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Documentation of Disposition Codes and Mortality in MIDUS 2

This documentation accompanies a separate dataset consisting of M2IDs, disposition codes, and mortality results for all 7,108 individuals from whom data were collected at MIDUS 1. This dataset can be merged (via M2ID) with other MIDUS 1 and MIDUS 2 datasets.

At MIDUS 2, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) was able to collect complete Phone interview data from 4,963 respondents. The remaining 2,145 individuals did not participate in MIDUS 2 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.

The data compiled by the NDI take approximately 18 months to be finalized, so “current” decedent information is actually at least one year old. Additional decedents will also be discovered as Projects 2 through 5 attempt to recruit participants. Such cases will be identified annually (at the time the NDI findings are obtained) by consulting the Core Management database. Table 2 shows the total number of decedents identified through the combined records of the NDI, UWSC, and the Core Management database.

Table 2. Total Number of Deceased in Projects 1 through 5

Mortality status	Count
Confirmed deceased by NDI or UWSC	405
Determined deceased by Projects 2 through 5	135
TOTAL Decedents	540