

SUMMARY OF NHIS DATA FILE AVAILABILITY

As of June 27, 2019

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) data files are available as follows:

ONLINE -----

The following NHIS data files are available online:

1963-2018 - all files(except the 2018 Imputed Income files)\*  
1982-1994 - Corrected condition files  
1990-1996 - Family's Imputed Annual Income +/- \$20,000 Variable  
1997-2009 - Imputed Income file  
1997-2008 - Supplemental Imputed Income files  
2012 - Draft versions of questionnaires (English & Spanish)  
Draft versions of flash cards and field representative manual

Users may download the files at no charge. For downloading instructions, go to the Questionnaires, Datasets, and Related Documentation page at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/quest\\_data\\_related\\_1997\\_forward.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/quest_data_related_1997_forward.htm)

Click on the link that contains the year of interest and then click on README File under the year desired (for year 2004 and beyond, first click on Data Release under the year desired).

\*NHIS first started in 1957; no data files are available before 1963.

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National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) LINKING files are available as follows:

The following MEPS/NHIS (Medical Expenditure Panel Survey/National Health Interview Survey) linkage files are available (For Example):

1996 MEPS & 1995 NHIS Link File  
1997 MEPS & 1995-1996 NHIS Link File

For link files of other years, see Household Component-National Health Interview Survey Linked Files at the following site for ordering instructions:

[http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_stats/more\\_info\\_download\\_data\\_files.jsp#hc-nhis](http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_stats/more_info_download_data_files.jsp#hc-nhis)

Or visit the NHIS MEPS information page at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhismep.htm>

NHIS Linked Mortality Data, Medicare Enrollment and Claims data (CMS) and Social Security Benefits History data (SSA) are available via the NCHS Research Data Center at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data\\_access/data\\_linkage\\_activities.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/data_linkage_activities.htm)

1985-2001 NHIS households that are in large Metropolitan statistical Areas (MSAs) have MSA codes available in linkage files that can be downloaded from the Internet. To obtain these files, click on the desired year at:

[ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/MSA/NHIS/](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/MSA/NHIS/)

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