
# GIS Snapshots Template

The purpose of this Template is to assist you in gathering and organizing the information you would use in a GIS Snapshots submission to *Preventing Chronic Disease.* As you prepare your submission, please review the [Preventing Chronic Disease checklist](https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/for_reviewers/checklists/gis.htm) for GIS Snapshots and [manuscript requirements](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/for_authors/manuscript_requirements.htm) on the CDC website. Please also review the [guidelines for preparing a cover letter](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/for_authors/submit_manuscript.htm) to submit to PCD with your manuscript.

Resources for refining your map for submission include:

Cartographic Guidelines for Public Health, <https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/maps/gisx/resources/Cartographic_Guidelines.pdf>

CDC GIS Quick Tips, <https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/maps/gisx/gis-quick-tips-archive.html>

Color Brewer – Recommended Map Color Combinations, [www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/c/a/cab38/ColorBrewer/ColorBrewer\_intro.html](http://www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/c/a/cab38/ColorBrewer/ColorBrewer_intro.html)

## Submission Components

**Authors:** Please use first and last names and credentials, and list in the order you would like to be presented in *Preventing Chronic Disease*.

**Title of GIS Snapshot:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Map Caption: The text here should convey the most important messages from the map. Maximum 75 words**

**Background:** Why was this map created? Why is it important?

**Data Sources and Map Logistics:** What methods, including data sources, were used to create the map? What data analyses were performed? What mapping techniques were used? It is not necessary to state the GIS software or version used.

**Highlights:** What were the main findings of the map? Why are these findings important?

**Action:** How could this map be used in support of chronic disease prevention efforts? Please include any specific plans for using this map to inform policy and/or program decisions, enhance partnerships, or other related activities.

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**References:** Please provide references for any data cited in the Snapshot and any articles that support statements included in the text of the Snapshot (maximum of 10).