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WARNING - DATA USE RESTRICTIONS! Read Carefully before Using

The Public Health Service Act (Section 308 (d)) provides that the data collected
by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC), may be used only for the purpose of health statistical
reporting and analysis.

Any effort to determine the identity of any reported case is prohibited by this
law.

NCHS does all it can to assure that the identity of data subjects cannot be
disclosed. All direct identifiers, as well as any characteristics that might
lead to identification, are omitted from the data files. Any intentional
identification or disclosure of a person or establishment violates the
assurances of confidentiality given to the providers of the information.
Therefore, users will:

1. Use the data in these data files for statistical reporting and analysis only.

2. Make no use of the identity of any person or establishment discovered
inadvertently and advise the Director, NCHS, of any such discovery (301-458-
4000).

3. Not link these data files with individually identifiable data from other NCHS
or non-NCHS data files.

By using these data, you signify your agreement to comply with the above-stated
statutorily based requirements.

INTRODUCTION

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is conducted annually by the
National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC). The NHIS administers face-to-face interviews in a nationally
representative sample of households. Each week 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.

The NHIS includes a basic questionnaire that remains the same each year plus one
or more additional questionnaires that change periodically. More information on
the survey in general and the 1974 version, in particular, is found in the
Current Estimates Series report:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_100.pdf

NOTES TO USERS

Users are advised to subscribe to the NHIS Listserv to receive notice of any
corrections/updates. For information about joining the Listserv, see the
CONTACT INFORMATION section at the bottom of this document.

1974 NHIS FILES AND DOCUMENTATION

The 1974 NHIS files and related documentation, not including HEALTHIN.DAT have
been previously distributed via various formats -- magnetic tape, ASCII CDs, etc.
HEALTHIN.DAT was released for the first time in 2009 on the Internet.

The files listed below comprise the 1974 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
public use data release as found on the Internet.

A copy of this file (README.PDF) is located at the following ftp location:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/1974/

1974 NHIS DATA FILES

Five 1974 NHIS files are referred to as "core" files because they were
administered each year (through 1996) without major modification. The five core
files are Household, Person, Condition, Doctor Visit, and Hospital.

The 1974 NHIS data have been divided into ten data files, consisting of the five
core files and five supplemental files. For ease of transmission, each of the
1974 NHIS data files has been converted into a self-extracting compressed format.
To load and expand a compressed file into an ASCII file, perform the following
steps:

Download a compressed file onto your hard drive into an appropriate directory
(folder). For example: Copy the data file HOUSEHLD.EXE into a directory called
NHIS1974. To do this, create a directory on your C: drive called NHIS1974.
Then, using your browser, go to the FTP site containing the 1974 NHIS data files
(see address at end of this section). Right click on the HOUSEHLD.EXE file.
Depending on your browser, select Save Link As... or Save Target As...
Type c:\nhis1974\HOUSEHLD.EXE in the box labeled File Name and hit Enter. To
then extract HOUSEHLD.EXE into the ASCII file HOUSEHLD.DAT, go to the directory
NHIS1974 and do the following:

- From DOS   - in the c:\nhis1974 directory, type HOUSEHLD
                 and hit Enter

- From Windows - Double-click on HOUSEHLD.EXE
                 or
                 Click the Start Button, Click Run, enter
                 c:\nhis1974\HOUSEHLD.EXE and hit Enter.

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 transferred to another computer for processing.

NOTE: The 1974 NHIS files are large in size. Please use caution and check your
disk drive capacity before extracting.

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1974 NHIS DATA FILES

NHIS FILE TYPE          FILE NAME          RECORD LENGTH      # RECS

HOUSEHOLD               HOUSEHLD.DAT       478                 41,314
PERSON                  PERSONSX.DAT       478                116,287
CONDITION               CONDITON.DAT       478                 37,453
HOSPITAL                HOSPITAL.DAT       478                 15,692
DOCTOR VISIT            DRVISITX.DAT       478                 22,058
CONDITION SUPP          CONDSUPP.DAT       529                  7,507
CURRENTLY EMPLOYED      CURREMPL.DAT       547                 46,594
HEALTH INSURANCE        HEALTHIN.DAT       532                116,287
HYPERTENSION            HYPERTEN.DAT       540                 25,565
MEDICAL CARE            MEDCAREX.DAT       583                 37,062
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Note: The above data files are the unzipped files in ASCII format.

