The Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) is charged with providing the highest quality data available in annual cancer surveillance reporting to the Florida Department of Health and the CDC National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR). Data must meet rigorous standards to be included in local, regional, state, and national cancer rates, reports to Congress, and various cancer surveillance-related publications. This report is a scaled down model of a similar report the CDC National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) provides to Florida and each NPCR state as an assessment of our state-wide data.

The FCDS Data Quality Indicator Report reflects 5 year comparison data as in sample below showing 2010-2014 Diagnosis Year data and examines the frequency of assignment of “unknown” or “ill-defined” values to key analysis variables over the course of the five-year period with comparison to national.

The percent of “unknown” and “ill-defined” values in certain variables is a data quality indicator used to rank Florida’s overall data quality and completeness of the data for each case reported and is used when comparing Florida data to other states for overall data reliability. These data are also indicators of problem areas where FCDS and local registries can improve upon cancer reporting as data are available. Goals have been established nationally by NPCR or by FCDS.