

SEER and Japanese A-bomb Survivor Data

SEERaBomb uses ASCII text SEER data available from <http://seer.cancer.gov/data/options.html>. Please unzip this into ~/data/SEER such that the folder populations holds person-year-at-risk files and the folder incidence holds cancer files. The A-bomb survivor data files lsshempy.csv and lssinc07.csv obtained from the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) by following the links “*The incidence of leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma among atomic bomb survivors: 1950-2001*” and “*Life Span Study Cancer Incidence Data, 1958-1998*” at http://www.rerf.jp/library/dl_e/index.html should similarly be placed into ~/data/abomb. For mortality relative risk time course calculations, it is also necessary to obtain a human mortality database username and password from <http://www.mortality.org/>. You should then run this:

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install.packages("demography") #if not already installed
library(demography)
mrt=hmd.mx("USA", "username", "password")$rate # sub in your info
if(!dir.exists("~/data/usMort")) dir.create("~/data/usMort")
save(mrt, file="~/data/usMort/mrt.RData")
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at the R prompt. Use of these standard/default file locations will simplify running scripts.