2013 NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY (NHIS)   June 30, 2014
            PUBLIC USE DATA RELEASE

- -

INTRODUCTION

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is conducted
annually by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS),
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The NHIS
administers face-to-face interviews in a nationally
representative sample of households. Each month a probability
sample of the civilian non-institutionalized population of the
United States is interviewed by personnel of the U.S. Bureau of
the Census. Information is obtained about the health and other
characteristics of each member of the household.

2013 NHIS STRUCTURE

The NHIS contains many similar questions every year. The
repeated items are called "core questions". Beginning with a
new NHIS design in 1997, these core questions were divided into
three components -- Family, Sample Adult, and Sample Child. In

most years, the NHIS also has supplemental questions/modules.

The 2013 NHIS contains the core questions, enhanced questions on health care access and utilization, and additional supplemental questions in the Family questionnaire on the subject of food security, Sample Adult questionnaire on the subjects of asthma, cancer screening, epilepsy, heart disease and stroke prevention, hepatitis B and C screening, immunization, immunosuppression, internet access and email usage, mental health, and non-cigarette tobacco use, and in the Sample Child questionnaire on the subjects of asthma, immunization, mental health, and mental health services. Along with the 2013 NHIS core data files is the Family Disability Questions 2013 file which contains person-level data collected via six disability questions. These questions appeared on the NHIS, at the end of the Family Core. A disability supplement was also fielded in 2013 as part of the Sample Adult Core and is called "Functioning and Disability".

The 2013 NHIS data release consists of seven questionnaires, six core data files, a paradata file, a Family Disability Questions file, and a Functioning and Disability file. See the Survey Description document for more details.

The following chart shows the output data files for the 2013 NHIS components:

Component	Questionnaire	Output Data File
Family Module	Household	Household
"	Family	Family
"	"	Person
"	"	Injury/Poisoning Episode
Sample Adult Module	Sample Adult	Sample Adult
Sample Child Module	Sample Child	Sample Child
--	Cover	Family
Family Module	Family Disability Questions	Family Disability Questions
Sample Adult Module	Functioning and Disability	Functioning and Disability
--	--	Paradata

2013 NHIS FILES AND DOCUMENTATION

The various files listed below comprise the 2013 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) public use data release.

2013 NHIS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES, ETC.

The 2013 NHIS consists of seven questionnaires - Household, Family, Family Disability Questions, Adult, Child, Cover, and Functioning & Disability. The questionnaires that are provided with the release of the 2013 NHIS are not identical to the versions that were utilized in the field. The questionnaires provided here reflect the minor changes in data presentation that occurred during the editing process.

Both English and Spanish versions of the questionnaires are released. The Spanish versions contain interviewer instructions in English.

The 2013 NHIS has similar questions as previous years and

the same software was utilized for the questionnaire delivery
system as was used for the 2012 NHIS.

Prior to 2004, one household equaled one "case". Beginning in 2004,
each family is considered a separate case. For multiple-family
households, there is a "parent" case designated for the first
family identified, and each subsequent family becomes a
"spawned" case from the parent, with its own unique case id.

Flashcards were handed to the respondents to facilitate their
ability to answer certain questions - these are referenced in
the questionnaires. The Field Representative Manual contains
the guidelines and instructions on the survey process and topic
areas covered by the NHIS and was provided to the Field
Representatives (also known as interviewers).   Also included is
a flowchart that shows how a respondent would move through the
various questionnaires.

The survey questionnaires, flashcards, and Field Representative
Manual are in Adobe Portable Document Form (PDF) format and can
be viewed with Adobe Acrobat software. The Adobe Acrobat Reader
software can be downloaded from the Adobe Acrobat Web site at:

http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep2.html

2013 NHIS DATA FILES

The 2013 NHIS has been divided into 9 data files. For ease of transmission,
each of the 2013 NHIS data files has been converted into a ZIP file format.

You can copy the data file from the .ZIP file into the appropriate folder.

To do this, create a folder on your C drive, and name it NHIS2013, assuming you
are using the C drive as your hard drive. Download the zip file into your newly
created folder, C:\NHIS2013.

