HHS emPOWER REST Service_Public: Access the Map Data Layer

The de-identified Medicare data displayed on the HHS emPOWER Map is also available as a Representational State Transfer (REST) Service via ASPR’s GeoHEALTH Platform. Users can readily access, consume, and apply the map data layer in their own geographic information system (GIS) application to support national, state, territory, local, and community-based GIS analyses.

Why use emPOWER data layers?
Public health, health care, emergency management, first responders, utilities, health information technology professionals, and many other community partners can use the data layer to map the number of electricity-dependent individuals in an area against hospital and shelter locations, evacuation routes, and more to inform emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

Access the HHS emPOWER REST Service (Public)

Option 1: Navigate from the emPOWER Map Webpage
Step 1: Visit the HHS emPOWER Map webpage.
Step 2: Select the “HHS emPOWER REST Service_Public” link in the Resources box.

Option 2: Visit the REST Service Webpage Directly
GIS programmers may prefer to visit the HHS emPOWER REST Service_Public webpage, on ASPR’s GeoHEALTH Platform, directly and scroll down to the Layers section.

Full URL: https://geohealth.hhs.gov/dataaccess/rest/services/HHS_emPOWER_REST_Service_Public/MapServer

Option 3: Navigate from the Homepage of ASPR’s GeoHEALTH Platform
Step 1: Go to ASPR’s GeoHEALTH Platform, ASPR’s interactive GIS-based mapping application.
Step 2: Select the picture labeled “HHS emPOWER REST Service_Public.” A new page will open with a density map of the United States.
Step 3: On the left panel under the “About” tab, select the link that says “More Details...” A new page with a map description and link to the data layer will appear.
Step 4: On the map information page, scroll down to the section that says “Layers” and select the link that says “HHS emPOWER REST Service_Public.” This link will take you to the REST Service.
HHS EMPOWER REST SERVICE_PUBLIC: VIEW, CONSUME, AND APPLY THE MAP DATA LAYER

View and Consume the HHS emPOWER Map Data Layers in the REST Service

The HHS EMPOWER REST Service_Public webpage provides a description of the data layers, the purpose of the data, multiple options with which to view the data layers, and links to view State/Territory, County, and ZIP Code-level data.

To view and interact with data layers covering the entire United States, click on any of the options next to “View In”

Users may view the GIS data in several different formats, depending on the preference of the GIS analyst/programmer

This REST Service is approved for use by all partners and is intended to be used to help inform and support emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities in all communities.

Legends and a link to all layers and tables are available under “Map Name”

Each link under the Layers section will take the user to a page specifically for State/Territory, County, or ZIP Code-level datasets. Each of these pages provides additional information on each data layer.

Apply the HHS EmPOWER REST Service_Public

The HHS emPOWER Map data layers in the HHS EmPOWER REST Service_Public allow users to gain deeper insight across the emergency management cycle, such as:

- Identifying optimal locations, staffing, resources, and power needs for shelters based on the number of at-risk Medicare beneficiaries in a given area
- Anticipating potential health care and emergency medical services surge based on the density of at-risk beneficiaries and location of health care facilities
- Planning for evacuation needs and identifying evacuation routes
- Supporting power restoration decision-making

...and more!

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