

AddHealth

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a nationally representative study (ADD of U.S. adolescents) that explores social and health-related behaviors of adolescents. Initiated under a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) with co-funding from 17 other federal agencies, Add Health is the largest, most comprehensive survey of adolescents ever undertaken in the U.S.

Specific variables from the Wave I public access version of the in-home adolescent interview are being made available to you. The observations represent a nationally representative sample of adolescents in grades 7 through 12 in the US in the 1994–95 school year. Students in each school were stratified by grade and sex. About 17 students were randomly chosen from each stratum so that a total of approximately 200 adolescents were selected from each of the 80 pairs of schools. The public access sample includes 6,504 adolescents.

In-home interviews were conducted between April and December 1995. All data were recorded on laptop computers. For less sensitive topics, the interviewer read the questions aloud and entered the respondent's answers. For more sensitive topics, the respondent listened through earphones to pre-recorded questions and entered the answers directly. In addition to maintaining data security, this minimized the potential for interviewer or parental influence.

Unique Identifier: **AID**

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AddHealth Variables

Variable Names

AID, BIO_SEX, H1GI20, H1GI21, H1RP1, H1RP2, H1RP3, H1RP4, H1RP5, H1RP6, H1PA1, H1PA2, H1PA3, H1PA4, H1PA5, H1PA6, H1PA7, H1SE1, H1SE2, H1SE3, H1SE4, H1FS6, H1FS11, H1FS13, H1FS19, H1RE1, H1RE2, H1RE3, H1RE4, H1RE5, H1RE6, H1RE7, H1GI4, H1GI6A, H1GI6B, H1GI6C, H1GI6D, H1RR1, H1NR1, H1NR2, H1NR3, H1NR5, H1NR6, H1J010, H1FP7, H1FP8, H1SU1, H1SU2

Variables with Descriptions

- AID – unique identifier
- BIO_SEX – what is your sex?
 - BIO_SEX is coded as 1 and 2, where 1 is male and 2 is female, and 6 is unknown
- H1GI20 – what grade are/were you in?
- H1GI21 – why aren't/weren't you going to school?
- H1RP1 – getting pregnant at this time in your life is one of the worst things that could happen to you
- H1RP2 – it wouldn't be all that bad if you got pregnant (or got someone pregnant) at this time in your life
- H1RP3 – if you got the AIDS virus, you would suffer a great deal
- H1RP4 – it would be a big hassle to do the things necessary to completely protect yourself from getting a sexually transmitted disease
- H1RP5 – imagine that sometime soon you were to have sexual intercourse with someone once, but were unable to use any method of birth control for some reason. What is the chance that you (or your partner) would get pregnant?
- H1RP6 – suppose that sometime soon you had sexual intercourse for a whole month, as often as you wanted to, without using any protection. What is the chance that you would get the AIDS virus?
- H1PA1 – how would your mom feel about your having sex at this time in your life?
- H1PA2 – how would your mom feel about your having sexual intercourse with someone who was special to you and whom you knew well – like a steady boyfriend or girlfriend?
- H1PA3 – how would your mom feel about your using birth control at this time in your life?
- H1PA4 – how would your dad feel about your having sex at this time in your life?
- H1PA5 – how would your dad feel about your having sexual intercourse with someone who was special to you and whom you knew well – like a steady boyfriend or girlfriend?
- H1PA6 – how would your dad feel about your using birth control at this time in your life?
- H1PA7 – regardless of whether you have ever had a child, would you consider having a child in the future as an unmarried person?
- H1SE1 – if you wanted to use birth control, how sure are you that you could stop yourself and use birth control once you were highly aroused or turned on?
- H1SE2 – how sure are you that you could plan ahead to have some form of birth control available?
- H1SE3 – how sure are you that you could resist sexual intercourse if your partner did not want to use some form of birth control?

