

## Systems Alignment Innovation Hub: Data Sources Directory

Data accessibility and representation are critical to combatting structural racism and promoting systems alignment and change in health, public health, and social services. As part of our support for research and service improvement efforts by practice-based organizations serving Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and other communities, SAIH has compiled this user guide and accompanying online directory of data sources relevant to a broad range of projects.

Except where noted, the data sources listed in this directory are free to use. This document is revised periodically; for the most up-to-date information between revisions, visit the [sortable version of this directory](#) as an online Google sheet.

The Census Bureau provides a number of excellent guides and tutorials. We suggest starting with “[Getting Started with Your Search on data.census.gov](#)”.

Both this *Data Sources Directory* and the searchable online version can be provided in Spanish on request. Contact Sara Burke at [sburke@tacinc.org](mailto:sburke@tacinc.org).

### How to Use this Directory

The data sources listed below have been chosen for their relevance to projects by community-based organizations promoting system alignment and change and combatting structural racism. For each data source, the **Manager**, **Type**, and **Topics** are provided.

**Manager:** The organization that maintains the data source.  
**Type:** Single Dataset, Multiple Datasets, Composite Datasets, or Report.

- Single datasets are a sole source of data managed by an organization.
- Multiple datasets are those managed by a single organization; a search draws from more than one of these datasets. An example is the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Composite datasets are compilations of information from multiple sources, managed by a single organization. An example is County Health Rankings.

- Reports present data findings in a more easily readable form, although raw data files are sometimes also available. An example is the Annual Homeless Assessment Report.

**Topics:** The topics listed for each source mostly follow [Census Bureau terminology](#), but unlike the Census Bureau, we do not identify sub-topics, so users may want to explore the source to see all that is included under that topic. For example, “health” includes a range of sub-topics such as health status, health care, health insurance, and health behaviors.

Consistent with the goals of systems alignment, we use five additional topic terms that are not used by the Census: Public Health, Social Services, Neighborhoods, Equity (which indicates relevance to structural racism), and Behavioral Health. We do not use the term “demographics,” as nearly every source includes demographic information. Instead, where demographics are the primary focus, we use the Census Bureau term “Population.” Where a topic is related to social determinants of health, we focus on the specific components of this category such as housing, neighborhood, poverty, or racism.

Sources particularly relevant for system alignment and structural racism are marked with an asterisk (\*).

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## Data Sources

### [American Community Survey\\*](#)

Ongoing survey that covers a broad range of topics about social, economic, demographic, and housing characteristics of the U.S. population. Detailed Tables, Subject Tables, Data Profiles, Comparison Profiles and Selected Population Profiles are available for the nation, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, every metropolitan area, and all counties and places with populations of 65,000 or more.

**Manager:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Education, Employment, Families and Living Arrangements, Health, Housing, Income and Poverty, Neighborhoods, Population

### [American Housing Survey](#)

Information on the size, composition, and quality of the nation's housing

**Manager:** U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Office of Policy Development & Research

**Type:** Reports, Single Dataset

**Topics:** Housing

### [America's Health Rankings\\*](#)

Analysis of national health based on a combination of health, environmental, and socioeconomic data from multiple sources to determine national health benchmarks and state rankings. Demographic categories focus on gender, race/ethnicity, and educational attainment, and offer data within groups (such as outcomes among males), as well as between groups (such as deaths by gender) that can help uncover potential health inequities within and between states.

**Manager:** United Health Foundation

**Type:** Composite Datasets

**Topics:** Health

**Note:** In the *Explore Health Topics* feature, users can view and compare state values for groups of related measures. Measures are grouped by topic and may be correlated, have similar origins or causes, or provide additional context, such as displaying [food insecurity](#), [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) reach](#), and demographic characteristics like [median household income](#) alongside [obesity](#) prevalence. This perspective moves the data beyond a single measure or report and can show the connectedness and breadth of population health indicators.

### [Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#)

Annual report that provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons; service use patterns; the capacity to house people experiencing homelessness; the inventory of shelter and housing available in a community; and estimates of chronically homeless persons, homeless Veterans, and homeless children and youth.

**Manager:** U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

**Type:** Report, based on point-in-time surveys

**Topics:** Housing

### [Area Health Resources Files](#)

Data for more than 6,000 variables from more than 60 sources for the nation, states, and counties. This source contains information on health facilities, health professions, measures of resource scarcity, health status, economic activity, health training programs, and socioeconomic and environmental characteristics. In addition, the basic file contains geographic codes and descriptors which enable it to be linked to many other files and to aggregate counties into various geographic groupings.

