



## **README file for Public Update MIDUS Refresher 1 Milwaukee Survey Data (April, 2025)**

**\*\*\* It is important to read through this document carefully \*\*\*  
\*\*\* prior to using the revised data and documentations. \*\*\***

This document outlines a number of revisions, improvements, and updates that have been made to the MIDUS Refresher 1 Milwaukee survey (MKER1) data and since its original publication at ICPSR in 2017.

Note: The revised data and documentations are intended to REPLACE all the files associated with previous releases of the MKER1 data and documentations.

### **A. Changes to Datasets**

- a. An updated MKER1 survey dataset contains all responses to the CAPI interview and Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ). It is a rectangular data file with 507 cases and 2,455 variables:  
*MR1\_MKE\_SURVEY\_N507\_20250407.sav*
- b. A supplementary dataset contains coded responses to text and open-ended questions from the CAPI interview and SAQ instruments was also updated.  
*MR1\_MKE\_P1\_CodedTextData\_N481\_20200124.sav*

### **B. Revisions in the Updated MR1 Milwaukee Survey Datasets**

- a. A new occupation variable (RAACSOC) for respondent's current occupation was added. This new variable is based on Standard Occupation Classification system.
- b. A number of income/dollar variables were top-coded according to new standards that are being phased in across MIDUS survey datasets.
  - The following variables had ceilings set at \$300,000: RAACAA2I1 RAACAA2J1 RAACAA2K1 RAACAA2L2 RAACGS20A RAACGS21B RAACGS25B RAACGS25C RAACGS25D;
  - The following variables had ceilings set at \$50,000: RAACGS12 RAACGS25E RAACGS25F RAACGS25G RAACGS25H RAACGS25I;

- The following variables had ceilings set at \$1,000,000: RAACGS13A RAACGS14A RAACGS15A RAACGS16A RAACGS18B RAACGS25A
  - The following variables had ceilings set at \$2,000,000: RAACGS17A RAACGS19A RAACGS22A;
  - The following variables had ceilings set at \$10,000,000: RAACGS18A.
- c. Corrected variable name for RAACIADL, changed to RAACMADL (Intermediate Activity of Daily Living).
  - d. Reconstructed chronic condition variables RAACCHRON and RAACCHROX. MR1 added new conditions from A11ee to A11mm, previously constructed RAACCHRON and RAACCHROX only counted items A11a to A11dd. The updated variables reflect the number of conditions bases on responses from all conditions A11a to A11mm.
  - e. Updated variables RAACGS24A and RAACSG24B. When RAACGS24 was split into A and B in the cleaning process, it was mistakenly put left over as debt and debt as left over. This mistake was corrected in the updated dataset.
  - f. The variable labels and value labels for many MKER1 variables have been updated in our effort to synchronizing the data across waves and to provide more descriptive information in labels.

### **C. Changes in Status of Cases**

- a. One case (MRID=31347) was removed from both survey and text datasets – the respondent was mistakenly recruited for MKER1 after having been previously recruited in the MIDUS 2 Milwaukee sample.

### **D. Updated MR1 Documentation**

- a. Field report. This is the original field report, no change to this file.  
*MR1\_MKE\_P1\_FieldReport\_FULL\_20140217*
- b. Constructed scales. A variety of psycho-social scales and constructed variables are included in the dataset. These variables are comparable to the constructed scales in other MIDUS survey datasets and their construction and background are documented in the following file:  
*MR1\_MKE\_P1\_DocumentationOfPsychosocialConstructsAndCompositeVariables\_20250410*
- c. Coded text. Documentation regarding the verbatim text coding that is updated to reflect the M3RE effort is available in this file:  
*MR1\_MKE\_P1\_DocumentationOfCodedTextData\_20250331*

- d. Naming and Coding Conventions. Variables have been named according to the MIDUS 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 data structure and metadata can be found in the conventions document:

*MR1\_M3\_NamingAndCodingConventions\_20250409*

## **E. ID System**

Respondent ID. The MR1 dataset uses the MRID variable to identify individual respondents. This variable can be used to merge any MIDUS datasets derived from the Refresher sample datasets.

## **F. Online Data Portal**

An interactive online data and metadata portal is available that includes concordance information and a variable crosswalk for the MIDUS survey variables. Custom MIDUS datasets can be downloaded, along with DDI codebooks (in both XML and PDF formats), from among all MIDUS-related projects. The searchable MIDUS portal also includes documentation and information from other MIDUS datasets and projects:

<http://midus.colectica.org/>

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