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## **National Hospital Discharge Survey, 2008**

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The following is a list of files needed to use the 2008 NHDS:

Name of file:	Description of file:
NHDS08.PU.TXT	NHDS 2008 ASCII dataset
NHDS_2008_Documentation.pdf	NHDS 2008 documentation in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. This file also contains all necessary population spreadsheets (for rate calculations) and standard error tables.
SAS_INPUT_NHDS_PUFILE.txt	SAS program to input NHDS data file and create SAS dataset.

\*NOTE: You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader software to view the documentation file. The Reader software can be downloaded for free from: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

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CAUTION - Because the NHDS is a sample survey, the application of weights to the sample data is needed in order to produce national estimates of inpatient hospital utilization statistics.  
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