

**NHANES 2001-2002 Data Release
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Sample Person Questionnaire**

Hospital Utilization and Access to Care (HUQ_B)

Survey Years Included in this File: 2001-2002

Questionnaire Section Characteristics:

Questionnaire Section Description:

The Hospital Utilization and Access to Care section (variable name prefix HUQ) provides personal interview data on several access to health care topics.

Interview Setting:

Home Interview

Mode of administration:

In-person

Topics Included in the Section:

- C General health status (all ages)
- C Historical health status (1+ years)
- C Access to health care (all ages)
- C Health care history (all ages)
- C Hospital care history (all ages)
- C Mental health care history (4+ years)
- C Long term care history (1+years)

Eligible sample and any section-specific exclusion criteria:

There are three target age groups for this section. Most of the questions are targeted towards the entire sample population. The historical question on health status and the questions on long term care omit infants under age 1 year. A question on visits to a mental health professional omits children under age 4 years. Data users should review the codebook to determine the appropriate age group for each variable.

Analytic Notes:

HUQ010: This identical question is asked in the Current Health Status section of the Mobile Examination Center (MEC) CAPI Interview questionnaire (HSD010). There is a small difference in administration of the two questions: participants age 12-15 have proxy responses in the household questionnaire but provide self-reported responses for the MEC interview. Many participants of all ages gave different responses to this question in the household compared to the MEC, so analysts should consider which of the two versions of the question to use in analyses.

Question HUD070 in NHANES 2001-2002 is comparable to HUQ070 in NHANES 1999-2000.

For NHANES 2001-2002, question HUQ080 allows for all responses to the query on the number of hospitalizations in an acute care facility in the past 12 months, whereas question HUD080 in NHANES 1999-2000 has an upper limit of “6 or more.” Data users will need to recode HUQ080 to make it comparable to HUD080 when comparing the 1999-2000 data to the 2001-2002 data.

All other similarly named questions are comparable between the two surveys.

A new set of questions on long term care has been added.

Data Access:

The HUQ data are publicly available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm

Reference:

None.