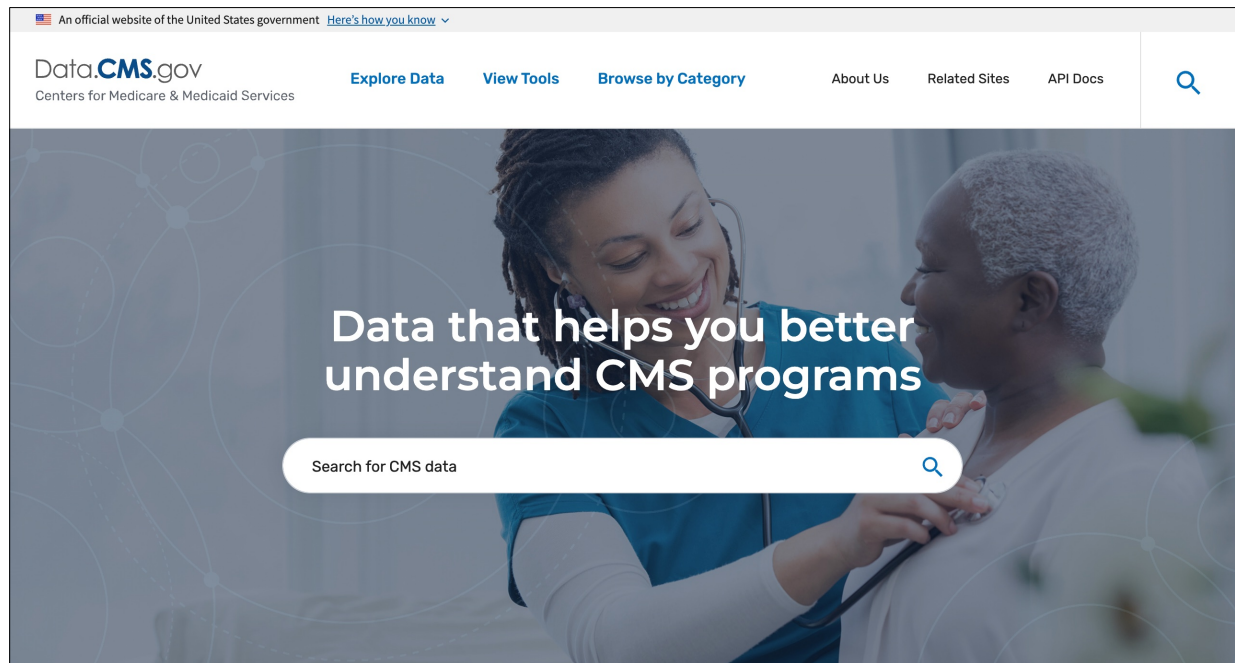


FAQ for data.CMS.gov

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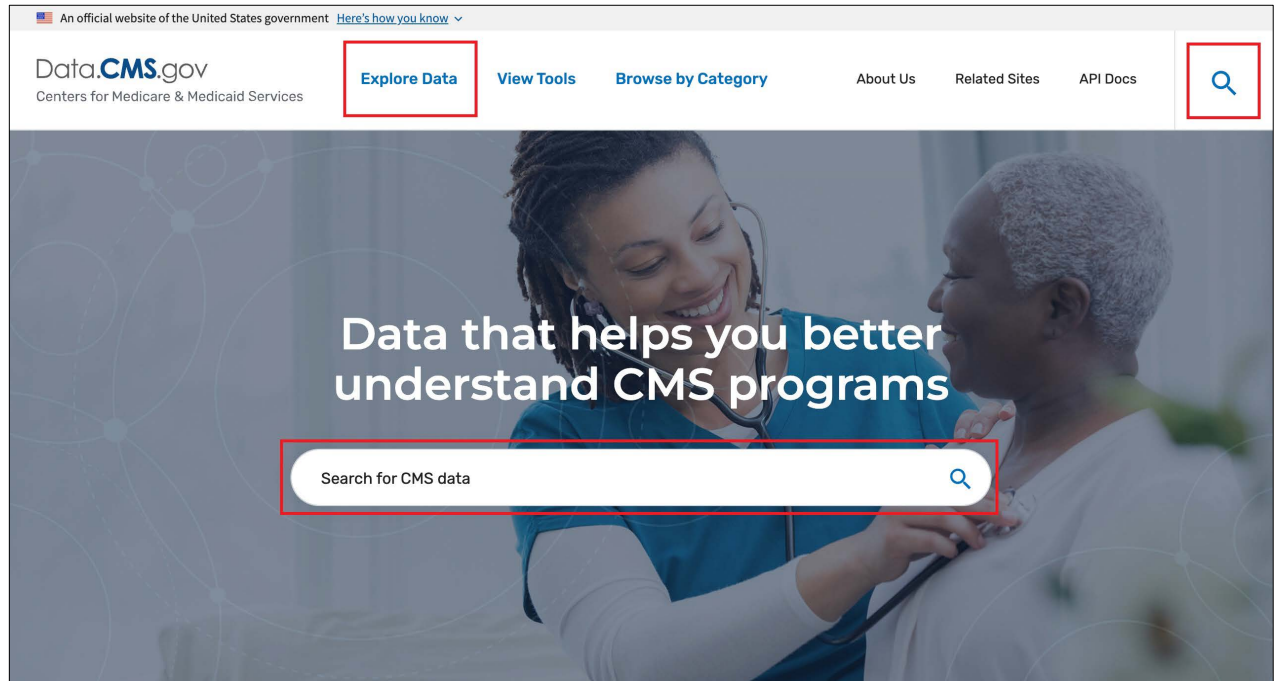
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Revision History

Version	Date	Organization/Point of Contact	Description of Changes
1.0	2022-09-12	OEDA	Baseline Version
1.1	2023-01-03	OEDA	Formatting Updates

How do I search for a dataset?

Datasets can be searched by basic keywords and/or advanced filters on the search page, which can be accessed from various locations on the site such as the home page's search bar, search icon, or the Explore Data tab, as shown in the screenshot below. The dataset name, description, and tags are among a few of the searchable fields, with the option to sort results by last updated, relevancy, dataset name, or alphabetically.



In the event a certain dataset cannot be found, please contact OEDAUserResearch@cms.hhs.gov for assistance.

