The NIS data dictionary can be found [here](https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/db/nation/nrd/nrddde.jsp) [external link].

**Type of Data**

Specialty/General Inpatient Readmission database

**Years Available**

2010-2019  
Note: At OSU, we have 2010-2016 available through the [CATALYST Data Core](https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/departments/catalyst-center/datacore/healthcare-cost-and-utilization-project) [external link].

**Short Description**

Nationwide Readmission Database (NRD) is powerful database designed to support different types of analyses involving national readmission rates for all payers and the uninsured. This database addresses a big gap in healthcare data – the lack of nationally representative information on hospital readmissions for all ages and all payers. NRD is a part of family of databases and software tools developed for the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). More details about NRD can be found at their [fast-facts website](https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/db/nation/nrd/nrddbdocumentation.jsp) [external link].

**Strengths**

* Unweighted, NRD contains about 18 million discharges annually
* Weighted, it approximates 35 million discharges
* NRD database contains three discharge-level files and one hospital-level file
* There are more than 100 clinical and nonclinical variables for each hospital stay such as age, expected primary payer, discharge status, ICD-9/10 diagnosis and procedure codes and total charges
* The data are well formatted and maintained with data dictionaries, available as comma-separated value (CSV) files with programs of loading these CSV files into SAS, SPSS or Stata

**Limitations**

* There is no data on patient race or ethnicity
* There is no data element to identify whether consecutive inpatient stays are related or not
* Discharge file called “Diagnosis and Procedure Groups File” is not available for 2016-2017 (this file provides additional information on diagnoses and procedures)

**SDC Members with Expertise**

* No one at this time