**Manager:** Health Resources & Services Administration

**Type:** Composite Datasets

**Topics:** Health

### [Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed \(ALICE\)\\*](#)

Measure of economically distressed households that takes local cost of living into account. The term “ALICE” describes people who earn more than the federal poverty level, but not enough to afford the basics where they live. This source calculates the cost of household essentials for all counties in the U.S., the total number of households, percentage in poverty, percentage of ALICE, and percentage above the ALICE threshold.

Manager: United Way of New Jersey  
Type: Report, Composite Datasets  
Topics: Income & Poverty, Social Services

### [Atlas of Rural and Small-Town America](#)

State and county level statistics by socioeconomic factors using data from the [AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY](#) and the [SMALL AREA INCOME AND POVERTY ESTIMATES](#).

Manager: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Type: Composite Datasets  
Topics: Population

### [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System](#)

Data regarding health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services.

Manager: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Health

### [Big Cities Health Coalition Inventory Dashboard](#)

Baseline of health in urban communities, as well as evidence of policies and practices at work in 30 large cities, allowing users to examine pressing health issues affecting urban communities.

Manager: Big Cities Health Coalition  
Type: Composite Datasets  
Topics: Health, Public Health, Equity

### [Census \(Race and Ethnicity Data\)\\*](#)

Visualizations related to racial and ethnic diversity in the United States.

Manager: U.S. Census Bureau  
Type: Report, Multiple Datasets  
Topics: Equity

### [Census Bureau My Community Explorer](#)

State, county, and census tract maps display community resilience estimates by predominant risk factor group, with overlaid reference data.

Manager: U.S. Census Bureau  
Type: Report, Multiple Datasets  
Topics: Public Health

### [Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems](#)

Tools for creating customized interactive maps and community health needs assessments from a wide range of economic, demographic, physical, and cultural data, with analysis tools and maps for specialized topics.

Manager: University of Missouri  
Type: Composite Datasets  
Topics: Population, Health, Public Health

### [Child Opportunity Index 2.0 Database](#)

Composite index measured at the census tract level that captures neighborhood resources and conditions.

Manager: Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy at the Heller School for Policy and Management at Brandeis University  
Type: Report, Composite Datasets  
Topics: Public Health, Population

### [Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse \(CCW\)](#)

Medicare and Medicaid beneficiary, claims, and assessment data linked by beneficiary across the continuum of care. CCW is a research database designed to make Medicare, Medicaid, Assessments, Part C, and Part D Prescription Drug Event data more readily available to support research designed to improve the quality of care and reduce costs and utilization. Access requires submission of a request.

Manager: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Type: Multiple Datasets  
Topics: Health, Public Health

### Chronic Disease Indicators (CDI)

Surveillance indicators developed by consensus among the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

**Manager:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**Type:** Report, Multiple Datasets  
**Topics:** Public Health

### City Health Dashboard

Thirty-seven measures of health, factors that shape health, and drivers of health equity to guide local solutions for U.S. cities.

**Manager:** NYU Langone Health  
**Type:** Report, Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Public Health

### Community Needs Map Composite Index\*

Grouping of four social need indices that track key social risk factors down to the county level. These four indices describe needs relating to socioeconomic status, health care access, literacy, social isolation, rural vulnerability, and more.

**Manager:** Unite Us  
**Type:** Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Public Health

### Compendium of U.S. Health Systems

Database of 637 U.S. health systems, defined to include at least one hospital and at least one group of physicians providing comprehensive care who are connected with each other and with the hospital through common ownership or joint management.

**Manager:** Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality  
**Type:** Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Health

### Congressional District Health Dashboard

Dashboard of 36 health metrics including social determinants of health for all 435 U.S. congressional districts.

**Manager:** Department of Population Health at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, in partnership with and with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Type:** Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Public Health

### Consumer Expenditure Survey

Data on expenditures, income, and demographic characteristics of consumers in the United States, primarily used to revise the relative importance of goods and services in the market basket of the Consumer Price Index. Data is provided in tables, LABSTAT database, news releases, reports, and public use [microdata files](#).

**Manager:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Business & Economy

### County Health Rankings\*

Ranking of counties based on multiple variables including health outcomes and social determinants of health.