How often are datasets updated?

Datasets are updated periodically in the system on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. To identify the update frequency of a dataset, look for the “Data update frequency” on the top of the dataset detail page, as shown in the image below for the [COVID-19 Nursing Home Dataset](#):

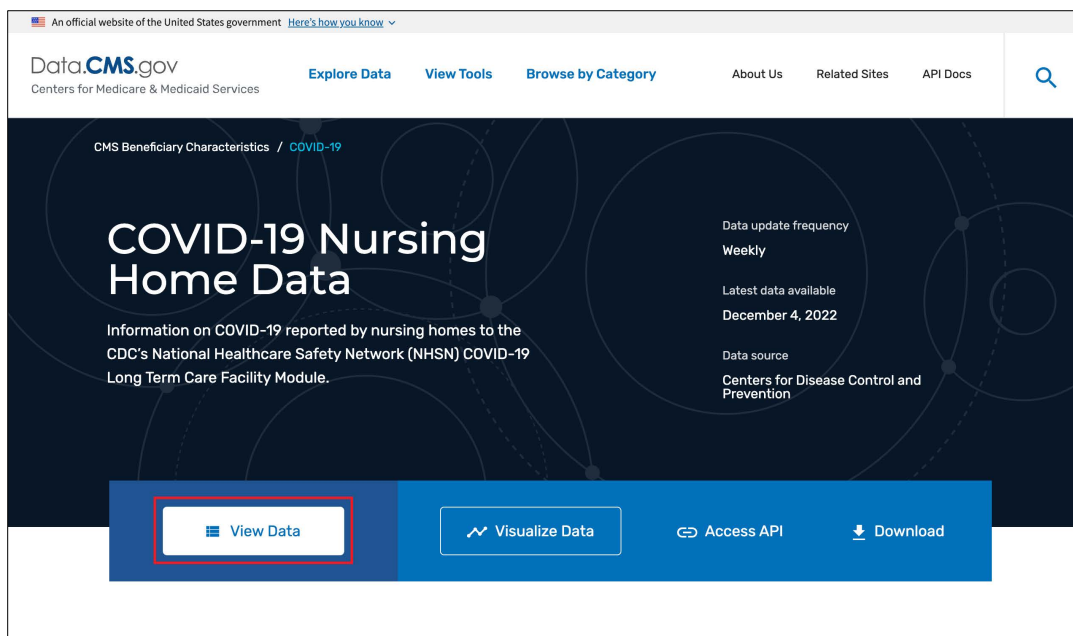
The screenshot shows the Data.CMS.gov website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Explore Data, View Tools, Browse by Category, About Us, Related Sites, and API Docs. The main content area is titled "COVID-19 Nursing Home Data" and includes a description: "Information on COVID-19 reported by nursing homes to the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Module." A red box highlights a section on the right side of the page containing the following information:

