



# Injury Data and Surveillance Systems at NJDOH Center for Health Statistics

## OVERVIEW

- New Jersey Department of Health does not have a centralized injury or violence prevention **program**
- Due to the nature of injuries and funding constraints, programs tend to be focused in scope, geography, and target population
- Reliance on other State agencies, local health, [Safe Kids NJ](#), community coalitions, academic institutions for injury and violence prevention program activities
- New Jersey Department of Health does have **data**

## INJURY SURVEILLANCE DATA

- Public health data used for state injury surveillance:
  - [Death certificate](#)
  - [Hospital inpatient and emergency department billing](#)
  - [Medical Examiner](#) data
  - [Behavioral Risk Factor Survey](#) and [Syndromic Surveillance](#) are being explored
- Traumatic [brain injury](#) (TBI) and [spinal cord injury](#) (SCI) surveillance, unintentional injuries, non-fatal violence and overdose
- Voluntarily contribute time and summary data to:
  - [CDC State Injury Indicators Reports](#)
  - [Regional Injury Prevention Network](#)
  - National epidemiology working groups
- Results are publicly available

## NJ VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

- NJ has been funded by CDC since 2002 to establish the [New Jersey Violent Death Reporting System \(NJVDRS\)](#)
  - Part of the [National Violent Death Reporting System \(NVDRS\)](#)
  - Since 2017, using the NJVDRS platform to establish the [New Jersey State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System \(NJ SUDORS\)](#)
  - Part of [Overdose Data to Action \(OD2A\)](#), [Strategy 2](#)
- Linked records for NJ suicide, homicide, drug overdose:
  - Death certificate, medical examiner, law enforcement (violence only)
  - Situational characteristics and extended demographics

## DATA ACCESS

- NJVDRS data are available:
  - National dataset through CDC ([RAD](#))
  - De-identified NJ dataset through NJDOH ([IRB](#))
  - Summary, queryable data through [NJSHAD](#) (summer 2020)
- Similar NJ SUDORS data from 2012 through present will be available:
  - De-identified NJ dataset through NJDOH (IRB) (early 2021)
  - Summary, queryable data through NJSHAD (early 2021)
- Overdose and violence data will also be incorporated into the [Drug Overdose Data Dashboard](#)