

Documentation of Final Disposition in MIDUS Refresher 2 Survey Project

This documentation accompanies a dataset that contains final MR2 (MIDUS Refresher 2) disposition codes for all 3,577 individuals who participated in the MR1 (MIDUS Refresher 1) baseline survey.

Funded by the National Institute on Aging, MIDUS Refresher 2 was a longitudinal followup survey of those respondents who completed the MR1 survey. Eligibility for the fielded MR2 sample was determined via multiple criteria. The following individuals were screened out of the MR2 sample:

1. Respondent deceased at time of MR2 fielding.
2. Respondent withdrew from the study by the time of MR2 fielding.

As a result, the fielded MR2 consisted of 3,247 individuals¹. Of these, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) was able to collect complete Phone interview data from 2,154 respondents, corresponding to a 68% adjusted response rate. The remaining individuals did not participate in MR2 for the reasons detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. MR2 Phone Disposition Codes

	Count
Completed M3 Phone interview	2,154
Deceased ²	60
Refusal	193
Physically/mentally unable to participate	14
Unable to interview	300
Non-working number	519
Withdrew from study/Out of sample	7
Not fielded	330
TOTAL	3,577

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

¹ For more detailed information about the MR2 fielding protocol, please see the MR2_P1_FieldReport_20250923.docx

² Mortality closeout interviews and tracing were conducted throughout the UWSC fielding period, which included SAQ and Cognitive telephone interviews, so it is possible for a case to complete the phone survey and later be classified as deceased. More detailed information can be found in the latest MIDUS mortality dataset and documentation on the MIDUS portal (<https://midus.colectica.org>).