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About This Document

Overview

The Illinois State Health Improvement Plan is a framework to address public health issues through an interdisciplinary approach that utilizes the strengths of the entire public health system. Pursuant to Public Act 93-0975, the 2010 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) includes priorities and strategies for health status and public health improvements in Illinois, with a focus on prevention.

State Health Improvement Measures

The 2010 Illinois State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), (effective 2010-2015) includes a vision, cross-cutting issues, and identifies 14 priorities: five public health system priorities and nine priority health concerns. The data presented in the following sections have been updated to present the most current indicators available to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Use of These Measures

These indicators are primarily used to inform decisionmakers and stakeholders about progress and obstacles related to the priority health concerns outlined in the State Health Improvement Plan. The usefulness of these indicators extends far beyond the single snapshot that the 2010 SHIP represents.

First, these measures and the state’s performance will inform the planning process that will result in a new 2021 SHIP (note: the new SHIP will be named to represent the target date, rather than the year published) to be published in 2016. Through examination of these measures, planners will decide which of the identified priorities require additional focus during the 2021 SHIP period (2016-2021), and where resources should be concentrated.

These measures also play an important role in regional and community-level planning. Where community level data is available, local and regional stakeholders can use these measures to set appropriate baselines and targets in their own communities. Even in the absence of comprehensive local data, these measures will help inform local and regional stakeholder decisionmaking about priorities and resource allocation.

Finally, these measures represent a work in progress. With the help of the State Health Improvement Plan Implementation Coordination Council (SHIP ICC), IDPH will publish a second, expanded set of SHIP measures prior to the release of the new 2021 SHIP in 2016. One of the priority areas of the SHIP is to “address social determinants of health and health disparities.” Where available, the second set of SHIP measures will add additional stratified data reflecting areas of disparity such as race, ethnicity, age, gender, and sexual orientation for the SHIP health priority areas, as well as stratified quantitative measures for the social determinants of health. The purpose of including stratified data is to help identify health disparities across groups and aid in the strategic prioritization of public health efforts to address them.
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## IDPH 2018 Targets Progress

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2. **Increase the percent of Illinois adults that have a usual health care provider**
3. **Decrease the percent of Illinois residents unable to see doctor due to cost**
4. **Decrease number of health professions service shortage areas in primary care**
5. **Reduce percentage of children without any health insurance coverage**

### 2. Alcohol/Tobacco

1. **Lower the percent of adults engaging in binge drinking**
2. **Increase percentage of former smokers who quit for a year or more**
3. **Decrease the percent of adults smoking tobacco**
4. **Decrease tobacco initiation among youth (12-17 years old)**

### 3. Use of Illicit Drugs/Misuse of Legal Drugs

1. **Reduce adult illicit drug use**
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3. **Decrease mortality rates from illicit drug use**
4. **Decrease marijuana use among youth**
5. **Decrease use of inhalants among youth**

### 4. Mental Health

1. **Decrease mortality due to suicide**
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3. **Decrease percentage of adults with 8-30 mentally unhealthy days within a 30-day period**

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2. **Decrease the percentage of obese adolescents**
3. **Decrease the percentage of obese non-white children**

4. **Increase percentage of adults meeting standards for regular and sustained physical activity guidelines**
5. **Decrease percentage of adults eating less than three servings of fruits/vegetables each day**
6. **Increase percentage breastfeeding at six months**

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1. Improve Access to Care

Poor access to public health services and medical care are major determinants of poor health outcomes and higher health care costs.

Key Actions
- Ensure that health services meet the needs of racially and ethnically diverse groups.
- Optimize integration of prevention and primary care through reform of payment and delivery systems, such as the development of a pervasive network of patient-centered medical homes.
- Assure universal health care access and coverage.

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Figure 1.1 Percent of Illinois adults with health insurance


Figure 1.2: Percent of Illinois adults that have a usual health care provider


Figure 1.3: Percentage of Illinois Adults Unable to see a Doctor due to Cost in the Past 12 Months

Figure 1.4: Number of primary care health professions service shortage areas in Illinois

![Bar chart showing the number of primary care health professions service shortage areas in Illinois for 2012 and 2013.](source)

Source: Trust for America’s Health Illinois Key Health Data 
http://healthyamericans.org/states/?state=IL#section=1, year=2014, code=hpsap,primary,

Figure 1.5: Percentage of Illinois Children Without Health Insurance

![Bar chart showing the percentage of Illinois children without health insurance from 2011-2012.](source)

http://kff.org/other/state-indicator/children-0-18/
2. Alcohol/Tobacco

Tobacco use causes chronic diseases, including lung, oral, laryngeal, and esophageal cancers, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), as well as diseases in non-smokers through exposure to secondhand smoke. Similarly, excessive alcohol use, either in the form of heavy drinking or binge drinking can lead to increased risk of health problems, such as liver disease or unintentional injuries. Alcohol or tobacco initiation and use by youth are of particular concern given their addictive properties and long-term health effects.

