Determining the Need for Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Programs

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Sometimes it can be overwhelming to try to identify data and statistics that detail the current situation in your counties. There are so many resources available, but you have to know where to find them. This resource guide will help you identify secondary data sources to conduct a situational analysis.   In fact, the resources provide the latest data and statistics available on key indicators relevant to family and consumer science (FCS) issues.

A special effort was made to make this resource guide as user-friendly as possible. Thus, the guide is broken down into categories. The resources in each section are alphabetized for your convenience. Perhaps more important, a summary of the type of data or statistics that each resource contains is provided with an example of its usage.

The Internet can be a fast and convenient way to locate valuable resources, but you must know where to find them or the task can be cumbersome. Most of the work has been done for you. All of the resources are Web-based with links to the host Web sites included. Data summaries and reports can be easily downloaded and printed. Some files are in PDF format and require the Adobe Acrobat Reader which is available from Adobe at no charge.

While this resource is not exhaustive there is information provided to assist you in locating secondary data on key indicators of agriculture in your county. It does not take the place of primary data from clients, advisory leaders, and other key stakeholders that provide more specific information about program needs, priorities, and concerns in your county.

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Data Resource Web sites

1. Aging and Senior Citizens

Division of Aging and Adult Services

Main Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/demo.htm

Data provided includes:

- Aging profile
- Projected population
- Education level
- Economic security

Example: Clicking on the link "NC County Profiles" will take you to a menu where you can select your county. From there, you can open a file that includes a plethora of data, including demographics, healthy aging, economic security, and much more.

1. Child Abuse -Child Protective Services

Main Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/cps/index.htm

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/stats/index.htm. Clicking on the link *"Child Welfare"* and then *"Central Registry Statistics for d*ata provided on:

- Number of children/youth reported neglected in your county
- Number of children/youth reported abused in your county
- Number of children/youth reported delinquent in your county
- Type of maltreatment (e.g. medical neglect, abandonment, lack of supervision, etc.
- Probability of placement of foster care children in your county
- Child support cases and collections in your county

3. Child Care

Division of Child Development

Main Web site: http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/general/home.asp

Statistics and research Web site: http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/general/mb_snapshot.asp

Data provided includes:

- Number of children enrolled in child care
- Child care subsidies
- Head Start numbers

Example: Clicking on the link "*DCD Monthly Child Care Statistical Reports*" will take you to a page where you can browse detailed statistics by month and year.

Action for Children

Main Web site: http://www.ncchild.org/content/view/93/101/

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.ncchild.org/content/view/274/158/

Data provided includes:

- Indicators of child and youth well-being
- Family income
- Educational success
- Infant, child, and teen deaths by county and state

Example: By clicking on the link "*2006 North Carolina Children's Index*," you can access more than 75 indicators of child and youth well-being in the following areas: child health and safety, economic (in)security, early care and education, child maltreatment, juvenile justice and demographics.

4. Community Development

U.S. Census Bureau/County Business Patterns

Main Web site: http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html

Statistics and research Web site: Where it says "*State and County QuickFacts*," select North Carolina and click on the submit button. Then select your county.

Data provided includes:

- The number of employers total and by category
- The number of establishments total and by category
- Payrolls
- The number of establishments by employment size

Example: By following the directions outlined above, you can view information such as population, demographics, household components, and much more by county, state and national level.

5. Demographics

North Carolina State Data Center

Main Web site: http://census.state.nc.us/

Statistics and research Web site: same as above

Data provided includes:

- Commuting reports
- Migration reports
- School district demographics
- More

Example: After clicking on the link "*Detailed Profiles*," you can select either a state or a county. Click the go button, and you will retrieve a report with detailed demographic information for that geography.

Fedstats

Main Web site: http://www.fedstats.gov

Statistics and research Web site: Where it says "*MapStats*," select North Carolina and click on the submit button. Then select your county.

