

**NHANES 2001-2002 Data Release  
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MEC ACASI Interview**

**Drug Use (DUQ\_B)**

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

**Questionnaire Section Characteristics:**

**Questionnaire Section Description:**

The drug use section (variable name prefix DUQ) includes questions on lifetime and current use of cocaine and other street drugs and the intravenous use of illicit drugs.

**Interview Setting:**

Private room in the mobile examination center

**Mode of administration:**

The NHANES Audio Computer Assisted Self Interview (ACASI) was conducted in either English or Spanish.

The ACASI enables the respondents both to hear questions through earphones and read questions on the computer and to move at their own speed as they touch the screen to indicate their response. No proxy respondents or translators were used in situations when the respondents could not self-report.

**Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:**

Sample persons 12-59 years of age were eligible. Data from participants aged 20-59 years are included in the NHANES 2001-2002 data release. Drug use data for participants aged 12-19 years are not included in this release for a variety of reasons including concerns about confidentiality protection. Special use data files for participants 12-19 years will be available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Mentally impaired individuals and survey participants who did not comprehend English or Spanish were excluded.

**Quality Control During Data Collection:**

The NHANES ACASI system had built-in consistency checks, including range checks, valid response checks, and checks for logical relationships. Soft edits alerted the

respondents to a potential error or problem, but allowed the respondents to proceed after confirming that the entered value was correct.

Hard edits prohibited the respondents from continuing with the ACASI until the error is corrected. Respondents also had the right to refuse to answer any question.

**Data Access:**

The DUQ data are publicly available at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm)

**Reference:**

None.