

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

1. Where can I go for more information about this database?

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/brochure2010January.pdf>

2. What is this database?

The NHIS is a large-scale household interview survey of a statistically representative sample of the U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population. Interviewers visit 35,000–40,000 households across the country and collect data about 75,000–100,000 individuals. To ensure accuracy of the results, interviewers need to reach as many homes selected for the sample as possible. Once selected, respondents cannot be replaced with anyone else. Participation in our survey is greatly appreciated.

3. How is the data collected?

NHIS data on a broad range of health topics are collected through personal household interviews. For over 50 years, the U.S. Census Bureau has been the data collection agent for the National Health Interview Survey. Survey results have been instrumental in providing data to track health status, health care access, and progress toward achieving national health objectives.

4. Who are the patients represented in this database?

Not necessarily patients; Data collected from US households

5. Who are the respondents to the survey?

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6. Latest Data Available?

2010

7. Contact information if questions about the data?

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