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Medicaid Atlas User Guide

This guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to use the Medicaid Atlas. Below you will find information to help guide you through the functional options for using this mapping tool. If you have any questions about the Medicaid Atlas, please contact Adrienne at adrienne.frederick@cancer.org.
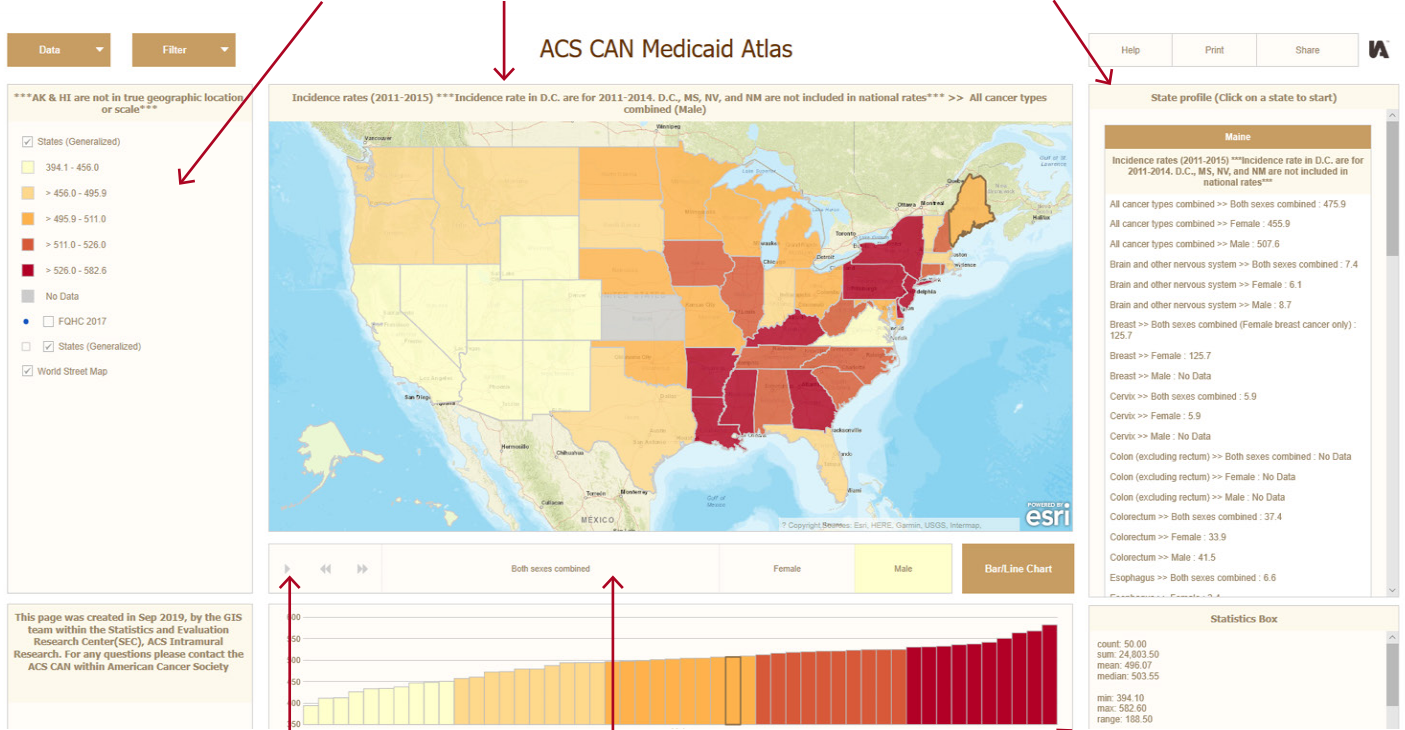
Atlas Overview

The Medicaid Atlas is highly customizable and shares a large amount of data, which can be filtered and sorted in a number of ways. The map, graph, legend and state profile are all linked, so users can select any of the sortable features to view the data.

The map legend is the key for the map and column chart. Layers can be toggled on and off using the check boxes.

The title bar shows the attribute data presented in the map. Data can be selected from the Data button.

The state profile shows specific values for the selected state or regions. Click on a state to see data.

The animation bar allows users to visualize data over time (2011-2015).
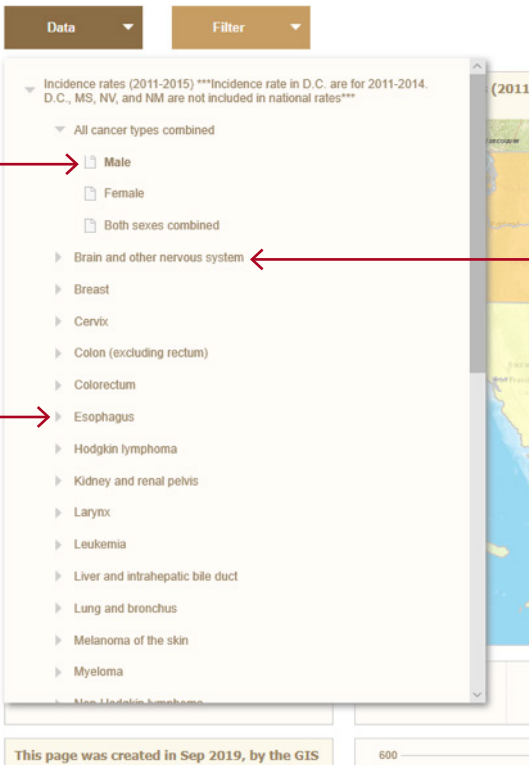
This bar also allows you to toggle between both sexes combined, women only or men only.

The column chart shows the data from low to high. Clicking on a column will bring up the state's data.

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Changing the Map Attributes

The map's data can be customized using the Data drop-down menu.

Click on the page symbol to view the data source (a new window will open)
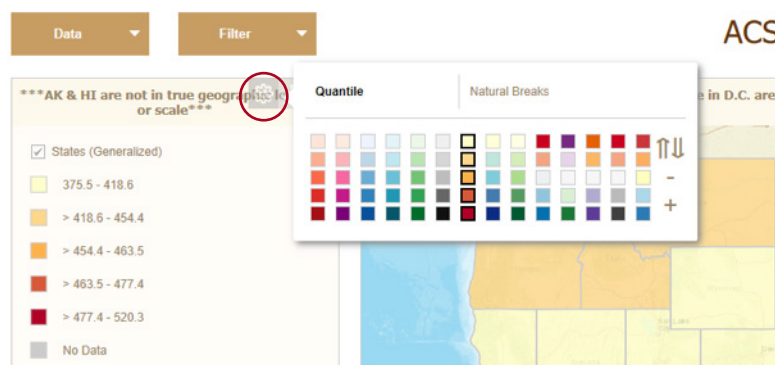
Click on the text to display the data on the map

Click on the arrows to expand/collapse the categories

Displaying the Data

The default data display is 5 quantiles. You may select other statistical classifications by hovering on the top right corner of the legend (marked with a red circle); a gear symbol will appear, which allows you to change the classification and the color scheme.
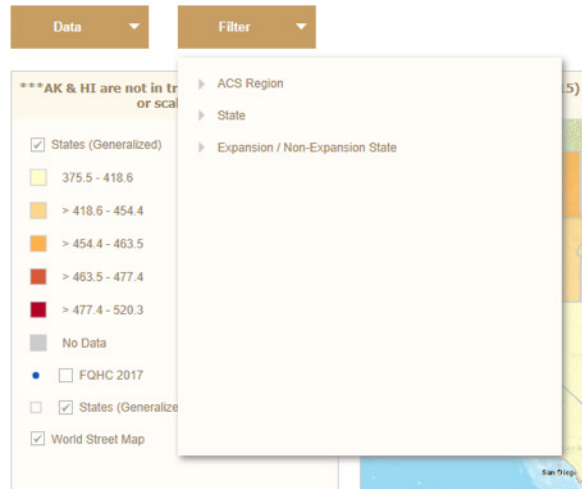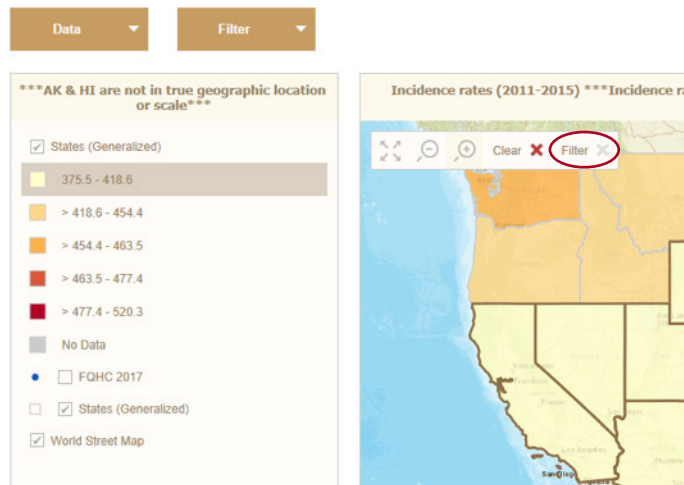
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Filtering the Data

Data can further be filtered by ACS region, state or Medicaid expansion/non-expansion using the Filter drop-down.

After selecting the desired data, a subset can be created. To create the subset, hover over the upper-left corner of the map and a tool bar will appear, then click on Filter (marked with a red circle). This toolbar also provides the option to clear any filters and zoom in and out.

Please note that the data will be recalculated when a subset is selected.

Exporting Maps and Charts

The map and bar chart can be saved as images. To save the map, hover over the title bar and a download option will appear (marked with a red circle). The same icon will appear when hovering over the upper right side of the bar chart.

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