Key Actions

- Decrease tobacco and excessive alcohol use by adults, and prevent alcohol use and tobacco initiation among youth.

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<td>Lower tobacco initiation among youth (12-17 years old)</td>
<td>6.4% (2006-2007)</td>
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Figure 2.1: Illinois adults engaging in binge drinking

Figure 2.2: Percentage of Smoking Cessation over a 12-Month Period


Figure 2.3: Percentage of Illinois Adults Smoking Tobacco


Figure 2.4: Tobacco Initiation Among Illinois Youth (12-17 years old) by Percent

3. Use of Illicit Drugs/Misuse of Legal Drugs

The use of illicit drugs can cause harm to both the individuals through increased risk of injury, disease, and death and to communities through increasing injuries and decreasing community safety. Non-medical use of over-the-counter and prescription drugs is high, particularly among youth. Misuse of legal drugs can also pose as a health threat, particularly among the elderly who may be using many prescriptions that interact and cause unintentional injury.

Key Actions:

- Decrease the use of illegal drugs among adults and adolescents.
- Decrease the unintentional and intentional misuse of legal drugs.

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Figure 3.1: Estimated Percentage of Illicit Drug Use Among Illinois Adults (18 years and older)

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2010, 2011, and 2012 (2010 Data - Revised March 2012.)
Figure 3.2: Estimated Percentage of Illicit Drug Use Among Illinois Youth (12-17 years)

- **Percentage**
  - 2010-11: 10.18
  - 2011-12: 9.68


Figure 3.3: Mortality rates due to illicit drug use

- **Rate per 100,000**
  - 2010: 10.5
  - 2011: 11.3

- **Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), WONDER online database, extracted October 14, 2014 http://wonder.cdc.gov/mortSQL.html
Figure 3.4: Percentage of Illinois Youth that Use Marijuana


Figure 3.5: Percentage of Illinois Youth that Use Marijuana

4. Mental Health

There is a clear connection between mental and physical health. Mental health is fundamentally important to overall health and wellbeing. Mental disorders affect nearly one in five Americans in any given year. Mental disorders are illnesses that, when left untreated, can be just as serious and disabling as physical diseases, such as cancer and heart disease.

Key Actions:
- Prevent mental illness and intervene early with those at risk of mental health issues.
- Increase treatment of mental health issues in the most appropriate setting.

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Figure 4.2: Percentage of Illinois Youth Receiving Mental Health Treatment or Counseling in the Past 12 months


Figure 4.3: Percentage of Illinois adults with 8 or more mentally-unhealthy days in the past month

5. Natural and Built Environment

The natural and built environment can impact health both through exposure to pollutants, diseases, and toxins and by limiting or enhancing healthy lifestyles, such as walking and exercise.

**Key Actions:**

- Reduce outdoor and indoor environmental exposure to pollutants and infectious diseases.
- Improve the built environment to reduce pollution and promote healthy lifestyles.

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**Figure 5.1: Percentage of Illinois Commuters who Bicycle to Work**

Figure 5.2: Percentage of Illinois Children Tested with Confirmed Blood Lead Levels of Greater Than 10 µg/dl

6. Obesity: Nutrition & Physical Activity

Obesity, sedentary lifestyle, and poor nutrition are risk factors for numerous chronic diseases and they exacerbate others, including heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and arthritis. Obesity has reached an alarming rate in Illinois, with 62 percent of adults overweight; 21 percent of children are obese, the fourth worst rate in the nation.

Key Actions:

- Increase physical activity through implementation of individual, family, environmental, and policy initiatives.
- Improve nutrition through implementation of individual, family, environmental, and policy initiatives.

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<td>Increase breastfeeding rates at six months</td>
<td>36.0% (2010)</td>
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Figure 6.1: Percentage of obese Illinois adults

http://app.idph.state.il.us/brfss/statedata.asp?selTopic=weightcontrol&area=il&yr=2013&form=strata
Figure 6.2: Obesity Rates Among Illinois Children


Figure 6.3: Obesity Among Illinois Children by Race and Ethnicity

Source: Data Source Center for Child and Adolescent Health. Browse the Data/Browse by Survey.

