

FIRST NATIONS CLIENT FILE Using Data to Tell Your Story

What is the First Nations Client File?

The First Nations Client File (FNCF) is a linked data set held by the British Columbia (BC) Ministry of Health. The data linkage is between data from First Nations Status Numbers from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and data from BC Care Card Personal Health Numbers (PHN). BC Vital Statistics information is also included to confirm eligibility (such as births and deaths) for registration.

What does the FNCF do?

The FNCF links the following data sets:

- Federally-controlled Indian Registry;
 - These files include all Status First Nations (registered) and those eligible for registration, like infants and children with status parents.
- BC Vital Statistics;



How is the FNCF Used?

The BC Ministry of Health and other health organizations can link their data to the FNCF, which helps tell a more wholistic story about the health and wellness of First Nations people in BC. The FNCF has been linked to other organization's datasets in order to create reports like:

- The In Plain Sight Report
- Toxic Drug Supply Surveillance
- The Population Health and Wellness Agenda
- COVID-19 Surveillance and Immunization

By linking FNCF data to other health-related data sets, we can get a more wholistic understanding of the health status of BC First Nations.