

Appendix B: Technical Notes

1. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) collects self-reported ethnicity and race information. Ethnicity and race data for the other data sources referenced in this report may have been self- or observer-reported.
2. Crude and age-adjusted rates for the Connecticut population were calculated using state-level bridged race estimates for the years 2000 to 2009. Estimates of the population of Connecticut by age group, sex, race, and Hispanic ethnicity (ASRH) are routinely generated by the Statistics, Analysis & Reporting Section of the DPH Office of Health Care Quality. These annual state-level population estimates are available online at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3132&q=388152>.
3. Age-adjusted hospitalization, ED, and mortality rates were standardized to the year 2000 standard U.S. population.

Table B-1. Population distribution used for age-adjusting hospitalization, ED visit, and mortality data

Age group	2000
0-4	69,136
5-9	72,533
10-14	73,032
15-19	72,169
20-24	66,477
25-29	64,529
30-34	71,044
35-39	80,762
40-44	81,851
45-49	72,118
50-54	62,716
55-59	48,454
60-64	38,793
65-69	34,264
70-74	31,773
75-79	26,999
80-84	17,842
85+	15,508
Total	1,000,000