate the statistics. Some worksheets contain multiple sections organized into separated tabs, so you may have to search at the bottom of the worksheet to find the tab for the town, health district, or race/ethnicity of interest.

Viewing Tables

Clicking the link for a table will load that table for viewing in the web browser. Clicking on the link for a table does *not* load the table for viewing in Excel. The web browser view has limited functionality so we recommend that you download the tables to your own computer for use with Excel. The mortality tables have important header and footer notations that indicate which geographies and demographic groups are included in the table. These header and footer notations are displayed only when *printed* from the web browser or Excel or when using the *print preview* function in Excel, but do not appear otherwise.

Printing & Saving Tables

As with all other web-based files, users may want to alter the contents, format, or printing characteristics of an Excel worksheet on our web site. Users will need to download and save these files before they can be edited. Please note that the *print-preview* function in Excel is only available for tables that have been downloaded to your computer. The user may find it useful to use the “Page Break Preview” under View to control where page breaks occur.

Tables by Race/Ethnicity

AAMRs for specific race/ethnicity subgroups are found by opening a race/ethnicity Excel workbook and clicking on the worksheet tab (located at the bottom of the worksheet) for the specific race/ethnicity subgroup of interest. Information for each race/ethnic combinations is on its own separate worksheet. At this time, race/ethnicity subgroups are mutually exclusive and limited to White-Non Hispanic, Black-Non Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native-Non Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander-Non Hispanic, and Hispanic. These race/ethnicity categories are consistent with those reported by the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC.

YPLLs for specific race/ethnicity subgroups can be found the same way as the AAMRs; however, there are three tabs for each race/ethnicity. The three tabs are for three sex subgroups: “A” = All sexes, “M” = Males, or “F” = Females. In sum, the YPLL race/ethnicity file will have 15 worksheets: 5 race/ethnicity groups x 3 sex subgroups.

Tables by Health District

The Health District definitions used for the 1999-2006 tables are based on those in effect as of June 2008. As of June 2008, there were 20 health districts. Data for each health district is provided on its own worksheet. In addition, all of the towns that are not part of a full-time health district were combined to form a “non health district” group whose data is available on its own worksheet. Please note that all rates by health district are based on detailed 7/1/2000 population figures by town, age, and sex since town level populations by age, sex, and race/ethnicity are not available. Consequently, these Health District rates are considered “provisional” since the rate denominators are based on 7/1/2000 data. The death counts are final figures.

Individual Health District AAMR tables can be found by opening the Health District workbook for the time period of interest and locating the specific health district name on the worksheet tabs at the bottom of the page. In sum, the AAMR Health District file will have 21 worksheets: 20 Health Districts plus a Non Health District.

Individual Health District YPLL tables can be found in a similar manner; however, there are 3 worksheets for each health district designated by "A" = All sexes, "M" = Males, or "F" = Females. In sum, the YPLL Health District file will have 63 worksheets: 20 Health Districts plus a Non Health District x 3 sex subgroups.

Tables by Town

Please note that all rates by town are considered "provisional" since the rate denominators are based on detailed 7/1/2000 population figures by town, age, and sex. The death counts are final figures.

Individual Town AAMR tables can be found by opening the Town workbook for the time period of interest and locating the specific town name on the worksheet tabs at the bottom of the page. Information for each town is on its own separate worksheet. In sum, the AAMR town file will have 169 worksheets.

Individual Town YPLL tables can be found in a similar manner; however, there are 3 worksheets for each town designated by "A" = All sexes, "M" = Males, or "F" = Females. In sum, the YPLL town file will have 507 worksheets: 169 towns x 3 sex subgroups.

For more information

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