

1. HEALTH AND RETIREMENT STUDY: The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research HRS has announced the release of the following data:

A. "HRS Tracker 2006 (Final, Version 1.0)," (October 17, 2007).

http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/news/sho_news.php?hfyle=news238&xtyp=1

B. "Cross-Wave Master ID File (Final, Version 2.0)," (October 17, 2007).

http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/news/sho_news.php?hfyle=news239&xtyp=1

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

2. US NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS:

A. "LSOA (Longitudinal Study of Aging) II Linked Mortality File," (October 2007, ASCII text (data) and .pdf (documentation), SAS and Stata programming statements for reading the ASCII file).

Public-Use file:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/r&d/nchs_data linkage/isoaii_data linkage mortality public-use.htm

Restricted-Use file information:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/r&d/nchs_data linkage/isoaii_data linkage mortality restricted-use.htm

B. Trends in Health and Aging Update: "The National Center for Health Statistics has announced a new release of updated statistical tests on the Trends in Health and Aging web-site.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/aging/stu.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/agingact.htm>

The updated tests can perform comparisons of two values, the Bonferroni test, test for trends, and comparisons of the slopes for two trends. The tests are available on-line and as a tool in the downloadable tables. To use statistical tests in the downloadable tables please follow step 1- step 3 on the page:

<http://209.217.72.34/aging/download.htm>

3. US ADMINISTRATION ON AGING:

A. "The AGing Integrated Database (AGID) (2007, HTML and Microsoft Excel format). "(AGID) is an on-line query system based on AoA-related data files and surveys, and includes population characteristics from the Census Bureau for comparison purposes. The system allows users to produce customized tables in a step-by-step process and output the results in print or spreadsheet form.

<http://198.136.163.234/default.asp> or <http://www.data.aoa.gov/> and click on "AGing Integrated Database - AGID"

4. INTEGRATED PUBLIC USE MICRODATA UPDATE: IPUMS at the University of Minnesota announced on Oct. 15, 2007: "Added a 1% sample from the 2006 American Community Survey (ACS). The sample has approximately 297,000,000 person records. The 2006 ACS is the first ACS sample to provide information on group quarters, which can be identified in the GQ variable. Researchers analyzing multiple ACS samples over time should remove group quarters cases, since they are available only in the 2006 data.

The lowest level of geographic identifier in the 2006 ACS is the PUMA; 2006 PUMAs have the same boundaries as those in the 2005 ACS and the 2000 census samples. The IPUMS version of the 2006 ACS provides the following additional geographic identifiers: CITY, METAREA, METRO, PUMASUPR, MIGTYPE1, MIGMET1, MIGCITY1, MIGPUMS1, PWTYPE, PWMETRO, PWCITY, and PWPUMAS. These variables were constructed at the University of Minnesota and are not available via the Census Bureau."

For relevant links see: <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/revisions.shtml>

Data Access: <http://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/createExtract.do>

5. Human Mortality Database: Note: HMD requires free registration before providing data. The following updates have been added to the database.

- Oct. 8, 2007 - Data for Finland updated through 2006.

Data availability: <http://www.mortality.org/Public/DataAvailability.html>

Data access: <http://www.mortality.org/>

6. IOWA STATE DATA CENTER REPORTS: The SDC updated its site on Oct. 12. The following reports (.pdf and Microsoft Excel format) may be of interest to researchers in aging: State of Iowa: "Cash and investment holdings of state and local government employee-retirement systems by level of government: 1993-2006"; "Expenditures of state and local government employee-retirement systems by level of government: 1993-2006"; "Number and membership of state and local government employee-retirement systems: 1993-2006"; "Revenues of state and local government employee-retirement systems by level of government: 1993-2006." <http://www.iowadatacenter.org/indexlinks/New> See under Oct. 12. listing.

7. NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TABLES: "Annual Vital Statistics Tables: 2005" (October 2007). http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/vital_statistics/2005/

8. WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES REPORT: " Wisconsin Life Expectancy Tables (Abridged Three-Year Life Tables) (October 2007). Tables for the 2004-2006 are available at the site. <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/lifeexpectancy.htm>

9. US NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS TRENDS IN HEALTH AND AGING UPDATE: "Trends in Health and Aging PowerPoint Presentations are available on the topics of:

- Major trends and patterns in health and aging,
 - Major trends and patterns in diabetes for older Americans,
 - Major trends in medication spending by older Americans,
 - Major trends and patterns in supplemental health insurance coverage for Medicare beneficiaries
- at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/aging/ppt_english.htm