



Quick Reads

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Annual report posted

I am pleased to announce the [2015 Annual Report & Budget Summary](#) has been posted. The newly revised [Program Profiles](#) are a valuable educational resource and summary of how each of IDPH's programs works to improve the health of all Iowans.

NSDUH 2016

The [National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#) (NSDUH), sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will be conducted in Iowa this year. The NSDUH is one of the data sources IDPH uses in identifying trends and determining priorities for substance abuse education, prevention and treatment services statewide.

The NSDUH is a scientific, national survey intended to provide up-to-date information on alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, mental health and other health-related issues. Randomly selected households will be sent letters explaining the study and informing them a professional field interviewer will soon be contacting them to see if an eligible resident will voluntarily participate in the approximately one hour home interview.

[Previous NSDUH reports](#) are available through SAMHSA.

2015 Iowa Health Profile

The [2015 Iowa Health Profile](#) is available on the Healthy Iowans website, and can be used to support priority health issue recommendations for inclusion in Healthy Iowans: Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021. Using University of Iowa quantitative data,

the Healthy Iowans Team has created the 221-page profile covering demographics, access to quality health services and support, acute diseases, addictive behaviors, chronic diseases, environmental health, health living, injury and violence, mental health and mental preparedness, and preparedness and response.

Medicaid modernization

The [IA Health Link](#) program will now begin March 1. With the additional 60-day grace period, Medicaid members can continue seeing their current providers. Members can make their selection of a managed care organization (MCO) through February 17 for coverage beginning March 1. Members will have until May 18 to make a change for any reason, and then for "good cause" reasons after that. To help members be informed about their selection, Iowa Medicaid and the MCOs will be visiting 11 cities across Iowa in January and February to conduct training and enrollment events. Listed below are the dates, times, and locations of the Provider Education Sessions. [Registration](#) for these sessions is now open.

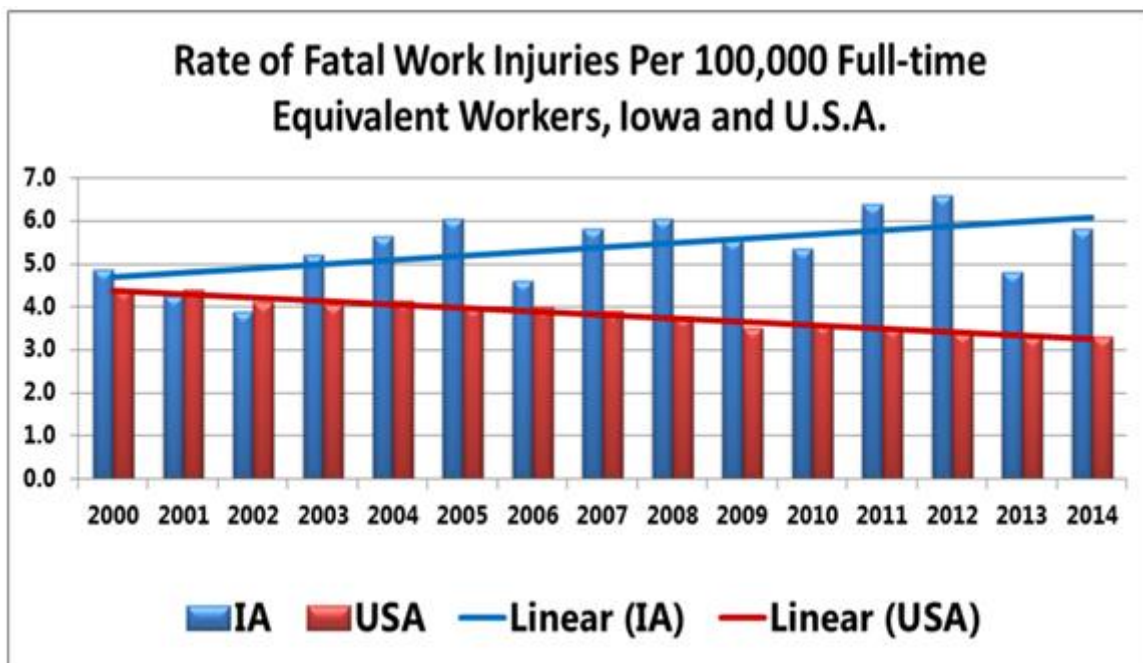
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Venue	Date	Address/Location	Additional Information
Burlington	January 19, 2016	Catfish Bend Inn & Spa 3001 Winegard Drive Burlington, IA 52601	Pzazz Convention and Event Center Event Center Parking Lot
Fort Dodge	January 20, 2016	Iowa Central Community College East Campus 2031 Quail Avenue Fort Dodge, IA 50501	Triton Room Parking in front and on the side
Clear Lake	January 21, 2016	Best Western Holiday Lodge 2023 7th Avenue North Clear Lake, IA 50428	Emerald & Topaz Meeting Room
Council Bluffs	January 25, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn 2702 Mid America Drive Council Bluffs, IA 50501	River City Ballroom
Sioux City	January 26, 2016	Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 300 3rd Street Sioux City, IA 51101	Salon Room
Cedar Rapids	January 27, 2016	Clarion Hotel and Convention Center 525 33rd Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	Colli Room
Waterloo	January 28, 2016	Hawkeye Community College 501 East Orange Road Waterloo, IA 50704	Tama Hall Room 102 Visitor Lot
Des Moines	January 29, 2016	Wallace Building 502 East 9 th Street	Auditorium Free Parking Ramp

