

National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS)
Round 1 Sample Person Sensitive Demographic File
README FILE

The NHATS Round 1 Sample Person Sensitive Demographic SAS Zip File contains 5 files (in addition to this README file). Files are described briefly below, with file names shown in **bold**.

SAS DATA FILES & FORMATS

One SAS data file (version 9.2) is included:

NHATS_Round_1_SP_Sen_Dem_File.sas7bdat contains month and year of birth, age in years, race and primary race if more than one race reported, Hispanic subgroup, periods of service as a veteran, types of cancer, month a marriage ended, and month and year Social Security payments started for NHATS Sample Persons (8,245 observations and 46 variables).

PROC FORMAT statement is provided in: **NHATS_Round_1_SP_Sen_Dem_PROC_FORMAT_Statement.sas**
Users who prefer to disable the formats may use the statement options `nofmterr;`.

ASCII FIXED FORMAT TEXT FILE

One ASCII file is included: **NHATS_Round_1_SP_Sen_Dem_File.txt**

Users may create their own SAS file by reading in the ASCII file with the provided SAS program file:
NHATS_Round_1_SP_Sen_Dem_Read.sas

Each SAS program contains four sections: (1) a section setting up the pre-defined formats, (2) an input statement, which identifies the starting position of each variable in the ASCII file, (3) a section mapping variables to specific formats, and (4) a section that provides descriptive variable labels, which can be mapped back to the instrument. Alternatively, users may adapt these SAS programs as needed to import the ASCII data into other software packages.

CODEBOOK FREQUENCIES

Frequencies (and means for many continuous variables) have been included in:

NHATS_Round_1_SP_Sen_Dem_Frequencies.pdf

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

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Additional documentation is available on the NHATS website (www.NHATS.org) and includes the Round 1 NHATS Instruments (annotated with variable names and labels), NHATS Round 1 Crosswalk between Instruments and Codebook: Final Release.

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.