The 1974 NHIS data files are located at:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/1974

1974 NHIS FILE LAYOUTS (CODEBOOKS)

There is a file layout (also called codebook or data dictionary) for with each
data file. The file layouts 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/products/acrobat/readstep2.html

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File Name       Description of Component                    File Format
CONDSUPP.PDF    Condition Supplement file layout            Adobe PDF
CURREMPL.PDF    Currently Employed file layout              Adobe PDF
HEALTHIN.PDF    Health Insurance file layout                Adobe PDF
HYPERTEN.PDF    Hypertension file layout                    Adobe PDF
MEDCAREX.PDF    Medical Care file layout                    Adobe PDF
NHISCORE.PDF*   Core files layout                           Adobe PDF
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*NHISCORE.PDF contains the file layouts for the following five core files:
Household, Person, Condition, Doctor Visit, and Hospital.

The 1974 NHIS data file layout documentation files are located at:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/1974

1974 NHIS SAS INPUT STATEMENTS

Sample SAS programs containing input statements have been provided for each data
file. By using the ASCII data files (.DAT files) as input to these programs,
SAS data files can be created. The SAS input statement programs are stored in
ASCII format.

File Name	Description of Component	File Format
CONDITON.SAS	Condition file SAS program	ASCII
CONDSUPP.SAS	Condition Supplement file SAS program	ASCII
CURREMPL.SAS	Currently Employed file SAS program	ASCII
DRVISITX.SAS	Doctor Visit file SAS program	ASCII
DRVISITX.SAS	Doctor Visit file SAS program	ASCII
HEALTHIN.SAS	Health Insurance file SAS program	ASCII
HOUSEHLD.SAS	Household file SAS program	ASCII
HYPERTEN.SAS	Hypertension file SAS program	ASCII
MEDCAREX.SAS	Medical Care file SAS program	ASCII
PERSONSX.SAS	Person file SAS program	ASCII

The 1974 NHIS sample SAS input statement programs are located at:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Program_Code/NHIS/1974

1974 NHIS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES AND FLASHCARDS

The 1974 NHIS questionnaires and flashcards can be found as an appendix to the
1974 Current Estimates publication which is on the Internet at:

   http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_100.pdf

MISCELLANEOUS

All information collected in the survey is from reports by responsible family
members residing in the household. When possible, all adult family members
participate in the interview. However, proxy responses are accepted for family
members who are not at home and are required for all children and for family
members who are physically or mentally incapable of responding for themselves.
Although a considerable effort is made to ensure accurate reporting, the
information from both proxy respondents and self-respondents may be inaccurate
because the respondent is unaware of relevant information, has forgotten it,
does not wish to reveal it to an interviewer, or does not understand the
intended meaning of a question.

Data from the special health topics (supplements) and core in 1974 were
collected for 52 weeks.

The sample for the NHIS is redesigned every decade using population data from
the most recent decennial census. The design used in 1974 was used in 1973-1984.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

For additional information on the NHIS, visit the website at:

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

If you have questions or comments on any aspect of the NHIS, please contact us:

   E-mail   : nhislist@cdc.gov
   Call     : 301-458-4901
   FAX      : 301-458-4035
   Mail     : DHHS:PHS:CDC:NCHS:DHIS
              3311 Toledo RD Room 2217
              Hyattsville MD  20782
   Home Page: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm

For additional information on NCHS data products, contact the:

   Data Dissemination Branch, NCHS
   3311 Toledo Road
   Hyattsville, MD 20782
   Tel: 1-301-458-4636 or 1-866-441-NCHS
   E-mail: nchsquery@cdc.gov
   Internet: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
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