

# **README file for Public Update MIDUS 2 Milwaukee Survey Data**

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

This document outlines a number of revisions, improvements, and updates that have been made to the MIDUS 2 Milwaukee (MKE1) survey data since the last version published in 2008.

Note: The revised data and documentation are intended to REPLACE all the files associated with previous releases of the MKE1 data and documentation.

## **A. Changes to Datasets**

- a. Updated: The MKE1 dataset has been updated to reflect a number of fixes and improvements. The MKE1 dataset is a rectangular dataset comprised of Phone interview and Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ) data for 592 cases that includes 2,265 variables.

**The updated dataset: *M2\_MKE1\_SURVEY\_N592\_20230417***

- b. New: A supplementary dataset contains coded responses to text and open-ended questions from the interview and SAQ instruments.

**The new dataset: *M2\_MKE1\_CodedTextData\_N479\_20200124*** (For details, see *M2\_MKE1\_DocumentationOfCodedTextData\_20230419*)

## **B. Revisions in the Updated MKE1 Data**

- a. The age (BACRAGE) and birth year (BACBYR) variables have been updated with new versions (BACRAGE\_2018 and BACBYEAR\_2018, respectively). Both the previous and updated versions of these variables are included in the updated MKE1 dataset while BACBYR has been renamed to BACBYEAR. Two new variables (MKE1BYEAR\_FLAG, MKE1AGE\_FLAG) summarize the small number of cases that experienced a change in age or birth year.
- b. The variable labels for many of the MKE1 survey variables have been updated to provide more descriptive labels that take into account MIDUS metadata and coding conventions as well as current software capabilities.
  - The values and codes for missing values (INAPP, DON'T KNOW, REFUSED/MISSING) and for skipped, filtered, or branching values have been updated for fixed for many variables.
  - Previously, cases that did not complete the SAQ simply had empty cells for all their SAQ variables. Now, SAQ variables are coded -1 "RESPONDENT DOES NOT HAVE SAQ DATA" for those cases that did not complete the SAQ.

- c. Interview date BACIDATE was removed and replaced with two new variables: month BACIDATE\_MO and year BACIDATE\_YR.
- d. Added new constructed variables BACHRTRS, BACHRTDX, BACANGIN, BACCACRS, BACCACDX, BACPARTN, BACSAGE, BACBADL2, BACMA, BACMD, BACMMOD, BACFA, BACFD, BACFMOD, BACMAPA, BACFDSOL, and BACSATIS2, to be consistent with other waves of data.
- e. Update/re-constructed variables BASINTER, BASINDEP, BASSYMP, BACMARRS, BACBMI, BACLFEDI, and BACDAYDI.
- f. Added Standard occupational classification codes (SOC) for respondent's current occupation (BACSOC).
  - Updated missing R's current occupation for a small number of cases (n=27).
- g. Added new employment status summary variables BACB3WK and BACB34WK.
- h. For household roster data:
  - Two new variables (BACKIDHH, BACHHSIZE) were added to better reflect HH and family composition;
  - Removed the Child/Household member entity number variables BACCEN1 BACCEN2, BACCEN3, etc.
  - Removed empty Household Roster variables (the variables with all cases have value of INAPP).
  - Add new constructed variables for adult child living in the household BACCHM1N, BACCHM2N, BACCHM1X, BACCHM2X;
  - Recoded all the age at adoption variables (BACHHA1, BACHHA2, BACHHA3, etc.) to INAPP if relation was not 'adopted child.'
- i. Removed variables BACPS2ar BACPS2br BACPS2cr BACPS2dr BACPS2er BACPS2fr BACPS2gr BACPS2hr BACPS2ir which were used to create constructed variables.
- j. Removed birthdate variables BACEA1M, BACEA1D, and BACEA1Y, they were inadvertently included in previously release.
- k. Removed imputed income variables BACGS8AY TO BACGS12Y BACRINC2 BACSINC2 BACHINC2 BACEARN2 BACPNSN2 BACSEC2 BACTINC2.
- l. Removed variable BACB32DY which is a UWSC administrative variable with misleading label.
- m. For life event variables BACES11A to BACES11AA, changed value labels from YES/NO to CHECKED/UNCHEKED.
  - Recoded BACSE11 Life Events effect variables scale from “-2 to 2” to “1 to 5”, to remove negative values.

- n. BACGS24 was split into two variables (amount money left or owed) BACGS24A and BACGS24B to be consistent with other waves.
- o. Corrected variable names for BACIADL, changed to BACMADL (Intermediate Activity of Daily Living).
- p. M2ID 12764, BACRSEX changed from Male to Female, fixed previous coding error.

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

- a. **New SAQ Data.** Nineteen cases who previously did not have SAQ data now do. These individuals participated in Project 4 at UW-Madison and were asked to complete the Project 1 SAQ at that time. The cases that now have SAQ data are (identified by M2ID): 10993, 11137, 11397, 11461, 12838, 13084, 13089, 13870, 14040, 14087, 14169, 14330, 14842, 15068, 15326, 16335, 16835, 17041, 19102.

### **D. Updated MKE1 Documentation**

- a. **M1\_M2\_DocumentationOfUpdatedAge\_20201103.** Describes updates and corrections to age and birth year information in the M1 baseline survey data as well as why these changes were necessary. These changes affected a small number of MKE1 cases as well.
- b. **M2\_Milwaukee Documentation Of Scales and Constructed Variables\_20230331.** Updated to reflect fixes in scales and constructed variables.
- c. **M1\_M2\_Milwaukee\_SampleDescriptions\_20201103.** Updated to fix small errors in N and to reflect the changes in family member status among a small number of twin pairs.
- d. **MIDUS\_NamingAndCodingConventions\_20220531.** Describes current file and variable naming and coding conventions for MIDUS datasets.
- e. **M2\_MKE1\_DocumentationOfCodedTextData\_20230419.** Documentation for the supplementary coded text dataset.

### **E. ID Systems**

Respondent ID. A respondent identification system exists in the MIDUS data for the Core sample via a variable called M2ID. This ID system is used throughout MIDUS Core sample datasets.

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