

June 30, 2010 -- Internet Data Release

Eight files were released:

- 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 2008/2009 (DISBTEST)

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 (.EXE-->.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\_Subsectors09.pdf
- SOC Major Groups09.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 (HIS09LOG.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 2008/2009 file has additional documentation describing the data file:

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

The 2009 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:

F4218DEBDE446E7FFF524F332C4FA378	FAMILYXX.DAT
975251705BE0F8009E4ADEEEAC368958D	HOUSEHLD.DAT
BCCF28C23240E0171AAF1C0D8357EA81	INJPOIEP.DAT
589CE2BF4D7F62F7F274F00BB155B42F	INJVERBT.DAT
AC186FEDBED5D37374F281A399735A90	PERSONSX.DAT
26AA0B56261B8D393C51A4BF7BED26D6	SAMADULT.DAT
43022910F11F3A5A1AF10A3FD3752649	SAMCHILD.DAT
3C684F3BB482ACB079F198A505B27A72	PARADATA.DAT
0965AEFBB118F1ECD4ABF09B359DF697	DISBTEST.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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July 20, 2010 -- Re-release of 2009 Survey Description Document and Disability Questions Tests 2008/2009 File Description Document

In Appendix I of the 2009 Survey Description Document a table containing the numbers of 2009 eligible and interviewed respondents was inadvertently omitted from the June 25, 2010 release. This version (dated 7/13/2010) includes that information in Table 2. As a result, the numbering of all subsequent tables in Appendix I has changed. There were no other changes in this release.

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NHIS/2009/srvydesc.pdf](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/2009/srvydesc.pdf)

At the very bottom of page 2 of the Disability Questions Tests 2008/2009 File document, the NOTE was corrected in the revised document (dated 7/15/2010) to read: "(NOTE: The person-style questions have been retained in this location for 2010 and are being asked of one-half of participating families.)" In the release of June 25, 2010 the NOTE stated incorrectly that the family-style questions were retained for 2010.

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NHIS/2009/srvydesc\\_disbtest.pdf](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NHIS/2009/srvydesc_disbtest.pdf)

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August 31, 2010 -- 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 95<sup>th</sup> 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\\_2009\\_data\\_release.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2009_data_release.htm)

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March 11, 2011 -- Corrections to the Disability Questions Tests 2008/2009  
File Documentation

Six variables had incorrect response codes. The affected variables are P1DFHEAR, P1DFSEE, P1DFCON, P1DFWALK, P1DFDRES and P1DFERR. The following files were updated: the sample SAS input statement, DISBTEST.sas; the sample SPSS input statement, disbtest.sps; the sample STATA input statement, disbtest.do; the frequencies document, disbtest\_freq.pdf; the layout document, disbtest\_layout.pdf and the English Questionnaire, qdisbtest.pdf.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/disabilityquestionstests20082009.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 2009 Sample Child Birth Weight Mini-files are available on the NHIS website, [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2009\\_birth\\_weight.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2009_birth_weight.htm).

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To obtain the Internet release of the 2009 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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