

Documentation of Final Disposition Codes in MIDUS 3 Project 7 (REW)

This documentation accompanies a dataset that contains final disposition codes for all 2,239 individuals who were fielded for the Retention Early Warning (REW) project. The dataset is named M3_P7_DispositionCodes_N2239_20210802.sav.

The REW project was an attempt to convert all living cases who had dropped out of the MIDUS Survey at M2 or M3 by conducting an in-person (Computer Assisted Personal Interview or CAPI) interview with respondents.

The primary eligibility for the fielded REW sample was whether a respondent had dropped out of the study at either M2 or M3. Additional criteria screened out of the fielded sample the following cases:

1. Respondent was deceased at time of fielding.
2. Respondent had withdrawn from the study.
3. Respondent had been coded as physically/mentally unable to continue with the study.
4. Respondent was a member of the Sibling sample.

The REW sample consisted of 2,239 eligible individuals who were fielded for the survey. Of these, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) was able to collect complete interview data from 651 respondents, corresponding to an 32% response rate when adjusted for mortality. The remaining individuals did not participate in REW for the reasons detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. REW Disposition Codes

	Count
Completed REW interview	651
Deceased ¹	186
Refusal	462
Physically/mentally unable to complete	32
Unable to interview	903
Withdrew from study/Out of sample	5
TOTAL	2,239

The final disposition code dataset can be merged with other MIDUS Core sample datasets via the M2ID variable.

¹ Mortality closeout interviews and tracing were conducted throughout the REW fielding period. It is possible for a case to have completed the interview and later be classified as deceased. More detailed information can be found in the latest MIDUS Core mortality dataset and documentation.