

1995 NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY
Disability Outcome Public Use Data File

Introduction

The National Health Interview Survey on Disability (NHIS-D), Phase I questionnaire was administered at the same time as the NHIS Core, and collected information about all members of the NHIS households. As with the NHIS Core, the NHIS-D Phase I questions were answered by any available adult in the household who was knowledgeable about the health of other household members. The Phase I questionnaire collected basic data on disability and was used as a screening device to determine eligibility for the second phase of the survey.

Eligibility for the second phase of the NHIS-D (termed the "Disability Followback Survey" or DFS) was based not only on responses to the Phase I questionnaire, but also on responses to other parts of the NHIS on activity limitation and receipt of disability benefits. These sample selection criteria were applied to the unedited data from Phase I. Interviewing for Phase II began in August 1994 and was completed in 1997.

There were 4 DFS questionnaires in 1994 and 3 in 1995: one for children, one for adults, one for elderly persons (69 years of age and older) without any indication of disability (also called the Supplement on Aging or SOA) in 1994 only, and one for persons with a past history of polio.

For children in Phase II, additional information was collected on utilization and need for services, functional assessment, including emotional and behavioral development, and the impact of the child's disability on the family. The respondent for this component was the parent or the adult in the household who knew the most about the selected child's health.

For adults, the Phase II questionnaire obtained more extensive information about the persons with disabilities on issues such as employment, use of services and benefits, transportation and personal assistance needs, housing characteristics, environmental barriers, and participation in social activities. The respondent for the Phase II Adult questionnaire was the individual defined from the Phase I interview whenever possible.

The Disability Outcome File only provides information on response or non-response for respondents eligible for either the adult or child Phase II.

Disability Outcome File Use

Within the NHIS-D, Phase I data, field location 1660 indicates which respondent was eligible for Phase II (DFS), and thus, which DFS questionnaire was assigned. Once the DFS questionnaire was assigned, follow-up with the same respondents or their proxies occurred. For analytical purposes, researchers need to be able to identify which eligible respondent (assigned to phase 2 for follow-up) had a response or non-response to the follow-up questionnaire (DFS). The Outcome File identifies response or non-response for each person assigned to either child or adult Phase II, and provides a code

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which indicates the type of outcome that resulted from following-up with

eligible respondents. Analyst can merge the Disability Outcome File to the same year of Phase I data by using the person ID. The person ID is a concatenation of field location 5-16 of Phase I data.

Content of Disability Outcome File

The Outcome file contains four fields: record type, year, person id, and outcome code for adult and child (response or non-response codes). There is a record for each person who completed the Phase 1 questionnaire. The 1995 Disability Outcome file has N = 95,091 records, or the same number of records (respondents) in Phase I.

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Outline of Items and Codes

95,091 Records

Data Locations	Item No.	Frequency	Items and Codes
1-2	-	95,091	RECORD TYPE 61. Disability Outcome
3-4	-	95,091	PROCESSING YEAR 95. 1995
5-16	-		PERSON IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
17-18	-		OUTCOME CODE
			Adult: (01-09)
		9,691	01. Interview
		412	02. SP deceased
		4	03. SP not eligible
		1	04. SP temporarily absent
		392	05. Unable to contact/locate SP
		32	06. SP moved/not located
		24	07. Institutionalized/incapable- no proxy
		357	08. Refusal
		29	09. Unknown
			Child: (10-18)
		2,687	10. Interview
		2	11. SC deceased

0	12. Respondent temporarily absent- no proxy
120	13. Unable to contact/locate SC
6	14. Respondent and SC moved/not located
0	15. Respondent Institutionalized/ incapable- no proxy
0	16. SC institutionalized- no proxy
55	17. Refusal
115	18. Other or unknown
81,164	Blank. Not eligible for phase 2; eligible for SOA or Polio