

ACHA College Health and Well-Being Data Hub Frequently Asked Questions

What is the College Health and Well-Being Data Hub?

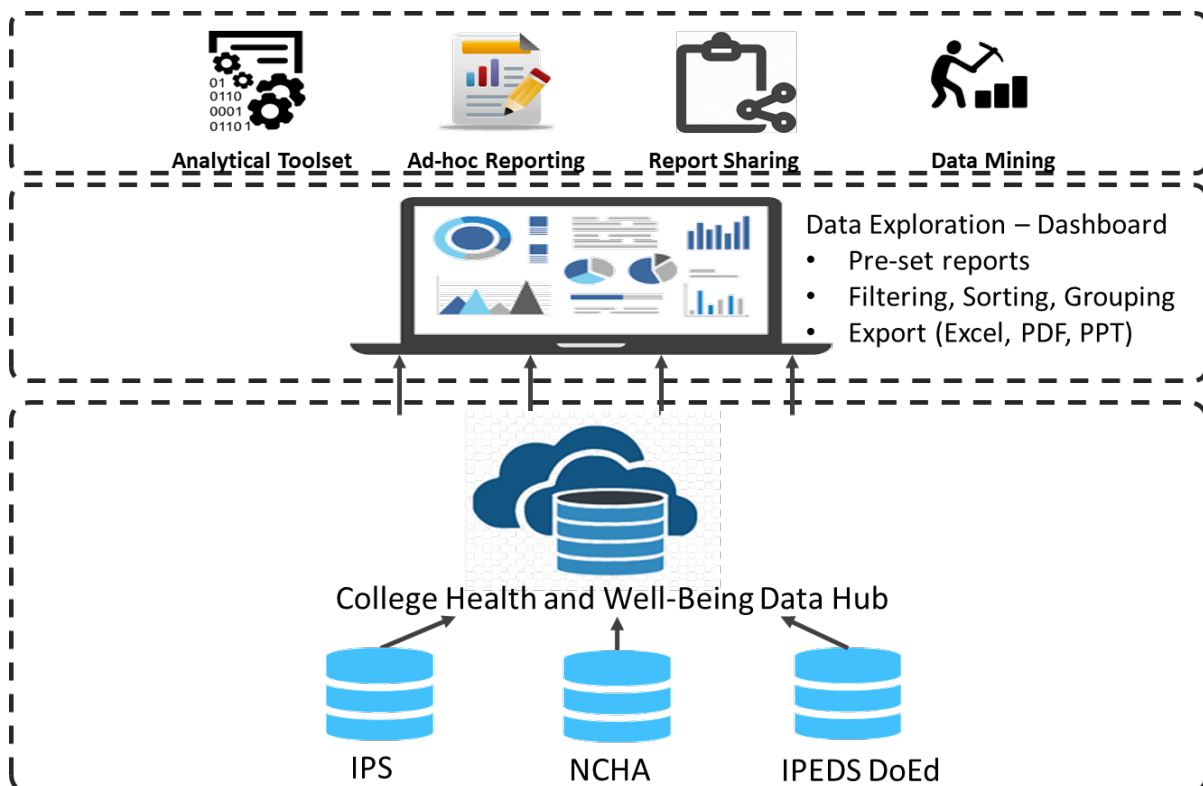
The College Health and Well-Being Data Hub (“ACHA Data Hub”) is a data warehouse and analytical tool established by ACHA that seeks to advance educational achievement and health equity among students by:

- Integrating institutional demographic characteristics, health care utilization, population health survey data and other existing ACHA surveys and data sources
- Enabling data-driven decision-making
- Providing access to de-identified student health data to college health leaders
- Delivering a robust data visualization and reporting tool to assist in developing key insights to improve student health outcomes

How does the ACHA Data Hub work?

There are three primary components of the ACHA Data Hub:

- 1) a group of datasets that are of relevance to college health;
- 2) data exploration utilizing Microsoft PowerBI for data visualization and reporting; and
- 3) the linkage and integration of datasets to enable advanced data analysis.



What are the data sources for the ACHA Data Hub?

1. The [ACHA Institutional Profile Survey \(IPS\)](#) captures data from institutions of higher education regarding the nature of their health and wellness infrastructures and health promotion practices on their campuses.
2. Data from the [Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System \(IPEDS\)](#) is a system of surveys conducted by the U.S. Department of Education that provides demographic and academic information for U.S. colleges and universities.
3. The [ACHA National College Health Assessment \(NCHA\)](#), administered to over 2.4 million college students since 2000, provides robust national information about college student health status, health risk behaviors, health attitudes, and challenges to their academic performance.

How can I participate in the Institutional Profile Survey (IPS)?

Every year in September, the representative member (RMI) of current ACHA Institutional Members (or another person designated as the survey contact on the ACHA membership roster) will receive an email invitation to complete the annual IPS for their campus. For details about participating in IPS, please click [here](#).

Who is the Representative Member (RMI) for my institution?

