

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) CAHPS® Database De-Identified Research Dataset Contents

This document is for individuals interested in requesting de-identified CAHPS data from the AHRQ CAHPS Database and shows the contents of the de-identified research datasets.

The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Database is a central repository for CAHPS survey data. The CAHPS Database is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and managed and administered by its contractor, Westat.

The CAHPS Database is populated with CAHPS data through the voluntary participation of organizations that have administered a CAHPS survey and are willing to submit their CAHPS data for inclusion in the Database. Research datasets contain de-identified Database data from the CAHPS Health Plan Survey, CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey, and CAHPS Hospital Survey.

Table 1 shows the content of each CAHPS de-identified research dataset, including information on the survey items, site characteristics, and ID variables included in each dataset. Dataset names for each setting contain hyperlinks to survey websites.

Table 1. Contents of CAHPS De-Identified Research Datasets

Variable Type	CAHPS De-Identified Research Datasets		
	Health Plan Survey	Clinician & Group Survey	Hospital Survey
Survey Items and Respondent Variables	<p>Adult Medicaid Version 5.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q26 • About You Items (Q27 – Q39) • 5 HEDIS Items <p>Child Medicaid and CHIP Version 5.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q29 • About You Items (Q30 – Q41) • 1 HEDIS Item (doctor seemed up-to-date about care received from other doctors/providers) • Children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental Items 	<p>Adult Version 3.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q22 • About You Items (Q23 – Q31) • Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Supplemental Items <p>Child Version 3.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q27 • About You Items (Q28 – Q39) • PCMH Supplemental Items <p>Adult Visit Version 2.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q28 • About You Items (Q29 – Q37) <p>All Versions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician specialty • Provider type • Date of last visit 	<p>Adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Q22 • About You Items (Q23 – Q27) • Response mode • Survey language • Patient discharge date • Reason for admission • Admission source
Site Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerator (number of survey respondents) • Denominator (total number of surveys distributed) • Response rate (numerator/denominator) • State (only available from 2020 - Present for a subset of plans) • Region (when state is not available) • Product type (e.g., HMO, POS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerator (number of survey respondents) • Denominator (total number of surveys distributed) • Response rate (numerator/denominator) • Survey administration mode • Field period • Practice ownership or affiliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed size • Ownership • State • Region • Teaching status
ID variables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-identified plan ID • De-identified respondent ID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-identified site ID • De-identified respondent ID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De-identified hospital ID • De-identified respondent ID

Note: These contents are based on the most recent version of the surveys where data are available. The survey versions vary between the years and therefore not all items are available in prior years.