

International Database on Longevity

United States - Metadata

List of individuals dead at age 110 and over according to the Social Security Administration (SSA)

Vital status: dead
Number of observations: 504
Definition of the list according to IDL public variables:
Age: 110+
Sex: men and women
Country of birth: no restriction
Date of birth: 1867 to 1899
Country of death: United States
Date of death: 1980 to 2010

List of individuals dead at age 105-109 according to the SSA

Vital status: dead
Number of observations: 338
Definition of the list according to IDL public variables:
Age: 105-109 for men and 108-109 for women
Sex: men and women
Country of birth: no restriction
Date of birth: 1871 to 1899
Country of death: United States
Date of death: 1979 to 2009
Validation: exhaustive within a sample

Source of the data:

Social Security Administration records for persons enrolled in Part B of the Medicare program on their 110th birthday and beyond. According to estimates from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, more than 96 percent of the population ages 70 and over participate in the Medicare program.

Age validation process:

In the case of the supercentenarians, date of birth is validated via Census records before 1920 and/or birth records such as church or birth certificate all dated before 1920. Date of death is validated via receipt of death certificates obtained from each State or county records division.

All the U.S. semi-supercentenarian data on the IDL are validated cases, using the same validation protocol as for supercentenarians (Kestenbaum and Ferguson, 2010); however, the list of candidates was limited to a 1-in-10 sample of persons resided in the United States at the time of death at ages 105-109 years for men and 108-109 years for women.

Only year of birth and death (and not date of birth and death) are provided in the public version of the IDL.

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