



Accessing NDWS Data

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NDWS Data Access Tiers

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All Free!

Tier 1: Public Use Files (PUFs)

- Available on NACDA (National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging); can go directly or find the info on NDWS website
 - <https://www.ndws.org/surveys-and-data/how-to-access-data>
- Waves 1–2 of CC, NH Staff, and AL Staff surveys;
 - NH/AL Administrator surveys not released as PUFs
 - No HC data released
- Direct identifiers removed
- Potential indirect identifiers are coarsened or suppressed
 - E.g., “YearsPracticed” → collapsed by decade

Once the PUF is prepared for release, questionnaires on the website are updated to reflect these PUF modifications

Where to download PUFs

1. Directly from NACDA

NACDA National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging

Home Search Data ▼ Deposit Data ▼ About ▼ More Data Resources ▼

Search results

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Top results **Studies (6)** Variables (5) Data-related publications (5)

All Filters

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Popular Filters

- Curated (0) ☐
- Exclude Restricted Use (6) ☐
- Online Analysis Available (0) ☐

Time Period ▼

Showing 1 – 6 of 6 results.

Sort by: Study Relevance ▼

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[NDWS: Scope of Practice Regulations Data for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants \(ICPSR 239045\)](#)

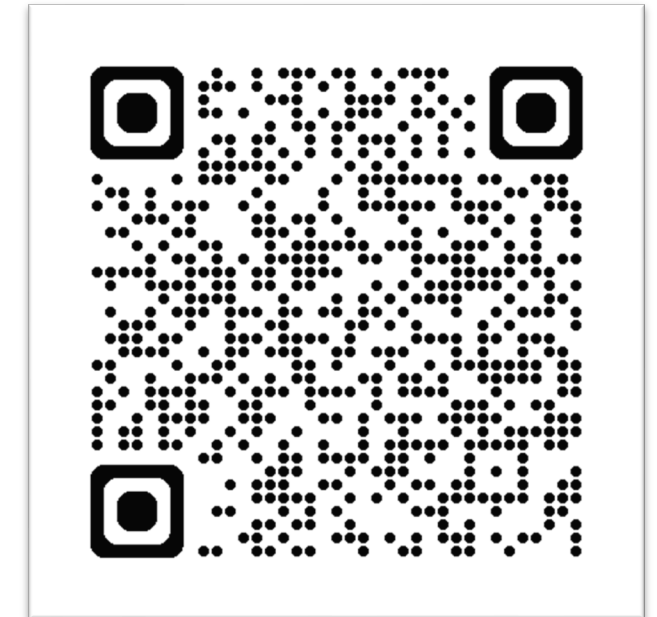
Released/updated on: 2025-10-21

Time period: 2024-01-01–2024-12-31

This is a state-level dataset with variables that capture the following scope of practice information for nurse practitioners and physician assistants: a) practice authority, b) prescriptive authority, and c) full practice authority.

