

VITAL NEWS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

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DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Florida Clerk of Courts & Comptrollers' Electronic Filing of Marriage and Dissolutions of Marriage Records

Section 382.021, *Florida Statutes*, requires all marriage records from each Clerk of Courts & Comptrollers' (COCC) office be transmitted to the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) by the 5th of every month. Section 382.023, *Florida Statutes*, requires all dissolution of marriage records from the COCC offices be transmitted to the BVS by the 10th of every month. In an effort to streamline and simplify the process, the BVS and the Clerks are making great progress toward the shared goal of paperless transmission of all marriage and dissolution of marriage records for registration with the state office to save both time and resources, which results in a more efficient registration system.

In 2017, Florida's COCC transmitted 75,560 dissolution of marriage records to the BVS; records have been transmitted 100% electronically as of February 1, 2018. The COCC sent 154,254 marriage records to the BVS in 2017, and the offices cooperated to create the same success with electronic transmission of marriage records. The BVS is proud to announce that there are 31 COCC offices transmitting marriage data electronically and an additional 17 COCC offices are pending. Our goal for 2018 is to have all marriage records transmitted electronically statewide. We look forward to working with each office.

If any Florida COCC would like more information regarding electronic registration of marriage records or if you need assistance in locating a marriage or dissolution of marriage record, please contact the BVS Quality Assurance unit at 904-359-6900, extension 9020.



NAPHSIS ANNUAL MEETING

Miami | June 4 – 7, 2018

The Heat is On—Mark Your Calendars!

The National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) is the national nonprofit organization representing the state vital records and public health statistics offices in the United States. Formed in 1933, NAPHSIS brings together more than 250 public health professionals from each state, the five territories and the District of Columbia.

The NAPHSIS mission is to provide national leadership for both vital records and related information systems in order to establish and protect individual identity and improve population health. On behalf of its membership, NAPHSIS and its partners educate policymakers about the importance of vital records and infrastructure modernization to secure continued federal investment in these priorities. NAPHSIS also provides technical assistance and training, educational programs and access to resources that assist in vital records and health statistics management.

Every year, NAPHSIS gathers to discuss various pertinent topics affecting Vital Statistics and this year's conference is at the Hyatt Regency Miami, June 4 – 7, 2018. The NAPHSIS annual meeting is the only educational and networking event that brings together professionals in vital records and public health statistics from each state and territory in the nation. This year's meeting will provide our members and industry partners a unique opportunity to collaborate on common interests around public health and personal identity.

Visit <https://www.naphsis.org/single-post/2017/12/20/2018-Annual-Meeting-in-Miami-FL> for additional information on meeting registration, fees, hotel information (special room rate/deadline) and a glance at the meeting program.

GOING ON A CRUISE?



You may need a certified copy of your birth certificate prior to boarding. Plan ahead, and order your certificate now. If the cruise line denies you boarding because they need your Florida birth certificate, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) at 904-359-6900, extension 9000. The BVS will work with the cruise line and the passenger to provide the necessary documents.

Visit our website: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/certificates> for ordering instructions and to download an application for a Florida birth record. To find a local vital statistics office in Florida, visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/certificates/certificates/publications-page.html>.

You may also order through VitalChek, our only approved vendor. VitalChek charges additional processing fees, and offers an expedited shipping option. VitalChek may be reached by phone at 1-877-550-7330, or online at www.vitalchek.com.

If you were not born in Florida, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm> for ordering information.

List of Champions 2017 Births

Congratulations to the following hospitals for filing 100% of their 2017 birth records on time. The continued support and cooperation of all our birthing facilities in the timely filing of the birth record is a great benefit to parents.

Thank you to our 2017 *List of Champions* for a job well done!

