

Data Definition for HRSA AHRF Clinician Dashboard

The Area Health Resource Files (AHRF) Clinician Dashboard provides county- and state-level counts and provider-population ratios of selected health occupations in the U.S. It also provides users the flexibility to visualize and download data for selected occupations. The data included in the application are a subset of the AHRF. The full public use AHRF files, including county-level and national/state-level data files, user documentations, and technical documentation, are located on the HRSA Data Warehouse website (<https://data.hrsa.gov/data/download?data=AHRF#AHRF>) download by the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW).

AHRF Year

The AHRF is released annually by the Bureau of Health Workforce. The AHRF release year corresponds to the fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) the data was developed. In each release, the data source years included vary based on data availability and data use agreements. For example, the 2023-2024 AHRF release includes physician data through 2022 (from the American Medical Association Physician Professional Data), and Nurse Practitioner data are through 2023 (from CMS NPI file).

The AHRF clinician dashboard displays health occupations data by calendar year, not release year. Therefore, data for some occupations may not be available due to their unavailability in the AHRF.

AHRF data

There are two main datasets for each AHRF release: county-level and state/national-level data files. These two data files were created using different data sources. Therefore, the sum of county-level data to the state/national-level file do not equate to counts from the state/national-level data file. Health profession data included in the AHRF dashboard application are shown below:

County Level Data File (from various data sources)

Release Year	Health Profession	Data year
2023-2024	Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	2022
	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)	2022
	Physicians*	2022
	Dentist	2022
	Physician Assistant	2023
	Nurse Practitioner	2023
	Clinical Nurse Specialist	2023
	Nurse Anesthetist	2023
	Nurse Midwife	2023
	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	2023

* Physician include both Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)

State Level Data File (from American Community Survey)

Release Year	Health Profession	Data Year (5-year average)
2023-2024	Physician Assistant	2018-2022
	Psychologist	2018-2022
	Dental Hygienist	2018-2022
	Pharmacist	2018-2022
	Chiropractor	2018-2022
	Optometrist	2018-2022
	Social Worker	2018-2022
	Registered Nurse	2018-2022
	Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurse	2018-2022
	Physical Therapist	2018-2022
	Occupational Therapist	2018-2022
	Respiratory Therapist	2018-2022
	Speech Language Pathologist	2018-2022
	Dietitian and Nutritionist	2018-2022
	EMT and Paramedic	2018-2022

Clinician Rate (per 100,000 population)

Clinician rate used in this application is calculated as clinician count divided by the respective population. The result then is multiplied by 100,000.

Data Note

When data is not available or suppressed, it is shown in this application as NA (not applicable).

AHRF County-Level Data File Definition

County-Level data for selected health professions used in this application come from various data sources and include 50 U.S. state, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Island and Guam.

- Physician data are from the 2022 American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Professional Data. The AMA Physician Professional Data was initially developed as a record keeping device supporting membership and mailing activities. It has expanded to include significant education, training and professional certification information on virtually all Doctors of Medicine (MD) and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) in the United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and certain Pacific Islands.
- Dentist data are from the 2022 American Dental Association (ADA) Masterfile
The American Dental Association (ADA) Masterfile includes a census of all professionally active dentists in the United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam.

- Nurses and Physician Assistant data are from the 2023 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Provider Identification (NPI) file. The CMS NPI File contains FOIA disclosable National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) health care provider data for health care providers who have been assigned National Provider Identifiers.

Health Profession Data

Physicians (AMA Physician Professional Data)

- **Physician** fields contain only active physicians with classified major professional activity, unless specifically stated that inactive and/or not classified are included. Physician include both Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.).
- **Inactive Status** includes physicians who are retired, semiretired, working part-time, temporarily not in practice, or not active for other reasons and indicated they worked 20 hours or less per week
- **Not Classified Status** includes physicians who did not provide information on their type of practice or their present employment
- **Federal Status** is defined as full-time employment by the federal government, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veteran's Administration, the Public Health Service and other federally funded agencies.
- **Primary Care** includes General Family Medicine, General Practice, General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics. Subspecialties within these specialties are excluded.

