



**README file for Public Update
MIDUS 3 Milwaukee Survey
Follow-up of 2005 Milwaukee Baseline Sample
(November 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 3 Milwaukee (MKE2) Survey dataset and documentations since their last publication at ICPSR in 2018.

NOTE: Milwaukee survey was introduced in MIDUS 2. At MIDUS 3, the first follow-up (second wave) survey was conducted. Therefore, this project is referred as MIDUS 3 Milwaukee or MKE2.

1. What data files are available?

- a. An updated MKE2 survey dataset contains all responses to the in-person interview (CAPI) and self-administered questionnaire (SAQ). It is a rectangular data file with 389 cases and 2,411 variables:
M3_MKE_SURVEY_N389_20251029.sav
- b. Two additional updated datasets accompany this release:
M3_MKE_CodedTextData_N365_20200124 – this dataset contains coded open-ended text variables from the CAPI and SAQ
M3_MKE_DISPOSITION_N592_20210706 – this dataset provides final disposition or outcome codes to the M3 Milwaukee survey interview effort.

2. Revisions in the Updated Datasets

- a. The age (CACRAGE) and birth year (CACBYEAR) variables have been updated with new versions (CACRAGE_2018 and CACBYEAR_2018, respectively). Both the previous and updated versions of these variables are included in the updated MKE2 dataset. Two new variables (MKE2AGE_FLAG, MKE2BYEAR_FLAG) summarize the small number of cases that experienced a change in age or birth year.

- b. Four cases who previously did not have SAQ data now do. These individuals participated in Biomarker Project at UW-Madison and were asked to complete the Survey Project SAQ at that time. The affected individual's M2ID are: 13792, 13870, 18017, and 19084.
- c. Corrected variable name for C1SIADL, changed to C1SMADL (Intermediate Activity of Daily Living).
- d. Reconstructed chronic condition variables CACCHRON and CACCHROX. For the inconsistent responses when R checked some conditions for items CACAS11A to CACAS11MM and also check C1S11NN (none of the above), we reconstructed total number of conditions variables based on responses from CACAS11A to CACAS11MM.
- e. Standard Occupation Classification codes (SOC) were added for respondent's current occupation (CACSOC).
- f. Updated variables CACGS24A and CACSG24B. When CACGS24 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.
- g. The variable labels and value labels for many MKE2 variables have been updated in our effort to synchronize the data across waves and to provide more descriptive information in labels.

3. What additional files are available?

Survey Instruments. The complete MKE2 CAPI and SAQ instruments are available:

M3_MKE_CAPI_20171214

M3_MKE_SAQ_20171205

Documentations. Additional documentations about the survey variables and administration:

- Field Report. This is the original field report, no change to this file.
M3_MKE_FinalFieldReport_20180102
- Constructed Scales. A variety of psycho-social scales and constructed variables are included in the dataset. These include data from the newly added SAQs. These variables are comparable to the constructed scales in other MIDUS survey datasets and their construction and background are documented in the following file:
M3_MKE_DocumentationOfPsychosocialConstructsAndCompositeVariables_20251031
- Coded Text Documentation. Documentation regarding the verbatim text coding that is updated to reflect the M3RE effort is available in this file:
M3_MKE_DocumentationOfCodedTextData_20251031
- 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_20251030

- **Disposition Codes.** Details of the final MKE2 disposition codes are available here:
M3_MKE_DocumentationOfInterviewDisposition_20251031

4. ID System

Respondent ID. The MKE2 dataset uses the M2ID variable to identify individual respondents. This variable can be used to merge any MIDUS datasets derived from the original longitudinal sample.

5. 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 documentations and information from other MIDUS datasets and projects:

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

Please report any errors or inconsistencies you find in the data or documentation to

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