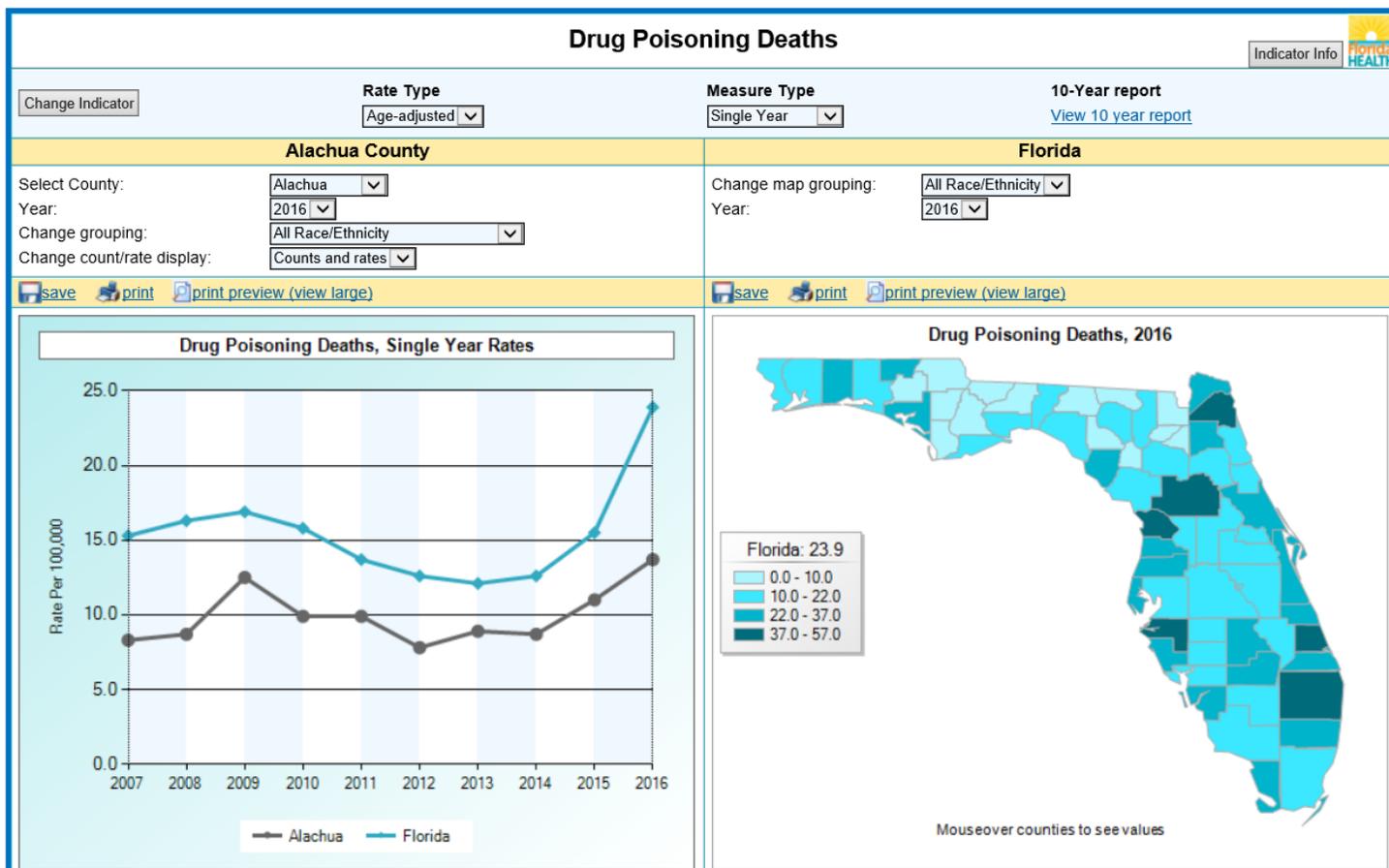
County	Facility Name	Total # of Births Filed for 2017
ORANGE	WINNIE PALMER HOSPITAL	14112
HILLSBOROUGH	ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S HOSPITAL	7194
PINELLAS	BAYFRONT HEALTH ST. PETERSBURG	4163
DUVAL	SHANDS JACKSONVILLE	3233
ALACHUA	THE WOMEN'S CENTER AT NFRMC	3161
MIAMI-DADE	MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER	2755
PALM BEACH	WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	2322
BROWARD	PLANTATION GENERAL HOSPITAL	2189
PINELLAS	MORTON PLANT HOSPITAL	2155
PINELLAS	MEASE HOSPITAL COUNTRYSIDE	2070
POLK	LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	1913
MANATEE	MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1874
PALM BEACH	JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER	1489
ST. LUCIE	TRADITION MEDICAL CENTER	1451
LEE	GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTER	1376
LEE	CAPE CORAL HOSPITAL	1340
INDIAN RIVER	INDIAN RIVER MEDICAL CENTER	1024
DUVAL	BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER BEACHES	1016
MARTIN	MARTIN MEDICAL CENTER	839
HIGHLANDS	FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND	786
ORANGE	HEALTH CENTRAL	730
BREVARD	CAPE CANAVERAL HOSPITAL	692
BREVARD	PARRISH MEDICAL CENTER	625
PASCO	FLORIDA HOSPITAL ZEPHYRHILLS	593
MANATEE	LAKESWOOD RANCH MEDICAL CENTER	587
HILLSBOROUGH	SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST HOSPITAL	560
CLAY	ST. VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER - CLAY COUNTY FAMILY BIRTH PLACE	539
LAKE	FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN	533
CITRUS	CITRUS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	479
OKALOOSA	NORTH OKALOOSA MEDICAL CENTER	452
PINELLAS	ST. PETERSBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL	430
JACKSON	JACKSON HOSPITAL	414
PALM BEACH	JFK MEDICAL CENTER	412
HILLSBOROUGH	ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL NORTH	406
MIAMI-DADE	THE MIAMI MEDICAL CENTER	389
PASCO	FLORIDA HOSPITAL WESLEY CHAPEL	364
DUVAL	UF HEALTH NORTH	144
PINELLAS	BREATH OF LIFE WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES & BIRTH CENTER	137
HILLSBOROUGH	SWEET CHILD O' MINE	120
ORANGE	THE BIRTH PLACE	47
MARION	THE OCALA BIRTH CENTER	33
OKALOOSA	GENTLE BIRTH OPTIONS	33
MIAMI-DADE	HOLISTIC SOUTH PREGNANCY & BIRTH CENTER	27

