

1. HEALTH AND RETIREMENT STUDY: The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research HRS announced the release of: "Rand HRS Data (Version 8)," (February 29, 2008).

http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/news/sho_news.php?hfyle=news246&xtyp=1

Data access: <http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/data/index.html>

2. MEDICAL EXPENDITURE PANEL SURVEY: US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's MEPS has released the following datasets (all, February 2008, data in .zip or self decompressing [.exe] ASCII or SAS transport format, documentation in HTML and .pdf format, with SAS and SPSS programming statements in ASCII format).

MEPS HC-098: MEPS Panel 9 Longitudinal Weight File.

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data_files_detail.jsp?cboPufNumber=HC-098

3. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF POLICY RESEARCH AND STATISTICS NOTES:

A. "Characteristics of Disabled-Worker Beneficiaries Receiving Workers' Compensation or Public Disability Benefits Compared With Disabled-Worker Beneficiaries Without These Additional Benefits," by Rhonda Newsome and Rene Parent (Research and Statistics Note No. 2008-01, January 2008, HTML and .pdf format, 7p.).

HTML: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/rsnotes/rsn2008-01.html>

.pdf: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/rsnotes/rsn2008-01.pdf>

B. "Characteristics of Noninstitutionalized DI and SSI Program Participants," by Anne DeCesaro and Jeffrey Hemmeter (Research and Statistics Note No. 2008-02, January 2008, HTML and .pdf format, 26p.).

HTML: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/rsnotes/rsn2008-02.html>

.pdf: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/rsnotes/rsn2008-02.pdf>

3. STATISTICS CANADA/STATISTIQUE CANADA REPORT: "Canada's Changing Labour Force, 2006 Census," (March 2008, .pdf format, 34p.).

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/analysis/labour/index.cfm>

4. EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH POLICY BRIEF:

"Features and Challenges of Population Ageing: The European Perspective," by Asghar Zaidi (Policy Brief No. 1, March 2008, .pdf format, 16p.).

http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1143

5. POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU ARTICLE: "Race, Ethnicity, and Where You Live Matters: Recent Findings on Health and Mortality of U.S. Elderly," by Toshiko Kaneda and Dia Adams (February 2008).

<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2008/racialdisparities.aspx>

6. _MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT_ ARTICLE: "Self-Reported Falls and Fall-Related Injuries Among Persons Aged >65 Years United States, 2006," (Vol. 57, No. 9, March 7, 2008, .pdf and HTML format, p. 225-229).

HTML: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5709a1.htm>

PDF: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5709.pdf>

7. "Gaps seen by education level in US life expectancy," by Will Dunham (Reuters Health, March 11, 2008).

<http://www.reutershealth.com/archive/2008/03/11/eline/links/20080311elin008.html>

8. UK Data Archive (Essex University, Colchester, UK): The UK Data Archive has recently added the following datasets to its holdings. Note: There maybe charges or licensing requirements on holdings of the UK Data Archive. For more information see: <http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/>

SN 5752 -Burial Policy in England, 1939-1979: Interviews with Retired Cemetery Managers

<http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/findingData/snDescription.asp?sn=5752>

9. MEDICAL EXPENDITURE PANEL SURVEY DATA UPDATE: "MEPS HC-098: MEPS Panel 9 Longitudinal Data File." (Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, Mar. 11, 2008).

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data/pufs/h98/h98_udnote.shtml

Data Access:

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/download_data_files.jsp

10. US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PERIODICAL ARTICLE. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report_ Article: "Self-Reported Falls and Fall-Related Injuries Among Persons Aged >65 Years – United States, 2006," (Vol. 57, No. 9, Mar. 7, 2008. HTML and .pdf format, p. 225-229).

HTML: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5709a1.htm>

.pdf: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5709.pdf>

11. MEDICAL EXPENDITURE PANEL SURVEY STATISTICAL BRIEF: "Variation in Ambulatory Health Care Visits and Visits for General Checkup by Demographic Characteristics and Insurance Status, U.S. Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population Ages 18--64, 2005," by Trena M. Ezzati-Rice and Frederick Rohde (Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, Statistical Brief 201, March 2008, .pdf format, 5p.).

http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/Pub_ProdResults_Details.jsp?pt=Statistical%20Brief&opt=2&id=853

12. CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT [CALIFORNIA]: "California Elder Economic Security Standard Index By County." This index is set up to provide data on the income that seniors need to live "adequately" in counties in California.

<http://www.insightccd.org/index.php?page=elder-standard-county>

More information about the Index (.pdf format, 2p.):

http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/eess0208_pdf/cal-essi.pdf