README for 1987 NMES extract from Johns Hopkins Biostatistics Center

The nmes.txt file is a tab delimited ASCII text file.
Missing values are indicated with a "."
The first row of data contains the variable names.
There are 13,648 subjects with 22 variables.

1. PIDX: Subject ID
2. LASTAGE: Subject Age (40 – 94)
3. MALE: 1 – male, 0 – female
4. RACE3:   1 – white, 2 – black, 3 – other
5. eversmk: 1 – eversmoker, 0 – neversmoker
6. current: 1 – current smoker, 0 – not current
7. former: 1 – former smoker, 0 – not former
8. AGESMOKE: reported age when started to smoke
9. CIGSSMOK: reported number of cigarettes smoked per day
10. CIGSADAY: reported number of cigarettes smoked per day
11. AGESTOP: reported age when stopped smoking
12. packyears: reported packs per year of smoking
13. yearsince: years since quitting smoked
14. INCALPER: sampling weight for entire sample
15. TOTALEXP: self-reported total medical expenditures for 1987
16. lc5:   indicator of Lung Cancer, Laryngeal Cancer or COPD
17. chd5:   indicator of CHD, Stroke, and other cancers (oral, esophageal, stomach, kidney and bladder)
18. beltuse: Seat belt use: 1 – rare, 2 – some, 3 – always/almost always
19. educate: Education: 1 – college grad, 2 – some college, 3 – hs grad, 4 – other
20. marital: 1 – married, 2 – widowed, 3 – divorced, 4 – separated, 5 – never married
21. SREGION: Census region: 1 – Northeast, 2 – Midwest, 3 – South, 4 – West
22. POVSTALB: Poverty status: 1 – poor, 2 – near poor, 3 – low income, 4 – middle income, 5 – high income