

June 24, 2011 -- Internet Data Release

Eleven files were released:

- Cancer (CANCERXX)
- Family (FAMILYXX)
- Household (HOUSEHLD)
- Injury and Poison Episode (INJPOIEP)
- Injury and Poison Verbatim (INJVERBT)
- Person (PERSONSX)
- Sample Adult (SAMADULT)
- Sample Child (SAMCHILD)
- Paradata (PARADATA)
- Disability Questions Tests 2010 (DISBTEST)
- Quality of Life (QUALLIFE)

One additional file will be released at a later time:

- Imputed Income

Each file that is released is made up seven parts:

- Data - Compressed ASCII format (.ZIP-->.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\_Subsectors.pdf
- SOC Major Groups.pdf

This year's release also includes other documentation:

- Survey Description - PDF format (SRVYDESC.PDF)
- Questionnaires (English) - PDF format (Q ... .PDF)
- 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 - PDF format (README.PDF)
- Log of release dates - PDF format (HIS10LOG.PDF)
- Co-Sponsor Information - HTML format (.HTM)

The Paradata file has additional documentation describing the data file:

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

The Disability Questions Tests 2010 file has additional documentation describing the data file:

- Survey Description - Disbtest - PDF format (SRVYDESC\_DISBTEST.pdf)

The 2010 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:

04D9385B022081A83401D5DB10632A95	CANCERXX.DAT
060CBEE1D7F7B3E5A48377FE1C574088	DISBTEST.DAT
F095642F268B1C4A685E90206092A0BF	FAMILYXX.DAT
50A1998B7252EB9F440D60F5C405C029	HOUSEHLD.DAT
CA744DDF940F2A9BD86DA83E7FECBE3C	INJPOIEP.DAT
62ED5FF37DF5F2DC12A147ABBFCE0E2	INJVERBT.DAT
717F25301D01505D1EBA234E97086135	PARADATA.DAT
004F1EBD302ED543CA324C342D831A4E	PERSONSX.DAT
66271BC11E4C6A6A1E36543DB894AA83	QUALLIFE.DAT
E116DA9831D0A716473D7C406438704F	SAMADULT.DAT
E1445E98B70B9ED0BA9EE19ADF2A43D4	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](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/checksums.pdf)

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August 29, 2011 -- Family Questionnaire

The HDHP value label changed from [\$1,150/\$2,300 to \$1,200/\$2,400]. This affected both the English and Spanish version of the questionnaires.

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/quest\\_data\\_related\\_1997\\_forward.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/quest_data_related_1997_forward.htm)

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September 8, 2011 -- Imputed Income Linkage Files and Documentation

(DATA ADDITION TO INTERNET RELEASE)

Data files containing imputed family income and personal earnings figures with dollar amounts top-coded to the 95th percentile were released. The imputed values, file layout, frequency counts for selected variables, technical documentation (including examples of analyses), and sample input SAS and Stata 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/nhis/nhis\\_2010\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2010_data_release.htm)

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September 20, 2012 -- New Weights for Analyses Combining Disability Questions Tests 2010 and 2010 Sample Adult Data

A file with weights for use when analyzing data from the Disability Questions Tests 2010 file combined with the 2010 Sample Adult file was released. The data set with these new weights and a SAS program that merges those weights with Disability Questions Tests 2010 and 2010 Sample Adult data can be reached from:

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

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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 2010 Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files are available on the NHIS website, [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2010\\_birth\\_weight.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2010_birth_weight.htm).

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November 26, 2012 -- Revision of TRETNEED in 2010 Sample Child File  
NHIS has released an updated 2010 Sample Child File with revised answer code labels for the variable, TRETNEED, in the Child Mental Health Services (CMS) section. There were no changes to the data. The new files are available on the NHIS website, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>.

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To obtain the Internet release of the 2010 NHIS data, visit the NHIS home page:

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

and click on:

Questionnaires, Data Sets and Related Documentation

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

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