README file for Public Release
MIDUS 3 Project 7
Retention Early Warning (REW) Project

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

This document outlines data and documentation available for the public release of the MIDUS Retention Early Warning (REW) project. The REW project attempted to convert living cases who had dropped out of the MIDUS Survey at M2 or M3 (due to limited resources REW did not attempt to contact the Sibling sub-sample). Because this project was the 7th among those funded during the MIDUS 3 U19 grant period, REW is referred to as MIDUS 3 Project 7 (M3P7) in the shorthand used in folder organization and file naming.

A. Datasets

1. The Survey dataset is a rectangular SPSS dataset comprised of variables collected via a CAPI (in-person) interview, a Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ), and the Brief Test of Adult Cognition via Telephone (BTACT). The CAPI data also include a set of anthropometric measures. The dataset contains 651 cases and 1,342 variables.
    M3_P7_REW_N651_20210927.sav

2. Final disposition codes for the CAPI interview are available for all 2,239 cases that were fielded for the REW project.
    M3_P7_DispositionCodes_N2239_20210802.sav

3. Qualitative text and open-ended response data from the CAPI and SAQ have been processed into coded quantitative variables.
    M3_P7_CodedTextData_N651_20210802.sav

B. Documentation

1. **MIDUS_NamingAndCodingConventions_20191206.** Describes current file and variable naming and coding conventions for MIDUS datasets.

2. **M3_P7_DocumentationOfPsychosocialConstructsAndCompositeVariables_2021080 2.** Documentation of psychosocial and other constructed variables from the CAPI and SAQ.

3. **M3_P7_BTACT_README_20210729.** Separate documentation specific to the BTACT (cognitive interview) portions of the REW project.

4. REW Instruments:
    a. CAPI
       /MIDUS/MIDUS3/Project_7/Dec2020/Instruments/M3P7_REW_CAPI_202012 03.docx
    b. SAQ
       /MIDUS/MIDUS3/Project_7/Dec2020/Instruments/M3P7_REW_SAQ_2020121 2.docx
    c. BTACT
       /MIDUS/MIDUS3/Project_7/Dec2020/Instruments/M3P7_REW_BTACT_2020 1210.docx

5. **Variable crosswalk and harmonization.** A variable crosswalk of all the MIDUS survey variables (as well as all other MIDUS Project variables) is available online in the MIDUS Portal (http://midus.colectica.org/). The portal contains detailed searchable metadata for all MIDUS variables (including all waves and projects) and provides harmonization information for reconciling differences that might exist across versions of a variable. Customized datasets can also be created and downloaded that merge variables from across multiple MIDUS Project datasets and MIDUS samples (Core, Refresher, MKE, MIDJA, etc.)

C. ID Systems

ID Systems. The REW dataset is comprised of cases from the MIDUS Core sample so it uses the M2ID respondent identification variable. This ID system is used throughout MIDUS Core sample datasets and can be used to link or merge those datasets. Similarly, the REW dataset uses the MIDUS family identification variable called M2FAMNUM and the SAMPLMAJ variable to identify which of the Core subsamples a respondent belongs to.

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