

**Arthritis Management and Wellbeing Program
Science Resources**

**[BRFSS Statistical Brief:
Arthritis Module](#)**

This document provides guidance to BRFSS coordinators and researchers who would like to conduct analyses of arthritis-specific measures that have appeared in either the BRFSS Core Module or the optional Arthritis Module. The goal of this guidance is to facilitate consistent data analysis and reporting of results.



[Chronic Disease Indicators](#)

The chronic disease indicators (CDI) are a set of surveillance indicators developed by consensus among CDC, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD). CDI enables public health professionals and policymakers to retrieve uniformly defined state-level data for chronic diseases and risk factors that have a substantial impact on public health. These indicators are essential for surveillance, prioritization, and evaluation of public health interventions.



**[PLACES: Local Data for
Better Health](#)**

PLACES is a collaboration between CDC, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the CDC Foundation. PLACES provides model-based, population-level analysis and community estimates of health measures to all counties, places (incorporated and census-designated places), census tracts, and ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) across the United States. This allows local health departments and jurisdictions, regardless of population size and rurality, to better understand the burden and geographic distribution of health measures in their areas and assist them in planning public health interventions.