Data provided includes:

- Statistics on population, criminal justice, education, employment, and dozens of other topics

Example: If you click on the link *"Topic Links - A to Z",* you will get an extensive list of topics from which you can access statistics. While many of these are demographic statistics of the U.S., many are extremely relevant, and are sorted by county.

U.S. Census Bureau

Main Web site: http://www.census.gov/

Statistics and research Web site: Where it says "*Select a state to begin*," select North Carolina and click on the submit button. Then select your county.

Data provided includes:

- State and national data
- Rankings, comparisons, and summaries
- Profiles

Example: If, under the title "*Find an Area Profile with Quickfacts*" you select "North Carolina," you are shown data that includes facts on North Carolina's people, businesses, and geography, with access to more areas as well. This data is also shown as percentages, and enables you to compare the state data with national data simultaneously.

U.S. Census, North Carolina Counties

Main Web site:
http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPeople?_event=Search&geo_id=04000US12&_geoContext=01000US%7C04000US12&_street=&_county=&_cityTown=&_state=04000US37&_zip=&_lang=en&_sse=on&ActiveGeoDiv=geoSelect&_useEV=&pctxt=fph&pgsl=040&_submenuId=people_1&ds_name=null&_ci_nbr=null&qr_name=null&reg=null%3Anull&_keyword=&_industry=

Statistics and research Web site: same as above

Data provided includes:

- Populations
- Vital statistics
- Public school enrollments
- Incomes
- Poverty percentages

Example: Clicking on a county on the map and then in the drag-down menu selecting *"Age"* will show you all information on population ages from the past few Census results.

6. Domestic Violence

Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Main Web site: http://www.nccadv.org/

Statistics and research Web site:

http://www.nccadv.org/domestic_violence_info.htm#Council%20for%20Women%20Domestic%20Violence%20Statistics

Data provided includes:

- Demographic information by county
- Referrals by county

Example: Clicking on a year under "Council for Women Domestic Violence Statistics" will take you to a report containing data broken down by county and state. Note: You must have Adobe reader to access this particular database.

Department of Justice

Main Web site: http://www.ncdoj.com/law_enforcement/cle_about.jsp

Statistics and research Web site: http://sbi2.jus.state.nc.us/crp/public/Default.htm

Data provided includes:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Rape
- Assault
- More

Example: Select a year on the left, and you will access a list of statistics by crime, including violent and property crimes. Click on the crime headings to dig deeper.

7. Economics and Employment

Employment Security Commission

Main Website: http://www.ncesc.com/

Statistics and research Web site: http://eslmi23.esc.state.nc.us/countycard/

Data provided includes:

- Current unemployment rate by county and state
- Unemployment benefits paid
- Average N.C. UI tax rate for business

Example: After selecting a county on the left, you can view current economic information, including the county labor force and the current unemployment rate.

United States Department of Labor

Main Web site: http://www.bls.gov/

Statistics and research Web site: same as above. By clicking on the "*Geography*" link, you can view information by state.

Data provided includes:

- State and local employment
- State and county wages
- Geographic profile of employment and unemployment
- Consumer expenditures
- More

Example: Click on the "*Geography*" link, then click on the "*Geographic Profile*" link and finally the "*Get Detailed Statistics*" link. From here, you can view many useful reports, including employment status in states by sex, race, ethnicity, marital status, and detailed age.

8. Health (general, food safety and nutrition)

Division of Public Health

Main Web site: http://www.ncpublichealth.com/

Health departments by county: http://www.ncalhd.org/county.htm

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/

Data provided includes:

- Births defects
- Behavioral risk factor surveillance system
- Cancer
- Child health assessment and monitoring program
- County-level data
- Vital statistics

- More

Example: Clicking on the link "*Birth Defects*" will take you to a page that shows the frequency of common birth defects as well as several reports to allow you to dig deeper. This site utilizes a rating system that tells you how technical a report is before you open it. Note: You must have Adobe reader to access parts of this particular database.