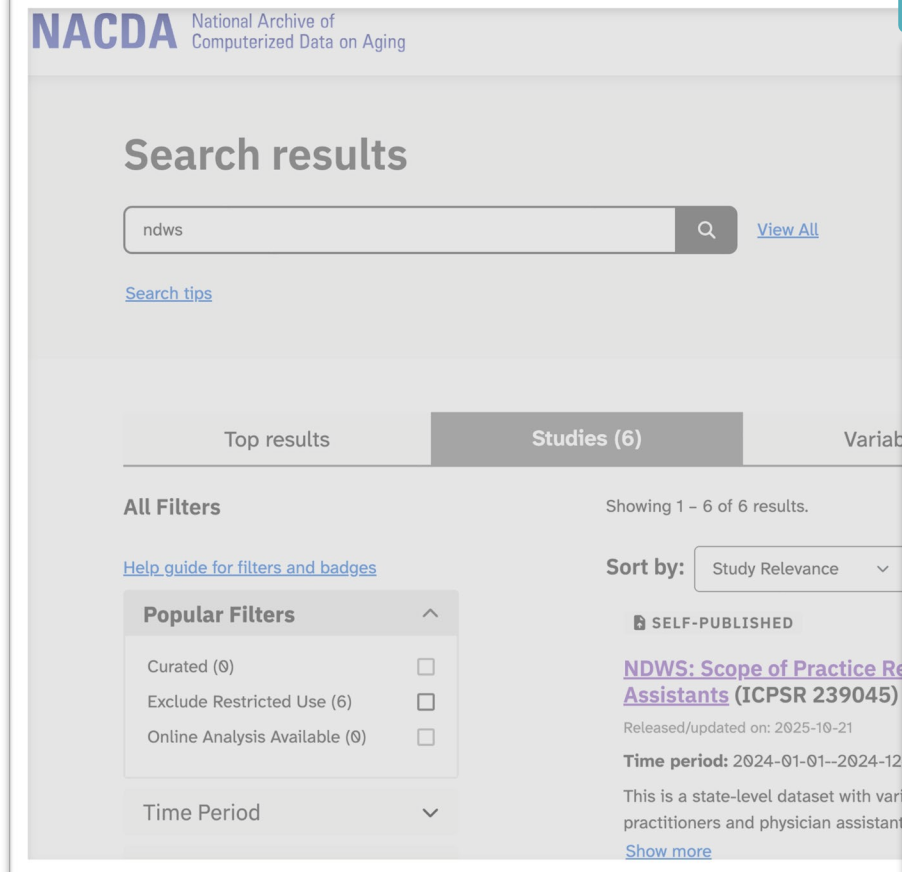
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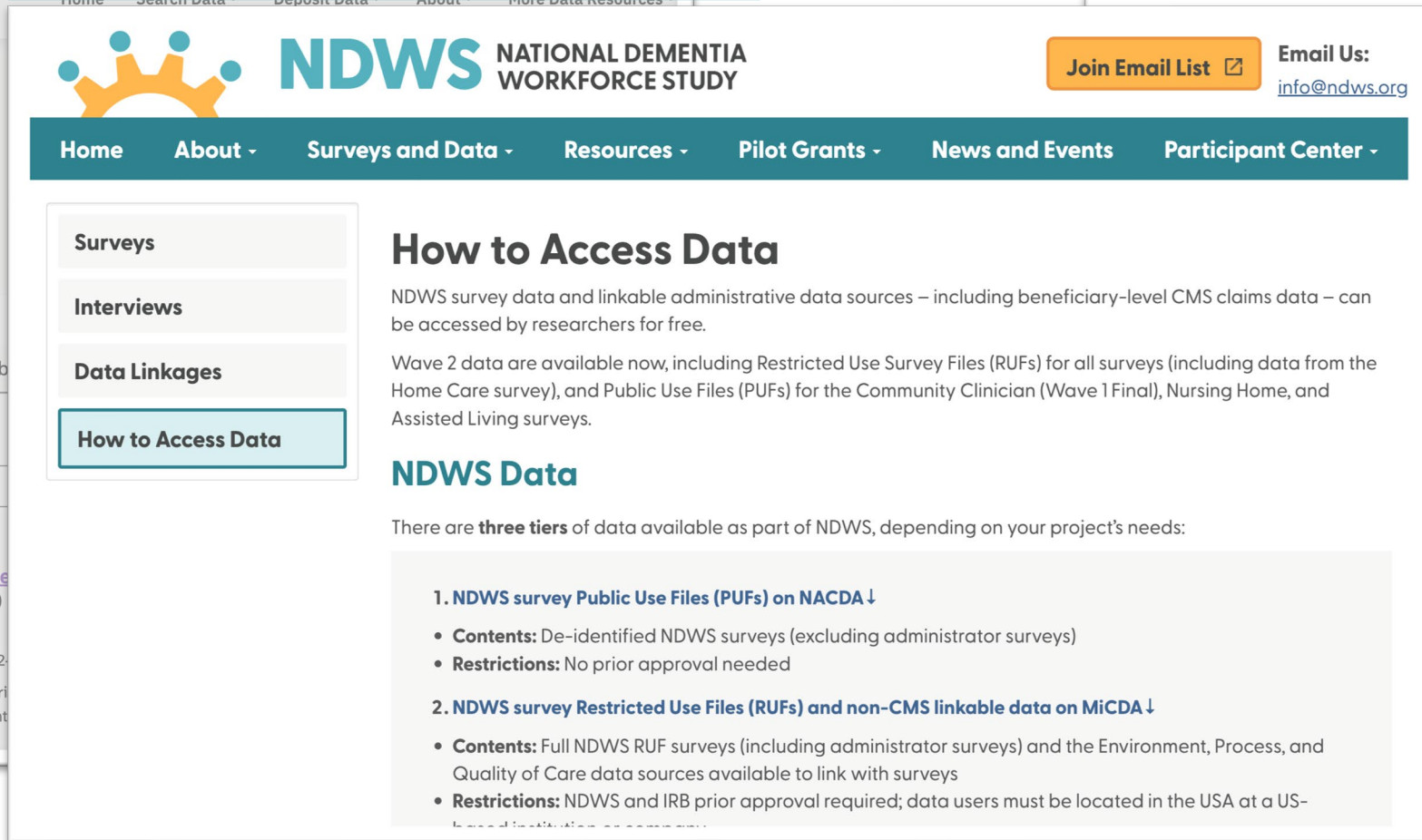
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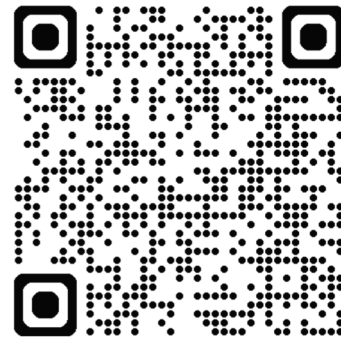
The screenshot shows the NACDA (National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging) website. The search bar contains 'ndws' and the results are filtered to 'Studies (6)'. A sidebar on the left shows 'All Filters' and 'Popular Filters' including 'Curated (0)', 'Exclude Restricted Use (6)', and 'Online Analysis Available (0)'. The main content area displays a result for 'NDWS: Scope of Practice Re Assistants (ICPSR 239045)' with a release date of 2025-10-21 and a time period of 2024-01-01 to 2024-12-31.

