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Documentation of Disposition Codes
in MIDUS 2 Project 1 (Survey)

This documentation accompanies a dataset consisting of survey disposition codes for all 7,108 individuals from whom data were collected at MIDUS 1 (M1). This dataset (M2_DispositionCodes_N7108_20201105) can be merged with all other MIDUS Core sample datasets via M2ID.

At MIDUS 2 (M2), the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) was able to collect complete Phone interview data from 4,963 of the original 7,108 M1 respondents. The remaining 2,145 individuals did not participate in M2 for a variety of reasons which are detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Project 1 Phone Final Disposition Codes

Non-participation reason	Count
Completed M2 Phone interview	4,963
Deceased as determined by UWSC or NDI	405
Suspected decedents, but no mortality interview	67
Refusal	832
Unable to interview	120
Non-working number	721
TOTAL	7,108

Those individuals who were not successfully re-contacted (less those who refused to participate via phone) included cases for whom mortality was confirmed or suspected, cases who were too ill to take the survey, and cases that the UWSC was otherwise unable to contact. The names and social security numbers of these individuals were submitted to the National Death Index through 2006 (www.cdc.gov/nchs/ndi.htm). The results of this NDI submission were used to determine the status of those cases UWSC was unable to contact, and to confirm the mortality status of those cases UWSC suspected were deceased.

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(<https://midus.colectica.org/>) for the latest mortality data for the MIDUS Core sample.