**Manager:** University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute  
**Type:** Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Public Health

### COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Crosswalk — Rank Ordered by Score

Data crosswalk that weighs communities down to the census tract with COVID-19 data, considering disease morbidity and mortality, as well as social and economic contextual data. To do this, this spreadsheet crosswalks four key open datasets: Hardest Hit Area, Low Income Area, Tribal Community, and Rural Community

**Manager:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
**Type:** Composite Datasets  
**Topics:** Health, Neighborhoods

### [Current Population Survey](#)

State, Metropolitan Statistical Area, and county monthly data concerning families, household composition, educational attainment, health insurance coverage, income sources, poverty, and geographic mobility. Variables are weighted and can be read by statistical software.

**Manager:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Type:** Multiple Datasets

**Topics:** Population, Income & Poverty, Neighborhoods

### [Data USA](#)

Wide-ranging compendium of public U.S. government data by geographic region with visualization and reports.

**Manager:** Deloitte

**Type:** Composite Datasets

**Topics:** Population

### [Demographic Profile 2020 Census\\*](#)

Overview of demographic and housing characteristics for a specific geographical area down to census tract in a single table, with age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household type, relationship to householder, group quarters population, housing occupancy, and housing tenure.

**Manager:** Census Bureau

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Population, Neighborhoods

### [Disability and Health Data System](#)

State-level health and demographic data about adults with and without disabilities, including smoking, obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Users can customize data maps, charts, and tables for their state or region and identifying health differences between adults with and without disabilities overall, and by age, sex, and race/ethnicity.

**Manager:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Health, Public Health, Equity

### [Diversity Data Kids\\*](#)

Research program to monitor the state of well-being, diversity, opportunity, and equity of U.S. children; 327 datasets related to early childhood, families and income, and neighborhoods, with an emphasis on equity.

**Manager:** Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy at the Heller School for Policy and Management at Brandeis University

**Type:** Composite Datasets

**Categories:** Health, Equity

### [Health Center Program Uniform Data System](#)

Data on federal Health Resources & Services Administration Health Center Program awardees and lookalikes, which must annually report a core set of information, including data on patient characteristics, services provided, clinical processes and health outcomes, patients' use of services, staffing, costs, and revenues.

**Manager:** Health Resources & Services Administration

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Health

### [HealthData.gov\\*](#)

Data on a wide range of topics, including environmental health, medical devices, Medicare, Medicaid, social services, community health, mental health, and substance use disorders. Datasets come from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Food & Drug Administration, the Agency for Health Care Research & Quality, and state partners, among others.

**Manager:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

**Type:** Multiple Datasets

**Topics:** Health, Equity, Social Services

### [HealthData.gov: Social Determinants and Health Equity Research Guide\\*](#)

Listing of more than 60 government datasets with links.

**Manager:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

**Type:** Composite Source

**Topics:** Public Health, Equity



### [Health Economics Resource Center Average Cost Datasets](#)

Estimates of the cost of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs inpatient and outpatient care.

Manager: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Type: Multiple Datasets

Topics: Health

### [Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project \(HCUP\)](#)

Family of databases, software tools, and related products with information on inpatient stays, ambulatory surgery and services visits, and emergency department encounters at the national, regional, state, and community levels containing encounter-level, clinical, and nonclinical information including all listed diagnoses and procedures, discharge status, patient demographics, and charges for all patients, regardless of payer (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, uninsured), beginning in 1988. Complete datasets are available for purchase. [HCUP Fast Stats](#) is an online query tool that uses visual displays to compare national or state statistics on a range of topics. These databases enable research on a broad range of health policy issues, including cost and quality of health services, medical practice patterns, access to health care programs, and outcomes of treatments.

Manager: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

Type: Multiple Datasets, Reports

Topics: Health

### [Home Health Outcome and Assessment Information Set \(OASIS\)](#)

Group of standard data elements (social context, economic context, education, health care context) that home health agencies integrate into their comprehensive assessment, to collect and report quality data to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS posts a subset of OASIS-based quality performance information on the Care Compare website. These publicly reported measures include outcome measures, which indicate how well home health agencies assist their patients in regaining or maintaining their ability to function, and process measures, which evaluate the rate at which home

health agencies use specific evidence-based processes of care.

Manager: CMS

Type: Multiple Datasets

Topics: Health, Equity

### [Household Pulse Survey](#)

Survey designed to be used quickly and efficiently, collecting data to measure household experiences during the coronavirus pandemic, measured at intervals of two weeks on and two weeks off. The survey has evolved to include content on other emergent social and economic issues facing households.

Manager: U.S. Census Bureau

Type: Single Dataset

Topics: Health, Equity

### [HUD Rental Assistance Programs](#)

Public use microdata sample datasets covering the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's largest rental assistance programs: the Housing Choice Voucher program, public housing, project-based Section 8, and the Section 202/811 programs, including data on family type, household income, race, gender, and other household and geographic characteristics.

Manager: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Type: Single Dataset

Topics: Housing, Population

### [The Human Well-Being Index \(HWBI\)](#)

Index of county-level community conditions in the context of the flow of economic, social, and ecological services.

Manager: Environmental Protection Agency

Type: Composite Dataset

Topics: Health, Social Services

### [Inequities in COVID-19 Incidence](#)

Dashboard showing how COVID-19-related outcomes are evolving in the cities that are part of the Big Cities

Health Coalition, and specifically inequities within cities; between neighborhoods within cities; and between cities. The data are no longer being updated but available for historical use.

**Manager:** Drexel Urban Health Collaborative in partnership with the Big Cities Health Coalition and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Health, Equity

### [KFF State Health Facts](#)

Tool to build a custom report compiling health-related data, including disparities, for a single state or multiple states.

**Manager:** KFF

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Health, Equity

### [Livability Index](#)

Data on how communities (cities, counties, towns, ZIP codes) are meeting the current and future needs of residents: Neighborhood, Transportation, Environment, Engagement, Health, Opportunity

**Manager:** AARP Public Policy Institute

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Neighborhood

### [Lown Hospital Social Responsibility Ranking](#)

Ranking of hospitals on social responsibility across three primary metrics: outcomes, value, and equity.

**Manager:** Lown Institute

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Health, Equity

### [Mapping Medicare Disparities\\*](#)

Health outcome measures for disease prevalence, costs, and hospitalization for 55 specific chronic conditions, hospital emergency department utilization, re-admissions rates, mortality, preventable hospitalizations, and preventive services. This source allows users to: 1) visualize health outcome measures at a national, state, or county level; 2) explore health outcome measures by age, race and ethnicity, and sex;

3) compare differences between two geographic locations (e.g., benchmark against the national average); and 4) compare differences between two racial and ethnic groups within the same geographic area.

**Manager:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Type:** Multiple Datasets

**Topics:** Health, Equity

### [Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) Scorecard](#)

Comparisons drawn from many Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and state-reported data sources to explain how Medicaid and CHIP programs vary between states in enrollment, care delivery approaches, and expenditures.

**Manager:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Health

### [Medicaid State Profiles](#)

State eligibility criteria, quality measures, enrollment data, and documents (state plan amendments, waivers, etc.).

**Manager:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Health

### [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey](#)

Set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers, and employers across the U.S. with data on the cost and use of health care and health insurance coverage.

**Manager:** Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

**Type:** Multiple Datasets

**Topics:** Health, Population

### [Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey \(MCBS\)](#)

Continuous, multipurpose survey of a nationally representative sample of the Medicare population, conducted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The MCBS provides important information on health outcomes and social determinants of health not available in the

administrative program data. The MCBS provides a public use file (PUF) and accompanying documentation free for download on the MCBS PUF page. The MCBS PUF is an easy-to-use data file with select data items that allow researchers to analyze access to and satisfaction with health care, and medical conditions for Medicare beneficiaries living in the community. Two additional annual MCBS data releases can be obtained directly from CMS and require a data use agreement.

**Manager:** CMS  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health, Population

### [Medicare Health Outcomes Survey](#)

Survey intended to gather valid, reliable, and clinically meaningful health status data from the Medicare Advantage program. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) allows organizations to access identifiable data files (IDFs), also known as research identifiable files (RIFs), for research purposes. Requests for these data files require a research protocol and data use agreement, among other documents, and are reviewed by CMS's privacy board.

**Manager:** CMS  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health, Population

### [Mental Health Client Level Data](#)

Information on mental health diagnoses and the mental health treatment services, outcomes, and demographic and substance use characteristics of individuals in mental health treatment facilities that report to individual state administrative data systems.

**Manager:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Behavioral Health, Public Health

### [National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey](#)

Sample of visits to non-federally-employed, office-based physicians who are primarily engaged in direct patient care. Data are obtained on patient characteristics such as age, sex, race, and ethnicity;

visit characteristics such as patient's reason for visit, provider's diagnosis, services ordered or provided, and treatments, including medication therapy; and data about the facility.

**Manager:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health

### [National \(Hospital\) Ambulatory Medical Care Surveys \(NHAMCS\)](#)

Data on the utilization and provision of ambulatory care services in hospital emergency and outpatient departments and ambulatory surgery locations. NHAMCS ceased data collection in 2022 but public use annual data files continue to be available on the website in various statistical analysis program formats.

**Manager:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health

### [National Center for Health in Public Housing\\*](#)

Interactive maps that show health and socioeconomic factors in relation to public housing. This source plots public housing and health care centers.

**Manager:** National Center for Health in Public Housing  
**Type:** Multiple Datasets  
**Topics:** Health, Housing, Social Services, Equity

### [National Committee for Quality Assurance Health Insurance Plan Ratings](#)

Annual health plan ratings include results for both accredited and non-accredited health plans. Ratings are from 0–5, in 0.5 increments.

**Manager:** National Committee for Quality Assurance  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health

### [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\) Managed Care Organization Ratings](#)

NCQA report cards rating health plans, practices, clinicians, and other partners based on quality measures including Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set behavioral health performance



measures. Managed care organization rankings in a five-star format are accessible on the website.

Manager: NCQA  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Health

### [National Equity Atlas\\*](#)

Holistic racial equity index to compare cities and localities.

Manager: PolicyLink and the University of Southern California Equity Research Institute  
Type: Composite Dataset  
Topics: Equity, Neighborhoods

### [National Health and Aging Trends Study \(NHATS\)](#)

Information from a nationally representative sample of Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older. Annual in-person interviews collect detailed information on the disablement process and its consequences. NHATS offers registered users three types of files: downloadable NHATS public data files; downloadable National Study of Caregiving and other sensitive data files; and restricted files. All files require registration.

Manager: Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, with data collection by Westat  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Health, Equity

### [National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#)

Continuing survey and special studies to secure accurate and current statistical information on the amount, distribution, and effects of illness and disability in the United States and the services rendered for or because of such conditions. NHIS data is used throughout the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to monitor trends in illness and disability and to track progress toward achieving national health objectives. For data users and researchers, survey data files are available on the internet. Sampling weights must be used to produce representative national estimates.

Manager: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Health

### [National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey](#)

Program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. The survey is unique in that it combines interviews and physical examinations. Access is available to any researcher, with submission of a research proposal to the National Center for Health Statistics Research Data Center.

Manager: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Health

### [National Longitudinal Surveys \(NLS\)](#)

Nationally representative surveys that follow the same sample of individuals over time. The surveys collect data on labor market activity, schooling, fertility, program participation, health, and much, much more. Cohorts are youth (1997 and 1979 cohorts), child and young adult, mature and young women, older and young men. NLS public-use data for each cohort is available at no cost via the Investigator, an online search and extraction site that enables users to review NLS variables and create their own data sets. It is not necessary to get an account to browse data, but an account is necessary to save datasets online.

Manager: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Type: Single Dataset  
Topics: Population, Health, Social Services

### [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

State-level data on housing costs and income presented by an interactive map and summary reports for each state.

Manager: National Low Income Housing Coalition  
Type: Single Dataset (data from the [AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY](#))  
Topics: Housing, Income & Poverty

### **National Mental Health Services Survey**

National and state-level data on the mental health services delivery system reported by both publicly and privately operated specialty mental health treatment facilities. Downloadable data sets are available in SAS, SPSS, Stata, Delimited, and R.

**Manager:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Behavioral Health, Public Health

### **National Neighborhood Data Archive**

Census-tract-level data for social determinants of health compiled from other sources.

**Manager:** University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Neighborhoods, Public Health

### **National Study of Caregiving (NSOC)**

Periodically gathered information on the family and unpaid caregivers of participants in the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS). Access requires an online application; and following notice of approval, a data use agreement will be provided by NHATS and access will be granted to the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging Virtual Data Enclave.

**Manager:** Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, supported by the National Institute on Aging

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Health

### **National Survey on Drug Use and Health**

Nationally representative data on the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs; substance use disorders; receipt of substance use treatment; mental health issues; and the use of mental health services among the civilian, noninstitutionalized population aged 12 or older in the United States.

**Manager:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Behavioral Health, Public Health

### **Panel Study of Income Dynamics**

Study that began in 1968 with a nationally representative sample of over 18,000 individuals living in 5,000 families in the United States. Information on these individuals and their descendants has been collected continuously. Data is available on the website without cost to researchers and analysts.

