

----- NHIS LOG: DATA YEAR 2015 -----

June 30, 2016 -- Internet Data Release

Ten files were released:

Family (FAMILYXX)
Family Disability Questions (FMLYDISB)
Functioning and Disability (FUNCDISB)
Household (HOUSEHLD)
Injury and Poison Episode (INJPOIEP)
Person (PERSONSX)
Sample Adult (SAMADULT)
Sample Adult Cancer (CANCERXX)
Sample Child (SAMCHILD)
Paradata (PARADATA)

Each file that is released is made up seven parts:
Data - Compressed ASCII and CSV format (.ZIP-->.DAT)
File Variable Summary - PDF format (_SUMMARY.PDF)
File Layout (Codebook)- PDF format (_LAYOUT.PDF)
File Frequency Report - PDF format (_FREQ.PDF)
SAS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SAS)
SPSS Program Sample - ASCII format (.SPS)
STATA Program Sample - ASCII format (.DO)

The Sample Adult file has additional documentation describing Industry/Occupation Coding:

NAICS_Sectors_and_Subsectors.pdf
SOC Major Groups.pdf

This year's release also includes other documentation:
Survey Description - PDF format (SRVYDESC.PDF)
Questionnaires (English) - PDF format (QPDF)
Questionnaires (Spanish) - PDF format (QS... .PDF)
Questionnaire Guide - PDF format (QREFGUIDE.PDF)
Interview Flashcards (Eng.) - PDF format (FLASHCRD.PDF)
Interview Flashcards (Span.)- PDF format (FLASHCRS.PDF)
Interviewer Manual - PDF format (FRMANUAL.PDF)
Interview Flow Chart - PDF format (NHISFLOW.PDF)
Data Access Instructions - PDF format (README.PDF)
Log of release dates - PDF format (HIS15LOG.PDF)
Co-Sponsor Information - HTML format (.HTM)

The Paradata file has additional documentation describing the data file:
Survey Description - Paradata - PDF format (SRVYDESC_PARADATA.pdf)

The Disability Questions files have additional documentation describing the data file:
Survey Description - Family Disability Questions - PDF format (SRVYDESC_FMLYDISB.pdf)

The Functioning and Disability file, has additional documentation describing the data file:

Survey Description - Functioning and Disability - PDF format (SRVYDESC_FUNCDISB.pdf)

The 2015 NHIS will not be made available on ASCII CD.

NCHS recommends that data users verify the integrity of downloaded files by comparing the checksums of downloaded files to the reference values given below:

2436CBE0F4D75CF0E4E66F64E1C5A464	CANCERXX.DAT
5BDF36836D6E6A6C437DC6C48AD7F62D	FAMILYXX.DAT
ECB87B320B2CB798212A145ED5DFB2C5	FMLYDISB.DAT
EB9CE0E5CAF2CAAED4CE4D7394EDF2ED	FUNCDISB.DAT
47ED514D1E667E405B6DE29BA29A7647	HOUSEHLD.DAT
652D25B50FD6DA6004850CAA69B95236	INJPOIEP.DAT
E25CD9E55BDA6ECA5E82556936349EFD	PARADATA.DAT
6E778F4E5673E34384129FC657719BA2	PERSONSX.DAT
E4B603261614AE296CC09CA20D193F8D	SAMADULT.DAT
BCD45E0C3676AFC69EB037501D2AA556	SAMCHILD.DAT

For more information on MD5 checksums, please refer to the NHIS micro-data reference information document, located at:

ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Datasets/NHIS/checksums.pdf

August 22, 2016 -- Imputed Income Linkage Files and Documentation

(DATA ADDITION TO INTERNET RELEASE)

Data files containing imputed family income and personal earnings figures with dollar amounts top-coded to the 95th percentile were released. The imputed values, file layout, frequency counts for selected variables, technical documentation (including examples of analyses), and sample input SAS and Stata code can be obtained from the NHIS Web site via the Imputed Income Files link under the survey year on the 1997-present NHIS data page which can be reached from:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_2015_data_release.htm

November 2, 2017 - Sample Adult Cancer Files and Documentation

Reissue of public use file: A preliminary version rather than the final version of the 2015 National Health Interview Survey Sample Adult Cancer public use file (PUF) was released on this website. The preliminary file has been recalled and replaced with a final version. The final version suppresses survey variables, collapses multiple variables into a single variable, and collapses response categories in order to meet new guidelines for data dissemination. Analyses of rare events or small subgroups may yield unreliable estimates, as indicated by their large variances.

If you downloaded or created files based on the PUF version released prior to 11/29/2016, please destroy them and use the current version. As a reminder, any attempt to identify survey participants is strictly prohibited.

Analysts interested in working with data that were suppressed or edited to protect confidentiality may apply to access selected unmodified data files through the NCHS Research Data Center (RDC). The RDC is a data enclave established to provide a mechanism whereby researchers can access detailed data files in a secure environment without jeopardizing the confidentiality of survey participants. Information about RDC access options and application procedures is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/rdc/>.

http://www.cdc.gov/NCHS/nhis/nhis_2015_data_release.htm

To obtain the Internet release of the 2015 NHIS data, visit the NHIS home page:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>

and click on:

Questionnaires, Data Sets and Related Documentation

Users are encouraged to join the HISUSERS Listserv and receive E-mail announcements of updates to the NHIS files. To join the Listserv, visit the website at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhis_listserv.htm

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