

Yelp Health Entries

[Yelp](#) is a search service powered by crowd-sourced review forum to connect users with great local businesses. While typically used to find restaurants and attractions, a number of services are also represented on the site, including health providers. This open source information has the potential to provide insight into the current state of healthcare in different areas.

We used the [Yelp API](#) to pull health entries within 25 mi (the max radius) of each U.S. county centroid in September 2018. The API allows you to retrieve up to 1000 reviewed entries per location. The “health” [category](#) is fairly broad; with sub categories ranging from physicians and hospitals to yoga studios and nutritionists. Our cleaned and enhanced CSV dataset of health entries (n = 157,164) contain the following fields:

Variable Name	Type	Description
alias	String	Unique Yelp alias of this business. Can contain unicode characters.
name	String	Name of this business.
categories	String (comma separated)	List of categories associated with this business. Will contain at least 1 listed under the “Health & Medical” section in Yelp’s category list .
generaldentistry	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the General Dentistry category.
physicians	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the Physician category.
c_and_mh	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the Counseling and Mental Health category.
urgent_care	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the Urgent Care category.
pharmacy	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the Pharmacy category.
hospitals	Binary Indicator	Binary Indicator for entries in the Hospital category.
price	String	Price level of the business. Value is one of \$, \$\$, \$\$\$ and \$\$\$\$.
rating	Decimal	Rating for this business (value ranges from 1, 1.5, ... 4.5, 5).
review_count	Integer	Number of reviews for this business.
address	String	Street address of this business.
zipcode	String	Zip code of this business.

state	String	2 letter state abbreviation of this business.
lat	Decimal	Latitude of this business.
lon	Decimal	Longitude of this business.
FIPS	String	5 digit FIPS county code of this business.
county	String	County name of this business.