

Early Childhood Section (June 2002) Sample Person Questionnaire

Description

The Early Childhood section (variable name prefix ECQ), provides personal interview data dealing with birth history, day care and preschool experiences, and pregnancy history. Many of the questions in the ECQ section were also included in NHANES III, 1988-94 questionnaires.

Topics

- Age of the biological mother when the survey participant was born.
- Did the biological mother smoke during pregnancy?
- Did the biological mother quit or refrain from smoking during pregnancy?
- Month of pregnancy the biological mother quit smoking.
- Newborn care in a special care facility.
- Weight of the survey participant at birth.
- Ever attend day care and preschool (2 mos+)?
- Attend day care and preschool now (2 mos - 5 yr)?
- Attend Head Start/Early Head Start (birth - 5 yr)?
- Hours spent away from home on a typical weekday (1-5 yr)
- Hours spent away from home on a typical weekend day (1-5 yr).

Eligible Sample and Exclusion Criteria

The target sample for the ECQ section is persons birth - 15 years of age. The target groups for some of the questions in this section vary, however. Review the questionnaire and codebook carefully.

Data Processing and Preparation

One reported birth weight was top-coded at 13 pounds, 0 ounces to protect the confidentiality of the survey participant. NHANES 1999-2000 Public Data Release.