		Des Moines, IA 50309	West of the building
Ottumwa	February 2, 2016	Bridge View Center 102 Church Street Ottumwa, IA 52501	Rm C4
Bettendorf	February 3, 2016	Scott Community College 500 Belmont Road Bettendorf, IA 52722	Student Life Center Visitor Parking Lot
Dubuque	February 4, 2016	Grand River Center 500 Bell Street Dubuque, IA 52722	Meeting Room 3 Free parking ramp and two large parking lots on north side of the building

Monthly data snapshot

Data are essential to the practice of public health. Each month, Quick Reads highlights selected tidbits to help create awareness of IDPH data and epidemiology. To discover more of the important and useful data available from IDPH, please visit the [Public Health Data Tracking Portal](#).



US Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Data
Calculations and graphing by IDPH OHSSP

While the rate of fatal work injuries continues to drop in the U.S., the Iowa rate continues to climb. US Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (BLS CFOI) data are used by the IDPH Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance Program (OHSSP) to annually calculate Occupational Health Indicators (OHI), including the one shown. Preliminary CFOI data for 2014 renders an Iowa rate of 5.8 deaths per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers (FTE) compared to the U.S. rate of 3.4 deaths/100,000 FTE. In 2014, 34 percent of the Iowa deaths involved a transportation event (U.S. 40 percent), 28 percent involved falls, trips, and slips (U.S. 17 percent) and 21 percent

involved contact with objects or equipment (U.S. 15 percent). Agricultural industry fatalities were responsible for the majority (31 percent) of the 90 Iowa fatal work injuries in 2014. All 2014 data is provisional, pending the release of the final updated CFOI data later this spring. For more information about the OHSSP, contact [Kathy Leinenkugel](#).

Congrats and kudos

Congratulations to Cerro Gordo County Public Health and the Siouxland District Health Department for selection as [Accreditation Support Initiative](#) awardees. This funding through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) supports accreditation efforts. Documentation and other materials developed by ASI sites will be shared widely through the [National Association of City and County Health Officials](#) (NACCHO).

Kudos to Kelly Wells Sittig of the [Iowa Cancer Consortium](#) for achieving status as a [Certified Communicator in Public Health](#) from the [National Public Health Information Coalition](#) (NPHIC). Certification involves a rigorous credentialing process.

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To everyone in public health and all our partners, keep up the great work!

— Gerd