Data update frequency
Weekly
Latest data available
December 4, 2022
Data source
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

At the bottom of the page, there are four buttons: View Data, Visualize Data, Access API, and Download.

How do I filter a dataset?

For datasets that have the “View Data” button, the “View Data” button will take you to the interactive display where data within a dataset can be filtered by using simple keywords or a combination of basic or advanced filters, as shown below.



- **Keyword Search Filters:** This functionality searches for matching words in every row and column of the dataset.

Displaying 1 - 10 of 3,787 rows | Originally 2,042,948 rows

Rows per page: 10

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week_ending	federal_provider_number	provider_name	provider_address	provider_city	provider_state	provi
2020-05-24	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-05-31	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-06-07	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-06-14	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-06-21	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-06-28	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-07-05	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502
2020-07-12	035003	THE TERRACES OF...	7550 NORTH 16TH STR...	PHOENIX	AZ	8502

- **Basic Filtering:** This functionality can be used by clicking on the “Filter” button and then adding the conditions to filter the dataset on the Basic Filtering tab. When using basic filtering, all filters are applied using an “And” clause.

The screenshot displays the Data.CMS.gov web application interface. At the top, the header includes the logo "Data.CMS.gov" with the subtitle "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services", and navigation links for "Explore Data", "View Tools", "Browse by Category", "About Us", "Related Sites", and "API Docs". A search icon is located on the far right. Below the header, the main content area shows "Displaying 1 - 10 of 3,787 rows" and "Rows per page: 10". A toolbar contains a search input field, a "Manage Columns" button, a "Filter" button (highlighted with a red box), and an "Export" button. Below the toolbar, the "Basic Filtering" tab is selected and highlighted with a red box, with "Advanced Filtering" as an alternative option. The filtering section includes three input fields: "Select column", "Select condition", and "Enter value", each with a dropdown arrow. To the right of these fields is a close button (X). Below the input fields is a button labeled "+ Add new filter condition". To the right of this is an "Apply filters" button. At the bottom of the interface, there are two buttons: "Reset view" and "Copy link to filtered view".

Rows per page: 10  

Basic Filtering

Advanced Filtering

provider_city

▼

Equals

▼

TULSA

✕

+ Add new filter condition

Apply filters

[Copy link to filtered view](#)

week_ending	federal_provider_number	provider_name	provider_address	provider_city	provider_state	provider_zip
2020-05-24	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-05-31	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-06-07	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-06-14	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-06-21	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-06-28	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-07-05	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125
2020-07-12	375094	EMERALD CARE C...	2425 SOUTH MEMORIAL	TULSA	OK	74125

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- **Advanced Filtering:** This functionality can be used by clicking on the “Filter” button and then adding the conditions to filter the dataset on under the Advanced Filtering tab. The key difference between basic and advanced filtering is the availability of “And” and “Or” clauses as options for joining Advanced column filters.

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Rows per page: 10

Manage Columns

Filter (2)

Export

Basic Filtering

Advanced Filtering

provider_city

Equals

TULSA

X

And

federal_provider_number

Equals

375168

X

+ New filter condition

Remove filter group

+ New filter group

Clear all filters

Apply filters

Reset view

Copy link to filtered view

week_ending	federal_provider_number	provider_name	provider_address	provider_city	provider_state	provi
2020-05-24	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-05-31	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-06-07	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-06-14	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-06-21	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-06-28	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-07-05	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c
2020-07-12	375168	AMBASSADOR MA...	1340 EAST 61ST STREET	TULSA	OK	7413c

How do I export a dataset?

