

AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes Supplement  
Notes

This data contains the part of the 1992 National Health Interview Survey related to AIDS knowledge and attitudes. For this survey, information was collected from one randomly selected adult (18 years and older) from half of the families who participated in the NHIS. Due to the length of other NHIS questionnaires in the field in 1992, the AIDS questionnaires was administered in only one-half, of NHIS sample households. In 1991, it was administered in every NHIS sample household. The AIDS survey covered several different topic areas:

1. Sources of Information
2. Knowledge-included true-false items on modes of transmission and pathogenesis; respondents were also asked to rate the likelihood of transmission of the AIDS virus by various forms of casual contact
3. Experience with blood donation
4. Experience with HIV antibody testing
5. Awareness of AZT
6. Perceptions of the effectiveness of condoms and knowledge about condom use
7. Perceived risk of acquiring HIV infection

The response rate to the AIDS survey was 83.2 percent and was calculated as follows:

The response rate to the NHIS Core questionnaire was 95.7 percent. Of the eligible sample persons from the CORE, 86.9 percent responded to the AIDS questionnaire. Multiplying these two response rates together yields the overall response rate to the AIDS section (83.2 percent).

Each record included on this AIDS data contains a final weight (data locations 201-206). Weights must be used to make accurate estimates based on this data. Because the AIDS survey included only one adult in one-half of NHIS sample families, the weight on this data is different from the weight for the same adult on the NHIS Core Person data.

