

June 25, 2007 -- Internet Data Release

Seven 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)

Two additional files will be released at a later time:

- Imputed Income
- Paradata

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_Subsectors06.pdf
- SOC Major Groups06.pdf

This year's release also includes other documentation:

- Survey Description - PDF format (SRVYDESC.PDF)
- Questionnaires (English) - PDF format (QPDF)
- 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 - ASCII format (README.TXT)
- Log of release dates - ASCII format (HIS06LOG.TXT)
- Co-Sponsor Information - HTML format (.HTM)

The 2006 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:

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| 1B8606954D1272E54802EC1C69569E0C | FAMILYXX.DAT |
| A229D9579D6FB497441E7EB550FFD0E9 | HOUSEHLD.DAT |
| 3F08FD0510D904F49F1D7293481B98C4 | INJPOIEP.DAT |
| 8F0406E0838F4B557EDF2DB0ADE54834 | INJVERBT.DAT |
| 6DFF4AF96BFB9EB2153E24A6F7A78130 | PERSONSX.DAT |
| BE452777264651D3965752222676C266 | SAMADULT.DAT |
| A44BA4304AA33BAB57B884B2C72A741E | SAMCHILD.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

August 31, 2007 -- 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/about/major/nhis/quest_data_related_doc.htm

January 14, 2008 -- Paradata File and Documentation
(DATA ADDITION TO INTERNET RELEASE)

A data file containing 2006 NHIS data collection information was released. An ASCII file, variable summary, file layout, frequency counts for the variables, file description document (including examples of analyses), and sample input SAS code can be obtained from the NHIS Web site via the Paradata file link under the survey year on the 1997-present NHIS data page which can be reached from:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/nhis/quest_data_related_doc.htm

September 1, 2010 -- Supplemental Imputed Income Files

The 2006 Supplemental Imputed Income files contain five data files of imputed family income and personal earnings with dollar amounts top-coded to the 95th 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_2006_data_release.htm

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 2006 Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files are available on the NHIS website,

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2006_birth_weight.htm.

To obtain the Internet release of the 2006 NHIS data, visit the NHIS home page:

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

and click on:

Questionnaires, Data Sets and Related Documentation

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/about/major/nhis/nhislist.htm>

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