



## Q&A from NCFRP Webinar, Using Population Data to Complement Fatality Review Data November 14, 2018

- **Q. Are the reference groups based on the area or are the same reference groups used across the board?**

A. Reference populations can be either internal—a subpopulation within the urban community— or external—some appropriate population from outside the community.

An internal reference population should represent at least 15% of the overall study population to ensure realistic community representation and to have sufficient numbers. Generally, an external reference population is a population from another community, the state or the nation.

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Perinatal Periods of Risk: A Community Approach for Using Data to Improve Women and Infants' Health. *Maternal and child health journal*. 14. 864-74. 10.1007/s10995-010-0626-3.

### **Q. Is Puerto Rico included in this data set?**

A. Vital records are available for US territories, including Puerto Rico, yet we have not yet received approval from the National Center for Health Statistics to share these vital statistics on CDC WONDER. However, your audience can download vital records data for the US territories in the “public use” data sets from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data\\_access/VitalStatsOnline.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/VitalStatsOnline.htm).

CDC WONDER users can click the “Other Data Access” below the tabs to go to this page with the vital records public-use data sets for download. Please contact [NCHSed@cdc.gov](mailto:NCHSed@cdc.gov) with any questions about these data sets. In the public use data sets, county-level data are available from 1968-1988, state level data available from 1989-2004, and only national data for 2005 and later. However, researchers can request access to these same data sets with states and counties identified by submitting a research proposal to [National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems](http://www.naphsis.org) (NAPHSIS) at: <https://www.naphsis.org/research-requests>.

- **Q. This formula looks a little complex. Can the speaker break down these down a little more, i.e., what did she mean by maternal care, newborn care and infant health and how did she get those numbers?**
- **A. For a more in-depth presentation on PPOR, please feel free to access this module that will provide a higher level walk-through of the methodology.**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpzAFdqznn0>