



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Inventory of Long-Term Care Places Files, 1986 – 1986

Record Group 510

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1. What information is in these records?

These files contain a comprehensive listing of long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, old age homes, personal care homes, and of facilities for the mentally handicapped in the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The records with questionnaire data contain information on the facilities, their type and type of ownership, type of residents they serve, current resident population, number of beds, including the number of Skilled Nursing Facility Medicare and Medicaid beds, annual admissions, and operational status.

2. Why were these records created?

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality used the Inventory of Long-Term Care Places to obtain a national estimate of health care expenditures and sources of medical care coverage for the institutionalized population. This data is then used to address major health care policy issues.

3. How can I access a copy of the full file(s)?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Inventory of Long-Term Care Places Files, or using the National Archives Identifier 602159, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: <https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured

data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:

<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.