

Release of files with cigarette brand names: 1978 – 1979, 1980, and 1987

At the request of NHIS data users, the brand names and types of cigarettes associated with previously released NHIS tobacco smoking files are being released to the public as separate listings. These listings exist for the years 1978 through 1980, and 1987, however the codes used in 1978 and 1979 are identical and are being released as a single listing.

The original files contain detailed data on the physical characteristics, nicotine, and tar content but not the brand names. With the exception of 1987, the combined characteristics were unique so that that data can be linked by users to the newly released listings with the brand names. For 1987, there were a few brands with identical characteristics so an additional listing matching specific public use identifiers with specific brand names is also being released.

- [Documentation for 1978-79](#)
- [Documentation for 1980](#)

The two parts of the documentation for 1987 are at:

- [Part A -- Brand name without ID](#)
- [Part B – Brand name with ID](#)

Users will have to use the combined variables of: tip, flavor, pack, size, tar and nicotine level (and regular/lite/ultra lite in 1987) to match to those same variables on the newly released files and copy the new brand data onto the old files for analytic use.