

2009 Florida Morbidity Statistics

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Disease control and prevention are core functions of any public health agency. In fact, the mission of the Florida Department of Health is "to promote, protect, and improve the health of all people in Florida." The Florida Department of Health's ability to identify, prevent, and control the spread of disease was challenged throughout 2009 with the emergence of an influenza pandemic. Novel influenza A H1N1 was first detected in the U.S. in California in April of 2009 and spread throughout the country. Florida felt the impact of this pandemic through the summer and fall of 2009. The Department's response to this pandemic was time consuming and resource intensive, and required the collaboration of county health departments and many bureaus, divisions, and public health partners. This collaboration was essential to ensure an efficient and effective response to the influenza pandemic while also completing regular daily operations of the Department that are essential to protecting the public's health.

Protection of the public's health from emerging diseases, including the recent example of novel influenza, requires diligence in all aspects of public health. Our most important partners in identifying and characterizing emerging trends in disease are the physicians, nurses, laboratorians, hospital infection control practitioners and other healthcare professionals who participate in reportable disease surveillance. Without their participation, our ability to recognize and intervene in emerging public health issues would be limited.

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We hope readers will find this document useful when setting priorities and directions for action at the individual and community levels to improve the health of all people in Florida.

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Introduction

Purpose

The Florida morbidity report is compiled to:

- 1. summarize annual morbidity from reportable acute communicable and environmental diseases, and cancer in Florida,
- 2. describe patterns of disease as an aid in directing future disease prevention and control efforts; and,
- 3. provide a resource to medical and public health authorities at county, state, and national levels.

Report Format

This report is divided into 9 sections:

- Section 1: Summary of Selected Notifiable Diseases and Conditions
- Section 2: Selected Notifiable Diseases and Conditions
- Section 3: Summary of Foodborne Disease Outbreaks
- Section 4: Summary of Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance
- Section 5: Summary of 2009 H1N1 Influenza A Surveillance
- Section 6: Summary of Notable Outbreaks and Case Investigations
- Section 7: Recently Published Papers and Reports
- Section 8: Summary of Cancer Data, 2007

Section 9: Laboratory Status Report

Data Sources

Data presented in this report are based on reports received by county and state health department staff from physicians, hospitals, and laboratories throughout the state. Data on occurrence of reportable diseases in Florida were obtained through passive and sometimes active surveillance. Reporting suspected and confirmed cases of notifiable diseases or conditions in the State of Florida is mandated under Florida Statute 381.0031, and Chapter 64D-3, *Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)*. People in charge of laboratories, practitioners, hospitals, medical facilities, or other locations providing health services (can include schools, nursing homes, and state institutions) are required to report diseases or conditions, Chapter 64D-3, *F.A.C.* Reporting test results by a laboratory does not nullify the practitioner's obligation to also report the disease or conditions. These data are the basis for providing useful information on reportable diseases and conditions in Florida to public health and healthcare workers and policymakers, and would not be possible without the cooperation of the extensive network involving both private and public sector participants.

- 1. Passive surveillance relies on physicians, laboratories, and other healthcare providers to report diseases to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), using a confidential morbidity report form, electronically, by telephone, or by facsimile.
- 2. Active surveillance entails FDOH staff regularly contacting hospitals, laboratories, and physicians in an effort to identify all cases of a given disease.
- 3. Increasingly, information about cases of reportable diseases is passed from providers, especially laboratories, to the FDOH as electronic records, which occurs automatically.

Interpreting the Data

This report should be interpreted considering the following limitations.

1. Under-Reporting

Evaluations of infectious disease reporting systems have, in general, indicated that the completeness of reporting varies by disease. The less common, more severe reportable diseases such as bacterial meningitis, diphtheria, polio, botulism, anthrax, tuberculosis, and congenital syphilis are more completely reported than the more common but (individually) less severe diseases such as hepatitis A or campylobacteriosis. Variation in reported disease incidence at the local level probably reflects, to varying degrees, both differences in the true incidence of disease and differences in the vigor with which surveillance is performed.

2. Reliability of Rates

All incidence rates in this report are expressed as the number of reported cases of a disease per 100,000 population unless otherwise specified. Animal rabies is only reported as the number of cases, because no reliable denominators exist for animal populations. Rates for diseases with only a few cases reported per year can be unstable and should be interpreted with caution. The observation of zero events is especially difficult to interpret. All rates in the report based on fewer than 19 events should be considered unreliable. This translates into a relative standard error of the rate of 23% or more, which is the cut-off for rate reliability used by the National Center for Health Statistics.

