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Restricted data fields are information that could compromise the confidentiality of survey respondents or institutions, or are sensitive by nature. If researchers interested in using data from a survey find that something asked on the survey questionnaire does not have a corresponding variable in the public use data set, that variable may be restricted.

Although the following list may not be exhaustive, the following table outlines selected variables considered restricted that are not available in 2004 National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS) resident public use file or are presented in different form in the public use file.

Using restricted variables requires the submission of a research proposal to the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Research Data Center for access.

Public use files are downloadable from the NCHS website. The 2004 NNHS resident public use file is available at:
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nnhs/nnhs_questionnaires.htm

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Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Resident age at interview (at time of data collection at the facility)	Continuous variable	Continuous variable top coded at 100 for 100 years or more
Resident age at admission	Continuous variable	Set to missing for residents with age at interview greater than 100 years.
Number of beds	Continuous variable	Categorical variable with 4 category: 3-49, 50-99, 100-199, 200+
Ownership	6 categories: for-profit, private nonprofit, city/county government, state government, Dept. of VA, Other Federal agency	2 categories: for-profit; All others (private and gov't not-for-profit)

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Variable	Restricted File	Public Use File
Id variables to link facility and resident data	In file	Not in file
Id variables to link to CMS nursing home data provided by data user	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.
State and county codes to link to other geographic data	Available	Not in file but can be accomplished through the Research Data Center.