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ABSTRACT

Conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) has monitored the health of the nation since 1957. NHIS data on a broad range of health topics are collected through personal household interviews. For over 50 years, the U.S. Census Bureau has been the data collection agent for the National Health Interview Survey. Survey results have been instrumental in providing data to track health status, health care access, and progress toward achieving national health objectives.

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The NHIS is a large-scale household interview survey of a statistically representative sample of the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population. Interviewers visit 35,000-40,000 households across the country and collect data about 75,000-100,000 individuals. To ensure accuracy of the results, interviewers need to reach as many homes selected for the sample as possible. Once selected, respondents cannot be replaced with anyone else. Participation in our survey is greatly appreciated.

The National Health Interview Survey is based on a stratified multistage sample design. The 1995-2004 survey design has 358 sample primary sampling units. For more details, refer to table 1 in chapter 2.

The 1995-2004 NHIS has been designed to produce estimates for the Nation, for each of the four census regions, and within census regions by areas determined by metropolitan and nonmetropolitan status. Although the 1995-2004 survey samples from all of the States and the District of Columbia, it is not designed to produce reliable State-level estimates for every State.

For the 1995-2004 survey design, the NHIS sample is partitioned into a number of subsamples. First, the sample for the 10-year survey period is partitioned into subsamples that are assigned for data collection each year from 1995 through 2004. Moreover, for survey administration, data collection, and processing, the NHIS annual sample is assigned to four calendar quarters. Within each quarter, the sample is assigned to individual weeks. The portion of the survey sample assigned to each calendar quarter of the year is representative of the target population. The portion of the survey sample assigned to each week also is representative of the target population, although estimates based on weekly samples tend to be unstable. (Two reasons for the instability are a small sample size and the fact that each sample PSU represented in a quarterly sample is not necessarily represented in the weekly sample. This reduces the precision of variance estimators.)

For more details, see: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_130.pdf

Questionnaires

Overview

2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Sample Adult, Adult Disability
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Sample Adult, Adult Identification
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Adult CAM, Adult Alternative Health/Complementary And Alternative Medicine
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Sample Child, Child Identification
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Child CAM, Child Alternative Health/Complementary And Alternative Medicine
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Sample Child, Child Disability
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Family, Coverage
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Family, Family Identification
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Family, Family Disability: Version 2
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Functioning And Disability, Adult Functioning and Disability
2012 NHIS Questionnaire - Household Composition, Household Composition

For full questionnaires, see: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/data-questionnaires-documentation.htm>

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
1994	2012	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent for the National Health Interview Survey.

NHIS data collection is conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census under an interagency agreement with NCHS. NHIS interviewers are employees of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. These interviewers receive extensive training, and their work is monitored through a quality assurance program. Data are collected from each family in the survey sample using a face-to-face interview. If a sampled household contains more than one family, many aspects of the interview are repeated for each family in the household.

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