

2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey—Agency File

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Restricted data fields are information that could compromise the confidentiality of survey respondents or institutions, or are sensitive by nature. If researchers interested in using data from a survey find that something asked on the survey questionnaire does not have a corresponding variable in the public use data set, that variable may be restricted.

Although the following list may not be exhaustive, the following table outlines selected variables considered restricted that are not available in 2007 National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS) agency public use file or are presented in different form in the public use file.

Using restricted variables requires the submission of a research proposal to the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Research Data Center for access.

Public use files are downloadable from the NCHS website. The 2007 NHHCS agency public use file is available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhhcs/nhhcs_questionnaires.htm

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Comparison of Selected Variables in the Restricted and Public Use Files		
Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Ownership	5 categories: for-profit, private nonprofit, city/county/state government, Dept. of VA, Other Federal agency	2 categories: for-profit; not-for-profit (incl. private and gov't not-for-profit)
Number of home health admissions in 2006	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 50 (for 0-50) and top coded at 3000 for 3000 or more.
Number of home health discharges in 2006	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 50 (for 0-50) and top coded at 3000 for 3000 or more.

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Number of current home health patients	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 20 (for 0-20) and top coded at 500 for 500 or more.
Number of hospice admissions in 2006	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 20 (for 0-20) and top coded at 1200 for 1200 or more.
Number of hospice discharges in 2006	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 20 (for 0-20) and top coded at 1200 for 1200 or more.
Number of current hospice patients	Continuous variable	Continuous variable with bottom code 5 (for 0-5) and top coded at 200 for 200 or more.
Number of years from date of interview been a hospice agency	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 28 for 28 years or more.
Number of years from date of interview been a home health agency	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 50 for 50 years or more.
Agency's main patient referral source for home health patients	Categorical variable with 13 categories	Categorical variable with some categories in restricted file combined resulting in 4 categories. (See data dictionary for public use file for details.)

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Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Agency's main patient referral source for hospice care patients	Categorical variable with 13 variables	Categorical variable with some categories in restricted file combined resulting in 5 categories. (See data dictionary for public use file for details.)
Percent of hospice patients receiving routine home care	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 5 categories: 0%, 1-49%, 50-74%, 75-99%, 100%
Percent of hospice patients receiving continuous home care	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 3 categories: 0%, 1-9%, 10% or more
Percent of hospice patients receiving general inpatient care	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 4 categories: 0%, 1-9%, 10-19%, 20% or more
Percent of hospice patients receiving inpatient respite care	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 3 categories: 0%, 1-9%, 10% or more
Type of hospice agency	Categorical variable with 4 categories: free standing, hospital based, home health based, nursing home based	Categorical variable with 2 categories: free standing, non-free standing
Variables indicating agency certification by Medicare and Medicaid	In file	Not in file

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Variables indicating percent of agency revenue from different payers	In file	Not in file
Operated by other provider type (e.g., hospital, outpatient center)	In file	Not in file
If hospice agency operates inpatient unit and, if yes, number of beds	In file	Not in file
Variables on different types of agency accreditation	In file	Some omitted
Entry wage rate for registered nurses	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at \$35 for \$35 or more.
Entry wage rate for licensed practical nurses	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at \$24 for \$24 or more.
Entry wage rate for certified home health aides	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at \$15 for \$15 or more.
Entry wage rate for aides	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at \$11 for \$11 or more.
Percent registered nurses (RNs) with highest degree of diploma	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 70 for 70% or more.
Percent of RNs with highest degree of BS/BSN	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 80 for 80% or more.
Percent of RNs with highest degree of MS/MSN	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 25 for 25% or more.

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Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Director career experience	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 300 for 300 months or more.
Director current job tenure	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 240 for 240 months or more.
Director of nursing career experience	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 240 for 240 months or more.
Director of nursing current job tenure	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 180 for 180 months or more.
Number of volunteers	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 350 for 350 or more.
Region	In file	Not in file
Id variables to link to CMS data on home health and hospice care agencies provided by data user	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.
State and county codes to link to other geographic data	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.