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Alcohol Use MEC CAPI Interview

Description

The questions in this section covered lifetime and recent (past 12 months) use of alcohol for ages 20 years and over. The variable name prefix is ALQ.

Eligible Sample

Sample persons aged 20 years and older were eligible. Special use data files on alcohol use for participants 12-19 years (MEC Audio-CASI interview) will be available through the NCHS Research Data Center.

Exclusion Criteria

Mentally impaired individuals or participants who were unable to comprehend English or Spanish were excluded.

Data Collection Methodology

Sample persons aged 20 years and older: Personal (face-to-face) interview in the MEC using NHANES CAPI software. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish.

MEC Interviewer Staff

Two bilingual (English & Spanish) MEC interviewers were assigned to each MEC team for CAPI.

Quality Control Procedures

The NHANES CAPI system had built-in consistency checks, including range checks, valid response checks, and checks for logical relationships.

Special Notes on Using the Dataset

Information on alcohol intake in the 24 hour time period prior to the NHANES health examination was included in the 24-hour dietary recall interview, a component of the NHANES health examination.