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MEPS HC-205: 2019 P23R3/P24R1 Population Characteristics

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This public use data file is the twenty-fourth point in time data file to be released from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS HC). The data are being released both as an ASCII file (with related SAS, SPSS, STATA, and R programming statements) a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file. This

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public use file provides information on data collected on a nationally representative sample of the civilian non-institutionalized population of the United States during the early part of 2019. This file consists of 2019 data obtained in Round 3 of Panel 23 and Round 1 of Panel 24 of the MEPS Household Component and contains variables pertaining to survey administration, demographics, employment, health status, and health insurance.

Starting in 2018, instead of the XPORT engine, the CPORT procedure is used to create MEPS Public Use Files (PUFS) in transport format (excluding the 2018 Point-in-Time file, HC-036, and HC-036BRR). These CPORT data files (.ssp) cannot be read directly into R or Stata at this time. The ASCII (.dat) data file format can be used instead, along with the corresponding instructions found in the 'Programming Statements' files. In addition, SAS users must use the CIMPORT procedure to restore the transport files (.ssp) into SAS data sets. For more details on loading MEPS PUFs into R, SAS, and Stata, please visit the [MEPS GitHub page](#) .

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Documentation	File type
Documentation	PDF (429 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (369 KB) / HTML *
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (62 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (32 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (38 KB)
R Programming Statements	TXT (7.6 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (1.2 MB) / EXE (1.7 MB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (1.7 MB) / EXE (2.3 MB)
Data File, SAS V9 format	ZIP (2.0 MB)
Data File, Stata format	ZIP (1.9 MB)
Data File, XLSX format	ZIP (7.2 MB)

Questionnaires — see [Survey Questionnaires](#)

*The PDF version of the codebook is recommended for printing; the HTML version is database driven and lets you navigate quickly to details on each variable.

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