# Spatial Analysis of Health Outcomes with GIS software 

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## Descriptive studies: (Person; Who)

$\square$ Age
$\square$ Sex
High fetal mortality rate in male infants.
Depression in women is almost twice that of men.
$\square$ Ethic \& race groups
The high prevalence of Hypertensive heart dis in men
$\square$ Social class
High rates of schizophrenia in the lower social class.


FIG. 2.18 Pertussis (whooping cough), reported numbers of cases by age group, United States, 2009

## Descriptive studies: (Person; Who)

## $\square$ Occupation

The association between lung cancer and asbestosis
The high incidence of brucellosis in ranchmen's.
$\square$ Marital status
High rate of cervical cancer in married people.
$\square$ Etc. ....
Blood groups, Personality type of people, Immunological features...

## Descriptive studies: (Time; When)

Certain diseases occur with a certain periodicity. For example, aseptic meningitis peaks at consistent yearly rates. Often, there is a seasonal pattern to the temporal variation. For example, diarrheal disease is most common during the summer months, and respiratory disease is most common during the winter months. The question of when is also addressed by examining trends in disease incidence over time.


## Descriptive studies: (Place; Where)

Disease is not randomly distributed in time or place. For example, High mortality rate due to drug abuse in Hamadan, Lorestan and Kermanshah provinces.


Figure 1: Mortality rate due to opiate and psychotropic abuse by province of residence in 12 months leading to Feb 2016 in Iran

## Geographical Information System (GIS)

$\square$ It is used to build and use maps, geographic data calculations, and geographic data management.

- Manufacturer: ESRI that located in California
$\square$ First version (version 8) released in 1999


