

Through an agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) we can provide private users with a merged ARF and WLS data set.

What is the Area Resource File (ARF)?

The basic county-specific Area Resource File (ARF) is the nucleus of the overall ARF System. It is a database containing more than 6,000 variables for each of the nation's counties. ARF contains information on health facilities, health professions, measures of resource scarcity, health status, economic activity, health training programs, and socioeconomic and environmental characteristics. In addition, the basic file contains geographic codes and descriptors which enable it to be linked to many other files and to aggregate counties into various geographic groupings. Please see arfsys.com for details regarding the ARF data.

The Area Resource File (ARF) is produced by:

National Center for Health Workforce Analysis
Bureau of Health Professions
Health Resources and Services Administration
Department of Health and Human Services

As of January 15, 2007 we have only merged the graduate's 2004 location to the ARF data.

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