

RESEARCH USING THE 2008 OHIO FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY

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Abstract:

The Ohio Family Health Survey (OFHS) is a rich source of information about the health of the state's population. It provides information about the perceived health of adults and children, their access to care, and their utilization of health care resources. The 2004 OFHS and earlier surveys have provided essential data for a variety of applications with which measurements of health status, access to care, and health resource utilization have helped community and public health organizations and health service providers better understand and document the health-related needs of the community. The 2008 OFHS, conducted in the fall of 2008, is providing data on current conditions and trends. The presentation will discuss the 2008 survey and its design, what it is telling us so far, and what the prospective topics of research are with this database.