I am often asked for sources of individual or firm level data. Not all are about health topics. Some links may not work.

Truven Analytics MarketScan Commercial Claims and Encounter Data 2007-2011 is available for free use here at BU. More info is linked here. http://blogs.bu.edu/ellisrp/2013/01/14/2007-2011-marketscan-data-at-boston-university/

pw.d = phd270BSR

(This is the same password as the BU jobsearch web pages, linked here.) http://www.bu.edu/econ/gradprgms/phd/resources/

I am a fan of the BRFSS data linked here. http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/
The CDC's **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System** (BRFSS) was established in 1984 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The BRFSS is a telephone-based health survey collected monthly in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In recent years more than 350,000 adults have been interviewed each year, making it the largest telephone health survey in the world. The survey is administered to adults (who are also asked about one of their minor children, if any) and therefore includes data for seniors, retirees and other individuals not included in our privately-insured health insurance claims MarketScan data.

IED Research Data Network

http://www.bu.edu/econ/centers/ied/researchdatanetwork/

The Institute for Economic Development (IED) at Boston University maintains the Research Data Network as a catalog and repository of data contributed by faculty and graduate students of Boston University's Department of Economics. Additionally, the Network is linked to other data sources and information helpful to economics researchers. The purpose is to enable wider sharing of existing datasets already collected by faculty and students, in order to facilitate collaborative research or opportunities for subsequent independent work.

Among the links they provide are to Rand household data sets

http://www.rand.org/labor/FLS/

The World Bank LSMS surveys, some of which appear to be available over the web.

Living Standards Measurement Studies (LSMS) http://go.worldbank.org/IPLXWMCNJ0

Since 1980, the http://www.worldbank.org World Bank has been collecting multi-purpose household survey data in several countries under the http://www.worldbank.org/html/prdph/lsms/lsmshome.html Living Standards Measurement Study umbrella. That site contains information about the

project, lists the countries included in the project and describes how data may be accessed. For some of the surveys, the data are available on the web.

Data sets could be found at http://go.worldbank.org/UK1ETMHBN0

This is a sampling of countries. Albania Armenia Azerbijan Survey of Living Conditions 1995 Bulgaria Integrated Household Survey 1985 Cote d'Ivoire Living Standards Survey Ecuador Ghana Guyana Jamaica 1988-98

Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Morocco Nepal Nicaragua Pakistan 1991 Panama

Papua New Guinea Peru 1985, 1990, 1991 Romania 1992 Russian Longitudinal Monitoring Survey (available from a site at UNC). 1994

South African Integrated Household Survey Tajikistan 1993-1994

Tanzania Human Resource Development Survey Vietnam 1992-3 Venezuela

Yale University's Center for Data Sharing seems to have household data potentially for Phillipines, India, and Bukino Faso.

http://www.econ.yale.edu/~egcenter/ http://www.econ.yale.edu/~egcenter/NSS Datalist.htm

For US data, U. Michigan ICPSR is very strong. http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/

Also see their list of US government documents at http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html

To locate almost anything related to economics I suggest that you start here.

http://rfe.org/ which links to data here http://rfe.org/showCat.php?cat_id=2

UCLA has a great web site for access to data.

The following are free and new. North Atlantic Population Project www.nappdata.org

Integrated Health Interview Series www.ihis.us

National Historical Geographic Information System www.nhgis.org

American Time Use Survey www.atusdata.org