2. Go to ndws.org



The screenshot shows the NDWS (National Dementia Workforce Study) website. The header includes the NDWS logo and navigation links: Home, About, Surveys and Data, Resources, Pilot Grants, News and Events, and Participant Center. A sidebar on the left lists 'Surveys', 'Interviews', 'Data Linkages', and 'How to Access Data'. The main content area is titled 'How to Access Data' and explains that NDWS survey data and linkable administrative data sources can be accessed by researchers for free. It mentions that Wave 2 data are available now, including Restricted Use Survey Files (RUFs) and Public Use Files (PUFs). Below this, there is a section titled 'NDWS Data' which lists two tiers of data available as part of NDWS:

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“Why is {{variable}} missing in the PUF?”

- Direct identifiers removed
- Potential indirect identifiers may be coarsened or suppressed
 - Example: “year highest clinical degree” → collapsed by decade
- Questionnaires flag:
 - [R] = variable removed
 - [M] = variable masked

Note: Masked and Removed Variables

Decisions about each variable are reflected in the Table of Contents.

[R] - variable removed for disclosure protection

[M] - variable masked (collapsed or recoded) for disclosure protection

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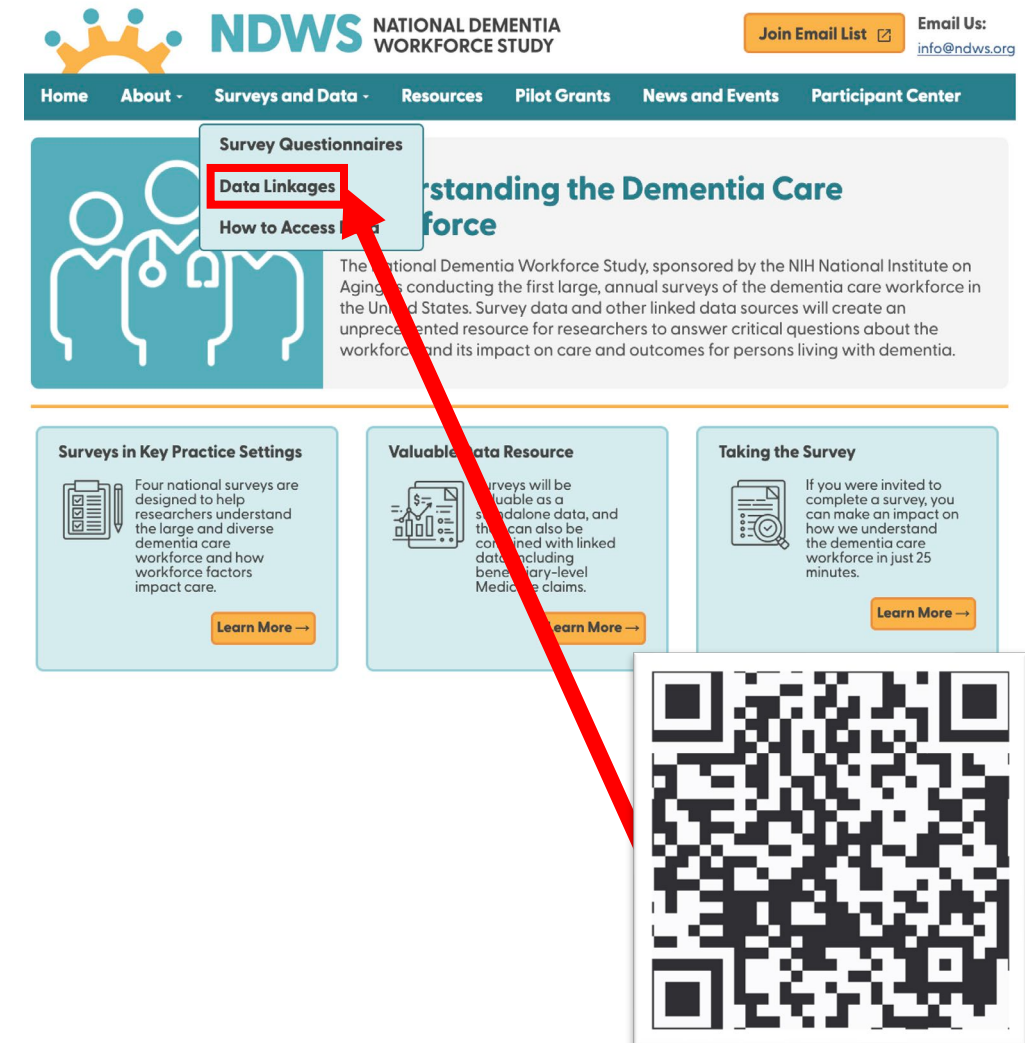
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Data Access: Restricted Use Files (RUFs)

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2. Environment (local context)
3. Other files linkable through CMS identifier
4. NDWS-created, claims-based summary files
5. Beneficiary-level CMS claims/encounter/assessment data

- NDWS surveys deposited in LINKAGE include encrypted FIPS state/county codes and CMS identifiers
 - NPI for Community Clinician survey
 - CCN for Nursing Home survey



Restricted Use Files (RUFs): Tier 2

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- Tier 2 access through Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (MiCDA) enclave.
 - NDWS and IRB prior approval required
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Restricted Use Files (RUFs): Tier 3

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- Tier 3 access through the NIA-funded LINKAGE platform.
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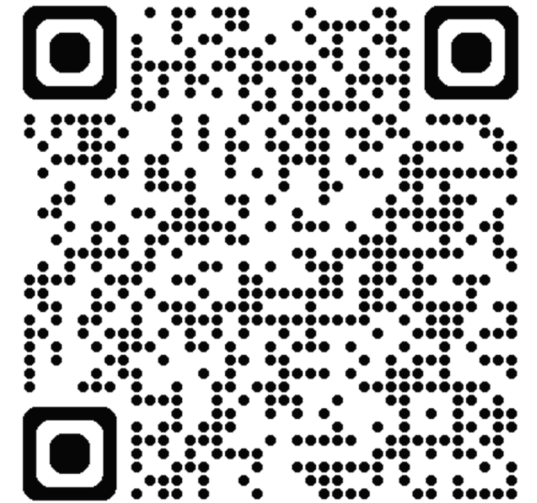
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