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Scope of Study

Summary: In 1995-1996, the MacArthur Midlife Research Network carried out a national survey of over 7,000 Americans aged 25 to 74 [ICPSR 2760]. The purpose of the study was to investigate the role of behavioral, psychological, and social factors in understanding age-related differences in physical and mental health.

With support from the National Institute on Aging, an initial follow-up of the original Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS) samples was conducted in 2004 (MIDUS 2). The daily stress and cognitive functioning projects were repeated at MIDUS 2; in addition the protocol was expanded to include biomarkers and neuroscience.

In 2013 a third wave (MIDUS 3) of survey data was collected on longitudinal participants. Data collection for this follow-up wave largely repeated baseline assessments (e.g., phone interview and extensive self-administered questionnaire), with additional questions in selected areas (e.g., economic recession experiences, optimism and coping, stressful life events, and caregiving). A third wave of cognitive functioning data were also collected. Demographic and background information includes gender, age, education, marital status, income and household composition.

Subject Term(s): activities of daily living, adults, aging, caregivers, chronic illnesses, discrimination, education, experience, finance, financial support, health,

health problems, health status, household composition, income, life, life satisfaction, lifestyles, living arrangements, marital status, mental health, midlife, neighborhood conditions, neighborhoods, neighbors, occupational status, occupations, prescription drugs, psychological wellbeing, recession, religion, religious attitudes, religious beliefs, self concept, sexual attitudes, social indicators, womens health care, work

Smallest Geographic Unit: none

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • May 2013 - November 2014

Date(s) of Collection: • May 2013 - November 2014

Unit of Observation: individual, household

Universe: The noninstitutionalized, English-speaking population of the United States.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: The variable M2ID is the linking variable for the four datasets in this collection. The data in this collection can also be linked to all MIDUS data sets using the variable M2ID, including wave 1 (ICPSR 2760) and wave 2 (ICPSR 4652).

The P.I. Documentation found in this collection refers to the MIDUS Refresher data set. Please note that the data and corresponding documentation for this data set have not been deposited to ICPSR at this time.

Additional information about the Midlife Development in the United States study can be found at the [MIDUS](#) Web site.

The title of this study was changed from National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS 3), 2013-2014, to Midlife in the United States (MIDUS 3), 2013-2014, on May 9, 2017.

Methodology

Purpose of the Study: n/a

Study Design: n/a

Sample:	All respondents who completed the M2 phone interview were eligible to participate in the M3 survey.
Weight:	The data are not weighted. Since M3 was the third wave of a longitudinal survey, there was no sampling and so no sampling weights were created. Post-stratification weights for M3 (adjusted to population parameters) will be forthcoming.
Mode of Data Collection:	computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) cognitive assessment test mail questionnaire
Description of Variables:	<p>The Aggregate Data set contains 2575 variables and 3294 cases. This data set includes information about the following types of variables: recession experience, health, education, occupation, marital status, household roster, children, caregiving, living arrangements, race and ethnicity and life satisfaction.</p> <p>The Mortality Data set contains 9 variables and 1299 cases. This data set includes the updated decedent status of MIDUS and Milwaukee participants as of October 2015.</p> <p>The Disposition Codes data set contains 6 variables and 7108 cases. This data set contains final disposition codes for all 7,108 individuals who participated in the M1 baseline survey.</p>
Response Rates:	77 percent of living longitudinal participants completed the M3 phone survey. Details of fielding and final disposition codes can be found in the Field Report.
Presence of Common Scales:	For information regarding scales, please refer to the Psychosocial Constructs and Composite Variables.
Extent of Processing:	Created online analysis version with question text. Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

Some instruments administered as part of this study may contain contents from copyrighted instruments. Reproductions of the instruments are provided solely as documentation for the analysis of the data associated with this collection. Please contact the data producers for information on permissions to use the instruments for other purposes.

Original ICPSR Release: 2015-12-18

Version History: The last update of this study occurred on .

2017-03-09 - The coded text data set has been added. Additionally, the MIDUS 3 Readme documentation has been updated.

2016-03-10 - The MIDUS 3 Readme documentation has been updated.

2016-03-07 - The documents that were previously combined to create the User Guide have been filtered into the Psychsocial Constructs and Composite Variables and the Naming and Coding Conventions documents. The documents combined to create the questionnaire documentation have been separated into the MIDUS 3 Telephone Interview and the MIDUS 3 Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ).

2016-02-29 - The fully-processed collection is being released.

Dataset(s):

- DS1: Aggregate Data
- DS2: Mortality Data
- DS3: Disposition Codes
- DS4: Coded Text Data