

Documentation of Final Disposition in MIDUS 3

This documentation accompanies a dataset that contains final M3 (MIDUS 3) disposition codes for all 7,108 individuals who participated in the M1 baseline survey.

Funded by the National Institute on Aging, MIDUS 3 was a longitudinal followup survey of those respondents who completed the M2 survey. Eligibility for the fielded M3 sample was determined via multiple criteria. The following individuals were screened out of the M3 sample:

1. Respondent did not complete M2 Phone survey.
2. Respondent deceased at time of M3 fielding.
3. Respondent withdrew from the study or was otherwise physically/mentally unable to complete the M2 survey.

As a result, the fielded M3 consisted of 4,686 individuals¹. Of these, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) was able to collect complete Phone interview data from 3,294 respondents, corresponding to a 77% response rate when adjusted for deaths or ineligibility. The remaining individuals did not participate in M3 for the reasons detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. M3 Phone Disposition Codes

	Count
Completed M3 Phone interview	3,294
Deceased ²	286
Refusal	364
Physically/mentally unable to complete	96
Unable to interview	367
Non-working number	248
Withdrew from study/Out of sample	23
Not fielded	2,430
TOTAL	7,108

The final disposition code dataset can be merged (via M2ID) with other MIDUS datasets.

¹ For more detailed information about the M3 fielding protocol, please see M3_P1_FieldReport_20150703.docx

² Mortality closeout interviews and tracing were conducted throughout the UWSC fielding period, which included SAQ and BTACT 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.