3. Reporting Period

The data in this report are aggregated by the date the case was reported to the Bureau of Epidemiology for each of the years presented, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Frequency counts include only cases reported during this time. Some cases reported in 2009 may have onset or diagnosis dates in 2008, and some with onset in 2009 may have been reported in 2010.

4. Case Definition

Cases are classified as confirmed, probable, or suspected at the local level, using a published set of surveillance case definitions (Surveillance Case Definitions for Select Reportable Diseases in Florida, available at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/surv/ CaseDefinitions.html). For cases of most diseases, these classifications are reviewed at the state level. In this report confirmed and probable cases have been included for all diseases, but no suspected cases have been included.

5. Place of Acquisition of Disease or Condition

The distribution of cases among Florida counties is determined by the patient's reported county of residence. Cases are allocated to their county of residence regardless of where they became ill or are/were hospitalized, diagnosed, or exposed. Cases in people whose official residence is outside the state of Florida, but who became ill or are/were hospitalized or diagnosed in Florida, are not included. These cases are referred through an interstate reciprocal notification system to the state where the patient resides.

6. Population Estimates

All population estimates are from the Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set (CHARTS). The CHARTS system receives its estimates from the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). Estimates are updated once per year in the CHARTS system. Note that previous editions of this report may show somewhat different populations for a given year than the ones shown here, as these estimates are revised periodically.

7. Incomplete Case Information

Certain analyses may not include all reportable cases of a specific disease due to incomplete case information. For graphs denoting month of onset, it is important to note that only those cases of disease for which an onset date could be determined are included.

Florida County Boundaries



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Table A.

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
State Total	15,679,606	16,074,896	16,412,296	16,772,201	17,164,199	17,613,368	18,018,497	18,440,700	18,731,287	18,896,559	18,818,998
Alachua	213,346	219,239	224,397	229,524	232,110	237,374	241,858	244,648	248,183	249,788	254,690
Baker	21,498	22,388	22,641	23,105	23,472	24,069	23,980	25,216	25,692	25,905	26,049
Bay	147,075	148,692	150,748	152,818	155,414	159,108	162,499	166,160	167,881	168,817	169,955
Bradford	25,767	26,110	26,136	26,649	27,084	27,865	28,195	28,685	29,131	29,304	29,108
Brevard	469,515	478,541	487,131	497,429	510,622	524,046	534,596	545,460	553,481	557,741	555,944
Broward	1,590,361	1,631,445	1,654,923	1,673,972	1,706,363	1,730,580	1,746,603	1,755,392	1,767,538	1,775,101	1,748,279
Calhoun	12,863	13,038	13,101	13,286	13,491	13,636	14,011	14,192	14,545	14,688	14,309
Charlotte	139,032	142,357	145,481	149,486	152,865	158,006	153,788	161,731	165,061	166,473	166,298
Citrus	116,208	118,689	121,078	123,704	126,475	129,822	133,472	137,690	140,652	142,143	143,857
Clay	137,357	141,331	144,161	151,746	157,325	164,868	171,118	178,922	186,014	189,667	185,678
Collier	242,408	254,571	267,632	281,148	295,848	309,369	320,859	327,945	335,235	340,589	332,204
Columbia	55,446	56,683	57,354	58,537	59,218	60,821	61,744	64,052	65,658	66,429	67,161
Dade	2,219,329	2,262,902	2,292,316	2,320,465	2,354,404	2,388,138	2,432,276	2,442,170	2,466,645	2,478,585	2,477,019
Desoto	31,436	32,404	32,741	32,959	33,912	34,220	32,391	33,353	34,086	34,294	34,893
Dixie	13,559	13,883	14,154	14,530	14,768	15,054	15,482	15,715	15,826	15,927	16,080
Duval	767,860	782,691	797,566	813,817	829,937	843,772	865,965	883,875	900,608	908,378	908,562
Escambia	292,937	294,911	297,321	300,421	304,165	308,068	303,240	310,617	311,701	311,924	314,698
Flagler	47,559	50,620	53,881	58,004	62,511	71,004	80,559	90,663	94,199	96,912	95,214
Franklin	9,710	9,871	9,974	10,250	10,530	10,682	10,909	12,082	12,257	12,286	12,427
Gadsden	45,312	45,070	45,419	46,073	46,600	46,965	47,883	48,380	49,630	50,152	51,430
Gilchrist	13,980	14,533	14,759	15,140	15,637	16,016	16,303	16,812	17,171	17,375	17,502
Glades	10,407	10,595	10,624	10,675	10,759	10,763	10,743	10,849	11,113	11,301	11,520
Gulf	13,559	14,785	15,101	15,290	15,691	16,235	16,543	16,565	16,875	17,001	16,885
Hamilton	12,831	13,457	13,792	13,952	14,039	14,346	14,319	14,571	14,725	14,763	14,769
Hardee	26,543	26,952	27,021	27,474	27,434	27,898	27,277	27,240	27,574	27,650	28,359
Hendry	35,608	36,300	36,256	36,174	36,739	37,800	38,610	38,870	39,846	40,295	41,997
Hernando	128,733	131,298	133,497	137,613	141,574	146,118	152,049	158,441	163,035	165,329	166,850
Highlands	85,892	87,676	88,373	89,343	90,770	92,456	93,807	97,336	98,987	99,760	100,834
Hillsborough	978,079	1,005,808	1,034,164	1,062,140	1,085,318	1,114,774	1,137,583	1,171,585	1,197,312	1,209,978	1,202,309
Holmes	18,371	18,620	18,713	18,746	18,983	19,027	19,189	19,525	19,432	19,406	19,943
Indian River Jackson	110,142 46 050	113,755 46.998	116,291 47 534	118,884 47 963	121,887 49 218	127,831 48,891	130,849 49 883	136,546 50 286	140,469 50 482	142,452 51 106	141,926 53 663
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Table A. (Continued) Florida Population by Year and County, 1999-2009, (Source - Florida CHARTS; accessed February 2010)

