

National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS)

Round 1 Public Use Data – Final Release

README FILE

The NHATS R1 Public Use Final Release STATA Zip File contains 6 files (in addition to this README file). Files are described briefly below, with file names shown in **bold**.

STATA DATA FILES

Three STATA data files are included:

NHATS_Round_1_SP_File.dta contains the sample person (SP) and the facility questionnaire (FQ) data (8,245 observations and 1,219 variables).

NHATS_Round_1_OP_File_v2.dta contains other person (OP) data (38,097 observations and 60 variables).

NHATS_Round_1_Tracker_File.dta contains tracking information for all persons sampled for NHATS (12,411 observations and 128 variables).

CODEBOOK FREQUENCIES

Frequencies (and means for many continuous variables) are included:

NHATS_Round_1_SP_Frequencies.pdf

NHATS_Round_1_OP_Frequencies_v2.pdf

NHATS_Round_1_Tracker_Frequencies.pdf

For each variable, the variable name and label is included along with value labels and associated numeric values.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Additional documentation is available on the NHATS website (www.NHATS.org) and includes: the Round 1 Instruments (annotated with variable names and labels), User Guide, Crosswalk between instrument items and codebooks, Crosswalk of changes between the Round 1 Beta release and Round 1 Final release, and various technical papers.

CHANGES TO OP FILE IN FINAL RELEASE, VERSION 2

Several updates have been made to the OP file

- Fixed a coding error in op1dhrsmth
- Recoded op1prsninh to 2 (no) from inapplicable (-1) on cases if proxy respondent other than a spouse (relationship NE to 2) and SP has facility flag set to 1 (n = 59)
- Recoded op1chnotinh to 1 (yes) from inapplicable (-1) if proxy respondent and relationship is 3 or 4 (son or daughter) and SP has facility flag set to 1 (n = 36)
- Fixed data entry error for 2 SPIDs and 4 OPIDs on op1dage and op1dcatgryag

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you have questions or concerns that are not addressed here or in documentation found at www.NHATS.org, please feel free to contact us at NHATSdata@westat.com.