

June 30, 2009 -- Internet Data Release

Eight files were released:

- Family (FAMILYXX)
- Household (HOUSEHLD)
- Injury and Poison Episode (INJPOIEP)
- Injury and Poison Verbatim (INJVERBT)
- Person (PERSONSX)
- Sample Adult (SAMADULT)
- Sample Child (SAMCHILD)
- Paradata (PARADATA)

One additional files will be released at a later time:

- Imputed Income

Each file that is released is made up seven parts:

- Data - Compressed ASCII format (.EXE-->.DAT)
- File Variable Summary - PDF format (\_SUMMARY.PDF)
- File Layout (Codebook)- PDF format (\_LAYOUT.PDF)
- File Frequency Report - PDF format (\_FREQ.PDF)
- SAS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SAS)
- SPSS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SPS)
- STATA Program Sample - ASCII format (.DO)

The Sample Adult file has additional documentation describing Industry/Occupation Coding:

- NAICS\_Sectors\_and\_Subsectors08.pdf
- SOC Major Groups08.pdf

This year's release also includes other documentation:

- Survey Description - PDF format (SRVYDESC.PDF)
- Questionnaires (English) - PDF format (Q ... .PDF)
- Questionnaires (Spanish) - PDF format (QS... .PDF)
- Questionnaire Guide - PDF format (QREFGUIDE.PDF)
- Interview Flashcards (Eng.) - PDF format (FLASHCRD.PDF)
- Interview Flashcards (Span.)- PDF format (FLASHCRS.PDF)
- Interviewer Manual - PDF format (FRMANUAL.PDF)
- Interview Flow Chart - PDF format (NHISFLOW.PDF)
- Data Access Instructions - PDF format (README.PDF)
- Log of release dates - PDF format (HIS08LOG.PDF)
- Co-Sponsor Information - HTML format (.HTM)

The Paradata file has additional documentation describing the data file:

- Survey Description - Paradata - PDF format (SRVYDESC\_PARADATA.pdf)

The 2008 NHIS will not be made available on ASCII CD.

NCHS recommends that data users verify the integrity of downloaded files by comparing the checksums of downloaded files to the reference values given below:

6ADE95930EF46A2D82F4AB587818817D	FAMILYXX.DAT
51C189836E12F9904443ABF38AA70534	HOUSEHLD.DAT
E022E82BF96F99185B5412A1472A1258	INJPOIEP.DAT

8B1C346220E86C39C18E2A6A0D321D93 INJVERBT.DAT  
D4D4FA302DF46ECAD58733005817BC5A PERSONSX.DAT  
D3EE8C694DCAAC55A781D57DC2328CC1 SAMADULT.DAT (re-released)  
9FD7B259BA56429E3B4E7A3BEC1B5F67 SAMCHILD.DAT  
79F503975E4F6D7DE461799E153931A4 PARADATA.DAT

For more information on MD5 checksums, please refer to the NHIS micro-data reference information document, located at:

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/checksums.pdf](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/checksums.pdf)

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August 31, 2009 -- Imputed Income Linkage Files and Documentation

(DATA ADDITION TO INTERNET RELEASE)

Data files containing imputed family income and personal earnings figures were released. The imputed values, file layout, frequency counts for the variables, technical documentation (including examples of analyses), and sample input SAS code can be obtained from the NHIS Web site via the Imputed Income Files link under the survey year on the 1997-present NHIS data page which can be reached from:

[http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis\\_2008\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2008_data_release.htm)

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September 23, 2009 -- Update Released SAS Program (CANCRECO.SAS)

Update released SAS program "CANCRECO.SAS" to be used to create recodes for the "time since cancer screening test" for the 2008 NHIS data in the Cancer Screening section (NAF).

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March 1, 2010 -- Supplemental Imputed Income Files

The 2008 Supplemental Imputed Income files contain five data files of imputed family income and personal earnings with dollar amounts top-coded to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile. The file layout with frequency counts for selected variables and sample input SAS code can be obtained from the NHIS Web site via the Supplemental Imputed Income Files link under the survey year on the 1997-present NHIS data page which can be reached from:

[http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis\\_2008\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2008_data_release.htm)

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May 28, 2010 -- Re-release of 2008 Sample Adult Files

Some discrepancies had been identified between estimates in this report and estimates calculated using the 2008 NHIS Sample Adult Public Use data file that was released in June 2009. NCHS has determined that the cause of the discrepancies was a processing error that created sampling weights in the Public Use file that did not undergo a final adjustment step. While only 510 cases were affected, NCHS decided to release a revised 2008 Sample Adult Public Use data file. For more information, go the following link.

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NHIS/2008/readme\\_SA.pdf](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/2008/readme_SA.pdf)

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July 28, 2010 -- DISABILITY QUESTIONS TESTS 2008/2009 FILE

The Disability Questions Tests 2008/2009 file contains five calendar quarters of person-level data collected via a field test of six disability questions. The questions appeared on the NHIS, at the end of the Family Core, beginning in October 2008 and running through December 2009. Conducted using a split-ballot format, the field test comprised one component of a larger testing effort to develop and adopt a standard set of disability questions to be used with multiple surveys across multiple countries.

More information on the questions and field test, along with access to the data file, file layout, file summary, variable frequencies, and sample programming code, can be obtained from the NHIS web site at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/disabilityquestionstests20082009.htm>

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July 15, 2010 --Update the 5/27/10 Re-released 2008 Sample Adult Files

It came to the NHIS staff's attention on 7/15/2010 that although the 2008 NHIS Sample Adult file was re-released on 5/27/2010 on the NHIS Website, a problem with CDC's FTP server in early June 2010 resulted in the system restoring the version of the file that was originally released in June 2009. The correct re-released 2008 NHIS Sample Adult file was again placed on the NHIS Website on 7/15/2010.

[http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis\\_2008\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2008_data_release.htm)

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November 15, 2012 -- Release of 2004-2010 Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files

Some discrepancies were identified in birth weight data after the major re-engineering effort of the 2004 NHIS instrument and data production processes. From 2004-2010, discrepancies were found among children with very low birth weights of less than 500 grams and among children with very large birth weights of 10 pounds or more. NHIS has determined that the causes of the discrepancies were processing errors which have been corrected. Relatively few cases (about 2% each year) were affected.

NHIS has released Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files with revised birth weight data for 2004-2010. The new variables (TOTOZ\_P and BWTGRM\_P) on the mini-files contain the corrected Sample Child birth weight data and should replace the birth weight variables on the original 2004-2010 Sample Child files. The new 2008

Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files are available on the NHIS website  
[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2008\\_birth\\_weight.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2008_birth_weight.htm).

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To obtain the Internet release of the 2008 NHIS data, visit the  
NHIS home page:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>

and click on:

Questionnaires, Data Sets and Related Documentation

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Users are encouraged to join the HISUSERS Listserv and receive  
E-mail announcements of updates to the NHIS files. To join the  
Listserv, visit the website at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis\\_listserv.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_listserv.htm)

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