# DAP 2020 HLES data: Document about Year Variables

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## 1 Introduction

This document provides information about two known issues regarding the DAP 2020 HLES Year variables:

- 1. Out-of-range year values that affect hs\_diagnosis\_year in the HLES Health Conditions data and hs\_initial\_diagnosis\_year in the HLES Cancer Conditions data.
- 2. Instances where the diagnosis year of a health/cancer condition is before the birth year of the dog, which concerns hs\_diagnosis\_year in the HLES Health Conditions data, hs\_initial\_diagnosis\_year in the HLES Cancer Conditions data, and dd\_age\_years in the HLES Dog\_Owner data.

### 2 Out-of-range year values

We have identified instances where the respondent inputted values for the diagnosed year of a condition that are outside of the valid range of 1980-2025 allowed by REDCap (e.g., "07"). In these situations, REDCap simply presents a warning popup to respondents indicating they entered a value that is outside of the suggested range but still allows them to enter it and continue with the survey.

In addition, a minority of participants also specified a diagnosis year that is in the future (i.e., 2021-2025). Given that it doesn't make sense to have a diagnosis year of a health/cancer condition that is in the future, the analysis in this report is based on limiting the year range from 1980 to 2020.

We have not modified these year values and are leaving it up to the researcher to either drop these out of range values or infer and correct them as they see fit.

#### 2.1 HLES Health Conditions

In the 2020 HLES Health Conditions table, there are a total of 76884 records of reported health conditions that have a diagnosis year. Out of these, there are 275 instances where hs\_diagnosis\_year is out of the range of 1980-2020. The summary table below presents the out-of-range values and the number of times they appear in the data for respondents who provided a diagnosis year.

$hs_{-}$	$_{ m diagnosis}$	_year	count
		0	
		1	15
		2	12
		3	2
		4	1
		5	3
		6	10
		7	2
		8	1
		9	2
		10	3
		11	2
		12	3
		13	3
		14	3
		15	6
		16	3
		17	6
		18	18
		19	29
		20	38
		21	1
		29	1
		108	1
		111	2
		112	1
		153	1
		199	1

hs	diagnosis	year	count
	0	200	2
		201	1
		202	3
		207	1
		209	1
		212	1
		218	1
		220	2
		1015	1
		1820	2
		1916	1
		1917	1
		1918	1
		1919	1
		2021	10
		2022	3
		2025	2
		2028	1
		2029	1
		2104	1
		2105	1
		2116 2819	1 1
		2820	3
	6	2020	1
		20014	1
		20020	1
		20108	1
		20111	1
		20123	1
		20183	1
		20184	1
		20188	2
	6	20200	1
	6	22016	1
	6	22020	2
	(	62016	1
	8	82018	1
		82020	1
		)2010	1
		20111	1
		51915	1
		52015	1
		32018	1
		00505	1
		00909	2
		)1414	1
		01616	1
		)1919	2
		02020	1
		20200	1 1
	120	)1111	1

hs_diagnosis_	year count
1202	2016 1
_	0199 1
2014	
2020	
2020	
11121	
16201	
20102	
20111	
20162	
20201	
20202	
22017	
62006	
111111	
180180	
202002	
1620162	
2020202	
2200990	
2201501	-
2011111	
20111111	
2017201702	

### 2.2 HLES Cancer Conditions

In the 2020 HLES Cancer Conditions table, there are a total of 1751 records of reported cancer conditions that have a diagnosis year. Out of these, there are 9 instances where hs\_initial\_diagnosis\_year is out of the range of 1980-2020. The summary table below presents the out-of-range values and the number of times they appear in the data.

hs_initial_diagnosis_year	count
19	1
20	2
2021	1
2025	1
20202	1
90920	1
192019	1
2020200	1

### 3 Diagnosis year before birth year

We have identified instances in the 2020 HLES Health Conditions data and 2020 HLES Cancer Conditions data where the dog owner reported a diagnosis year for a health/cancer condition that is before the reported birth year of the dog. For example, for dog\_id 90161, the reported diagnosed year for the Ear/Nose/Throat condition is 1980, but the birth year for the dog is 2013.

We have not modified these mismatched year values. We are simply documenting this issue and are leaving it up to the researcher to address these records as they see fit.