Eat Smart Move More

Main Web site: http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/data/index.htm

Data provided includes:

- Childhood obesity focus group and phone survey results
- Physical activity and nutrition behaviors monitoring form
- Links to additional data

Example: If you scroll down the page, there is a link on the left entitled "Trends in Overweight." This opens to a series of graphs and data representing BMI-for-age percentiles by age groups and other information. Note: You must have Adobe reader to access parts of this particular database.

9. Housing

American Fact Finder

Main Web site: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet

Statistics and research Web site: same as above

Data provided includes:

- Relationship data
- Household type
- Housing occupancy
- Housing tenure

Example: Under "*Fast access to information*," click on North Carolina then click on "*Go*." You can enter in a city or county for more specific information.

10. Marriage and Family Life

Department of Health/Vital Statistics

Main Web site: http://vitalrecords.dhhs.state.nc.us/vr/more/

Statistics and research Web site: same as above

Data provided includes:

- Birth records
- Death records
- Marriages and marriage dissolutions

Example: By clicking on the "County" link, you will be directed to the proper contact for requesting this documentation. Due to the Fraud Protection Program, there is a high level of confidentiality.

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11. Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

Main Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/

Statistics and research Web site:
http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mhddsas/statspublications/index.htm

Data provided includes:

- Statistical reports from various treatment centers
- DWI reports
- Jail diversion reports
- More

Example: Clicking on the link "*Reports and Publications*," scrolling down to "*Driving While Impaired Substance Abuse Reports*," and clicking on "*2006*" will take you to a report that details demographics, convictions and treatment success as they relate to DWIs.

12. Parenting

Foster Care Program

Main Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/fostercare/index.htm

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/stats/cw.htm

Data provided includes:

- Child welfare outcomes
- Probability of placement
- Child support cases and collections

Example: Clicking on the link *"Child Welfare"* and then *"Central Registry Statistics"* will give you access to all child protective services assessments dating back to 1996. All data is arranged by county.

13. Miscellaneous

CYFERNET

Main Web site: http://www.cyfernet.org

Statistics and research Web site: same as above

Data provided includes:

- A very valuable resource page for sites pertaining to children and adolescents. Included are links to statistics complied by the U.S. Dept. of Education, the U.S. Census Bureau, Kids Count, and many more agencies

Example: You could click on the first link listed *"Early Childhood*," which will take you to resource links for abuse and neglect, activities and learning, literacy and language, and much more.

Kids Count

Main Web site: http://www.aecf.org/kidscount

Statistics and research Web site: http://www.aecf.org/kidscount

Data provided includes:

- Children living in poverty
- County populations under 18
- Childhood immunizations

Example: While there are several links on this site for data, the one that may prove to be the most useful, since it is broken down by county, is "*KIDS COUNT Census Data Online*.*"* Then click on either *"profile"* or *"raw data"* to access data on the number of children in various counties, cities, etc., categorized by ethnicity.

North Carolina Public Schools

Main Web site: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/

Statistics and research Web site:
http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/researchandeval/youthrisk

Data provided includes:

- Assessment of health risk behaviors – including tobacco use, alcohol use, health education, weight management, and much more – among middle and high school students

Example: By clicking on the link "*2001 High School Risk Behavior Survey*," you can access a comprehensive report including data and implications of the above risk factors.

The United Way

Main Web site: http://www.unitedway.org

Statistics and research Web site: http://national.unitedway.org/stateofcaring/

Data provided includes:

- The United Way State of Caring Index

Example: If you click on the link *"United Way State of Caring Index State Profiles"* and then select Florida, you will see how Florida ranks nationally and how it has changed in the past ten

years. This web site uses a geographic profile and a demographic profile, and also graphs all changes regarding economic and financial well-being, education, health, volunteerism, safety, natural environment, and other factors.

Footnotes

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