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240,631		249,744	256,921	265,258	272,749	272,573	272,938	273,741	275,369
34,626		36,197	36,856	37,691	38,136	39,277	40,219	40,677	41,064
7,045		7,165	7,248	7,372	7,623	7,784	7,763	7,767	8,580
18,775		18,974	19,183	19,564	19,738	19,846	19,960	20,018	20,266
265,701		279,366	288,888	297,037	306,557	309,952	317,395	321,323	318,765
260,407		273,602	284,232	295,550	307,646	317,755	326,791	331,843	330,749
127,430	_	132,009	135,280	138,329	141,871	142,859	143,914	144,736	143,588
79,721		81,030	80,473	81,336	82,628	80,055	78,729	78,157	75,213
58,037		61,643	63,523	65,478	66,019	68,662	69,745	70,447	73,732
171,264		178,036	182,020	186,744	189,766	193,668	197,164	198,884	196,622
35,998	36,211	36,715	37,377	38,153	37,752	38,821	39,038	39,116	40,133
906,000	936,749	962,531	989,962	1,021,215	1,050,939	1,087,172	1,109,714	1,123,324	1,115,169
174,107	182,202	197,901	213,723	228,755	237,659	259,521	267,510	273,266	277,731
1,137,532	1,160,977	1,190,653	1,218,508	1,249,598	1,272,335	1,290,600	1,295,586	1,302,077	1,289,159
346,882	354,196	364,900	378,085	392,507	410,758	427,594	435,913	441,188	437,880
923,308	930,602	935,274	941,435	944,966	948,925	947,122	942,911	940,645	932,909
487,183	498,011	504,381	514,247	531,472	545,064	570,067	583,315	589,784	584,978
70,532	70,929	71,481	72,114	73,435	73,897	74,549	74,816	74,903	74,777
124,613		135,467	141,216	151,114	159,168	167,553	175,521	179,857	186,142
194,062		205,396	213,614	228,480	243,061	263,319	273,868	279,469	274,460
118,605		125,947	129,842	134,761	137,245	142,004	142,094	142,991	145,579
328,135		341,784	350,664	360,214	370,123	381,828	388,641	392,262	391,997
368,231		389,549	396,934	405,565	413,937	422,288	426,364	429,244	423,947
54,203		61,979	63,522	67,221	75,660	84,687	90,996	94,125	96,033
35,091		35,815	37,479	37,863	38,319	39,008	39,816	40,773	42,181
19,297		19,878	20,794	20,977	21,395	21,696	22,721	23,062	23,701
5	13,473 13,660	13,786	13,793	14,752	15,135	15,160	15,865	16,112	16,157
5	445,676 453,840	462,377	473,185	486,874	497,224	505,317	508,468	511,094	508,844
L()	23,150 23,936	24,340	25,141	25,692	27,193	28,727	29,632	30,575	31,931
40,990		46,052	47,472	51,167	54,218	56,199	57,318	58,264	58,046
21,069	9 21,516	21,702	21,987	22,534	23,255	23,179	23,876	24,307	25,600