For datasets that have the “View Data” button, the “View Data” button will take you to the interactive display where you will see an “Export” button. This will allow you to export the dataset in its entirety or export a subset of the data. Once you click “Export”, select either “CSV” or “CSV for Excel” in the pop-up window, and then click “Export” to initiate the export process.

An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#) ▾

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COVID-19 Nursing Home Data

Information on COVID-19 reported by nursing homes to the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Module.

Data update frequency
Weekly

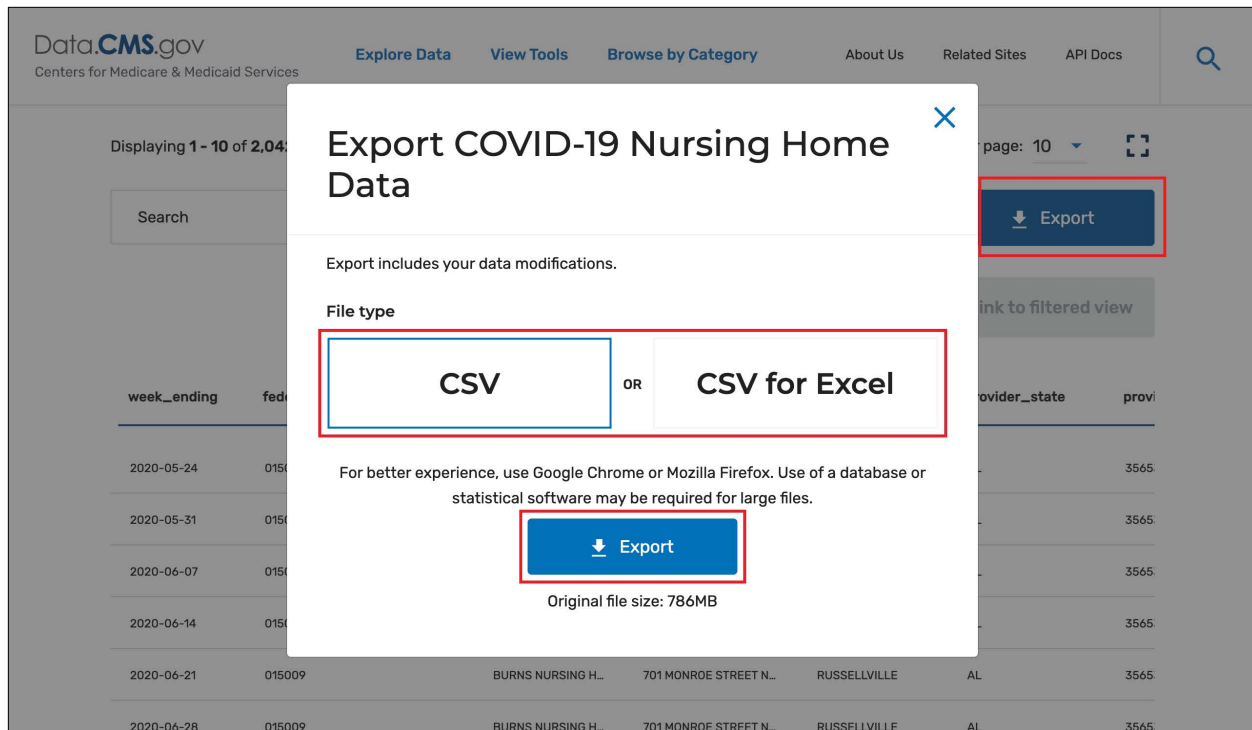
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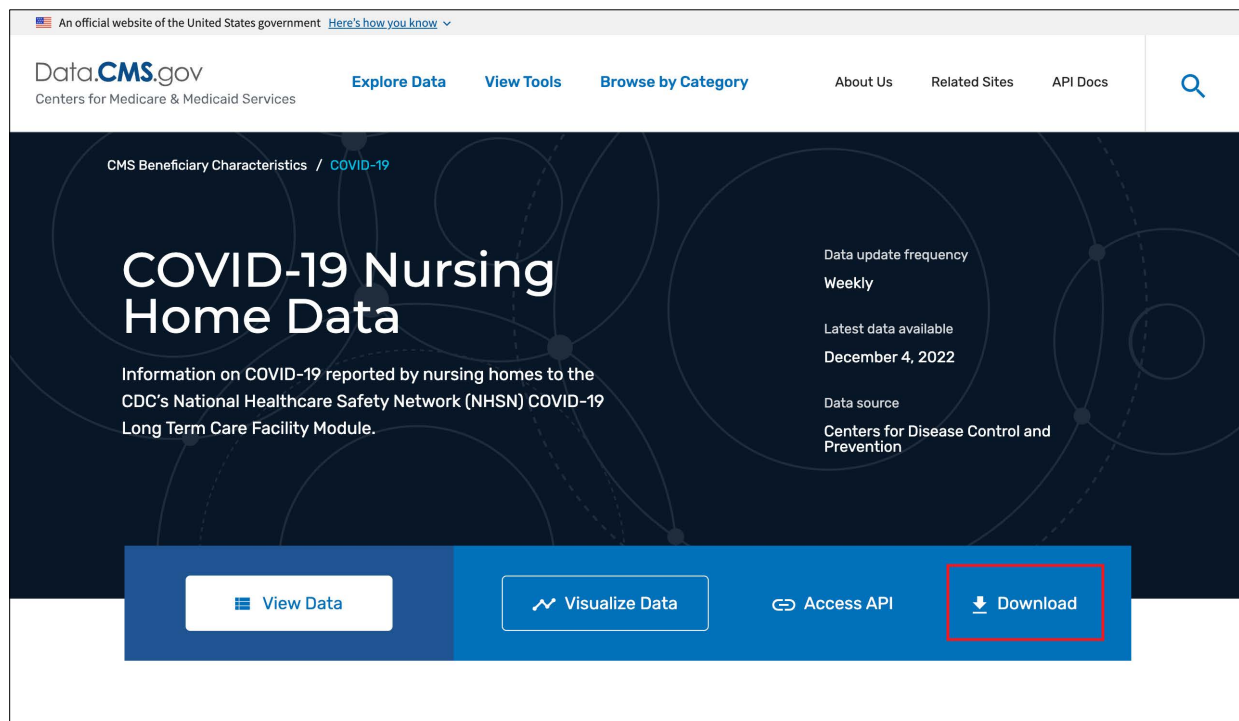
[View Data](#) [Visualize Data](#) [Access API](#) [Download](#)

