

# NHIS CODEBOOK

## DATA DESCRIPTION

The data were collected across the year 2021 as National Health Survey Data. The survey is cross-sectional and conducted each year via interviews with one representative of a randomly selected household across all 50 states. The data provides information on the overall health status of U.S. citizens. Interviews are conducted in person. This codebook represents the data from 29,482 respondents.

Universal codes for the set include the following :

NA refers to missing data

VARIABLE CODE	VARIABLE TYPE	MEANING	Variable Summary		
			LABELS	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
SURVEY ID	Character	Unique identification code created for each survey response		29482	100
REGION	Character	Region is broken into four regions: Northeast, Midwest, South, West	Northeast Midwest South West	4775 6327 10731 7649	16.2 21.5 36.5 25.9
MONTH	Factor	Corresponds to the month of the year 2021 when the interview was conducted	January February March April May June July August September October November December	2475 2437 2612 2301 2253 2234 2645 2583 2376 2649 2510 2097	8.4 8.3 8.9 7.8 7.6 7.6 9 8.8 8.1 9 8.5 8.2
AGE RANGE	Integer	Describes respondents age where 18-85 corresponds to their real age where 85 is 85 and older, 98 is NA, 99 is "Don't know". Ages are summarized in buckets here for ease.	18 -24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85 85+ NA Missing Data	1828 4358 4741 4301 5291 5016 2829 1032 86	6.2 14.7 16.2 29 32.4 31.2 8.6 3.5 0.3

HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL	Factor	The highest level of education received by person doing survey	1 1st-11th Grade	2069	7
			2 12th, Non Graduate	464	1.6
			3 GED	645	2.2
			4 High School Diploma	6606	22.4
			5 Some college, no degree	4435	15.1
			6 AA-training program	1126	3.8
			7 AA-Academic Associate	2566	8.7
			8 Bachelor's Degree	6968	23.6
			9 Master's Degree	3284	11.1
			10 Phd or Doctorate	1149	3.9
		NA	Missing Data	152	0.5
HEALTH STATUS	Factor	How respondents qualify their overall health status	1 Excellent	6657	22.6
			2 Very Good	10105	34.3
			3 Good	8350	28.3
			4 Fair	3353	11.4
			5 Poor	1004	3.4
		NA	Missing Data	13	0.0
MENTAL HEALTH MEDICATIONS	Factor	Answer to a question asking whether or not survey respondent took any medications for their mental health	1 Yes	580	2.0
			2 No	23592	80.0
		NA	Missing Data	5310	18
PROPERTY STATUS	Factor	Are respondents owning or renting their property.	1 Owned or Being Bought	19384	65.7
			2 Rented	8289	28.1
			3 Something Else	581	2.0
		NA	Missing Data	1228	4.2
HOUSEHOLD INCOME IMPUTATION	Integer	Indicates that the survey used a formula to calculate household income	1 Imputation 1	29482	100.0
		calculate household income .Ranges from 1-10 for different formulas used			0.0
FAMILY POVERTY RATIO	Integer	Using number of family members to calculate what the poverty level would be for the household.	1-10.99	27485	93.2
			<11	1197	6.8
FAMILY INCOME TO POVERTY THRESHOLD	INTEGER	Calculation based on 2020 poverty threshold using the household income	1 0.00 - 0.49	756	2.6
			2 0.50 - 0.74	835	2.8
			3 0.75 - 0.99	1304	4.4
			4 1.00 - 1.24	1148	3.9
			5 1.25 - 1.49	1509	5.1
			6 1.50 - 1.74	1115	3.8
			7 1.75 - 1.99	1355	4.6
			8 2.00 - 2.49	2419	8.2
			9 2.50 - 2.99	2370	8.0

10 3.00 - 3.49	1885	6.4
11 3.50 - 3.99	1854	6.3
12 4.00 - 4.49	1859	6.3
13 4.50 - 4.99	1571	5.3
14 5.00 or greater	9502	32.3
98 NA	0	0.0