

**README file for Public Data Release**  
**MIDUS 3 Milwaukee Survey**  
**Followup of 2005 Milwaukee Baseline Sample**  
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The purpose of this memo is to provide basic information about the public release of the MIDUS 3 Milwaukee Project 1 dataset and documentation being made available to MIDUS investigators via LINUS. The M3 Milwaukee data were collected between June, 2016 and March, 2017, and followed completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of survey data that was collected on the national sample (MIDUS 3) in 2014. This project is also called Milwaukee 2 (abbreviated MKE2) because it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of survey data collected from the original MIDUS 2 Milwaukee sample (abbreviated MKE1) first fielded in 2005.

**A. What Data Files Are Available?**

All MKE2 data files is available in SPSS, Stata, and SAS formats.  
The MIDUS Milwaukee 2 dataset for preliminary release is called:  
*M3\_MKE\_SURVEY\_N389\_20180604*

A supplementary dataset contains coded responses to open-ended and text questions from the Interview and SAQ instruments:  
*M3\_MKE\_CodedTextData\_N365\_20180507*

**B. What is the Structure of the Milwaukee 2 Datasets?**

The survey data are contained in a rectangular SPSS dataset (SAS and Stata versions are also available) with 389 cases and 2,409 variables from the in-person interview and self-administered questionnaire (SAQ). Variables have been named according to the M3 and MR naming conventions. All variables include labels to aid interpretation. Value labels have been applied where appropriate and discrete missing values have been defined. Details about variable naming, labelling, and formatting can be found in the naming conventions document.

*MR\_M3\_NamingAndCodingConventions\_20180625*

The text dataset includes 365 cases (those whose data contained text responses) and 116 variables. Details about the procedures and coding of the text dataset can be found here:  
*M3\_MKE\_DocumentationOfCodedTextData\_20180625*

**C. Other important information**

Codebook. A DDI-created codebook of the survey dataset is available:  
*M3\_MKE\_DDICodebook\_20171229.pdf*

Field Report. A complete report about the fielding of the Survey and Cognitive data collection projects conducted by the University of Wisconsin Survey Center is available. It contains information on procedures, dates, and response rates.  
*M3\_MKE\_FinalFieldReport\_20180102*

IDs. The MIDUS Milwaukee 2 dataset uses the longitudinal M2ID subject identifier variables

which allows all publicly-available MIDUS datasets to be merged or linked at the case level.

Other MIDUS project data. Respondents to the Milwaukee 2 survey also have the opportunity to participate in other M3 data collection projects (Cognitive, Daily Diary, Biomarker, and Neuroscience). Once collected and reviewed, these other datasets will eventually be available via ICPSR and the MIDUS Portal.

Age. Milwaukee 2 participants' ages ranged from 44 to 94 and were calculated by subtracting birthdate from interview date and rounding the result down (age as of last birthday).

Constructed scales. A variety of psycho-social scales and constructed variables are included in the dataset. These variables are documented in the following file:

*M3\_MKE\_DocumentationOfPsychosocialConstructsAndCompositeVariables\_20180625*

Roster variables. Original household roster variables in the phone dataset have been transposed so that each individual in the household is represented in the aggregate dataset by a series of variables instead of being indexed by a single variable. There are 19 series of these variables (corresponding to each of 19 potential household members).

Occupation and industry variables. The University of Wisconsin Survey Center created coded Occupation and Industry variables using the Census 2010 Alphabetic Index of Industry and Occupation. These codes were derived from verbatim responses to a series of open-ended questions about respondent's career(s). These constructed variables replace the original occupation measures administered in the phone interview.

New variables in MKE2. A new set of questions regarding childhood and race were introduced to the SAQ. These variables are found in CASD3A through CASD7J.

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