

MEPS HC-206H: 2018 Home Health 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 2018 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Household Component (HC). The Home Health File contains household-reported information on home health visits including the type of provider, type of services received, length of the visit, reason for the visit, expenditures, and sources of payment. Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, STATA, and R programming statements and in a SAS transport file, a SAS V9 file, a XLSX file, and a Stata file, this public use file provides information on home health care for a nationally representative sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States and can be used to make estimates of the utilizations and expenditures associated with home health care during the 2018 calendar year. This file consists of 2018 data obtained in the 2018 portion of round 3, and rounds 4 and 5 for Panel 22, as well as rounds 1, 2, and the 2018 portion of round 3 for Panel 23 of the survey (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2018).

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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	PDF (540 KB) / HTML
Codebook	PDF (212 KB) / HTML *
SAS Programming Statements	TXT (39 KB)
SPSS Programming Statements	TXT (12 KB)
STATA Programming Statements	TXT (17 KB)
R Programming Statements	TXT (6.2 KB)

Data	File type**
Data File, ASCII format	ZIP (124 KB) / EXE (660 KB)
Data File, SAS transport format	ZIP (155 KB) / EXE (691 KB)
Data File, SAS V9 format	ZIP (195 KB)
Data File, Stata format	ZIP (172 KB)
Data File, XLSX format	ZIP (873 KB)

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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