



# Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

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## MEPS HC-178B: 2015 Dental Visits File

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This public use data file is one in a series of event-level public use data files drawn from the 2015 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements and in SAS transport format, the Dental Visits File provides detailed information on dental events for a nationally representative sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of the United States during the 2015 calendar year. This file consists of 2015 data obtained in the 2015 portion of round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 19, as well as rounds 1, 2, and the 2015 portion of round 3 for Panel 20 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2015), and contains variables pertaining to household reported dental visits. The file includes the date of the dental event, type of provider seen, if the visit was due to an accident, reason for the dental event, and whether or not medicines were prescribed.

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