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## Scope of Study

Summary: In 1995-1996, the MacArthur Midlife Research Network carried out a national survey of 7,108 Americans aged 25 to 74 (MIDLIFE IN THE UNITED STATES (MIDUS), 1995-1996 [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. The study was innovative for its broad scientific scope, its diverse samples (which included twins and the siblings of main sample respondents), and its creative use of in-depth assessments in key areas (e.g., daily stress and cognitive functioning). A description of the study and findings from it are available at <http://www.midus.wisc.edu>. With support from the National Institute on Aging, a longitudinal follow-up of the original MIDUS samples: core sample (N = 3,487), metropolitan over-samples (N = 757), twins (N = 925 complete pairs), and siblings (N = 950), was conducted in 2004-2006. Guiding hypotheses for it, at the most general level, were that behavioral and psychosocial factors are consequential for physical and mental health. MIDUS II respondents were aged 35 to 86. Data collection largely repeated baseline assessments (e.g., phone interview and extensive self-administered questionnaire), with additional questions in selected areas (e.g., cognitive functioning, optimism and coping, stressful life events, and caregiving). To add refinements to MIDUS II, an African American sample (N = 592) was recruited from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who participated in a personal interview and completed a questionnaire paralleling the above assessments. Also administered was a modified form of the mail questionnaire, via telephone, to respondents who did not complete a self-administered questionnaire.

Subject Term(s): adults, health status, life satisfaction, lifestyles, mental health, midlife, psychological wellbeing, relationships, siblings, social indicators, twins, work attitudes

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 2004 - 2006

Date(s) of Collection: • January 2, 2004 - September 1, 2006

Unit of Observation: individual

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

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: The data in this collection can be linked to the following MIDUS studies by using the variable M2ID: ICPSR 2760, 22840, 25281, 26841, 28683, and 29282.

The missing value assignments for the following variables have been reduced from 9-10 digits in length to a maximum of 8 digits in length due to a limitation in Stata: B1SG17A, B1SG18A, B1SG18B, B1SG19A, B1SG21B, BASG22A, B1SG24A, B1SG25A, B1SG25B, B1SG25C, B1SG25D, B1SG25E, B1SG25F, B1SG25G, B1SG25H, AND B1SG25I.

The DDI codebook (PDF file) and the XML file (contained in a zip package) released by ICPSR were provided by MIDUS and were not changed in any way by ICPSR. These original files do not reflect any of the processing done by ICPSR.

The online analysis (SDA) file is a merged file comprised of the four datasets within this data collection. The files were merged using the variable M2ID. Users of this merged file should review the information in the "Documentation of Post-stratification Weights Created at MIDUS II," available through the ICPSR and NACDA Web sites, prior to analysis.

A document pertaining to the naming conventions for this study has been added to the collection.

The title of this study was changed from National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS II), 2004-2006, to Midlife in the United States (MIDUS 2), 2004-2006, on May 9, 2017.

## Methodology

Sample: The respondents to this study were first interviewed as part of the NATIONAL SURVEY OF MIDLIFE DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED

STATES (MIDUS), 1995-1996 (ICPSR 2760). MIDUS was based on a nationally representative random-digit-dial (RDD) sample of noninstitutionalized, English-speaking adults, aged 25 to 74, selected from working telephone banks in the coterminous United States. Predesignated households were selected in random replicates, one-fourth of which included a special nonrespondent incentive component. Contact persons were informed that the survey was being carried out through the Harvard Medical School and that it was designed to study health and well-being during the middle years of life. After explaining the study to the informant, a household listing was generated of people in the age range of 25 to 74, and a random respondent was selected. Oversampling of older people and men was achieved by varying the probability of carrying out the interview at this stage as a joint function of the age and sex of the randomly selected respondent. No other person in the household was selected if the respondent did not complete the interview. There was no additional sampling of cases for the longitudinal component of MIDUS II -- it was a follow-up study and attempted to recontact original MIDUS participants. More information about the MIDUS II sample can be found in the document "Descriptions of MIDUS Samples," available for download through the ICPSR and NACDA Web sites.

Mode of Data Collection: audio computer-assisted self interview (ACASI)

computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI)

computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI)

mail questionnaire

telephone interview

Response Rates: Detailed information regarding the response rates for various aspects of the MIDUS II data collection is located in the following documents: "Descriptions of MIDUS Samples" and "Field Report for MIDUS II Longitudinal Sample." These documents are available for download through the ICPSR and NACDA Web sites.

Presence of Common Scales: See the document "Documentation of Psychosocial Constructs and Composite Variables in MIDUS II Project 1" available through the ICPSR and NACDA Web sites for complete information regarding the scales for the MIDUS II data collection.

Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values.

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.

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

2012-04-18 - A document pertaining to the naming conventions for this study has been added to the collection.

2011-10-25 - The document titled DDI codebook has been renamed Codebook.

2011-10-10 - Documentation has been updated.

2011-07-29 - The study codebook has been updated to include detailed question text.

2011-04-22 - The study documentation has been updated. The Aggregate dataset (DS1) has been updated. The Disposition Codes dataset (DS2) has been updated. The Disposition Codes dataset is a combination of current mortality status and final disposition codes detailing the reasons for nonresponse to the telephone interview at MIDUS II. This combined file is a replacement of the original mortality dataset. The Coded Text dataset (DS4) is an addition to the data collection. This dataset contains qualitative text and open-ended response data. Additionally, a .xml file and corresponding .pdf codebook have been added to the collection. Lastly, further information regarding changes to the data collection and documentation can be found in the README document available for download from the ICPSR and NACDA Web sites.

2007-03-22 - Editorial refinements were made to the metadata.

Dataset(s):

- DS1: M2\_P1\_Aggregate Data
- DS2: M2\_P1\_Disposition Codes
- DS3: M2\_P1\_Main Weights Data

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- DS4: M2\_P1\_Coded Text Data