

----- NHIS LOG: DATA YEAR 2018 -----

September 05, 2019 - Sample Adult File and Documentation

Variable Label Change

Variable Name: COGCAUS2

Label: **Main reason for difficulty remembering or concentrating?**

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_2018_data_release.htm

August 27, 2019 -- 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:

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_2018_data_release.htm

July 30, 2019 - Sample Adult Files and Documentation

Reissue of public use file: The 2018 National Health Interview Survey Sample Adult public use file is being reissued due to an error identified in the variable SHPNEUNP. The issue caused this variable to be incorrectly truncated when imported from the ASCII data file. The updated version corrects this issue, which did not affect any variables other than SHPNEUNP.

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_2018_data_release.htm

June 27, 2019 -- Internet Data Release

Six files were released:

Family (FAMILYXX)
Household (HOUSEHLD)
Person (PERSONSX)
Sample Adult (SAMADULT)
Sample Child (SAMCHILD)
Paradata (PARADATA)

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)
Data - Compressed CSV format (.ZIP-->.CSV)
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 (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 - PDF format (README.PDF)
Log of release dates - PDF format (HIS15LOG.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 Functioning and Disability file, has additional documentation describing the data file:

Survey Description - Functioning and Disability - PDF format (SRVYDESC_FUNCDISB.pdf)

The 2018 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:

BFC1C33E42707067ED163676E92CCC7C	FAMILYXX.DAT
0316783B8E5A7299A8B60DE9A7373944	HOUSEHLD.DAT
2C39F22671AFF6180ABF0E8E650331C6	PARADATA.DAT
0FB841C63AD945CE7378778CBEDB7B1B	PERSONSX.DAT
18B677E0DBC2BFED5F1B62D57B9782C4	SAMADULT.DAT
12EE2A2601C6143F4E718DD3E2E8DBC6	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

To obtain the Internet release of the 2018 NHIS data, visit the NHIS home page:

<https://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:

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

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