**Manager:** University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Population, Income & Poverty, Housing, Social Services

### **Population Estimates Program**

Estimates of the population for the United States and its states, counties, cities, and towns, as well as for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Demographic components of population change (births, deaths, and migration) and housing unit estimates are produced at the national, state, and county levels.

**Manager:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Population, Housing, Neighborhoods

### **Priced Out: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities\***

State- and community-level data drawn from federal sources on rental costs, numbers of people with Supplemental Security Income, and area median income.

**Manager:** Technical Assistance Collaborative

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Housing, Income

### **Profile of State and Territorial Public Health**

Dashboard defining the scope of state and territorial public health services and identifying variations in practice among state and territorial public health agencies.

**Manager:** Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Public Health

### [Selected Metropolitan/Micropolitan Area Risk Trends \(SMART\) Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System \(BRFSS\) City and County Data and Documentation](#)

State and local data for metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas on individuals' health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services. BRFSS GIS Maps data is available for download for analysis.

**Manager:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Public Health, Neighborhoods

### [Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates](#)

Trends from 2000 to 2020 in poverty and median income by age in counties and school districts, with tables and interactive visuals.

**Manager:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Income & Poverty, Neighborhoods

### [State Health Data Center\\*](#)

Compilation of state-level metrics, including on system performance and racial equity, from a number of sources.

**Manager:** The Commonwealth Fund

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Public Health, Equity

### [State Mental Health Agency Profiling System](#)

Detailed descriptions about a wide variety of State Mental Health Agency characteristics collected annually. Access to source data is available only to state mental health authorities, but numerous publicly available reports are provided on the NRI website.

**Manager:** NRI

**Type:** Reports

**Topics:** Behavioral Health

### [State of Mental Health in America](#)

Ranking of all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on mental health and access measures.

**Manager:** Mental Health America

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Behavioral Health, Public Health

### [State Rankings for Racial Inequality in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals\\*](#)

State-level ranking and inequality index in meeting United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

**Manager:** Sustainable Development Solutions Network

**Type:** Composite dataset

**Topics:** Equity

### [Supplemental Poverty Measure \(SPM\)\\*](#)

Extension of the official poverty measure that is adjusted for family composition and that accounts for government programs designed to assist low-income families. The SPM also includes accounts for federal and state taxes and work and medical expenses. In addition, the SPM accounts for geographic variation in poverty thresholds, while the official poverty measure does not.

**Manager:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Income & Poverty, Social Services

### [Survey of Income and Program Participation \(SIPP\)](#)

Nationally representative longitudinal survey that provides comprehensive information on the dynamics of income, employment, household composition, and government program participation. SIPP is also a leading source of data on economic well-being, family dynamics, education, wealth, health insurance, childcare, and food security. The main survey response microdata files are available on the website, in SAS, STATA, and pipe-delimited text formats, compressed as zip and gzip archives.

**Manager:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Income & Poverty, Social Services

### Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS)

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program data from U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia, compiled into the largest national resource of beneficiary information. Data is available for a fee shown in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services fee list, which includes four pricing tiers based on the number of people in a study.

**Manager:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Health

### Treatment Episode Data Set

Demographic information, characteristics, and outcomes of treatment for alcohol and drug use among clients aged 12 years and older in facilities that report to individual state administrative data systems. Public use data files may be downloaded in SAS, SPSS, Stata, Delimited, and R, and annual reports summarizing data are available on the website.

**Manager:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration  
**Type:** Single Dataset  
**Topics:** Behavioral Health, Public Health

### Uniform Reporting System

State-specific tables with information about the public mental health system.

**Manager:** Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

**Type:** Single Dataset

**Topics:** Behavioral Health

### U.S. News & World Report Healthiest Communities

County- or ZIP-code-level metrics across a range of social determinants of health and health measures including mental health; heat maps.

**Manager:** U.S. News & World Report

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Health, Public Health, Neighborhoods

### Vulnerable Populations Footprint\*

Data visualization tool designed to map an estimated percentage of residents in poverty, and those with low educational attainment, in order to identify likely health disparities and communities most in need at the census tract level. (Note: this resource requires free registration to log in.) The Web Enabled Analysis Tool allows for crosstabs and regression. Many questions are taken from established national surveys, such as the National Health Interview Survey or the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. This allows comparison with data from those surveys.

**Manager:** Center for Applied Research & Engagement Systems

**Type:** Composite Dataset

**Topics:** Income & Poverty, Equity, Neighborhoods

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