



# HCUP

HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT

Powerful Data. Meaningful Answers.

## HCUPnet

### The Largest Set of All-Payer U.S. Hospital Data—Free and Online

If you are seeking a fast and free data resource for national-, regional-, or State-level health care data, HCUPnet – HCUP’s online query tool – is designed to meet your needs. HCUPnet provides instant access to health care statistics from the largest set of publically available, all-payer, hospital-based inpatient and outpatient data in the United States.

### A Comprehensive, User-Friendly Resource

HCUPnet’s simple, step-by-step query system provides users with precalculated tables and graphs of inpatient and outpatient health care encounters at community hospitals. A variety of data pathways enable specialized queries of national, regional, and State-level hospital encounters. HCUPnet also provides detailed, ready-to-use national benchmarks for health care Quality Indicators.

### A Reliable and Trusted Resource

Information on HCUPnet is derived from HCUP’s State and national inpatient and outpatient databases, with statistics dating as far back as 1993.

HCUPnet is a solid resource for descriptive healthcare analyses. HCUPnet also enables users with more complex analytical needs to preview the data included in the full HCUP databases, which are available for purchase through the HCUP Central Distributor.

### Advance Your Research

Investigate numerous aspects of hospital-based care, including:

- Diagnoses and procedures (e.g., ICD-9 CM, CCS, DRGs, MDCs)\*
- Patient Demographics (e.g., age gender, community level income)
- Hospital characteristics
- Discharge status
- Total hospital charges and costs
- Quality Indicators

*\*International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Classification Software, Diagnosis-Related Groups, Major Diagnostic Categories.*

## Get Dynamic Answers to Diverse Questions

The HCUPnet can be used to quickly and easily study a variety of research topics, including:

- In-hospital mortality for diagnoses and procedures
- Trends in inpatient and outpatient access, charges, and outcomes
- Utilization by special populations
- Most common conditions and procedures
- Variations in medical practice
- Charges for specific conditions
- Quality of care and patient safety
- Differences in outcomes between hospital type

## Make the Most of Your Research

HCUPnet incorporates several AHRQ products into its analyses, including the Clinical Classification Software, Cost-to-Charge Ratios, and the Quality Indicators.

HCUPnet also includes an online z-test calculator to test significance of differences between two weighted counts, means, or percentages.

Tables and graphs from HCUPnet can be saved easily in Excel for further analysis. Queries can be rerun with one click in another HCUPnet pathway.

## Access HCUPnet

Simply explore the [HCUPnet Web site](#) to get the information you want. The easy-to-follow screens guide users through the query process.



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*The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP, pronounced “H-Cup”) is a family of powerful health care databases, software tools, and products for advancing research. Sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HCUP includes the largest all-payer, encounter-level collection of longitudinal health care data (inpatient, ambulatory surgery, and emergency department) in the United States, beginning in 1988.*

*HCUP is a Federal-State-Industry Partnership that brings together the data collection efforts of many organizations – such as State data organizations, hospital associations, private data organizations, and the Federal Government – to create a national information resource. HCUP would not be possible without the contributions of data collection Partners from across the nation.*

For more information about HCUP, please visit [www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov](http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov).