
Inventory of National Rural Health Research Related Databases

Database name: **Registered Nurses Database**

Thematic Coverage: This database contains supply and distribution information for registered nurses in Canada.

Maintained by: CIHI

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: 1980; Data from 1994 to the most recent year is available for release.

Release Date: Approximately 18 months after reference period

Frequency of collection: Annual

Data Collection: Each year Registered Nurses complete a mandatory registration form to practice. An approved subset of all data collected by the provincial/territorial regulating authorities is submitted electronically to CIHI for processing and verification.

Sample size: All Registered Nurses in Canada

Geographic coverage: All provinces and territories

Lowest geographic level collected: Postal Code

Lowest geographic level of release: Census Subdivision

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)
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Data elements:

- Demographics
- Employment
- Education

Notes:

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