

----- NHIS LOG: DATA YEAR 1969 -----

Original release (did not include AIDSSPEC and ARTHRTIS):

Five core data files for calendar year 1969 were first made available on magnetic tape. Documentation was provided on paper.

NHIS FILE TYPE	DATA FILE NAME	LENGTH	# RECS
HOUSEHOLD	HISY1969.HOUSEHLD	320	44,110
PERSON	HISY1969.PERSONSX	320	131,575
CONDITION	HISY1969.CONDITON	320	91,295
HOSPITAL	HISY1969.HOSPITAL	320	18,023
DOCTOR VISIT	HISY1969.DRVISITX	320	22,437

Notes for the paper documentation: In some fields, documentation refers to data character:

'-' as 'X'
and to data character:
'&' as either 'V' or 'Y'.
Some fields are not explained in the documentation.

July, 2001 -- ASCII CD Release: Series 10 CD, No. 1H:

All five previously-released data files and their associated documentation files were made available on CD.

Warning: No fields in the CD data files that are labeled as "binary format" should be used due to conversion errors when the CD was created. All of these data fields can be constructed from fields that are available in "character" format (i.e., standard format).

Notes: No corrections to data or documentation files were made in this CD release.

August 31, 2007 -- Internet release - DATA CHANGE:

The five 1969 core data files were made available on the Internet after the reformatting and repair of some problems in the previously-released files.

Record lengths of the data files were changed.

New file layouts and other associated documents were released.

Values of the randomly-assigned PSU values were modified.

NHIS FILE TYPE	DATA FILE NAME	LENGTH	# RECS
HOUSEHOLD	HOUSEHLD.DAT	112	44,110
PERSON	PERSONSX.DAT	200	131,575
CONDITION	CONDITON.DAT	200	91,295
HOSPITAL	HOSPITAL.DAT	200	18,023
DOCTOR VISIT	DRVISITX.DAT	200	22,437

February, 2010 -- Original Internet release of AIDSSPEC and ARTHRTIS:

NHIS FILE TYPE	FILE NAME	LENGTH	# RECS
SPECIAL AIDS	AIDSSPEC	473	4,018
ARTHRITIS	ARTHRTIS	510	13,286

NCHS recommends that data users verify the integrity of downloaded files by comparing the MD5 checksums of downloaded files to the reference values given below:

595C1FB4A3B7B8064F3CA4C1272822BC	aidsspec.dat
86A0A534427DD848A84BDF93D025440	arthrtis.dat
750FC1145DFEF1118ECF2B097C6D67EC	conditon.dat
9CC3D8E5129BEF50DC3A1AA16715DA46	drvisitx.dat
39FD151DAD8B3813DBC561FB22101927	hospital.dat
FA33ED33B8425088D7387D7B9A2C440C	househld.dat
18D79F5FB4CFC5FCF712F52C5D5217B2	personsx.dat

For more information on MD5 checksums, please refer to the ftp site:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/checksums.pdf

To obtain the Internet release of the 1969 NHIS data, visit the NHIS home page:

<http://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:

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

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