

Data availability

Due to confidentiality requirements, the NHANES III linked mortality file is now available only through the [NCHS Research Data Center \(RDC\)](#). All researchers may apply to the RDC to use the NHANES III linked mortality data. A [standard mortality file](#) is available which contains information on eligibility status, NDI match data, date of death, age at death, and cause of death. There are additional variables that can be made available by [special request](#) for approved research projects conducted through the RDC.