#### 3.1 HLES Health Conditions

There are 494 records out of a total number of 76884 records in the 2020 HLES Health Conditions table where the dog owner reported a diagnosis year for a health condition that is before the reported birth year of the dog. Note that this is the total number of records after removing records with out-of-range values for the diagnosis year (i.e., records with a diagnosis year before 1980 and after 2020 were removed).

The table below lists the dog\_id, hs\_condition, hs\_diagnosis\_year, birth year (derived from either dd\_birth\_year in HLES\_dog\_owner or calculated by subtracting dd\_age\_years in HLES\_dog\_owner from 2020, the year the form was completed), and the difference between the diagnosis year and birth year for all of the 64 skin condition records where the diagnosis year comes before the birth year. Note that skin conditions start with the number 4 in the hs\_condition column.

difference	birth_year_calculated	hs_diagnosis_year	hs_condition	$\overline{\mathrm{dog\_id}}$
-28	2008	1980	498	41831
-28	2008	1980	498	14015
-14	2009	1995	404	81633
-12	2015	2003	423	40360
-10	2009	1999	406	70684
-10	2010	2000	430	20001
-10	2010	2000	432	20001
-9	2011	2002	432	56738
-9	2012	2003	411	69567
-8	2009	2001	409	46652
-7	2010	2003	426	62396
-7	2014	2007	426	10440
-6	2005	1999	411	77863
-6	2011	2005	406	72786
-6	2014	2008	407	48516
-6	2014	2008	426	48516
-5	2005	2000	410	77863
-5	2005	2000	412	77863
-5	2010	2005	411	61575
-5	2012	2007	406	2591
-4	2007	2003	412	47802
-4	2009	2005	405	43844
-4	2009	2005	498	17405
-4	2010	2006	426	82125
-4	2010	2006	423	77127
-4	2010	2006	432	61575

$\overline{\mathrm{dog\_id}}$	hs_condition	hs_diagnosis_	_year birth	_year_	_calculated	difference
90060	408		2008		2012	-4
90060	412		2008		2012	-4
63687	432		2009		2013	-4
37543	414		2014		2018	-4
49450	414		2003		2006	-3
41068	430		2004		2007	-3
36130	412		2005		2008	-3
66910	408		2005		2008	-3
51744	423		2010		2013	-3
69389	412		2006		2008	-2
87299	411		2008		2010	-2
88383	428		2008		2010	-2
62510	406		2008		2010	-2
45984	498		2010		2012	-2
28684	423		2013		2015	-2
54591	404		2016		2018	-2
54591	498		2016		2018	-2
74760	429		2006		2007	-1
91905	423		2008		2009	-1
91905	426		2008		2009	-1
4886	426		2008		2009	-1
35718	412		2008		2009	-1
8514	415		2008		2009	-1
62491	412		2010		2011	-1
62491	423		2010		2011	-1
62491	426		2010		2011	-1
71133	426		2010		2011	-1
1644	426		2011		2012	-1
75450	406		2012		2013	-1
75417	406		2012		2013	-1
70198	411		2015		2016	-1
27713	410		2015		2016	-1
27713	425		2015		2016	-1
21587	426		2015		2016	-1
63300	430		2016		2017	-1
89501	404		2016		2017	-1
89501	412		2016		2017	-1
49207	498		2017		2018	-1

#### 3.2 HLES Cancer Conditions

There are 8 records out of a total number of 1751 records in the 2020 HLES Cancer Conditions table where the dog owner reported a diagnosis year that is before the reported birth year of the dog. Note that this is the total number of records after removing records with out-of-range values for the diagnosis year (i.e., records with a diagnosis year before 1980 and after 2020 were removed).

The table below lists the dog\_id, hs\_initial\_diagnosis\_year, birth year (derived from either dd\_birth\_year in HLES\_dog\_owner or calculated by subtracting dd\_age\_years in HLES\_dog\_owner from 2020), and the difference between the diagnosis year and birth year for the records in the HLES Cancer Conditions table where the diagnosis year comes before the birth year.

$\overline{\mathrm{dog\_id}}$	hs_initial_diagnosis_year	$birth\_year\_calculated$	difference
90814	2000	2008	-8
37605	2001	2009	-8
54936	2006	2012	-6
36563	2004	2008	-4
42124	2012	2015	-3
85582	2009	2011	-2
71059	2011	2013	-2
1281	2010	2011	-1