- Exporting as CSV will export the dataset in its original form (excluding fields imported such as “date” column type, which will be exported in ISO format: YYYY-MM-DD).
- Exporting as CSV for Excel will export the dataset as it appears on the dataset’s “View Data” page, including currency and percentage formatting.

Note: For a better experience when exporting datasets, use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Use of a database or statistical software may be required for large files.



Alternatively, datasets can be downloaded in their raw format along with other supporting information, by clicking on the “Download” button on the Dataset page. and then by selecting either the “Latest data” or specifying a date range for the requisite data.



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Download COVID-19 Nursing Home Data

Use this data for offline use in other applications. You can download the latest data or select from a range of years.

Latest data **December 11, 2022** OR Data range

From May 31, 20... To December...

INCLUDE THESE RESOURCES

<input type="checkbox"/> Data Dictionary	PDF	165KB
<input type="checkbox"/> Methodology	PDF	405KB
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	PDF	117KB
<input type="checkbox"/> FAQs	PDF	464KB

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Estimated file size: 786MB

National Percent of Staff with Completed Primary Vaccination per Facility

National Percent of Staff Up to Date with Vaccines per Facility

Data can also be accessed, when available, via API. More information on this can be found [here](#).

How can I find answers to API questions?

The “[API Docs](#)” page provides information regarding our documentation & examples to integrate with our [Public API Data Catalog](#).