You can find who the RMI for your institution is by logging into the [ACHA website](#) and looking in the [ACHA Member Directory](#). Search for your institution, then sort by Member Category and note which person on the roster is designated the RMI.

How much time does it take to complete the Institutional Profile Survey (IPS)?

We estimate it may take between one hour to several hours of work depending on how accessible some of the data is on your campus and the number of stakeholders required to fill it out. If you have all the information ready, the IPS data entry alone should take about 30 minutes to complete. Annual updates will presumably take much less time.

Is there a cost associated with IPS?

No, there is no costs to participate in IPS.

Where can I find more information about NCHA?

For details about getting started with NCHA and links to the order form, please visit our the NCHA webpage on [NCHA](#).

Do you plan to incorporate other ACHA surveys into the ACHA Data Hub?

In future years, we aim to integrate additional data sources into the ACHA Data Hub to expand insights about how to improve the health and well-being of college campus communities. These may include the ACHA Well-Being Assessment, ACHA Sexual Health Services Survey, electronic health record data from member institutions, and student health insurance claims data.

What are the benefits of ACHA Data Hub participation?

Improving the health and well-being of our students takes a community. By contributing data to the Data Hub, you not only help your campus gather critical benchmarking data for its own health and wellness services, but together we create a national data set that can be used to monitor trends in college health and assess how our services foster academic success and achievement.

By collecting this information, together we can:

- Benchmark health and wellness services and programs with other institutions
- Learn how health and wellness programs and structures may impact academic retention and graduation rates
- Improve the overall quality of care by providing data that can be used to power campus-level quality improvement efforts

Who is eligible to join the ACHA Data Hub?

Any institution with a fully paid annual ACHA institutional membership and completion of the most recent release IPS may access the Data Hub. Please click [here](#) to download the ACHA Data Hub User Access Policy for details about access.

Who will have access to the ACHA Data Hub data?

Each eligible ACHA institution may have a maximum of two members with access to the ACHA Data Hub. As a new user of the ACHA Data Hub, the RMI of your institution will receive a form to designate which two members should receive PowerBI licenses for the Data Hub. On that form, it is possible for an RMI to change users or give up their direct access to the Data Hub and request their license be reassigned to another staff member. Your Data Hub license is valid as long as your institutional membership stays active and you complete the most recent release of the IPS by the deadline. If either of these requirements are not met, your license will be terminated.

How much does it cost to participate in the Data Hub?

There is no additional cost. If you are a current ACHA institutional member and you complete the most recent IPS, up to two ACHA members at your institution will be given access to the Data Hub.

How long is my access?

Your Data Hub PowerBI license is valid as long as your institutional membership stays active, and you complete the most recent release of the IPS by the deadline. If either of these requirements are not met, your license will be terminated.

What sort of reports can I expect to see?

There are a number of standard reports built into the Data Hub. The reports cover institutional policies (e.g., tobacco use, naloxone availability, recreational facility access), health center services, health center size, health center utilization and expenditures, and mean FTE staffing numbers. We are constantly adding new reports and functionality to the Data Hub. We welcome suggestions for data visualizations using IPS and NCHA variables.

Will I be able to compare my institutional data with similar institutions?

Yes, RMIs and/or their designated user will have access to their own institutional data and de-identified, aggregated data from other institutions within the Data Hub with filters available to select similar institutions by academic year, institution type (public or private), institution size (enrollment size) and region.

Can I Use the ACHA Data Hub data for publication or in my research?

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Can ACHA non-members have access to the ACHA Data Hub?

Non-members will **not** be granted direct access to the ACHA Data Hub datasets or reporting tools.

How will my information be used?

We believe that sharing information can help us reach our collective goal to improve student health and wellness. First and foremost, data submitted will be used primarily by institutions of higher education to benchmark and improve their campus health and wellness programs. Researchers will be able to use this data to uncover new insights into how health and wellness program design, delivery, and outputs impact student health outcomes and ultimately student success and achievement.

How will my personal contact information be used and disclosed?

Your personal contact information will only be used by the ACHA Data Hub staff to follow up with you about your data. Your contact information will not be shared with third parties.

How can I continue to stay involved with the ACHA Data Hub in the future?

Part of joining the ACHA Data Hub is the value of participating in a network of schools to share knowledge and resources. Even if you don't see a direct benefit from submitting data, there might be another school that will benefit immensely from the information you provide. Additionally, we hope you will make an annual commitment to update the IPS for your school. If your institution participates in other ACHA survey projects (like NCHA), those datasets can be added to your access and pool of data.

Can I withdraw if I change my mind?

If you no longer wish to participate in the ACHA Data Hub, you can cease participation at any time. Previously submitted data will remain in the ACHA Data Hub to advance the field of college health and well-being.

I am having trouble logging into my ACHA Data Hub account, who do I contact?

Helpdesk support for technical assistance is available Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm EST. For assistance, please email: helpdesk@tyrula.com

Who can I contact for more information about the ACHA Data Hub?

For questions related to the ACHA Data Hub or the IPS, please contact Kawai Tanabe at ktanabe@acha.org.