



Health Services Statistics

Description

The annual Health Services Statistics are one of the most important sources of information on the functioning of the Swiss healthcare system. They provide detailed information on the organisation of service providers, specifically personnel, infrastructure and finances, as well as on patients and the services delivered. In particular, individual-level data are available for all cases treated within a given year, covering hospitalisations, outpatient services in hospitals and care provided in social-medical institutions.

Availability

- since 1997 for hospitals and birth centres (since 1998 for data on inpatient services and since 2015 for outpatient services)
- since 2015 for medical practices and ambulatory centres
- since 1997 for medico-social institutions
- since 1997 for home care organisations and self-employed care professionals (since 2010 data on for-profit organisations and self-employed care professionals)

The anonymised data is published annually in aggregated form. The microdata (individual-level data) are available upon request under certain conditions following the conclusion of a data protection agreement.

Methodology

Methodology used:

Linking of federal administrative data with FSO statistical data, supplemented where necessary by information collected directly from service providers.

Longitudinal analysis of the data at the level of legal entities using the UID and BER identification numbers and at the level of natural persons using the OASI number.

The cantons report new start-ups and closures of the surveyed service providers (businesses and enterprises) to the FSO.

The data on these services (diagnoses, treatments, tariffs) are coded according to the official classification valid at the time the service is provided.

Variables used:

Data from healthcare providers on activity, personnel, patients, services, invoicing, actual costs and revenue according to cost accounting principles, expenses and income according to financial accounting principles, as well as data required to calculate the indicators on the quality of patient care; data on enterprises and the locations of the service providers; medical and socio-demographic data, mortality data and data on causes of death of people receiving care in the healthcare system; data on healthcare personnel

Survey date / period:

Annual

Periodicity:

Annual

Degree of regionalisation:

Canton, Medstat region

Data linkage:

Administrative data on health service providers, administrative data on insurers in accordance with Article 21 of the Health Insurance Act, Business and Enterprise Register (BER), Vital Statistics (BEVNAT), Population and Household Statistics (STATPOP), Causes of Death and Stillbirth Statistics (eCOD), National Cancer Statistics, Regiprofessions register (MedReg, PsyReg, GesReg, NAREG), register of OASI compensation funds (CCO).

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