Figure 6.4: Percentage of Illinois Adults Meeting Standards for Regular and Sustained Physical Activity Guidelines

Figure 6.5: Percent of Illinois Adults Eating Less Than Three Servings of Fruits/Vegetables Each Day


Figure 6.6: Percentage Breastfeeding at Six Months

7. Oral Health

Oral health is important to overall health. Poor oral health is a risk factor for chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes.

Key Actions:
- Increase access to preventive oral health services.
- Increase screening and treatment for oral cancers and other oral health related conditions.

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Figure 7.2: Percent of Illinois Children with Preventive Dental Visits


Figure 7.3: Percent of Illinois Children with Excellent or Very Good Oral Health

Figure 7.4: Percent of Illinois Children (1-17 Years Old) with Excellent or Very Good Oral Health by Race and Ethnicity

8. Patient Safety & Quality

Patient injury in the health care system is preventable.

Key Actions:

- Engage the health care system in implementing processes that promote safety and reduce unintended harm.

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<td>Increase percentage of adults ages 65+ who have had a flu shot in the past year</td>
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<td>4,620 (2012)</td>
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Figure 8.1 Bloodstream Infections Associated with Central Lines

Figure 8.2: Percentage of Illinois Adults 65 and Older who have had a Flu Vaccine in the past year


Figure 8.3: Number of Clostridium Difficile Infections Observed

Figure 8.4: Percentage of Children (19-35 months) with Combined Vaccine Series Coverage


Figure 8.5: Percentage of Illinois Adults 50 Years of Age and Older Who Have Ever Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy

9. Unintentional Injury

The leading cause of death among those under 35 years of age is unintentional injuries. Unintentional injury is preventable.

Key Actions:
- Promote personal safety devices and safe habits at work, in the home, and for automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles. Identify mechanisms through which injury can be prevented.

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Figure 9.1: Mortality rates due to motor vehicle accidents

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), WISQARS online database, Fatal Injury Reports, 1999-2011, for National, Regional and States (RESTRICTED), extracted October 14, 2014 on overall motor vehicle deaths.
Figure 9.2 Percentage of Observed Seat Belt Use


Figure 9.3: Mortality Rates in the Elderly Due to Falls

10. Violence

Violence is a health concern, as both a source of injury and mortality. Particularly for children exposed to violence, it is a risk factor for chronic disease and substance abuse in adulthood. Lack of safety in communities is a social determinant associated with an array of health issues.

Key Actions:
- Increase protective factors for safe and peaceful families and communities.
- Reduce risk factors and implementation of early interventions.
- Collaboratively implement evidence-based violence prevention strategies.

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<td>Reduce Percentages of Teens Participating in Physical Fights</td>
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Figure 10.1: Homicide Rates Among Illinois 10-24 Year Olds

Figure 10.2: Homicide Rates Among Illinois 10-24 Year Olds by Race and Ethnicity


Figure 10.3: Percentage of Illinois Teens Participating in Physical Fights

Other Public Health System Priorities

In addition to the nine priority health concerns and improving access to health services, the SHIP outlines four additional broad public health system priorities. Key actions related to those priorities are outlined below.

Measure, Manage, Improve, and Sustain the Public Health System

Key Actions
- Actively work to engage and align the work of public health system stakeholders.
- Promote coordination and integration of programs, policies, and initiatives.
- Convene public health system leadership to implement the SHIP and monitor results.
- Provide adequate resources to assure that the public health system can protect and promote the health of Illinois residents.
- Accreditation of Local Health Departments
- Alignment of Community Health Needs Assessments between hospitals and health departments
- Completion of 1115 Waiver

Enhance Data and Health Information Technology

Key Actions
- Effectively use the data that is currently collected.
- Develop effective, reliable, secure, and interoperable information systems for collecting, sharing, disseminating, and exchanging of health information.
- Access to data sets in IDPH’s IQuery
- Increase Health Information Exchange (HIE) participation
- Utilize stage 2 Certification meaningfully
- Expand syndromic surveillance

Address Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities

Key Actions
- Improve the social determinants that underlie health disparities.
- Work to reduce health disparities.
- Increase individual and institutional capacity to reduce health disparities.
Assure a Sufficient Workforce and Human Resources

Key Actions

- Assess and plan for future workforce needs, including addressing already identified shortages of health care providers such as physicians and nurses.
- Provide training and education to the current and future professional, paraprofessional, nonprofessional workforce.
- Implement strategies to assure workforce diversity and cultural/linguistic/health literacy effectiveness.
- Implement strategies to increase use of community health workers
- Implement strategies to increase and improve graduate health profession education