This functionality is primarily used by health policy researchers and the media as an easy way to obtain a large set of data. The data in the one table comes from the data that is displayed in the Nursing Home Compare Tool.

For information about nursing homes in a particular geographical area, you should use the Nursing Home Compare tool instead of downloading the data.

Data Refreshes: Generally, the downloadable databases are refreshed within 24 hours after the data are refreshed on medicare.gov. The date "Modified" in the zipped file indicates the date of the last refresh of the downloadable database.
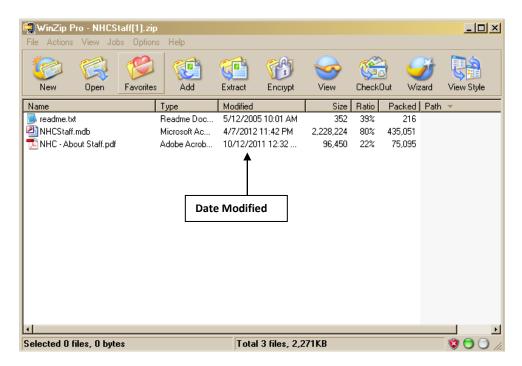- You can tell when the Nursing Home Compare data has been updated by looking in the bottom left corner of the Home Page.
- The date "Modified" in the zipped file only indicates the date the data was last manipulated, not the date it was posted to the site.

You can also find Nursing Home Compare data on data.medicare.gov. This website allows you to view the data files embedded on a webpage without downloading them. The data on data.medicare.gov can usually be viewed the same day it has been updated on Nursing Home Compare. Use data.medicare.gov to customize views and filter the Nursing Home Compare data.

Note: Beginning in July 2013, the platform for the Nursing Home Compare data sets will be data.medicare.gov. The downloadable databases will not be available after that time.

View more information on Downloadable Databases

Learn more about Nursing Home Compare data.

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Changes to the Downloadable Database

In October 2006, March 2007, April 2008, and December 2008, the downloadable database files were modified. Please read the .pdf files that accompany each of the five parts to learn what was modified before using the files.

Demographic Data

The information on the nursing homes' demographics are prepared by each nursing home at the beginning of the regular State inspection. This information is reported by the nursing homes themselves. It is reviewed by nursing home inspectors, but not formally audited to ensure data accuracy.

The Nursing Home Compare database is divided into five (5) parts to ease the downloading process. To view the entire database, all five (5) parts must be downloaded. The five (5) parts are as follows:

1. About the Nursing Home
2. About the Nursing Home Residents
3. About the Nursing Home Inspection Results
4. About the Nursing Home Staff
5. About the Nursing Home Ratings

This document describes only the **About the Nursing Home Staff** part.

About the Nursing Home Staff database consist of one (1) table.

dbo_vwNHC_STF
1. ProvNum
2. NursingHomeName
3. NumberResidents
4. NumberRNHoursPerResPerDay
5. NumberLPNLVNHoursPerResPerDay
6. TotNumLicensedStaffHoursPerResPerDay
7. NumberCNAHoursPerResPerDay
8. NumberTherapyHoursPerResPerDay

Table **dbo.vwNHC_STF** contains eight (8) fields. This table provides nursing home staff data produced in response to a Nursing Home Compare search.

1. ProvNum: varchar(50)
   Lists the nursing homes by their provider identification number.

2. NursingHomeName: Varchar(80)
   Lists the nursing homes by their provider names

3. NumberOfResidents: int

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Lists the total number of residents in the nursing home.

4. Number RN Hours Per Res Per Day: float
    This was computed in two steps: (1) we computed the average total number of hours worked by registered nurses in the nursing home each day during the 2-week period prior to the inspection; and, (2) divided the resulting number of RN hours by the number of residents.

5. Number LPNLVN Hours Per Res Per Day: float
    This was computed in two steps: (1) we computed the average total number of hours worked by licensed practical or vocational nurses in the nursing home each day during the 2-week period prior to the inspection; and (2) divided the resulting number of LPN/LVN hours by the number of residents.

6. Tot Num Licensed Staff Hours Per Res Per Day: float
    This is the average total number of hours worked by the licensed nursing staff each day at the nursing home per resident. This was computed by adding the total number of licensed nursing staff hours.

7. Number CNA Hours Per Res Per Day: float
    This was computed in two steps: (1) we computed the average total number of hours worked by certified nursing assistants in the nursing home each day during the 2-week period prior to the inspection; and (2) divided the resulting number of CNA hours by the number of residents.

8. Number Therapy Hours Per Res Per Day: float
    This is the average number of hours worked by therapy staff each day at the nursing home per resident.