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## **Why the Geographic Variation in Health Care Spending Cannot Tell Us Much About the Efficiency or Quality of Our Health Care System**

### **Online Appendix**

#### Additional Data Sources

**Uninsured by state** (2008): U.S. Census Bureau, Health Insurance Historical Tables (HIA Series) <https://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/historical/>

**Percent black:** Estimates of the Resident Population by Race and Hispanic Origin for the United States and States: July 1, 2008(SC-EST2008-04)

[http://www.census.gov/popest/data/historical/2000s/vintage\\_2008/state.html](http://www.census.gov/popest/data/historical/2000s/vintage_2008/state.html)

**Obesity, Diabetes, No Exercise, Health Status, Smoking:** CDC, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Prevalence and Trends Data <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/>

**Per capita income:** Personal income by state, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

<http://www.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?reqid=70&step=1&isuri=1&acrdn=4#reqid=70&step=30&isuri=1&7022=21&7023=0&7024=non-industry&7033=-1&7025=0&7026=xx&7027=-1&7001=421&7028=-1&7031=0&7040=-1&7083=levels&7029=21&7090=70>

**Social Capital:** [http://bowlingalone.com/?page\\_id=7](http://bowlingalone.com/?page_id=7)

**Physicians by Specialty** (2008), Kaiser State Health

Facts <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/index.jsp>

**Procedure Rates:** Dartmouth Atlas, Selected surgical discharge rates, <http://www.dartmouthatlas.org/tools/downloads.aspx?tab=41>.

**Medicare Prices:** CMS Geographic file. [http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Medicare-Geographic-Variation/GV\\_PUF.html](http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Medicare-Geographic-Variation/GV_PUF.html)

**Share out of pocket for physicians and hospitals:** Medicare Beneficiary Survey, 2009, “Health and Health Care of the Medicare Population: 2009, Table 4.1. [http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Research/MCBS/Data-Tables-Items/2009\\_HHC.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending](http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Research/MCBS/Data-Tables-Items/2009_HHC.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending)