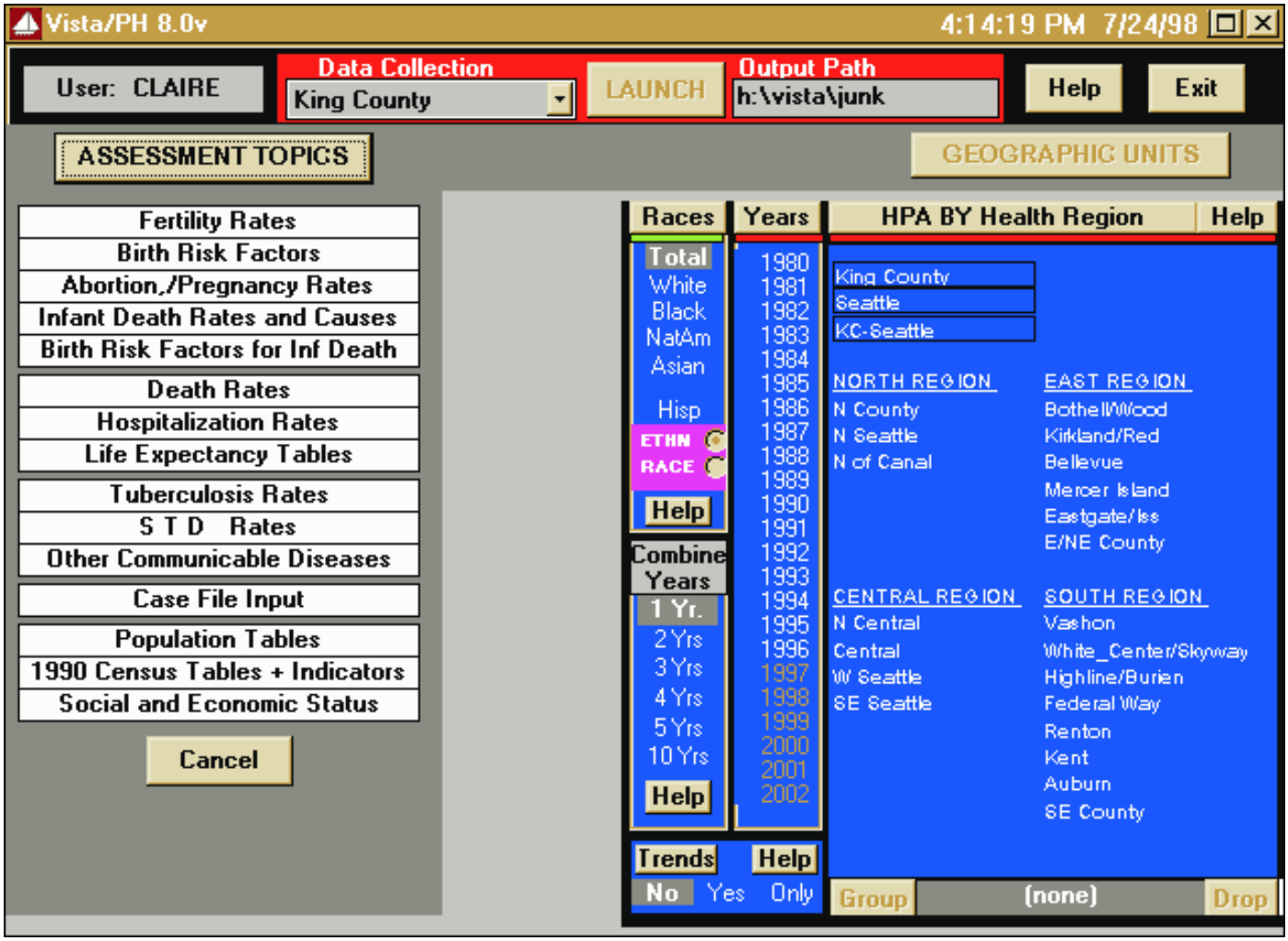
APPENDIX I:

Vista/PH, Software for Community Health Assessment

Data analyses for this report are assisted by Vista/PH, a software package for community health assessment. It is developed by the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, Epidemiology, Planning, and Evaluation Unit.

Vista/PH is a user-friendly Windows-based software package that allows the users to define customized geographic areas (communities) for analysis by grouping census tracts, ZIP codes, and counties. The rates of health indicators are computed by using the population estimates and numerator files for births, deaths, infant deaths, hospitalization, sexually transmitted diseases, and other reportable diseases. In addition, one can use Vista/PH to compute rates based on any collection of case data or case counts suitably organized in a dBase file format.