Table B. Florida Populationby Age Group, 2009

Age Group	2009
< 1	227,360
1-4	909,441
5-9	1,137,318
10-14	1,148,339
15-17	727,914
18-19	475,228
20-24	1,210,398
25-29	1,165,740
30-34	1,116,001
35-39	1,179,711
40-44	1,259,170
45-49	1,361,401
50-54	1,312,357
55-59	1,201,967
60-64	1,084,043
65-69	879,955
70-74	732,260
75-79	639,798
80-84	526,308
85+	524,289
Total	18,818,998

Table C. Florida Populationby Gender, 2009

Gender	2009
Male	9,225,158
Female	9,593,840
Total	18,818,998

Table D. Florida Population by Race, Aggregated to White, Black, and Other Non-White, 2009

Race	2009
White	15,180,146
Black	3,101,145
Other Non-White	537,707
Total	18,818,998

List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions in Florida, 2009

Section 381.0031 (1,2), Florida Statutes, provides that "Any practitioner, licensed in Florida to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, naturopathy, or veterinary medicine, who diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health significance shall immediately report the fact to the Department of Health." County health departments serve as the Department's representative in this reporting requirement. Furthermore, this Section provides that "Periodically the Department shall issue a list of diseases determined by it to be of public health significance...and shall furnish a copy of said list to the practitioners...". This list reflects diseases and conditions that were reportable in 2009. However, additional updates will be made in future years and Annual Morbidity Reports for subsequent years will reflect changes in the list.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Amebic encephalitis Anthrax Arsenic Poisoning Botulism Brucellosis California serogroup virus (neuroinvasive and nonneuroinvasive) Campylobacteriosis Cancer (except non-melanoma skin cancer, and including benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors) Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Chancroid Chlamydia Cholera Ciguatera fish poisoning (Ciguatera) Congenital anomalies Conjunctivitis (in neonates < 14 days old) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Cryptosporidiosis Cyclosporiasis Dengue Diphtheria Eastern equine encephalitis virus disease (neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive) Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis [human granulocytic (HGA), human monocytic (HME), human other or unspecified agentl Encephalitis, other (non-arboviral) Enteric diseases due to: Escherichia coli, O157:H7 Escherichia coli, Other (known serotypes) Giardiasis Glanders Gonorrhea Granuloma Inquinale Haemophilus influenzae (meningitis and invasive disease) Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) Hantavirus infection Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Hepatitis A Hepatitis B. C. D. E. and G Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive in a pregnant woman or a child < 24 months of age Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) [in Infants to 6 months of age; anogenital in children ≤ 12 yrs] Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Human papillomavirus (HPV) [in children < 6 years; anogenital in children < 12 yrs, cancer associated strains] Influenza due to novel or pandemic strains Influenza-associated pediatric mortality (in persons aged < 18 yrs) Lead Poisoning Leaionellosis Leptospirosis Listeriosis Lvme Disease

Lymphogranuloma Venereum (LGV)

Malaria Measles (Rubeola) Melioidosis Meningitis (bacterial, cryptococcal, mycotic) Meningococcal Disease (includes meningitis and meningococcemia) Mercury Poisoning Mumps Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning Pertussis Pesticide-Related Illness and Injury Plague Poliomyelitis Psittacosis (Ornithosis) Q Fever Rabies (human, animal) Rabies (possible exposure) Ricin toxicity Rocky Mountain spotted fever Rubella (including congenital) St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus disease (neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive) Salmonellosis Saxitoxin Poisoning (including paralytic shellfish poisoning) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-associated Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) disease Shigellosis Smallpox Staphylococcus aureus (with intermediate or full resistance to vancomycin, VISA, VRSA) Staphylococcus aureus, methicilin resistant (MRSA), community associated mortalities Staphylococcus enterotoxin B Streptococcal Disease (invasive, Group A) Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive disease) Syphilis Tetanus Toxoplasmosis (acute) Trichinosis Tuberculosis Tularemia Typhoid Fever Typhus Fever (epidemic and endemic) Vaccinia Disease Varicella (chickenpox) Varicella mortality Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus disease (neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive) Vibriosis (Vibrio infections) Viral hemorrhagic fevers (Ebola, Marburg, Lassa, Machupo) West Nile virus disease (neuroinvasive and nonneuroinvasive) Western equine encephalitis virus disease (neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive) Yellow Fever Any disease outbreak Any grouping or clustering

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