
Inventory of National Rural Health Research Related Databases

Database name:	Canadian MIS Database Formerly the <i>Annual Return of Health Care Facilities–Hospitals</i> (1932-1994)
Thematic Coverage:	This survey collects financial and statistical data relating to Canadian hospitals, based on the account structure contained in the <i>Guidelines for Management Information Systems in Canadian Health Care Facilities (MIS Guidelines)</i> .
Maintained by:	CIHI; prior to 1995/96, maintained by Statistics Canada
Availability:	Data disclosure is determined by CIHI's Privacy and Confidentiality Policy (see www.cihi.ca). If privacy and confidentiality criteria are met, data can be released at the sub-provincial level. Costs are dependent upon the level data required, plus programming and processing fees.

Start Date:	1932 (<i>Annual Return of Health Care Facilities – Hospitals</i>) Data from 1932 – 1995 is available from Statistics Canada Data from 1995 onwards is available from CIHI
Release Date:	Approximately 2 years after reference period for general release.
Frequency of collection:	Annual

Data Collection:	In all provinces through the ministries of health. Privately owned hospitals are surveyed separately.
Sample size:	All Canadian hospitals

Geographic coverage: All provinces and territories

Lowest geographic level collected: Postal code of Facility

Lowest geographic level of release: Facility

Existing rural variable: No

Rural definitions that can be constructed from this database include (building block)[†]:

- ✓ Census “rural areas” (Enumeration Area)
- ✓ Rural and Small Town definition (Census Subdivision)
- ✓ Metropolitan area and census agglomeration Influenced Zones (Census Subdivision)
- ✓ OECD “rural communities” definition (Census Consolidated Subdivision)
- ✓ OECD “predominantly rural regions” definition (Census Division)
- ✓ Ehrensaft’s “Beale codes” (Census Division)

[†] Results for these areas of geography could conceivably be derived from postal codes if respondent confidentiality is ensured.

Data elements:

There are hundreds of data elements relating to financial and statistical data of Canadian hospitals.

Notes:

Commencing with fiscal 1995/96, CIHI redeveloped the survey to make data collection more efficient and to improve timeliness.

The MIS Guidelines provide a standardized framework for collecting and reporting financial and statistical data on the day-to-day operations of health service organizations. For more information about the MIS guidelines, see

http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=mis_e

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