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Dedication

This fifth edition of the PREV-STAT County Profiles is dedicated to all the men and women, mainly graduate students, who have contributed to the work of the PREV-STAT Service since its inception.

As a component of the Department of Applied Health Science, the IPRC seeks to support the development of future public health professionals. The IPRC seeks to provide opportunities for Applied Health Science graduate students and others to gain experience in teamwork and in a variety of skills related to the use of data and GIS software. We seek to develop leadership skills and skills in cooperation through teamwork, which will improve quality of life in and outside of the work setting. We seek to develop skills in the use of GIS software, in the location and evaluation of data sources, and in methods for translating raw data into meaningful forms (e.g., thematic maps, rates and ranks).

We hope their experience at the IPRC will help Data Team participants to achieve more successful and meaningful lives.
BACKGROUND

This is the fifth edition, Series 5, of the IPRC PREV-STAT Service *GIS in Prevention County Profiles*. In the past the County Profiles consisted of 92 volumes, one for each county. For the first time we have brought together into a single template the data for all 92 counties, making it possible for you to retrieve the data for the county or counties you are interested in. Tables and maps are stored in an underlying database for easy retrieval, simplifying the production and maintenance of the publication.

In the past Microsoft PowerPoint was used as the primary medium for this report, because PowerPoint gives users access to copy individual data tables and maps. If you are interested in capturing individual tables or maps, we can assist you in Using proper citation, the user can copy maps and tables from the County Profile PP slides for insertion into public presentations, documents, and spreadsheets. For help with this, call the IPRC at 800/346-3077 (IN).

This edition maintains several enhancements introduced last year. A friendly table of contents allows quick access to the sections of the profile. *Contour maps* (like weather maps) show variation across regions, and *prism style 3-dimensional maps* dramatically convey data via peaks and valleys. In addition to *comparisons* of county, state and nation, many variables include *rankings*, showing the county’s place among Indiana’s counties and of Indiana among US states and the District of Columbia.

Besides providing data, this publication serves a training function. It introduces the IPRC PREV-STAT Service. It familiarizes users with the types of data — variables, demographics and key risk and protective factors — and ways to interpret them for assessment, planning, fund-raising, and evaluation. It promotes the goals of the *Imagine Indiana Together Framework* and the *Strategic Prevention Framework*, encouraging infrastructure development and understanding of how data can be applied to prevention.