Double click the HOUSEHLD.ZIP that is on your hard drive until you see the
HOUSEHLD.DAT file.

Or you can extract the HOUSEHLD.ZIP file into the appropriate folder.

To do this, extract HOUSEHLD.ZIP into the folder C:\NHIS2013. The ASCII file,
HOUSEHLD.DAT, will be generated which can then be used for processing by PC
statistical software packages which utilize ASCII formatted input, or can be
transferred to another computer for processing.

NOTE: The 2013 NHIS files are large in size. Please use caution
and check your disk drive capacity before extracting.

NOTE: Users have encountered difficulties when downloading the
data files onto their 'Desktop'. When downloading the data
files, please use a separate folder (directory).

```
   File Name        Description                      Format

FMLYDISB.ZIP   Family Disability Questions Compressed ASCII
FUNCDISB.ZIP   Functioning & Disability         Compressed ASCII
FAMILYXX.ZIP   Family                           Compressed ASCII
HOUSEHLD.ZIP   Household                        Compressed ASCII
INJPOIEP.ZIP   Injury/Poison Episode            Compressed ASCII
PERSONSX.ZIP   Person Data                      Compressed ASCII
SAMADULT.ZIP   Sample Adult                     Compressed ASCII
SAMCHILD.ZIP   Sample Child                     Compressed ASCII
PARADATA.ZIP   Paradata                         Compressed ASCII


2013 NHIS SAS, SPSS AND STATA INPUT STATEMENTS

Sample SAS, SPSS, and STATA input statement programs have been
provided for each data file.  By using the ASCII data files
(.DAT files that can be extracted from the .ZIP files) as
input to these programs, SAS, SPSS, or STATA
data files can be created.  The SAS, SPSS, and STATA input
statement programs are stored in ASCII format. STATA programs
were not provided prior to the 2002 data year.

  File Name        Description                              Format

FMLYDISB.SAS   Family Disability Questions SAS program      ASCII
FUNCDISB.SAS   Function & Disability SAS program            ASCII
FAMILYXX.SAS   Family SAS program                           ASCII
HOUSEHLD.SAS   Household SAS program                        ASCII
INJPOIEP.SAS   Injury/Poison Episode SAS program            ASCII
PERSONSX.SAS   Person SAS program                           ASCII
SAMADULT.SAS   Sample Adult SAS program                     ASCII
SAMCHILD.SAS   Sample Child SAS program                     ASCII
PARADATA.SAS   Paradata SAS program                         ASCII

FMLYDISB.SPS   Family Disability Questions SPSS program     ASCII
FUNCDISB.SPS   Function & Disability SPSS program           ASCII
FAMILYXX.SPS   Family SPSS program                          ASCII
HOUSEHLD.SPS   Household SPSS program                       ASCII
INJPOIEP.SPS   Injury/Poison Episode SPSS program           ASCII
PERSONSX.SPS   Person SPSS program                          ASCII
SAMADULT.SPS   Sample Adult SPSS program                    ASCII
SAMCHILD.SPS   Sample Child SPSS program                    ASCII
PARADATA.SPS   Paradata SPSS program                        ASCII

FMLYDISB.DO    Family Disability Questions Stata program    ASCII
FUNCDISB.DO    Function & Disability Stata program          ASCII
FAMILYXX.DO    Family Stata program                         ASCII
HOUSEHLD.DO    Household Stata program                      ASCII
INJPOIEP.DO    Injury/Poison Episode Stata program          ASCII
PERSONSX.DO    Person Stata program                         ASCII
SAMADULT.DO    Sample Adult Stata program                   ASCII
SAMCHILD.DO    Sample Child Stata program                   ASCII
PARADATA.DO    Paradata SAS program                         ASCII
```

2013 NHIS DATA FILE DOCUMENTATION FILES

There is a Survey Description document which contains general
information about the 2013 NHIS. There are three documentation
files associated with each subject matter file (summary,
layout, frequency report).

