

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

August 2021-August 2023 Data Documentation, Codebook, and Frequencies

Current Health Status (HSQ_L)

Data File: HSQ_L.xpt

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Component Description

The Current Health Status section (variable name prefix HSQ) provides personal interview data on HIV testing.

Eligible Sample

Participants aged 16 years and older in the NHANES August 2021-August 2023 sample were eligible.

Interview Setting and Mode of Administration

The current health status questionnaire was done in the Mobile Examination Center (MEC), by trained interviewers, using the Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) system. It was conducted by a MEC interviewer, during the MEC Interview. For details on the administration of the HSQ, refer to the [NHANES August 2021-August 2023 MEC questionnaires](#) available on the NHANES website.

Quality Assurance & Quality Control

The CAPI system is programmed with built-in consistency checks to reduce data entry errors. CAPI also uses online help screens to assist interviewers in defining key terms used in the questionnaire.

All of the data was reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

Data Processing and Editing

Frequency counts were verified during the preparation of the file.

Analytic Notes

Exam sample weights should be used for analyses. Please refer to the [NHANES Analytic Guidelines](#) and the on-line [NHANES Tutorial](#) for further details on the use of sample weights and other analytic issues.

Codebook and Frequencies

SEQN - Respondent sequence number

Variable Name: SEQN
SAS Label: Respondent sequence number
English Text: Respondent sequence number.
Target: Both males and females 16 YEARS - 150 YEARS

HSQ590 - Blood ever tested for HIV virus?

Variable Name: HSQ590

SAS Label: Blood ever tested for HIV virus?

English Text: Except for tests {you/SP} may have had as part of blood donations,
{have you/has he/has she} ever had {your/his/her} blood tested for
the AIDS virus infection?

Target: Both males and females 16 YEARS - 150 YEARS

| Code or Value | Value Description | Count | Cumulative | Skip to Item |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Yes | 1654 | 1654 | |
| 2 | No | 4087 | 5741 | |
| 7 | Refused | 1 | 5742 | |
| 9 | Don't know | 9 | 5751 | |
| . | Missing | 864 | 6615 | |

