

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

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Hospital Utilization & Access to Care (HUQ_L)

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Component Description

The Hospital Utilization and Access to Care questionnaire (variable name prefix HUQ) provides respondent-level interview data on self-reported health status and access to health care topics.

Eligible Sample

All participants were eligible.

Interview Setting and Mode of Administration

These questions were asked, in the home or by telephone, by trained interviewers using the Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) system. A proxy provided information for survey participants who were under 16 years of age and for individuals who could not answer the questions themselves. The respondent selected the language of interview (English or Spanish) or requested that an interpreter be used.

The questionnaire and information about the interview procedures are 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.

After collection, interview data were reviewed by the NHANES field office staff for accuracy and completeness of selected items. The interviewers were required to audio-record interviews and the recorded interviews were reviewed by NCHS staff and interviewer supervisors.

Data Processing and Editing

The data were reviewed for completeness, consistency, and illogical values.

Analytic Notes

Since the questionnaire was asked during the household interview, the interview sample weights should be used in the analysis. However, if the data is joined with data from the Mobile

Exam Center (MEC), the MEC sample weights should be used. Please refer to the [Analytic Guidelines](#) and the [NHANES Tutorials](#) for 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 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

HUQ010 - General health condition

Variable Name: HUQ010

SAS Label: General health condition

English Text: {First/Next} I have some general questions about {your/SP's} health. Would you say {your/SP's} health in general is . . .

English Instructions: CAPI INSTRUCTION: DISPLAY "FIRST" IF SP AGE IS >= 16 YEARS.

Target: Both males and females 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Excellent,	3078	3078	
2	Very good,	3632	6710	
3	Good,	3508	10218	
4	Fair, or	1388	11606	
5	Poor?	320	11926	
7	Refused	4	11930	
9	Don't know	3	11933	
.	Missing	0	11933	

HUQ030 - Routine place to go for healthcare

Variable Name: HUQ030

SAS Label: Routine place to go for healthcare

English Text: Is there a place that {you/SP} usually {go/goes} when {you are/he/she is} sick or {you/s/he} need{s} advice about {your/his/her} health?

English Instructions: CAPI INSTRUCTION: IF SP AGE < 12, DISPLAY "YOU" IN THE FOURTH DISPLAY AND DON'T DISPLAY THE "S" IN THE FIFTH DISPLAY.

Target: Both males and females 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	10645	10645	
2	There is no place	1221	11866	HUQ055
3	There is more than one place	57	11923	
7	Refused	4	11927	HUQ055
9	Don't know	6	11933	HUQ055
.	Missing	0	11933	

HUQ042 - Type place most often go for healthcare

Variable Name: HUQ042

SAS Label: Type place most often go for healthcare

English Text: {What kind of place is it/ What kind of place {do you/does SP} go to most often} - a doctor's office or health center; an urgent care center or clinic in a drug store or grocery store; an emergency room; a VA Medical Center or VA outpatient clinic; or some other place?
 READ IF NECESSARY: A doctor's office or health center is a place where you see the same doctor or same group of doctors every visit, where you usually need to make an appointment ahead of time, and where your medical records are on file. READ IF NECESSARY: Urgent care centers, and clinics in a drug store or grocery store are places where you do not need to make an appointment ahead of time, and do not usually see the same health care provider.

English Instructions: CAPI INSTRUCTION: IF HUQ030 = 1 DISPLAY "What kind of place is it IF HUQ030 = 3 DISPLAY "What kind of place {do you/does SP} go to most often

Target: Both males and females 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	A doctor's office or health center	8721	8721	
2	Urgent care center or clinic in a drug store or grocery store	1138	9859	
3	Emergency room	465	10324	
4	A VA medical center or VA outpatient clinic	252	10576	
5	Some other place	110	10686	
6	Doesn't go to one place most often	10	10696	
77	Refused	0	10696	
99	Don't know	6	10702	
.	Missing	1231	11933	

HUQ055 - Past 12 months had video conf w/Dr?

Variable Name: HUQ055

SAS Label: Past 12 months had video conf w/Dr?

English Text: In past 12 months, {have you/has SP} had an appointment with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional by video conference or by phone?

Target: Both males and females 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	3567	3567	
2	No	8342	11909	
7	Refused	2	11911	
9	Don't know	22	11933	
.	Missing	0	11933	

HUQ085 - CHECK ITEM

Variable Name: HUQ085

English Instructions: CHECK ITEM HUQ085: IF SP AGE \geq 4, CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, GO TO END OF SECTION.

Target: Both males and females 0 YEARS - 150 YEARS

HUQ090 - Seen mental health professional/past yr

Variable Name: HUQ090

SAS Label: Seen mental health professional/past yr

English Text: During the past 12 months, did {you/SP} receive counseling or therapy from a mental health professional such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or clinical social worker?

Target: Both males and females 4 YEARS - 150 YEARS

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	1644	1644	
2	No	9498	11142	
7	Refused	13	11155	
9	Don't know	14	11169	
.	Missing	764	11933	