Trending Now on FLHealthCHARTS

FLHealthCHARTS.com provides data for many different causes of death. On the homepage, look for the search box in the upper right corner of the page, type the cause of death and select the magnifying glass icon. From the results, select the link that shows the cause you need.

Deaths due to drug poisoning is the latest cause of death posted on FLHealthCHARTS. The view shown below indicates there are differences by race. In 2016, the age-adjusted death rate was 28.5 per 100,000 among the white population compared to 10.0 per 100,000 among the black population.

Locate information on all five drug poisoning death indicators by entering “drug poisoning” in the search box.



Did You Know?

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE REENTRY PROGRAM

Section 382.0255(3), *Florida Statutes*, directs the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) to waive fees required for a certified copy of a Florida birth certificate issued for the purposes of an inmate acquiring a state identification card prior to release pursuant to section 944.605(7), *Florida Statutes*. Since the implementation of the law in 2014, over 15,000 birth certificates have been issued through this program each year. These certificates are only issued at the BVS and not at the local county vital statistics offices. For more information, contact the BVS in Jacksonville, Florida at 904-359-6900 extension 9000.

Affidavit of Medical Amendment

One of the most common mistakes made on a death certificate involves the date of death (DOD). Reporting the correct DOD is important to the decedent's family as they settle the estate. Accurate information is also vital to government agencies such as Social Security Administration, Medicare, Elections, Clerk of Courts, Drivers License among others. The Affidavit of Medical Amendment form DH 434A is to be used when a correction to the DOD or any other medical item is needed on the death certificate. The DH434A affidavit is submitted to the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) and the signature of the certifying physician listed on the death certificate must also be notarized.

The DH434A affidavit is made up of the three sections: amendment, affidavit and notary.

The Amendment section must include the name of the decedent (first, middle, last, suffix); date of death; county of death; place of death; facility name/street address; city, town or location of death; inside city limit; and certifier information. This information is used to locate the death record. The certifier information is used to verify the same physician signed the death certificate. If the certifier differs from the death record, then the DH434A affidavit will not be accepted. Documentation must be provided to explain the reason of the certifier change. Any item in the medical portion can be corrected.

In the affidavit section, the certifier should give the name of the item being changed along with the incorrect and corrected information. Do not use item numbers from the death record or DH434A affidavit. Use item names only.

The notary section MUST be completed by the certifier in the presence of the notary. The notary MUST witness the signature, and the dates the certifier and notary signed the DH434A MUST be the same. If the signature dates are not the same, then the form will not be accepted and a new one will be required, which may result in a delay of the amendment.

If you have questions about the DH434A or need further assistance completing the form, contact Myrtle Robinson at (904) 359-6900, extension 1091. A pdf version of the DH434A affidavit may be found at the following web address:

http://www.floridahealth.gov/certificates/certificates/amendments-corrections/documents/DH_434A.pdf.

Did You Know?

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD PROGRAM

Section 382.0255(3), *Florida Statutes*, directs the BVS to waive fees required for a certified copy of a Florida birth certificate issued for a juvenile offender who is in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving services under section 985.461, *Florida Statutes*. This statute was enacted and became law in 2017. These certificates are only issued at the BVS and not at the local county vital statistics offices. For more information, contact the BVS in Jacksonville, Florida at 904-359-6900 extension 9000.



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