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README file for MIDUS 2 Data Project 1 (February 14, 2011)

***** It is important to read through this document carefully *****
***** prior to using the revised data and documentation. *****

The purpose of this memo is to provide basic and updated information about the MIDUS 2 Project 1 data and documentation being made publicly available via ICPSR.

A. What Data Files Are Available?

1. UPDATED: The MIDUS 2 dataset has been updated to reflect some changes and improvements.

The revised dataset is called: *M2_P1_M2_P1_AGGREGATE DATA_N=4963_9-22-10*

(For details about MIDUS samples, see *M1, M2, Milwaukee Sample Descriptions_5-11-10*)

(For details about data collection, see *M2_P1_Field Report_5-14-07*)

2. UPDATED: Current mortality status (obtained via National Death Index submissions) has been combined with final disposition codes detailing the reasons for non-response to the telephone interview at MIDUS 2. This dataset and associated documentation replaces the 2004 mortality dataset and documentation.

The dataset is called: *M2_DISPOSITION CODES_N=7108_9-23-08*

(For details, see *M2_P1_Mortality and Disposition documentation_12-20-07*).

3. A series of post-stratification weights for the Main RDD sample:

M2_P1_MAIN_WEIGHTS_N=2257_1-18-07

(For details, see *M2_P1_Documentation of Weights_1-1-09*)

4. NEW: Qualitative text and open-ended response data has been quantified into a separate dataset:

M2_P1_CODED TEXT DATA_N=4963_1-6-10

(For details, see *M2_P1_Documentation of Coding Text Data_1-6-10*)

B. Changes in datasets

Nine cases who previously did not have SAQ data now do. These individuals participated in Project 4 at UW-Madison and were asked to complete the Project 1 SAQ at that time. The affected individual's M2IDs are: 10860, 10957, 12158, 12464, 15608, 15689, 16930, 17404, 18966.

(For details, see *M2_P1_Documentation of Psychosocial Constructs & Composite Variables_8-19-10*)

Additionally, the computation of some scales/scores has been revised. Corrected variables are listed below:

- 1) B1SINTER, B1SINDEP (self-construal), B1SSYMP (symptoms) have been recomputed

using mean instead of sum.

- 2) New scale B1SFDSOL combines B1SFDSPO (friendship support) & B1SFDSNE (friendship strain)
- 3) All imputed income variables have been removed from this version of the dataset. The raw income variables (with ceilings of \$200,000 for individual items, and \$300,000 for composite items) are still included.
- 4) B1SMARRS (marital risk) has been recomputed using sum of B1SL7 and reverse coded B1SL8.
- 5) Created new variable B1SDAYDI (intermediate activities of daily living) that includes one more item than B1SBADL1.
- 6) Three cases had erroneous scores for B1SPWBU7 (7-item purpose in life).
- 7) Some chronic pain variables have been correctly renamed:
Old New
B1SA21E = B1SA21D
B1SA21G = B1SA21E
B1SA21I = B1SA21F
B1SA21D = B1SA21G
B1SA21F = B1SA21H
B1SA21H = B1SA21I.
- 8) A new 6-item version of life satisfaction (B1SSATIS2) was created to match the MIDJA and Milwaukee SATIS2 scales.
- 9) B1SDAYDI2 and B1SLFEDI (discrimination) have been recomputed after some missing values were included as valid.
- 10) B1SSWBMS, B1SSWBSI, B1SSWBAO, B1SSWBSC, B1SSWBSA (social well-being), B1SSATIS had decimal points corrected (moved one space right).

C. What is the Structure of the MIDUS 2 Project 1 Dataset?

This is a rectangular dataset comprised of Phone and SAQ data for 4,963 cases and nearly 2,300 variables. The dataset combines respondents from the Main, City Oversample, Sibling, and Twin samples. The same aggregation of samples exists in the MIDUS 1 dataset. The variable called SAMPLMAJ identifies which of the four subsamples a case belongs to. Variables have been named according to the Short Variable Name (SVN) conventions. All variables include labels to aid interpretation. Value labels have been applied where appropriate. Discrete missing values have also been defined and the following labels applied: DON'T KNOW, REFUSED/MISSING, and INAPPROPRIATE. Details about variable naming and value labels can be found in the naming

conventions document (see *Naming and Coding Conventions for Variables_10-26-05*).

D. ID Systems

IDs. A respondent identification system exists in the MIDUS data via a variable called M2ID. This ID system is implemented to help maintain confidentiality of respondents and is used throughout both MIDUS 1 and 2 datasets.

Family IDs. A family identification system has been applied to the MIDUS data, via a variable called M2FAMNUM. Every respondent has a family number. Related respondents (Main-Siblings or Twin-Twin) have the same family number.

E. Other Constructed Variables

Roster variables. Original household roster variables in the phone interview have been transposed so that each individual in the household is represented by a series of variables instead of indexed by a single variable. There are 21 series of these variables (corresponding to each of 21 potential household members).

Occupation and industry variables. The University of Wisconsin Survey Center created coded Occupation and Industry variables, which were derived from verbatim responses to a series of open-ended questions about their career(s). These constructed variables have replaced the original occupation variables included in the phone interview. Additionally, measures of occupational status (Duncan SEI and logit scores) are included.

(For details, see *M2_P1_Documentation of Industry & Occupation_10-2-06*)

Age. The creation of age variables is standardized for MIDUS 1 and 2.

(For details, see *M1M2_P1_Documentation of Age_3-18-08*)

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