- H1SE4 – compared with other people your age, how intelligent are you?
- H1FS4 - during the past week, you felt that you were just as good as other people
- H1FS5 - during the past week, you had trouble keeping your mind on what you were doing
- H1FS6 - during the past week, you felt depressed
- H1FS11 - during the past week, you were happy
- H1FS13 - during the past week, you felt lonely
- H1FS19 - during the past week, you felt life was not worth living
- H1RE1 – what is your religion?
- H1RE2 – do you agree or disagree that the sacred scriptures of your religion are the word of God and are completely without any mistakes?
- H1RE3 – in the past 12 months, how often did you attend religious services?
- H1RE4 – how important is religion to you?
- H1RE5 – do you think of yourself as a Born-Again Christian?
- H1RE6 – how often do you pray?
- H1RE7 – many churches, synagogues, and other places of worship have special activities for teenagers – such as youth groups, Bible classes, or choir. In the past 12 months, how often did you attend such youth activities?
- H1GI6A – what is your race? White?
- H1GI6B – what is your race? Black or African American?
- H1GI6C – what is your race? American Indian or Native American?
- H1GI6D – what is your race? Asian or Pacific Islander?
- H1RR1 – in the last 18 months, have you had a special romantic relationship with any one?
- H1NR1 – have you ever had a romantic attraction to a female?
- H1NR2 – have you ever had a romantic attraction to a male?
- H1NR3 – have you ever given someone sex in exchange for drugs or money?
- H1NR5 – not counting the people you have described as romantic relationships, have you ever had a sexual relationship with anyone?
- H1NR6 – with how many people in total, including romantic relationship partners, have you ever had a sexual relationship?
- H1FP7 – have you ever been pregnant?
- H1FP8 – how many times have you been pregnant?
- H1SU1 – during the past 12 months, did you ever seriously think about committing suicide?
- H1SU2 – during the past 12 months, did you ever commit suicide?

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
IMPORTANT: See NOTE at beginning of codebook.				
20.	What grade {ARE/WERE} you in? <i>[If school doesn't have grade levels of this kind, enter "99."]</i>		H1GI20	num 2
979	7	seventh grade		
992	8	eighth grade		
1107	9	ninth grade		
1144	10	tenth grade		
1122	11	eleventh grade		
993	12	twelfth grade		
1	96	refused		
128	97	legitimate skip <i>[not in school]</i>		
3	98	don't know		
35	99	school doesn't have grade levels of this kind or not applicable		
<i>Skip to the next section.</i>				
21.	Why {AREN'T/WEREN'T} you going to school?		H1GI21	num 2
11	1	suspended/expelled		
42	2	dropped out		
7	3	sick/injured/on leave		
33	4	graduated		
5	5	<i>If R is female, add:</i> pregnant		
27	6	other		
1	96	refused		
6376	97	legitimate skip <i>[in school]</i>		
2	98	don't know		

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Section 8: Pregnancy, AIDS, and STD Risk Perceptions

Section 8 is administered only to respondents who are at least 15 years old. They are asked to estimate their risks of pregnancy, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases.

[Hand R show card 5.] The next questions ask about your thoughts on pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and AIDS. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

<i>This section is administered if AGE ≥ 15.</i>				
1. Getting (If R is male, add: someone) pregnant at this time in your life is one of the worst things that could happen to you.			H1RP1	num 1
2165	1	strongly agree		
1112	2	agree		
356	3	neither agree nor disagree		
253	4	disagree		
91	5	strongly disagree		
8	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip <i>[age <15 or unknown]</i>		
29	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
2. It wouldn't be all that bad if you got (If R is male, add: someone) pregnant at this time in your life.			H1RP2	num 1
94	1	strongly agree		
312	2	agree		
403	3	neither agree nor disagree		
1435	4	disagree		
2183	5	strongly disagree		
7	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip <i>[age <15 or unknown]</i>		
30	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
3. If you got the AIDS virus, you would suffer a great deal.			H1RP3	num 1

