**Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Data**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) dataset contains information on the healthcare consumption of households in the United States. This dataset contains healthcare expenditures for the 2022 cohort. You can learn more about MEPS [here](https://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/).

From the MEPS website:

“The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) is a set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers, and employers across the United States. MEPS is the most complete source of data on the cost and use of health care and health insurance coverage.”

This is a limited dataset, which means that the data have been reduced from its original size to focus on a several key variables.

Variables:

* dupersid: This is the unique identifier of the respondent
* age: Age of the respondent - Continuous data type
* race: Race of the respondent - Categorical data type
* povcat: Poverty category of the respondent - Categorical data type
* totexp: Total healthcare expenditures (costs, $US) - Continuous data type