



Using the Healthy Minds Network Data Interface

<http://data.healthymindsnetwork.org/>

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Motivation: *Why a data interface?*

The motivation for creating an interactive, online data interface is directly related to HMN's mission as a research-to-practice initiative. HMN's objectives are threefold: (1) produce knowledge (*research*), (2) distribute knowledge (*dissemination*), and (3) facilitate the use of this knowledge (*practice*). One of the main sources of knowledge production in the Network is through our surveys of undergraduate and graduate students' mental health: the *Healthy Minds Study* (HMS) and the *Healthy Bodies Study* (HBS). Launched in 2014, the data interface is an enhanced way of disseminating this research and facilitating its use in practice on college and university campuses.

Purpose: *What is the data interface?*

In short, the interactive data interface is an online database, which houses all data from HMS and HBS. The interface allows users to explore these data *quickly* and *with ease*. Many of the people that are most interested in HMN research—particularly college counseling center directors—do not have the time to conduct complex statistical analyses using fancy programs. The hope is that the interface will minimize barriers to using HMN data. It was designed as a resource for all users, regardless of their statistical/research experience.

Getting Started: *How do I access the data interface?*

The data interface is available here: <http://data.healthymindsnetwork.org/>. There are two ways of accessing the interface: as a *guest* or as a *campus contact* (individuals at colleges and universities that have participated in one or both of the survey studies).

Guests: Anyone can log in as a guest by entering 'guest' (no quotes) as the username and password. Guests can explore the aggregate data. The public interface contains all years of data from both surveys. On the public side of the data interface, college and university names are not listed.

Campus contacts: Campus contacts are provided with individualized login information. Campus contacts can explore data from their students and compare to peer institutions (see below for more information).

Username (or 'guest')
<input type="text"/>
Password (or 'guest')
<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remember me
<input type="button" value="Login"/>



Functionality: *What can the interface do?*

The data interface uses a simple drop-down menu. Data from HMS and HBS are displayed separately within the interface. For both studies, users will find a list of key measures (outcomes) as well as characteristics (sample breakdown options) that can be selected for subgroup analyses. The data interface allows users to compare outcomes across student demographics and institutions. Users from colleges and universities that have participated in HMS can also see how their outcomes compare to peer institutions, defined as the ten schools within the aggregate sample that are most similar based on a formula accounting for the following factors: enrollment size, public/private status, geographic region, institutional type (Carnegie Classification), academic rank (Barron's Score), and graduation rate. Peers are limited to schools surveyed in the same year and no more than one year before or after.

Below are a few examples of the types of questions that can be answered using the data interface. The interface generates graphs, which can be used for immediate interpretation and for future presentations and other purposes.

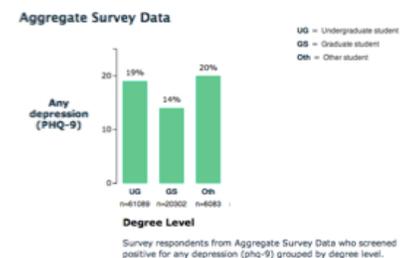
Example 1 (for guests): *In HMS, are there differences in depressive symptoms between undergraduate and graduate students?* The user selects the outcome and sample breakdown.

Outcome:

Sample Breakdown:

[View Graph](#)

After selecting “View Graph”, the user is presented with a bar chart illustrating the proportion of students within each degree program who screen positive for depression.



Example 2 (for guests): *In HBS, are there differences in dieting behavior across genders?* The user selects the outcome and sample breakdown.

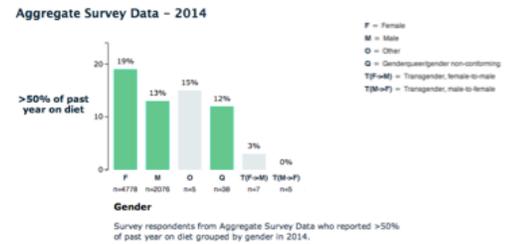
Outcome:

Sample Breakdown:

[View Graph](#)



After selecting “View Graph”, the user is presented with a bar chart illustrating the proportion of students for each gender identity who report dieting at least 50% of the past year.



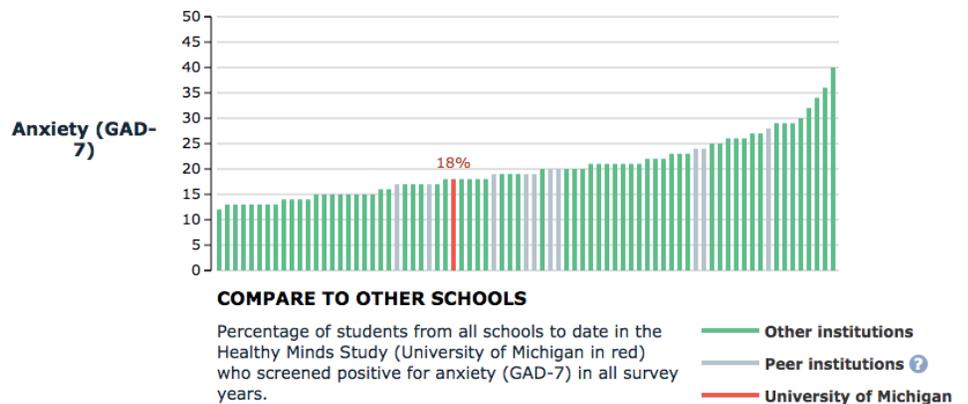
Example 3 (for campus contacts): *In HMS, how does the rate of anxiety among students at my school compare to the rate at my peer institutions?* The user selects the outcome and sample breakdown.

Outcome: Anxiety (GAD-7)

Sample Breakdown: COMPARE TO OTHER SCHOOLS

View Graph

After selecting “View Graph”, the user is presented with a bar chart comparing the proportion of students who screen positive for anxiety at your school with peer institutions and all other institutions in the aggregate sample.



Questions? Comments? Contact the HMN research team at healthyminds@umich.edu. We are always looking to improve the data interface and welcome user feedback.