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
2788	1	strongly agree		
1065	2	agree		
339	3	neither agree nor disagree		
157	4	disagree		
78	5	strongly disagree		
6	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip [<i>age <15 or unknown</i>]		
32	8	don't know		
4. It would be a big hassle to do the things necessary to completely protect yourself from getting a sexually transmitted disease.			H1RP4	num 1
346	1	strongly agree		
464	2	agree		
321	3	neither agree nor disagree		
1392	4	disagree		
1882	5	strongly disagree		
5	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip [<i>age <15 or unknown</i>]		
54	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
[Hand R show card 6.] These are the possible answers for the next 2 questions.				
5. Imagine that sometime soon you were to have sexual intercourse with someone just once, but were unable to use any method of birth control for some reason. What is the chance that you would get (<i>If R is male, add: your partner</i>) pregnant?			H1RP5	num 1
294	1	almost no chance		
553	2	some chance, but probably not		
1930	3	a 50-50 chance		
1218	4	a good chance		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/ Length
398	5	almost certain		
8	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip [<i>age <15 or unknown</i>]		
63	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
6. Suppose that sometime soon you had sexual intercourse for a whole month, as often as you wanted to, without using any protection. What is the chance that you would get the AIDS virus?			H1RP6	num 1
314	1	almost no chance		
564	2	some chance, but probably not		
1069	3	a 50-50 chance		
1552	4	a good chance		
891	5	almost certain		
10	6	refused		
2039	7	legitimate skip [<i>age <15 or unknown</i>]		
63	8	don't know		
2	9	not applicable		

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Section 34: Parents' Attitudes

Section 34 asks respondents to describe their parents' attitudes towards their sexual activity and use of contraception. If a respondent has not had sexual intercourse, the questions are hypothetical. Section is skipped if currently married.

Parents often have certain feelings toward their child's sexual activity. The next few questions ask how you think your parents would feel toward your sexual activity.

[Hand show card 18.]

Regardless of whether you have done these things or not, how would your mother feel about each of the following things? (If MOM ≠ "biological mother," add: I mean, the mother you live with.)				
If MOM, ask Q.1-3.				
1.	How would she feel about your having sex at this time in your life?		H1PA1	num 1
3359	1	strongly disapprove		
1514	2	disapprove		
971	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
164	4	approve		
38	5	strongly approve		
26	6	refused		
381	7	legitimate skip [no resident MOM or married]		
50	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
2.	How would she feel about your having sexual intercourse with someone who was special to you and whom you knew well—like a steady {GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND}?		H1PA2	num 1
2642	1	strongly disapprove		
1560	2	disapprove		
1253	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
502	4	approve		
84	5	strongly approve		
27	6	refused		
381	7	legitimate skip [no resident MOM or married]		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
54	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
3. How would she feel about your using birth control at this time in your life?			H1PA3	num 1
1805	1	strongly disapprove		
881	2	disapprove		
1003	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
1148	4	approve		
1186	5	strongly approve		
29	6	refused		
381	7	legitimate skip <i>[no resident MOM or married]</i>		
70	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
Regardless of whether you have done these things or not, how would your father feel about each of the following things? (If DAD ≠ "biological father," add: I mean, the father you live with.) How would he feel about:				
IMPORTANT: See NOTE at beginning of code book.				
If DAD, ask Q.4-6.				
4. How would he feel about your having sex at this time in your life?			H1PA4	num 1
2583	1	strongly disapprove		
876	2	disapprove		
623	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
137	4	approve		
26	5	strongly approve		
20	6	refused		
2198	7	legitimate skip <i>[no resident DAD or married]</i>		
39	8	don't know		
2	9	not applicable		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
5. How would he feel about your having sexual intercourse with someone who was special to you and whom you knew well—like a steady {GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND}?			H1PA5	num 1
2263	1	strongly disapprove		
952	2	disapprove		
730	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
255	4	approve		
48	5	strongly approve		
19	6	refused		
2198	7	legitimate skip <i>[no resident DAD or married]</i>		
37	8	don't know		
2	9	not applicable		
6. How would he feel about your using birth control at this time in your life?			H1PA6	num 1
1597	1	strongly disapprove		
569	2	disapprove		
764	3	neither disapprove nor approve		
620	4	approve		
683	5	strongly approve		
19	6	refused		
2198	7	legitimate skip <i>[no resident DAD or married]</i>		
52	8	don't know		
2	9	not applicable		
7. Regardless of whether you have ever had a child, would you consider having a child in the future as an unmarried person?			H1PA7	num 1
4957	0	no		
1432	1	yes		
24	6	refused		
33	7	legitimate skip <i>[currently married]</i>		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/ Length
57	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		