Dentist (ADA Masterfile)

- **Dentist** includes professionally active dentists whose primary occupation is dental related. This includes Full-time and Part-time Private Practice; Dental School Faculty; Armed Forces; Other Federal Service; State or Local Government; Hospital Staff Dentist; Graduate Student/Resident; Other Health/Dental Organization Staff; and Part-Time Faculty/Part-Time Practice. Only those identified as active and licensed are included

Physician Assistant (CMS NPI file)

- **Physician assistants** are formally trained to perform many of the routine, time-consuming tasks a physician can do. In some states, they may prescribe medications. They take medical histories, perform physical exams, order lab tests and x-rays, and give inoculations. Most states require that they work under the supervision of a physician.
- **National Provider Identification (NPI)** is a unique identifier developed by CMS. Covered health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses must use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA.

Nurses (CMS NPI file)

- **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)** is a registered nurse having education beyond the basic nursing education and certified by a nationally recognized professional organization in a nursing specialty, or meeting other criteria established by a Board of Nursing. APRN includes

advanced practice midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse practitioner.

- **Nurse Practitioner** is a registered nurse provider with a graduate degree in nursing prepared for advanced practice involving independent and interdependent decision making and direct accountability for clinical judgment across the health care continuum or in a certified specialty. Nurse practitioner specialists include, but are not limited to, family nurse practitioners, gerontological nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, obstetric-gynecologic nurse practitioners, and school nurse practitioners.
- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)** is a licensed registered nurse with advanced specialty education in anesthesia who, in collaboration with appropriate health care professionals, provides preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative care to patients and assists in management and resuscitation of critical patients in intensive care, coronary care, and emergency situations. A CRNA is qualified by special training to administer anesthesia in collaboration with a physician or dentist and who can assist in the care of patients who are in critical condition.
- **Nurse Midwives** includes both certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs). Midwifery practice is the independent management of women's health care, focusing particularly on pregnancy, childbirth, the post-partum period, care of the newborn, and the family planning and gynecologic needs of women. The CNM and CM practice within a health care system that provides for consultation, collaborative management, or referral, as indicated by the health status of the client.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialist** is a registered nurse who, through a graduate degree program in nursing, or through a formal post-basic education program or continuing education courses and clinical experience, is expert in a specialty area of nursing practice within one or more of the components of direct patient/client care, consultation, education, research and administration.
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Population Data

Census County Population Estimates: Each year, the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program uses current data on births, deaths, and migration to calculate population change since the most recent decennial census and produces a time series of estimates of population, demographic components of change, and housing units.

Census County Characteristic File: Each year, the Census Bureau produces and publishes estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, state/county equivalents, and Puerto Rico. The county characteristic file provides estimates of states and counties by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE): The Census Bureau's SAIPE program provides annual estimates of income and poverty statistics for all school districts, counties, and states. It is designed to provide estimates of income and poverty for the administration of federal programs and the allocation of federal funds to local jurisdictions

State-level Data File Definition

State-Level Data used in this application come from the American Community Survey (ACS), 2018-2022 5-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File.

- The ACS, an annual household survey, provides detailed self-reported data about U.S. household and persons, including information on individuals working across various industries and occupations. It is the major source of data for AHRF state-level data file.
- Health occupations included are classified based on the U.S. government's 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system.
- The "workforce" is defined as individuals aged 16+ who worked within the previous five years. Does not new workers (persons seeking employment for the first time and who had not yet secured their first job). All counts include 50 U.S. states and District of Columbia.
- For employed individuals, the occupation refers to the person's job during the previous week. For those who worked two or more jobs, the occupation refer to the job where the person worked the greatest number of hours (primary job).
- For unemployed individuals and those who are not currently employed but report having a job within the last five years, the data refer to their last job.
- ACS data are suppressed for any value where the percent relative standard error (PRSE) is greater than 30%. When data is suppressed, it is shown as NA (not applicable) in this dashboard application.

Health Profession Data

Only selected health professions from the AHRF state-level data file are included in this application. The table below list selected health profession and associated SOC codes.

Profession	SOC Code
Physician Assistants	29-1071
Registered Nurses	29-1141
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	29-2061
Dental Hygienists	29-2021
Pharmacists	29-1051
Chiropractors	29-1011
Optometrists	29-1041
Psychologists	19-3030
Social Workers	21-1020 where NAICS Industry Code is Medical Setting and Individual and Family Services: 6211,6212,62131,62132,6213zm,6214,6216,621m,622,6231,623m,6241
Physical Therapists	29-1123
Occupational Therapists	29-1122
Respiratory Therapists	29-1126
Speech-Language Pathologists	29-1127
Dietitians and Nutritionists	29-1031
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	29-2041

Population Data

Population data used for state-level data came from ACS 2018-2022 5-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File.