

## Notice for Data Users Data Year: 2019

### October 30, 2020--File record length and file size summary correction

The 2019 “File record length and file size summary” document (filelist.pdf) was updated to correct information in the file size (bytes) and record length (bytes) columns.

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NHIS/2019/filelist.pdf](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/2019/filelist.pdf)

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### September 29, 2020—SPSS Input Statement Error

The SPSS input statements to load the NHIS 2019 ASCII data files had an error in the input format specification for the weight variables (WTFA\_A, WTIA\_A, WTFA\_C, WTIA\_C and WTIA\_PD) which, if used as is, would produce incorrect estimates. This error only affected the SPSS input statements and not the SAS and Stata versions. NCHS has fixed the error and uploaded the corrected SPSS input statements to the website.

The corrected statements are on the website: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2019nhis.htm> as of 9/29/2020.

We sincerely apologize for the error.

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### September 23, 2020 -- Internet Data Release

#### Five files were released:

Sample Adult (ADULT19)  
Sample Child (CHILD19)  
Sample Adult Income (ADULTINC19)  
Sample Child Income (CHILDINC19)  
Paradata (PARADATA19)

#### Each file that is released is made up seven parts:

Data - Compressed ASCII format (.ZIP-->.DAT)  
Data - Compressed CSV format (.ZIP-->.CSV)  
File Variable Summary - PDF format (-SUMMARY.PDF)  
File Codebook (layout and frequency)- PDF format (-CODEBOOK.PDF)  
File no-frequency codebook of restricted variables – PDF format (-nofreq-codebook.PDF)  
SAS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SAS)

SPSS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SPS)  
STATA Program Sample - ASCII format (.DO)

**This year's release also includes other documentation:**

Survey Description - PDF format (SRVYDESC-508.PDF)  
Questionnaire (English) - PDF format (EnglishQuest.pdf)  
Questionnaire (Spanish) - PDF format (SpanishQuest.pdf)  
Interviewer Manual - PDF format (FRMANUAL.PDF)  
Interview Flow Chart - PDF format (2019-Instrument-Flowchart-508.pdf)  
Log of release dates - PDF format (HIS19LOG.PDF)  
Sponsored content – PDF format (SPONSORED-CONTENT.pdf)  
File list – PDF format (FILELIST.PDF)  
File checksums – PDF format (CHECKSUM.PDF)  
Imputed income technical documentation – PDF format (NHIS2019-IMPUTATION-TECHDOC-508.PDF)

**The Paradata file has additional documentation describing the data file:**

Survey Description – Paradata – PDF format (SRVYDESC\_PARADATA-508.pdf)

**To obtain the Internet release of the 2019 NHIS data:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/data-questionnaires-documentation.htm>

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:**

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

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