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Section 9: Self Efficacy

In Section 9, respondents are asked to estimate how well they can control their behavior and to rate their intelligence. Only respondents who are at least 15 years old are asked about their ability to take health-protective measures.

If AGE ≥ 15, ask Q.1-3.				
1. [Hand R show card 7.] If you wanted to use birth control, how sure are you that you could stop yourself and use birth control once you were highly aroused or turned on?			H1SE1	num 2
7006	1	very sure		
3069	2	moderately sure		
2748	3	neither sure nor unsure		
678	4	moderately unsure		
724	5	very unsure		
452	6	I never want to use birth control.		
89	96	refused		
5676	97	legitimate skip		
299	98	don't know		
5	99	not applicable		
2. How sure are you that you could plan ahead to have some form of birth control available?			H1SE2	num 2
8890	1	very sure		
3314	2	moderately sure		
1487	3	neither sure nor unsure		
361	4	moderately unsure		
383	5	very unsure		
346	6	I never want to use birth control.		
68	96	refused		
5676	97	legitimate skip		
216	98	don't know		
5	99	not applicable		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/ Length
3. How sure are you that you could resist sexual intercourse if your partner did not want to use some form of birth control?			H1SE3	num 2
8191	1	very sure		
2665	2	moderately sure		
2234	3	neither sure nor unsure		
706	4	moderately unsure		
772	5	very unsure		
221	6	I never want to use birth control.		
60	96	refused		
5676	97	legitimate skip		
216	98	don't know		
5	99	not applicable		
4. <i>[Hand R show card 8.]</i> Compared with other people your age, how intelligent are you?			H1SE4	num 2
271	1	moderately below average		
1022	2	slightly below average		
8214	3	about average		
4459	4	slightly above average		
5331	5	moderately above average		
1348	6	extremely above average		
31	96	refused		
70	98	don't know		

6. You felt depressed.			H1FS6	num 1
3994	0	never or rarely		
1853	1	sometimes		
444	2	a lot of the time		
193	3	most of the time or all of the time		
8	6	refused		
12	8	don't know		

11. You were happy			H1FS11	num 1
172	0	never or rarely		
1230	1	sometimes		
2690	2	a lot of the time		
2397	3	most of the time or all of the time		
6	6	refused		
9	8	don't know		

13. You felt lonely.			H1FS13	num 1
4157	0	never or rarely		
1787	1	sometimes		
401	2	a lot of the time		
140	3	most of the time or all of the time		
7	6	refused		
12	8	don't know		

19. You felt life was not worth living.			H1FS19	num 1
5728	0	never or rarely		
545	1	sometimes		
149	2	a lot of the time		
63	3	most of the time or all of the time		
7	6	refused		
12	8	don't know		

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Section 37: Religion

Section 37 is about the extent to which his religion influences the respondent's life. A respondent who reports that he has no religion is skipped out of the section.

In this questions that follow we will discuss your religious background.

