

## Arizona Health Survey

### Requesting Data Files

As a public foundation, SLHI is committed to investing both staff and financial resources in data collection and analytical activities which inform our work and the work of those who share our interest in improving health and health care. To further that goal, we joined forces with a cross-section of partners (the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, Arizona Community Foundation, and Valley of the Sun United way in 2008; and First Things First and the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families in 2010) to conduct the Arizona Health Survey (AHS) and better understand individual indicators of health status, health care access, health-related behaviors and various demographic and social/environmental factors related to health.

Arizona Health Survey is an important step in developing a health surveillance system capable of providing standardized state and local health data with reliable estimates of health insurance coverage, health status and conditions, behavioral, social and environmental risk factors. Analysis can generate utilization patterns by age and race/ethnicity at state, county and/or local levels. The data can also be used to target intervention activities, plan resource allocation and address the complex issue of providing quality care to underserved populations by learning about health status, insurance status, health care needs, community resources and barriers, and attitudes toward prevention and utilization. Further, by linking information on insurance coverage, household demographics, health status and behaviors with information about broader social and environmental determinants of health, AHS provides a more comprehensive understanding of preconditions, the impact of health interventions, and outcomes. Most importantly, the data is both timely and relevant at the state level, and at the community level within Maricopa County.

While our intent is to make the data widely available to researchers, service providers and others interested in improving community health, this desire is balanced by the need to protect the confidentiality of survey respondents, as well as the integrity of the data and its analysis. Thus, while we do not require formal RFP process or double-blind peer review of proposed research, we ask that those seeking access to the raw data files complete and submit the form on the following page. In addition, all persons with access to the files will be required to sign and return to SLHI an Acknowledgement of Confidentiality prior to receiving the data files. Finally, while not a condition of access to the data, in order to share knowledge gained through analysis of it, we ask that any reports, briefs, publications or other analytic findings be made available to us to post on the Arizona Health Survey website.

It is our pleasure to provide this important resource to researchers, administrators, service providers and the policy community, and hope that the information contained in the survey will be used to benefit the health of all Arizonans. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Kim VanPelt, Associate Director Arizona Health Futures at St. Luke's Health Initiatives and Principal Investigator for the Arizona Health Survey via email at [kim.vanpelt@slhi.org](mailto:kim.vanpelt@slhi.org) or by phone at 602.385.6500.

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**Request for Survey Data Files**

**Proposal Title:**

*A descriptive title of the proposed use of AHS data.*

**Investigators:**

*Names, Titles and Organizational Affiliations of persons who will have access to the data files for analysis or administrative purposes.*

**Abstract:**

*A brief description of the proposed use of AHS data, including the purpose of the analysis, intended audience and expected results.*

**Background:**

*An overview of the history and current state of knowledge about the issue or problem being addressed through the planned analysis of AHS data.*

**Research Questions:**

*A list of specific questions that may be answered through the proposed analysis.*

**Variables Needed for Analysis:**

*A preliminary list of the AHS variables that will be used in the analysis.*

**Policy Implications:**

*Brief summary of the potential impact on the public's interest or awareness of the issue being addressed through the proposed analysis.*

**Timeline:**

*An outline of the proposed timeline for data analysis and publication or other use of the findings.*

**Budget:**

*If requesting financial support from SLHI or another funding source, please provide the proposed budget for the project.*

**Résumé or CV:**

*Provide a résumé or curriculum vitae of the person(s) primarily responsible for data security and analysis.*