

HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT
NOTES

This data contains the part of the 1992 National Health Interview Survey related to health insurance. For this survey, information was collected from a household respondent about all family members who participated in the NHIS. The health insurance questionnaire was administered in all of the NHIS sample households. The health insurance survey covered several different topic areas:

1. Type of health care coverage: Medicare, Medicaid, military/CHAMPUS/CHAMP-VA, other public assistance, private insurance.
2. Private insurance characteristics reported by the respondent: HMO status, choice of doctor, source of coverage, existence of employer subsidies for premiums.
3. Type of private insurance obtained by comparing reported plan name with precoded list of plans: fee for service plans, HMO type, HMO enrollment size, correspondence between respondent-reported HMO status and plan list code.
4. Individual coverage status.

The response rate to the health insurance survey was 91.6 percent and was calculated as follows:

The response rate to the NHIS Core questionnaire was 95.7 percent. Of respondents to the Core, 95.7 percent responded to the health insurance questionnaire. Multiplying these two response rates together yields the overall response rate to the health insurance section (91.6 percent).

Dummy records were created for non-respondents to the health insurance questionnaire (see data location 336). These dummy records were assigned "not ascertained" codes as appropriate.

Each record included on this health insurance data contains final basic weights (data locations 201-227), the chronic condition factor (data locations 190-200), the 6.5 weight (data locations 228-236), and estimated data fields (data locations 237-335). Weights must be used to make accurate estimates based on this data. The weights in this file are the same as the weights for the same individuals in the NHIS Core Person file.