IMPORTANT: See NOTE at beginning of code book.				
1. What is your religion?			H1RE1	num 2
751	0	none <i>[skip to the next section]</i>		
27	1	Adventist*		
64	2	AME, AME Zion, CME*		
59	3	Assemblies of God*		
1590	4	Baptist*		
569	5	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*		
9	6	Christian Science		
25	7	Congregational*		
95	8	Episcopal*		
8	9	Friends/Quaker		
67	10	Holiness*		
80	11	Jehovah's Witness*		
80	12	Latter Day Saints (Mormon)*		
236	13	Lutheran*		
370	14	Methodist*		
2	15	National Baptist*		
192	16	Pentecostal*		
134	17	Presbyterian*		
17	18	United Church of Christ*		
216	19	other Protestant*		
1	20	Baha'i		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
27	21	Buddhist		
1448	22	Catholic		
22	23	Eastern Orthodox		
5	24	Hindu		
25	25	Islam, Moslem, Muslim		
54	26	Jewish—Conservative, Reformed, Orthodox, or Reconstructionist		
10	27	Unitarian		
182	28	other religion		
25	96	refused <i>[skip to the next section]</i>		
111	98	don't know <i>[skip to the next section]</i>		
3	99	not applicable <i>[skip to the next section]</i>		
2. Do you agree or disagree that the sacred scriptures of your religion are the word of God and are completely without any mistakes?			H1RE2	num 1
4138	1	agree		
1105	2	disagree		
119	3	Religion doesn't have sacred scriptures.		
26	6	refused		
879	7	legitimate skip <i>[no religion]</i>		
237	8	don't know		
3. In the past 12 months, how often did you attend religious services?			H1RE3	num 1
2567	1	once a week or more		
1274	2	once a month or more, but less than once a week		
1105	3	less than once a month		
664	4	never		
8	6	refused		
879	7	legitimate skip <i>[no religion]</i>		
7	8	don't know		
4. How important is religion to you?			H1RE4	num 1

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/Length
2812	1	very important		
2218	2	fairly important		
391	3	fairly unimportant		
193	4	not important at all		
3	6	refused		
879	7	legitimate skip <i>[no religion]</i>		
8	8	don't know		
5. <i>If Q.1 = one of the starred answers, ask Q.5.</i> Do you think of yourself as a Born-Again Christian?			H1RE5	num 1
1918	0	no		
1784	1	yes		
11	6	refused		
2681	7	legitimate skip <i>[not a starred answer from Q.1]</i>		
109	8	don't know		
1	9	not applicable		
6. How often do you pray?			H1RE6	num 1
2722	1	at least once a day		
1370	2	at least once a week		
586	3	at least once a month		
496	4	less than once a month		
440	5	never		
6	6	refused		
879	7	legitimate skip <i>[no religion]</i>		
5	8	don't know		
7. Many churches, synagogues, and other places of worship have special activities for teenagers—such as youth groups, Bible classes, or choir. In the past 12 months, how often did you attend such youth activities?			H1RE7	num 1
1403	1	once a week or more		

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/ Length
926	2	once a month or more, but less than once a week		
862	3	less than once a month		
2421	4	never		
6	6	refused		
879	7	legitimate skip [<i>no religion</i>]		
7	8	don't know		

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4. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?			num 1
5738	0	no <i>[skip to Q.6]</i>	

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Frequency	Code	Response	Variable Name	Type/ Length
743	1	yes		
3	6	refused <i>[skip to Q.6]</i>		
20	8	don't know <i>[skip to Q.6]</i>		

6. What is your race? You may give more than one answer.			
White			H1GI6A
num 1			
2191	0	not marked	
4294	1	marked	
4	6	refused	
15	8	don't know	
Black or African American			H1GI6B
num 1			
4866	0	not marked	
1619	1	marked	
4	6	refused	
15	8	don't know	
American Indian or Native American			H1GI6C
num 1			
6249	0	not marked	
236	1	marked	
4	6	refused	
15	8	don't know	
Asian or Pacific Islander			H1GI6D
num 1			
6215	0	not marked <i>[skip to Q.8]</i>	
270	1	marked <i>[If "Asian or Pacific Islander" is among R's answers, ask Q.7]</i>	
4	6	refused <i>[skip to Q.8]</i>	
15	8	don't know <i>[skip to Q.8]</i>	
Other			H1GI6E
num 1			