The documentation files are in PDF format and can be viewed with
Adobe Acrobat software. The Adobe Acrobat Reader software can
be downloaded from the Adobe Acrobat Web site at:

http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep2.html

File Name	Description	Format
SRVYDESC.PDF	Survey Description Document	PDF
FMLYDISB_SUMMARY.PDF	Family Disability Questions File Variable Summary	PDF
FUNCDISB_SUMMARY.PDF	Function & Disability Summary File Variable Summary	PDF
FAMILYXX_SUMMARY.PDF	Family File Variable Summary	PDF
HOUSEHLD_SUMMARY.PDF	Household File Variable Summary	PDF
INJPOIEP_SUMMARY.PDF	Inj/Poi Episode File Variable Summary	PDF
PERSONSX_SUMMARY.PDF	Person File Variable Summary	PDF
SAMADULT_SUMMARY.PDF	Sample Adult File Variable Summary	PDF
SAMCHILD_SUMMARY.PDF	Sample Child File Variable Summary	PDF
PARADATA_SUMMARY.PDF	Paradata File Variable Summary	PDF
FMLYDISB_LAYOUT.PDF	Family Disability Questions File Layout PDF	
FUNCDISB_LAYOUT.PDF	Function & Disability Summary File Layout	PDF
FAMILYXX_LAYOUT.PDF	Family File Layout	PDF
HOUSEHLD_LAYOUT.PDF	Household File Layout	PDF
INJPOIEP_LAYOUT.PDF	Inj/Poi Episode File Layout	PDF
PERSONSX_LAYOUT.PDF	Person File Layout	PDF
SAMADULT_LAYOUT.PDF	Sample Adult File Layout	PDF
SAMCHILD_LAYOUT.PDF	Sample Child File Layout	PDF
PARADATA_LAYOUT.PDF	Paradata File Layout	PDF
FMLYDISB_FREQ.PDF	Family Disability Questions Frequency Report	PDF
FUNCDISB_FREQ.PDF	Function & Disability Frequency Report	PDF
FAMILYXX_FREQ.PDF	Family File Frequency Report	PDF
HOUSEHLD_FREQ.PDF	Household File Frequency Report	PDF
INJPOIEP_FREQ.PDF	Inj/Poi Episode File Frequency Report	PDF
PERSONSX_FREQ.PDF	Person File Frequency Report	PDF
SAMADULT_FREQ.PDF	Sample Adult File Frequency Report	PDF
SAMCHILD_FREQ.PDF	Sample Child File Frequency Report	PDF
PARADATA_FREQ.PDF	Paradata File Frequency Report	PDF

NOTE: The numeric portion of the variable labels included in the SAS
programming code and frequency documents are provided as a link to
the file layout document but do not necessarily link to the
question numbers on the survey instrument, especially for recode

variables. The recode variables may be based on other recodes or more than one question.

2013 NHIS DATA FILES' RECORD SEQUENCE

All records in the NHIS data files have first been sorted by the Household Serial Number (HHX).

The Family file has been sorted by combining the Household Serial Number (HHX) and the Family Serial Number (FMX).

The person-level files (Person, Sample Adult, Sample Child) have been sorted by combining the Household Serial Number (HHX), Family Sequence Number (FMX) and Person Sequence Number (FPX).

The injury file (Injury/Poison Episode) has been sorted by combining the Household Serial Number (HHX), Family Sequence Number (FMX), Person Sequence Number (FPX), and Injury/Poison Sequence Number (IPEPNO).

MERGING 2013 NHIS DATA FILES

To merge data from the Household file into the Family file, or into any of the person-level files (Person, Sample Adult, Sample Child) or into any of the episode-level files (Injury/Poison Episode), merge by variable HHX.

To merge the Family file information into a person-level or episode-level file merge by HHX and FMX.

To merge any person-level file with another person-level file or with an episode-level file, merge by variables HHX, FMX and FPX.

NOTE: An asterisk in the summary and/or frequency documents means that there is additional information for the variable in the Notes section of the file's layout document.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Updates about new data releases, publications, or errors will be sent to members of the NHIS Listserv. To join, visit the website at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_listserv.htm

For additional information on NHIS data products:

    Phone   : 301-458-4901
    FAX   : 301-458-4035
    E-mail : nhislist@cdc.gov.
    Internet: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm
For additional information on other NCHS data products:

    Phone   : 866-441-6247
    E-mail : nchsquery@cdc.gov
    Internet: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs